

## **Military Resistance 10B5**



### **Protest Movement Forces Romanian Prime Minister To Quit:**

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Nationwide Protests Against  
Budget Cuts And Declining Living  
Standards”**

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Soldiers”**

# **Slovakia “Shaken On Friday By The Largest Protests Since The End Of Communism There In 1989”**

## **“People Demonstrated Against Alleged Government Corruption Against A Backdrop Of Cuts To Health Care, Transportation And Other Services”**

FEBRUARY 7, 2012 By GORDON FAIRCLOUGH, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

Romania's prime minister quit on Monday after a series of at-times violent nationwide protests against budget cuts and declining living standards, as deepening political turmoil fueled by Europe's prolonged economic crisis spreads across the Continent.

Thousands of Romanians have taken to the wintry streets of Bucharest and other cities in recent weeks to vent their anger at the center-right administration of Emil Boc, who has implemented tough austerity measures in an effort to shore up state finances.

The collapse of confidence in Mr. Boc and his team reflects waning popular support for belt-tightening after years of higher taxes and reductions in public-sector salaries and pensions that have so far not been accompanied by a return to robust economic growth.

Neighboring Slovakia, also hit by Europe's downturn, was shaken on Friday by the largest protests since the end of communism there in 1989, as people demonstrated against alleged government corruption against a backdrop of cuts to health care, transportation and other state services.

**Such upheavals are increasingly calling into question the longer-term political viability of the kind of austerity programs prescribed by the European Union and International Monetary Fund for Europe's struggling and indebted nations.**

The EU and IMF, which rescued Romania from the brink of insolvency in 2009 with a \$26 billion loan conditioned on spending cuts and other steps, on Monday said their "program remains on track."

**The country's opposition alliance—which has an approval rating of about 50% in recent opinion polls, compared with less than 20% for Mr. Boc's party—has called for an early vote.**

**Opposition leader Victor Ponta also has pledged to work with the IMF.**

**In a sign of the popular mood, televised footage of a lunch gathering sponsored by the Romanian finance ministry and central bank and attended by the chief of**

the IMF's mission to the country, sparked sharp criticism from opposition politicians and media commentators.

The event, at a mountain-resort restaurant, wasn't especially luxurious, but it has been enough to stoke anger. The IMF official denied any misconduct.

The government also has moved to raise the retirement age and eliminate special pensions for soldiers, police and others.

It has also raised the value-added tax and cut back on subsidies, including heating aid.

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## **Greece: “Anti-Austerity Protesters Carry A Shield Taken From The Police” “Left-Wing Groups, Under Heavy Police Guard Called For Revolution”**



Anti-austerity protesters carry a shield taken from the police, during scuffles in front of the parliament in Athens February 7, 2012. Alarmed by the prospect of yet more budget cuts, Greece's two main trade unions staged a 24-hour general strike on Tuesday in protest against policies they say have only driven the economy into a downward spiral. REUTERS/Yannis Behrakis

2.8.12 Wall Street Journal [Excerpt]

In Athens on Tuesday, a 24-hour walkout called by public- and private-sector unions shut banks, slowed public transport, closed schools and forced hospitals to operate with skeleton staff.

Demonstrators -marched by the capital's central square holding banners lashing out at austerity measures, while left-wing groups, under heavy police guard called for revolution.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Seattle Marine Killed Jan. 31 In Afghanistan Made His Mark**

February 1, 2012 By Erik Lacitis, Seattle Times staff reporter

On Tuesday morning at 7:30, Bob Stacey was heading out the door of his Roosevelt home to take his daughter, Anna, 16, to school and then head off to work.

He is the interim dean of the University of Washington's College of Arts and Sciences and a history professor.

"She was the first one to see them, and she just said, "Oh, no. Oh, no.' " remembers the father.

Across the street, getting out of the car, were two U.S. Marines in full uniform.

No words needed to be said.

"We both knew," says Stacey.

On Jan. 31, Sgt. William C. Stacey, 23, on his fourth deployment to Afghanistan, was on foot patrol when he was killed by one of those infamous improvised explosive devices, his dad says the Marines told him.

It happened near the town of Now Zad, yet another place that news stories describe as a "contested" region.

