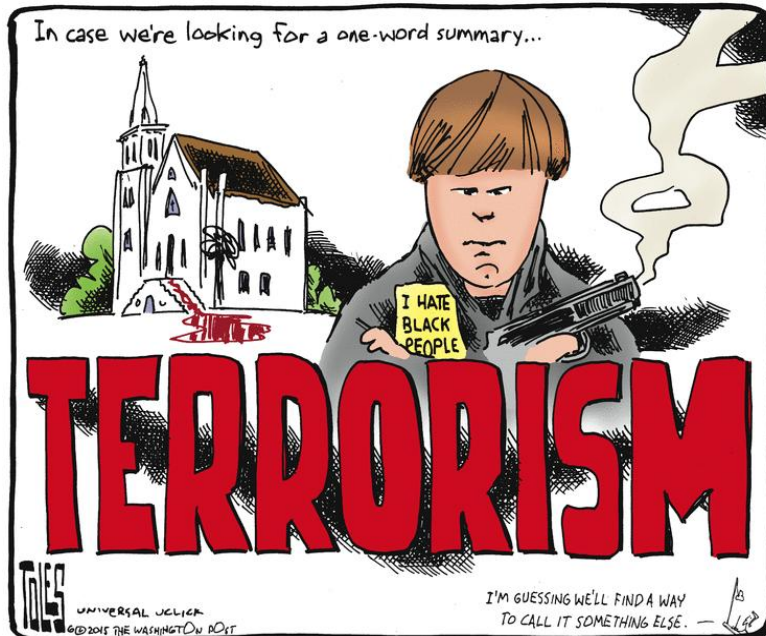


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[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Welcome home from the war on terror."]

**Back To Iraq:
No Really, These Troops Are Just
Here To Advise;
“Training’ Is A New Term For
Escalation”
“Iraq’ Seems More And More Like The
Arabic Word For Vietnam”**

June 16, 2015 By Peter Van Buren, Reuters

Words seem to mean different things in the Middle East.

“Training” is a new term for escalation, and “Iraq” seems more and more like the Arabic word for Vietnam.

But the terms “slippery slope” and “quagmire” still mean what they have always meant.

In 2011, making good on a campaign promise that helped land him in the White House, President Barack Obama closed out America’s eight-year war in Iraq. Disengaged, redeployed, packed up, departed.

Then America went back.

In August 2014, Obama turned an emotional appeal to save the Yazidi people from Islamic State into a bombing campaign.

A massive tap was turned and arms flowed into the region. The number of American soldiers in Iraq zoomed up to 3,100, quietly joined by some 6,300 civilian contractors. The reputed mission was training – or whipping the Iraqi Army into shape.

After another inglorious retreat of the Iraqi Army, this time in Ramadi, the Obama administration last week announced a change:

America will send 450 more troops to establish a new base at al Taqaddum, Anbar Province.

It is clear the United States no longer believes the Iraqi Army exists.

What is left of it is largely a politically correct distribution tool for American weapons, and a fiction for the media.

America will instead work directly with three sectarian militias in their separate de facto states (current bases in America’s Iraqi archipelago include one in Sunni Anbar, another in Kurdish territory and three in Shi’ite-controlled areas). The hope is that the militias will divert their attention from one another long enough to focus on Islamic State.

It is, of course, impossible; everyone in Iraq — except the Americans — knows Islamic State is a symptom of a broader civil war, not a stand-alone threat to anyone’s homeland.

It is also significant that the United States will circumvent Baghdad’s objections to arming and training Sunni tribes. Baghdad has not sent any new recruits to the U.S. training facility at Ain al-Asad, in Sunni territory, for about six weeks; the United States will instead engage directly with Sunni recruits at Taqaddum.

Obama’s new plan will also bring U.S. arms for the Sunnis straight into the new base, bypassing Baghdad’s control.

This is likely only the beginning of Obama’s surge.

General Martin Dempsey, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, outlined the establishment of what he called “lily pads” — American base-lets scattered around the country. Of course,

like Taqaddum, these lily pads will require hundreds more American military advisers to serve as flies, at risk of being snapped up by an Islamic State frog.

Any attack on U.S. troops would require a response, a cycle that could draw the U.S. deeper into open conflict.

The new strategy also revises the role of American troops in Iraq. “Advise and assist” is the new “training.” While careful to say Americans would not engage in combat per se, signals suggest advice and assistance will be dispensed quite close to the front.

In sum: More troops, more bases, more forward-leaning roles, all operating at times against the will of a host government the United States appears to have lost patience with. The bright light of victory is years down a long tunnel.

We’ve seen this before. It was Vietnam.

Some details are different. The jumps from air power to trainers to advisors to combat troops took years in the Vietnam War. Obama has reached the advisor stage in just months.

The Iranians fighting in Iraq do share a short-term goal with the United States in pushing back Islamic State, but like the Russians and Chinese in Vietnam, ultimately have an agenda in conflict with American policy.

