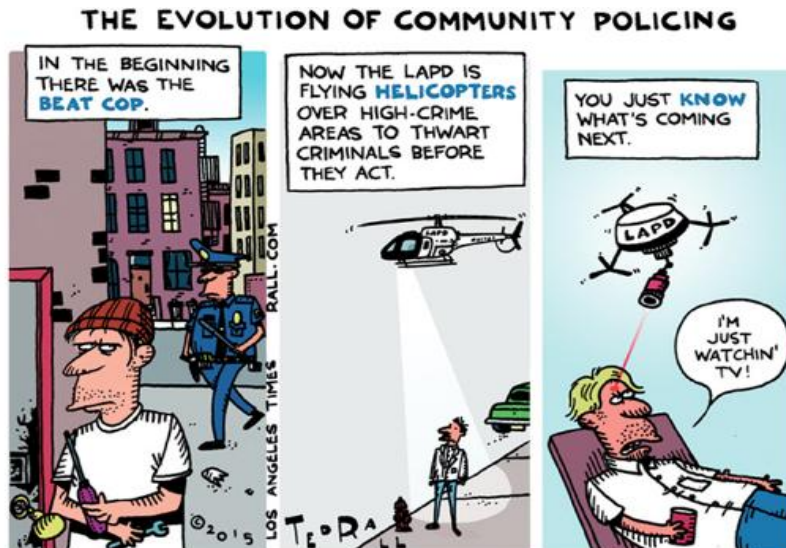


## **Military Resistance 1312**



## **Hotel Owner Ordered Gunman To Kill Homeless People On Venice Beach: “Go Out There And Shoot Those Niggers’ Which The Bodyguard Proceeded To Do”**

From: Clay Claiborne via Marxism

Subject: Hotel Owner Ordered Gunman To Fatally Shoot Homeless People On Venice Beach

Date: Aug 30, 2015

I had ended my Rackspace shift but was still at my work computer (in my Venice apartment) working on my long response to the Jacobin piece on Syria when I heard the 2 volleys of shots ring out across the street.

After the first volley of maybe 10 shots, I correctly made the assessment that what I was hearing actually was gunfire, but not close enough that I needed to take evasive action, and after the 2nd volley proved to be the last, I continued my writing and eventually went to bed.

**The story I have been able to piece together since I got up is far more troubling than the media report [see below].**

On background, Venice is undergoing a major crisis of gentrification, especially since Google moved across the other street from me and the area started calling itself "Silicon Beach."

The only reason I remain one of the few housed black men in Venice is that I had the skills to join the "Silicon Beach" crowd.

Needless to say, this gentrification has been accompanied by a vicious campaign to force the homeless out of Venice.

One of the areas of the greatest controversy has been Dudley Ave between Speedway and the Boardwalk, where the shooting took place.

This was the historic site of the Venice West Cafe, and in my time it had the Dudley 7 Cinema, where a rough cut of Vietnam: American was first shown, Sponto's Gallery which featured a lot of local artists and events and Henry's Market, the local store for residents and the homeless alike, and on the other side of Dudley was always, the Cadillac Hotel, now all those other places are gone, replaced by upscale restaurants, but the Cadillac Hotel remains.

**Word on the street is that the owner of the Cadillac has been hot to run the homeless away from his place, but because of a few court decisions, the homeless have the right to sleep on the sidewalk between 9pm - 6am and the owner has been unhappy with LAPDs performance in removing the homeless so he hired the services of V13, a Mexican-Mafia connected Venice gang to do "security" - used violence and intimidation to run the homeless away.**

Eventually a deal was worked out (I talked to the person that negotiated the deal), the homeless would not try to sleep in front of the Cadillac and another protected place, and V13 would leave them alone.

(If you know the movie Emperor of the North Pole, think Shacks train #19.)

But apparently not everyone got the message and at least one homeless artist, Vinnie, just decided he was no longer going to honor the ban.

In any case, last night there were some homeless people sleeping on the sidewalk in front of the Cadillac.

There also was a big party at the Cadillac last night, a lot of known "haters" were there and V13 was doing security.

Now, this is the story going around the street, and there are suppose to be 3 witnesses to this.

This was actually after the party.

**It was said that the owner, very high on cocaine and alcohol, and angry at the homeless sleeping on the sidewalk, told his V13 bodyguard “Go out there and shoot those niggers” which the bodyguard proceeded to do, before fleeing in a black SUV.**

People are also saying that the police arrested the hotel owner although I have yet to hear any media reports of an arrest associated with the case although nothing but what's in the LA Times story has made the media.

Most local outlets are reporting as a dispute between homeless people (one of which drove off in a black SUV???)

**I've just talked to the man that was shot and lived.**

He just got out of the hospital and is already back on the beach with nowhere to sleep.

He was shot in the leg. He needs a wheel chair but all they gave him was a walker. He doesn't know anything about the owners part in this.

All he knows is that he was sleeping on the sidewalk about 2AM went he was awoken by a man waving a pistol and saying “You can't sleep here any more” and they next thing he knew he had open fire, reloaded and open fired again, spraying bullets everywhere people were asleep.

This morning's toll of 1 dead and 1 injured was a lucky break. It could have easily been a mass shooting.

This is the first thing I have written on this.

Now I will finish my polemic against Jacobin quickly so I can get back to this story.

## **[Media Report #1] Man Is Shot Dead In Venice**



“Shakespeare” Executed By Order Of Racist Hotel Owner

30 Aug 2015 by Ruben Vives, Los Angeles Times

A gunman shot and killed a man and wounded another during a dispute at the Venice Beach boardwalk early Sunday, according to Los Angeles police.

Officers responded about 2 a.m. to calls of an assault with a deadly weapon and shots fired in the 300 block of Ocean Front Walk, LAPD Officer Norma Eisenman said.

