

GULF WAR:

Some thoughts about American Kleptocracy & Petroleum Politics

Yahoo, Cowboys!
Blast dat dere varmit, Saddam Hussein!
Isn't it fun ta kill fer oil
An' watch da world go up in flame?

Now I dun't much reckon 'bout politicks
Err understan' komplex dings
Bud I know wun dis fer certain:
Any wun pushin' petrol prices too hi
'ill get a ton ah bullets
& smart bombs over dare skies.

Lots ah people fight fer freedom
Un a few fer ideology
But Amerika kills fer petroleum –
Cus dat equals wealth & power
in Corporate-Think.



Ted: *(setting his cup down on the table slowly, then raising his eyebrows)* So the Gulf War was all about petroleum? Was it essentially a massive, costly fuel heist?

Terri: *(looking at Ted with a weary shrug)* Basically. Ignoring the rhetoric about 'liberation' and 'defense of sovereignty,' wasn't the core motive petrol access? However, we should also consider the human element. The mutual animosity between Bush and Hussein certainly clouded their judgment. Once people become too emotional, it is easy to lose all common sense.

Kris: *(frowning her eyebrows while gazing downwards)* Why do ordinary people have to pay the price for the stupidity and the greed of their leaders?

Tim: *(taking a long, uneasy quaff of his beer)* That's how history works, isn't it? Armed conflicts arise over and over in blood-soaked cycles that are difficult to escape.

- T Newfields

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