Meanwhile, similarities scream.

As in Vietnam, a series of U.S.-midwifed governments in Baghdad have failed to follow Washington’s orders; they have proceeded independently amid incompetence and corruption.

Both wars are characterized as good versus evil (baby killers in Vietnam, jihadis chopping off heads with swords in Iraq); both were sold under questionable pretenses (humanitarian intervention in Iraq, reaction to an alleged but doubtful attack on U.S. Navy ships in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964) and as part of a great global struggle (against communism, against Islamic extremism).

Despite the stakes claimed, few allies, if any, join in.

In each war, the titular national army — trained, advised and retrained at great cost — would not fight for its country.

The host country is charged with ultimate responsibility for resolving its (American-created) problems, even as America assumes a greater role.

In Vietnam, Americans were caught between two sides of a civil war. Iraq has at least three but, once again, America sits in the center, used by all, trusted by none.

One even sees in Obama a touch of Vietnam-era Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. In its obituary, the New York Times wrote, “(McNamara) concluded well before leaving the Pentagon that the war was futile, but he did not share that insight with

the public until late in life. In 1995, he took a stand against his own conduct of the war, confessing in a memoir that it was ‘wrong, terribly wrong.’”

Like McNamara, Obama’s years-long uncertain approach to Iraq may suggest he privately knows the war can’t be won, but publicly escalates it anyway, caught in the roller-coaster of his times and its politics

One difference between Iraq and Vietnam, however, is sharp as a razor.

The United States eventually left Vietnam. Disengaged, redeployed, packed up, departed.

But unlike in Iraq, the United States was not foolish enough to go back.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Taliban Attacks Afghan Parliament: “Another District In The Volatile North Fell To The Militants”



June 22, 2015 ABNA, PressTV & 23 June 15 By Hamid Shalizi and Mirwais Harooni, Reuters [Excerpts]

A Taliban bomber and six other insurgents attacked the Afghan parliament on Monday as lawmakers met to consider a new defense minister, and another district in the volatile north fell to the militants as they intensified a summer offensive.

Local press reports said on Monday that panic spread around the parliament building as lawmakers left a Monday morning session amid billowing smoke following the blasts.

The assault on the symbolic center of power, along with territorial gains elsewhere, highlight how Afghan security forces are struggling to cope with worsening militant violence.

The insurgents are pushing to take territory more than 13 years after U.S.-led military intervention toppled them from power.

Monday's attack began as lawmakers met with the new acting defense minister, Masoom Stanikzai. He is the third candidate so far for the key security post, and his appointment must be confirmed by parliament.

A Taliban fighter detonated a car loaded with explosives outside parliament gates, said Ebadullah Karimi, spokesman for Kabul police, raising questions about how the driver got through several security checkpoints.

Six others took up positions in a building near parliament, he said, but never breached the compound's gates.

Essa Khan, a soldier inside the parliamentary compound when the attack took place, said he shot dead three militants as they tried to storm inside before killing the rest in a prolonged gunbattle that also involved other troops.

"Everywhere there was smoke and dust," Khan told Reuters.

"I knew that it was the Taliban from the first moment. I grabbed this gun and shot three of them dead," added the 28-year-old, whose actions have played prominently on Afghan media in a rare PR success for the beleaguered armed forces.

Kabul police chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi said all lawmakers were safe. TV pictures showed the speaker sitting calmly and legislators leaving the building, engulfed in dust and smoke, without panicking.

A woman was killed and around 30 civilians were wounded in the attack, according to Rahimi.

He said the assailants were armed with assault rifles and rocket propelled grenades. Some lawmakers' bodyguards fired sporadically during the attack, hampering the response by Afghan forces, he added.

Police will investigate how the attackers got so close to parliament.

"We have appointed a delegation to find the weak point or points and report it back to us," Rahimi said.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility.

“We have launched an attack on parliament as there was an important gathering to introduce the country’s defense minister,” he said by phone, referring to Stanikzai.

Farhad Sediqi was one of several lawmakers who criticized security agencies for not preventing the attack.

“It shows a big failure in the intelligence and security departments of the government,” he said.

A district in the northern province of Kunduz fell to the Taliban on Monday, the second such loss in two days. Officials said the militants were able to take over when urgently needed reinforcements failed to arrive.

The Taliban captured Dasht-e-Archi district a day after hundreds of militants fought their way to the center of the adjacent district of Chardara.

“The Taliban managed to take it over this morning as the area has been surrounded for days,” Nasruddin Saeedi, the district governor who escaped to the provincial capital, Kunduz city, told Reuters by telephone.

“There are many foreign fighters with heavy machine guns. We have asked for reinforcements, but none arrived.”

Afghan soldiers were preparing a counterattack to retake both districts, another local official said.

Monday’s heavy fighting was just three km (two miles) from the provincial governor’s compound.



