

Standably Concerned about U.S. Cit. area, there is another side. Ordinary people.

their friends remain in work at half had native asked that his from 18 to 30. They see nothing OM life, All said.
Ali Would like to return to Iraq. The Worry about them too.

The Iragi Dalive them too.

The Iragi Dalive dasked that his Although he has become to trage caid he would name Iraqi nalive asked hat his called Ali of repri-Although ne nas Decoine a Culzen not hack even now in the Would sal. He will be called Ali. go back, even now saw the would not for hic wife and four Sal. He Will De Called All.

Company works for a construction the Clear Lake area of go Dack, even now, m the number of war, if not for his wife and four Company run by same street in the Clear Lake area of horas in horas in horas in children.
(Iraqi) Surrender
will Care Ministry of Defense to the
Although he left Iraq because of children. Houston before laking a job here in of August. Dunlap said Ali is one of August. Duniap saig All is one of problem. Although he left had because of Recently, the company, which War, and has family in danger bet hot also will not be company, which ohtaining be named, had trought ble obtaining be named had troubloyees. After gas mask, had trounumber weeks of delay by

Alientan early by

Cause of a new war, Ali does veblame of a new war, An aves noise in hie life Hussein for the worries in his life. ployees. After weeks of delay by a company had 500 hours later, and wave masks. He 'I like Saddam'

In fact, Ali said, "I like Saddam. Before Saddam, I the Saddam.

Arah nobody

the before asks about the Ausseln nobody nation, the Palestinian problem.

her killed in war And the Arab World spent more soft-spoken, cherubic 29 than And the Arab World spent more comments and now you can and this problem, and palactiniane to said he and his wife left nothing. Jeans on uns provient, and something about the palestinians of the palestinians." and came to Saudi Arabia For now about the Falestinans.

Analis Analis all Ali can do is work in aroon ecalise of the Iran-Iraq Saudi now, all All can ao Is work in the working nart ic the each this father in that con-Worry. The working part is the eas. brought my family iest.

It is clear his co-workers are fond of him. When co-workers are treating him later, Ali's mother other employees are treating him, inke with him him, Outer employees are treating nim, at the firm of the few Americans the Baghdad area attack it fiercely. ontacting them, at the firm. n't know if I

at the tirm.

Just us two, "Ali said, war in office.

In turn. Dunlan ohvionely likes In turn, Dunlap obviously likes Ali. In turn, ountap obviously likes among Saudis for the Iragi neonle. es say) here encountered
among Saudis Very little
hate, Nobody has for the Iraqi people,
really happened said, "This overnight, and nohad ime lo get mad at Per is now the last which heally nappened overnight, and no-anyhody in had time to get mad at e gulf anybody. lwait,

It is Clear, at least, that one Iraqi nger native is not mad at America as he

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — A management employee of a construction company here is very worried. His mother and six sisters live in an area severely threatened by the gulf war. His brother is in the army and stationed, apparently, very near the front lines.

And the manager is a native of Iraq, living in Saudi Arabia.

While Americans are understandably concerned about U.S. citizens in the Persian Gulf area, there is another side.

Ordinary people, who work at ordinary jobs, remain in Iraq. And their friends and relatives elsewhere worry about them, too.

The Iraqi native asked that his name not be used for fear of reprisal. He will be called Ali.

Ali works for a construction company run by Jamie Dunlap, who lived in the Clear Lake area of Houston before taking a job here in August. Dunlap said Ali is one of his best employees, a real problemsolver.

Recently, the company, which also will not be named, had trouble obtaining gas masks for employees. After weeks of delay by Saudi authorities, Dunlap said, Ali was sent out and, two hours later, the company had 500 masks. He clearly has winning ways.

Father killed in war

Ali, a soft-spoken, cherubic 29year-old, said he and his wife left Baghdad and came to Saudi Arabia in 1980, because of the Iran-Iraq war. He lost his father in that conflict.

