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“Cutting Through the Fog of War”

Fast Times at Recruitment High

By Andy Kroll

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan invited the Pentagon into Chicago’s schools. Will he promote military schools nationwide?

When Arne Duncan stepped down as the head of the Chicago Public Schools to become the secretary of education in January, the school district he left behind had little to brag about. While Duncan served as its chief executive officer, CPS received mostly average or below average rankings in “The Nation’s Report Card,” a Department of Education assessment of the country’s largest urban school districts. Its high school graduation rates lingered at around 50 percent, well short of the national average of 70 percent. And since 2004, CPS has failed as a district to meet No Child Left Behind’s “adequate yearly progress” standards. In one area, however, Chicago’s schools stood out: In large part to Duncan’s efforts, they were—and remain—the most militarized in America.

Nearly 10,500 of Chicago’s 203,000 sixth- through twelfth-graders participate in some kind of military program on campus, from joining the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps to enrolling in Pentagon-sponsored JROTC academies. As the district’s CEO (and previously as deputy chief of staff to his predecessor, Paul Vallas), Duncan oversaw the controversial move to bring full-fledged military academies to the Windy City. The district’s first, the Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville, opened in 1999, and three more followed during Duncan’s tenure. Today, Chicago has six military high schools run by a branch of the armed services. Six smaller military academies share buildings with existing high schools. Nearly three dozen JROTC programs exist in regular high schools, where students attend a daily JROTC class and wear uniforms to school one day a week. And at the middle school level, there is a JROTC program for sixth, seventh- and eighth-graders.

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Chicago may have the nation’s biggest JROTC program, but it is no longer an anomaly. Due to increases in federal funding for JROTC programs, the military’s presence in public schools is greater than ever before. More than a dozen academies partly funded by the Department of Defense have sprouted up from Philadelphia to Oakland, and the National Defense Authorization Act of 2009 passed last year will increase the number of JROTC units nationwide from 3,400 to 3,700 by 2020, at a cost of \$170 million. (Peacework magazine obtained a list of schools that have requested JROTC programs.) The Marines are in discussions to open new JROTC academies in Atlanta, Las Vegas, and New Orleans, helping to expand a program that critics contend has blurred the line between education and recruitment.

Now that Duncan is the nation’s top education official, anti-recruitment activists worry that he will use his position to promote the expansion of JROTC and military academies as solutions for cash-strapped or underperforming school districts. “We see he has been promoting military academies,” says Darlene Gramigna, program director for the American Friends Service Committee’s Truth in Recruitment Program. “Around the country, that’s what going on—Arne Duncan believes in these military academies.”

Back in Chicago, Duncan praised military academies, the pillars of the district’s JROTC program, for the “leadership” and “discipline” they offered students. Enrollment in JROTC is mandatory for the 2,100 or so students attending the six academies, all of which are located in predominantly low-income and/or minority areas of the city. Students are referred to as “cadets,” wear military uniforms, undergo daily dress inspections, and take classes on military history, drug abuse prevention, orienteering, and the armed services, among other subjects, alongside their regular high school course load. Cadets can study marksmanship, march on the drill team, and, at some schools, even earn

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a spot in the school's "chain of command." JROTC teachers and administrators are often retired military service members, many of whom lack standard teaching credentials. The Pentagon has provided millions of dollars in funding to Chicago's military academies. A loyal backer of Chicago's military programs, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) has secured \$2.1 million for the Rickover Naval Academy and \$5 million for the Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville.

Students who don't attend the Pentagon-affiliated academies also have plenty of options for getting military experience in the classroom. Thirty of Chicago's 131 high schools offer JROTC programs. Chicago also boasts six "schools within a school," in which the Navy or Army run large, autonomous JROTC programs in the same building as existing high schools. Brian Roa, a science teacher at Senn High School, which shares its facilities with the Rickover Naval Academy, says the divided-school setup fosters a sense of inequality on the campus. "Senn students are made to feel like second-class citizens inside their own school," he wrote on the website Truthout.org. "The facilities and resources are better on the RNA side. RNA students are allowed to walk on the Senn side, while Senn students cannot walk on the RNA side."