Taliban Attack Capital City Of Kundoz Province: “70 Soldiers Have Been Surrounded” “We Don’t Have A Single Tracer Bullet”

Jun 21 2015 By Khaama Press & by Sharif Amiry, Tolo News & VOANews.com

Taliban militants after capturing Chardara District have launched an attack on Kundoz city, the provincial capital of Kundoz province.

Yousuf Ayoubi, head of the provincial council of Kundoz province said that 12 security men have embraced martyrdom and 16 others wounded so far the in the clashes with Taliban.

He said 70 other soldiers have been surrounded by Taliban and if additional forces do not arrive on time, the casualty toll can rise and the main city may fall to the hands of Taliban.

The Chahar Dara district of northern Kunduz, which fell into the hands of the Taliban on Saturday evening, officials said Sunday.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed its fighters killed 24 Afghan police and troops before they seized control of Chardara. He added that the Taliban has also captured as many as 25 Afghan troops.

Ministry of Defense (MoD) officials blame Kunduz insecurity on regional military agencies. According to officials, some regional spy agencies are providing militants with arms and ammunition.

“They are the regional spies that fund these insurgents,” MoD deputy spokesman Dawlat Waziri said.

Meanwhile, the security forces complained of arms shortages and accused the government of not supporting the forces adequately.

“We don’t have a single tracer bullet,” a security force member said. “But the enemy has attacked us with tracer bullets and mortars the whole day.”

Six policemen have embraced martyrdom in a militant attack in Ghazni province.

Local officials say armed militants carried out a coordinated attack at a security check post in Qara Bagh District last night.

Shafiq Nang Safai, spokesman for the acting governor of Ghazni province say that insurgents first carried out a car bomb suicide attack in front of the security check post.

He said other militants started to exchange fire with security forces of the check point.

MILITARY NEWS

44 Veterans Urge Drone Operators to Refuse Orders to Fly

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Individuals planning to disobey a direct order may wish to contact the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild to arrange for legal defense referral in case of court martial proceedings.

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[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) and Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Initiatives Organizing Committee, who sent this in.]

June 16, 2015 by David Swanson, World Beyond War

Hastings on Hudson, NY –

An increasing number of United States military veterans are counseling United States military drone operators to refuse to fly drone surveillance/attack missions – the veterans are even helping sponsor prime time television commercials urging drone operators to “refuse to fly.”

In a letter released today by KnowDrones.com, 44 former members of the US Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines whose ranks range from private to colonel and whose military service spans 60 years, “urge United States drone pilots, sensor operators and support teams to refuse to play any role in drone surveillance/ assassination missions. These missions profoundly violate domestic and international laws intended to protect individuals’ rights to life, privacy and due process.”

Among those signing the letter are retired U.S. Army Colonel Ann Wright, who resigned from her State Department post in 2003 over the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and former Marine Captain Matthew Hoh, who, in spite of pleadings by Obama Administration officials, resigned his State Department post in Afghanistan in 2009 in protest over U.S. strategic goals and policy there. Also signing are former U.S. Army Captain and CIA official Ray McGovern; former U.S. Navy Lt. Barry Ladendorf, president of Veterans for Peace; and former U.S. Army Sgts. Aaron Hughes and Maggie Martin, co-directors of Iraq Veterans Against the War.

Speaking to the issue of disobeying military orders, the letter says: “Those involved in United States drone operations who refuse to participate in drone missions will be acting in accordance with Principle IV of the Principles of International Law Recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and the Judgment of the Tribunal, The United Nations 1950,” that states:

“The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him of responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible.”

“The people signing this letter know that they are asking drone operators to take a heavy step,” said Nick Mottern, coordinator of KnowDrones.com, “but we feel it is perfectly legitimate to advise military people to stop taking part in illegal activity that has killed thousands without due process, is terrorizing thousands more and is wracking their own ranks with moral injury and PTSD.”

To advance the “Refuse to Fly” initiative, KnowDrones.com has been airing 15-second television commercials (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESdmex_AA3I&feature=youtu.be) on CNN,

FoxNews, MNBC and other networks in areas near drone intelligence and control centers in the U.S. The paid spots, the cost of which has been partially covered by members of Veterans for Peace, show the human toll of drone attacks and urge drone operators to refuse to fly.

The ads have appeared in Las Vegas near Creech AFB and in northern California near Beale AFB. They are currently airing in upstate New York near Hancock Air National Guard base outside Syracuse and the Air Guard base near Niagara Falls; more showings will be scheduled soon elsewhere in the U.S.

Below is the letter:

RETIRED AND FORMER U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL URGE DRONE OPERATORS TO REFUSE TO FLY MISSIONS

As retired and former members of the United States military, we urge United States drone pilots, sensor operators and support teams to refuse to play any role in drone surveillance/ assassination missions. These missions profoundly violate domestic and international laws intended to protect individuals' rights to life, privacy and due process.

