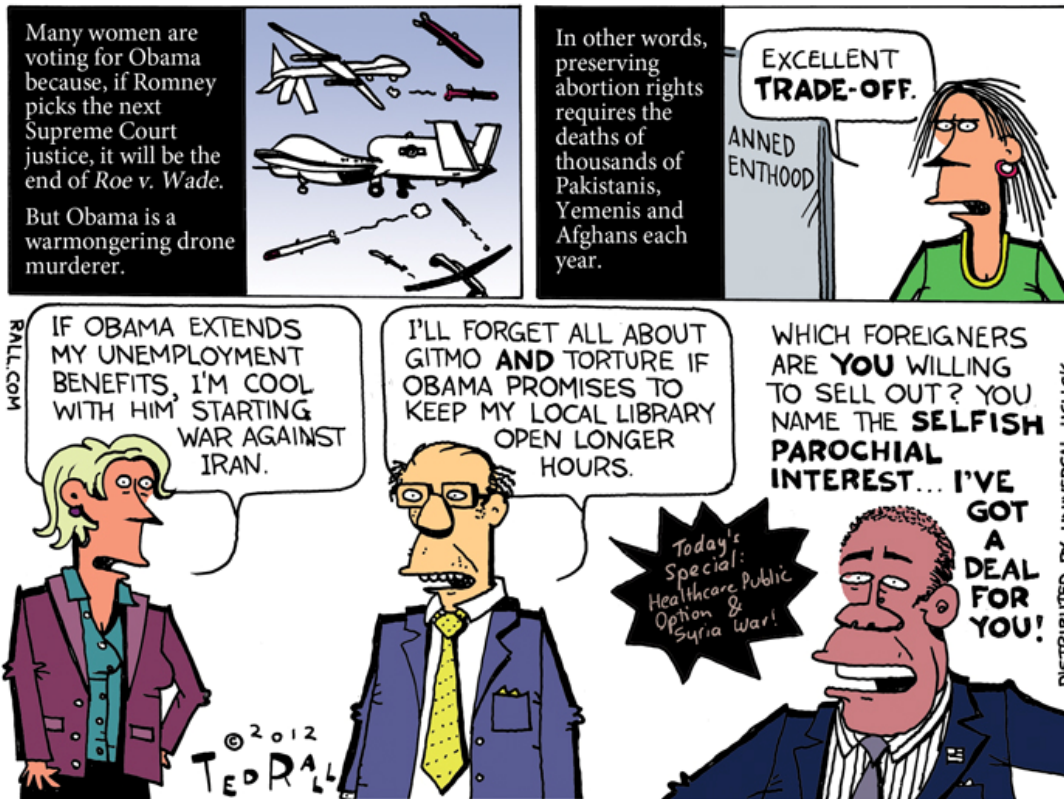


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**The Greeks Get It Right:  
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# Both In Greece And In Europe's Big Powers"

## "However, When Discussing Armies Of Course, We Must Differentiate Between The Command And The Rank-And-File"

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

June 2012 by Eric Ribellarsi, Kasamaproject.org [Excerpts]

ATHENS, GREECE – I emerge from the Athens Metro to cheering crowds, with clusters of various left political trends in view.

It is the mass pre-election rally of SYRIZA on June 14.

The crowd is very young, largely composed of a high school and college-aged demographic.

SYRIZA, the Coalition of the Radical Left, is sharply opposed to the plans of the ruling classes – both in Greece and in Europe's big powers.

It has become a major challenger on society's main political stage.

Their rise is a sign of extremely radical sentiments spreading among Greek people – some of them attracted to neo-Nazi and anti-immigrant extremism, but most moving left toward radical and revolutionary sentiments.

From the loudspeakers, various international delegations are being announced over a background of rock jazz fusion, electronic, and a remix of "Bella Ciao" (the famous Italian song of anti-fascist armed struggle).

Today, in Greece, the ruling classes are almost certainly worrying over how to "stuff the genie back in the bag" – and one of their problems is that they don't have ready visible means at their disposal for repression, except for the police, which are riddled with organized neo-Nazis of the Golden Dawn, and who also oppose the European Union from the right.

