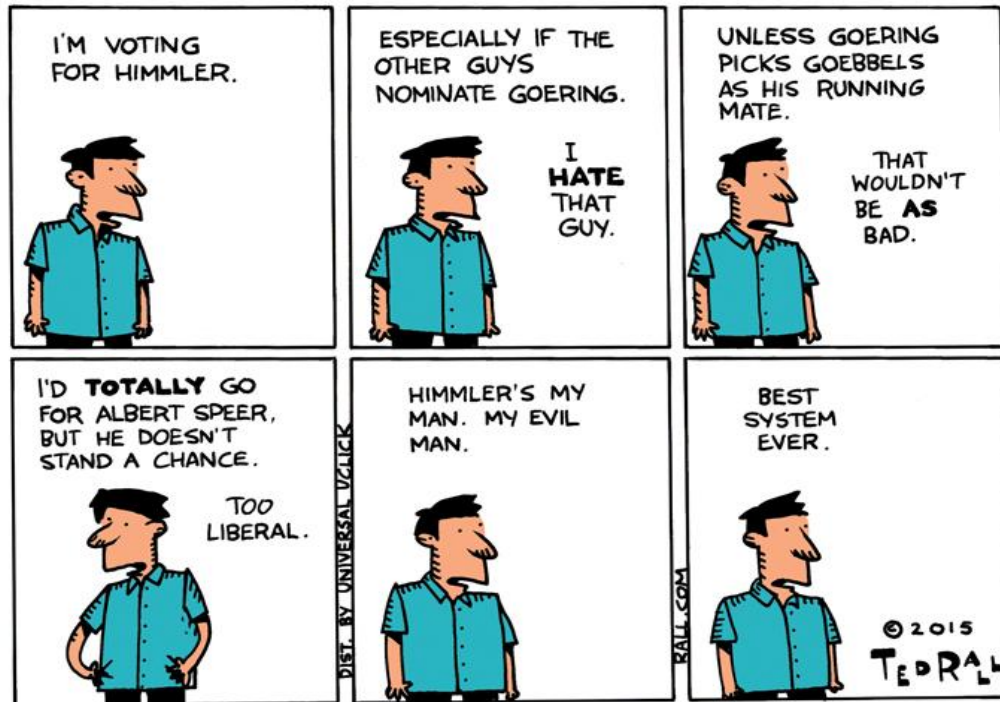


Military Resistance 13E8



60,000 Rise Against Gruevski Government In Macedonia:

“With Or Without His Agreement, He Will Leave”

“The Government Has Been Involved In A Wide Range Of Anti-Democratic Practices”

“They Include Election Fraud And Covering Up The Murder Of A Young Man By A Police Officer”



Skopje: Protests in front of Macedonian the government building. Photo by BIRN



Skopje: Protesters in March on the government building, top center. | Photo by BIRN

17 May 15 by Sinisa Jakov Marusic, BIRN

Around 60,000 people gathered in front of the government building in Skopje on Sunday at a mass rally against Gruevski's administration, which they accuse of widespread corruption, undemocratic practices and large-scale illegal surveillance.

"I'm sending a specific and clear message on behalf of us all: Gruevski, do not stall. You can see for yourself. Your time is up. Leave!" opposition Social Democrats leader Zoran Zaev told the protesters.

Zaev also accused Gruevski and his government of stealing public funds while posturing as great patriots.

"We now hear Gruevski saying that it would be cowardly if he leaves. Isn't it cowardly to keep Macedonia a hostage? This gathering here says one thing - with or without his agreement, he will leave," he said.

The protesters were calling for the formation of a transitional government that will prepare the country for what they call free and fair elections.

Their anger has been fuelled in recent months by the opposition's release of wire-tapped recordings allegedly showing how top officials including Gruevski were involved in corruption, vote-rigging, and the cover-up of a murder.

"I came here hoping that something will change, that we will manage to return democracy to Macedonia. I hope it is not too late for that," one protester, Julija Krsteva, told BIRN.

"This government should finally leave," said another protestor, Jana Kocevska.

As the rally came to an end, Social Democrat party supporters started setting up tents in front of the government building in preparation for a long-term sit-in protest camp.