And for students not yet in high school, a "Middle School Cadet Corps" program brings the JROTC's lockstep, uniformed culture to students as young as 11 or 12. Five hundred middle school students from more than 20 schools enrolled in the Cadet Corps in the 2008-2009 school year.

JROTC officials reject the assertion that such programs are little more than recruiting tools, but have released little data on how many students who go through them eventually enlist. The Associated Press recently reported that 5 to 10 percent of JROTC graduates join the military (compared to 3 percent of all high school graduates), but the Air Force, Army, Marines, and Navy chiefs of staff testified before Congress in 2000 that between 30 to 50 percent of JROTC cadets later sign up.

Supporters of military academies, including Duncan, have focused on the academies' educational accomplishments. "These are positive learning environments," Duncan said in 2007. "I love the sense of leadership. I love the sense of discipline." However, academic achievement at Chicago's military academies has been unremarkable: In 2007, while nearly 30 percent of 11th graders in the district met or exceeded standards on statewide achievement exams, just 14 percent did at Phoenix Military Academy and 8 percent at George Washington Carver Military Academy. Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville fared somewhat better, with 33 percent of juniors meeting or exceeding the exam's standards.

Meanwhile, the military's presence in public schools continues to grow. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' request for JROTC funding in the 2009 budget brings last year's total from \$76 million to \$103 million. That boost in funding could be a boon for cash-strapped school districts. And though Duncan does not have control

over JROTC programs, and has yet to make any major announcements regarding the military's role in his vision for education reform, he has a direct line to the superintendents and mayors who control the country's school districts, which certainly makes him the most prominent and influential backer of military programs in public schools. He reiterated his support for military academies and the JROTC in a recent AP story on the growth of military academies. "For the right child," he said, "these schools are a life-saver."

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The Vietnam Memorial

War: *By Mike*

While I was attending the 2009 VFP Convention in Washington DC, Gay Lou, my wife, took our grandson around the city to show him the sights.

One evening we went to the Vietnam Memorial. I explained to him that each of the 58,285 names represented some one that was killed while serving in Vietnam.* I took him to the center of the memorial and counted down twelve names and told him that the only difference between them and me was luck. They were in the wrong place at the wrong time. I didn't matter if they went to Vietnam because they thought the fighting in the war was right or they were there because they didn't know how to avoid being sent to Vietnam, or, like me, was totally clueless of what was happening. I found a poem that expresses the stark reality of the memorial.

Sharpe
The bullet hit
him.
He died.
The bullet missed him.
He married, had children,
Worked, traveled, watched TV, danced, read.
Then he died.

* There are a few exceptions-JFK's name in on the memorial
Submitted By Richard Gilchrist

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BER 1ST 7:00 PM AT THE LA-
BOR TEMPLE IN EUREKA,
843 E. STREET.***



A Cynic Discovers Unions and Vets are Not So Different

By Mashaw McGuinnis

As I sat beneath the shade of the towering redwoods in Sequoia Park on Labor Day, listening to live music and surrounded by people gorging themselves on tri-tip and chili, I marveled to myself that this cookout seemed different from my past Labor Day events. A band called "The Union Mades" was singing union songs like "Joe Hill" and "Which Side Are You On". I couldn't recall ever being at a Labor Day gathering when I heard music like that! I wondered cynically where they had hidden all the screaming boom-boxes. And where were the drunks and screaming kids with annoying water balloons? Instead public officials like Assembly member Patty Berg gave friendly, short speeches by thanking us, the common working folks for our contribution. C'mon...was this for real? Even more strange, was that all of the food and drink was provided for free to the public! There was no admission price except to ask for a donation of canned goods, which was later given to the Humboldt Women's Shelter. All of this was provided by the members and affiliated Local Unions of the Central Labor Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. (AFL-CIO).