The officers were directed by witnesses to two men who had been shot. One of the victims, a man in his 20s, was pronounced dead at the scene and another, a man in his 40s, (47 – clay C.) was shot in the leg and taken to a hospital, where he was listed in stable condition, Eisenman said.

Police have not identified the victims, but friends of the man who died at the scene told KTLA-TV Channel 5 that he went by the nickname “Shakespeare” and was known to be a peaceful and helpful person.

Officers have determined that both shooting victims were involved in a dispute when someone pulled out a gun and fired at them.

Witnesses told police the gunman got into a black SUV and drove south on Speedway.

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## **Now The Real Story Is Starting To Break. THIS IS EXPLOSIVE!!!!**

From: Clay Claiborne via Marxism  
Subject: Hotel Owner Ordered Gunman To Fatally Shoot Homeless People On Venice Beach  
Date: Aug 31, 2015 12:08 AM

Now the real story is starting to break. THIS IS EXPLOSIVE!!!!

## **Police Announce Arrest In Fatal Shooting Of Homeless Man Near Venice Beach**

August 30, 2015 CBSLA.com

VENICE

Authorities on Sunday continued to investigate the circumstances surrounding a deadly early morning shooting near the Venice Beach boardwalk.

Police on Sunday evening say they made an arrest at 8:10 a.m. but would not say who the suspect is citing an on-going investigation. They only said the suspect was a male Venice resident.

The suspect has been booked on suspicion of murder and being held on \$1 million bail.

The shooting took place near The Cadillac Hotel between Dudley Avenue and Rose Court.

The deceased was identified as Jascent Jamal Lee Warren, 26.

A second victim, described as a man in his 40s, was taken to the hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to his leg. That man was treated and released.

**Reporting from the scene, CBS2's Greg Mills said a witness told him the owner of the Cadillac Hotel was with the gunman before the shooting. The witness also said the hotel owner ordered the gunman to shoot the homeless people.**

"He pulled out the gun and the guy that owns the Cadillac Hotel told him 'Kill that nigger'," says Ras Whitelion.

Authorities have not confirmed this witness report.

Police say when they arrived on scene around 2:10 a.m., a transient directed them to the victims.

Witnesses told police people were being asked not to sleep in front of the hotel and some sort of argument ensued. That's when, according to police, a man with a gun fired at the transients.

"It appears now, at this time, that this incident was triggered by some sort of altercation here on the boardwalk between locals which escalated into a violent encounter with someone brandishing a handgun and committing this deadly crime," LAPD Sgt. Barry Montgomery said.

One of the friends of the victim who died described him as a "good and kind person" who was helping her get off the streets.

Witnesses told Mills the man was "a very, very good man."

"I was petrified because that was basically fellow homeless activist. He was a humanitarian," Mariah Magomedova said. Magomedova said she's lived on the streets with Warren for the last several months.

Witnesses told Mills that Warren was "a very, very good man."

Mills also spoke to two women — Bree Nicholls and Sara Asthon — who are vacationing from New Zealand and were asleep in a hotel about 100 feet away from the gunfire which woke them up.

One of the women said after the gunman unloaded a clip, he appeared to reload and begin firing again.

**Authorities said the owner of the Cadillac Hotel was also injured. He suffered head injuries apparently after being beaten by some homeless men following the shooting, a witness said.**

Anyone with information was asked to call the LAPD.

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From: Clay Claiborne via Marxism  
Subject: Venice Beach hotel owner arrested for ordering racist murder of homeless man  
Date: Aug 31, 2015 6:36 PM

## **Venice Beach Hotel Owner Arrested For Ordering Racist Murder Of Homeless Man**

By Clay Claiborne; <http://claysbeach.blogspot.com/2015/08/venice-beach-hotel-owner-arrested-for.html>

Jascent Jamal Lee Warren, 26, a homeless activist known as "Shakespeare" to his friends, lay dead and another black man injured, after a security guard for a \*Venice Beach\* hotel acted on orders from the hotel owner to "Kill that nigger" and started firing at a group of homeless people sleeping on the sidewalk early Sunday morning.

While the man that did the shooting fled and is still at large, LAPD has announced that they have arrested another man associated with the murder, but have not said who he is.

I have it on good information he it is Sris Sinnathamby, the owner of the \*Cadillac Hotel\* and the man witnesses say ordered this racist murder.

The police are holding him on suspicion of murder for \$1 million bond. That may sound like a lot but this man can easily afford it and the charge is murder.

Although the murder scene was crowned with satellite news trucks yesterday, the media has been very quiet on this story, mostly reporting it as a dispute among the homeless or another gang-related killing.

**Even where the real story has gotten out, they are trying to pull it back.**

**For example, the CBS-LA News website originally ran the story with this headline:**

**Witnesses: Hotel Owner Ordered Gunman To Fatally Shoot Homeless People On Venice Beach**

and then changed it to this:

**Police Announce Arrest In Fatal Shooting Of Homeless Man Near Venice Beach**

for the very same web link. They also changed the content somewhat adding "*Authorities have not confirmed this witness report.*" of the racist order:

Reporting from the scene, CBS2's Greg Mills said a witness told him the owner of the Cadillac Hotel was with the gunman before the shooting. The witness also said the hotel owner ordered the gunman to shoot the homeless people.

"He pulled out the gun and the guy that owns the Cadillac Hotel told him 'Kill that nigger'," says Ras Whitelion.

Authorities have not confirmed this witness report.

Other reports on this breaking news:  
(Los Angeles Times) (Raw News)

Monday, August 31st, 2015 at 1:28 pm:

Cadillac Hotel owner arrested on suspicion of deadly Venice Beach shooting

UPDATE: "Police have not released a motive."

I've just watched the 5:00PM CBS local tv news and that's what they said. They did say that the police had arrested the hotel owner for murder but they said he was the shooter and didn't mention a second man!!