Zaev has vowed to maintain the sit-in until Gruevski steps down. But Gruevski's ruling VMRO DPMNE party has scheduled its own counter-rally for Monday, causing fears of clashes.

Addressing Sunday's protest, former Bulgarian Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev also accused the government of squandering public funds on personal enrichment: "In Macedonia, lots of money was spent on luxury instead of health," he said.

Former Macedonian diplomat Nikola Dimitrov, who served as deputy minister of health in Gruevski's government from 2006 to 2008, accused the prime minister of wasting money on an expensive makeover of the capital while the country remained poor and undeveloped.

"Of the many facade projects, Gruevski forgot the main one - Macedonia," Dimitrov said.

Gruevski insisted the day before the protest however that he would not step down, and warned if there was unrest, the police would "respond accordingly".

Thousands of Albanians, who make up one quarter of the country's population, also joined the protest. Four smaller ethnic Albanian parties and one ethnic Albanian political movement had called on their supporters to join in.

People carried placards calling for Gruevski to step down, while some waved Macedonian and Albanian flags – an attempt to show that ethnic Macedonians and the country's minority Albanian population are united in their demand for change.

The rally was organised by opposition parties and backed by many non-government organisations and rights movements.

Macedonian students who started gathering around noon in front of Skopje's university also joined the rally.

Gatherings in support of the protesting Macedonians are also being staged in Amsterdam, London, Ljubljana, Sofia and Sarajevo.

Ahead of the demonstration, Zaev said it would be "the biggest ever protest rally in Macedonia" and that directly afterwards, a non-stop sit-in protest would maintain the pressure on Gruevski and his government.

"Some 4,600 activists have decided on their own initiative to sleep out in front of the government building and to continue the protest," he said.

Before the rally, social media were full of messages suggesting that the authorities had tried to stop protesters arriving from other Macedonian towns. The opposition said frequent police checks on buses and cars were aimed at stopping protesters going to the capital and a photo was posted of a truck allegedly blocking the highway from Veles to Skopje.

The opposition also said that transport companies cancelled buses that were booked to carry protesters to Skopje. "They said they are doing this because of the threat that their buses will be burned," Zaev told a press conference on Saturday.

Sunday's rally came after another smaller protest in Skopje on May 5 saw police targeting protesters in the streets after a small group of people - who the peaceful protesters called provocateurs - attacked officers on duty at the demonstration.

The Macedonian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights said that more than 40 protesters, including students, have since been arrested, and that 14 are still in detention.

The committee accused the police of detaining peaceful people in order to scare others out of attending anti-government protests.

Zaev said that he and his supporters would try to stop any clashes on Sunday: "We will do everything in our power to make the protest pass off peacefully. Our young activists will form a barrier between the police and the protestors. Activists are also being instructed to react and take photos of even the slightest signs of provocateurs."

The European Parliament is informally monitoring the protests with the aid of the former rapporteur on Macedonia Richard Howitt. Several other MEPs from Germany, Sweden and Finland are also expected to attend the rally and its follow-up as observers.

On Thursday and Friday, the OSCE special representative for the Western Balkans, Ambassador Gerard Stoudmann, the OSCE high commissioner on minorities, Astrid Thors, and Germany's diplomat in charge of Southeast Europe, Ernst Reichel, called for restraint on all sides.

On Wednesday, leaders of all main political parties, with the mediation of the US ambassador Jess Baily and EU ambassador Aivo Orav, signed a declaration on non-violence and agreed to meet again on Monday.

Since February, the opposition has been releasing taped conversations that appear to show that the government has been involved in a wide range of anti-democratic practices.

They include election fraud, abuse of the justice system and covering up the murder of a young man by a police officer.

Gruevski has insisted that the opposition's tapes of official conversations were "created" by unnamed "foreign (intelligence) services" and given to the opposition in order to destabilise the country.

Sunday's protest follows a recent two-day shootout between police and gunmen in the northern town of Kumanovo. Eight police officers died and 37 were injured in the fighting.

The crisis briefly interrupted the anti-government protests and diverted attention from the wiretapping scandal facing Gruevski.

