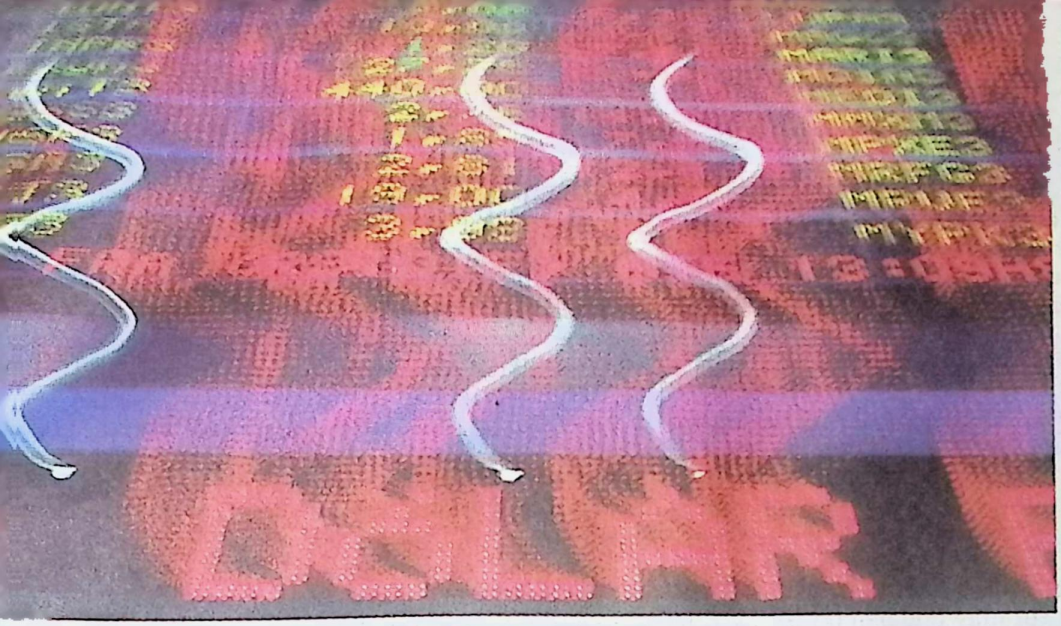


A 700 billion dollar bail out, tax cuts and the promise to increase employment in a country that has lost hope, is a tough ask, but if anyone is up to the task, seemingly Obama is.





As goodbyes become tougher, Obama has pledged to send more troops to Afghanistan, while strategically withdrawing from the mire that is Iraq.

While the economy will never truly be dealt with, Obama will soon need to turn his thoughts to the rest of the world and how to deal with America's image and foreign policy and that's when 6 billion people will sit up and really take notice. He was an outspoken critic of the war in Iraq and his famous speech in 2002 at an anti war rally says a lot about his thoughts on American aggression and could be used to outline what could be known as the Obama Doctrine. His speech at the Federal Plaza in Chicago took place on the same day and almost at the same hour that George W. Bush and Congress announced the agreement on the joint resolution authorising the Iraq War. The moving speech was nothing short of prophetic, and a brave move for someone seeking public office as the rest of the country was overwhelmingly in favour of the war.

He is quoted as saying; "Let me begin by saying that although this has been billed as an anti-war rally, I stand before you as someone who is not opposed to war in all circumstances. The Civil War was one of the bloodiest in history, and yet it was only through the crucible of the sword, the sacrifice of multitudes, that we could begin to perfect this union, and drive the scourge of slavery from our soil. I don't oppose all wars." He continued, "What I am opposed to is a dumb war. What I am opposed to is a rash war. What I am opposed to is the cynical attempt by Richard Perle and Paul Wolfowitz and other arm-chair, weekend warriors in this Administration to shove their