**Will Stacey was the 399th resident from this state killed (mostly in Iraq and Afghanistan) since the "war on terror" began following Sept. 11, 2001.**

Bob Stacey is married to Robin Stacey, also a UW history professor. That morning, she already was teaching a class.

"I waited until she finished and then went down and brought her back home," says Stacey. The two Marines waited. Will and Anna were the couple's only children.

Stacey says it is important to his family to let those reading this know that his son was part of the Marines family.

He used words many other parents of fallen soldiers have at such a time. "Will believed this was the right thing to do, that it was the great challenge of his generation," said Stacey. "He saw himself as helping to defend his country and trying to make life better for the Afghan people."

Stacey's sister, in an email, wrote that her brother "was just one of those people who could take the most serious occurrence in the world and crack a joke. I don't think there will ever be anybody who could put a bigger smile on my face than he could."

"... It touches me to hear all of these things about him as a Marine, but what touches me even more is everybody's memories of who he was when he was home, when he was just Will. That's how I want to remember him; I never want to forget everything that he's done for this country, but most of all I never want to forget his infectious laugh, smile and sarcastic humor. He may not have been blessed with a long life, but boy did he live the one he got to the fullest."

Will Stacey was profiled in an online publication called thefastertimes.com in a Nov. 30, 2011, story called, "Line in the sand: An Afghan firefight, firsthand."

The writer, Lawrence Dabney, described the beginning of a typical mission: "We were rambling down the pass from the Bedouin's tents when the first bullets winged by overhead. Long, drawn-out whistling sounds, almost musical, nothing like the zip I'd heard in flicks. ..."

This week, after learning of Sgt. Stacey's death, Dabney again wrote about him:

"He commanded the squad I was embedded with when I ended up in my first firefight, and it was plainer than anything that he kept the men under his command alive. ... He is the sort of man you would want commanding your troops, analyzing a million pieces of data to save a few extra lives. ... "He helped turn Now Zad from a scarred hell to a place

where hundreds of children can walk to school every day. He brought sanity and compassion to a place sorely in need of both. ... "

Will Stacey was a 2006 Roosevelt High School graduate. His dad said he struggled in school and decided to join the Marines. He began serving in January 2007 and blossomed in the military.

In January 2011, he signed up for another four-year hitch.

His son was weeks away from returning to Camp Pendleton, his overseas deployments over, and spending his last three years as an instructor, perhaps as a drill sergeant or infantry instructor, says the dad.

The son also talked about eventually going to college and studying history.

"He could have done a lot of things," his father said.

On Tuesday morning, another person Stacey called immediately with the grim news was Kimmy Kirkwood, 23, a graphic designer in Santa Monica, Calif. She had known Will Stacey since high school and was his girlfriend.

The young couple had all kinds of plans for the future, she says.

One of them was to go to the Marine Corps Ball at Camp Pendleton to be held in April for those who were deployed and couldn't make the traditional Nov. 10 ball.

"We had never been to the ball. He sent me money to buy a dress," says Kirkwood.

The young woman was tearful. She says she knows other girlfriends and spouses of Marines. They all know what could happen, she says. "But you never actually think it's going to happen to you."

Sgt. Stacey was awarded a posthumous Purple Heart. He was with the 1st Marine Division, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

Members of his family say they are still figuring out a local memorial service. However, as Sgt. Stacey wished, he will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Wrote his sister, Anna: "In just 23 years, he loved so many people, and so many people loved him, and I know that if in my lifetime I can touch just a fraction of the people that he touched, I will have lived a good life."

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## **Memorial Today For Marine With Interlachen Ties**

February 2, 2012 By Jackie Lerch, Palatka Daily News

INTERLACHEN - An Interlachen Marine killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan recently will be memorialized today.

Teachers and friends will gather after school to honor the 2006 Interlachen High School graduate Cpl. Jesse Stites, 23, who died Jan. 19 in a crash that killed six. The ceremony will begin at 2:15 p.m. at the JROTC building.

Stites was listed in various articles to have been from Maryland, but many educators and graduates recognized his name when news broke.

