

OrganizationTrends

the Rev. Al Sharpton screamed, “Don’t give Bush 87 billion dollars ... don’t give him 87 cents.”

The protest movement against the Bush Administration’s global war on terrorism, especially its war in Iraq, may be the largest since the Vietnam War three decades ago. Already it has mobilized more anti-war demonstrations in just four months—from the November 7, 2002 deadline for Iraqi compliance with U.N. Security Council resolution 1441 to the March 20, 2003 launching of Operation Iraqi Freedom—than protestors were able to rally during the first *six years* (1961 – 1967) of U.S. involvement in Vietnam!

The plans announced by anti-war protesters will make 2004 an even more turbulent year in domestic politics. But they could also cause havoc to America’s War on Terror. A key organization called A.N.S.W.E.R. (“Act Now to Stop War and End Racism”) is leading the protest movement. It and thousands of allied satellite groups are promising to launch massive protests around the nation, especially this summer during the Republican conven-

tion in New York City and the Democratic convention in Boston. The recent decline in President Bush’s approval ratings in national polls may tempt ANSWER and other groups to even more acts of provocation and disruption.

A.N.S.W.E.R. and Ramsey Clark

The organizers of the “peace movement” have little interest in peace. The irony is that they exploit war to press their long-standing goal of radical political change. Liberal groups will deny it, but the ideological base of the peace movement can fairly be labeled “neo-Communist” because its leaders belong to remnants of the old Communist Party of the United States (CPUSA). CPUSA splinter groups have survived the post-Cold War period by transforming themselves into a labyrinth of issue-oriented “action committees” and “campaigns,” where they continue to recite anti-capitalist, anti-democratic rhetoric. ANSWER is the largest of these umbrella groups, and it plays a key role in attempting to coordinate the activities of other disparate groups like Not In Our Name, the Green Party USA, and Code Pink. Radical think tanks such as the well-known Institute for Policy Studies provide a measure of intellectual polish to the “street activists” organized by ANSWER and other groups.

ANSWER was set up after the events of September 11, 2001 to serve as the anti-war movement’s chief means of organizing anti-U.S. protest activity. The ANSWER steering committee includes major Marxist and anti-American groups, of which the most prominent is Ramsey Clark and his International Action Center (IAC). The IAC was formed in 1992 by Clark and other fellow-travelers, “to end racism, sexism and poverty in the United States, with opposition to U.S. militarism and exploitative domination around the world.”

IAC, however, is actually a front group for the World Worker’s Party (WWP), a Stalinist organization with a long and dishonorable history. In 1959 the WWP was formed by breakaway members of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party (SWP) after the SWP decided to condemn the Soviet invasion of Hungary. WWP sup-

ported the Soviet invasion. Clark, U.S. Attorney General during the Johnson Administration, began to associate with WWP leaders around 1990. The son of former Truman Attorney General and U.S. Supreme Court justice Tom Clark, Ramsey Clark moved crazily leftward in the 1980s. He met with the likes of Libya’s Moammar Quadafy, attended conferences sponsored by Lyndon LaRouche, and accepted WWP’s invitation to join its National Coalition to Stop US Intervention in the Middle East. Unlike other left-wing groups, WWP refused to condemn Saddam Hussein or Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait. Clark has been involved with WWP ever since.

Other members of the ANSWER steering committee are just as extreme. They include the Korea Truth Commission, which supports North Korea, and Pastors for Peace, a pro-Castro group. The Muslim Student Association and the Free Palestine Alliance offer financial and ideological support to terrorist groups such as Hamas. The Nicaragua Network and Mexico Solidarity Network also serve on ANSWER’s steering committee.

Many other leftist groups are “initial co-signers” of the ANSWER “call” to join its anti-war coalition. These include representatives of the Green Party USA, New Communist Party of the Netherlands, The International Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the National Lawyers Guild and the president of the World Union of Freethinkers (i.e. atheists). Other co-signers include comedian Dick Gregory, Detroit Catholic auxiliary bishop Thomas Gumbleton and Robert Meerpol, a son of executed Communist spy Julius Rosenberg and the executive director of the Rosenberg Fund for Children (See March 2001 *Foundation Watch*).