But the timing of the events in Kumanovo prompted many opponents of the government, including Social Democrats leader Zaev, to accuse the authorities of attempting to distract the public from the crisis by orchestrating ethnic unrest.

Two days after calling the police action in Kumanovo a success, Interior Minister Gordana Jankuloska, the chief of the secret police, Saso Mijalkov, and Transportation Minister Mile Janakieski - all heavily implicated in the illegal surveillance scandal - resigned.

But government opponents said that the resignations were too little, too late, and that only the resignation of the entire government would bring an end to the protests.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

British Occupation Worker Killed; Three Wounded

May 17, 2015 RFE/RL's Radio Free Afghanistan

Authorities in Afghanistan say a car bomber attacked a convoy of vehicles with foreign security forces near Kabul Airport, killing a foreign staff member of the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL). The wounded included three EUPOL police officers.

At least two EUPOL vehicles were in the convoy on May 17 when the bomber rammed an explosives-laden Toyota Corolla into one of them.

The British Embassy in Kabul has confirmed that a British national was among the dead and the EU said he was a member of the mission's private security team.

The attack took place near a security checkpoint between Kabul's main airport and a nearby U.S. military installation during the peak of morning rush hour traffic.

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said three vehicles were damaged, including the EUPOL vehicles.

A spokesman for the Taliban said the attack was carried out by a Taliban suicide bomber.

Governor Says That If Additional Troops Do Not Arrive Khas Urozgan District “May Fall To Taliban Hands” “The Number Of Taliban Fighters Who Have Attacked Is Reported To Be Hundreds”

May 18 2015 By Zabihullah Moosakhail, Khaama Press

A number of security check posts in Urozgan and Badghis provinces have been attacked by Taliban militants where gun fight is still ongoing between the two sides.

The number of Taliban fighters who have attacked eight security posts in Khas Urozgan District of Urozgan province this morning is reported to be hundreds.

Abdul Karim, the district governor says that if additional troops do not arrive the District may fall to Taliban hands.

He said two soldiers have so far embraced martyrdom in the exchange of fire with Taliban.

However, Dost Mohammad Nayeb the spokesman for the governor of Urozgan province says that troops available in the district are able to fight with militants and they have pushed back the attack.

Another attack continues in northwestern Badghis province. Local security officials say Taliban have attacked border security posts in Murichaq area of Bala Murghab District.

Mohammad Juma Adil a border police commander says that the clash is ongoing since yesterday and so far four Taliban have been killed.

More Resistance Action

May 18 AP

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- A Taliban attack on a district government headquarters in Afghanistan's southern Uruzgan province on Monday killed at least seven people, an Afghan official said.

Among those killed in the pre-dawn attack in Khas Uruzgan district were five policemen, a former district chief and a school principal, according to Abdul Kareem Karimi, the district chief administrative official.

Government forces remain in control of the district, even with the limited number of policemen there, said Karim but warned that they could be overwhelmed unless reinforcements arrive soon.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the attack.

May 17 2015 By Khaama Press

Two policemen have embraced martyrdom and three others wounded in a landmine explosion in Ghazni province.

Officials say soldiers suffered casualties after their vehicle ran over a landmine close to second security check post in Zankhan District around 07:00 AM this morning.

Shafiq Nang, spokesman for the acting governor of Ghazni province says that the wounded policemen are under treatment in hospital and their injuries are not life threatening.

16 May 2015 IANS

Kabul - Taleban militants on Saturday intercepted some vehicles in Afghanistan's eastern province of Paktia and captured at least 27 people, media reported.

The incident took place in Sayed Karam district of the province when the militants closed roads and stopped vehicles in the area, Tolo News reported citing police chief Zalmai Oryakhil.

One witness said roads were closed at about 5 a.m. by the Taleban.

However, officials did not provide further details about the incident.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the Taleban said on Twitter that eight government employees were among those "arrested" and that the group was "investigating" the remaining 19. He implied that if the 19 were found to be non-government officials, they would be released.

May 18, 2015 By Basher Ahmad Nadim, Pajhwok

KANDAHAR CITY: A bomber blew himself up close to a police vehicle, leaving two border policemen and five civilians wounded on Monday in southern Kandahar province, an official said.

Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomber was on foot and attacked a police vehicle on the outskirts of 1st police district in Kandahar City, the provincial capital. The injured were instantly shifted to a local hospital.

A security official said the apparent target of the attacker was Ismat Afghan, chief of border police chief, who remained unhurt in the attack.

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END THE OCCUPATION**

POLICE WAR REPORTS

**NYPD Officers Attempt To
Arrest 14-Year-Old Girl:
"The Officer Makes Another Move To
Grab The Young Girl And A Woman**

Jumps In And Rips Her Away From His Grasp” “You Know You’re Doing Wrong! GO HOME!” “The Officers Get In Their Unmarked Car And Leave”

"You know you're doing wrong, go home!"

May 17, 2015 By Cassandra Fairbanks, The Free Thought Project

New York, NY– On May 14, copwatcher Michael Barber of the Copwatch Patrol Unit was out doing a great public service in which he frequently engages – filming the police. As he was doing so, he captured something absolutely amazing.

The video, originally posted to Facebook early Friday morning, captured undercover officers grabbing at children while attempting to arrest a 14-year-old girl. This was reportedly over allegations that a child who was with her, who witnesses say appeared to be around 7-years-old, had pushed the button on a police call box.

“May 14 around 7PM in Washington heights 140st and Hamilton undercover officers Gonzalez from the 30th Pct. NYPD over stepped his boundaries and was not following proper protocol. #PoliceThePolice” Barber’s caption read.

An angry member of the community boldly approached the officer and informed him that he has no business laying his hands on a 14-year-old child.

She continues to bravely defend the child’s rights without backing down, adamantly demanding the officer’s names and drilling it into the teenagers that they need to tell their parents what the officers did.

Around 6:20 the officer jumps out of his vehicle and charges towards one of the young girls who was calmly explaining to him that she had not done anything wrong. She continues to back away and witnesses, women and children, jump right in - trying to get between the teenager and the plain-clothed officer trying to snatch her.

At 7:11 the officer makes another move to grab the young girl and a woman jumps in and rips her away from his grasp, as witnesses scream for the officers to go home.

After successfully separating the officers from the children, one of the (superhero) women screams at the officers.

“You know you’re doing wrong! GO HOME!”

In one of the most shocking moments we have seen, the officers get in their unmarked car and leave.

With so many children dying at the hands of police, it is more important than ever to defend the youth.

“I was scared to put up this video at first because I was not sure if it would get the cops in trouble or the community but everyone was wrong at some point.” Barber told The Free Thought Project.

Three Baltimore Police Officers Caught Stealing: Two Caught On Video Looting Store During Freddie Gray Uprising

14 May 2015 by Arturo Garcia, Raw Story

Three Baltimore police officers were accused of theft in two separate investigations — including two charged after being caught on video looting a store during the unrest that followed the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray.

According to the Baltimore Sun, correction officers Tamika Cobb and Kendra Richard were suspended without pay after footage showed them exiting a local convenience store holding Slim Jims and Tostitos chips on April 25.

That same day, riots broke out in the city after six hours of peaceful protests calling for charges to be filed against the officers who arrested Gray earlier that month. Six officers were later charged in connection with Gray’s death.

Both Cobb and Richard were assigned to corrections facilities downtown, near the site of the unrest. They face charges of burglary and theft, and bail was set for each of them at \$35,000.

Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary Stephen T. Moyer said in a statement that authorities began investigating the two officers following a tip.

“We will not allow the vast majority of our employees who are honest and hardworking to be tainted by the actions of a few,” he said.

A separate sting operation led to Officer Maurice Lamar Jeffers being charged with theft of government property and “converting property of another” after allegedly stealing \$3,000 that authorities left in a hotel room.

The Sun reported that Jeffers, who is part of a fugitive task force, was told to help secure the room so that Prince George’s County police could execute a search warrant. He was

then filmed putting the money in his pockets after his partner left the room to alert a supervisor that it was clear.

A member of Jeffers' task force reportedly told an internal affairs investigator that Jeffers cashed his paychecks instead of using a bank account, and always bought things in cash, calling the behavior "suspicious." Jeffers had in fact been accused of theft three times between 2005 and 2011.

