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Auld Lang Syne

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Auld Lang Syne

Joe knows he shouldn't do it
but then he does it
takes an OxyContin for pain
the wound on the outside
doesn't hurt anymore

but the wounds on the inside
are driving him crazy
so he takes the big white pill
with a swig from his beer
to take the pain away
grabs his remote & turns on
the game on TV
he knew it was wrong when
during his 15 month stop-loss
the invisible enemy were
blowing up the Solders
so out of frustration
he started killing civilians
just to make it even
but now dancing in front of him
were the men women and children
as he pops another beer
to make it all go away then
he remembers his buddy John
just in front of him
stepping on a land mine
blowing both of his legs off
along with his cock and balls
taking his manhood away
but the game doesn't stop
the memories after Auld Lang Syne
and Happy New Year
when another Soldier friend
is blown against a rock wall
by the concussion of a bomb
and his brain will never be the same
Joe remembers forever
picking up the pieces of bodies
and putting them in black
body bags after a suicide
bomber blew up his car
but now the big white pill
is kicking in
and existence is much better
this way

written by Dennis Serdel for Military Resistance

The Present As History: 2016

Excerpts from *Introduction To Ferdinand Lassalle's Speech To The Jury* by Leon Trotsky
(July 1905)

Imposing its own type of economy and its own relations on all countries, capitalism has transformed the entire world into a single economic and political organism.

And just as modern credit binds thousands of enterprises together by an invisible thread and imparts astounding mobility to capital, eliminating numerous small and partial crises while at the same time making general economic crises incomparably more serious, so the entire economic and political functioning of capitalism, with its world trade, its system of monstrous state debts and international political alliances, which are drawing all the reactionary forces into a single worldwide joint-stock company, has not only resisted all partial political crises but has also prepared the conditions for a social crisis of unprecedented dimensions.

Internalizing all the pathological processes, circumventing all the difficulties, brushing aside all the profound questions of domestic and international politics, and hiding all the contradictions, the bourgeoisie has postponed the denouement while simultaneously preparing a radical, worldwide liquidation of its supremacy.

This small planet on which we live will only complete this task once.

How fortunate is the generation that will shoulder this responsibility.

Washington DC: 2016

The Biblical prophet Isaiah had this to say to the traitors who ran the government of his day:

“Ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor,

“Ye have eaten up the vineyard, the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

“Thy princes loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards, they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

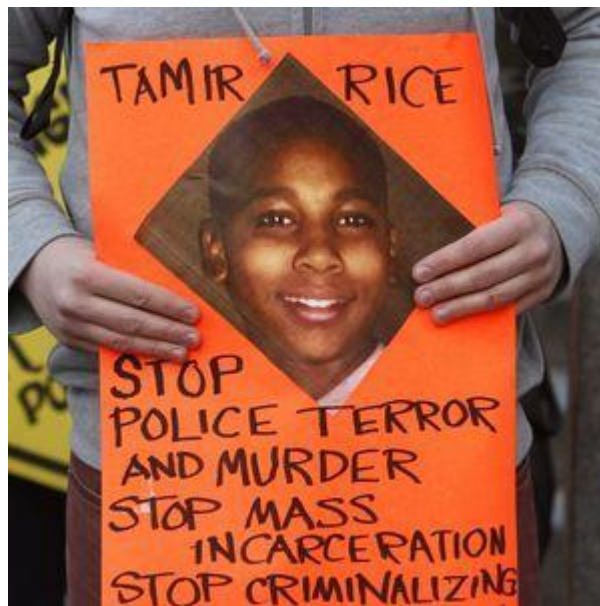
“How is the faithful city become a harlot,

“It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it,

“But now murderers.”

POLICE WAR REPORTS

**Prosecutor Finds Cop Acted
Lawfully Killing 12 Year Old:
“When Tamir’s 14-Year-Old Sister
Came Running Up Minutes Later,
The Officers Tackled Her To The
Ground And Put Her In Handcuffs”
“When His Distraught Mother
Arrived, The Officers Also
Threatened To Arrest Her”
“Prosecutors Can’t Be Trusted To Hold
Police Accountable”**



USA TODAY

12.29.2015 By Dani McClain, The Nation

First, police killed the 12-year-old black boy at a park, barely bringing the car to a halt before jumping out to open fire.

Then, minutes later, they pinned his 14-year-old sister to the ground after she ran up to see about her wounded sibling.

Next, a media outlet dragged his parents' names through the mud, implying that their unrelated brushes with the law made them at least somewhat culpable for their child's death.

And on Monday, the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office announced that Timothy Loehmann, the Cleveland police officer who killed Tamir Rice last year, would face no state criminal charges.

