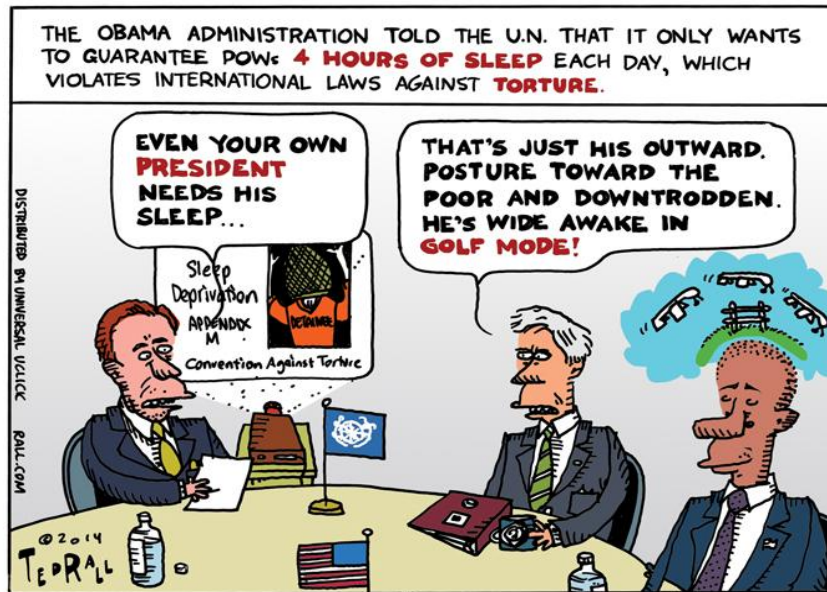


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Greece: GOOD NEWS CORRECTION; BAD NEWS NEWS

Comment: T

The article below, *Greece: Words Of Prophecy?*, was the front page of Military Resistance Newsletter January 28, 2015

Since publication there is some good news and some bad news.

The good news is that part of *Greece: Words Of Prophecy?* was dead wrong.

The Military Resistance comment mistakenly said “There have been no reports, so far, or even hints of efforts by SYRIZA or anybody else on the left to organize among rank and file soldiers.”

Here is what JA in Greece had to say in reply, quoting and then objecting to that comment when the article was posted elsewhere:

“This is not true. Spartacus soldier’s network is precisely organizing rank and file soldiers since 1992:

“‘DIKTYO SPARTAKOS’, the network of the conscripts

“What is the Soldiers-Network ‘Diktio Spartakos’?

“Diktyo Spartakos is the backbone of the antiwar, antinationalist and antimilitary movement.

“more: <http://diktiospartakos.blogspot.gr/>”

It is excellent news indeed that ‘DIKTYO SPARTAKOS’ is working in Greece organizing soldiers to be on guard against moves by reactionary generals in particular as well as resistance to exploitation and oppression in general.

THE BAD NEWS:

The following information was also received from JA, in Greece, in answer to a question: *“Who has been selected as the cabinet member in charge of the Greek military, and what are his or her politics?”*

[Reply from JA, Greece:]

“Well Panos Kamenos is the new head of the cabinet of ‘National Defense’.

“A right wing clown.

“A short **ridiculum** vitae:

“Born in 1965 son of Elias BigBigMoney Kamenos he started his political career at New Democracy till 2011 when he refused support to Papademos government, left Samaras and founded the ‘Independent greeks’ party.

“Author of a book entitled ‘terrorism, theory and praxis’ where he had ‘proven’ that the 17November organization was nothing but a handful of PASOK ministers!

“His name has been involved, among many other things, into a case of illegal enrichment with fancy luxury yachts and offshore companies and even into a case of a tycoon’s kidnapping.

“A hard core nationalist, with his own political vision: a kind of..... permanent Bonapartistic governance!!! (don’t ask me more about) and an homophobic.

“He will have no problem to deal with and be personally accepted by the army officers, including the many golden dawnites among them.”

So, SYRIZA, in order to gain an absolute majority in the Greek Parliament, allied with the far right Independent Greeks party, ANEL, and, for some as yet unknown reason, chose to select Panos Kamenos, ANELs' leading member, as the cabinet member in charge of the Greek military.

“He will have no problem to deal with and be personally accepted by the army officers, including the many golden dawnites among them.”