Many of the anti-war groups receive funding from “mainstream” liberal donors. For example, the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), a leading left-wing think tank, has been funded by Ted Turner, the Ford Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation (See box on page 3). Tracking the funding sources for ANSWER and other anti-war umbrella groups such as Not in Our Name (NION) is more difficult. AN-

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SWER and NION are essentially “paper” coalition groups. They receive funding from member organizations which are legitimate 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt, non-profits. IRS regulations allow for fiscal sponsorship of political groups if the sponsored group fulfills specified goals of the sponsoring organization and if the sponsor, the 501(c)3, remains in charge of the funds. Thus, individuals or foundations that seek to support ANSWER or NION can make tax-deductible contributions to the non-profit coalition member, which then transfers the money to the sponsored group. One example, detailed by Greg Yardley in the August 5, 2003 issue of *FrontPage* magazine is the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizing (IFCO). A non-profit and an ANSWER steering committee member, IFCO regularly provides its deductible funds to both ANSWER and NION. But, as investigator Yardley had to admit, improper accounting makes tracing all-but impossible: “I wish I could tell you how much the IFCO transfers to each project, but I can’t, because IFCO fails to meet even the most rudimentary requirements of public disclosure.”

ANSWER’s political agenda is anti-Semitic as well as anti-American. It sponsored an April 2002 Free Palestine Rally where marchers carried signs reading “Chosen People: It’s Payback Time,” and it has turned away Jewish speakers, such as San Francisco Rabbi Michael Lerner at a February 2003 anti-war rally. Ramsey Clark has provided legal counsel to Nazi concentration camp guard Karl Linnas. (He lost that case, complaining about why it was necessary to prosecute Nazis “forty years after some god-awful crime they’re alleged to have committed.”) Other Clark legal clients include PLO leaders who were sued by the family of Leon Klinghoffer, the elderly disabled man shot and thrown overboard by Palestinian hijackers of the ship “Achille Lauro” in 1986.

During his long second career on the extreme Left, Ramsey Clark has condemned American “war crimes” against rogue totalitarianism and terrorists, including North Korea, Cuba, the PLO and Saddam Hussein’s Iraq. Led by Clark, members of the ANSWER steering committee de-

Foundation Donors to Institute for Policy Studies

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MacArthur Foundation — \$350,000 (2001)

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation — \$450,000 (2001)

HKH Foundation — \$40,000 (2000)

Town Creek Foundation — \$25,000 (2000)

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Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation — \$40,000 (2000)

fended former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic against war crimes charges at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Clark also gave legal counsel to Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. Now Clark is volunteering to represent Saddam Hussein at an anticipated forthcoming war crimes trial.

ANSWER Defends Saddam, Plans to Disrupt GOP Convention

In an open letter to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan on January 29, 2004, Clark outlined what he and ANSWER thought about the U.S. effort to bring Saddam to justice:

“Forget law. No more legal papers or rights. Forget truth. The claim that either Afghanistan or Iraq declared war on the U.S. is absurd. The U.S. chose to attack both nations, from one end to the other, violating their sovereignty and changing their ‘regimes,’ summarily executing thousands of men, women and children in the process. At least 40,000 defenseless people in Iraq have been killed

by U.S. violence since the latest aggression began in earnest in March 2003.”

Accordingly, ANSWER and Clark demand the impeachment of President Bush and the prosecution of the President and other members of his Administration for war crimes:

“There must be strict accountability by U.S. leaders and others for crimes they have committed against Iraq and Afghanistan and compensation by the U.S. government for the damage its aggression has inflicted.”

ANSWER intends to call the Administration to account. Promising a “united movement on a global scale,” it is preparing anti-war demonstrations and is organizing a national “Open Letter” to unify the world against the Bush Administration. This letter, signed by over 240 Arab and Muslim groups, including Muslim nongovernmental organizations in the U.S. and Canada, audaciously compares the plight of Arab-Americans to Japanese-Americans in-

terned during World War II:

"In the United States, we Arab-Americans and Muslims, have been maliciously targeted, stripped of our fights, and positioned outside the constitutional framework of this country. A new [counterintelligence program] has been unleashed against our homes and living rooms, as our fathers, mothers, sons and daughters are plucked away and thrown into unknown prison cells. Thus, in a continuum of history, we stand with African Americans, Japanese Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and all others in the painful struggle for justice. From them all, we take our cue for they are our predecessors and our partners in this long march."

ANSWER's first major demonstration of 2004 occurred on March 20 to mark the first anniversary of the Iraq War. Boston, New York, Washington DC, San Francisco, Chicago and Los Angeles were the target cities, and the principal protest themes were: "Bring the troops home now," "End colonial occupation from Iraq to Palestine," and "Stop the attacks on civil liberties." Predictably, ANSWER accused the Bush Administration of "aggressive," "imperialistic," and "genocidal" war on a global scale.

