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«Il Male»

Sono passati alla storia i clamorosi falsi del «Male», a cominciare dalle prime pagine di vari quotidiani nelle quali Ugo Tognazzi veniva additato come capo delle Br. Meraviglioso il falso della «Bild Zeitung» tedesca che annunciava, con dieci anni di anticipo, il crollo del muro di Berlino.

Luther Blissett

Il nome collettivo ha ordito numerose baffe ai danni dei mass media. Tra le tante ricordiamo la notizia dell'arresto di don Gelmini data dieci anni prima e quella a «Chi l'ha visto»: nel 1995 l'artista Harry Kipper scompare nelle campagne friulane. Il programma si interessa del caso, ma Harry Kipper non esiste.

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Nation Sets Its Sights on Building Sane Economy

True Cost Tax, Salary Caps, Trust-Busting Top List

By T. VELEN

The President has called for swift passage of the Safeguards for a New Economy (S.A.N.E.) bill. The omnibus economic package includes a federal maximum wage, mandatory "True Cost Accounting," a phased withdrawal from complex financial instruments, and other measures intended to improve life for ordinary Americans. (See highlights box on Page A10.) He also repeated earlier calls for passage of the "Ban on Lobbying" bill currently making its way through Congress.

Treasury Secretary Paul Krugman stressed the importance of the bill. "Markets make great servants, terrible leaders, and absurd religions," said Krugman, quoting Paul Hawken, an advocate of corporate responsibility and author of "Blessed Unrest, How the Largest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw It Coming."

"At this point, the market is our

leader and our religion. No wonder the median standard of living has been declining so much for so long."

Krugman said that the new Treasury bill seeks to ensure the prosperity of all citizens, rather than simply supporting large corporations and the wealthy. "The market is supposed to serve us. Unfortunately, we have ended up serving the market. That's very bad."

Much as Roosevelt, after the Great Depression, put the brakes on C.E.O. wages and irresponsible banking practices, administration officials claim that today we need to rein in the industry that has caused such chaos and misery.

"The building blocks of post-World War II American middle-class prosperity have all been swept away," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who initially op-

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Maximum Wage Law Succeeds

Salary Caps Will Help
Stabilize Economy

By J.K. MALONE

WASHINGTON — After long and often bitter debate, Congress has passed legislation, fiercely fought for by labor and progressive groups, that will limit top salaries to fifteen times the minimum wage. Tying the bill to a plan of overall reform of the U.S. economy, the bill echoes a similar effort enacted by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1942, which was followed by the longest period of growth for the middle class in U.S. history.

"When C.E.O. salaries remain

TREASURY ANNOUNCES "TRUE COST" TAX PLAN

By MARCUS S. DRIGGS

The long-awaited "True Cost" plan, which requires product prices to reflect their cost to society, has been signed into law.

Beginning next month, throw-away items like plastic water bottles and other items which are wasteful or damaging to the environment will be heavily taxed, as in many developed countries. Steep taxes will also apply to large cars and gasoline.

The new plan calls for a 200 per-

IRAQ WAR ENDS



U.S. Army helicopters begin moving troops and equipment from Saddam Hussein's former Baghdad palace. COURTESY ARMY.MIL

Troops to Return Immediately

By JUDE SHINBIN

WASHINGTON — Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom were brought to an unceremonious close today with a quiet announcement by the Department of Defense that troops would be home within weeks.

"This is the best face we can put on the most unfortunate adventure in modern American history," Defense spokesman Kevin Stiles said at a special joint session of Congress. "Today, we can finally enjoy peace — not the peace of the brave, perhaps, but at least peace."

As U.S. and coalition troops withdraw from Iraq and Afghanistan, the United Nations will move in to perform peacekeeping duties and aid in rebuilding. The U.N. will be responsible for keeping the two countries stable; coordinating the rebuilding of hospitals, schools, highways, and other infrastructure; and overseeing upcoming elections.

The Department of the Treasury confirmed that all U.N. dues owed by the U.S. were paid as of this morning, and that moneys previously earmarked for the war would be sent directly to the U.N.'s Iraq Oversight Body.

The president noted that the Iraq War had resulted in the burning of many bridges. "Yet our history with our allies runs deep," he said, "and we all know that friends forgive friends for anything. Or nearly." A spokesperson for the French Ministry of Defense confirmed that France would assist the U.S. withdrawal. "The U.S. helped the Soviet Union defeat Hitler. We do recognize that."

In conflict zones worldwide, leaders and rebels pledged peace. (See "In Conflict Zones Worldwide,

Recruiters Train for New Life
As a ban is imposed on recruiting minors, executives nationwide look for new work. The Times follows one on his job-hunt odyssey through Manhattan and surrounding areas.

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USA Patriot Act Repealed
Eight years later, a shamefaced Congress quietly repeals the much-maligned USA Patriot Act, unanimously... or almost.

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Evangelicals Open Homes to Refugees

Up to a million Iraqi exiles — nearly half of the total — will find sanctuary in Christian homes across the U.S., vows the National Association of Evangelicals. Other denominations are expected to follow.

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**Ex-Secretary
Apologizes for
W.M.D. Scare**

300,000 Troops Never Faced
Risk of Instant Obliteration

By FRANK LARIMORE

Ex-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reassured soldiers that the Bush Administration had known well before the invasion that Saddam Hussein lacked weapons of mass destruction.

L'home page del sito clone del «New York Times»

«LA GUERRA È FINITA», PECCATO SIA UN FALSO

Un gruppo di attivisti ha distribuito negli Usa più di un milione di copie del «New York Times» che annunciava la fine del conflitto in Iraq. La prima pagina è approdata anche on line, in un mondo parallelo di pace

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«G li Stati Uniti sono il luogo dove tutto è possibile», ha dichiarato Barack Obama nel suo primo discorso da Presidente eletto. La carica di entusiasmo

e ottimismo che ha accompagnato l'elezione del neopresidente è stata presa alla lettera da un gruppo di attivisti, che il 12 novembre hanno distribuito gratuitamente per le strade di diverse città americane (New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington), secondo l'Associated Press, qualcosa come 1 milione e 200.000 copie del *New York Times*, grazie all'aiuto di un mi-

gliaio di volontari. Il *NYT* di un mondo parallelo, in cui le promesse elettorali di Obama sono diventate realtà: l'assistenza sanitaria è gratuita, lo stipendio dei manager è stato ridotto, e soprattutto la guerra è finita. La copertina del finto *NYT* è presto approdata sul sito di quello vero, che si è dovuto scusare: «Ci spiace, ragazzi, il giornale non è gratuito. E la guerra in Iraq non è finita. Non ancora, alme-