One has to wonder what they mean by "Police have not released a motive." Since, on their website, they have already quoted a witness saying the owner told the shooter "Kill the nigger." Are they waiting for instructions from the LAPD on how to report the story?

**The alleged killer and hotel owner, Sris Sinnathamby, is a big contributor to Los Angeles City politicians. It will be interesting to see how this case is handled in that light.**

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

# **Insurgent Attack In Somalia Kills Dozens Of Regime And Foreign Occupation Troops**

September 3, 2015 By Robyn Kriel and Briana Duggan, CNN [Excerpts]

Nairobi, Kenya — At least 37 African Union soldiers [translation: foreign occupation soldiers] were killed in an attack by Al-Shabaab militants in southern Somalia on Tuesday, according to military sources in Uganda and Somalia.

A source from Somalia's security services told CNN that at least 25 Somali government troops were killed in the fight. Twelve Ugandan soldiers also were killed, Uganda's military spokesman Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda confirmed.

The attack by the Somali group occurred on a remote African Union base in the town of Janaale. It was the largest loss sustained by the Ugandan contingent of the AU Mission to Somalia, or AMISOM, since 2012.

Ankunda told CNN by phone that 10 of the fallen soldiers' bodies had already arrived back in Uganda.

**Other Western sources said that as many as 50 AU troops were killed.**

The 22,000-strong, United Nations-backed AMISOM force consists of troops from Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Sierra Leone.

It has been dealt serious blows in recent months in Al-Shabaab attacks.

A member of Al-Shabaab told CNN that the battalion behind Tuesday's attack is the same group of about 200 fighters who assaulted an Ethiopian convoy and a base predominantly held by Burundian soldiers in Leego, Somalia, in July.

Those two attacks killed dozens of AMISOM troops. The fighters call themselves the Abu Zubair Battalion -- named after the Al-Shabaab leader (a.k.a. Ahmed Abdi Godane) who was killed by a U.S. drone strike in Somalia in September 2014.

Al-Shabaab says the attack was in retaliation for alleged AMISOM attacks on civilians.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

# **Four U.S. Soldiers Wounded By Egyptian IED: “American Troops Sometimes Struggle To Get Food, Water And Other Logistical Supplies Into Their Secure Compounds”**

September 4, 2015 By Andrew Tilghman, Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

For months, the nearly 700 American soldiers deployed on the ground in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula have weathered a crisis all but indistinguishable from their fellow troops in Iraq.



Living amid blast walls topped with razor wire, riding only in up-armored vehicles, the troops face a constant threat of attacks from extremist groups loyal to the so-called Islamic State.

**On Thursday, four of those troops were injured when their convoy rolled out of the “North Camp” just a few miles east of the Egypt-Israeli border and hit two improvised explosive devices.**

None of the injuries were life-threatening, but it was the latest indication that the fight against the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL, is rapidly developing a new front in Egypt, the Arab world's most populous and historically influential nation.

The U.S. troops stationed across the remote desert peninsula are caught in the middle of an insurgency that has intensified since the lead militant group there declared allegiance to ISIS.

**But now, amid daily fighting between Egyptian military forces and an ISIS branch known as Wilayat Sinai, American MFO troops sometimes struggle to get food, water and other logistical supplies into their secure compounds.**

Armed militants often harass the force's contractors, and these days the Egyptian military commonly provides armed escorts for logistics convoys, according to the mission's annual report.

**There have been reports of the Sinai-based ISIS militants using advanced weaponry, including Russian Kornet anti-tank missiles and SA-18 anti-aircraft weapons.**

The IEDs that wounded the four American soldiers on Thursday was the latest in a series of attacks on troops there.

**On Aug. 3, a U.S. soldier was shot in the arm when gunmen targeted the “North Camp” near the northern Sinai village of Al-Joura. The soldier’s wound was treated inside the camp.**

**On June 9, the North Camp was hit by rockets and mortars. The ISIS-linked group claimed it targeted the MFO base in part because its airport is used by “Crusader forces to maintain the security of Jews,” according to a report from the Institute for the Study of War in Washington, D.C.**

That attack on an “international target” was a “major shift” for the ISIS branch in the Sinai, which had previously limited its attacks to the Egyptian military.

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## **Army, Navy, Marine Corps Commanders Defy Congress:**

# **“Army, Navy And Marine Corps Failed To Execute Key Components Designed Give New Law Some Teeth By Requiring Sexual Assault Command Climate Assessments”**

## **“An Above-Average Number Of Defense Employees Believe ‘DoD Rewards Unethical Behavior’”**

## **“They ‘Fear Retribution For Reporting Managerial Or Commander Misconduct’”**

September 3, 2015 By Andrew Tilghman, Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

The Defense Department has failed to follow through on several key initiatives designed to reduce ethics problems and poor professionalism in the military, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office.

The GAO found numerous examples in which top military officials evaded orders from Congress or highly touted Pentagon programs aimed at reducing misconduct, especially among senior officers.

Congress last year ordered the GAO to conduct a broad investigation of the military's ethics training programs amid a spate of revelations about senior officer misconduct in 2012 and 2013. That included a massive Navy bribery scandal, Army generals accused of sexual assault and Air Force generals fired for drinking on duty.

The report released Thursday said the military has no reliable way to even determine whether misconduct or unprofessional behavior is on the rise.

“Our review found that the department's ability to assess department-wide trends in ethical behavior is limited because misconduct report data are not collected in a consistent manner across DoD,” the GAO said.

The GAO pointed to a 2014 order from Congress that the military services take several actions to reduce sexual assault and the command climates that foster it.

Those included a requirement that incoming commanders conduct a “command climate assessment” regarding sexual assault issues.