However, the crown jewel for the protest year will be the national convention of the Republican Party in New York City this August 29 – September 4. Plans are well underway to bring as many as 500,000 demonstrators to disrupt the proceedings and provoke confrontations with convention delegates and police. According to a *New York Times* (February 10, 2003) report, ANSWER is leading protest plans "on a scale not seen in the city in dozens of years." Activists are accusing the Republicans of "politicizing" the war by choosing to hold their convention in New York City, site of the 9/11 attacks. At least two websites, counterconvention.org and rncnotwelcome.org, are already up-and-running. They are filled with logistical information on where to go and how to

spread the word.

Not In Our Name

Not In Our Name (NION) is a second post 9/11 group on the extreme Left that hopes to mobilize peace activists around a revolutionary, anti-U.S. ideological core. Like ANSWER, NION is counting down the days until the August GOP convention. It has published newspaper ads worldwide calling for "peace" rallies to "bring the boys home." It also circulates a "Statement of Conscience" signed by the usual suspects: Tom Hayden, Noam Chomsky, Al Sharpton, history professor Howard Zinn, peace activist Michael Parenti, feminists Gloria Steinem, Barbara Kingsolver and Eve Ensler, and Hollywood's Left Coast—Oliver Stone, Ed Asner, Danny Glover, Tyne Daly, Martin Sheen and Ed Harris. The NION Statement of Conscience condemns not only the Bush Administration's "stark new measures of repression," but also its "unjust, immoral, illegitimate [and] openly imperial policy towards the world."

While ANSWER's leadership comes mainly from one sect of the Old Left, the World Workers Party, NION's administrative cadre comes from a sect of the New Left, the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), a faction whose origins lie in the Maoist politics of 1960s-era Berkeley. NION co-directors C. Clark Kissinger and Mary Greenberg are veteran RCP activists. Kissinger was a national director of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in the 1960s and worked for the Black Panther Party and the Maoist International Movement. In 1987 he founded "Refuse and Resist," a group that has opposed all U.S. national security interests including Cold War deployments in Germany and the Patriot Act.

NION openly allies itself with terrorist sympathizers, Communist fronts and radical Muslim groups such as the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), War Resisters League (WRL), American Muslim Council (AMC), and the Council for Palestinian Restitution and Reparation (CPRR). Its headquarters is in the same

office building on New York City's Lafayette Street as WILPF and WRL. The building, known as the "Peace Pentagon," is owned by the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute. Muste (1885-1967) was a sainted figure on the Left whose long career zig-zagged between revolutionary Marxism and Christian pacifism. Late in life he visited Hanoi during the Vietnam War to offer pastoral counsel to Ho Chi Minh.

NION has created a unique method to weaken troop morale and undermine support for the U.S. war effort. A NION website and e-mail dubbed, "GI Special, Occupation News," each day records alleged conversations with purportedly disaffected American soldiers who are quoted espousing unpatriotic or radical sentiments. Here's the January 1, 2004 "GI Special # 147":

Headline: "Marine Says Iraq War 'A Waste of Time, And, Most of All, Lives.'"

Text (selected): *"I am a Marine Corps Reservist from New York. I go to college in Maryland and had to drop out of school when my unit was activated this January. I was in country from February to August. I just thought that you should know that during the deployment my unit had basically NO mission, as much as they are in denial of this. ... I just thought the American taxpayers might like to know where their money is going. I wasn't too sure about this war from the beginning and now I'm certain it's a waste of time, money, and most of all, lives... I'm one Reservist who wouldn't re-enlist if they gave me a billion dollars."* (Anonymous)

National Lawyers Guild

The National Lawyer's Guild (NLG) was founded during the Depression as an alternative to the then-conservative American Bar Association. Currently, it has 42 chapters across the country and in over 40 U.S. law schools, including the most prestigious. NLG committees report on such issues as the death penalty, Cuba, the Middle East, sexism, racism, immigration, and military and labor law.

In the war on terror, the NLG is attacking laws and institutions that protect U.S. national security. Its projects include the National Immigration Project (against border enforcement), the Military Law Task Force (to encourage desertion) and the National Police Accountability Project (against the Patriot Act and Homeland Security).

