Mr. Speaker, to find out how chaotic, how messed up the

situation in Iraq is, all you need to do is read the front page of

yesterday's Washington Post. The top headline said, ``Trouble Spots Dot

Iraqi Landscape.'' The subhead read: ``Attacks erupting away from

Fallujah.''

The story says:

This is a story about fighting in Mosul.

U.S. troops have taken control of Fallujah, but the insurgents have

simply moved out to fight alongside supporters in several other Iraqi

cities. At least 38 additional U.S. troops have been killed and at

least 320 more wounded in this most recent fighting.

Fortune magazine, Mr. Speaker, in its November 25, 2002 edition, a

couple of months before the war started, had an article entitled

``Iraq--We Win--What Then?'' The Fortune article said:

How right this article was.

James Webb, a hero in Vietnam and President Reagan's Secretary of the

Navy, wrote in The Washington Post before the war:

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Webb was strongly opposed to such an occupation.

Charley Reese, the very popular conservative columnist, wrote, again

before the war:

A few months ago, our own government took a poll and found that 92

percent of Iraqis regard us as occupiers rather than liberators. These

people really do not appreciate what we have done for them. No one can

legitimately criticize our troops, and I certainly would not. They are

simply following orders and doing a great job. But when people say we

made a mistake going in there but now that we are there we have to

stay, we have to get the job done, that is like saying we know we are

going the wrong way down the interstate, but we have to keep going

anyway. I think you get off at the next exit.

We should announce to the world that we have done far more than any

other nation has done for another country in the history of the world.

We have spent almost $200 billion, more than 90 percent of the money

and casualties have been American, but we really cannot help any more

until Iraqis stop killing our young soldiers and stop blowing each

other up. That is what we should announce.

For those who say Iraq would go into chaos if we leave, they should

read yesterday's Washington Post. The chaos is already there.

Columnist Georgie Anne put it best: