

Eye on the World

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"Civil Servants Strike Against Austerity Plan," reads the headline of a Reuters article at france24.com. It was posted on June 8, 2010.

"Unions said 75 percent of Spain's 2.3 million public workers went on strike Tuesday in protest of a planned five percent cut to their salaries, part of a sweeping austerity package meant to curb the country's swelling public deficit."

All this was due to the government forcing through a plan to cut 15 billion euros from the budget.

"One in five workers is employed by the public sector."



RT.com posted an article titled "Bilderberg 2010 Wrapping Up in Spain."

"The annual meeting where the world's most powerful people come together and discuss world affairs in secret is wrapping up in Spain."

Reports stated that this year's focus is "the development and strengthening of the euro."

"The Bilderberg Group is an unofficial conference of around 150 invitation-only guests who are insiders in politics, banking, business, the military and the media. The group's meetings are held in secret and are closed to the public; the group supposedly meets to strategize global politics and economics for the coming year. The recent 2010 conference was held at a luxury hotel in Sitges, Spain, under heavy security."

According to the article, some of the journalists and protesters attempting to cover the event were detained and harassed by security guards and police.

Although the participants wish to remain unseen, journalist Charlie Skelton got some photos. One notable attendee was Henry Kissinger. Mr. Skelton is with *The Guardian*.

Mr. Skelton said he is baffled by the secrecy in view of the fact the organization claims to work toward making the world a better place. The group has been around since the 1950s.

Security was said to cost about 10 million euros.



On Tuesday, June 8, 2010, WorldNetDaily.com ran an article titled "10,000 Throng to Stop Ground Zero Mosque" and "Group Vows to Sue Federal Government: 3,000 Good Americans Didn't Die in Vain."

The article was written by Chelsea Schilling.

"As many as 10,000 protesters from across the country—including family members who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, 2010—took to the streets in New York City Sunday to fight construction of a 13-story Islamic mosque to be built just steps from Ground Zero, where Muslim terrorists murdered 2,751 people in the name of Allah.

"Now the organizers plan to sue the federal government to designate the site as a war memorial.

"As WND reported, the new Islamic mosque plans to open its doors on Sept. 11, 2011—the 10th anniversary of that fateful day when time stood still as millions of Americans grieved the loss of loved ones, friends, family members, co-workers and strangers.

"The group Stop Islamization of America, or SIOA, led by Pamela Geller, Atlas Shrugs blogger and columnist, hosted a 'No 9/11 Mosque' rally at Ground Zero June 6 to protest the mosque construction. Geller hosted the event with SIOA Associate Director Robert Spencer, director of Jihad Watch, a program of the David Horowitz Freedom Center.

" 'The only Muslim center that should be built in the shadow of the World Trade Center is one that is devoted to expunging the Quran and all Islamic teachings of the violent jihad that they prescribe, as well as all hateful texts and incitement to violence,' Geller said in a release announcing the protest."

Thousands of protesters came from many states from across the country. Many religions were represented.

The article reported that NBC, ABC, CNN, CBS and even Fox did not show for the protest.

"On June 4, 2009, President Obama had given a speech to the Muslim world from Cairo in which he stated:

" 'I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world, one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect, and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap and share com-

mon principles—principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings . . . So I have known Islam on three continents before coming to the region where it was first revealed. That experience guides my conviction that partnership between America and Islam must be based on what Islam is, not what it isn't. And I consider it part of my responsibility as president of the United States to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear."

WND readers have been posting their input. Here are some of the statements:

"Please, please, someone tell me this is a very, very sick joke. Please? My stomach is turning, my head is spinning, and the souls of the dead and the cries of the families are screaming in my ears."

"Over my dead body."

"Will we see an Aryan Nation office next door to the Holocaust museum?"

"Wake up. Turn off 'American Idol.' Start paying attention to what we are allowing both state and federal governments to do to the greatest nation the world has ever known. A U.S. Marine in Iraq stated, 'America's not at war. The Marines are at war. America's at the mall!'"

"We will never be safe because our government will not admit that we are at war with Islam, and it will not stop until one of us wins."

"To put a mosque at Ground Zero would be as bad as putting a flag with a rising sun at Pearl Harbor."

"I think the 'zero' in Ground Zero stands for the amount of respect our government has for this country they are running and the nearly 3,000 lives massacred by this peaceful Islamic religion . . . If the Muslims want to put a symbol of peace where the largest terrorist attack in the history of our country has occurred, how about a cross? The cross symbolizes Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for those 3,000 innocent lives and even for the ones flying the planes and the ones planning their next attack on American soil! That's the greatest symbol of peace you could ask for. God bless America."