As I sat looking around skeptically, I heard a line in a speech that really caught my attention. The line was "...take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices of past labor leaders and workers". I immediately thought of my father, who was a die-hard union man, and a WWII veteran. The emotionally charged speech described how Labor Day celebrations often overlook the real reason we celebrate that day. That was it: the absence of water balloons, drunks and boom-boxes was intentional. This event was truly a Labor Day event. I sat mesmerized by the speech and wondered how I could live to be 46 and never have this experience before.

The speech continued: "These exceptional yet ordinary individuals fought against such unfair practices as 14 hour work days, child labor, sweat shops, slave wages..." the man speaking was getting a little choked up, and I was embarrassed to admit so was I. Sitting there I couldn't help but draw a parallel between the union workers and our underappreciated American veterans. They too are exceptional yet ordinary folk, who fought against things that are so often overlooked and forgotten. Veterans, like laborers, have to fight for their benefits that they are promised by our government. When Veterans Day rolls around, many a barbeque fires up and beers pop open, but how many civilians really stop to reflect

on what our veterans have done?

Many people my age don't even realize that 10 year olds commonly worked in factories 12 hours a day until labor unions were formed. Sadly, many in my generation don't remember the struggles of veterans, even from wars in our own lifetime. Most don't think about the homeless veterans and the enormous needs of their wounds. I sat there in the shade, munching on my corn chips, watching a couple hundred people chow down hot dogs, veggie burgers and cake, and began to see more of a connection between the union people and the vets than I first thought.

I started socializing a little, with our own VFP/labor union connection, Ernie Behm, and told him what a nice event it was. I learned the event had gone on for many decades, and always brought out a huge crowd. When I commented on what a moving speech it was I was directed to Sid Berg, its writer and president of the Building and Construction Trades' Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Sid told me that he first came to the annual Labor Day picnic with his mother and grandmother when he was six. Now he is 62 and represents local labor. What a nice way to continue the tradition! I mentioned to Sid how Veterans For Peace had been meeting at the Labor Temple for over a year, and that I suspected a strong connection between the groups, since we both hold similar goals and values. Before I could say more, Sid asked me if I knew about the Veterans In Piping program. The United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters created a program to provide an avenue to piping apprenticeship programs for veterans to work in the piping industry, when they go back to civilian life. <http://www.uavip.org/> I had somehow suspected that there was a tie between vets and union workers and now my hunch was proving correct.

Before I could say "Mother Jones" I learned from Mariann Hassler, the carpenter's union representative, that there is also a program called "Helmets to Hardhats" which trains veterans for occupations in construction. Sid went on to say that, "Veterans are a great source for apprenticeship applicants, and make valuable employees. They come to the job with a good work ethic and have leadership abilities. Not only are recently discharged vets already used to rising early, they are respectful, clean cut, learn quickly, and have good communication skills. And they are ready to start a career!" All of the qualities you would want in an employee-in-training. It sounded like a win-win situation for everybody.

As I roamed around through the picnic I saw several VFP

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members there, and it became more and more clear that veterans and union workers are not that different. Both share similar values, both have made tremendous sacrifices for the benefit of our society, and too often, their real value goes unrecognized. Funny, but when I left for the cookout that day, I was only expecting a free meal. I never expected to get an education in the common causes of veterans and laborers. Thanks to John Mulloy and Ernie Behm for promoting this event at our last meeting!

At The Last Meeting...

*By Dave Berman
9/6/09*

There was a very small turnout for the September VFP-56 meeting and we'll need a lot more participation at October's meeting to make the most of the opportunities created by our events planned for this fall especially the November chapter meeting in the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU.

The September meeting began with several presentations under Community Issues brought forward by people we don't see at many VFI meetings. Ellen Thomas has vigiled in front of the White House for years and is currently on a national tour promoting nuclear disarmament through Proposition 1 (see www.prop1.org). Dave Meserve updated us on the appeals of Measures F/J, the Stop Recruiting Kids campaign. The chapter agreed to support an amicus brief being developed and individuals can further help by providing Dave with personal anecdotes or recruiters acting improperly (see www.StopRecruitingKids.org).

