

know, the people who think creationism is a science and that evolution isn't a science. Mr. Crowley doesn't seem to believe in science or just the science that suits him.

We have Paul Simon of the Student Peace Alliance; he actually thinks you can have a Department of Peace, a governmental agency run by politicians. He has an excuse. He's a young college kid naïve to the worldly ways. Once there is a government agency, the politicians from all sides will stack the department with political lackeys and patronage appointees, and it'll turn into another joke of an agency. Politicians are crooks, Paul.

Chris Willow-Oak talks about the coming wars and the "corn wars" in particular. Most scientists agree that the Earth can take about 8 billion of us; we're at about 6.5 billion now. Time's a runnin' out. The smart person would say, "How about population control?"

Most people are too arrogant to say that we need to start controlling our birth rate, either from a "religious" arrogance or a naturalist arrogance point of view. Mr. Willow-Oak might be in that camp too. Looks like that most of *EW*'s letters are from "bitch and complain and wish it were different" crowd. Mr. Browne, Andrews and Williamson's letters are a breath of fresh air and reason. Doesn't seem that there are too many of those types in town.

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BUSH'S OBJECTIVES

George Bush may actually pull off one of his two objectives in Iraq.

His first objective, getting control of

Iraq's oil for American corporations, is probably not possible. To do that he would have to somehow pacify Iraq enough to keep a "friendly" government in power long enough to hand over the oil. This looks very unlikely.

His second objective was to acquire permanent American bases in Iraq from which to launch attacks, when necessary, against other Middle Eastern countries, thus establishing American control over the area. That may still be doable.

Democrats and Republicans in Congress are reportedly headed towards a merged strategy which will reduce the number of troops in Iraq and pull them back to defensible bases in the desert away from major population centers. Their mission would be redefined as protecting those bases, attacking anyone we choose to define as "terrorists" and training Iraq government troops. There will be much less combat.

This de-escalation of the war will push it off the evening news, towards the back pages of American newspapers and out of national politics. American casualties will be greatly reduced. The Iraq War will become like the war in Afghanistan, something few of us pay much attention to. The peace movement will collapse.

If people don't want that to happen, they need to demand that their senators and representatives vote against any further funding for the war and support only a total immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops and mercenaries from Iraq.

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