For those unfamiliar with Golden Dawn, this is from Wikipedia:

“Scholars and media have described it as neo-Nazi and fascist, though the group rejects these labels. Members have expressed admiration of the former Greek dictator Ioannis Metaxas of the 4th of August Regime (1936–1941). They have also made use of Nazi symbolism, and have praised figures of Nazi Germany in the past. According to academic sources, the group is racist and xenophobic, while the party’s leader has openly identified it as nationalist and racist.”

Further, JA writes about the new Defense Minister chosen by SYRIZA to be in charge of the Greek military:

“A hard core nationalist, with his own political vision: a kind of..... permanent Bonapartistic governance!!!”

For those unfamiliar with Bonapartism, this is from Dictionary.com:

“a political system resembling the rules of the Bonapartes, esp Napoleon I and Napoleon III: centralized government by a military dictator, who enjoys popular support given expression in plebiscites”

To sum up, SYRIZA has chosen as the cabinet member heading the Greek Army a politician who “will have no problem to deal with and be personally accepted by the army officers, including the many golden dawnites [neo-Nazis] among them.”

And who is for **“centralized government by a military dictator.”**

This choice by SYRIZA, as yet unexplained, brings to mind a ship captain whose vessel was taking on water in a storm and in danger of sinking.

The captain ordered the crew to drill holes in the bottom of the ship to let the water out.

[This is the original Military Resistance article corrected by JA.]

[In re-reading, recall that General Pinochet was appointed commander-in-chief of the Army on 23 August 1973 by President Salvador Allende.]

[Military Resistance newsletter January 28, 2015]

Greece: Words Of Prophecy?

Comment: T

“There is no close historical precedent in Europe for a SYRIZA victory--although there are some parallels with the 1970 election of a socialist government led by Salvador Allende in Chile.” Lee Sustar, in Socialist Worker newspaper, January 20, 2015

It may be useful to recall that the Allende regime, an effort to implement some superficial reforms of capitalism, without threatening to get rid of the dominant class of capitalists who ruled the Chilean nation, was exterminated three years later by the Chilean general staff.

The reformer Allende was executed. He was replaced by Gen. Augusto Pinochet, whose regime killed, tortured, and exiled tens of thousands of Chileans.

Allende’s political party, living in some silly fantasy world, didn’t wish to offend the generals in command and made no effort to organize support inside the Army.

Neither did most of the self-styled revolutionaries in the three years they had to organize inside the Army before their end came.

For their failure, the penalty was death.

Will the Greek generals, forever and always famously loyal to the Greek capitalist elite, tolerate a left regime in Greece, even if its program now is an effort to implement some reforms of capitalism, without threatening to get rid of the dominant class of capitalists and their generals who rule the nation?

What will they do when tens of thousands of Greeks, who now believe the SYRIZA election victory means their social liberation, take matters into their own hands, begin to act for themselves from below, and move against their ruling class of tormentors and oppressors far faster than SYRIZA parliamentary politicians have any intention of going?

Care to take a bet? *Όποιος γίνεται πρόβατο τον τρώει ο λύκος !*

There have been no reports, so far, or even hints of efforts by SYRIZA or anybody else on the left to organize among rank and file soldiers. **[Wrong and stands corrected by JA, as noted above. T]**

If not, it will be unnecessary to provide blindfolds should the Greek generals seize power and order military executioners to work.

The blindfolds are already in place.

<p>Therefore, in order for the proletariat’s political strike, once transformed into demonstration by the entire people, to become the starting point for a victorious revolution, a sympathetic attitude must be widespread throughout the army. -- Leon Trotsky, “Up To The Ninth Of January,” 1905</p>
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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action: Police Commander Blown Up In Herat



Jan 31 2015 By Khaama Press

A commander of Afghan Local Police (ALP) was killed along with his son in a landmine explosion in western Herat province on Saturday.

The incident took place in Boor Ya Baff area of Pashtoon Zarghon District where vehicle of the police commander ran over a landmine.

Niamatullah, Police Chief of Pashtoon Zarghoon District says that Aqa Halim, commander of ALP and his son were killed on the spot and two persons sustained injuries in the explosion.

Due to the deteriorating security situation in Herat province, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani after a face-to-face meeting with the residents of Herat sacked most of the security and civilian officials in this province.

He assigned new officials as replacement but the security situation has not improved in this western province.

Last evening an Afghan National Army officer was killed anonymously in the main city of Herat province.

Officials say, unknown gunmen have escaped the scene after spraying bullets on Mohayoudin in Firqa area of the city late yesterday afternoon.

