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New Orléans Funds Pre-Spent



Control room of Israel's plutonium separation plant at Dimona. Photo by Mordechai Vanunu.

...from *Mother Jones*:

"But instead of honoring the Army Corps of Engineers' request to strengthen and renovate levees and pumping stations, the Bush administration cut the flood control budget of the New Orleans Corps of Engineers by \$71 million, 44 percent of its budget."

While \$71 million was denied to protect our own country and our own people, Washington continues to send two to three BILLION dollars annually to Israel, the only country in that region with nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

"The projected cost of rebuilding New Orleans and its surroundings is now \$25 billion and may

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even approach the \$40 billion paid out by insurance companies worldwide related to the 911 attacks."

If these figures are accurate, we can pay for the rebuilding of New Orleans in twelve to twenty years, simply by cutting off Ariel Sharon's allowance.

The *Mother Jones* article made no mention of over-funding for Israel. I corrected the omission.

posted by Daithí @ 11:02 AM [5 comments](#)

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At 1:22 PM, Anonymous said...

"" ..we can pay for the rebuilding of New Orleans in twelve to twenty years, simply by cutting off Ariel Sharon's allowance. ""

If Israel ever went to war with the US, the US congress would respond by raising an Israeli flag - probably they'd order a pre-emptive nuclear strike on the midwest.

At 2:07 PM, Anonymous said...

Each person evacuated from Gaza will get 5000,000 US \$ for a new home, free. What about New Orleans residents? Israel should return the payments. Billions of our USA tax payers money is looted by the Sharons and his cronies. They bribe our Congress and The White House .Stop aid to Israel for 5 years or till New Orleans is rebuilt. Wall in Israel is not needed but a wall(levee) in NO is life saver.

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At 2:16 PM, Anonymous said...

isreal : the great leech

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At 2:43 PM, Anonymous said...

Had our priorities been straight, the money needed to maintain the levee would have been available. Instead, our priority has been on propping up ISRAEL and waging wars on ALL of Israel's enemies and these costs have resulted in serious cutbacks. The Army Corps. of Engineers wanted \$62.5 million to fix the levee. Apparently they got \$10.5 million instead. That's about \$52 million short, or the equivalent expense of about SEVEN HOURS OF THE IRAQ WAR!!

Bush, Accused Of Shortchanging Projects

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/nation/20050902-9999-1n2funds.html>

Clock Shows Cost Of Iraq War

http://www.usatoday.com/news/politicselections/nation/president/2004-08-26-iraq-war-clock_x.htm

Yours in asking WHY America keeps funding these miscreants -- FZN

At 3:37 PM, [Kelly](#) said...

Twenty five billion is unrealistic. That number is merely what the insurance companies will have to shell out. The majority of people didn't have insurance and most of those with insurance still

have mortgages to pay off. Many people with insurance will cash out and leave NO for good.

Many of the buildings that survived will have to be demolished or rebuilt because of mold and fungal contamination. Most of the infrastructure will have to be rebuilt - hospitals, schools, roads, levees, utilities, government offices... Businesses will demand major tax incentives to rebuild in the area. Insurance premiums will rise across the country.

The stock market will be weakened when the insurance sell off equities to make the payouts. We'll see short selling and a market downturn. Bankruptcies and foreclosures will skyrocket because people don't have employment opportunities to pay their mortgages and credit card debt. Fannie Mae and all the pension funds invested in this NGO will take a big hit in the next few months. Oil and heating fuel prices will make their effects known this winter. This will hardly be a regional economic problem.

On top of that, the biggest winners will be Bush's supporters who will scoop up the land at 5 cents on the dollar and then demand the government rebuild the infrastructure.

The clean up cost is enormous and will grow higher because Halliburton is getting the contract.

Our government is broke. The collected income tax revenue doesn't even pay the interest on the national debt. Paul O'Neill was fired for informing the administration that our true government debt is \$44 trillion. It can't be repaid. It is illegal debt

and shouldn't be repaid - but that will require a revolution.

There are three months of hurricane season left. It is likely that at least two major hurricanes will strike in the next three months. There is a risk of earthquakes in LA. The strategic reserve needs refilled and oil trading near \$70. Almost a million people were homeless before Katrina struck, with tens of millions living in poverty. Health care costs for veteran's of Iraq will skyrocket with 25,000 severely wounded according to military doctors. Then there is DU poisoning, also adding to public expenditures.

There is no guarantee that had the levee project been completed it could have survived a category 5 hurricane. I believe it should be funded, but there are no guarantees. New Orleans was lucky that the eye veered away from the city. I don't believe that we should be giving Israel one penny, but New Orleans didn't collapse because of aid to Israel. The two billion to Israel is less than what Halliburton will charge the government for doing nothing.

Before we can address how much New Orleans will cost and whether it is worth it to rebuild, we have to deal with the severe economic crisis affecting the country. Everything else is just tossing money into the wind.

Revolution is the only way to extract ourselves from this mess.

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