The Air Force adhered to all the laws passed by Congress, but the Army, Navy and Marine Corps failed to execute key components designed give the new law some teeth by requiring sexual assault command climate assessments — or the failure to conduct one — to be noted in commanding officers' performance evaluations.

The 2010 survey found that and say they “fear retribution for reporting managerial or commander misconduct,” according to the GAO.

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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**

**Wars throughout history have been waged for conquest and plunder and it is the working class who fights all the battles, the working class who makes the supreme sacrifices, the working class who freely sheds their blood and furnishes their corpses, and it is they who have never yet had a voice - in either declaring war or making peace. It is the ruling class that invariably does both. They alone declare war.**

**They are continually talking about patriotic duty. It is not their patriotic duty but your patriotic duty that they are concerned about. Their patriotic duty never takes them to the firing line or chucks them into the trenches.**

**-- Eugene V. Debs**

## **What Would Anne Frank Do?**



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: September 04, 2015  
Subject: What would Anne Frank do?

### **What Would Anne Frank Do?**

**If Anne Frank were to come back from the dead,**

she would be waving a Palestinian flag.

The photo of Anne Frank is the cover of one of the books that were for sale at the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam. I was there a couple of years ago with Ellen Davidson when we were on our way to Palestine. We had about an eight hour layover before our next flight, so we took this important time to see the hiding place. You think of all kinds of things when you are there, and I found myself thinking about Dachau when I was there in 1954. As a nine-year-old boy, seeing the crematorium and everything else was certainly brought back to me. When I came back from Palestine, I wrote the words about what I thought Anne Frank would do. In the final analysis, simplicity is usually what you write down.

Mike Hastie

From the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: ([hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto: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

## Tubal Cain



By Charles Mackay

## TUBAL CAIN

Old Tubal Cain was a man of might  
In the days when the Earth was young;  
By the fierce red light of his furnace bright  
The strokes of his hammer rung;  
And he lifted high his brawny hand  
On the iron glowing clear,  
Till the sparks rushed out in scarlet showers  
And he fashioned the sword and spear.  
And he sang "Hurra for the handiwork!  
Hurra for the spear and sword!  
Hurra for the hand that shall wield them well,  
For he shall be king and lord!"

To Tubal Cain came many a one,  
As he wrought by his roaring fire;  
And each one prayed for a strong steel blade  
As the crown of his desire.  
And he made them weapons sharp and strong,  
Till they shouted loud for glee,  
And gave him gifts of pearl and gold,  
And spoils of the forest free;  
And they said, "Hurra for Tubal Cain,  
Who hath given us strength anew!  
Hurra for the smith, hurra for the fire,  
And hurra for the metal true!"

But a sudden change came o'er his heart  
Ere the setting of the sun,  
And Tubal Cain was filled with pain for  
The Evil he had done;  
He saw that men, with rage and hate,  
Made war upon their kind,  
That the land was red with the blood they shed,  
In their lust for carnage blind.  
And he said, "Alas! that ever I made,  
Or the skill of mine should plan,  
The spear and the sword for men whose joy  
Is to slay their fellow-man."

And for many a day old Tubal Cain  
Sat brooding o'er his woe;  
And his hand forebore to smite the ore,  
And his furnace smoldered low.  
But he rose at last with a cheerful face,  
And a bright courageous eye,

And bared his strong right hand for work  
While the quick flames mounted high!  
And he sang, "Hurra for my handicraft!"  
And the red sparks lit the air;  
"Not alone for the blade was the bright steel made!"  
And he fashioned the first ploughshare.

And men, taught wisdom from the past,  
In friendship joined their hands;  
Hung the sword in the hall, the spear on the wall,  
And ploughed the willing lands;  
And sang, "Hurra for Tubal Cain!  
Our staunch good friend is he;  
And for the ploughshare and the plough  
To him our praise shall be;  
But while oppression lifts its head,  
Or a tyrant would be lord  
Though we may thank him for the plough  
We'll not forget the sword!"

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

# **Liberation Anniversary: September 5, 1970: Happy Anniversary: Operation Raw**



September 03, 2006 By Carl Bunin, Peace History Sept 4-10

**September 4, 1970**

Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) began Operation RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal).

Over the following three days more than 200 veterans, assisted by the Philadelphia Guerilla Theater, staged a march from Morristown, New Jersey, to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, reenacting the invasion of small rural hamlets along the way.

**MORE:**

# ***Operation Raw*** **From The Days When U.S. Soldiers Rebelled And Stopped A War**

[From GI Special 3D22: 11.22.05]

**By Joe Urgo, GI antiwar activist in Vietnam 1968**

Letters To The Editor

Revolutionary Worker, April 9, 1985

**It was Labor Day weekend 1970 — the end of summer when tradition in America is for friends and family to gather in back yards, beaches, and parks.**

**It was 10:30 a.m. in Doylestown, Pennsylvania and a company of infantry swept into town, seized and occupied the center of the city, setting up roadblocks and taking civilian prisoners.**

**Anyone fleeing was killed, the rest were tortured and then killed just for being there. The younger women were particularly manhandled and abused before being killed. At 10:45 a.m., once again on alert, the company marched south of the town, leaving a trail of bloody bodies and survivors standing in their yards and streets, mute with shock, unbelieving eyes fastened on the departing soldiers. Leaflets lay in the streets which said:**

**“A U.S. INFANTRY COMPANY JUST CAME THROUGH HERE.”**

**“If you had been Vietnamese:**

**—We might have burned your house.**

**—We might have shot your dog.**

**—We might have shot you.**



—We might have raped the women.

—We might have turned you over to your government for torture.

—We might have taken souvenirs from your property.

—We might have shot things up a bit.

—We might have done all these things to you and your whole town.