NLG is particularly active in *promoting* and *encouraging* dissent, especially for “disobedience” and “arrestable” offenses. “National Lawyers Guild Supports Acts of Civil Disobedience In Protesting Preemptive Strike Against Iraq” reads one NLG press release. A NLG flyer says “U.S. government officials forfeit legitimacy and the power to enforce laws against non-violent trespass and disorder when they pursue policies that result in war crimes.” Other NLG flyers, posters and CDs are named “Know Your Enemy”—and it’s not the terrorists. Instead, they instruct illegal aliens and suspected terrorists, often in Middle Eastern languages, in how to evade U.S. law, warning that “Talking to the FBI or other agents can be dangerous” and “You do not have to talk to the police, FBI, INS or any other investigation.”

This February NLG lawyers forced federal prosecutors to withdraw a subpoena demanding that Drake University officials hand over information on a November 2003 anti-war rally in Des Moines where demands were made for the return of Iowa National Guard troops from Iraq. The withdrawal of the subpoenas stymied the government’s investigation and enabled the NLG to proclaim a complete victory. In a related February case, NLG lawyers have blocked a U.S. Army attempt to learn more about a University of Texas Law School conference on Islam and the law. Given its long history of encouragement of draft evasion and civil disobedience, NLG’s support for the Texas conference drew the attention of the Army and the government. In an effort to rally Muslim students and potential recruits against the U.S. war effort, NLG president Michael Avery warned his followers: “an element of racial profiling is present in this case ... Government spying on student conferences has no place in a free society.”

Since World War II, NLG has used legal challenges to government surveillance to defend the illegal acts of leftist individuals and groups. It figured prominently in the defense of the “Hollywood Ten” screenwriters, Vietnam War draft evaders, Black Panther party members, the Communist FMLN in El Salvador, and Nicaragua’s Sandinistas. NLG attorneys began the twenty-first century with a campaign to impeach the five Supreme Court justices whose majority decision secured George Bush’s election in 2000. Expect NLG to intensify the legal war over homeland security this year and beyond.

The Green Party and Code Pink

Two important new additions to the anti-war movement use bright colors in their names to hide their darker objectives—the Green Party and Code Pink. Organized in the 1980s, the Green Party has achieved considerable electoral success in Germany. Transplanted to America, it poses a special threat to U.S. national security because, unlike other radical groups, it is organized as a legal political party. Code Pink represents the feminist branch of the anti-war movement.

Green Party USA is America’s largest “third party.” When its candidate, Ralph Nader, won three percent of the vote for president in 2000, he cost the Democrats control of the White House. In 2002, the Green Party won 170 state and local offices. That year, the Greens also joined with ANSWER and NION to organize anti-war demonstrations. Greens are co-founders of the Progressive Politics Network (PPN), formed after 9/11 to oppose the war on terror. It would be a mistake to regard the Greens as an environmental group; their support for leftist policies includes gutting the defense budget, transferring U.S. sovereign powers to the U.N. and World Court, and providing political cover to North Korea, Cuba, China and other rogues states bent on weakening America’s position in the world.

The Green Party officially welcomed Nader’s announcement that he will run for president as an independent this year, arguing that his actions will complement the party’s own anti-war efforts. Nader’s

views on the war are well known: Corporate America—oil—fuels the conflict:

“It is not credible that there would be such a strong push for war if there were no oil in Iraq. Oil is power and this is in significant measure a struggle over that power. The connections between the Bush Administration and the oil industry are clear and pervasive. A remarkable 41 members of the administration have ties to the industry, and both the President and Vice President are both former oil executives.” (February 14, 2003)

Nader blasts what he calls the “Triumvirate” — Bush, Cheney and Ashcroft — for trampling on liberty for the sake of profits:

“The Triumvirate can listen in on conversations between lawyers and their clients in federal prisons. They can access your computer records, e-mails, medical files, financial information on what is essentially an enforcement whim. Bye bye to what the Constitution meant by that great phrase of restraint called ‘probable cause.’ The Triumvirate agents can covertly attend and monitor public meetings, including places of worship.” (August 29, 2003)

Code Pink presents itself as a new kid on the block. Organizers Medea Benjamin, Jodie Evans, Diane Wilson and 100 other women first marched through the streets of Washington, DC on November 17, 2002. They then set up a four-month vigil in front of the White House to protest the Bush Administration’s war on terror, using the name Code Pink to play off Homeland Security’s color-coded terror alert system. Their name, they say, is based on the color of “compassion,” not “fear.” One suspects more than “compassion” is appropriate to the “pink” label.