Jan 31 2015 By Khaama Press

A roadside landmine explosion has killed four Afghan Border Police in eastern Nuristan province.

Abdul Baqi Nuristani, Police Chief of Nuristan province told Khaama Press that the explosion took place this afternoon in Dawhardish area of Kamdesh District.

He said that a vehicle of the Border Police ran over a an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that resulted in the killing of four soldiers.

Kamdesh is believed to be one of the hot spots for insurgents in Nuristan province.

Several deadly fighting have been fought in Kamdesh District in the past.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



CHANGE WE CAN BEREAVE IN

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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

<p>There is no democracy without socialism and no socialism without democracy. -- Rosa Luxemburg</p>

Soldier’s Creed

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: January 31,
Subject: Soldier’s Creed

Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

**I serve the people of the United States,
and live the Army Values.**

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

**I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy
the enemies of the United States of America
in close combat.**

**I am a guardian of freedom and the American
Way of Life.**

I am an American Soldier.

And...

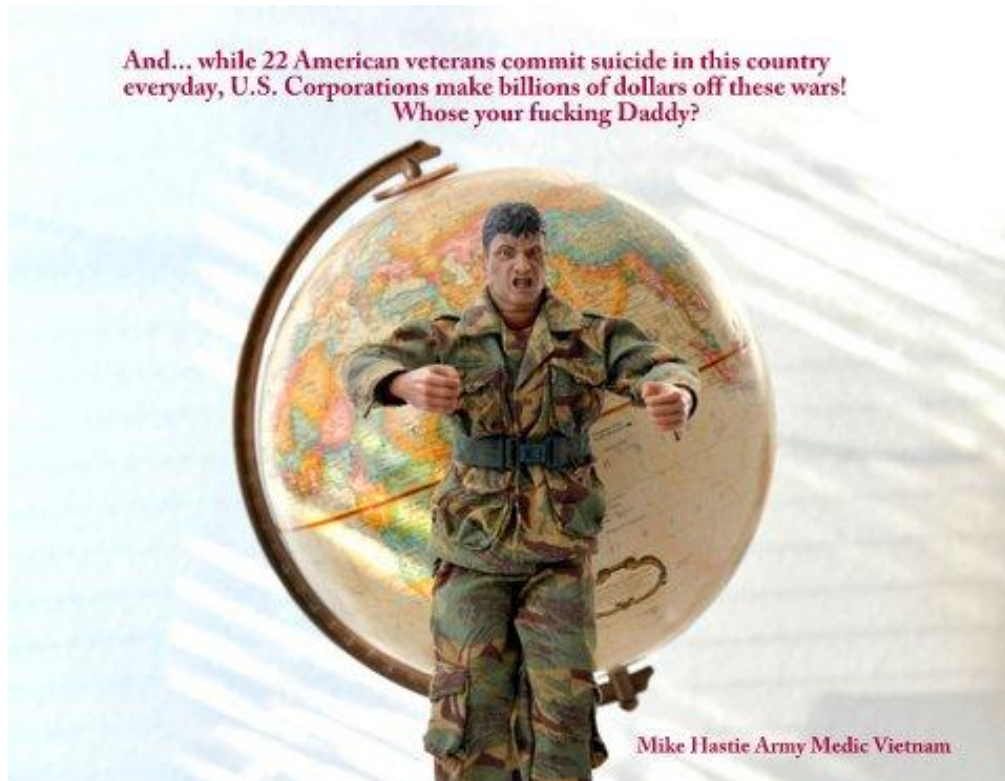


Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004

Comments On Viewing Of American Sniper

From: Sanford Kelson, Veteran & Military Resistance Organization
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: January 27, 2015
Subject: American Sniper

I went and saw American Sniper tonight.

I knew before I went that the things Kyle did in Iraq were because the USG told Americans that Iraq was involved with 9/11. Complete fabrication.

The Project for the New American Century had been created by neocons in, I believe, the early 1990s. The project intended to remake the Middle East in our image through invasion and occupation one country at a time ending with Iran. The document stated the American people would not tolerate such wars without a new Pearl Harbor. A group of Saudis hijacked the planes and Wah La, Pearl Harbor II. So the US did what? Of course it invaded Iraq, not Saudi Arabia. Makes sense, right? In a rage Americans wanted blood and it did not matter whose blood.

The Iraqis did not like being occupied by foreigners and they fought back. Kyle called them savages for doing so.

If a foreign country occupies the US I suggest we will become savages. I hope so anyway.