Carilyn Goldammer thanked the group for financially supporting her Mother's Day trip to Washington DC where she demonstrated with Code Pink. She'd like to make a presentation to the chapter about her trip. Patti Toroni circulated a volunteer sign up sheet for the Stand Down coming up on October 2, 3 and 4 (see www.NorthCoastStandDown.org). Patti also gave a very encouraging update on the progress of her new kitchen, and two others she is helping to outfit, to be able to feed hungry people in the community.

Marc Knipper described progress with Veterans' Spirit at Incopah, including a new website at Incopah.com and committees formed through the strong turnout at last month's open board meeting. Another open Incopah board meeting will happen on Sept. 26 at 1pm at the Labo Temple in Eureka.

The chapter approved funds to rent the Arcata Theatre Lounge for our film festival on November 3 (see the article elsewhere in this issue). And finally, I briefly mentioned and showed off the paperback version of my new book, *We Do Not Consent*, Volume 2. The book can be read for free online at ManifestPositivity.org and I'll have paperbacks for sale whenever you see me.

Dance, Dance, Dance!

By Judi Rose

The first annual Chapter 56 Vets for Peace/Humboldt Folklife Society Barn Dance was an enjoyable success. We had a packed Arcata Veteran's Memorial Building hall with energetic, thirsty dancers. Ages ranged from 3 to 80. Our own octogenarian, Bill Thompson was showing off his fancy footwork!

An important aspect of the dance was the publicity, getting our name out to the public; showing our lighter, less serious side. A couple of our volunteers reported having talked to some young vets about our organization.

Three of the four local breweries we asked to donate beer came through. We owe a big thank you to Eel River Brewery for donating after Mashaw's written request, no other persuasion required. The other two took a little more work. The first indication more work would be needed to get a donation, came in a form letter rejection response to Mashaw's written request of Mad River Brewery. Time to use my "Mom of a vet status". I went to Blue Lake in person and talked to the man whose name was signed on the rejection letter. I told him my son is a vet who was deployed a year in Afghanistan, that started our conversation; the rest centered around his son who is a vet having served in Iraq. Two days later we had a donated case of beer. We had heard nothing from Lost Coast Brewery in response to our request. I went to Eureka and spoke with a bartender. She assured me we were just one of many, many donation requests lost in a pile of others, on a desk, in an office, in their building; maybe even yet unopened. I decided to try my luck at making a phone call to the donation grantor. My second sentence, "I am the Mom of a vet . . .", dug that letter right out of that pile; with the promise of a case of our choice! Next year my job will be easier!

Positive publicity is a valuable commodity. Adding a little to our bank account is a bonus. After expenses we deposit approximately \$375.00.

Thank you to all who helped; Mashaw McGuinness, Jim Sorter, Dave Berman, Gordy Anderson, John Schaefer, Carl Stancil, Nate Lomba, Peter Aronson, Jane Riggan, Rob Hepburn, Bill Thompson, Steve Sottong, Ernie Behm, Lynn Kerman, John & Kathy Reisdorf, Erika Rose, Don Hoeler, Humboldt Folklife Society, anyone I have missed and all the dancers.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - VFP Film Festival: 11/3 5pm at Arcata Theatre Lounge

By Dave Berman

VFP-56 is hosting a Film Festival at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Tuesday, November 3. We need a strong showing of chapter members to create a good turnout at our special HSU meeting just two days later. Here is the Film Fest itinerary:

5pm Doors Open - \$5-10 sliding scale w/VFP working ticket booth

5:15 Boys To Men

5:45 Panel Discussion about Boys To Men and

Measures F/J

6:15 Winter Soldier 2008

7:30 VFP Speakers: Winter Soldier, GI Rights

Hotline, Incopah, HSU meeting 11/5

8:00 Sir! No Sir!

9:30 VFP Speakers: Getting involved

10:00 Event Ends

Volunteers are needed in the following roles

Emcee(s?)

