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Franks was also praised for ensuring that civilian casualties were limited to "a very, very small number which we don't even know and can't tell you how many."

Paul Bremer was the US-appointed civilian administrator in Iraq, leading the US-appointed Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) before it handed power over to the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council. Bush said that Bremer will be remembered for his superb work in laying the foundations of democracy in Iraq. "Newspapers critical of the CPA were closed. Political groups opposed to the occupation were hounded and outlawed. Iraqi families were terrorised weekly by having their homes ransacked and searched. Ordinary citizens were picked up off from the streets, detained without trial, sexually humiliated and tortured. In short, thanks to Paul, freedom and democracy is today alive and well in Iraq."

Bremer was also hailed for beginning the successful reconstruction of Iraq. "Under him, four-fifths of the country does not have a clean water supply, three-quarters is without electricity supply, half the schools are either destroyed or closed, all hospitals are out of medical supplies, you're up to your ankles in sewage in the streets - but, hell, he kept the oil wells flowing."

Bush concluded that these "these three men symbolize the good influence of America on the world. Whenever people laugh at yet another joke about missing WMDs, or hear about yet another Iraqi town we've flattened or see a naked man on a leash in a prison, they will think of the great ol' US of A."

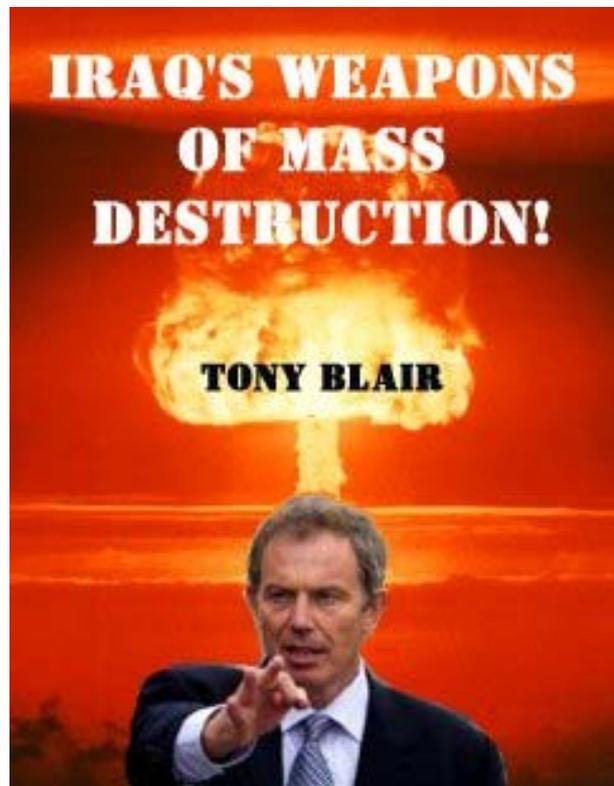
In a related development, the Chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee Dr Olaf Heyerdall today announced the winners of this year's awards. The Nobel Prize For Literature (Fiction) was awarded to the British Prime

Minister Tony Blair for his dossier 'Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction'. "The book is reminiscent of Dante's Inferno, terrifying its reader with its surreal flights of fantasy and detailed exploration of the realms of its imaginary, nightmarish world," said Dr Heyerdall. "Mr Blair's fictional prose is truly breath-taking in its depth of creativity and sheer imagination."

The Nobel Prize for Medicine went to Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinskii commander-in-chief of the Abu Ghraib Prison. "The US military probed and studied the human anatomy and behavioural psychology there using techniques and methods which no decent medical researcher would even contemplate with laboratory rats," said Dr Heyerdall.

Three members of the Prize Committee had to be sedated and hospitalised when they were tragically struck by uncontrollable fits of epileptic laughter upon receiving a nomination by Harald T. Nesvik, a Right-wing Norwegian Member of Parliament, proposing Bush and Blair for the Nobel Peace Prize for their "decisive action against terrorism."

The Nobel Peace Prize was subsequently awarded to Frank Weissman, the owner of the Weissman and Sons Bakery which manufactured the pretzel which Bush choked on in January 2002.



**Blair's best-seller grabbed this year's Nobel Prize for Fiction**