In fact, Code Pink organizers have a long pedigree of involvement in radical groups. They come from Cold War era women’s peace groups, the National Organization for Women (NOW) and such

groups as the Institute for Food and Development Policy (also known as Food First) and the United for Peace and Justice coalition.

Founder Medea Benjamin also started the group Global Exchange in 1988 and was the Green Party's California Senate candidate in 2002. Global Exchange was a major force in the Seattle anti-globalization protests in 1999 that produced extensive violence. **Jodie Evans** is also a member of the board of Rainforest Action Network (RAN), the anti-capitalist environmental group co-founded by Mike Roselle, a supporter of the violent Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). (See "Direct Action," *Organization Trends*, February 2004) **Code Pink's Steve Kretzmann** is an organizer for the Ruckus Society, a training ground for disruption and disorder. **Diane Wilson** is a founder of a collective called Unreasonable Women for the Earth.

By incorporating the women's movement into the peace movement, Code Pink has garnered widespread media coverage. Its "Call to Action" makes generous appeals to "mothers," "grandmothers," "sisters" and "daughters" (but not "wives") to act as "guardians of life." There are an estimated 100 Code Pink chapters in the U.S. and abroad (e.g., Costa Rica, Norway, India).

Expect to see Code Pink activists in abundance this year. Their pink clothing and umbrellas lend a non-threatening charm that attracts television reporters. Code Pink activities so far include:

- Visit to Iraq (January 24 - February 4) to meet with Iraqi women.
- February 24 protests against Halliburton and Bechtel.
- "March on Washington" on International Women's Day, March 8
- April 25 "March for Choice" in Washington, D.C.
- Signature "pink slip" actions, "firing" members of the Administration and media who fail to "do their job."

The Campus

As during the Vietnam War, left-wing radicals today center their activities on the college campus, which seems generically disposed to be against "establishment" policies and espouse "revolutionary" causes. Most campus incidents receive little attention, but demonstrations do get publicity.

- Just before the start of U.S. military action on March 5, 2003 the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition organized a demonstration at Stanford University that attracted hundreds of student strikers and caused twenty-six professors to cancel classes. (The Coalition had less success organizing similar demonstrations this March at the one-year anniversary.)

- After the fall of Saddam Hussein the UCLA faculty senate voted 180-7 to "condemn" the Bush Administration for the "invasion" of Iraq. Professor Maurice Zeitlin, a Marxist sociologist and the resolution's co-author, is a slavish admirer of Cuban guerrilla Che Guevara. (In his online *FrontPage* magazine David Horowitz reports that Zeitlin declared at an October 1997: "His legacy is embodied in that the Cuban revolution is alive today despite the collapse of the Soviet bloc ... No social justice is possible without a vision like Che's." According to UCLA's Sociology Department website Zeitlin subsequently received a 1998 research grant from the National Science Foundation for work on "capitalist strategy and unionism in coal mining in the U.S.")

- Protest actions at Columbia University received more publicity after anthropology professor Nicholas DeGenova urged an American defeat in Iraq and called for "a million Mogadishus"—a reference to the 1993 incident in Somalia in which 18 American soldiers were killed.

Noam Chomsky

Campus faculty are perhaps more important than campus demonstrations. Their writings and speeches provide an intellectual gloss on radical activism and often justify the crudest forms of violence. Noam Chomsky, a professor of linguistics at MIT, was once described in the *New York Times*

as "arguably the most important intellectual alive." An admirer of Cambodia's Pol Pot, Mao Tse-tung, Fidel Castro and Ho Chi Minh, Chomsky, now 75 years old, remains the most conspicuous American intellectual to rationalize the 9/11 Al Qaeda attacks. Reacting to the U.S. war against terror, Chomsky has downplayed the loss of lives on 9/11 when compared to the "far more extreme terrorism" of U.S. foreign policy. In *Power and Terror* (2003) he writes:

"There's a famous definition in the Gospels of the hypocrite, and a hypocrite is the person who refuses to apply to himself the standards he applies to others. By that standard, the entire commentary and discussion of the so-called War on Terror is pure hypocrisy ... without exception."