It is the end to—or at least a turning point in—a story that is both heartbreaking and stomach-turning: An onlooker calls 911 to report that he sees someone pointing a gun at people in a park. Two critical caveats the caller passes on to 911—that the gun is probably a fake and that the person holding it is probably a juvenile—never make it from the 911 call center to the police who rush onto the scene. (It was and he was.)

A New York Times report from early this year explains what happened next:

“Within two seconds of the car's arrival, Officer Loehmann shot Tamir in the abdomen from point-blank range, raising doubts that he could have warned the boy three times to raise his hands, as the police later claimed.

“And when Tamir's 14-year-old sister came running up minutes later, the officers, who are white, tackled her to the ground and put her in handcuffs, intensifying later public outrage about the boy's death.

“When his distraught mother arrived, the officers also threatened to arrest her unless she calmed down, the mother, Samaria Rice, said.”

They shot the boy within two seconds of arriving. What could they have possibly surmised in those two seconds? What might actual police work have looked like, and what were the steps that would have allowed Rice, newly in possession of a toy gun, to have lived through this encounter?

As we know from media reports out of Cleveland, there was no reason to expect that Loemann would or could take appropriate action in that moment.

In 2012, the police department that he worked for in Independence, Ohio, noted that he was “distracted” and “weepy” during firearms training. The deputy chief of police there reported that Loehmann “could not follow simple directions, could not communicate clear thoughts nor recollections, and his handgun performance was dismal.”

That same supervisor wrote, “I do not believe time, nor training, will be able to change or correct the deficiencies.”

Loehmann resigned after six months on that force, but went on in March of 2014 to join the Cleveland Police Department, which did not review his file from Independence.

He scored the new position after failing to secure a job with police departments in Akron, Euclid, and Parma Heights or with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department.

Loehmann's shortcomings bring to mind the Barney Fife fumbblings of the McKinney, Texas, officer whom video showed to be clearly out of his depths—somersaulting needlessly outside a pool party and waving his gun at teenagers before sitting on a bikini-clad girl's back. They bring to mind the cowardice of Officer Michael Slager in North Charleston, South Carolina, who took aim at the back of a running Walter Scott.

Loehmann wasn't the only officer present at the scene. He opened fire after stepping out of a car driven by Officer Frank Garmback, who was accused of using excessive force against a 39-year-old black woman in 2010. Cleveland eventually paid the woman \$100,000 to settle.

According to The New York Times, after shooting Tamir Rice, the officers stood around for approximately four minutes. Neither of them checked his vital signs or gave him first aid.

How do people such as these get and keep their jobs? And what is to be done when, after the deaths of Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, and Rice, evidence suggests that prosecutors can't be trusted to hold police accountable?

In Cleveland, concerns about Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty surfaced early and often. As of mid-October, nearly a year after Rice's death, McGinty still had not begun presenting a case to the grand jury. In October, attorneys representing the Rice family sent a letter to McGinty asking that he recuse himself so that a special prosecutor who might actually try to secure an indictment could be appointed.

More than 200,000 people then signed a petition circulated by the civil-rights organization ColorOfChange.org echoing the call for McGinty to step down.

Pressure came from within the establishment as well.

Last summer, a municipal judge in Cleveland decided that there was probable cause to charge Loehmann and Garmback on multiple counts. The judge, responding to affidavits filed by members of the Cleveland community who sought charges against the officers, wrote an administrative order, advising that Loehmann be charged with murder, involuntary manslaughter, and reckless homicide and that Garmback be charged with negligent homicide.

The order was purely advisory and apparently did little to inform McGinty's actions.

But the issue at hand is bigger than one Ohio prosecutor's failing to aggressively seek an indictment.

LaDoris Hazzard Cordell, a retired judge and independent police auditor, has consistently made the bold call for an abolition of the grand-jury system altogether. In these proceedings, which are closed to the public, the prosecutor runs the show, presenting evidence to jurors and instructing them on the law. With their outdated reasons for existing and the inordinate power given to prosecutors, the grand jury system itself appears to be part of the problem in a case like Rice's (and Bland's and

Garner's and so many other deaths at or alleged to be at the hands of police). Writing late last year after it was determined that the officers who killed Brown and Garner would face no charges, Cordell explained:

"In high-profile, controversial cases, where officers use lethal force, prosecutors face a dilemma. If they don't file charges against officers, they risk the wrath of the community; if they do file charges, they risk the wrath of the police and their powerful unions.

"By opting for secret grand jury proceedings, prosecutors pass the buck, using grand jurors as pawns for political cover. The Michael Brown and Eric Garner cases are examples of how prosecutors manipulate the grand jury process....

"We will never know why there was no indictment because what the prosecutors said, how they said it, what evidence they presented, and what they asked the witnesses will forever remain secret, unless the transcript is opened to the public by court order.

"By convening grand juries, the prosecutors in Missouri and New York ensured that there would be no justice for Michael Brown and Eric Garner. Sadly, these two men are gone. But if we abolish criminal grand juries, at least their deaths will not have been in vain."

It's difficult to imagine that any reform could make the family of 12-year-old Rice feel as though he did not die in vain. But perhaps a serious effort to abolish grand juries is an appropriate step toward ending this pattern of watching police walk free after needlessly killing those who are black and unarmed. One such effort is underway in California, where lawmakers this summer banned the use of secret grand juries in police shootings.



Lying Cop Punches Man In The Face And Charges Him With Assault:

**“A Cell Phone Video Exposed His Attempt To Bully An Innocent Man”
“‘He Punched Me For No Reason,’ Moore Said, And He Is Unquestionably Correct”**

February 25, 2015 By Matt Agorist, TheFreeThoughtProject.com

Baltimore, MD — A Baltimore police officer is being investigated after a cell phone video exposed his attempt to bully an innocent man.

Had the camera not been recording the police interaction of 19-year-old Antonio Moore a jury would have most assuredly convicted him of the charges he faces for being assaulted by a cop.

After he had been punched in the face, Moore was then arrested and charged with second-degree assault and disorderly conduct.

In the officer’s statement of probable cause, he wrote that Moore:

“without warning began rapidly advancing towards me in a threatening, hostile manner so I placed my arm out to create a distance and halted his advance.”

Luckily for Moore, the video proves the cop is lying.

“The video shows the proof. I didn’t try to attack the officer,” Moore said.

According to CBS Baltimore, City police were unaware of the video until WJZ showed it to them. While police would not speak on camera, the department is investigating and explains the video only shows a portion of what happened.

In the video, the officer appears to be forcing the teenagers to move from in front of a McDonald’s.

But the situation quickly escalated into a violent one when the bully cop thought he could place his hands and “poke” this innocent man in the chest; a likely attempt to flex his “authority.”

Refusing to be belittled and disrespected, Moore simply swats the bully officer's hand from his chest. The officer then waylays him in the face. He then cuffs and arrests the man, for doing nothing wrong.

"He punched me for no reason," Moore said, and he is unquestionably correct.

Sadly, this is the case more often than not. Countless people who are victim to police brutality often end up being charged with assault by the very officers who assaulted them. That is why filming police encounters is so important.

Below are 7 rules for how to respectfully and professionally record the police. For an in-depth explanation of each rule, see the full report [here](#).

Rule #1: Know the Law (Wherever You Are)

Rule #2 Don't Secretly Record Police

Rule #3: Know How to Respond to "Shit Cops Say" ("Please stop recording me. It's against the law.")

Rule #4: Don't Share Your Video with Police

Rule #5: Prepare to be Arrested

Rule #6: Master Your Technology

Rule #7: Don't Point Your Camera Like a Gun

Cops Allow Dog To Maul Infant Daughter Of Man They Mistook For A Suspect: "Officers Realized They Had The Wrong Guy" Later Mitchell Released The K-9 Into The SUV Of The Innocent Man; "The 4-Year-Old Dog Was Ripping Into The Baby's Flesh"

December 29, 2015 By Matt Agorist, TheFreeThoughtProject.com

Henderson, NV — On January 30, 2015, a health food store in Henderson called the police after a disgruntled customer, attempting to return some protein powder, allegedly threatened to rob them. The store described the suspect to police as a black male wearing a black and tan t-shirt who left in an SUV.

As police responded to the call, they quickly stopped the first person they saw, who happened to be Arturo Arenas-Alvarez. Arenas-Alvarez had just pulled up in the shopping center to do some shopping when police drew their weapons and demanded he put his hands in the air and step toward them.

Arenas-Alvarez did not appear to understand why multiple armed men were pointing their guns at him, so one officer asked him in Spanish to approach the vehicle.

Before Arenas-Alvarez makes it all the way to the vehicle, officers realized they had the wrong guy.

However, they continued the detainment.

Officers begin to assure Arenas-Alvarez that he will be fine. "They thought that you were involved in a robbery. You don't look like the person, so it's OK now, OK?" one officer said. However, nothing could have been further from the truth.

As officers were telling Arenas-Alvarez that he'll be okay, Sgt. James Mitchell can be heard on the radio telling the officers, "Stand by a couple of minutes. K9-1 is about two minutes out."

During the display of gross incompetence of mistaking Arenas-Alvarez for a black man in a black shirt, Arenas-Alvarez's 17-month-old daughter, Ayleen was strapped into her car seat in the SUV.

Before Arenas-Alvarez could communicate to the officers that his infant daughter was in the car, the "two minutes" had passed and Sgt. Mitchell arrived with his Belgian Malinois. Almost as soon as he exited the vehicle, Mitchell released the K-9 into the SUV of an entirely innocent man and his daughter.

An officer then yelled out, "There's an infant in that car! There's an infant in that car!"

But it was too late. By the time the cops realized that their immediate escalation to violence was unnecessary – the damage had been done.

Ayleen's blood curdling and heart-wrenching screams of agony can be heard on the dashcam. The 4-year-old dog, Doerak, was ripping into the baby's flesh. By the time the dog let go of the infant, her right arm had been mauled. She was left with nine puncture wounds and abrasions.

After the incident was over, Mitchell can be heard blaming his fellow officers for releasing the dog.

"God damn, guys, you gotta fucking tell me!" he yelled.

But Mitchell didn't give the other officers any time to tell him before letting loose the dog.

"The last forearm, the guy didn't have anything left but bone," Mitchell can be heard telling other officers in an apparent attempt to downplay the severity of what he just did.

On the dashcam one officer can be heard saying that their response to this incident of mistaking a man and his daughter for a completely different looking man was “solid” and it could’ve been much worse.

“All that happened was totally solid. Just a shitty set of circumstances that all rolled into — what could’ve been much worse. So just get that whole timeline out there,” the officer said.

After the incident, Mitchell and Doerak were taken off the street as a routine practice, similar to that of officer-involved shootings. However, since then, Doerak and Mitchell have been released back to regular duty.

For the purposeful mauling of their infant daughter, the city of Henderson agreed to pay the family a whopping \$13,000 to settle their claim. But the family is unable to get the \$8,537.69 (amount after legal fees) without a court order.

Cops Turn Away Ambulance, Florida Man Dies: “Victim John Kaafi Reportedly Told The Officers On The Scene That He Had Medical Problems” “The Police Called An Ambulance To The Scene” “Later Canceled The Call For No Reason”

May 9, 2015 By John Vibes, TheFreeThoughtProject.com

Sarasota, Florida – A 33-year-old man died in police custody this week after being hit with a taser during an arrest. During the arrest, victim John Kaafi reportedly told the officers on the scene that he had medical problems, including asthma.

Police say that he “resisted” and attempted to get away, but no evidence has been presented to verify their version of events; nor has it been confirmed by any other witnesses. According to police, Kaafi escaped from the police car window at one point.

After they attacked him, the police called an ambulance to the scene, but then later canceled the call for no reason. Eventually, Kaafi was taken to the hospital, where he later died from complications resulting from the attack.



Surveillance footage from the jail where Kaafi's lifeless arm can be seen lying on the ground behind the cruiser at the jail as officers stand around.

Naturally, the officer's decision to cancel the ambulance is already coming under scrutiny.

Michael Barfield, with the Florida American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, stated, "They note he was acting strangely and had difficulty breathing. For the officer to make a medical assessment is wrong, not just for the protection of the person in their care and custody, but for the protection of the agency, in case something occurs later on.

"Now we're faced with the question of, if EMS had responded, would he still be alive? We'll never know the answer to that question."

There were three different officers involved in the encounter with Kaafi, and all of them are currently on paid vacation.

"The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office is conducting a death investigation. I'm disappointed that the police department chose to put extensive information out before my detectives have had the opportunity to confirm the facts of this case, to include locating and speaking with all witnesses, and locate and process all evidence.

"We will do so in a timely manner, but must await the Medical Examiner's determination including toxicology reports, which can take several weeks," Sheriff Tom Knight said in a statement.

MILITARY NEWS

Lying, Thieving Cop Arrested For Pretending To Go To Army Reserve Training



(Photo: Stamford (Conn.) Police Department)

December 30, 2015 By Kevin Lilley, Staff writer; Army Times

Thinking about ditching work for a late-year vacation?

If you're a soldier or a cop, think again.

If you're both, think some more.

Police in Stamford, Connecticut, on Tuesday arrested Donald Chen on a larceny charge after the then-police officer allegedly took two weeks off in early December to attend Army Reserve training but went on a Hawaiian vacation instead.

Chen requested the time off in October, according to a news release from the Stamford Police Department, and received it with full pay, per department policy. He'd been gone about a week on Dec. 8 when the Army asked his employer for help finding him.

Police initiated a missing person investigation but were tipped that Chen was taking a vacation.

He initially denied it, saying he was in Taiwan with a family medical emergency, but later admitted he was in Hawaii, according to the release.

The department suspended Chen without pay Dec. 11 for abusing the military leave policy. He resigned Dec. 14 after joining the force in April 2014.

Details on his military service weren't immediately available.

Chen's actions allegedly cost the department more than \$2,000, the release said. He faces first-degree larceny charges, with a court date set for Jan. 11.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



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

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

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

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point is to change it.

-- Karl Marx, “Theses on Feuerbach”

“Wars Have Always Been Waged For Plunder”



Canton, Ohio June 16, 1918

October 25, 2002 Socialistworker.org

DURING THE First World War, Socialist Party leader Eugene V. Debs gave a powerful antiwar speech on June 16, 1918, in Canton, Ohio.

Unlike many leading socialists in Europe and the U.S., who fell in line behind their governments, Debs joined a handful of revolutionaries, including the Bolsheviks of Russia, in taking an antiwar stand.

Debs was tried and sentenced to 10 years in prison for speaking out in Canton. Yet in 1920, he ran for president on the Socialist Party ticket for a fifth time--and got 1 million votes.

Here, we reproduce excerpts from Debs' Canton speech.

“Wars Have Always Been Waged For Plunder”

June 16, 1918 By Eugene Debs, Speech at Canton, Ohio [Excerpts]

I HAVE just returned from a visit over yonder [the Canton prison], where three of our most loyal comrades are paying the penalty for their devotion to the cause of the working class.

They have come to realize, as many of us have, that it is extremely dangerous to exercise the constitutional right of free speech in a country fighting to make democracy safe in the world...

[T]he gentry who are today wrapped up in the American flag, who shout their claim from the housetops that they are the only patriots, and who have their magnifying glasses in hand, [are] scanning the country for evidence of disloyalty, eager to apply the brand of treason to the men who dare to even whisper their opposition to Junker rule in the United States.

No wonder Sam Johnson declared that “patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.” He must have had this Wall Street gentry in mind, or at least their prototypes--for in every age it has been the tyrant, the oppressor and the exploiter who has wrapped himself in the cloak of patriotism or religion or both, to deceive and overawe the people...

Wars throughout history have been waged for conquest and plunder. In the Middle Ages, when the feudal lords who inhabited the castles whose towers may still be seen along the Rhine concluded to enlarge their domains, to increase their power, their prestige and their wealth, they declared war upon one another.

But they themselves did not go to war any more than the modern feudal lords, the barons of Wall Street, go to war. The feudal barons of the Middle Ages--the economic predecessors of the capitalists of our day--declared all wars. And their miserable serfs fought all the battles.

The poor, ignorant serfs had been taught to revere their masters--to believe that when their masters declared war upon one another, it was their patriotic duty to fall upon one another and to cut one another's throats for the profit and glory of the lords and barons, who held them in contempt.

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.

They have always taught and trained you to believe it to be your patriotic duty to go to war and to have yourselves slaughtered at their command. But in all the history of the world, you, the people, have never had a voice in declaring war, and strange as it certainly appears, no war by any nation in any age has ever been declared by the people.

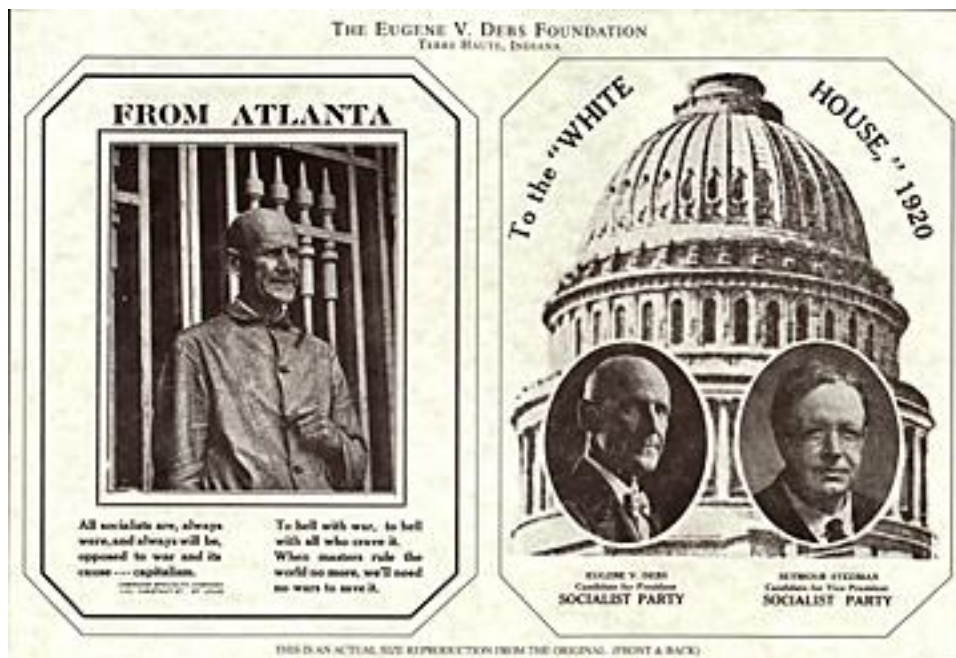
And here let me emphasize the fact--and it cannot be repeated too often--that the working class that fights all the battles, the working class that makes the supreme sacrifices, the working class that freely sheds its blood and furnishes the corpses, has never yet had a voice in either declaring war or making peace.

It is the ruling class that invariably does both. They alone declare war and they alone make peace. “Yours not to reason why; Yours but to do and die.” That is their motto, and we object on the part of the awakening workers of this nation.

If war is right, let it be declared by the people. You who have your lives to lose--you certainly above all others have the right to decide the momentous issue of war or peace...

You need at this time especially to know that you are fit for something better than slavery and cannon fodder. You need to know that you were not created to work and produce and impoverish yourself to enrich an idle exploiter...

And now for all of us to do our duty! The clarion call is ringing in our ears and we cannot falter without being convicted of treason to ourselves and to our great cause. Do not worry over the charge of treason to your masters, but be concerned about the treason that involves yourselves. Be true to yourself and you cannot be a traitor to any good cause on earth.



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“The Interest Payment On State Debts Is Always A Heavy Burden On The Tax-Paying Population But It Can Be A Means Of Enriching The Capitalist Class”

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Excerpts from *Karl Kautsky 'The Driving Forces Of The Russian Revolution And Its Prospects' 1906'*

There is no country in the world, not even the richest, where the yield from taxation is enough to cover the large expenditure that militarism from time to time requires and that is colossal in time of war but still considerable in periods of armament, rearmament and the like.

In such instances state debts have for a long time been the tried and tested way of immediately producing the resources for these large expenditures.

The interest payment on state debts is always a heavy burden on the tax-paying population but it can be a means of enriching the capitalist class of a country when it is the state's creditor.

The state then expropriates the working classes, in order to enrich the capitalist class, multiplies its wealth and simultaneously increases the number of proletarians at its disposal.

But every political struggle is basically a class struggle and thus also an economic struggle. Political interests are a result of economic interests; it is to protect these, and not to realize abstract political ideas, that the masses are in revolt.

Anyone who wishes to inspire the masses to the political struggle must show them how closely linked it is to their economic interests.

These must never be allowed to fade into the background if the struggle for political liberty is not to be blocked.

The alliance between the proletariat and other classes in the revolutionary struggle must rest above all else on a *common economic interest*, if it is to be both lasting and victorious.

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Jesus was a Palestinian."]

14-Year-Old Palestinian Shot By Occupation Troops, As Usual: "Israeli Forces And Jewish Extremists Had Killed At Least 1,991 Children Since 2000"

December 21, 2015 by IMEMC News & Agencies

Israeli forces shot and wounded a 14-year-old Palestinian boy with live fire during clashes in the outskirts of Silwad, in eastern Ramallah, on Monday afternoon, according to medics.

Ambulance crews said that Ahmad Jamal Qantawi, 14, was shot and wounded in his stomach, leg, and hand, and had suffered severe loss of blood.

According to Ma'an News Agency, clashes broke out between Palestinian schoolchildren and Israeli forces at the western entrance to Silwad.

The boy was reportedly evacuated by an ambulance from Israel's emergency services, Magen David Adom.

Palestinian police ordered Israeli border police forces out of the Beituniya area of western Ramallah, and threatened to use their weapons if they refused.

Security sources said that Israeli forces had been chasing Palestinian schoolchildren in the area, when a number of Palestinian police officers led by Lieutenant Akef al-Shalan arrived.

Shalan ordered the Israeli forces to leave the area and threatened to use weapons if they refused.

Large parts of Beituniya, on the western outskirts of Ramallah, are classified Area A, where the Palestinian Authority is supposed to have full civil and military authority as part of the Oslo Accords, although Israel regularly flouts this.

Video footage was later released appearing to show the Palestinian officers leading the Israeli forces away, while locals shouted their approval.

Thousands of Palestinians have been shot and wounded by Israeli forces since a wave of unrest swept the occupied Palestinian territory at the beginning of October.

The Israeli army has come under repeated criticism over its violence toward children.

Defense for Children-Palestine stated, in a September report, that Israeli forces and Jewish extremists had killed at least 1,991 children since 2000.

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**“If They Could, They Would Take
Away The Air That We Breathe”**

Zionists Threaten To Demolish Bedouin Kindergarten In The Jordan Valley



18 December 2015 Medical Aid For Palestinians

The community of Badu Ka'abne lies at the end of a beautiful, winding road that travels between the West Bank cities of Taybeh and Jericho, offering some of the best views in the area.

Driving off-road for five minutes you find a cluster of portacabins surrounding a playground. These are in fact a school that offers education for 65 Bedouin children who live on farms or as herders, more than half of them girls and all from the age of 5 to 15.

In summer they move higher up the hills to avoid the intense heat around the Dead Sea, and in winter they descend closer to the school and the milder weather. The students either walk to school or come on their families' donkeys, which they jokingly call "their cars".

But the twelve five-year-old children who get preschool education in one of these portacabins might soon be left without a classroom.

The Israeli soldiers came to our school on 22 November in broad daylight to hand us a demolition order for the kindergarten.

The children were very scared and did not understand what was happening," says Mahmoud, the headmaster of the school.

"The Israeli occupation refuses us the provision electricity, water and basic human dignity. The water container you see just next to the school is fenced off and we cannot use the water. If they could, they would take away the air that we breathe," he continued.

According to the Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre, the notice served against this EU-funded kindergarten is a 'stop work' order. Such notices demand that the owner of a structure cease any further construction and summon them to a committee hearing of the Israeli Civil Authority – often lead to further formal demolition orders if their appeal is unsuccessful, and leaving the structure vulnerable to destruction at any time.

The Israeli authorities have given just over a month to prepare for this case, which will be in court on the 3rd of January 2016.

Such cases are not uncommon in Area C, the region of the West Bank where Israel maintains full military and civil control.

According to the UN, over 14,000 demolition orders were served against Palestinian structures (e.g. houses, animal shelters, latrines) by the Israeli Civil Administration from 1998 – 2014.

Of these, demolitions have been carried out in approximately 20% of cases.

Over three quarters of the structures against which these orders are served are located on private Palestinian land.

Even where demolition orders are not been carried out, uncertainty and threat of homelessness can be a cause of considerable distress to those threatened with the loss of homes and basic infrastructure.

Back in August, MAP joined thirty other aid agencies and human rights organisations calling for a halt to ongoing demolitions and accountability for wanton destruction of Palestinian property and structures in Area C.

At that time, MAP CEO Tony Laurance said: “The rapid increase in demolitions shows that we must move beyond words towards concerted action to stop these violations of international law. Grave breaches of international humanitarian law could soon become the norm. We will not achieve a just and durable solution to the conflict without first ensuring respect for international humanitarian law.”

School headmaster Mahmoud lives 40 miles away but does the commute every day because he feels this is where he can make the biggest change. He tells MAP of one of the ex-students of his school, who was the first of her community to enter university, where she studied public health administration.

To prepare for her A-levels she came to the school to get extra support from the teachers. “She will not only improve her life, but that of the whole community,” say Mahmoud.

At the kindergarten, Miss Najla teaches younger children numbers and the alphabet, “and of course lots of playing as well.”

The structure of school is particularly important to children in these communities, she explains: “they have very little discipline at home because their parents are too busy with farming or herding to put food on the table. In addition, the parents have often not had the opportunity of education themselves.”

For headmaster Mahmoud the importance of a preschool is to stimulate the children. “All they know in their life are sheep and goats. They do not have toys or a television and their view of the world is very small. We try to change that here: Education is the only way to get away from this life and to move on to something better.”

Miss Najla asks the 12 pre-schoolers after practicing the alphabet “how much do you like your class? How much do you like your teacher?” With a big smile they all together spread their arms open and scream “this much!”

The MAP-supported mobile clinic regularly visits the communities served by this school and provides them with essential medical services and health advice.

Last year, MAP supported the school with stationary, new blackboards and books to start a library, and has allocated money to support the kindergarten to develop and expand further in 2016.

That is at least, if it is still standing by then.

Occupiers Raid And Trash Palestinian Charities:

**Order Prisoners' Rights Group To
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Rights And Prisoners' Rights”**



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BETHLEHEM -- Israeli forces on Tuesday ransacked the Bethlehem headquarters of the district's Palestinian Authority-run committee for charitable work as well as a prisoners' rights group office in Nablus, destroying and confiscating property.

The treasurer of the Bethlehem charity, Mahmoud Khalifa, told Ma'an that "occupation forces broke into the headquarters at 2:40 a.m. and ravaged the place, breaking down the doors of administrative and accounting offices."

Soldiers cut open two safes in the headquarters and confiscated all materials, as well as a number of files and hard discs from office shelves, Khalifa.

Khalifa told Ma'an that the headquarters sponsors around 1200 orphans from Bethlehem-area villages, cities, and refugee camps.

"The committee does social duties only and we have nothing to do with political issues," Khalifa said, adding that their activities are authorized by the Palestinian Ministry of Endowment.

Palestinian Minister of Endowment Yousif Ideis denounced the raid on Bethlehem's charity headquarters. Ideis said in a statement that confiscation of files will "affect the process of distribution of charity" to orphans and needy families rely on assistance.

Separately, Israeli forces stormed offices of the Ahrar Center for Prisoners Studies and Human Rights in Nablus in the northern West Bank, confiscating materials, the center director told Ma'an.

Fuad al-Khuffash said that Israeli soldiers broke into the fifth-floor office and confiscated computers, fax machines, and all files and documents related to Palestinian prisoners in Israeli custody.

The forces left a letter ordering the office to remain closed until further notice, al-Khuffash told Ma'an, referring to the move as "an attempt to silence the voice which exposes all Israeli violations of human rights and prisoners rights."

An Israeli army spokesperson did not have immediate information on either incident.

Charitable organizations in the occupied Palestinian territory have been raided or shut down in the past by Israeli forces who say the groups' activities are a "security threat."

A number of Palestinian radio stations have been shut down in recent months by Israeli authorities on the grounds that the media outlets were encouraging "incitement" against Israel.

Secretary-General of the Palestinian cabinet, Ali Abu Diak, said last month that the move was part of Israel's policy to "oppress the voice of Palestinian rights" and to prevent publication of the truth about "the ongoing ugly crimes Israel is committing against the Palestinian people."

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December 30, 2015 by Andrea Germanos, staff writer; Common Dreams

In the latest fallout from Flint, Michigan's public health crisis of lead poisoning its drinking water, Gov. Rick Snyder on Tuesday said he was "very sorry" and the state's top environmental official resigned.

One advocacy group, however, says that full accountability and transparency for this "man-made catastrophe" are still absent.

That catastrophe began in April 2014, as the Rust Belt city was under control of an emergency manager, and it moved its water supply from the Detroit system to the Flint River without the proper corrosive controls. Lead leached from pipes, putting thousands of the city's children at risk of brain damage from the contamination and prompting local

outcry. A local pediatrician has called it an “emergency” situation that is “alarming and absolutely gut-wrenching.”

The latest developments are in response to initial findings released by a Snyder-appointed task force charged with looking into how and why the crisis came to be. The body put most of the blame on Michigan’s environmental regulatory agency.

In a letter (pdf) addressed to Snyder, Flint Water Advisory Task Force members write, in part,

“We believe the primary responsibility for what happened in Flint rests with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Although many individuals and entities at state and local levels contributed to creating and prolonging the problem, MDEQ is the government agency that has responsibility to ensure safe drinking water in Michigan. It failed in that responsibility and must be held accountable for that failure.”

The letter goes on to fault a “minimalist approach” in the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA) at MDEQ “to regulatory and oversight responsibility (that) is unacceptable and simply insufficient to the task of public protection”; and states that the “agency’s response was often one of aggressive dismissal, belittlement, and attempts to discredit these efforts and the individuals involved.”

It further states that the agency’s decision not to call for “optimized corrosion control treatment” as per the federal Lead and Copper rule “led directly to the contamination of the Flint water system.”

On Tuesday, both Dan Wyant, director of the MDEQ, and Brad Wurfel, DEQ spokesman, resigned.

Snyder said in a media statement that it was “appropriate to accept “ Wyant’s resignation, adding, “I want the Flint community to know how very sorry I am that this has happened. And I want all Michigan citizens to know that we will learn from this experience.”

He acknowledged that “many Flint citizens are angry and want more than an apology,” and said, “When it comes to matters of health and quality of life, we’re committed to doing everything we can to protect the well-being of our citizens.”

But the Lansing-based group Progress Michigan says that the people of Flint still need justice.

“So far under Gov. Rick Snyder’s watch, there has been zero accountability in this crisis and that continues today,” said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan.

“Dan Wyant gets to walk away from this crisis, but the people of Flint do not. There’s a lot we don’t know about this man-made catastrophe.

“What did Gov. Snyder know and when did he know it? We need complete transparency so that justice for the families of Flint can be realized and the proper people can be held accountable.

“All documentation related this this crisis needs to be released to the public immediately,” Scott stated.

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