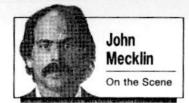
"For that I brought my family here. For life," he said.

Now, 11 years later, Ali's mother and sisters are in the Baghdad area while allied forces attack it fiercely. He has no way of contacting them, or knowing if they are safe.

"I just see TV. I don't know if I believe (what authorities say) here or there," he said.

Ali's 33-year-old brother is now in the Iraqi army. Ali said the last information he received, which came before the start of the gulf war, placed his brother in Kuwait, where he also may be in danger from the allied air campaign.

Ali's brother did not volunteer for service. Few do, Ali said. "Nobody likes to go in the army. This means war. This means die. All the people in army (range in age)



from 18 to 30. They see nothing from life," Ali said.

Ali would like to return to Iraq. Although he has become a citizen of Saudi Arabia, he said he would go back, even now, in the middle of war, if not for his wife and four children.

"If I surrender myself to the (Iraqi) Ministry of Defense, who will care for my family? For that, it is very hard in Baghdad," he said.

Although he left Iraq because of war, and has family in danger because of a new war, Ali does not blame Iraqi president Saddam Hussein for the worries in his life.

'I like Saddam'

In fact, Ali said, "I like Saddam. Before Saddam Hussein nobody asks about the Arab nation, the Palestinian problem.

"And the Arab world spent more than 40 years on this problem, and nothing. And now you can do something about the Palestinians."

For now, all Ali can do is work in Saudi Arabia, wait for the "green light" to go home to Baghdad and worry. The working part is the easiest.

It is clear his co-workers are fond of him. When asked how the other employees are treating him, Ali began to joke with his boss, Dunlap, one of the few Americans at the firm.

"We'll make small war in office. Just us two," Ali said, laughing.

In turn, Dunlap obviously likes Ali. In fact, Dunlap said, he has encountered very little animosity among Saudis for the Iraqi people. "Nobody has really got anybody to hate," Dunlap said. "This thing really happened overnight, and nobody really had time to get mad at anybody."

It is clear, at least, that one Iraqi native is not mad at America as he worries about his family and hopes for a quick end to the war.

"I'd like to say (to Americans); I'll see them after the war stops, and there is peace also, and we are brother and friend.

"And then we shake hands."

Houston Post | Wednesday, January 23, 1991 | A-11 qi awaits day WAR IN THE GULF hen we're all prothers, friends On the Scene DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia Unankaly, Sauut Alaula a con-management employee of a con-etruction company here is very management employee of a convery here is very struction. His mother and six sisters worried. His mother and threatened hive in an area covered, threatened hive in an area covered. from 18 to 30. They see nothing from 18 to Alisaid. womed, rus momer and six sisters live in an area severely threatened live in an area severely throther is in by the gulf war. m me, An said.
Ali would like to return to Iraq. Although he has become a citizen he want he want he as become a citizen he caid he want he wan the gulf war. the gulf war. Almough he has become a chizen of Saudi Arabia, now in the middle by the gull war, rus pround is in the army and stationed, apparently, the trent lines or Saudi Arabia, he said he would or Saudi Arabia, he said he middle go back, even now, in the and four of war, if not for his wife and four of his wife and his wif Ty near the manager is a native of And the manager Arahia very near the front lines. ildren surrender myself to the who rang me manager is a na Iraq, living in Saudi Arabia. While Americans are under "If I surrender myself to the who is very hard he left tran hecause of an arm of the left tran hecause of the left transfer transf write Americans are under-standably concerned about U.S. cit-trans in the pareion Cuit area stanuauly concerned about U.3. cit-izens in another eide izens in the rersian cull area.

Izens in the rersian cull area.

Ithere is another side. who work at there is another side. who work at there is another side.

