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Objective of the Website

“***Preparing for the Future, Now!***” sums up neatly the objective of the website.

Throughout history, those who were able to plan ahead, got ahead of everyone and benefited from the foresight. In times of turbulence, the ability to see beyond the horizon will enable policy-makers and strategic thinkers, not only to prepare for the inevitable social disruptions and upheavals but more importantly to lay the groundwork for the aftermath – to bring hope and restore confidence in tomorrow. This requires discipline and perseverance, not succumbing to the herd mentality, and need be the dogged determination to go against the tide – to provide views and analysis without fear or favour.

This website welcomes writers of all political hues to contribute to the success of this endeavour. You may submit articles, analysis, reviews etc. to the Editor on the understanding that we shall not be compelled to publish the same and that we reserve the unfettered discretion to edit any articles etc. as we deem fit.

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A MESSAGE FOR AMERICA

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The Address to American Patriots at the 2006 TBR-AFP Conference in Washington D.C.

Patriots gathered here today, it is with much regret that I cannot be with you in this historic city of America to participate in this landmark forum. But I know that when Michael Collins Piper reads out my message to you, he will convey my affections for the *American Free Press*, *TBR* and my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Carto for his invitation and my admiration for his resilience in ensuring that the true voice of America is heard, not only in America, but throughout the world. Long may he and the *American Free Press* and *The Barnes Review* continue publishing. I am also confident that Mike will also convey to you my love for America and the American people.

On receiving the invitation from Mr. Carto, I could not help but cast my mind to the *Farewell Address* of George Washington in 1796. I have read it so many times, and on each and every occasion, I

found his counsel and wisdom more relevant and appropriate than ever.

As we gathered here, in the city named after him, it may be useful for us to recall just what this great American said.

Firstly:

“I shall carry it with me to my grave, as a strong incitement to unceasing vows that heaven may continue to you the choicest tokens of beneficence; that your union and brotherly affection may be perpetual; that the free constitution, which is the work of your hands, may be sacredly maintained; that its administration in every department may be stamped with wisdom and virtue; that in fine, the happiness of these states, under the auspices of liberty, may be made complete by so careful a preservation and so prudent a use of this blessing as will acquire to them the glory of recommending it to the applause, the affection, and adoption of every nation which is yet a stranger to it.”

We, in Malaysia are no stranger to the goodness of America and your free Constitution. Strange as it may sound, your Constitution has inspired a generation of freedom fighters in the third world following World War II and continues to inspire people throughout the world even as the United States is waging wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and threatening insane nuclear strikes against Iran and Syria.

President Bush got it so wrong when he asked, “Why do they hate us?”

We don't hate America and the American people, America is not our enemy.

The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence shall always be a beacon of hope for those who are oppressed. What has disappointed us and continues to dismay the victims of war is that essentially, since World War II, each and every U.S. administration has in one way or another betrayed the U.S. Constitution and the exhortations of President George Washington.

I seek your indulgence to consider:

How did we, the people of the third world and our lands become the strategic interest of the United States? Why should our resources be controlled by U.S. multinational corporations? Why must we be made cannon-fodder for the Zionist Global Agenda?

Why must Islam and its 1.6 billion adherents be demonized?

In the present circumstances, are we, the people of the third world, not entitled to question the motives of your government when we see George Washington's counsel totally ignored:

Secondly:

“Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all.”

Religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and it can be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence.”

Uncensored images on the disaster in Iraq must shock most of you. Just imagine what it is like to be on the receiving end, day-in, day-out, of laser guided bombs, cluster bombs, phosphorous bombs, senseless killings by death squads and tortures such as those in Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay.

But death does not discriminate, it kills all and sundry. Should not the body bags bringing home brave young men and women and those maimed for life move us to question the morality of policies that are grounded on the principles that might is right and wars are legitimate means to settle disputes?

America lost over 50,000 of her bravest and most loyal in the quagmire of Vietnam. Over 2,500 have been slaughtered, and tens of thousands crippled for life in the Iraq debacle. And more will die in the years to come.

How many more lives must be sacrificed before we wake up to the folly of the policies of the Zionist-inspired neo-conservatives?

How many more parents, wives and children must suffer the dreaded knock on the front door, not to welcome a visitor, but to receive the confirmation of the death of a beloved family member?

I am not ashamed to admit in front of you that when I first saw the brutally deformed babies in the pediatric wards of various hospitals in Iraq – the result of depleted uranium radiation – and the wanton destruction and pain, anguish ripped through my guts and, as tears welled in my eyes, I prayed and prayed for strength to live through that horrifying day. And I vowed on that day that we must campaign to stop the killings.

Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, in the Perdana Global Peace Conference in December 2005, called on the world to criminalize war. If murder is a crime during peacetime in our society, killing in time of war is also a crime. If we are civilized, war cannot be an option in the settlement of disputes between nations.

I plead before you, the good people of America, that you must reclaim America from the clutches of the Zionist-inspired neo-conservatives. It is only Americans who can reclaim America and her Constitution. It is only Americans who can execute the plan laid down by George Washington who counselled us:

Thirdly:

“In the execution of such a plan, nothing is more essential than that permanent inveterate antipathies against particular nations, and passionate attachments for others, should be

excluded; and that, in place of them, just and amicable feelings towards all should be cultivated. The nation which indulges toward another habitual hatred or a habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest.

“Antipathy in one nation against another disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury ... when accidental or trifling occasions of dispute occur ... the peace often, sometimes perhaps liberty, of nations, has been the victim.

“So likewise, a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favourite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter without adequate inducement or justification.”

The passionate attachment for Israel, more so in recent times, has brought untold suffering not only to the world but to America as well. It cannot be right for America to abandon her sacred “duty and interest” just so that Zionist Israel can be the regional hegemon in the Middle East. Not satisfied with the vision of Israel’s forefathers, Ariel Sharon declared that Greater Israel should extend from Mauritania to Afghanistan, and not from the Nile to the Euphrates. And so the killing, the heinous and barbaric massacre of the innocents continues unabated.

World War IV has started. Another generation of brave young Americans will be slaughtered, denied the right to a full and rewarding life, the sacrificial lamb before the Zionist altar.

Norman Podheretz cannot be speaking as an American patriot when he declared in an article published in *Commentary*, a journal of the Zionist neo-cons that:

“Iraq is only the second front ... the second scene, so to speak, of the first act of a five act play. In World War II and then in World War III, we persisted in spite of impatience, discouragement and opposition for as long as it took to win, and this is exactly what we have been called to do today in World War IV.”

Echoing the above sentiments, Dr. Earl Tilford, professor of history and a fellow of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies wrote in June 2004:

“World War IV is a total war on a global scale. World War IV seems complex but keep in mind during World War III (the Cold War) while American forces fought North Vietnamese regulars and National Liberation Front (Vietcong) guerillas in South Vietnam, we also fought the Pathet Lao in Laos and Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

“From Greece and Yugoslavia to Korea and Vietnam and the Caribbean and jungles of South America, the Cold War involved a large number of nations and groups ... The ‘War on Terror’ is no less complicated and similarly encompassing.

“This is World War IV. Forget the sleazy sickness of Abu Ghraib. Stop mouthing meaningless

slogans like 'Bush Lied, Soldiers Died'. Steel yourselves for a long bloody war. This is a war we must not lose."

This cannot be America's agenda.

This cannot be American that I know and admire.

This cannot be the America of the *American Free Press*, *The Barnes Review*, *The Spotlight*, and the truth seekers that I have long admired, *Harry Elmer Barnes*, *Willis Carto*, *Michael Collins Piper*, *Christopher Petherick*, *Eustace Mullins* (whose life-long persecution by the Police State is a disgrace to the Constitution), *Col. Donn de Grand Pre* and many more.

I have no doubts that this is a Zionist agenda. Are not the Zionists fostering the "illusion of an imaginary common interest" when the Project for the New American Century declares:

"No one should doubt that the United States and Israel share a common enemy. We are both targets of what you have correctly called the 'Axis of Evil'. Israel is targeted in part because it is our friend and in part because it is an island of liberal democratic principles ... American principles – in a sea of tyranny, intolerance, and hatred ... Israel's fight against terrorism is our fight. Israel's victory is an important part of our victory. For reasons both moral and strategic, we need to stand with Israel in its fight against terrorism."

Dear good people of America, I plead once again for "good faith and justice", that George Washington's America be reclaimed so that this great nation can take its rightful place as the center for peace and harmony with all, that Christianity and morality enjoin this conduct. We stand at the crossroad and as Mark Twain said, "each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. We cannot shirk this and be a man (or woman). To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and inexcusable traitor, both to yourself and to your country; let me label you as they may."

I have faith in the goodness and morality of America, of his great nation to do what is right. The peace and freedom loving peoples of the world await your decision.

I have faith and the conviction that this gathering of true American patriots will decide correctly and reclaim George Washington's America from the Zionist neocons.

Wishing all of you every success in your deliberations. And I thank you for accepting this message from Malaysia.