Since the Greek army carried out a vicious fascist military rule from 1967 to 1974, many people naturally ask what the Army role (and political complexion) has been in the recent crisis.

**We have heard that SYRIZA's newspaper are openly distributed and SYRIZA events are openly held within the Army.**

**However, when discussing armies of course, we must differentiate between the command and the rank-and-file.**

The fact that SYRIZA's literature is distributed among the masses of soldiers should not lead to any assumption that the High Command is unreliable to the Greek ruling class or Europe's bankers.

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**



U.S. soldier in Beijia village Iraq, Feb. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Have A Metric:**

# “Insurgents Launched Nearly 3,000 Attacks Around The Country In May, Up 21% From May 2011”

June 25, 2012 By NATHAN HODGE And HABIB KHAN TOTAKHIL, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

KABUL—Insurgent attacks in Afghanistan rose in April and May, the U.S.-led coalition reported, indicating a Taliban comeback after months of declining activity.

Insurgents launched nearly 3,000 attacks around the country in May, up 21% from May 2011, the International Security Assistance Force said Monday.

The coalition statistics, which tally everything from rockets and suicide bombings to small-arms fire and roadside bombs, also showed a modest year-on-year rise in insurgent attacks in April, with just under 2,000 violent incidents.

Insurgent groups depend in part on revenue from the opium trade, and the fighting season usually begins in earnest only after the poppy harvest is complete.

The report also indicated that attacks rose in areas where opium isn't heavily cultivated.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, denied any connection between insurgent strategy and the opium harvest. "We had been reserving all our military strength to the spring offensive," he said.

**According to Mr. Mujahid, insurgents had varied their tactics depending on the region of the country.**

**"In the south...we focus more on land mines. In the east, we do confrontations and ambushes. In the central provinces, we use mass martyrdom-seeking attacks," he said, referring to coordinated assaults with suicide attackers.**

Earlier this year, Taliban representatives had vowed to step up activities during the upcoming fighting season.

**The latest coalition report was largely "spin," said military analyst Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, because it failed to take into account the full Taliban resurgence.**

The report, he said, focused on direct attacks on U.S. and allied forces, while overlooking what he called the more important Taliban efforts to dominate the population through low-level violence and intimidation. "What they assume is that you measure things largely in terms of the enemy's willingness to directly attack ISAF and the better ANSF (Afghan National Security Forces)," Mr. Cordesman said.

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# Italian Soldier Killed In Afghanistan Blast; Two More Wounded

June 26, 2012 Daily Times

ROME/KANDAHAR: An Italian soldier was killed on Monday and two others were wounded in an explosion at a police training camp in Adraskan in western Afghanistan, Italy's Defence Ministry said.

**"The explosion hit an observation hut near a shooting range," the ministry said in a statement, without giving further details on what caused the blast.**

**Military spokesman Francesco Tirino in Herat told SKY TG24 television that the blast was caused by "a rocket launched from outside the camp".**

Manuele Braj, 30, who was married, with an eight-month-old baby, was killed instantly. Two other Italian soldiers were wounded to the legs but are out of danger. All three belonged to the Police Speciality Training Team (PSTT).

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# Livermore Falls Graduate Seriously Injured In Suicide Bomb Attack In Afghanistan

June 25, 2012 By Donna M. Perry, Sun Journal

LIVERMORE FALLS, Maine — U.S. Army military policewoman Sgt. Helaina Lake asked her platoon leader if she was going to die after she was severely injured in a suicide-bombing last Thursday in Afghanistan, her father was told.

The platoon leader told the 23-year-old Livermore Falls woman, "Not under my watch you're not," her father Bernal Lake said Monday.

Helaina Lake answered, "Good. I have a child to raise," Bernal Lake said he was told. "She is focusing on her son. She is a very, very strong-willed woman. That is why she is in the army."

She had wanted to be in the army since before she graduated from Livermore Falls High School, where she was a scholar athlete, he said.

Helaina Lake went to Afghanistan in September 2011. She has been stationed at Camp Salerno, her father said.

The camp, a forward operations base, in eastern Afghanistan was attacked by Taliban insurgents, according to national news reports. According to a report in the Air Force Times 14 militants were also killed in the attack.

Helaina Lake's family and community members are rallying around the family to help with expenses.

