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*In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt\* unto the great river Euphrates...* —Genesis 15:18

\*Wadi-el-Arish, 50 miles SW of Gaza city. Though much was and is arid, the territory was larger than the area of Germany today.

*The Jewish people did not survive for two millennia in order to pioneer new weaponry, computer security, or anti-missile missiles. We were supposed to be "a light unto the nations". In this we have failed. It turns out that the 2000-year struggle for Jewish survival comes down to a state of settlements, run by an amoral clique of corrupt lawbreakers who are deaf both to their citizens and to their enemies. A state lacking justice cannot survive. More and more Israelis are coming to understand this as they ask their children where they expect to live in 25 years. Children who are honest admit, to their parents' shock, that they do not know.*

—Avraham Burg, former speaker of Israel's parliament.\*

\*Quoted by Alice Rothchild in *Broken Promises, Broken Dreams*. 2007.

## CHAPTER NEWS

This issue of the *Dispatch* features **Israel-Palestine-USA** relations and policy, as a broken key to American power and democracy. Perhaps the right question is "Who is America?" — geopoliticians? rich people with corporate shares? see-no-evil folks who want their comfort and SUVs? folks deprived of college biology? And which views are sustainable?

BCA is adjourned until Fall, when our meeting will be announced in the *Dispatch* and by email, or call 617-266-8687.

Our June meeting, billed as "Cities Networking for Power", was well-attended and lively. Read Joanna Herlihy's report **How Cities Fight Global Warming** on Page 11. Also, in BCA's continuing effort for **democratic trade systems**, read your editor's testimony to the Massachusetts legislature on Page 7.

## Impeach Now

### Or Face the End of Constitutional Democracy

by Paul Craig Roberts, CounterPunch, 16 July 2007

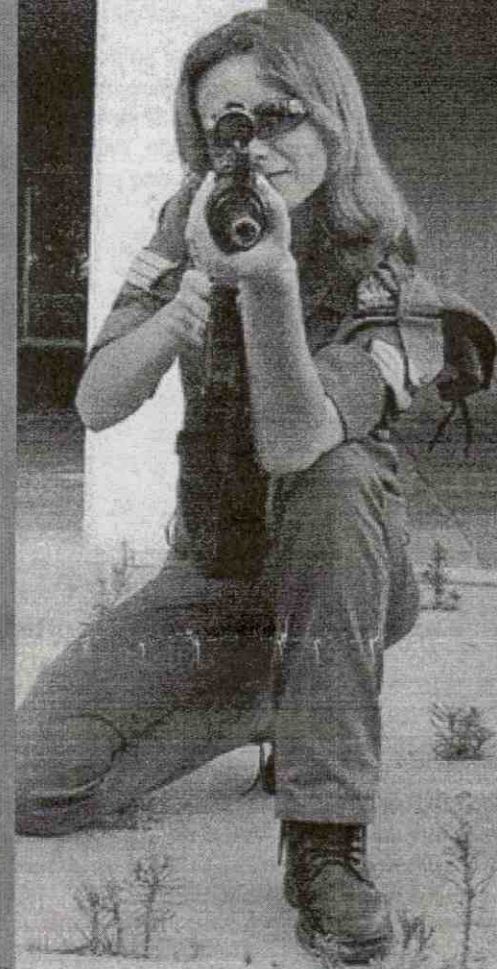
**U**nless Congress immediately impeaches Bush and Cheney, a year from now the US could be a dictatorial police state at war with Iran.

Bush has put in place all the necessary measures for dictatorship in the form of "executive orders" that are triggered whenever Bush declares a national emergency. Recent statements by Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff, former Republican senator Rick Santorum and others suggest that Americans might expect a series of staged, or false flag, "terrorist" events in the near future.

Many attentive people believe that the reason the Bush administration will not bow to expert (Continued on Page 10 >>)

U.S.-ISRAEL

PALESTINE



**Israeli soldier aims automatic weapon.** Posted on a right-wing American web site with the title *Nice Jewish Girls with Assault Rifles*. The blogger put these words in her mouth: "Here's lookin' at you, you insecure, woman-hating piece of Islamofascist trash."

## Undoing Our Tangled Web

### Israel & USA—The Time for Divorce

by Chris Hedges, TruthDig.com, 2 July 2007

**I**srael, without the United States, would probably not exist. The country came perilously close to extinction during the October 1973 war when Egypt, trained and backed by the Soviet Union, crossed the Suez and the Syrians poured in over the Golan Heights. Huge American military transport planes came to the rescue. They began landing every half-hour to refit the battered Israeli army, which had lost most of its heavy armor. By the time the war was over, the United States had given Israel \$2.2 billion in emergency military aid.

The intervention, which enraged the Arab world, triggered the OPEC oil embargo that for a time wreaked havoc on Western economies. This was perhaps the most dramatic example of the sustained life-support system the United States has provided to the Jewish state.

Israel was born at midnight May 14, 1948. The U.S. recognized the new state 11 minutes later. The two countries have been locked in a deadly embrace ever since.

Washington, at the beginning of the relationship, was able to be a moderating influence. An incensed President Eisenhower demanded and got Israel's withdrawal after the Israelis occupied Gaza in 1956. During the Six-Day War in 1967, Israeli warplanes bombed the USS Liberty. The ship, (Continued on next page >>)

