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One reason that citizens are disenchanted with politics is that members of Parliament are often rewarded not for being forthright but for being hypocritical.

In declaring that Canada should join the Coalition of the Wise not the Coalition of the Idiots, Carolyn Parrish was highlighting the fundamental insanity inherent in the actions and proposals of the Bush's Administration.

Rather than having criticized Parrish for speaking truth to power, and for opposing the "Coalition of the Idiots" , the members of parliament should have seriously supported her concerns about Canada's embarking upon deeper integration with the US, and about US's continued escalation of global common insecurity.

Now in the proposed tete a tete with Bush, if the democratic deficit is to be addressed, the government should allow Parliamentarians to enter into a dialogue with Bush, and not compel politicians to display hypocrisy by obsequiously avoiding significant areas of disagreement.

Hypocrisy thrives when the Canadian government allows trade and vested economic interests to trump purported long standing commitments to principles furthering common security-peace, environment, social justice and human rights.. The Canadian government purports to support multilateralism, yet for the sake of trade with the US, Martin avoids challenging Bush on Bush's disdain for multilateralism and for his defiance of the rule of international law.

BUSH MAY FAIL, HOWEVER TO APPEAR IN OTTAWA

Perhaps, however, parliamentarians might not have to display their hypocrisy because there is a report from Washington that Bush has received an important message: from HIS FATHER:

that if he goes to Canada, the invisible hand of GOD, apparently unable to distinguish the Supreme Court from the Parliament buildings or Madame Teresa's , will GUIDE Bush's

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cavalcade to the Supreme Court where Bush is arrested under the anti-terrorism and tried for Crimes Against humanity.

Fifty two witnesses are scheduled to appear to condemn the US for its contribution to global insecurity.

Bush risks being convicted, and sentenced to remain for life in solitary confinement in the National Archives, Parliamentary Library, and Carleton/Ottawa U libraries where he is compelled to read everything but the bible.

Witnesses have undertaken to testify that the US has contributed to global insecurity in having done the following:

(i) engaged in covert and overt "Operations" against independent states; from "Operation Zapata", and "Operation Northwoods" against Cuba, through "Operation Condor" in Chile, through years of euphemistic operations such as "Operation Just Cause" against Panama and more recently "Operation enduring freedom" against Afghanistan, and "Operation Iraqi Freedom" against Iraq

(ii) promoted the spread of Evangelical Christianity around the world, undermining local indigenous cultures, and instilling fear through the dangerous, and absurd belief in the "rapture", "Armageddon" and "left behind" and denigrating other established beliefs and practices

(iii) propped and financed military dictators that furthered its vested national interests and targeted and assisted in the assassination of leaders of other sovereign states, who interfered with US national interests.

(iv) established over 700 military bases in sovereign states around the world

(v) produced weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear, chemical, and biological, in defiance of the global commitment made at Stockholm in 1972 to eliminate the production of weapons of mass destruction., and refused to abide by the Non Proliferation treaty obligations, and violated the Geneva Protocol related to prohibited weapons

(vi) circulated nuclear powered or nuclear arms capable vessels throughout the world, and berthed these vessels in urban ports

(vii) planted land mines throughout the world, and failed to sign and ratify the Convention for the banning of Landmines

(viii) moved towards the militarization of space, and increasing the arms race through the US Anti-ballistic Missile Defence system in violation of the Outer Space Treaty

(ix) used weapons such as Depleted Uranium and cluster bombs that would be prohibited under the Geneva Protocol II

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- (x) abandoned significant obligations under key international non-proliferation treaties
- (xi) perceived justice in terms of revenge through military intervention rather than seeking justice from the International Court of Justice,
- (xii) misconstrued Art 51 (self defence) of the Charter of the United Nations to justify premeditated non provoked military aggression by illegally invading Afghanistan,.
- (xiii) misconstrued prevention of war by adopting a policy of pre-emptive/preventive attack to aggressively attack sovereign states that are designated as being on the axis of evil, by illegally invading Iraq in violation of the UN Charter article 2 and international law and has committed the 'supreme' international crime of a war of aggression
- (xiv) undermined the international resolve to prevent the scourge of war by intimidating or offering economic incentives in exchange for support for military intervention; (the US continually cajoles, intimidates, and bribes, on other members of the United Nations.)
- (xv) participated in the assassination of or assassinated state leaders who interfere with US interests or who are deemed to be a potential threat
- (xvi) promulgated propaganda for war in violation of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights
- (xvii) ignored the provisions in the Convention on the Right to Correction which affirmed: ",,, to protect mankind [humanity] from the scourge of war, to prevent the recurrence of aggression from any source, and to combat all propaganda which is ether designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression
- (xviii) failed to reduce their military budget and reallocate military expenses and transfer the savings into global social justice as undertaken through numerous UN Conference Action Plans and UN General Assembly Resolutions. (The US spends over 500 billion per year on the military and is the major exporter of arms)
- (xix) demonstrated disdain for the international rule of law, and refused to accept the jurisdiction or decision of the International Court of Justice
- (xxiv) disregarded obligations incurred through conventions, treaties, and covenants; and made commitments through conference action plans , related to the Public trust/ Common security - peace, environment, human rights and social justice
- (xx) failed to sign, failed to ratify, failed to enact the necessary legislation to ensure compliance with, or respect for Public Trust international Conventions, Covenants and Treaties,
- (xxi) undermined international obligations incurred through Conventions, Treaties, and Covenants, and commitments through UN Conference Action Plans, related to the Public Trust

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(xxii) failed to act on commitments made through UN Conference Action Plans, or failed to fulfill expectations created through General Assembly Resolutions.

(xxiii) extended "human security" to mean "humanitarian intervention" to legitimize military intervention

(xxiv) violated Geneva conventions on the treatment of civilians, and has violated both international human rights and humanitarian law during the occupations of both Iraq and Afghanistan

(xxv) violated the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

(xxvi) engaged in cruel and inhumane punishment through the practice of capital punishment, in violation of accepted international norms

(xxvii) promulgated globalization, deregulation and privatization through promoting trade agreements, such as the WTO/FTAA/NAFTA etc that undermine the rule of international public trust law, and condoned corporations benefiting and profiting from war

(xxviii) advocated and supported IMF structural adjustment program, and exploited vulnerable and indigenous peoples around the world

(xxix) opposed an international commitment to transfer .7% of the GDP for overseas aid, failed to support the canceling of third world debt

(xxx) promoted the privatization of public services such as water, and health care, and reduced funding for universities, and promoted corporate funding of education and corporate direction of research

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(xxxii) subsidized and invested in companies that have developed weapons of mass destruction, that have violated human rights, that have denied social justice, that have exploited workers, that have destroyed the environment.

(xxxiii) failed to ensure that corporations, including transnational corporations comply .. with international law, and to revoke charters of corporations that violate human rights, destroy the environment, denies social justice and contributes to war and conflict

(xxxiv) opposed Mandatory International Ethical Normative (MIEN) standards and enforceable regulations to drive industry to conform to international law, and supported corporate "voluntary

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(xxxv) failed to revoke charters and licences of corporations that have violated human rights, including labour rights, that have contributed to war and violence, and that have led to the destruction of the environment

(xxxvi) promoted the privatization of public services such as water, and health care, and reduced funding for universities, and promoted corporate funding of education and corporate direction of research

(xxxviii) contributed to environmentally induced diseases and poverty related health problems and denied universal access, to publicly funded not for profit health care system

(xxxix) produced or permitted the production of toxic, hazardous, atomic waste, and failed to prevent the transfer to other states of substances and activities that are harmful to human health or the environment as agreed at the UN Conferences on the Environment and Development, 1992.

(xl) produced, promoted, grown or approved genetically engineered foods and crops and led to a deterioration of the food supply, and heritage seeds

(xli) disregarded obligations to not defeat the purpose of the Convention on Biological Diversity which the US has signed but not yet ratified

(xlii) ignored the warnings of the Intergovernmental panel on Climate change, disregarded obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change (to which the US is a signatory) and refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol

(xliii) discriminated on the following grounds:

- race, tribe, or culture;
- colour, ethnicity, national ethnic or social origin, or language;
- nationality, place of birth, or nature of residence (refugee or immigrant, migrant worker);
- gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or form of family,
- disability or age;
- religion or conviction, political or other opinion, or - class, economic position, or other status;

(xliv) denied women's reproductive rights, in contravention of commitments made under the International Conference on Population and Development

(xlv) (xlv) denied fundamental rights through the imposition of religious beliefs

(xlvi) enacted anti-terrorism legislation that violates civil and political rights, and engaged in racial profiling

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(xlvii) targeted and intimidated activists and discriminated on the grounds of political and other opinion (a listed ground in the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights- to which the US is a signatory) ;

The FBI has included the following in their designation of terrorists:

"... category of domestic terrorists, left-wing groups, generally profess a revolutionary socialist doctrine and view themselves as protectors of the people against the "dehumanizing effects" of capitalism and imperialism. They aim to bring about change in the United States through revolution rather than through the established political process."

"Anarchists and extremist socialist groups -- many of which, such as the Workers? World Party, Reclaim the Streets, and Carnival Against Capitalism -- have an international presence and, at times, also represent a potential threat in the United States. For example, anarchists, operating individually and in groups, caused much of the damage during the 1999 World Trade Organization ministerial meeting in Seattle."

"Special interest terrorism differs from traditional right-wing and left-wing terrorism in that extremist special interest groups seek to resolve specific issues, rather than effect more widespread political change. Special interest extremists continue to conduct acts of politically motivated violence to force segments of society, including, the general public, to change attitudes about issues considered important to their causes. These groups occupy the extreme fringes of animal rights, pro-life, environmental, anti-nuclear, and other political and social movements."

(xlviii) failed to distinguish legitimate dissent from criminal acts of subversion.

(xlix) engaged in racial profiling

(l) discriminated against immigrants, and failed to sign the Convention for the Protection of Migrant Workers and their Families

(li) Continued to be an international rogue state, intruding and intervening, unilaterally and abandoning multilateralism

(lii) Undermined the notion of democracy by couching a plutocracy/theocracy in democratic notions of "freedom".