Since 9/11, Chomsky has toured the country, giving interviews and speaking at anti-war rallies. At the University of California, Berkeley he gave five days of political talks to an estimated 5,000 students. His views are disseminated in countless interviews and profiles. Left-wing students, rock stars, actors and professors owe an intellectual debt to Chomsky, the godfather of anti-Americanism. He certainly speaks for the anti-war movement when he says, "By any objective standard, the United States has become the most aggressive power in the world, the greatest threat to peace, to national self-determination, and to international cooperation."

Institute for Policy Studies

The intellectual roots of contemporary leftist organizations are deep and entangled. But any inquiry must take note of the Institute for Policy Studies (2001 Revenue -- \$2.9 million). Founded in 1963 by Marcus Raskin and Richard Barnet, IPS has been the parent think-tank for leftist social and political causes. IPS is neither pacifist nor utopian; it is the intellectual vanguard for whatever rough beast is on the political horizon. (See Box on page 3 for List of Key Donors.)

For 2004, IPS has prepared a lengthy

agenda: it is planning activities against free trade, globalization and the Patriot Act, and in support of Palestinian terrorists and anti-U.S. demonstrations around the world. IPS boasts an array of publications, offers a “school for activists” which teaches political organization and street skills, and is building coalitions of activists and scholars around political and economic issue “clusters.” IPS occupies a critical leadership role in the anti-war movement.

Last September IPS co-hosted a “summit” of anti-war groups in Jakarta, Indonesia. The attendees were a cross-section of leading anti-American “peace” groups: United for Peace and Justice, the U.K. Stop the War Coalition, the Asian Peace Alliance, the Italian Social Forum Movements, Greenpeace, Transnational Institute, Focus on the Global South, the World March of Women and the World Social Forum. As reported on the IPS website, the meeting looked at the long-term aims of the anti-war movement. The resulting document—“the Jakarta Peace Consensus”—detailed the movement’s future efforts against the U.S.-led Iraq war, which include creation of:

- Occupation Watch Center in Iraq;
- International Peoples War Crimes Tribunal on Iraq;
- International campaign against U.S. military bases;
- International campaign against corporate looters and war profiteers;
- International conference in Baghdad;

The Jakarta Peace Consensus also called for a “World Says No to Bush” campaign to begin at the same time as the Republican National Convention in New York City.

IPS is making headway in implementing this agenda. The War Crimes Tribunal project has assembled legal experts favorable to the idea of indicting the Bush Administration for “war crimes.” Says one IPS paper, “It will not just be a mock trial but an attempt to push the frontiers of international law to promote justice ... The goal is to mobilize the best crop of interna-

tionally recognized jurists and prosecutors and to painstakingly assemble the most solid and most fool-proof pieces of evidence by the expertise of lawyers and testimonies.”

What’s “Left”?

ANSWER can draw upon literally hundreds of small and local left-wing organizations to help it plan rallies and demonstrations throughout the U.S. this year. Many are not aligned with official protest groups, but all share an immediate political goal—to defeat President Bush. These groups have promised to hound the Bush Administration wherever it goes in 2004.

A June 27, 2003 rally in northern California against President Bush is typical. Speakers represented the AFL-CIO, Service Employees International Union, the Communications Workers of America, supporters of Rep. Dennis Kucinich, and the supporters of “Team Barbara Lee,” the radical Member of Congress who represents the Berkeley area district. Also present were the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, Global Exchange, the Children’s Defense Fund, the Senior Action Network, Veterans for Peace, and the communists from the Workers World Party. All were united by hatred of Bush and the determination to drive him from office. The favored chants—“George Bush, war criminal” and “Bush lied, people died.”

Several major American organizations are also expected to get involved in the protest movement in 2004:

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is again in the forefront of the legal battles. It is fighting Justice Department efforts to arrest and deport terrorists and their allies. The ACLU portrays itself as a mainstream group interested only in protecting civil liberties. But its relentless campaign to sue the government for using wiretaps and its objection to Administration plans to track and deport suspected terrorists could very easily weaken the safeguards against a recurrence of 9/11.

The Ford Foundation, the third largest U.S. foundation philanthropy, has sometimes been on the wrong side in the war on

terror. Ford funds have provided support for a number of radical groups opposed to the war, including **the Lawyer’s Committee for Human Rights, the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Ploughshares Fund, the American Friends Service Committee** and the **Tides Center**. The Tides Center is the chief donor to **Win Without War**, a group chaired by former Maine congressman Tom Andrews. Ford also has made grants to the **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**, a liberal think tank which frequently issues op-ed articles against the war. Ford grants support other cause-groups, including \$335,000 to the ACLU and \$600,000 to *The Progressive* magazine, a harsh anti-war journal. Ford Foundation funds supported the notorious anti-U.S., anti-Israel **U.N World Conference Against Racism**, held in Durban, South Africa just two days before 9/11. Ford funds also underwrite the **Palestinian NGO network (PNGO)**. To date, Ford has given about \$1.4 million to a network of over 90 Palestinian NGOs, many of them suspected of ties to terrorist groups.