Sgt. Lake, who is the daughter of Jeannine and Bernal Lake of Livermore Falls, has been in a medically-induced coma since the bombing. Some fellow soldiers were killed and injured along with Afghanistan civilians, her father said.

She received multiple and severe injuries to her right side, Bernal Lake said.

Helaina Lake graduated in 2007. She has a 2-year-old son, Aden, whom her parents are taking care of while she is deployed.

Helaina Lake is expected to be flown to Walter Reed National Medical Center in Maryland on Monday, her father said. She has been at a hospital in Germany, he said.

"It has been stressful," Bernal Lake said. "We're getting through it better than I thought we would."

Jeannine Lake's brothers, Raymond Castonguay of Livermore and Maurice Castonguay of Livermore Falls, along with other family members, have set up a fund to help the Lake family out.

Anyone wishing to help the family can send donations to the Wounded Helaina Fund, Otis Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 27, Jay 04239, Raymond Castonguay said Monday. The family is also planning a spaghetti dinner around Labor Day with more information to be released later.

"There isn't a day that has gone by that I haven't felt truly blessed by the people in our community," Helaina Lake's sister, Kathryn Lake, 20, of Gorham said Monday.

"I just want everyone to know that we appreciate everything everyone has done for us. Their prayers and thoughts speak volumes about the type of people they are," Kathryn Lake said. "We are so blessed to have their support. They are a huge factor as to why we've been able to get through such a terrible situation and we are forever grateful for them."

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WAR**

# Resistance Action



[Graphic:flickr.com/photos]

June 26, 2012 Daily Times

Six Afghan police officers were killed when a bomb tore through their vehicle in southern Afghanistan, an official said on Monday. The roadside bomb hit a pickup truck police patrol vehicle in Chora district of Uruzgan province late on Sunday, provincial spokesman Abdullah Hemat told AFP.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
END THE OCCUPATION**

## MILITARY NEWS

**Fort Lewis Commander Helping  
War Profiteer Kill Union  
Organizing Drive:  
Veterans Forced To Attend Anti-  
Union Meetings At Army Base:  
“Anti-Union Meetings Aren’t Being Held  
On General Dynamic’s Private Property,  
But On Public Property At The U.S. Army  
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**"I think it's bullshit the way they are talking to us," says Croic. "You think when it's prior military veterans who have done their part, they wouldn't do this kind of thing to us."**

Jun 25, 2012 By Mike Elk, IN THESE TIMES

Jason Croic is a Marine combat veteran who served 28 months in Iraq.

When he came home, he found a job working for \$18 an hour as a mechanic on Stryker vehicles for General Dynamics Land Systems in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Croic now has a new combatant, as his employer is attempting to stop him and his fellow contractors from joining Local 286 of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE).

**For the last six months, Croic and 120 of his co-workers, nearly half of whom are veterans, have been forced to attend anti-union meetings, in which General Dynamics managers make them watch films about why unions are bad.**

General Dynamics has routinely told workers that if they vote to join union that it will likely lead to General Dynamics losing their contract with the U.S. Army. On several occasions, General Dynamics has even flown some of their top corporate officials out on Lear jets from their corporate headquarters in Sterling Heights, Michigan, to explain to the workers why they shouldn't join a union.

"We have had these meetings where they provided one side of the story," says Croic. "The message is we won't be as employable to the Army as we are now because we won't be as versatile. Being non-union, they say we are more attractive to the Army because we can be moved around easier."

The union election is scheduled on June 29, and General Dynamics has been forcing workers to attend anti-union meetings nearly every day for the last month.

These anti-union meetings aren't being held on General Dynamic's private property, but on public property at the U.S. Army base at Fort Lewis.

The Army declined to comment for this story and has not taken a position on these meetings nor the claims that the workers voting to join a union would make them less attractive to the Army.

"I think it's bullshit the way they are talking to us," says Croic. "You think when it's prior military veterans who have done their part, they wouldn't do this kind of thing to us."

**IUOE Local 286 has not been given the same opportunity to come and hold pro-union meetings as the company is allowed with its anti-union meetings.**

IUOE feels the anti-union meetings have actually worked against General Dynamics.