**“If it doesn’t bother you that American soldiers do these things every day to the Vietnamese simply because they are ‘gooks,’ then picture yourself as one of the silent victims. Help us to end the war before they turn your son into a butcher. . . or a corpse. Signed Vietnam Veterans Against the War.”**

With No Business As Usual Day fast approaching (and coming by coincidence right before the tenth anniversary of the U.S. defeat in Vietnam), I thought it was just the right time to recount this political action carried out by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

**This was Operation RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal), a four-day simulated, 90-mile search-and-destroy mission through eleven rural towns and villages from Morristown, New Jersey to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.**

**By the end of four days 125 veterans and a few active-duty GIs had formed four platoons and two recon squads to reenact thirteen “incidents” like described above.**

It was “theater,” but these reenactments brought home a powerful political statement that shook up the stultifying atmosphere in the middle-America towns which had largely escaped the mass upsurges of the time.

Formed in 1968 to lobby, this was VVAW’s first breakout action to bring the war home. As Scott Moore, a member of its executive committee, said at a press conference: “The time for talk has come to an end for VVAW. We have been talking for three years to no avail. We are now proceeding on a course of action.” The discussion of planning leading up to it had asked the questions of how to break through the normal business as usual protests that had been going on, to shake things up and expose the truth.

**“Montgomeryville, PA., September 6, 1500 hours: We liberated a shopping center. The platoon surrounded it front and back and we took seven prisoners from the crowd. We interrogated them, then beat the shit out of them. After they’d been executed, we carried one girl who looked like she was fourteen over to the side of the road and mauled her with the butts of our rifles. Blood streamed down her head and soaked her torso. Maybe 150 cars passed by. Everyone looked, then turned aside. They didn’t look again. No one stopped. They couldn’t stand to look at the bloody little kid” (excerpt from the Camden, NJ Courier Post reporting on the demonstration).**

A local guerrilla theater company agreed to play the townspeople in the prearranged skits; towns and roads were mapped in advance so that as the company surrounded a

home or a village — with walkie-talkies screaming and vets running all over the place, blood capsules bursting on library steps in front of meat stores — there was a sense of realism in the air as America's safe hamlets were invaded. There could be no business as usual today.

**Though their rifles were toy props, most of the vets were not acting.**

**In a few cases they had been doing this for real only a short time before, and in several "incidents" they went right to the edge of reality in carrying out their mission.**

In town after town, and once by a county fair, homes were mock-burned, free fire zones formed, hostages taken for interrogation, and onlookers were given a taste of what the Vietnamese people were forced to live with.

None of the audience liked being called "round-eyed gooks," offended by the sharp language of the leaflets being handed out. Reactions ranged from disbelief and shock to embarrassed laughter to damning U.S. involvement to some who thought the uniform was being disgraced.

Local communes and peace groups met the vets at different points with banners, signs, cars honking, fists out of windows. On September 5 this march met up with and camped with 60 members of the offshoot of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference called MAN, Making a Nation, who were themselves marching to the UN to protest American failure to sign the antigenocide bill.

The tempo picked up as the march neared the end and word spread of this "forced raid into America." The vets themselves got strong in their determination to see it through. At night the campsites were not drunken beerfests but preparation of another type — political discussion over what was the next step, what should our objectives be, how to reach out to the millions of vets and GIs out there trying to figure this out also.

**This was sharp as there was a wide range of opinion — some were just basically opposed to Americans dying, with much discussion about the nature of imperialism, while others were revolutionaries working for the defeat of America. (All this with rotating night patrols on the perimeter -- — the campsite owners had been threatened by a local citizens committee, a car had tried to run someone down and a shotgun had been pointed out the window of a home along the route of march.)**

**The two sharpest points agreed to were (1) a series of objectives that drew the links between the racism and sexism to what America did around the world and that VVAW work toward getting all American soldiers and CIA out of every country in the world, and (2) a specific call to prepare for a series of war crimes investigations — the famous "Winter Soldier" hearings — to "place the blame where it properly belongs, on administration and military officials and all those who dictate policy and remain silent or profit from war."**

As one vet summed up his feelings about the weekend: "the spirit that we would never again fight *for* America — America was the enemy that had to be stopped, that we were

fighting as part of and for a different world — this became real on the march for me and became a guide for many vets later on.”

By the last day, spirits were high as the vets encountered a last bit of opposition — a pitiful display of what America has to offer — the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, and John Birch Society denouncing the vets for not being vets and calling people to god and country.

The vets laughed at this as they reached Valley Forge, Pennsylvania where they formed up on a hilt, single file along the top, “rifles” up for a final assault. They moved down the hill as if back in Vietnam sweeping through a rice paddy — angrily chanting for American withdrawal.

For the crowd of 1,500-2,000 at the rally site below — now standing up and cheering — the scene had a chilling’ scary effect — a final sense of what it must have been like to be Vietnamese in Vietnam in 1970.

#### **YOUR INVITATION:**

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or email [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org): Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.

## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

**Uprising From Below Forces  
Out Narco-President Of  
Guatemala:  
“Indigenous People, Workers, And  
Students Across The Country  
Staged A General Strike In Late**

# **August Demanding The Ouster Of The President”**

**“This Is The First Time Something  
Like This Has Happened In  
Guatemala”**

**“Crowds Gathered In The Streets In  
Front Of The Judicial Palace To  
Celebrate The “Triumph Of The People”**

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**Reports are strangely shy about mentioning that many high government officials are paid employee of the narco-cartel that runs cocaine north from Colombia and Ecuador through airfields in Guatemala to Mexico for shipment across the border into the USA, at plazas protected by the narco-politicians of the Mexican government for a % of the take paid by the Mexican cartels.**

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School of the Americas-trained Guatemalan President Otto Pérez Molina, who oversaw acts of torture and genocide during the country's decades-long civil war, stepped down just before midnight Wednesday disgraced by unprecedented corruption charges—and by a popular movement against impunity for the ruling elite.