But that is not what happened; instead the US invaded Iraq which was illegal based upon US law. Al Qaeda did not have a presence in Iraq until nearly a year or so after the US invasion.

The crimes of torture by Iraqis depicted in the movie were sickening and manipulated most people in the audience to hate Iraqis but the US did the same exact shit and we

Americans are too busy with distractions like with sports and Disney World to give a fuck. Shame on us!

The German people supported Hitler's world war that also based on lies and illegal wars. Actually, the US developed the concept of an illegal war to try Germans after WWII most of whom were found guilty and many were hung. The illegal war crime was called a war of aggression. The invasion of Iraq fits exactly the definition of a war of aggression.

One US official involved in trying the Germans worried that by creating the crime of war of aggression that the US would have to live with the same rule we imposed on Germany. So far the US has engaged in many wars of aggression but has yet to be held accountable. Actually, the US threatened to bomb the world court in the Hague if it ever dared to try an American for war crimes. As you can see, I am concerned about justice and against blind support of war crimes initiated by our US elected non-representatives.

Is one US soldier's life worth being risked in an illegal war? Are millions of innocent civilians worth these illegal wars?

What difference is there between what the French partisans, or the Greek partisans, or the Belgium partisans, or the Russian partisans did to German soldiers engaged in illegal occupations of their respective countries during WWII and what the Iraqi partisans have done against the American occupier?

All the partisans in the mentioned countries did it to the Germans and we would do it too to an occupier of our country. Why do we vilify Iraqis for doing what the WWII partisans did to the German occupiers of their countries? The US supported those savages. Do not laws have to be applied equally?

And what can we say good about Kyle and other US soldiers' actions in Iraq? Between 1 and 1½ million Iraqis were killed and up to 2 million have become refugees, overwhelmingly patriotic citizens, most of whom did not engage in battle against the US forces. Isn't supporting the US troops in Iraq the same exact thing the German people did in supporting their troops who invaded many countries illegally?

Far too few but nevertheless, some US troops have refused to fight in wars of aggression. I support them. Hasn't our country become exactly what we fought against in WWII? I think so. It saddens me.

I say demand that our sorry-ass politicians bring the troops home NOW.

Building Links To The Troops 1907:

**“The Work Of The Socialist Youth
Is Not In Vain”**

**“During The Strikes At Dunkirchen,
Creusot, Loguivi, Monso-Le-Min The
Soldiers Ordered Against The
Strikers Declared Their Solidarity
With The Workers”**

**“The Young Socialist Workers Are
Working With All The Enthusiasm And
Energy Of The Young To Have The Army
Side With The People”**

Anti-militarist literature is delivered to soldiers in the barracks and handed out to them in the streets; soldiers find it in coffee-houses and pubs, and everywhere else they go.

October 8, 1907: Vperyod [Forward], Issue #16. By V.I. Ulyanov. [The writer used the pen name “Lenin” to keep the government from terrorizing his family.]

It will be recalled that the International Socialist Congress in Stuttgart discussed the question of militarism and in connection with it the question of anti-militarist propaganda. The resolution adopted on the point says, in part, that the Congress regards it as a duty of the working classes to “help to have working class youth brought up in a spirit of international brotherhood and socialism and imbued with class consciousness”.

The Congress regards this as an earnest of the army ceasing to be a blind instrument in the hands of the ruling classes, which they use as they see fit and which they can direct against the people at any time.

It is very hard, sometimes almost impossible, to conduct propaganda among soldiers on active service. Life in the barracks, strict supervision and rare leave make contact with the outer world extremely difficult; military discipline and the absurd spit and polish cow the soldier.

Army commanders do everything they can to knock the “nonsense” out of the “brutes”, to purge them of every unconventional thought and every human emotion and to instill in

them a sense of blind obedience and an unthinking wild hatred for “internal” and “external” enemies.... It is much harder to make an approach to the lone, ignorant and cowed soldier who is isolated from his fellow-men and whose head has been stuffed with the wildest views on every possible subject, than to draft-age young men living with their families and friends and closely bound up with them by common interest.

Everywhere anti-militarist propaganda among young workers has yielded excellent results. That is of tremendous importance. The worker who goes into the army a class-conscious Social-Democrat is a poor support for the powers that be.

There are young socialist workers' leagues in all European countries. In some, for instance, Belgium, Austria and Sweden, these leagues are large-scale organisations carrying on responsible party work. Of course, the main aim of the youth leagues is self-education and the working out of distinct and integrated socialist outlook. But the youth leagues also carry on practical work. They struggle for an improvement in the condition of apprentices and try to protect them from unlimited exploitation by their employers.

The young socialist workers' leagues devote even more time and attention to anti-militarist propaganda.

For that purpose, they try to establish close ties with young soldiers.

This is done in the following way. Before the young worker has joined the army, he is a member of a league and pays membership dues. When he becomes a soldier, the league continues to maintain constant contacts with him, regularly sending him small cash aids (“soldier's sous” as they call them in France), which, however small, are of substantial importance to the soldier.

For his part, he undertakes to provide the league with regular information about everything that goes on in his barracks and to write about his impressions. Thus, even after he joins the army, the soldier does not break off his ties with the organisation of which he was a member.

An effort is always made to drive the soldier as far away from home as possible for his service. This is done with the intention of preventing the soldier from being tied with the local population by any interest, and to make him feel alien to it.

It is then easier to make him carry out orders: to shoot at a crowd. Young workers' leagues try to bridge this alienation between the soldier and the local population.

Youth leagues are connected with each other. When he arrives in a new town, the soldier, a former member of a youth league at home, - is met by the local league as a welcome visitor, and he is at once brought into the circle of local interests and helped in every possible way.

He ceases to be a newcomer and a stranger. He is also aware that if any misfortune befalls him he will receive help and support. This awareness adds to his courage, he gains assurance in his behaviour in the barracks, and is bolder in standing up for his rights and his human dignity.

Their close ties with young soldiers enable the youth leagues to carry on extensive anti-militarist propaganda among the soldiers.

This is done mainly with the aid of anti-militarist literature, which the youth leagues publish and circulate in great quantities, especially in France, Belgium and also in Switzerland, Sweden, etc.

This literature is highly diverse: postcards with anti-militarist pictures, anti-militarist army songs (many of these songs are very popular among the soldiers), "soldier's catechism" (in France it was circulated in more than 100,000 copies), all sorts of pamphlets, leaflets, appeals; weekly, fortnightly and monthly newspapers and magazines for soldiers, some of them illustrated.

Barracks, Recruit, Young Soldier, Pju pju (a pet name for the young recruit), and *Forward* are very widely circulated. For example, in Belgium the newspapers *Recruit* and *Barracks* have a printing of 60,000 copies each. Especially many magazines are published at the time of the draft.

Special issues of soldiers' newspapers are mailed to the homes of all recruits.

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Recruits receive special attention. They are given a ceremonial send-off.

During the recruitment, processions are staged in the towns. In Austria, for instance, recruits walk through the town dressed in mourning and to the strains of funeral marches. In front of them rolls a decorated red carriage.

All the walls are plastered with red posters which say in large letters: "You will not shoot at the people!"

Evening parties with ardent anti-militarist speeches are held in honour of the recruits. In short, everything is done to awaken the recruit's consciousness, to ensure him against the evil influence of the ideas and emotions which will be instilled into him in the barracks by fair means and foul.

The work of the socialist youth is not in vain. In Belgium, there are almost 15 soldiers' unions in the army, which are mostly affiliated with the Social-Democratic Labour Party and are closely allied with each other. In some regiments, two-thirds of the soldiers are organised.

In France, the anti-militarist mood has become massive. During the strikes at Dunkirchen, Creusot, Loguivi, Monso-le-Min the soldiers ordered against the strikers declared their solidarity with the workers....

As time goes on, there are more and more Social-Democrats in the army and the troops become increasingly less reliable.

When the bourgeoisie has to confront the organised working class, whom will the army back?

The young socialist workers are working with all the enthusiasm and energy of the young to have the army side with the people.

**Secret Documents Lift Lid On
WWII Mutiny By 600 African
American U.S. Troops In North
Queensland “Sparked By Racial
Taunts And Violence”
“The Soldiers Took To The Machine
Guns And Anti-Aircraft Weapons And
Fired Into Tents To Attack Their
White Officers”
“One Of The Biggest Uprisings Within
The U.S. Military”**

February 10, 2012 By Josh Bavas, ABC.NET.AU

An Australian historian has uncovered hidden documents which reveal that African American troops used machine guns to attack their white officers in a siege on a US base in north Queensland in 1942.

Information about the Townsville mutiny has never been released to the public.

But the story began to come to light when James Cook University's Ray Holyoak first began researching why US congressman Lyndon B Johnson visited Townsville for three days back in 1942.

What he discovered was evidence detailing one of the biggest uprisings within the US military.

“For 70 years there's been a rumour in Townsville that there was a mutiny among African-American servicemen. In the last year and a half I've found the primary documentation evidence that that did occur in 1942,” Mr Holyoak told AM.

During World War II, Townsville was a crucial base for campaigns into the Pacific, including the Battle of the Coral Sea.

About 600 African-American troops were brought to the city to help build airfields.

Mr Holyoak says these troops, from the 96th Battalion, US Army Corps of Engineers, were stationed at a base on the city's western outskirts known as Kelso.

This was the site for a large-scale siege lasting eight hours, which was sparked by racial taunts and violence.

"After some serial abuse by two white US officers, there was several ringleaders and they decided to machine gun the tents of the white officers," Mr Holyoak said.

He has uncovered several documents hidden in the archives of the Queensland Police and Townsville Brigade detailing what happened that night.

According to the findings, the soldiers took to the machine guns and anti-aircraft weapons and fired into tents where their white counterparts were drinking.

More than 700 rounds were fired.

At least one person was killed and dozens severely injured, and Australian troops were called in to roadblock the rioters.

Mr Holyoak also discovered a report written by Robert Sherrod, a US journalist who was embedded with the troops.

It never made it to the press, but was handed to Lyndon B Johnson at a Townsville hotel and eventually filed away into the National Archives and Records Administration.

"I think at the time, it was certainly suppressed. Both the Australian and the US government would not have wanted the details of this coming out. The racial policies at the time really discluded people of colour," Mr Holyoak says.

Both the Australian Defence Department and the Australian War Memorial say it could take months to research the incident, and say they have no details readily available for public release. But Townsville historian Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde says the findings validate 70-year-old rumours.

"Anytime it was raised, people usually sort of said, 'Oh you know, no that can't be true. Nobody's heard about that', and in fact it must have been kept pretty quiet from the rest of the town," she said.

Mr Holyoak will spend the next two years researching the sentences handed out to both the officers and the mutineers involved, and why the information has been kept secret for so long.

ANNIVERSARIES

Honorable Anniversary: February 1, 1960 Sit-Ins Against Segregation Begin



Peace History: Carl Bunin

Four black college students sat down at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, and were refused service because of their race.

To protest the segregation of the eating facilities, they remained and sat-in at the lunch counter until the store closed.

Four students returned the next day, and the same thing happened. Similar protests subsequently took place all over the South and in some northern communities.

By September 1961, more than 70,000 students, both white and black, had participated, with many arrested, during sit-ins.

February 1, 1961:

On the first anniversary of the Greensboro sit-in, there were demonstrations all across the south, including a Nashville movie theater desegregation campaign (which sparked similar tactics in 10 other cities).

Nine students were arrested at a lunch counter in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and chose to take 30 days hard labor on a road gang.

The next week, four other students repeated the sit-in, also chose jail.

Dishonorable Anniversary: February 1, 1968



General Nguyen Ngoc Loan executes Nguyen Van Lem, turning more Americans against the war in Vietnam

Peace History: Carl Bunin

General Nguyen Ngoc Loan executes Nguyen Van Lem a NLF officer.

Saigon police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan summarily executed Nguyen Van Lem, suspected leader of a Viet Cong assassination platoon, with a pistol shot to the head on the street.

AP photojournalist Eddie Adams's Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of the incident became one of the most famous, ubiquitous and lasting images of the war in Vietnam, affecting international and American public opinion regarding the war.

Happy Anniversary: February 2, 1989 Russia Withdraws From Afghanistan In Defeat



Peace History: Carl Bunin

Russian participation in the war in Afghanistan ended as Red Army troops withdrew from the capital city of Kabul. They left behind many of their arms.

YOUR INVITATION:

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CLASS WAR REPORTS

**New York Police Unit Will Get
Machine Guns To Use Against
Street Demonstrators:
“It Is Designed For Dealing With
Events Like Our Recent Protests”**

Officers Will Also Be Used To “Help With Crowd Control And Other Large-Scale Events”

[Thanks to Ben Chitty, Veterans for Peace, who posted this one.]

January 30th, 2015 By Jen Chung, PopularResistance.Org [Excerpts]

Murders reached a historic low in NYC for 2014; overall crime was down across the board by nearly 5%; hell, even the holiday slowdown didn't really lead to any additional crime. So clearly, now is the time when NYC really needs to implement a new anti-terrorism program which would empower a team of NYPD officers to roam around the city carrying machine guns. What could go wrong?

Police Commissioner Bratton made the announcement earlier today at an event hosted by the Police Foundation at the Mandarin Oriental.

He said that the new 350 cop unit, called The Strategic Response Group, will be dedicated to “disorder control and counterterrorism protection capabilities” against attacks like the hostage situation in Sydney, which the NYPD's Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence John Miller said was an inevitability in NYC.

This new squad will be used to investigate and combat terrorist plots, lone wolf terrorists, and... protests. “It is designed for dealing with events like our recent protests, or incidents like Mumbai or what just happened in Paris,” Bratton said, according to CBS.

“They'll be equipped and trained in ways that our normal patrol officers are not,” Bratton explained.

“They'll be equipped with all the extra heavy protective gear, with the long rifles and machine guns — unfortunately sometimes necessary in these instances.” Capital NY adds that these officers will also be used “to assist on crime scenes, and help with crowd control and other large-scale events.”

The pilot program will start in two precincts in Manhattan and two in Queens, though it's unclear when they want to launch it. Bratton said Mayor de Blasio was on board, and he expected the City Council to be as well.

He also said he thinks this will help improve relationships between cops and local residents.

“Cops will know their sectors and the citizens will know them,” Bratton said. “They'll know the problem areas and the problem people. I truly believe when cops embrace their neighborhoods, their neighborhoods will embrace them back.”

Already, local advocacy groups have spoken out against the plan; Priscilla Gonzalez, Organizing Director of Communities United for Police Reform, gave this statement.

“Initial reports of Commissioner Bratton’s plans suggest the opposite of progress. His demands for less oversight of the NYPD and a more militarized police force that would use counter-terrorism tactics against protestors are deeply misguided and frankly offensive. We need an NYPD that is more accountable to New Yorkers and that stops criminalizing our communities, especially when people are taking to the streets to voice legitimate concerns about discriminatory and abusive policing.”

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



OCCUPATION PALESTINE



Two Palestinians Killed By Zionist Forces During Funeral Of Another Palestinian Killed By Zionist Forces

January 19 Agencies & Ilana Curiel, Y Net & January 20, 2015 by Celine Hagbard, IMEMC & Agencies

NEGEV –

Protesters marched and blocked roads Monday following the funeral of a young man shot and killed by Israeli forces late last week while attending the funeral of another young man shot by Israeli troops.

The protest took place in the town of Rahat, and was attended by over 2,000 Bedouins and their supporters from all across Israel.

Two Palestinian young men were killed and scores of citizens suffered injuries when the Israeli police forces on Sunday evening violently attacked a funeral procession in al-Rahat town, north of the Negev region.

The funeral procession was for 21-year-old Sami Jaar, who was shot dead a few days ago by the Israeli police in the same town.

Khaled al-Ajar, Sami's father, told of the incident:

"I was sitting in my home, heard shooting and saw two people on the floor being handcuffed. They were being beaten. My son stood next to me, complaining about having tear gas in his eyes. And then he told me 'they killed me, father,' and lifted his shirt.

"They shot my son with no justification. No one posed a risk to them.

"They handcuffed me and beat me. They broke my hand. They're trying to cover up this story instead of catching the policemen who murdered him. I demand justice. We don't want violence."

Eyewitnesses said that Sami al-Zayadena and Anwar al-Afawi died after inhaling tear gas that was intensively used by the Israeli police forces during their attack on the funeral.

They added that dozens of people, including Sheikh Ra'ed Salah, head of the Islamic Movement in the 1948 occupied lands, also suffered from tear gas suffocation.

They also said that the violent clashes broke out when the Israeli police sent its forces to the cemetery of the town upon the arrival of the mourners there for the burial service.

The wounded were evacuated to the Soroka Medical Center in Be'er Sheva, where one who arrived in critical condition died after suffering from a heart attack.

The deaths of the men in separate incidents in close succession have brought out a long history of repression, demolition and attacks on Palestinian Bedouins living in the Negev, in what is now southern Israel.

Thousands of Bedouins have inhabited the desert land for hundreds of years, but with the creation of the state of Israel they became 'unrecognized villages'.

Israeli authorities have repeatedly razed whole villages to the ground, and attempted the forced relocation of virtually the entire Bedouin population of the Negev, in order to make way for Israeli governmental projects.

In addition, a solidarity protest was held in the northern Israel town of Haifa, where hundreds of people gathered to show support for the Bedouin and their ongoing struggle against Israeli military and police repression.