"My sister saw it on CNN and looked it up and sure enough it was Jesse," Jessica Whitley said, a close friend and Stites' 2006 prom date. "I graduated from a different school in Marion County, but we met through my sister and mutual friends."

Whitley said Stites was originally from Roxana, Ill., but spent most of his life in Interlachen with his parents John Stites and Carol Stites and sisters.

After he graduated, he joined the Marines and came back to visit Interlachen in October 2010 after the death of his father.

"Jesse was always positive, ask anybody, he never had anything bad to say," Whitley said. "Everybody who knew him would agree. He always wanted to travel and go places."

Whitley said Stites was stationed in Hawaii with his wife, Kristin, before he went to Afghanistan.

"Last time I saw him was when his father passed away just over a year ago," Katelin Stoll said. "He was my best friend all throughout high school. I didn't expect this at all."

Stoll said she didn't know about his death until she looked it up as well.

His favorite teacher, Liz Middleton, and close friends helped coordinate today's event. Middleton said she started to ask around and found Stites had never been in ROTC, but since he was a Marine, the sergeants felt honored to lead the ceremony.

Middleton teaches social studies at the school, but said she had Stites in psychology, sociology and U.S. history.

"Once I knew I had him, I wasn't going to let him go," Middleton said. "I adored him. He was such a brilliant kid, had an amazing intellect and great sense of humor."

Middleton said she learned of his death through Facebook.

"I added Katelin as a friend, because I only add former students, and saw a picture of them together," she said. "When I saw the picture of Jesse and her, I hoped it didn't mean what I thought it did."

Middleton said she is still trying to process the news.

"It's hard to think, as we are getting near the end, he's one of the ones we lost," she said. "He was mine. He was very special. He still is very special. He's not invisible and never will be."

Lt. Col. Ron Leggett said the memorial would be held in the gym in case of bad weather.

"We will have the color guard and the National Anthem, hopefully followed by a 21-gun salute," Leggett said. "I will say a few words myself as the chaplain and then the teachers who knew him might speak."

Leggett said the ceremony would last around 15 minutes and not be in sadness, but in celebration of his life and his commitment to the nation.

Leggett said they didn't want to have the ceremony without the permission of Stites' family and was able to get in touch with Carol Stites.

"She now lives in Ohio, and of course won't be able to make it, but she was delighted we were going to be doing something for him," Leggett said.

Stoll said Stites loved to go to the beach and play pool. They often went to Breakers in downtown Palatka, now D.J.'s Billiard Room.

"He didn't know what to do if he wasn't going to be a Marine," Stoll added. "He knew what the outcome could be, but he was fearless when it came to being a soldier." Stoll said Stites knew if he died, it would be for the right reasons and she believes that stands true.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
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WARS**

## **Foreign Military Helicopter Crashes Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced**

February 6, 2012 Reuters

A foreign military helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan today.



There were no fatalities and the crew has been safely recovered to a nearby forward operating base. The site has been secured and initial reports indicate there was no enemy activity in the area.

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## **Resistance Action**

February 05, 2012 Independent Online & February 08, 2012 Gulf Today

**KABUL: An Afghan official says a shooting in the southern city of Kandahar has left dead two police officers and three private security guards.**

**A spokesman for the governor's office, Zulmi Ayubi, said on Tuesday that a man who was part of a force guarding a checkpoint opened fire during an argument overnight.**

Ayubi says the shooter fled. He did not say if the attacker was a police officer or a security guard. He says four police officers were also wounded in the shooting and that all involved were Afghans.

It's not clear what the argument was about.

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The Interior Ministry in a statement said a car bomber set off an explosion on a square next to a police headquarters in the city of Kandahar. Three policemen were killed, and three police officers were wounded, the ministry said.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Kandahar governor said five policemen were killed.

