

第 29 篇 [閱報"讀者投書"] [Write a letter to the editor after you read the daily newspaper]

命題大意：根據讀報對某一文章, 圖片或信件有特殊意見, 寫信給編輯.

寫作大意：根據讀洛杉磯時報某一文章擬一“讀者投書”。

ASSIGNMENT: 1/15/2003

[Take your emotional temperature you read the daily newspaper. Write a response to the story article, photograph or letter that evokes most heat, and send it in as a letter to the editor]

WRITING : 1/22/2003

This assignment made me to draft a LETTER TO THE TIMES" as follows:

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RE: The article appears on the LA Times 1/18/2003, by Times staff writer Johanna Neuman, on the subject "The WWII Generation Asks What This War Would Be Good For." The Times staff writer interviewed eight members of the WWII generation of various backgrounds mostly served in the military. They all expressed that, they are patriotic but disagree with the action of attacking Iraqi under the present circumstances.

As a resident in LA of the WW 11 generation, I would like to express the following opinion: When the world focusing on the Washington's intensified preparation of attacking Iraq, some international and/or domestic scholars raise the following questions: Is America an empire? What is the feature of this empire? What kind of policy should it adopt if she is going the way (of imperialism)? Would she be successful eventually as an empire?

England never denies the fact of her having been an empire in the 19 century to exploit the world territories and resources, but in the same time she maintained the world largely in stability and promoted the world civilization at that time. Though some people now label America an empire of the 21st century, the Bush administration never admits SHE is. They might assume America's acting as a world police to lead the world to keep in order and security, and to solve problems like drug, terrorism, poverty, economic crisis etc in the world. America advocates democracy, human right and woman right and globalization, all of which are advantageous to the world. The world however, doesn't see American is doing well on the above advocacy.

The point that makes the world feel the America basically pursuing imperialism is that, it possesses the strongest military forces to search and control the global resources for its own benefit. It alleges to attack other countries at its own will and seeks strategic potential in the world neglecting the sovereignty of other nations.

American is wrong on its thought that military force can be a resort to solve all the problems in the world. Some of the key resources are inevitably falling in the hand of "failed states" to ferment terrorism. Terrorists' aiming to America an object to attack likely because they don't think America a good enough world police.

If America really wants to be a good world police, she should not overlook other countries' interest and sovereignty when striving to develop and protect its own. It should use more "soft process"(culture) to solve the world problems and less hard process" (military). Even acting as a world police, imperialism empire cannot expect to win the hearty support in the world in the long run.

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