Pérez Molina tendered his resignation just one day after Guatemala's Congress voted to strip him of immunity from prosecution for corruption, which includes fraud, receipt of bribe money, and a customs fraud scheme. His downfall follows that of numerous other government officials, including the country's former vice president, who is currently incarcerated as she awaits trial.

But many argue that it is the popular protest movement led by ordinary people—which some have called the “Guatemalan Spring”—that brought justice to the highest echelons of government. Adding to regular protests mounted since April, Indigenous people, workers, and students across the country staged a general strike in late August demanding the ouster of the president.

**Guatemalan civilians backing the ouster of President Otto Perez Molina formed a wall of bodies to let lawmakers into Congress on Tuesday, protecting them from**

**presidential loyalists trying to prevent a vote on withdrawing the leader's immunity from prosecution in a corruption scandal.**

**Dozens of Perez Molina backers had blocked access to the capitol since the morning in a bid to delay the proceedings, which are similar to impeachment and could lead to criminal charges.**

Interior Department Vice Minister Elmer Sosa also arrived with riot police to “guarantee the safety of protesters and Congress,” and lawmakers were finally able to go inside and begin the session.

**“It was impressive that the people themselves came and created a human chain and a path so we could enter,” said opposition legislator Leonel Lira.**

Outside Congress hundreds of anti-Perez Molina protesters sang, danced and sought shelter from the rain.

**Edgar Pereira, a member of a civic group called the Social Humanist Movement, was on the front line of people protecting the lawmakers.**

**“The people have to come to Congress to guarantee that the session takes place,” Pereira said. “We cannot allow maneuvering and manipulation by the president to keep it from meeting.”**

“The resignation is a victory for the people of Guatemala who have been on the streets, not just since April but for decades, struggling to build a counter memory to the impunity that exists in Guatemala,” María Luisa Rosal, a field organizer for the rights group School of the Americas Watch, told Common Dreams.

Rosal is from Guatemala and her father was disappeared during the country's internal armed conflict in 1983.

She declared: “This is the first time something like this has happened in Guatemala, a country that has been historically repressed through dictatorships and coups with U.S. backing, especially through the 36 years of internal armed conflict that ended in 1996—but also after, through free trade agreements.”

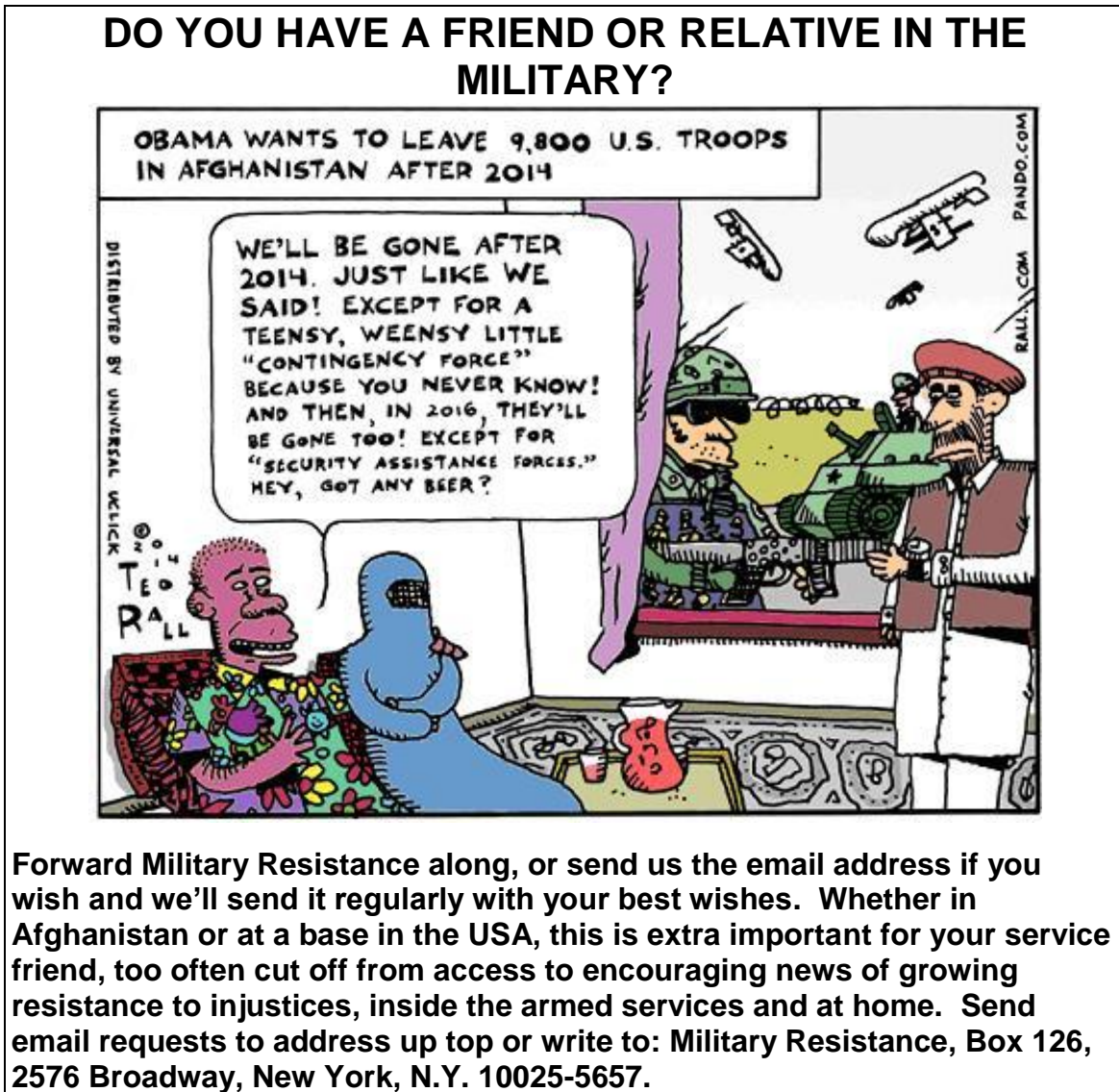
La Prensa Libre reports that as news of Pérez Molina's resignation broke Thursday morning, crowds gathered in the streets in front of the judicial palace to celebrate the “triumph of the people.”