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**“Soviet Occupation, Civil War, The Rise Of The Taliban And A U.S.-Led Invasion” Not Allowed In Afghan History Textbooks For Kids:**

# **“We Have Decided Not To Include Them In The New Curriculum” The Books Are “Published With The Help Of International Donors Who Are Believed To Be Mostly American”**

[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

February 7, 2012 ABC News & February 08, 2012 Gulf Today

**The Afghan government has published new textbooks for schoolchildren that shun the country’s modern history of conflict in an effort to promote national unity, an official said.**

**“In the past four decades we have had some topics that were controversial,” education ministry spokesman Amanullah Iman said — referring to Soviet occupation, civil war, the rise of the Taliban and a US-led invasion.**

**“We have decided not to include them in the new curriculum,” he said.**

**The books, published with the help of international donors who are believed to be mostly American, aim to avoid inflaming old enmities, he said.**

The textbooks are expected to be distributed in time for the beginning of the school year in spring.

Afghanistan’s education system has been through many changes since the country’s last monarch, King Zahir Shah, was overthrown in 1973, leading to an invasion by the Soviet Union in December 1979 and 30 years of war.

When Soviet troops were in Afghanistan in the 1980s, textbooks that preached communism were printed and taught in schools.

In turn, they were countered by books backed by the United States that were filled with anti-communist ideas of resistance against the Soviets.

Then, during the rule of the hardline Islamist Taliban from 1996 until their overthrow by a US-led invasion in 2001, schoolbooks were dominated by the promotion of jihad, or holy war.

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# Top US Commander Says Only One Per Cent Of Afghan Forces Capable Of Operating Independently

February 9, 2012 By Reuters

WASHINGTON: Only one per cent of Afghan police and soldiers are capable of operating independently, a top US commander said on Wednesday, raising further doubts about whether Afghan forces will be able to take on a still-potent insurgency as the West withdraws.

Just 29 Afghan army units and seven Afghan police units – together about 1 percent of total security forces – are now deemed “independent,” US Lieutenant General Curtis Scaparrotti told reporters at the Pentagon.

He said even the independent units require limited combat and logistical support from NATO-led forces.

**The West has spent billions of dollars since the toppling of the Taliban government in 2001 on trying to build a sufficiently large, professional military in Afghanistan.**

As of August, the Pentagon said that only one Afghan army battalion was rated independent.

Even it, however, required help from NATO for combat support and enablers.

Afghanistan also will need to secure outside help to pay for security well into the future.

That task may be even harder if Afghan forces are seen as inefficient or unprofessional.

**Plans under discussion would shave Afghan forces from a peak of 352,000 to perhaps about 230,000 as NATO nations seek to balance Afghanistan’s insurgent threat and budget pressures at home.**

## **Troops Invited:**

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## Welcome To Our Winter Wonderland!



Taliban fighters in Ghazni province on January 16. (AFP Photo/Aref Yaqubi)...

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## SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

### **Kenyan Troops Convoy Attacked By Insurgents In Southern Somalia: “Ambushes On Kenyan, Ethiopian And TFG Troops Have Been Constant”**

Feb 8, 2012 & Feb 9 2012 Garowe Online

GARBAHAREY, Somalia -- A Kenyan convoy was attacked by Al Shabaab insurgents near Garbaharey a town in southern Somalia, Radio Garowe reports.

According to an Al Shabaab spokesman the Kenyan convoy was ambushed as they were making their way to a nearby town in Gedo region.

The spokesman added that after ambushing the convoy they managed to burn two technical vehicles that belonged to the Kenyan troops.

The insurgents planted roadside bombs and opened fire on the troops resulting in a gun battle that according to the Al Shabaab spokesman 6 Kenyans were killed.

“The attack was planned we planted bombs and waited for the convoy to pass through to the next town,” stated the spokesman.

The Kenyan military spokesman Major Emmanuel Chirchir has not commented on the alleged attack, but sources on the ground say that Kenyan troops clashed with Al Shabaab near Garbaharey early Wednesday.

**Ethiopian and Kenyan troops entered Gedo region last month; ambushes on Kenyan, Ethiopian and TFG troops have been constant.**

**On Sunday Al Shabaab insurgents attacked a military compound in Luuq a town in Gedo, according to an Al Shabaab spokesman the ambush resulted in 14 casualties from coalition forces.**

An Al Shabaab operative packed his car full with explosives and drove to a cafe where he opened fire on civilians before detonating his vehicle, Radio Garowe.

**The attacker chose a busy cafe near Hotel Muna which was previously attacked by Al Shabaab.**

According to police sources Wednesday evening’s car bomb attack killed at least 15 and left more than 30 injured in the district of Hamarweyne.