Ordinary inhe remain in Iran And ordinary inhe remain in Iran And very mara in pagndad, he said of Although he left trad because of Although has family in danger of and has family in danger of the said of children. Aunough he jen had because of war, and has family in Air dose not Ordinary people, who work and ordinary people, remain in Iraq. else-ordinary jobs, remain relatives else-ordinary friends and relatives war, and nas ramity in danger better, and nas ramity in danger not does hus a new war, Ali does Hus cause of a new warries in his life blame tradi president in his life blame for the worries in his life. orumary lous, remain in radio their friends about them to men menos and relatives for them, too.
Where worry about them, too. The Iradi havive asked that his viame radi president padam r sein for the worries in his life. The tradi native asked that his name not be used for fear of repri-In fact, Ali said, Hussein nobody, the Before about the asks about northlem. sal. He will be called Ali.
construction
company run by Clear Lake area in
company in the Clear Lake here in
who lived in the taking a inh here
hereton before taking a 1 like Saddam name not be called Ali. wno uved in the Clear Lake area of Houston before taking a job here in Houston before taking a job here of August. Dunlap said Ali is one of August. Prophers a real problem his heet employees a real problem. lesuman problem.
"And the Arab World spent more And the Arab World Spent more than 40 years on this problem, and nothing his best employees, a real problem Palestinian problem. than 40 years on this problem, and do now you can how you have in nothing. And now palestinians, in nothing about the palestinians in something about the palestinians in something all Ali can do is work in something all all the something all the something all the something all the can do is work in something all the solver, the company, which Recently, the named, had trou-also will not be named, for emmeuning about the Foresumans in For now, all Ali can do is work in For now, all Ali can do the work in the state of the st For now, an An can go is work in green the "green and for the green and saudi Arabia, wait to Baghdad and Saudi Arabia home to Baghdad as the east light" The working part is the east work. ple optaining gas masks for emble obtaining gas masks for em-ble obtaining gas masks delay by Alie weeks of delay Alie Ployees. After weeks of said, later, Ployees authorities, two hours later, Saudi authorities, two masks the Saudi sent out and, two masks the was sent out had son masks the ngm to go morning part is the east worry. The working part is the east nest. It is clear his co-workers are the line that the fold of him. When asked how him tond of him other employees are treating him other employees was sem out and, two nours later, the the company had 500 masks. He company had some wave clearly has winning wave tong of nint. When asked how him, other employees are with his boss. outer employees are treating nim, boss, with his boss, Ali began to joke few Americans Dunlap, one of the few Americans at the firm the company mad ways. dearly has winning ways. Father killed in war All, a soft-spoken, cherubic 29year-old, said he and his wife left me urn. We'll make small war in office. year-out, said he and his wife jell Baghdad and came to Saudi Arabia in Topo hereited of the tree to bagnoad and came to Saudi Arabia in 1980, because of the Iran-Iraq in 1980, het hie father in that con-war ke small was laughing likes Just us two, Dunlap obviously Mar. He lost his father in that con-In turn, Duniap opyiously likes
In turn, Duniap said, he has
Ali. In fact, Very the traditionals
encountered very the traditionals at the firm. Au. In lace, Duniap said, ne nas said, ne na ict. for that I brought my family
here. For life, he said.
here. For life, he said.
Now, 11 years later, Baghdad area
and sisters are in the Baghdad it fiercely
while allied forces attack it fiercely
while allied forces. among saudis for the tradit people.
"Nobody has really got anybody thing hate," Dunlap said.
hate, hannened overnight, and nonate, Duniap said. Inis think really happened overnight, and noand sisters are in the pagniau area.
While allied forces attack it fiercely. anybody, had time to get mad at the to get mad at Write atted forces attack it hercely.

He has no way of contacting them,
or knowing if they are eate He has no way of confacting them, or "I just see TV". I don't know if I nyuouy.
It is clear, at least, that one Iraqi
It is clear, at least, America as he
ative is not mad at America native is not mad at America as he holieve (what authorities say) here ie said. brother is now anybody. Ali said the last said the which