Ticket takers

Tabling

Speaking at the event

Pre-event publicity (radio interviews, write My Word for Times-Standard, flier distribution)

Please contact Dave Berman to sign up for a volunteer shift at 707-845-3749 or manifestpositivity [at] gmail [dot] com.

JURY SAYS DEPLETED URANIUM CAUSED BRIT VET'S DEATH

A jury in an inquest has agreed with expert testimony that DU caused the death of a Gulf War veteran.

NOTE from Larry Scott, VA Watchdog dot Org ... Last week, we reported that an expert gave testimony at an inquest that a British veteran of the Gulf War died as a result of exposure to depleted uranium (DU). That article is here ... <http://www.vawatchdog.org/09/nf09/nfsep09/nf091109-2.htm>

Now, the jury in the inquest has agreed.

Use our search engine for more information on depleted uranium ... click here ... <http://www.yourvabenefits.org/sesearch..php?q=depleted+uranium&op=ph>

Exposure to depleted uranium killed Lance Corporal Stuart Dyson - inquest by Steve Bradley, Birmingham Post A Black Country soldier died as a result of exposure to depleted uranium during the first Gulf War, an inquest has ruled.

Stuart Dyson, of Cherwell Drive, Brownhills, formerly a Lance Corporal in the Royal Pioneer Corps, died of colon cancer in June last year aged only 39. His family has sought to prove his belief that he was dying because of being exposed to the lethal substance while cleaning tanks in the Gulf between January and May 1991. A jury, sitting at Smethwick Council House, heard medical evidence that cancer-inducing particles from uranium in tank shells had been breathed in and swallowed by Mr Dyson and that the onset of cancer in such cases could typically take ten years to show. Professor Christopher Busby, world-renowned expert on uranium and its health effects, told the inquest that measurements of exposure levels carried out by the International Commission of Radiological Protection were wrong. Dr Busby drew a stark comparison, saying it was as if the figures measured the energy absorbed by someone sitting in front of a fire when they should have been measured as if a person were eating hot coals from the fire. Coroner Robin Balmain said he would use Rule 43 powers under the Coroners' Rules to write to Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth to try to prevent more uranium deaths. Mr Dyson's widow Elaine, 41, a classroom assistant and left to raise the couple's children Thomas and Amy alone, said: "All along I've just carried out what he [Stuart] believed was true - going to the Gulf caused his cancer."

Submitted By Marc Knipper



This Fall's Opportunity

By Dave Berman

I've been active with VFP-56 for over five years now. In all that time, one of the most common laments is our lack of young veteran members. With that in mind, early this year an idea bubbled to the surface suggesting we hold an event at Humboldt State University where we can attract and interact with the potential future lifeblood of our organization. This important community event is taking the place of a monthly chapter meeting with expanded hours from 6-10pm on November 5 in the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU.

The success of this event depends on the planning and participation of the whole chapter. Key discussion and decisions need to happen before then, at our October 1 chapter meeting at the Labor Temple. This group conversation will also tie in with the perfectly timed VFP-56 Film Festival on November 3 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge (see event itinerary elsewhere in this Foghorn).

The films we're showing are Boys To Men, Winter Soldier documentary clips, and Sir! No Sir! That means we'll be demonstrating the effects the stories of vets have on young people, the often unheard stories of life at war, and the forgotten history of more than a half million active military going AWOL during Vietnam. It behooves us to channel the influence of these messages into a call to action we plan to lead.

So where should we be headed that people can join or follow us? Here are some thoughts as a jumping off point for this dialog...

- VFP advocates abandonment of war as an instrument of policy.
- VFP contributes to providing food, clothing and shelter in our community.
- War spending is depriving citizens of needed services that should be basic rights in our society.
- Local government is caught in the middle, forced by fed-

eral and state policies to act against the interest of local people.

- As a community, can we support local government enough that it will feel able to resist these harmful directives and instead stand up for constituents to help us meet our own needs here at home?
- Can we start by explicitly allowing sharing of food in public space (think protection for the work of people like Patti Toroni)?