At least 6,000 peoples' lives have been unjustly taken by United States drone attacks in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, the Philippines, Libya and Syria. These attacks are also undermining principles of international law and human rights, such as those enumerated in the United Nations International Declaration of Human Rights, written in 1948 under the guidance of Eleanor Roosevelt with the blood of the atrocities of World War II freshly in mind. The United States is a signatory to this declaration.

Those involved in United States drone operations who refuse to participate in drone missions will be acting in accordance within accordance of Principle IV of the Principles of International Law Recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and the Judgment of the Tribunal, The United Nations 1950:

"The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him of responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible."

So, yes, you do have a choice – and liability under the law. Choose the moral one. Choose the legal one.

Signed:

Kenneth Ashe E3 US Army Vietnam 1969 – 1971

Wendy Barranco SPC US Army 2003 – 2006

Barry Binks E5 US Army 1964-1967

Russell Brown CPL US Marine Corps 1966- 1968

Ben Chitty PO2 US Navy 1965 – 1969

Gerry Condon PVT US Army 1967 – 1969

Bill Distler E5 US Army 1966 – 1968

Arthur H. Dorland YN3 US Navy 1964 – 1967

Kelly Dougherty Sgt. – E-5 US Army National Guard 1996 – 2004

Jonathan Engle SFC (E-7) US Army 2004 – 2013

Mike Ferner HM3 US Navy 1969 – 1973

Bruce Gagnon SGT US Air Force 1971 – 1974

Bill J. Gilson AE2 US Navy 1954 – 1958

Mike Hastie E5 US Army 1969 – 1972

Michael Hearington E1 US Army 171st Infantry 1970 – 1971

Dud Hendrick CAPT US Air Force 1963 – 1967

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Matthew Hoh CPT US Marine Corps 1998 – 2008

Matt Howard CPL US Marine Corps 2001 – 2006

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Tarak Kauff PVT US Army Airborne Infantry 1959 – 1962

Barry Ladendorf LT US Navy 1964 – 1969

Erik Lobo PO3 US Navy 1976 – 1982

Maggie Martin SGT E-5 US Army 2001 – 2006

Kenneth E. Mayers MAJ US Marine Corps Reserve 1958 – 1966 (active duty) 1967 – 1978 (Reserves)

Ray McGovern CPT US Army 1962 – 1964

Nick Mottern LTJG US Navy 1960 – 1963

Carroll Nast CAPT US Air Force 1969 – 1979

Tom Palumbo SGT US Army/US Army Reserve 1978 – 1992

Bill Perry US Army 101st Airborne/Tet Offensive 1966 – 1968

Kyle Petlock 0-1 US Air Force 2000 – 2002

Charles R. Powell E4 US Air Force 1961 – 1965

Doug Rawlings SPC4 US Army Vietnam 1969 – 1970

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Cres Vellucci E-5 US Army Vietnam 1969 – 1971

Zachary Wigham SSgt. Massachusetts Air National Guard 2006 -2012

Ann Wright Colonel US Army (Retired)

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.”

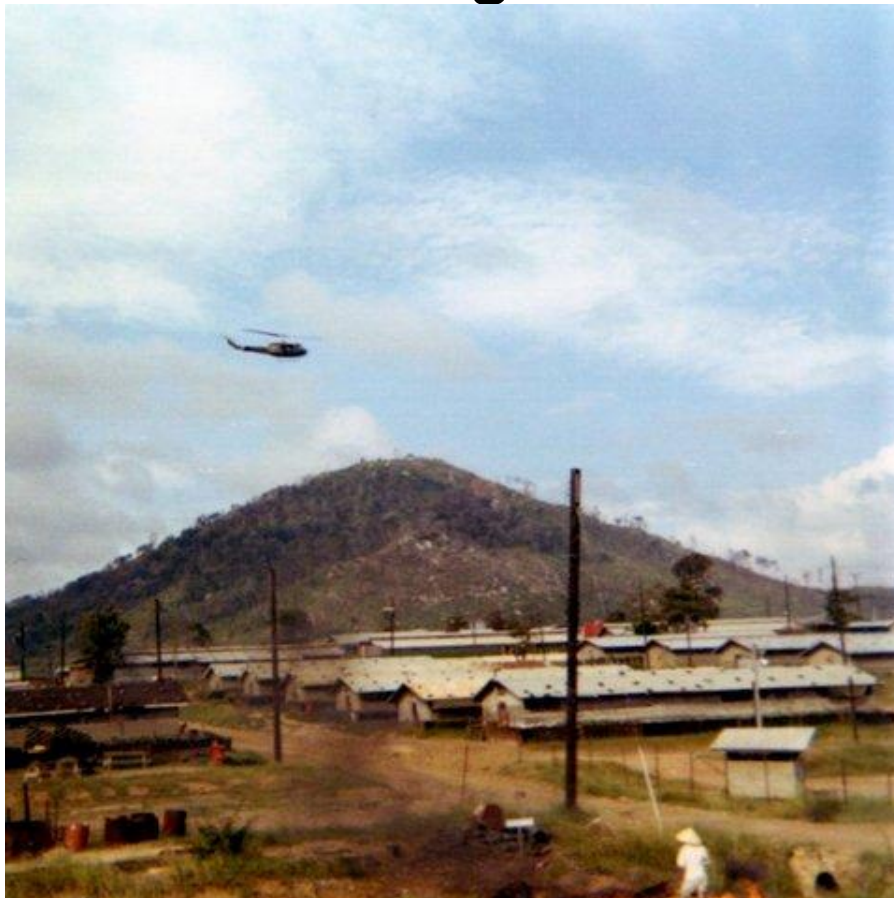
“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

