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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009

Should the military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba be closed?

Another possible issue to explore with 2 sides to the argument from ProCon.org. Read here...

POSTED BY MR. WRIGHT AT 1:39 PM 0 COMMENTS

Should the US continue to support an embargo against Cuba?

From the ProCon.org website. Read here...

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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

Missile Defence Shield in Poland

NPR then had a discussion -- it was like being at the Harvard faculty club -- serious people, educated, no grammatical errors, who know what they're talking about, usually polite. The discussion was about the so-called missile defense system that the U.S. is trying to place in Czechoslovakia and Poland -- and the Russian reaction. The main issue was, "What is going on with the Russians? Why are they acting so hostile and irrational? Are they trying to start a new Cold War? There is something wrong with those guys. Can we calm them down and make them less paranoid?"

The main specialist they called in, I think from the Pentagon or somewhere, pointed out, accurately, that a missile defense system is essentially a first-strike weapon. That is well known by strategic analysts on all sides. If you think about it for a minute, it's obvious why. A missile defense system is never going to stop a first strike, but it could, in principle, if it ever worked, stop a retaliatory strike. If you attack some country with a first strike, and practically wipe it out, if you have a missile defense system, and prevent them from retaliating, then you would be protected, or partially protected. If a country has a functioning missile defense system it will have more options for carrying out a first strike. Okay, obvious, and not a secret. It's known to every strategic analyst. I can explain it to my grandchildren in two minutes and they understand it.

So on NPR it is agreed that a missile defense system is a first-strike weapon. But then comes the second part of the discussion. Well, say the pundits, the Russians should not be worried about this. For one thing because it's not enough of a system to stop their retaliation, so therefore it's not yet a first-strike weapon against them. Then they said it is kind of irrelevant anyway because it is directed against Iran, not against Russia.

Okay, that was the end of the discussion. So, point one, missile defense is a first-strike weapon; second, it's directed against Iran. Now, you can carry out a small exercise in logic. Does anything follow from those two assumptions? Yes, what follows is it's a first-strike weapon against Iran. Since the U.S. owns the world what could be wrong with having a first-strike weapon against Iran. So the conclusion is not mentioned. It is not necessary. It follows from the fact that we own the world.

excerpt taken from "We Own the World" by Noam Chomsky (full text here...)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

Meeting Times

RESOURCES

- Resources from geo-source.info
- Winthrop MUN Site
- United Nations Official Site

BLOG ARCHIVE

- ▼ 2009 (30)
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 - Should the military detention facility at Guantana...
 - Should the US continue to support an embargo again...
 - March (4)
 - February (12)
 - January (12)

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This is the schedule for the next 2 weeks:

Monday Afternoon (3:30-5:00): Political Committee

Tuesday Morning (7:45-8:30): Social/Humanitarian Committee

Tuesday Afternoon (3:30 - 5:00): Legal Committee

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Delegations:

Venezuela:

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- Legal - Ian
- Social/Humanitarian - Tommy
- Security Council - Judson

Palestine:

- Political/Security - Jennifer
- Legal - Ryan
- Social/Humanitarian - Sharon

Libya:

- Political/Security - Shelby
- Legal - Joseph
- Social/Humanitarian - Julia

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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

Resolutions for Social Humanitarian are In!

Check them out using the Winthrop link.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

"Discovering the Middle East"

A professor from Jordan will be speaking at Winthrop on different topic about the middle east. It is open to the public and will be at 7:00pm at Winthrop's Plowden Auditorium.

February 24: The five Pillars of Islam

March 10: The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

April 14: Jordan - History, Culture, and Traditions

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