"The more meetings they have, the more the guys want to go union. The company is just making itself look bad," says IUOE Local 286 organizer Jeff Alexander.



**“The bosses are claiming they are making no money while our guys are being told they can only make \$18 an hour... But these guys are seeing them flying their corporate executives in on private jets to stop this union drive and they know General Dynamics isn’t broke.”**

Alexander remains confident as the union election approaches.

However, as the tide turns in the union's favor, General Dynamics has been telling workers in the captive-audience meetings that it will appeal any election decision and drag out the process of certification.

“I think we will make it. I don't know about the appeals,” says Alexander. “They got a lot of money, a lot of money that could hurt us in dragging out the appeals.”

Thus, even if the workers win the election, their taxpayer-funded company could find a way of using the courts to stop the election from being certified.

For many of these Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, it appears the freedoms they fought for don't include the freedom to join a union.

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## **Brass Rats Abandon Stinking Shit: “The Defection Brought To 13 The Number Of Generals Seeking Refuge In Turkey Since The Revolt Against Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's Regime Erupted 16 Months Ago”**

25 Jun 2012 Al Jazeera

Turkey's state-run news agency said 33 more members of the Syrian military had defected to Turkey.

The Anadolu agency said on Monday that the group, which included a general and two colonels, crossed into Turkey overnight and that they were being hosted at a refugee camp near the border.

The defection brought to 13 the number of generals seeking refuge in Turkey since the revolt against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime erupted 16 months ago.

**Thousands of soldiers have abandoned the army, but most are low-level conscripts. The Free Syrian Army, the loosely-linked group of rebel forces, is**

made up largely of defectors. [It would seem the generals prefer to be safe in Turkey. How odd. T]

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## **“A Military Judge On Monday Ordered Army Prosecutors To Account For Their Actions Amid Accusations They Withheld Evidence”**

### **“The Ruling By Col. Denise Lind Was A Partial Victory For Pfc. Bradley Manning’s Defense Team”**



[www.bradleymanning](http://www.bradleymanning)

Jun 25, 2012 By David Dishneau - The Associated Press

**FORT MEADE, Md. — A military judge on Monday ordered Army prosecutors to account for their actions amid accusations they withheld evidence from lawyers for an Army private charged in the biggest leak of classified information in U.S. history.**

The ruling by Col. Denise Lind was a partial victory for Pfc. Bradley Manning’s defense team, which claimed prosecutors have shirked their duty to share evidence including written assessments by various government agencies of the damage done by WikiLeaks’ online publication of hundreds of thousands of diplomatic cables and war logs.

Manning is charged with aiding al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula by sending the material to the secret-sharing website WikiLeaks while working as an intelligence analyst in Baghdad in 2009 and 2010.

Defense lawyer David Coombs contends the damage assessments will reveal the leaks did little harm to national security and foreign relations.

**In court Monday, he all but accused Army Maj. Ashden Fein of lying about the prosecution's compliance with so-called discovery rules.**

**"Normally, these games are not played," Coombs said. "You hand over discovery and let the facts speak. You don't play hide the ball, and that's what the government's been doing."**

Fein maintained that prosecutors are meeting their obligation as they continue to comb relevant documents for pertinent material and share it with the defense. He said the process is time-consuming because it involves requests for information from 63 government agencies.

"The defense is receiving the information they're entitled to receive," Fein said.

Nevertheless, Lind ordered prosecutors to draft a "due diligence statement," describing in detail their efforts to obtain and share such material in the more than two years since Manning was charged.

Coombs says the prosecution's failures have already affected Manning's right to a fair trial.

Lind also ordered prosecutors to turn over damage assessments compiled by the State Department and the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, among other documents, for her review.

Manning, a 24-year-old native of Crescent, Okla., faces possible life imprisonment if convicted of aiding the enemy, the most serious of the 22 charges against him. His trial is currently set to begin Sept. 21 but Lind has said it will likely be postponed to November or January.

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# Army Scraps “Eye-Catching” [!] Pixel Camo Uniforms: “A Reported \$5 Billion In Development”



[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

June 26 MSN

After eight years and a reported \$5 billion in development, the U.S. Army is ditching its pixelated-looking uniform in favor of something that doesn't look like it was borrowed from the "Contra" Nintendo game.

