## MADMAN

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Yet, after just 6 months of sanctions in the Middle East, we take swift military action. The Surbs of Europe have been committing human rights atrocities at a staggering rate, but the American public is told that we can't risk American lives in such a risky conflict. I agree with that position, but once again its policy sharply conflicts the military

action in the Middle East.

Let's look at it another way. Let's say even though America is an independent nation state, some foreign power decides that American planes can no longer fly between Utah and California, or Illinois and New York. This rule is enacted because of the terrible way we have, and are currently treating the native Americans. Any planes flying

between the California, Nevada, and Utah, no fly zone would be shot down.

If you were the leader of the country, it would be obvious that your independence had been challenged, and that would make you upset. Also, your economic infrastructure was constantly being bombarded with random acts of military aggression, on the assumption that some of its

buildings may contain nuclear facilities.

If you add to the fact that your sources have discovered since the hostile country couldn't destroy you during an "all out war," it is establishing secret operations to assassinate you. That could mean any "leader" and spokesman for a region, a mad man.

Finally, we all know the real

reason for our concentration on the Middle East. It contains 60% of the world's oil reserves! Our government could care less about human rights or people, they need the oil! It seems strange to me that a country which can't supply its need for petroleum, would move to take control of another regions natural resources. If we can't generate enough oil on "our" Ameri-

can soil, then we should be accountable.

But...we learned from the "Mad" imperialists of several centuries now that, what we need we just take, even if the valuable resources are on someone else's land. If you don't believe me ask the African people, the native Americans, the Latin Americans, the Native Australians, and now the Middle East.

## SENIOR CITIZEN TAX ASSISTANCE AND RENT REBATE PROGRAM

Senior citizens, 62 and older, whose 1992 income was less than \$19,100, may be eligible for the senior citizen tax assistance and rent rebate program. Representatives from the Clark County Assessor's Office will be at the Derfelt Senior Center, 3333 W. Washington Ave., Monday, February 8 at 2 p.m., to answer questions about the program and assist seniors with applications. This program is being sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. Call 229-6601.

## TODAY'S CHILD

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fare System to provide for their safety, comfort and basic needs. All of these children have one thing in common, they need a real family.

The Division of Child and Family Services believes that every child who is legally free for adoption, is adoptable.

"Special Needs" children are children of any age who have emotional, physical or intellectual challenges. Sometimes, they are members of a sibling group who need to remain together. Special needs can also be defined as children over the age of five, members of a minority, or any child where special recruitment is needed.

Families interested in adopting "Special Needs Children," do not go on a waiting list. However, an adoption homestudy is not initiated until special needs preparation classes are completed. These classes are provided free to applicants; additional support services are also available.

Readers interested in adopting these children or other special children can call Ann Coleman at 486-5195.