Conclusion

In 2004 the anti-war movement vows to disrupt American society, defeat President Bush and derail the U.S. war effort. Can it accomplish these objectives? U.S. conduct of the war and the progress made achieving victory will make all the difference. Another attack comparable to 9/11 will have severe repercussions that may help or harm the “peace movement.” The most interesting anti-war event this year will occur during the Republican Convention in New York. The prospect of clashes between protesters, delegates and police led one anti-war organizer to tell the *New York Times*, “I am not in the business of predictions, but it is my guess that a very significant number of people from New York and from around the world are going to take the position that the convention should be shut down or disrupted.” The *Times* reporter predicts, it “will be a tense and angry time in the streets of Manhattan.”

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BrieflyNoted

Last month the **MoveOn.org Voter Fund** launched a five-day, \$1.9 million ad campaign attacking President Bush. Ads ran in 67 media markets in Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri and other targeted battleground states. The Fund is one of many “527” political action committees (named after a section of the tax code), that have become vital to the Democratic Party’s 2004 victory strategy. The Democrats hope this “soft money” will overcome the “hard money” fundraising advantage of the Bush-Cheney campaign. By acting independently of the Democratic Party, MoveOn and other “527” groups expect to level the fundraising playing field. Some MoveOn ads target Bush economic policies on overtime pay and outsourcing jobs. Others show children toiling in a grocery line or tire factory with the written text, “Guess who’s going to pay off President Bush’s \$1 trillion deficit?” The web-based lobby group had earlier spent \$6 million on anti-Bush ads.

In March, President Bush’s re-election campaign filed a complaint with the **Federal Election Commission** that accuses the **Media Fund**, a liberal advocacy group, of airing anti-Bush TV ads in violation of campaign finance laws limiting “soft money” contributions. The Media Fund, a “527” political action committee, received millions of dollars from liberal activists to finance anti-Bush efforts in the 2004 campaign. Prominent donors include George Soros who has given to other “527” groups, most notably America Coming Together and the MoveOn.org Voter Fund. **Harold Ickes**, the Media Fund director, defends the group’s right to run anti-GOP ad efforts: “We are advised by a battery of legal experts who have no reservations about the legality.”

A February **Union of Concerned Scientists** report criticizes the Bush Administration for politicizing science over Iraq’s nuclear weapons program, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and global warming. UCS particularly attacked the Administration’s “well-established pattern of suppression and distortion of scientific findings” on global warming and took issue with its skepticism of global temperature predictions over the next 100 years. But **Steve Milloy**, publisher of Junkscience.com and an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, charges that UCS is distorting science to serve its own political agenda. For his book *Silencing Science*, Milloy obtained internal UCS documents that coach its members on how to give media interviews: “Don’t talk too much... don’t get trapped into giving the reporter what he is looking for... Your main purpose is to advocate, not to educate.”

Families in President Bush’s hometown, **Crawford, Texas**, are boycotting Girl Scout cookies because the **local Girl Scout organization** has worked closely with **Planned Parenthood**. An anti-abortion group called Pro-Life Waco publicized the activities of Crawford’s Girl Scout Troop 7527 which last year gave a “woman of distinction award” to Pam Smallwood, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas. Parents were disturbed to learn that the Girl Scout group endorsed Planned Parenthood’s sex education program in which girls and boys are given literature on masturbation and condoms. Said Lisa Aguilar, who removed her 10-year-old daughter from the Girl Scout troop, “It’s not that we’re a bunch of activists. We’re just a bunch of moms who care about their kids.” Added Aguilar, “For us, it’s the morality. Where is Girls Scouts going?”

On December 7, 2003, the **Kerry campaign** and **MoveOn.org** co-hosted an event for over 200 guests to view a new MoveOn documentary “Uncovered.” **Teresa Heinz Kerry** distributed pins reading “Asses of Evil” with “Bush,” “Cheney,” “Rumsfeld,” and “Ashcroft” surrounding it.

