

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Your e-mail re District Iraq resolution.]

Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 13:50:50 -0800

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Your e-mail re District Iraq resolution.

Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 13:43:22 -0800

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

To: Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org>

CC: Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com>, RJanvan@aol.com, Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>, "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, Directors Team <managecomm@dnv.org>, LSissons@cnv.org, adangelo@nsnews.com

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UN Resolution 1441" which authorizes military action to force Saddam Hussuin to disarm if he does not do so voluntarily. In other words, it can well be argued that the UN has already authorized the use of force.

Until as late as '95 (when UN inspectors were kicked out of the country) it was confirmed that Iraq still maintained large stockpiles of of chemical and biological weapons including anthrax as well as sarin and VX nerve agents. By UN Resolution, Iraq was to provide evidence that these weapons of mass destruction had been accounted for and destroyed.

The UN weapons inspectors are NOT supposed to be investigative agents tasked with finding banned materials; their job is to verify Iraqi compliance and not play hide-and-seek. Saddam has consistently failed to comply with international law, and is emboldened with the knowledge that the UN is so constipated with competing interests that it will ultimately back down on enforcement of its own resolutions. In this regard, the microscope should clearly be focused on the credibility UN itself.

As for whether or not District Council should debate this issue, my only concern is that it is a debate without all the necessary information at hand. After all, Council does not even consider a Development Variance Permit without a staff report. I trust that you are well-informed about this issue, but are other members of Council?

Sincerely,
-Brian

Ernie Crist wrote:

Dear Ms James:

1. Since when do we invade or bomb the hell out of a country because its people (in our opinion) are led by a jackass? He is their jackass not ours. Surely you are not proposing that we should invade or bomb the US because they have violated the UN Charter time and time again or are you? I am afraid you can't argue with me on this one. Once again, law is the issue. If what you are saying is true than it is up to the people of Iraq to get rid of their Man just as it is up to us to get rid of our donkeys.

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[Ernie Crist]

3. -----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth James [mailto:cagebc@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2003 3:46 PM

To: Ernie Crist; RJanvan@aol.com

Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; FONVCA (E-mail); Directors Team; LSissons@cnv.org; adangelo@nsnews.com

Subject: RE: Your e-mail re District Iraq resolution.

Clr. Crist:

Is what Saddam has been doing for ten years legal? And, while two wrongs do not make a right, he has been contributing mightily to the deaths and misery in his won country. Even many of his own people want the West to get rid of him.

It might not be legal for me to kill my neighbour but, if my neighbour is starving and killing his children, which is the lesser of two evils?

But that's beside my points which are (a) Chretien doesn't know himself where he stands; (b) Chretien's motives are certainly not pure; and (c) NV District has enough of its own stuff to clean up without starting in on this issue.

Further, since it is Council's job to reflect the wishes of District citizens, perhaps it would be courteous to discover first what position they would like Council to take.

I repeat, I do not want a war; I would prefer the UN inspectors to broker a deal but, in the final analysis it's likely not going to be possible to successfully negotiate a deal with a deceitful man who has murdered many of his own people and many of his neighbours.

Sincerely,

Liz

[<ernie_crist@dnv.org>](mailto:ernie_crist@dnv.org) wrote:

Dear Ms James:

If you think that these issues are of secondary importance you may wish to ask the citizens of those countries that are and will suffer the consequences including Canadians.

Beware - an illegal war against Iraq will be construed as a war against Islam - beware again. "What goes around comes around". But notwithstanding my opinion - THE ISSUE IS THE LEGALITY OF THE MATTER - IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS THE ONE ASPECT YOU SEEM TO OVERLOOK.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: Elizabeth James [<mailto:cagebc@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2003 3:09 PM

To: Ernie Crist; Rlanvan@aol.com

Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; FONVCA (E-mail); Directors Team; L.Sissons@cnv.org; adangelo@nsnews.com

Subject: Re: Your e-mail re District Iraq resolution.

24 February, 2003

Dear Clr. Crist:

I must admit to having some sympathy with your position. Like any normal person I, too, abhor the thought of war and am cynical as to the motives of politicians who drive us toward it. Further, there is little doubt you are accurate in your facts.

All of that said, time allows Council only a finite amount of time in which to do its work. Accordingly, I think it more appropriate for the District to tend first to its own chickens and, when it has proven capable of doing that job efficiently, to then lift its eyes to wider horizons! This is especially so when one realizes that the Prime Minister doesn't even know himself where his government stands from day to day. He says one thing, Mr. Manley another and our emissary to Washington, DC yet another.

Last but not least, one should be extremely suspicious of the stance of those such as Jacques Chirac of France, whose countries continue to benefit mightily from the so-called food for oil program and from sales of nuclear material to Iraq, and who sanctimoniously talk about, "my dear friend Saddam Hussein" and the modern equivalent of *Peace in our Time*. Surely we have learned by now where such a stand will get us!

So, once again, while not being enamoured of Mr. Bush - or of his father - I prefer to throw in my lot with him than with Mr. Hussein.

Sincerely,

Liz James

Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org> wrote:

Dear Ms Sargent:

You have stated that this issue is outside the jurisdiction of local government. You are in error.....

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