Pérez Molina, for his part, told Congress in a letter that he is resigning to “face justice and resolve my personal situation.”

Many from within Guatemala's protest movement say that the push for Pérez Molina's resignation is just the beginning. “It's important that our citizens continue this movement with courage and with deep maturity,” Rigoberta Menchú, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Indigenous rights campaigner who was persecuted during the civil war, recently declared.

“They got him for corruption charges, but he is a war criminal,” said Rosal, who also turned her focus towards the United States.

“The United States has a historic and huge responsibility for human rights atrocities in Guatemala, not only because they trained and funded them, but there were people on the ground—CIA operatives in torture centers in Guatemala in the 1980s,” said Rosal. “We need to begin holding U.S. leaders accountable for overt and covert roles in human rights violations.”



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## Protests Against Putin Regime Spread Across Russia:

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Staunton, August 31 – Demonstrations ranging in size from 300 to 500 people took place in five Russian provincial cities over the weekend, with participants demanding that Moscow change its economic policy in order to prevent a further decline in standards of living and provide real support and not empty promises.

**But one politician says that Moscow has no money or intention of providing real help given its military expansion and so is planning to respond to these and other protests – including one by small businesses against the closing of banks by banning media coverage of both rising prices and demonstrations.**

Such actions may keep the lid on for a time: they would certainly limit the attention to protests outside of Moscow.

**But they would not be able to address another potential threat: the possibility that some governors may decide to side with the demonstrators as a way of building their own power in what is for many of them a rapidly deteriorating situation.**

**That some of the regional heads may be thinking about that possibility is in fact suggested by a survey of the situation in the Urals region where governors find they are trapped between the demands Moscow is making on them and the failure of the center to provide them with the resources to meet those demands.**

As for the demonstrations, “Novyye izvestiya” reports today that Russians took to the streets in Volzhsky, Kalach-na-Donu, Blagoveshchensk, Chita and Birobidzhan not to protest this or that action but rather the decline in living standards as a result of central government policies.

**As a result of higher prices and lower incomes, “Novyye izvestiya” writes, “not a small part of the population simply is being impoverished and because no end of**

**the crisis is in sight, those protesting are telling the authorities that it is time to remember the people and change domestic policies.”**

Valery Borshchev, a former Duma deputy and rights activist, says that “the higher leadership of the country receives information about all protest actions and about change in their character. But it is necessary to point out at the present time the Center really doesn’t have a genuine chance to provide help to the regions. For the banal reason that there is no money.”

Consequently, he continues, they enter plans “to help” via “other means.”

**He says that he has information that the government is preparing a ban on the dissemination of information of prices increases so that the population won’t get agitated. (It) also plans to prohibit the media from reporting about prices and also about protest actions” so that demonstrations won’t spread.**

“But such a policy won’t lead to a good outcome,” Borshchev says. “The crisis is not going to end in the short term, and people already are really feeling its influence.”

Dmitry Gudkov, a member of the Duma’s constitutional law committee, agrees that the leadership “knows all about this but hardly will do anything in the near term to help the population.” They are “studying the situation,” but small protests like this weekend’s don’t have much effect.

Moreover, he continues, those who think the center must provide aid assume that this will be possible only if oil is again at 150 US dollars a barrel, something that isn’t going to happen.

**He notes that the situation is getting worse as well because businesses are shifting capital abroad, but the regime isn’t prepared for radical reforms.**

Boris Kagarlitsky, head of the Moscow Institute of Globalization and Social Movements, says that the issue is not in the number of protesters but in the demands they are making. “A protest against the reduction of the standard of living is one the authorities will listen to,” although they won’t react at least not yet.

**As the situation gets worse, however, “the number of participants at protest meetings will increase significantly,” he says, “and then the Center will have to make concessions. The question is: will it then have the ability at that time to satisfy these demands?”**

Right now, the country needs serious reforms but Moscow isn’t ready to begin them let alone carry them out.

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**OCCUPATION PALESTINE**



# **Palestinian Kids Arrested And Beaten By Occupation Police Before Zionist Liar Who Claimed They Attacked Him Is Discredited: Later, Palestinians From Same Village Rescue A Lost Israeli Soldier And Are Called “A Village Of Murderers”**

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Recently, a photograph made waves for its apparent depiction of the disparities in the treatment of Israeli and Palestinian minors.

This is what happened to the boys in the photo, with a strange twist involving an Israeli soldier lost in a Palestinian village.

The following story is going to make your jaw drop, as it demonstrates the absurdity of this place, a reality beyond any imagination — especially if you are a Palestinian.

This is a story about a family in Jerusalem who encounters the police three times in the span of a few days. Each encounter is its own adventure.

**You probably remember the powerful photo shared across social media outlets from a few weeks back. Well, not the exact one, but rather its twin that was sold to one of the big news agencies. This one [below] is very close to the original:**

It was taken a few Sundays ago during Tisha B'Av (a Jewish day of fasting which commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem) in the Muslim Quarter market not far from Damascus Gate.

In the photo we see a Palestinian teen being arrested by two Israeli Border Police officers, looking nervous as his hands are folded behind his back. To his left is a Jewish boy, most likely a resident of the Muslim Quarter. A policeman accompanies him, only that the former gently puts his hand on the boy's shoulder, as if he is strolling with his younger brother. He is even suppressing a tiny smile.