The design, known as the Universal Camouflage Pattern (UCP), has failed at doing what camo should do: Hide our soldiers.

"If we can see our own guys across a distance because of it, then so can our enemy," one Army specialist said.

**According to insiders, the design was selected after the Marines had switched to an eye-catching pixel-driven pattern.**

"That's what this really comes down to," the editor of Soldier Systems Daily said. "We can't allow the Marine Corps to look more cool than the Army."

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# FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

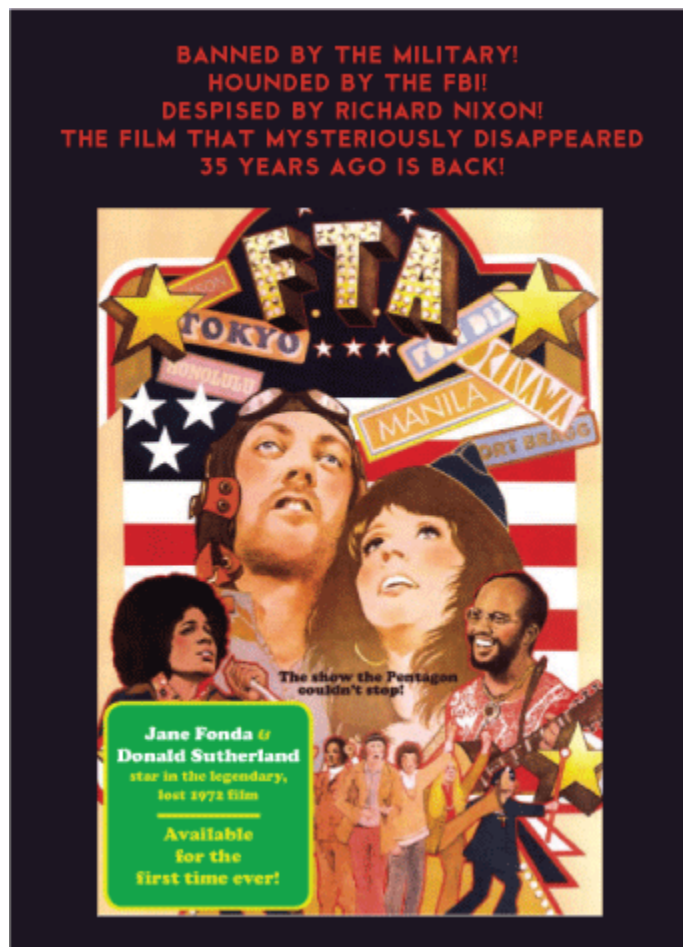
**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”**

**-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done**

# FTA: The Film Provides A Rare Glimpse Into The Revolt From Below That Ultimately Forced The Pentagon To Withdraw In Defeat From Vietnam



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**“The Capitalist Production Process Is Therefore A Process Which Absorbs Unpaid Labour, Which Makes Of The Means Of Production Means For The Absorption Of Unpaid Labour”**

**“The Necessary Labour Time Materialised In A Pair Of Trousers Is Equal Let Us Say To Twelve Hours, While The Wage Received By The Journeyman Is Equal To Six Hours”**

# **“The Service Which The Journeyman Employed By A Master Tailor Provides For This Capitalist Does Not Consist In The Transformation Of Cloth Into Trousers”**

## **“The Service With Which He Provides The Capitalist Consists Therefore In The Fact That He Works Six Hours For Nothing”**

From Karl Marx, *Theories Of Surplus Value*; International Publishers; New York, 1952

In order that it may produce a commodity, labour must be useful labour; it must produce a use value, be manifested in a use value.

And consequently only labour which manifests itself in commodities, that is, in use values, is labour with which capital is exchanged.

This is a self-evident premise. But it is not this concrete character of labour, its use value as such — that it is for example the labour of a blacksmith or a cobbler, spinning weaving, etc. — that constitutes its specific use value for capital and hence stamps it as productive labour in the system of capitalist production.

What constitutes its specific use value for capital is not its definite useful character, any more than it is the particular useful properties of the product in which it is materialised; but its character as the creative element of exchange value, that it is abstract labour; and not indeed that it represents simply a definite quantity of this general labour, but a greater quantity than is contained in its price, that is, in the value of the labour power.

**The capitalist production process is therefore also not merely the production of commodities. It is a process which absorbs unpaid labour, which makes of the means of production means for the absorption of unpaid labour.**

It follows from what has been said that the designation of labour as productive has absolutely nothing to do with the definite content of the labour, with its special usefulness, or with the particular use value in which it manifests itself.

**The same kind of labour maybe productive or unproductive.**

**For example, Milton, who wrote *Paradise Lost*, was an unproductive worker.**



**On the other hand, the writer who turns out factory-made stuff for his publisher is a productive worker.**

**Milton produced *Paradise Lost* for the same reason that a silk worm produces silk. It was an activity of his nature.**

**Later he sold the product for £5.**

**But the literary proletarian of Leipzig who fabricates books (for example, *Compendia of Economics*) under the direction of his publisher is a productive worker, for his production is subordinated to capital in advance and takes place only because it increases that capital.**

**A singer who sells her song on her own is an unproductive worker. But the same singer, commissioned by an *entrepreneur* to sing in order to make money for him, is a productive worker.**

**For she produces capital.**

Here there are various questions to be settled.

Whether I buy a pair of trousers or whether I buy the cloth and get a journeyman tailor to come to my house to make up this cloth into trousers for me, and pay him for his *service* (that is, his tailoring labour), is a matter of absolute indifference to me, in so far as what I am interested in is the pair of trousers.

If I buy the trousers from the capitalist tailor ("merchant tailor") instead of taking the latter course, I do that because the latter course is more expensive; and the trousers cost less labour, and are cheaper in consequence, if the capitalist tailor produces them than if I have them produced in the latter way.

**But in both cases I transform the money with which I buy the trousers not into capital but into trousers; and in both cases what I am doing is using the money as mere means of circulation, that is to say, transforming it into this particular use value.**

Here therefore the money is not functioning as capital, although in one case it is exchanged for a commodity, and in the other it buys labour itself as a commodity.

It functions only as money, and more precisely, as means of circulation.

On the other hand the journeyman tailor (who works for me at home) is not a productive worker, although his labour provides me with the product, the trousers, and him with the price of his labour, the money.

It is possible that the quantity of labour which the journeyman performs is greater than that contained in the price he receives from me. And this is even probable, since the price of his labour is determined by the price which the productive tailors receive.

But it is a matter of absolute indifference to me.

Whether, once the price is fixed, he works eight or ten hours, is of no interest at all to me.

What I am concerned with is the *use value*, the trousers; and naturally, whatever way I buy them, I am interested in paying as little as possible for them — but in one case neither more nor less than in the other — or in paying for them only their normal price.

This is an outlay for my consumption; there is no increase, but a diminution of my money.

**It is absolutely not a means to enrichment, any more that any other kind of outlay for my personal consumption is a means to enrichment.**

**A disciple of Paul de Kock may tell me that without buying the trousers, as without buying bread, I cannot live and therefore also cannot enrich myself; that the trousers are therefore an indirect means or at least a condition for my enrichment.**

**In the same way the circulation of my blood and my breathing would be conditions for my enrichment.**

**But neither the circulation of my blood nor my breathing, in and by themselves, make me any the richer; on the contrary, both of them presuppose a costly assimilation of food, without which no poor devil could exist.**

**Consequently, the mere direct exchange of money for labour does not transform the money into capital and the labour into productive labour.**

What is it then that gives this exchange its special character?

Wherein is it different from the exchange of money for productive labour?

On the one hand, in that the money is spent as money, as the independent form of exchange value, which is to be transformed into a use value, a means of subsistence, an object of personal consumption.

The money therefore does not become capital, but on the contrary, it loses its existence as exchange value in order to be dissipated and consumed as use value.

On the other hand, the labour interests me only as use value, as service, through which cloth is transformed into trousers; as the service which its concrete useful character provides.