**Al Shabaab who took responsibility for Wednesday’s attack claimed that they had killed members of parliament and other government officials in the attack.**

However local sources say no government officials were killed in the blast, however one MP Dahir Jesow was injured in the attack.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

**“The Sergeant Motioned The Private Over And Hearing My Offer Of A Handout, Gave The Private One As They Began Walking Away”**

# **“I Asked If He’d Like More Handouts For His Unit And He Took A Batch Of, Say, 6 Or 7”**

## **[Outreach To New York National Guard**

From: Alan S; Military Resistance Organization  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: February 06, 2012  
Subject: 2/3 Outreach To New York National Guard

Not many National Guard soldiers, particularly sergeants, like to talk to civilians while on patrol in New York – but there are exceptions to any rule.

This sergeant, who lead his patrol group with authority, was glad to see me a second time.

The first time (weeks ago) found us in conversation about “Querido Camilo” a DVD about Camilo Mejia (Military Resistance member) and his struggle with the Army that led to his imprisonment after refusing to return to Iraq for reasons of conscience following an initial deployment several years ago.

The sergeant said (during our first conversation) that everyone has a point of view, and although not particularly aligned with Mejia’s point of view, he felt morality plays a big part in everything. At that time, I gave him a copy of the “Sir! No Sir!” DVD which I said had a differing political take on military matters and protest. The sergeant took it along with our literature and was happy to do so.

This time, this sergeant had even more to say after having seen “Sir! No Sir!” Obviously impressed by the film, he still maintained a moral position, repeating soldiers’ individual conscience must lead the way.

He talked about another issue concerning him: seeing many in the Army being pressured into retirement before their twenty years service was up, thereby costing them pension and, needless to say, saving the government money.

He was firm in in his view of this, and particularly disliked fitness tests for those with multiple years service. If one fails such tests they can be deemed unfit for further duty, reduced in rank or drummed out of military duty completely. This, clearly, the sergeant though was unfair to soldiers.

A private who’d refused a handout minutes earlier (National Guard printout, introductory card [see below], GI Rights pamphlet and statement by Fabian Bouthillette, Iraq Theatre Veteran & Military Resistance member) in another area of the terminal had taken up position opposite us.

On leaving, the sergeant motioned the private over and hearing my offer of a handout, gave the private one as they began walking away.

I asked if he'd like more handouts for his unit and he took a batch of, say, 6 or 7.

Look forward to seeing him again.

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## **ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!**

**An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.**

**If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.**

**Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.**

**They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.**

**If there were favorable responses, say so.**

**If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.**

**If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.**

### **NOTE WELL:**

**Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.**

**Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.**

**Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.**

**If accidentally included, that information will not be published.**

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## **FYI:**

# **The Military Resistance Organization:**

## **Military Resistance Mission Statement:**

- 1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the war of empire in Afghanistan. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.**
- 2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.**



However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

**3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Afghanistan.**

Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.

**4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.**

Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.

This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.

**5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.**

This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.

Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.

Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.

**6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.**

It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.

Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

## **Membership Requirements:**

7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

----- (Signed)

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## **THIS IS HOW OBAMA BRINGS THEM HOME: ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The casket of Spc. Ronald H. Wildrick, Jr. at Arlington National Cemetery January 13, 2012 in Arlington, Virginia. US Army Spc. Ronald H. Wildrick, Jr. was killed by an improvised explosive device in December while serving in the Kunar province of Afghanistan. (Photo by Brendan Smialowski/Getty Images)...