If our colleges and universities do not breed men who riot, who rebel, who attack life with all the youthful vision and vigor, then there is something wrong with our colleges. The more riots that come out of our college campuses, the better the world for tomorrow.

-- William Allen White

Burning Shit



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: June 19, 2015
Subject: Burning Shit

Burning Shit

**A U.S. military base in An Khe, Vietnam.
This seems the way things go when the
U.S. Government invades other countries
for the cause of unfathomable lies.
It is called a charade of patriotism.
In this picture is a Vietnamese peasant
burning American shit in His country.
What is wrong with this picture?
American History, soon to be forgotten.**

**Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
June 19, 2015**

**Photograph by Mike Hastie
Resurrecting The Past**

**Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam
1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at:
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**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**

**Remembering Baltimore:
“Now That We’ve Burned Down
Buildings And Set Businesses On Fire**

And Looted Buildings, Now All Of The Sudden Everybody Wants To Hear Us”

04/28/2015 By Nick Wing, The Huffington Post [Excerpts]

A protester approached by MSNBC’s Thomas Roberts on Tuesday offered pointed criticism of the way Roberts’ network and other media have covered the unrest in Baltimore following the death of Freddie Gray this month.

After admitting that looting and rioting were not the best ways to represent the community and to seek answers, protester Danielle Williams asked Roberts a question of her own.

“My question to you is, when we were out here protesting all last week for six days straight peacefully, there were no news cameras, there were no helicopters, there was no riot gear, and nobody heard us,” Williams said. “So now that we’ve burned down buildings and set businesses on fire and looted buildings, now all of the sudden everybody wants to hear us.”

“Why does it take a catastrophe like this in order for America to hear our cry?” she continued. “I mean, enough is enough. We’ve had too many lives lost at the hands of police officers. Enough is enough.”

Remembering Baltimore: Baltimore Teachers And Parents Tell A Different Story From The One You’ve Been Reading In The Media; “Those Kids Were Set Up, They Were Treated Like Criminals Before The First Brick Was Thrown”

Apr. 28, 2015 By Sam Brodey and Jenna McLaughlin, Mother Jones [Excerpts]

After Baltimore police and a crowd of teens clashed near the Mondawmin Mall in northwest Baltimore on Monday afternoon, news reports described the violence as a riot triggered by kids who had been itching for a fight all day.

But in interviews with Mother Jones and other media outlets, teachers and parents maintain that police actions inflamed a tense-but-stable situation.

The funeral of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who died in police custody this month, had ended hours earlier at a nearby church.

According to the Baltimore Sun, a call to “purge”—a reference to the 2013 dystopian film in which all crime is made legal for one night—circulated on social media among school-aged Baltimoreans that morning. The rumored plan—which was not traced to any specific person or group—was to assemble at the Mondawmin Mall at 3 p.m. and proceed down Pennsylvania Avenue toward downtown Baltimore.

The Baltimore Police Department, which was aware of the “purge” call, prepared for the worst.

Shortly before noon, the department issued a statement saying it had “received credible information that members of various gangs...have entered into a partnership to ‘take-out’ law enforcement officers.”

When school let out that afternoon, police were in the area equipped with full riot gear.

According to eyewitnesses in the Mondawmin neighborhood, the police were stopping buses and forcing riders, including many students who were trying to get home, to disembark.

Cops shut down the local subway stop.

They also blockaded roads near the Mondawmin Mall and Frederick Douglass High School, which is across the street from the mall, and essentially corralled young people in the area.

That is, they did not allow the after-school crowd to disperse.

Meghann Harris, a teacher at a nearby school, described on Facebook what happened:

“Police were forcing buses to stop and unload all their passengers. Then, (Frederick Douglass High School) students, in huge herds, were trying to leave on various buses but couldn’t catch any because they were all shut down.

“No kids were yet around except about 20, who looked like they were waiting for police to do something.

“The cops, on the other hand, were in full riot gear, marching toward any small social clique of students...It looked as if there were hundreds of cops.”

The kids were “standing around in groups of 3-4,” Harris said in a Facebook message to Mother Jones. “They weren’t doing anything. No rock throwing, nothing...The cops started marching toward groups of kids who were just milling about.”