MILITARY NEWS

Half-Wits In Command Babble Inane Bullshit About Fall Of Stalingrad Oops Ramadi! Ramadi! "The Key To Victory Is Not Exclusively Military Success On The Battlefield"

May 20, 2015 By Felicia Schwartz and Julian E. Barnes, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is turning its focus in Iraq away from the northern city of Mosul toward the province west of Baghdad, where Islamic State captured the key city of Ramadi over the weekend.

On Wednesday, Gen. Dempsey characterized the Iraqi military's loss in Ramadi not as a direct defeat by Islamic State forces, but as a decision by an Iraqi commander to retreat from a sandstorm moving through the area that he believed was going to prevent the U.S. from carrying out needed airstrikes against Islamic State fighters.

"The (Iraqi Security Force) was not driven out of Ramadi, they drove out of Ramadi," Gen. Dempsey said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal.

Elsewhere, U.S. military officials portrayed the loss of Ramadi as a tactical loss, but not a strategic failure.

"You've got to look at the bigger picture here and how Ramadi is one fight in a larger battle," said Col. Patrick Ryder, of the U.S. Central Command.

"The key to victory is not exclusively military success on the battlefield," Gen. Dempsey said. "It relates to the government of Iraq to draw the various groups back together."

MORE:

Islamic State Fighters Overrun Iraqi Govt Lines East Of Ramadi

May 21, 2015 Reuters

Islamic State militants overran Iraqi government defences east of the city of Ramadi on Thursday, police and pro-government tribal fighters said.

The defensive line was breached at Husaiba, about 10 km (six miles) from the city, on Thursday afternoon after IS fighters intensified mortar and rocket fire.

"The situation is very critical now after Daesh (IS) fighters managed to overrun our defensive line in Husaiba," Police major Khalid al-Fahdawi said.

"We have retreated to the eastern part of the area and we're waiting for more reinforcements and air force strikes to stop the Daesh advance."

Islamic State forces there have taken over tanks and artillery and large amounts of ammunition abandoned by fleeing Iraqi forces.

Ramadi fell to the insurgents on Sunday in the most significant setback for Iraqi security forces in nearly a year.

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.

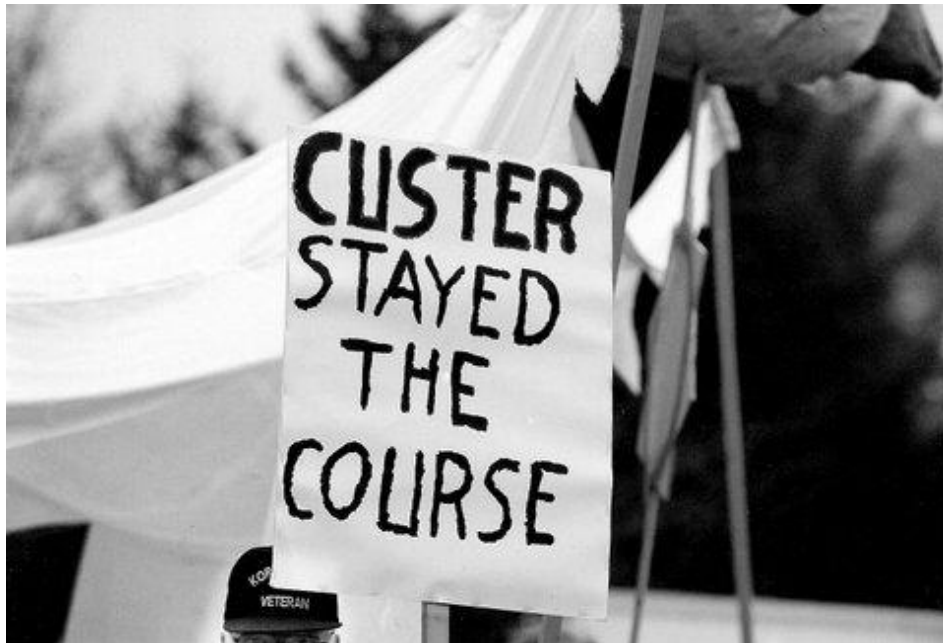
“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

**One way to stop the next war is to continue to tell the truth about this one.
-- Kathy Kelly**

Was the Iraq War Really A Mistake?



Antiwar demonstration in front of the gates of Fort Lewis, near Tacoma, Wash. during the Iraq War in 2006. Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: May 18, 2015
Subject: Was the Iraq War Really a Mistake?

Was the Iraq War Really a Mistake?

Well, the Genie is out of the bottle...

I just got through reading an article by Connie Cass today, (May 17, 2015) of the Associated Press.

(Iraq War Judged a Mistake by Today's White House Hopefuls)

Politicians are now willing to admit that the Iraq War was a mistake, and that we should have never killed a million Iraqi people.

Or, that the U.S. Government should have never destroyed that country.

Or, that maybe 4,491 Americans should not have died.

Or, that tens of thousands of American soldiers should have never been wounded.

Or, that hundreds and hundreds of soldiers and Iraq veterans should have never committed suicide.

Or, that 900,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans should not now be treated by the VA for PTSD.

Or, that American tax payers should have never had to foot the bill of over a trillion dollars to pay for this mistake.

Can you now imagine what is going to happen to all the Iraq veterans who are absorbing the realization that they were duped and lied to?

Even Jeb Bush is willing to say that maybe his brother made a mistake. There's that word, "mistake" again.

Mistake: 1. an incorrect act or decision 2. an error 3. Misunderstand 4. identify incorrectly.

Well, that pretty much covers it.

Hillary Clinton, who voted for the war, admitted, "I got it wrong."

She also admitted in her recent book, "I voted in favor of the war based on the information available at the time."

As stated by Connie Cass, from her article:

"All these Republicans, (Rick Santorum, Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Chris Christie, and John Kasich) said last week that, in hindsight, they would not have invaded Iraq with what's now known about the faulty intelligence that wrongly indicated Saddam Hussein had stockpiled weapons of mass destruction."

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, had this to say about the Iraq War:

"Knowing what we know now, I think it's safe for many of us, myself included, to say, we probably wouldn't have taken that approach."

Hans Blix, the former head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, headed U.N. teams that from 2002 went into Iraq to determine if Saddam Hussein had any weapons of mass destruction. His conclusion was that there were no WMDs in Iraq. It didn't matter, because the Bush Administration went ahead with their own weapons of mass destruction, and bled that country to death.

So... how do you tell all those Iraq veterans that the Iraq War was a mistake?
How do you tell all of their families who have suffered so much?
How do you tell millions of Iraqi people that the horrific violence committed against their country was a mistake?

The Iraq War was not a mistake.
The Iraq War was well planned and executed, because the Iraq War was the right war at the right time, because the Iraq War made American Corporations Filthy Rich.
"For The Love Of Money Is The Root Of All Evil."
W A R : Wealthy Are Richer
I R A Q : I Remember Another Quagmire
For all those who remember the Vietnam War.

I saw American soldiers and some Vietnamese die in Vietnam for the cause of the Filthy Rich.
When I came home from that war, I realized I had served on the wrong side.
I have countless friends who feel the same way.
And, all that those politicians can say now is that the Iraq War was a mistake.
It was never a mistake.
It was orchestrated by our government for many years, because Iraq was a paradise of wealth and war profiteering.
So, the reason the United States went to war against Iraq is quite simple.
It is the Nature of Empire.

I will close with something that is the most succinct statement I have ever said about the Vietnam War.
It is crude and honest, because the truth can do that.
Tim O'Brien, a Vietnam veteran, wrote a statement in his book: The Things They Carried
In it he says: "Send guys to war, they come home talking dirty."
This is the truth I have carried for 45 years:

The last thing I felt before I left Vietnam, was Dick Nixon's dick withdrawing from my ass.

That's called, "Political Incest."

Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
May 17, 2015

The further a society drifts from

truth the more it will hate those
who speak it.
George Orwell
1984

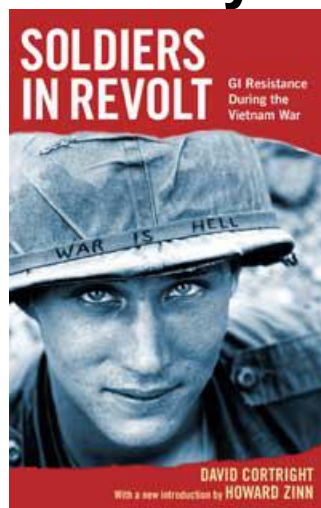
Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

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

**“People Need Not Be Helpless
Before The Power Of Illegitimate
Authority”**

**“By Getting Together And Acting Upon
Their Convictions People Can Change
Society And, In Effect, Make Their Own
History”**



From: SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975. [Excerpts]

In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.

The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based not on the nation's legitimate defense requirements but on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.

Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.

Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.

Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.

During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.

To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those who defy military service.

To this end the patriots who resisted the Indochina war should be granted universal and unconditional amnesty, as a sign of our agreement with their acts and as the first step toward restructuring the military and legitimatizing resistance to illegal war.

The central lesson of the GI movement — and, I hope, of this book — is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.

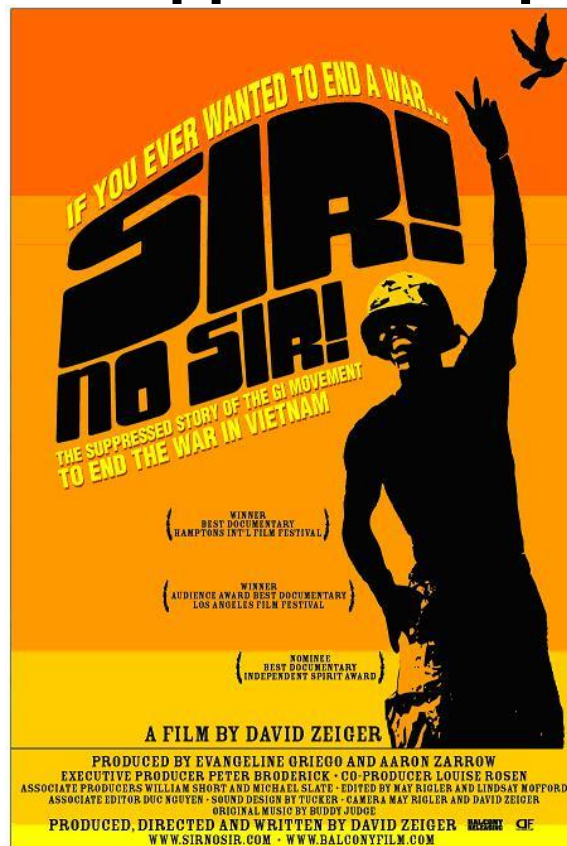
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Love, Dad

[From GI Special, March 2009]

From: Dennis Serdel
To: GI Special
Sent: March 03, 2009
Subject: Love, Dad

By Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace 50 Michigan, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree.

Love, Dad

Son, we can't send you
any packages
like we have sent you before

because the shop
that I worked for for 27 years
has just went bankrupt
my pension money is gone
didn't get severance pay
after all those years
and I would have to pay
Cobra for health care but
I don't have money for that
they didn't even give me
my vacation pay
they gave me nothing
nothing at all
I took our savings and paid off
our home but now all I get is
unemployment checks
and food stamps
that will stop in months
I don't know what I will do then,
I'm old and nobody will hire me
but even the young
can't find any jobs
Soon they will take our car
turn off electricity
and turn off the heat
Son, I know you have troubles
of your own in Iraq
but I think you are fighting
the wrong enemy over there
I think all of you should come home
fight the government
the corporations
and defend us from
the bill collectors
kill the white shirt bank criminals
the oil company criminals
kill all the Madoof's
that have taken over our country
because nothing works
over here anymore.
Love, Dad

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1968: Heroic Anniversary

The French General Strike Begins



“We Are The Power”

Carl Bunin Peace History May 7-13

Workers joined Paris students' protest, launching a general strike calling for the fall of the government and protesting police brutality.

The protest by French students included occupation of The Sorbonne; by the end of the month over 10,000,000 had been involved in school and workplace occupations.

Mother's Day Proposed: May 1870

**“We, The Women Of One Country, Will
Be Too Tender Of Those Of Another
Country To Allow Our Sons To Be
Trained To Injure Theirs”**

Carl Bunin Peace History May 11-17, 2009

May 15, 1870: Julia Ward Howe, suffragist, abolitionist and author of the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” proposed Mother's Day as a peace holiday.

Julia Ward Howe, 1870

Arise, then, women of this day!
Arise, all women who have hearts,
Whether our baptism be of water or of tears!

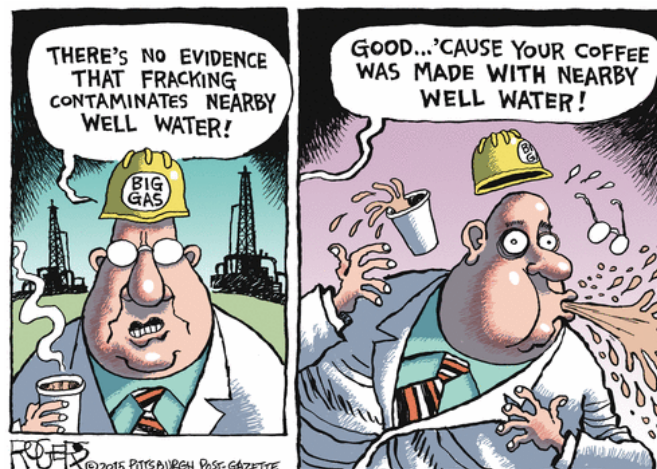
Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.
We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own.
It says: "Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."
Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession.
As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war,
Let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of
counsel.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.
Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means
Whereby the great human family can live in peace,
Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality
May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient
And at the earliest period consistent with its objects,
To promote the alliance of the different nationalities,
The amicable settlement of international questions,
The great and general interests of peace.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Unarmed Palestinians Shot By Occupation Forces, As Usual

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A 17-year-old young man on Friday evening suffered serious bullet injuries when Israeli soldiers opened fire at him in the northern border area of the Gaza Strip.

A spokesman for the health ministry said that the young man was targeted as he was walking in a border area to the north of Beit Lahiya district, noting that he was rushed to al-Shifa hospital for medical treatment.

For its part, the Palestinian interior ministry said that one fisherman was wounded when Israeli gunboats on the afternoon of the same day opened machinegun fire at fishing boats off the coast of Gaza.

Furthermore, intensive flight of Israeli aircraft has been reported overnight in the skies of the Gaza Strip, Quds Press said.

Israeli unmanned aircrafts have extensively hovering overnight over the eastern areas of Gaza city at late hours yesterday, the sources added.

Two surveillance balloons were also launched over Joher Deek village southeast of Gaza City.

Since the ceasefire agreement that ended the Israeli 51-day aggression on Gaza, human rights defenders have accused Israel of routinely violating the terms of the agreement.

Zionists Uproot Palestinian Olive Trees As Usual

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AL-KHALIL -- Palestinian citizens managed Friday to confront Israeli settlers' attack on their agricultural lands to the south of al-Khalil city. The local activist Ratib Rajoub reported that ten masked settlers uprooted dozens of olive saplings in Susia village near Yatta town.

Local youths immediately reached the scene and forced the settlers to leave the land under Israeli forces' protection.

Israeli settlers have earlier erected a make-shift tent in a Palestinian-owned land near the village, as a starting point to carry out their attacks against Palestinians' agricultural lands and properties.

Zionists Uproot More Palestinian Olive Trees As Usual

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AL-KHALIL -- An extremist group of Jewish settlers uprooted on Tuesday hundreds of olive trees and saplings near Yatta town to the south of al-Khalil city.

Local sources revealed that more than 300 trees and seedlings were uprooted by a group of extremist settlers. The sources added that the settlers took a bypass way adjacent to a natural reserve, cut the barbed wires, broke into the reserve and uprooted the trees.

Palestinians along with their properties in southern al-Khalil are exposed to repeated offences by settlers coming from three nearby Israeli settlements, the sources said.

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