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### **February 8, 1968: KIA For Freedom: The Orangeburg Massacre**



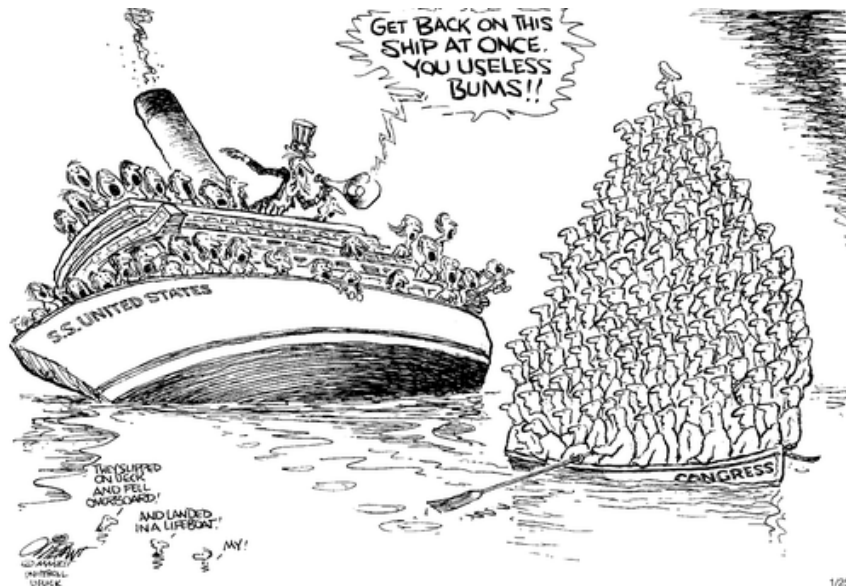
Carl Bunin Peace History February 4-10

Three black students were killed and 50 wounded in a confrontation with highway patrolmen at a South Carolina State rally supporting arrested civil rights protesters.

The town's only bowling alley, the All Star, was still segregated years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination based on race in such public accommodations. On the previous two days, college students had entered the bowling alley, refusing to leave after they were not allowed to bowl. Fifteen of the second group were arrested.

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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# **Hostile Iraqi Government Actions Threaten Salad Bar At U.S. Embassy: “On Chicken-Wing Night, Wings Were Rationed At Six Per Person” Personnel Also Running Low On Sugar And Splenda For Coffee; “Over The Holidays, Housing Units Were Stocked With Meals Ready To Eat, The Prepared Food For Soldiers In The Field”**

2.7.12 By NBC News and msnbc.com staff & February 7, 2012 By TIM ARANGO, The New York Times.

The New York Times story said that life has become hard for embassy personnel since the military left in December and that food formerly escorted by military escort is often delayed at the Kuwait border as Iraqis demand documentation.

It cited a dwindling salad bar and lack of sugar and Splenda at the cafeteria.

Nuland [State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland] said she had seen the story and that this was "some whining that was inappropriate ... on the part of the embassy employees, with regard to the quality of the salad bar."

On chicken-wing night, wings were rationed at six per person. Over the holidays, housing units were stocked with Meals Ready to Eat, the prepared food for soldiers in the field.

At every turn, the Americans say, the Iraqi government has interfered with the activities of the diplomatic mission, one they grant that the Iraqis never asked for or agreed upon. Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki's office — and sometimes even the prime minister himself — now must approve visas for all Americans, resulting in lengthy delays. American diplomats have had trouble setting up meetings with Iraqi officials.

For their part, the Iraqis say they are simply enforcing their laws and protecting their sovereignty in the absence of a working agreement with the Americans on the embassy.

“The main issue between Iraqis and the U.S. Embassy is that we have not seen, and do not know anything about, an agreement between the Iraqi government and the U.S.,” said Nahida al-Dayni, a lawmaker and member of Iraqiya, a largely Sunni bloc in Parliament.

### **GOT AN OPINION?**

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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**



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**Syria – Homs:**  
**“Local Rebel Fighters Successfully Repulsed An Attempt By Regime Forces To Enter The Districts”**



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Russian envoys met with Syria's embattled leader but failed to extract public concessions for ending the country's bloody stalemate, in a day of diplomatic pomp that was undercut as Syrian tanks renewed fire on regime opponents and Moscow came under broadening international scorn for its handling of the crisis.

The Syrian regime's assault on Homs targeted Khalediya and Bab al-Amer, two opposition-controlled neighborhoods, with artillery, tank shells and mortars, said activists and residents.

Local rebel fighters successfully repulsed an attempt by regime forces to enter the districts, killing four Syrian army soldiers in the process, activists and residents said.

Eight civilians and four other Syrian soldiers were killed in fighting elsewhere in the country on Tuesday, according to activists.

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