**In the original photo the Jewish boy is seen talking to the policeman, and it is clear he feels comfortable with him. One might guess that the reason they are**

there together is related to something that happened a moment earlier, though it is impossible to know from the photo.

The difference in body language between the two boys — and between them and the policemen — is well pronounced, giving the photo its power. They illustrate better than any description what occupation and apartheid look like: a regime based on total separation between two groups that are treated in a very different manner by the government.



A. (right) is arrested by Border Police, while the Jewish boy who accused A. of assaulting him, Jerusalem's Old City, July 25, 2015. (photo: Mahmoud Illean)

But this post will describe what the photo doesn't reveal, including the sequence of events that occurred before and after it was taken. The story that I bring here relies on the testimony by both the Palestinian teen who was arrested, as well as that of his father.

The father, Muhammed, told me:

“My son A., who is 14.5 years old, traveled from our village, Issawiya, to the market in the Old City. Our friends have a shop there and he went to visit them.

**“My son says a settler boy passed by him, the same one who appears in the photo next to him. Nothing happened between them, and yet that boy went to the cops and complained that my son had hit him. He accused at seven Palestinian children — among them my son — and they were immediately arrested.**

People who witnessed what happened saw my son being dragged on the ground through the market and then taken to the police station.”

At the station, the father says, the seven boys were lowered to the floor and made to sit on their knees while their hands were cuffed.

**“Anyone who lifted his head up for a moment was hit.**

**“My son said the policemen hit them in their stomach, head, back and legs.**

**“They tried to scare them while the boys attempted to explain they didn’t do anything and that the settler boy made the whole thing up. But nobody listened to them.**

**“They were cursed and beaten.**

“No one called us or contacted a lawyer. They were simply beaten because that boy complained.

“The entire story became known to us when the photos from the arrest spread in the social media. When I saw it I simply went mad, I ran to the police.

**“When I got there, they had already released them after they found out that the boy lied. The police just threw the boys out and denied any claim that they had hit them.**

**“Ever since my son is constantly anxious. He is still a boy, a good boy. Think about what this does to a child who is arrested and beaten just like that. But look at him, he tells all the people who came to visit him that he is alright and that he’s lucky. Think of all the Palestinians who are arrested and sit in jail without being released after a few hours like he was.”**

Jerusalem Police responded to the claims as follows:

“Due to the officers’ suspicion that the minor was involved in a violent incident, he was taken to the nearby police station. Even prior to the arrival of the policemen with the minor to the police station, it was made clear that he was most likely not involved in the incident and was therefore immediately released. Meanwhile, the police are acting to locate those who were involved in the incident.”

**The story was supposed to end here, but the next morning brought about an absurd plot twist.**

Muhammed and his family live in the village of Issawiya in East Jerusalem, adjacent to Mount Scopus and the French Hill. While still with his son and family at home, while everyone was trying to go back to their normal routine following the arrest, the phone rang.

**A friend from the village called Muhammed to come outside to look at something odd: an IDF soldier in uniform walking alone through Issawiya without a weapon, as if he fell out of the sky. “I asked the friend whether he belongs to the Border Police or city police, because that is what we typically see here. But he just answered ‘No, he’s a real soldier — come and see.’”**

**“I went outside and saw a soldier in a navy uniform who looked completely lost. I approached him with a few other people, and he looked a bit stressed. I asked him how he got here, and whether he knew he was in a Palestinian village. He said: ‘I accidentally got off the bus here, the app indicated that it’s here.’ I told him not to worry, and come to my car so that I could drive him to the gas station at the entrance to the village.”**

During their trip, Muhammed did two things.

First he called the police and told them he picked up a soldier that wound up in the village, that the soldier is being safely transported to the exit of Issawiya where they are welcome to pick him up.

Second, he started shooting a video just in case, for whatever blame they may try to put on him.

Muhammed was incarcerated for many years because he participated in the First Intifada.

Today he is active in the struggle against land expropriation and home demolitions in East Jerusalem, taking a nonviolent approach to fighting the occupation, while maintaining contact with many left-wing Israeli activists.

“You have to understand the reality here,” he tells me, “the police here are looking to blame us for anything. And with my past, if the police see me, they’ll detain me, they will want to get my car off the road and give me a report. They hassle me about every little thing.”

When they arrived at the gas station, the police who were summoned there had yet to arrive. In the video, Muhammed is seen telling the embarrassed soldier: “I don’t think your government worries about you too much, you must be from the Mizrahim (Jews of Arab descent) — an Iraqi or Yemenite.

“Look, they did not even ask about you. If they were worried, the policemen would have come here straight away!” Then he is heard speaking in Arabic to someone: “A soldier entered Issawiya by mistake and nobody is asking about him. We asked for an officer to come to pick him up and nobody is coming. It must be because he’s a Jew of Arab descent, otherwise they would have recruited the Americans and French to come here too.”

After a while, a police car arrived to pick up the soldier.

**One of the Border Police officers approached the soldier and said to him: “You know this is a racist village, a village of murderers, you are lucky you weren’t killed,” as Muhammed sat right next to them.**

**When Muhammed protested, the policeman answered him rudely, threatened him and demanded that he get out of there. That moment was documented as well.**

Muhammed became upset. “Why do you treat me with such racism?” he asked, “If something would have happened to him, all of the Israeli police would be here, but we

brought him here safely. Look at how we behave and how you behave.” Then the police officer in charge came and apologized. “Leave him, he’s just a kid,” he said about the young policeman.

**“It is not like there weren’t people from the village who told me that I should leave him there, and let him go to hell. Some of them did not like what I did, but this is really not our culture. You see him without a weapon, scared, alone, with nobody around him. He’s a human being. No one knows more about this feeling than I.”**

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