A teacher at Douglass High School, who asked not to be identified, tells a similar story: “When school was winding down, many students were leaving early with their parents or of their own accord.” Those who didn’t depart early, she says, were stranded. Many of the students still at school at that point, she notes, wanted to get out of the area and avoid any Purge-like violence. Some were requesting rides home from teachers. But by

now, it was difficult to leave the neighborhood. “I rode with another teacher home,” this teacher recalls, “and we had to route our travel around the police in riot gear blocking the road...The majority of my students thought what was going to happen was stupid or were frightened at the idea. Very few seemed to want to participate in ‘the purge.’”

A parent who picked up his children from a nearby elementary school, says via Twitter, “The kids stood across from the police and looked like they were asking them ‘why can’t we get on the buses’ but the police were just gazing...Majority of those kids aren’t from around that neighborhood. They NEED those buses and trains in order to get home.”

He continued: “If they would’ve let them children go home, yesterday wouldn’t have even turned out like that.”

Meg Gibson, another Baltimore teacher, described a similar scene to Gawker: “The riot police were already at the bus stop on the other side of the mall, turning buses that transport the students away, not allowing students to board.

“They were waiting for the kids...Those kids were set up, they were treated like criminals before the first brick was thrown.”

With police unloading busses, and with the nearby metro station shut down, there were few ways for students to clear out.

Several eyewitnesses in the area that afternoon say that police seemed to arrive at Mondawmin anticipating mobs and violence—prior to any looting.

At 3:01 p.m., the Baltimore Police Department posted on its Facebook page: “There is a group of juveniles in the area of Mondawmin Mall. Expect traffic delays in the area.” But many of the kids, according to eyewitnesses, were stuck there because of police actions.

Around 3:30, the police reported that juveniles had begun to throw bottles and bricks. Fifteen minutes later, the police department noted that one of its officers had been injured. After that the violence escalated, and rioters started looting the Mondawmin Mall, and Baltimore was in for a long night of trouble and violence.

But as the event is reviewed and investigated, an important question warrants attention:

What might have happened had the police not prevented students from leaving the area? Did the department’s own actions increase the chances of conflict?

As Meghann Harris put it, “if I were a Douglas student that just got trapped in the middle of a minefield BY cops without any way to get home and completely in harm’s way, I’d be ready to pop off, too.”

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Insurrection:
**“Even In The Classic Time Of Street
Fighting, Therefore, The Barricade
Produced More Of A Moral Than A
Material Effect”**
**“In All Cases The Fight Was Won
Because The Troops Failed To Obey,
Because The Officers Lost Their Power
Of Decision Or Because Their Hands
Were Tied”**

1895; Friedrich Engels; The Road To Power [Excerpts]

Let us have no illusions about it: a real victory of an insurrection over the military in street fighting, a victory as between two armies, is one of the rarest exceptions.

But the insurgents, also, counted on it just as rarely.

For them it was solely a question of making the troops yield to moral influences, which, in a fight between the armies of two warring countries do not come into play at all, or do so to a much less degree.

If they succeed in this, then the troops fail to act, or the commanding officers lose their heads, and the insurrection wins.

If they do not succeed in this, then, even where the military are in the minority, the superiority of better equipment and training, of unified leadership, of the planned employment of the military forces and of discipline makes itself felt.

The numerous successes of the insurgents up to 1848 were due to a great variety of causes.

In Paris in July, 1830 and February, 1848, as in most of the Spanish street fights, there stood between the insurgents and the military a civic militia, which either directly took the side of the insurrection, or else by its lukewarm, indecisive attitude caused the troops likewise to vacillate and supplied the insurrection with arms into the bargain.

Where this citizens' guard opposed the insurrection from the outset as in June, 1848, in Paris, the insurrection was vanquished.

In Berlin in 1848, the people were victorious partly through a considerable accession of new fighting forces during the night and the morning of the 19th, partly as a result of the exhaustion and bad victualing of the troops, and, finally, partly as a result of the paralysed command.

But in all cases the fight was won because the troops failed to obey, because the officers lost their power of decision or because their hands were tied.

Even in the classic time of street fighting, therefore, the barricade produced more of a moral than a material effect.

It was a means of shaking the steadfastness of the military. If it held out until this was attained, then victory was won; if not, there was defeat

This is the main point, which must be kept in view, likewise when the chances of contingent future street fights are examined.

Air Force, Marines Cancel F-35 Joint Strike Fighter



Photo credit: USMC

June 16, 2015 by Jay B; The Duffel Blog

WASHINGTON — Citing “disastrous” management of the F-35 development program and “obvious, catastrophic failings” in the aircraft itself, the Air Force and Marine Corps will jointly announce this afternoon the cancellation of the most expensive procurement project in history, sources have told Duffel Blog.

Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Air Force Chief of Staff, and Gen. Joseph Dunford, Commandant of the Marine Corps and nominee to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will make the announcement together at the Pentagon at 5:30pm.

“We’ve already spent over \$400 billion on the development of this aircraft,” said a senior Pentagon official who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the program with the media. “Just to put that in perspective, when Reagan wanted a 600-ship navy, his most aggressive plan would have cost \$119 billion over six years.”

“We’ve known for years it was a failure, but the argument was always ‘we’ve already sunk so much into it, just a few more dollars will make it work,’” he added.

White House sources have hinted that Dunford was nominated as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs in large measure so that he could be the one to cancel the aircraft.

“It’s the Marines who have driven this program into the ground, with their vertical (takeoff and landing) requirements,” said a senior White House budget official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity. “Only Nixon could go to China, and only a Marine could kill the F-35, what with 43 states participating in its manufacture.”

Signs of the major changes in the program have been appearing in offices around the Pentagon for several days, with numerous reassignments and demotions in the civilian acquisitions staff. Air Force Lt. Gen. Christopher Bogdan was rumored to be on his way out, with Dunford convening Article 32 hearings for several officers in senior management positions.

The Department of Justice is also reportedly preparing indictments against top officials at several defense contractors who were associated with the program’s disastrous cost overruns, mismanagement, and delays.

“This thing had a total lifetime cost estimate of \$1.5 trillion. \$1.5 trillion!” the senior Pentagon officials said. “With the savings we capture here, we are going to rebuild the fleet. We’re going to set some money aside for a couple hundred F-22s, which is over its over growing pains. We will save the A-10 and look at upgrading it. And we’re going to replace or refurbish all the worn out equipment from 14 years of war.”

International partners in the development process in Great Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands, each of whom committed more than \$1 billion, will be offered F-16 E/F Block 60/61 aircraft, the most advanced F-16 variant, at a reduced cost, along with participation in the unmanned strike fighter that is expected to become the military’s primary new aircraft development project.

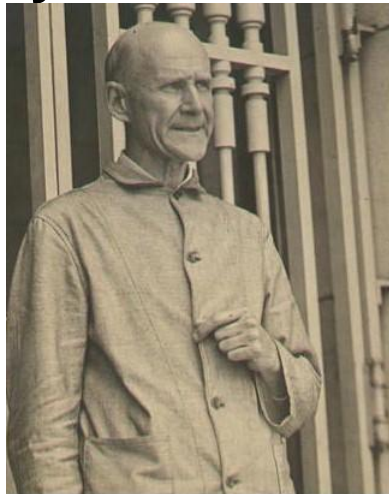
“We cannot afford this project any longer, nor have we really been able to for many years,” Dunford will say later this afternoon, according to prepared remarks obtained by Duffel Blog. “It is unfortunate that we have thrown so much bad money after good, but the time has come to cut our losses, and acknowledge that this is a bad aircraft — a bad system. The day of giant, do-everything projects is over.”

“Going forward,” Welsh is expected to say, “we are going to focus on smaller systems that do one or two things well, that can be developed affordably and quickly. We will also look on a case-by-case basis at adding capabilities to existing, proven systems.”

The senior White House official was more blunt: “This program nearly destroyed the Department of Defense, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the ability of the United States to be the number one military in the world,” he said. “It will take us years to recover fully, but we must and we will.”

ANNIVERSARIES

June 26, 1918: Anniversary Of A Political Atrocity



Eugene V. Debs when he was a prisoner at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, sentenced for opposing U.S. entry into World War I.

U.S. Department of Labor, "Labor Hall of Fame Honoree"

Carl Bunin Peace History June 25 - July 1

[S]ocialist organizer Eugene Debs was arrested June 26, 1918, 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.”

June 26, 1894: A Journey That Will Change The World



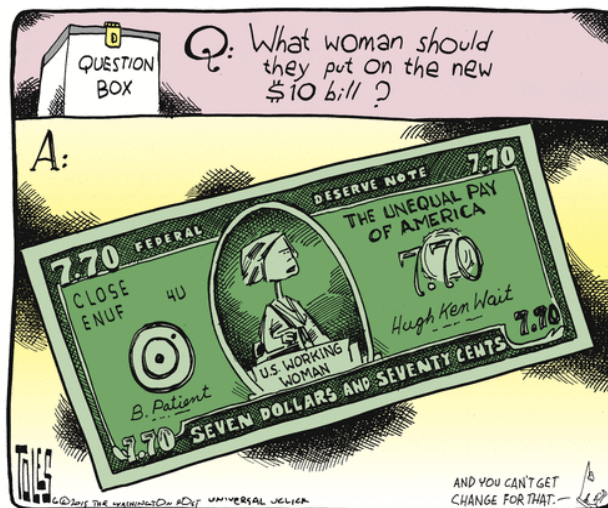
Mohandas Gandhi (center) as a young lawyer in Durban, South Africa in 1894

Carl Bunin Peace History June 22-29

Mohandas Gandhi, a young Indian lawyer from Porbandar in Gujarat province, urged the Natal (a province in South Africa) India Congress to run a campaign of education and peaceful noncooperation to assert and protect their rights as ethnic Indians in South Africa. Within days of Gandhi's arrival in South Africa the previous year, though he was a British subject and South Africa was under British rule,

He had been thrown off a train, assaulted by a white coachman, denied hotel rooms, and pushed off a sidewalk because his skin color defined his status and limited his rights.