**In contrast to this, the service which the same journeyman employed by a master tailor provides for this capitalist does not consist in the transformation of cloth into trousers, but in the fact that the necessary labour time materialised in a pair of trousers is equal let us say to twelve hours, while the wage received by the journeyman is equal to six hours.**

**The service with which he provides the capitalist consists therefore in the fact that he works six hours for nothing.**

**That this takes place in the form of tailoring trousers only conceals the real relationship.**

**As soon as he is able to, the capitalist tailor therefore tries to transform the trousers again into money, that is to say, into a form in which the concrete character of tailoring labour has completely disappeared, and in which the service performed expresses itself in the fact that instead of six hours of labour time, expressed in a definite sum of money, there is now twelve hours of labour time, expressed in double that sum of money.**

**I buy the tailoring labour for the service it provides me with as tailoring labour, to satisfy my need for clothing, and therefore to serve one of my needs.**

**The capitalist tailor buys the labour as a means to making two thalers [a unit of German money] out of one.**

**I buy it because it produces a definite use value, provides me with a definite service.**

**He buys it, because it produces more exchange value than it costs, as a mere means to exchanging less labour for more labour.**

Where the direct exchange of money for labour takes place without the latter producing capital — that is, when it is not productive labour — it is bought as *service*; which in general is nothing but an expression for the particular use value which the labour, like any other commodity, provides.

It is however a specific term for the particular use value of labour which provides this service in the form not of a *thing* but of an *activity* — which however in no way distinguishes it from a machine, for example a clock.

*Do ut facias, facio ut facias, facio ut des, do ut des* (I give that you may make, I make that you may make, I make that you may give, I give that you may give) are here forms that can be used completely indifferently of the same relationship; while in capitalist production the *do ut facias* expresses a quite specific relation between the objective value which is given and the living activity which is accepted.

For this reason, because the specific relation between labour and capital is in no way involved in these purchases of services, being either completely obliterated or altogether absent, they are naturally the favourite form used by Say, Bastiat and their consorts to express the relation between capital and labour.

The question how the value of these services is regulated and how this value is itself determined by the laws of wages is not relevant to the examination of the relation we are considering, and belongs to the treatment of wages.

It has been seen that the mere exchange of money for labour does not transform the latter into productive labour, and on the other hand that the content of this labour makes no difference at all.

The worker himself can buy labour, that is, commodities supplied in the form of services, and the expenditure of his wages on such services is an expenditure which is absolutely no different from the expenditure of his wages on any other kind of commodities.

The services which he buys may be more or less necessary, for example the service of a doctor or of a parson, just as he may buy bread or schnapps.

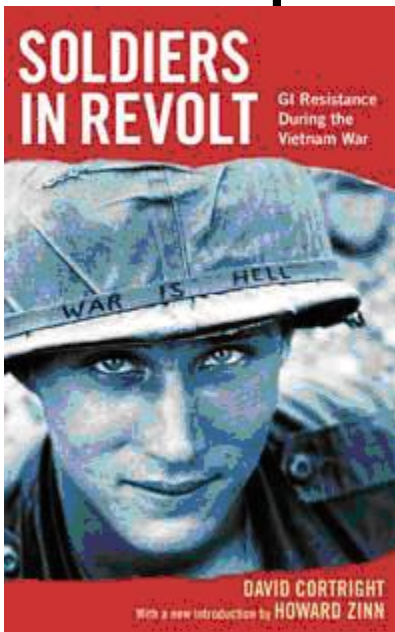
As buyer — that is, representative of money confronting commodities — the worker is absolutely in the same category as the capitalist where the latter appears only as buyer, that is to say, where there is no more in the transaction than the conversion of money into the form of a commodity.

How the price of these services is determined and what relation it has to wages proper, how far it is regulated by the laws of the latter and how far it is not, must be considered in a treatment of wages, and are not relevant to our present enquiry.

If thus the mere exchange of money for labour does not transform the latter into productive labour, or what is the same thing, does not transform the former into capital, so also the content, the concrete character, the particular usefulness of the labour, makes absolutely no difference — as we have seen above, the same labour of the same Journeyman tailor is in one case productive, in the other not.