At both the Rafat and Haifa protests, people held signs with messages like 'Stop violence, stop racism'.

Israeli police assaulted the protesters with tear gas and concussion grenades.

Another Palestinian Killed By Zionist Forces During Funeral Of Another Palestinian Killed By Zionist Forces When He Was At Funeral Of Another Palestinian Killed By Zionist Forces

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JERUSALEM – Thousands on Monday participated in the funeral procession of a Palestinian Bedouin man from the Negev who died Sunday in clashes with Israeli forces during the funeral of another man who was killed by Israeli police, a Ma'an reporter said.

Sami Ibrahim Zayadna, 45, died after inhaling tear gas fired by Israeli police at mourners in the Bedouin city of Rahat.

The procession, led by local Bedouin leaders, began at Zayadna's house and marched to the family's cemetery.

Several other Palestinian leaders, Knesset members, local government leaders, and political party representatives participated in the funeral.

Over 40 other people were injured during the clashes that followed the Sunday funeral of Sami al-Jaar, 22, who was shot dead by Israeli police last week while standing on the patio of his home during clashes between police and local youths in the neighborhood.

Those injured by Israeli forces' dispersal of funeral-goers and protesters included Rahat mayor Talal al-Qureinawi and Raed Salah, the head of the Islamic Movement.

Three people injured Sunday remain in Soroka hospital, including one who was seriously injured in the eye and is now in a moderate condition.

The injuries of the two others are described as light.

Meanwhile, the High Follow-up Committee for Arab Citizens of Israel announced a full strike on Monday after an emergency meeting in Rahat.

Rahat mayor al-Qarnawi said during the meeting that "there is absolutely no trust in the (Israeli) police."

"They tried to call me today but I refused; the president spoke with me and I notified him of the dangers of the police actions against the people of Rahat."

Many Bedouins were forcibly settled by the State of Israel in the area after 1948, particularly after attempts to drive them permanently across the border into neighboring countries failed.

Although the majority of Palestinians were expelled from their homes inside Israel during the 1948 conflict that led to the creation of the State of Israel, some Palestinians managed to remain in their villages and their descendants today make up around 20 percent of Israel's population.

Unarmed Palestinian Farmer Shot By Occupation Troops Near Gaza Border, As Usual

January 16, 2015 by Celine Hagbard - IMEMC news

A 24-year old Palestinian farmer was wounded in the foot by Israeli forces stationed at a watchtower along the Israeli border with Gaza while the farmer was tending his field.

The 'no go zone' established by the Israeli military next to the border was extended by Israeli troops to further encroach onto Palestinian farmlands and orchards following the Israeli assault on Gaza in summer 2014.

The farmer was not identified, but the injury was confirmed by the spokesman for the Palestinian Ministry of Health Ashraf al-Qidra, who said that the wounded man was taken to al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City for treatment.

This marks the second wounding of a Palestinian farmer by live Israeli gunfire from the border in 2015. A 25-year old man was shot in both feet by Israeli troops on January 2nd.

Israeli forces have established a policy of shooting live rounds at anyone deemed to have entered the 'no go zone', despite the fact that this zone includes numerous Palestinian farms and fields.

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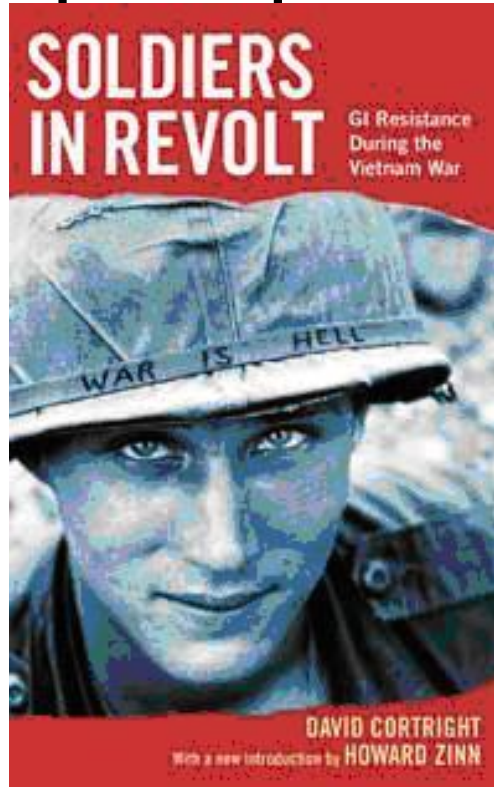
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