CLASS WAR REPORTS



OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Two Unarmed Palestinians Shot By Occupation Troops Inside Free Palestine, As Usual

23-6-2015 PIC

GAZA -- Two Palestinian citizens on Monday evening suffered bullet injuries when Israeli border soldiers opened fire at a residential area to the east of Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip.

Local sources told the Palestinian Information Center (PIC) that two citizens from Abu Raida family were wounded by Israeli gunfire in Khan Younis, south of Gaza.

The citizens were rushed to the European Gaza hospital for medical treatment.

Last Friday, a citizen from al-Ammour family suffered a bullet injury when Israeli soldiers opened fire at al-Fakhari area in Gaza.

Zionist Settlers Use Chainsaw To Destroy Over 60 Olive Trees Near Occupied Nablus: “The Olive Trees Were Said To Be Over 150 Years Old And Have Been Harvested By Generations Of The Zeiden Family”

June 24, 2015 by International Solidarity Movement, Huwwara Team & Ma'an

On Sunday, 21st of June, residents of the Jamma'in village in the Nablus region discovered that Israeli settlers had cut down over 60 Palestinian owned olive trees. They suspect that the trees had been destroyed the previous day with a chain saw. The trees were owned by farmers from both Jamma'in and Yasuf, both villages are situated close to each other just south of Nablus.

The olive trees were said to be over 150 years old and have been harvested by generations of the Zeiden family, as well as others from the Yasuf village.

40 of these trees belonged to three brothers from the Zeiden family, who when witnessed the destruction to their land said, 'We have lost our livelihood'. With the olive harvest only a few months away, this year the family will lose a major portion of their income from the production of olives and oil.

The brothers explained how devastated they felt after seeing the trees cut down. They said that after they themselves had spent tens of years seeing that the trees were well kept and healthy, and then harvesting them yearly, it wasn't only an economic catastrophe but also emotionally traumatic.

The olive industry supports the livelihoods of roughly 80,000 families in the occupied West Bank, and the Salfit district in particular is known for its fertile soil and large olive trees.

For the brothers, and other locals, the trees had become symbols of years of memories, which they have now lost.

Yesterday, another resident of Jamma'in accompanied a Palestinian agricultural development group (PARC) to the area but were stopped by Israeli military who had blocked the road leading to the land. After finding another route, the group documented the destruction.

They described it as very upsetting to see the tree branches laying on the ground with the olives almost ready to harvest, 'We were very sad to see that the trees had been cut and were completely destroyed so close to the harvest time'.

The land surrounding these villages has also been targeted in the past.

Two years ago Jamma'in residents faced a similar attack from Israeli settlers who destroyed more of their olive trees.

Not only have the settlers targeted the local livelihood but they have also been physically violent.

There are regular attacks on farmers throughout the year but they face more danger of settler violence leading up to and during the olive harvest.

Many locals label the settlers from the illegal Kfar Tappuah settlement terrorist because of their repeated use of excessive violence on unarmed civilians.

The 505 road that connects Tel Aviv and the illegal settlement Ariel also causes continued issues for Palestinians living in this area.

The Israeli settlers often stop their cars when passing Palestinian farmers, or anyone trying to cross the road, to intimidate them by brandishing their weapons and shouting abuse.

The farmers with land close to the road and settlements have also been physically attacked and had their crops stolen by settlers during the harvest.

The Israeli occupation forces do not intervene during these attacks and in this instance it is presumed that Israeli courts will claim the trees were cut by an unknown person, meaning the farmers will be unable to receive any compensation.

To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to:

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/Default.aspx> and

<http://www.palestinemonitor.org/list.php?id=ej898ra7yff0ukmf16>

The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."

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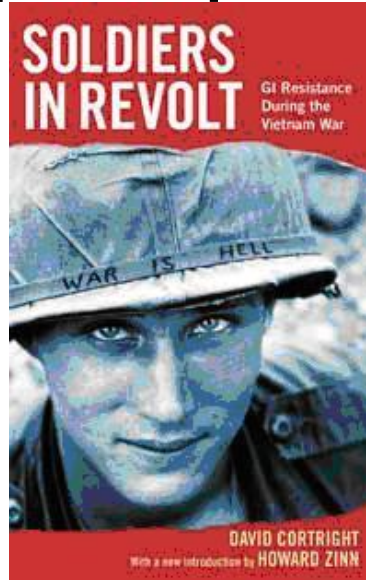
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