It seems to me this is already where we are leading and our November events are excellent opportunities to build our movement. I really look forward to a great vintage VFP-56 meeting on 10/1 as we explore the details of making it happen.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

*Incopah Retreat and Wellness Center
September 16, 2009*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Jeff Karr. I am the executive director of Incopah and I am excited to tell you about the advancements in the development of Incopah and the Veterans' Spirit program.

Committee meetings for natural resources and business development were held this month and both committees have begun the processes of determining what some of the sustainable natural resources are available on the land near Willow Creek and how to build the most solid business foundation possible so that the organization of Incopah will be able to best provide for the needs for the veterans of the Veterans' Spirit as well as the guests of the many opportunities that will be available at this retreat and wellness center.

The business development committee met with Libby Maynard from the Ink People Center for the Arts and will

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be making a presentation at the Incopah board meeting on Saturday, September 26 at the Labor Temple located at 840 E Street in Eureka. The meeting will begin at 1:00. Once this presentation has been made, the Incopah board will make a decision on whether or not to join the Ink People through the Dreammaker program. If the board decides to proceed with this association, we may have full non profit status by mid-October, pending the acceptance of our application at the Ink People board meeting on October 13th.

Meanwhile, on the property, clearing has begun on a one to two acre flat that will be the main area for the cabins of the Veterans' Spirit camp. We are now in the forest fuel fire reduction phase and then placement of sites for cabins and paths to connect them will go full steam ahead. With a bit of luck and the much appreciated blessings of an ever increasing number of gracious donors and volunteers, I am certain that we will be able to open the Veterans' Spirit program and begin the healing very soon.

Your continued support of this project is paramount and I appreciate the opportunity to work with you towards the goal of bringing about a place to heal the body, mind and soul. My brothers and sisters, I thank you for your support and look forward to serving you in the future.

Yours Faithfully,

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Labor Day Picnic September 7, 2009

By 'Nate' Lomba

The Greater Eureka Labor Council's picnic in Sequoia Park was a fun fest and fine feast for all. The weather cooperated and provided a warm, sunny day for the event. A few people moved their chairs onto the grass, and into the sunshine, but most participants preferred to remain under the canopy of the park's redwoods ... and closer to the food.

In addition to the standard picnic fare—burgers, hot dogs, Top Sirloin Tri-tip, chili con carne, potato salad, green salad, cole slaw, and a selection of cake—attendees were offered vegetarian burgers and “Veggie Dogs” (while they lasted). A selection of labor and organizing ballads were provided by the group, Union Made, and the audience was urged to sing along to several well known tunes. As the event wound down a raffle was held for several items with the top prize being a cord of firewood.

VFPers seen in the crowd included: Ernie Behm, John McAlinn with his wife and extended family, John Mulloy, Don Swall, Carl Stancil, Mashaw McGuinis, Lynn Kerman and her partner Don, and yours truly. Politicians and political wannabes were in abundance, pressing the flesh; however, that didn't detract from the overall frivolity and enjoyment of the picnic.



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Ernie Behm UFCW Local 101, sampling the potato salad. John Frahm, UFCW Local 101, making sure Ernie leaves enough for everyone else.



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Wes Hassler, Carpenters Union 751 working the grill

The writer would like to extend his appreciation to Ernie Behm and the Eureka Labor Council for inviting VFP56 members and guests to the picnic. For those of you that missed it, circle your calendar for next year. You won't regret it!





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If you would like to submit an article, opinion, comment or response to anything you have read which might interest the members of VFP-56, please e-mail it to turtldncer@aol.com, in word format, or mail to Jim Sorter at 1762 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata, CA 95521. Submissions will be included on a first come basis until the newsletter is full. Late arriving submissions will be archived for future issues.

If [people] knew how many destroyed houses I walked over with those shoes that I threw, and how many times those shoes mixed with the blood of the innocent, and how many times those shoes went into homes where the honor of those who lived there was disgraced, then it was the proper response."

--- Iraqi journalist, Muntader al-Zaidi, commenting on his demonstration of "disrespect" for throwing his shoes at "the criminal murderer" Bush.

Submitted by Nate Lomba