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"The Battle of Algiers"

7:30pm - Friday, Feb 20th, 2004

First Unitarian Church, 160 North 3rd. St., San Jose

"If you want to understand what's happening right now in Iraq, I recommend 'The Battle of Algiers'", Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national-security advisor

DIRECTED BY GILLO PONTECORVO, 1965
THE BATTLE OF ALGIERS



This film is as relevant today as it was in 1965!

Format: Black and white, French & Arabic w/subtitles

Director: Gillo Pontecorvo, 117 min

"Re-creating the carnage of fifties Algeria—bombings, assassinations, police torture—*The Battle of Algiers* is as relevant today as it was in 1965 [and was screened by the Pentagon in August, 2003]. I wonder if these politicians are aware that Pontecorvo's epic was once used by the Black Panthers as a training film? In fact, not much in the current Iraq situation is historically comparable to the late-fifties Algerian struggle for independence dramatized in *The Battle of Algiers*, but its anatomy of terror remains unsurpassed—and, woefully, ever fresh."

"The horror unleashed in *The Battle of Algiers* cannot be fitted into neat partisan formulations, which is perhaps why so many disparate groups, from the Panthers to the Pentagon, have tried to claim the film for their own agenda. What reveals Pontecorvo as an artist, and not simply a propagandist of genius, is the sorrow he tries to stifle but that comes flooding through anyway—the sense that *all* sides in this conflict have lost their souls, and that all men are carrion."

-- Peter Rainer, New York Metro

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As the flier inviting guests to the Pentagon screening declared: "How to win a battle against terrorism and lose the war of ideas. Children shoot soldiers at point-blank range. Women plant bombs in cafes. Soon the entire Arab population builds to a mad fervor. Sound familiar? The French have a plan. It succeeds tactically, but fails strategically. To understand why, come to a rare showing of this film." (August, 2003)

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