

after walking for days in the hot sun from their now abandon villages—are only given a tarp, a water jug, cookware and a small amount of grain.

At Mornay, the largest of the IDP camps in Darfur with more than 70,000 inhabitants, it was hard not to step in either human or animal feces as we walked. In a few weeks, when the heavy rains begin, excrement will flow across the entire camp. Mortality from diarrhea, which we were told represents one-third of the deaths in the camps, will only increase.

To their credit, all the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have been allowed to operate in Darfur have done—and continue to do—a tremendous job under extremely trying circumstances.

Rapes, we were told, happen almost daily to the women who venture outside the confines of the camps in search of firewood and straw. They leave very early in the morning, hoping to evade their tormentors before they awake. With the camps swelling in size and nearby resources dwindling, they often walk several miles. The farther the women go from the camp, the greater the risk of being attacked by the Janjaweed.

As we approached Mornay, we saw a number of Janjaweed resting with their camels and horses along the perimeter of the camp, easily within walking distance. In one camp we heard the horrific story of four young girls—two of whom were sisters—who had been raped just days before we arrived. They had left the camp to collect straw to feed the family's donkey when they were attacked. They said their attackers told them they were slaves and that their skin was too dark. As they were being raped, they said the Janjaweed told them they were hoping to make more lighter-skinned babies. We were told that some of the rape victims were being branded on their back and arms by the Janjaweed, permanently labeling the women.

We also received a letter during our trip from a group of women who were raped. To protect them from further attacks, we purposely do not mention where they are from or list their names. The translation is heart-breaking:

We are forty-four raped women. As a result of that savagery, some of us became pregnant, some have aborted, some took out their wombs and some are still receiving medical treatment.

Hereunder, we list the names of the raped women and state that we have high hopes in you and the international community to stand by us and not to forsake us to this tyrannical, brutal and racist regime, which wants to eliminate us racially, bearing in mind that 90 percent of our sisters at (. . .) are widows.

These rape victims have nowhere to turn. Even if they report the attacks to the police, they know nothing will happen. The police, the military and the Janjaweed all appear to be acting in coordination.

DIRE SITUATION IS MAN-MADE

The situation in Darfur is dire, and from what we could see, it is entirely man-made. These people who had managed to survive even the severest droughts and famines during the course of their long history are now in mortal danger of being wiped out simply because of the darker shade of their skin color.

Over the course of 3 days, we saw the worst of man's inhumanity to man, but we also

saw the best of what it means to be human: mothers waiting patiently for hours in the hot sun so that they could try to save their babies; NGO aid workers and volunteer doctors feeding and caring for the sick and the dying; and the courage and bravery of men, women and children eager to talk to us so that we would know their story.

The world made a promise in 1994 to never again allow the systematic destruction of a people or race. "Never again"—words said, too, after the Holocaust.

In Darfur, the international community has a chance to stop history from repeating itself. It also has a chance to end this nightmare for those who have found a way to survive. If the international community fails to act, the next cycle of this crisis will begin. The destiny facing the people of Darfur will be death from hunger or disease.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. All time has expired.

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF).

The amendment was agreed to.

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY) having assumed the chair, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4754) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3598, MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-589) on the resolution (H. Res. 706) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3598) to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4755, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a

privileged report (Rept. No. 108-590) on the resolution (H. Res. 707) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4755) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. EMANUEL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SMART SECURITY AND IRAQ TRANSFER OF POWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, at the end of last month, the United States Government handed control of Iraq "back to its people." And everyone I know who is being at all intellectually honest believes that the choice of a June 30 deadline was driven more by the political calendar than anything else.

The Bush administration wants to have it both ways. They want to go before the voters with "clean hands" in the fall to say that the job has been completed just as they tried to declare "mission accomplished" a year ago, but at the same time remaining in charge of this occupation, while even after the handover, U.S. troops and other officials will enjoy full immunity if they should destroy property or kill Iraqi citizens.

Coming on the heels of the Abu Ghraib revelations, this arrogance and lack of accountability is absolutely staggering. The war in Iraq has already cost lives of hundreds of American soldiers, 25,000 being injured, the lives of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians, and billions of dollars that should have been invested right here at home.

This war has diverted resources from the struggle against al Qaeda, the group actually responsible for the atrocities of 9/11. Now al Qaeda has regrouped and poses as great a strength and threat as ever.

This case for war was built on dubious intelligence and outright deceptions. The 9/11 Commission recently announced that it had access to all the same information as Vice President CHENEY; yet there is "no credible evidence" that Saddam Hussein's government in Iraq collaborated with al Qaeda.

Our presence in Iraq has been met not with gratitude but resentment. Instead of throwing flowers at American troops, Iraqis now throw torches at Humvees.

Mr. Speaker, our current national security approach is an unmitigated disaster, but do not take my word for it. Listen to the statement issued in mid-June by a group of 27 former senior diplomats and military officials. They said the Bush administration "has failed in the primary responsibilities of preserving national security and providing world leadership." They went on to say: "Instead of building upon America's great economic and moral strength to address the causes of terrorism and to stifle its resources, the administration, motivated more by ideology than by reasoned analysis, led the United States into an ill-planned and costly war from which exit is uncertain."

It is clearly time for a new national security policy, Mr. Speaker. And I have introduced H. Con. Resolution 392 to create a SMART security platform for the 21st Century. SMART stands for Sensible Multilateral American Response to Terrorism. SMART security treats war as an absolute last resort. It fights terrorism with stronger intelligence and multilateral partnerships. It controls the spread of weapons of mass destruction with aggressive diplomacy, strong regional security arrangements, and vigorous inspection regimes. SMART security invests in the development of impoverished nations to prevent terrorism from taking root in the first place. SMART security is about preventing war as opposed to preemptive war. It emphasizes brains over brawn. It is tough, but diplomatic; aggressive, but peaceful; pragmatic, but idealistic.

President Bush loves to think that those who support his efforts in Iraq are patriotic and those who think there is a better way are unpatriotic, or worse, un-American. But I can think of nothing more patriotic than pursuing a national security policy that protects America by relying on the noblest of American values, our capacity for global leadership, our compassion for the people of the world, our commitment to peace and freedom.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PAUL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I often criticize the media for the things that I think are inattentive and improper. Tonight, I would like to rise to give tribute to the media where I think good has been done.

A long-time friend, Rebecca Allen, an editor from the Orange County Register, forwarded to me eight articles in a series they printed in mid-June. The articles, written by the brave and courageous Yvette Cabrera and Minerva Canto, four articles apiece, detailed the difficulties that face young women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

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My district butts up to the very corner of Juarez, and I have watched the problems of hundreds of deaths of young women, but until reading a series of articles, it was not personal. The first in the series of articles talked about she never came home. Concentrating on Erendira Ponce, 17, all that she dreamed of was a life beyond her poor neighborhood. At 17 she ended up as one of hundreds of women killed in Juarez, Mexico, skull crushed, raped and just thrown down into the dirt.

The second in the series of articles is about the investigator Angolee Talavera, 29 years old, the lead investigator who still has no one to try for all of the killings.

The third in the series of articles concentrates on a suspect's wife. The police have tried to silence the suspect's wife. The suspect, a truck driver, Victor Javier Garcia Uribe, was summarily arrested by two men who were dressed with masks over their head and other men that came up with Halloween costume masks. Little did they understand that Victor had married his wife Mary Ann Garcia when she was still in a wheelchair from an accident suffered while they were dating. He nursed her back to health, moving in with her, and because of the love and the faith that they have built up, she stands by him continuing to provide more and more evidence that he is innocent. Yet, he stays in prison today. Her persistence is rewarded by three beatings from the local authorities, with the admonition that this is a message from the governor, Stop making noise.

The fourth in the series of articles is about a mother's pain. Irma Monreal just lives with the loss of her 15-year-

old, the one around whom her and her family's dreams operated. Her 15-year-old daughter just brought the light and life and laughter into their home. Esmerelda wanted to rescue her mother from the poverty, getting a job as a secretary to pour a new concrete floor in their dirt-floored home. At 15, she was taken and brutally murdered. Her body was found purple and swollen with all of the flesh and even the hair missing, just a blank skull on top of her body. What kind of tremendous terror are the people in Mexico living with and the authorities unable to solve?

The fifth series is about an orphan, the inevitable orphans that suffer from the loss of moms.

The sixth is about an activist, the activists who are ignored, who are threatened to keep silent, to stop making waves.

The seventh was about an imprisoned reporter who dared to write about the loss of her friend and blame the authorities, and now she sits in prison.

And finally the eighth article is the hope for the future, talking about women such as Esther Chavez.

The one common trait, Mr. Speaker, is the impunity with which these young ladies are killed. The common element is the careless violence that discards these young ladies as if they had no value.

Mr. Speaker, I add my voice to those speaking up on behalf of justice. We are told in the Bible that the worst sins are those which are committed against the poor and the fatherless, against those who are innocent and unwilling and unable to provide their own protection. Mr. Speaker, these are the people who are suffering in Mexico today. These are the people who are suffering in Ciudad Juarez. I commend the Orange County Register for printing this bold series of articles and drawing to the attention of the United States the difficulties that lie just across the border for women who have done no wrong.

NEW DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION TO UNITE AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. MCDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, last night a Republican from Florida shamed the People's House when he stood at the podium and insulted every Native American in this country. Using cheap partisan rhetoric against the new Democratic vice presidential nominee, the Republican flung bigotry and racism against America's first citizens. And the Republican leadership stood by and said nothing and the administration stood by and said nothing.

The words spoken here were so insulting to Native Americans that I will not repeat them. I will say on behalf of every Native American, and there are