

Spain Gets War?

No, not yet. The Spanish people were indeed given the choice between war and shame, they did indeed choose shame, they will indeed **get war**. But the **bomb** found on a Spanish high-speed railway track today is not that war. That's not how it works. In the short run, appeasement usually pays off.

Nevertheless, this incident does illustrate two points that appeasers everywhere desperately need to consider. The first is that the terrorists of the world are already working as hard as they can to kill good people and bring down the only society in which people can become better. Partial submission will seem as meaningless a gesture to them as it does to you. It will not placate them, any more than an offer to exempt Methodists from terrorism would placate President Bush. And by the same token, refusing to submit will not make them any angrier. They are already mass-murdering innocent people! They could not be more angry.

The second point is that the enemies of civilisation, though they have become remarkably similar in their strategies and tactics, are diverse in their other aims and ideologies. So people who initially hoped that the attacks of March 11 were perpetrated by Basque separatist terrorists rather than by Al Qaeda, and those who now hope that today's bomb wasn't placed by Muslims, are missing this bigger picture: in regard to the appeasement issue, it really doesn't matter whose bomb this is. If it is Al Qaeda's, then Spain has been unlucky and appeasement has failed in record time. But suppose for the sake of argument that Al Qaeda has decided not to attack Spain for the moment. Then nevertheless, Spain has been unlucky and appeasement is failing. For whoever planted this bomb wants something, and they expect their demands to be met just as they saw Al Qaeda's being met. And they won't stop until they either get what they want or the survivors among them despair of ever getting it.

What if this bomb was set by some ultra-nationalist terrorist group opposed to the appeasement of Muslims? Take this to its logical conclusion: if rival terrorist groups make opposite demands, which one does the appeaser choose to appease? And in either case, what good does it do? What effect can it have, other than to attract even more terrorists to the decaying corpse of the appeasers' society?

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