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## **FREE TO ACTIVE DUTY: A Vietnam Soldier Wrote The Book All About How An Armed Forces Rebellion Stopped An Imperial War**



**SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT**

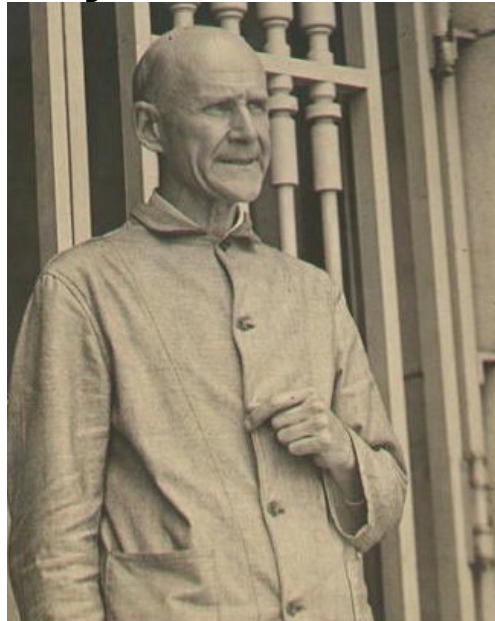
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**[S]ocialist organizer Eugene Debs was arrested for giving an anti-war speech in Canton, Ohio, 10 days earlier.**

He was charged with “uttering words intended to cause insubordination and disloyalty within the American forces of the United States, to incite resistance to the war, and to promote the cause of Germany,” despite his repeated and vehement criticism in the speech of Germany and its landed aristocracy, known as the Junkers.

**“And that is war in a nutshell. The master class has always declared the wars; the subject class has always fought the battles.**

**“The master class has had all to gain and nothing to lose, while the subject class has had nothing to gain and all to lose — especially their lives.”**

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

# **Women-Hating Zionist Regime At It Again: Police Detain Woman For Four Hours At Western Wall For Wearing Prayer Shawl “Incorrectly” Houben Was Detained For Wearing Hers “Wrapped Around Her Shoulders, Rather Than Draped Across Her Neck Like A Scarf”**

Jun. 21, 2012 By Aliyana Traison, Haaretz Newspaper in Israel

Jerusalem Police detained a woman for nearly four hours on Thursday for wearing a tallit, or prayer shawl, "incorrectly" at the Western Wall.

Deb Houben, a native of Boston, was taken aside by police after concluding a prayer service celebrating the beginning of the Hebrew month with 65 other people from Women of the Wall, an organization that campaigns for the equal right to pray publicly at Judaism's most holy site.

Many of the women participating in the service were also wearing prayer shawls, but Houben was detained for wearing hers "incorrectly" – meaning wrapped around her shoulders, rather than draped across her neck like a scarf.

**Houben said that police officers approached her during the prayer session and told her to readjust the shawl, to which she complied.**

**Following the prayer session, as the women made their way through security down to Robinson's Arch to read from the Torah, she put the prayer shawl back around her shoulders, at which point police pulled her back through the security gate and detained her for disturbing the peace.**

"I was wearing it incorrectly.

"I was wearing my tallit like a tallit, not like a scarf," said Houben. At no point was she told to remove the shawl completely, she said.

Houben was released with a 7-day restraining order from the Western Wall.

"The kotel belongs to everyone," Houben told Haaretz. "I understand that I might have incited a riot, but I think there's a greater issue at stake here.

**"Why is it always the women? Because they're going to incite something by their very being."**

Women of the Wall have been gathering at the holy site at the beginning of every new month since 1988, when an international group of Orthodox Jewish women decided to hold a public prayer service there.

The services are held according to Orthodox practice, meaning they do not read the sections that require the presence of a minyan (10 men). They do read out loud from the Torah, but away from the wall itself, and many of the women wear prayer shawls.

**The group says the only of its practices that should be seen as controversial in terms of Jewish law is 'kol isha', which forbids men from hearing the sound of a single woman singing.**

**The prayer sessions have garnered fierce opposition from other worshippers, culminating in physical or verbal violence on occasion, and members of the group have been arrested in the past for various infractions.**

The leader of the group, Anat Hoffman, was arrested in 2010 for carrying a torah scroll around the compound. In 2009, another member of the group was arrested for wearing a prayer shawl.

Jerusalem Police released a statement in the wake of the event, saying that Houben was detained after she entered the Western Wall area dressed in violation of regulations.

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## Comment Unnecessary



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