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CAPITALISM: AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE.



A Mission To Be Proud Of! National Guard Troops Move Into Flint To Hand Out Bottled Water, Filters And Testing Kits In The City's Worst-Hit Neighborhoods



National Guard troops in Flint, Michigan. (photo: NBC News)

19 January 16 By Jon Schuppe and Tony Dokoupil, NBC News

The National Guard sent dozens of additional members into Flint, Michigan, on Monday to help address the impoverished city's water crisis, as Gov. Rick Snyder came under widening criticism — from residents and presidential candidates — for his handling of a massive exposure to lead.

The 70 new guardsmen more than doubled the number already in Flint to hand out bottled water, filters and testing kits in the city's worst-hit neighborhoods.

The first wave of troops arrived over the weekend, while President Obama declared a state of emergency and ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to join the effort.

The contamination is linked to Flint's decision — under the oversight of a city manager appointed by Snyder — to save money by taking tap water from the Flint River.

Soon after the April 2014 switch, some of the city's 100,000 residents began complaining about the taste, smell and appearance of the water. Tests later showed the river water lacked proper treatment, causing lead to leach from old pipes. Local children have shown elevated levels of lead in their blood, a condition that can cause permanent brain damage.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is investigating possible crimes. Snyder has been accused of allowing the problem to fester. Protesters said they would march near Snyder's home in Ann Arbor on Monday afternoon.

Shayne Hodges, a 38-year-old father of three who bought his home just before the crisis, said he and his kids survive on two cases of water a day. He looks in their eyes for signs that the lead is affecting them, even though he knows poisoning could take years to reveal itself.

"Not knowing what's going on and when we're going to be fixed — I bought my home here, so I'm trapped, basically. That's how I feel," Hodges said.

Ariana Hawk, 25, a pregnant mother of two, said her 2-year-old son has rashes on his face and body from exposure to the contaminated water.

She bathes him and her other child by wiping them down using bowls of bottled water warmed in the microwave.

She said she was heartbroken, and lived in fear of the long-term consequences on their brains.

"It's upsetting, you know. I got two little ones that are getting ready to go to school. I gotta think five years from now, that anything at any point can mess with their brain or alter them in a way," she said. "I don't want them to grow up like that."

Hawk said he had yet to have water delivered to her home. She called Snyder's response "bullcrap."

"I don't think that it's sincere," she said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Afghan Taliban Threatening To Capture Three Key Strategic Districts In Helmand Province: Fighting "Just A Few Hundred Meters From The Main Highway That Links The Southern City Of Kandahar With The Western City Of Herat"

January 21, 2016 Radio Free Europe

Reports from southwestern Afghanistan say the Taliban is threatening on January 19 to capture three key strategic districts in Helmand Province.

The fierce fighting between the Taliban and Afghan government forces has stoked concerns about recent gains by the militants in their traditional homeland.

The provincial police chief, Abdul Rahman Sarjang, told reporters that the government in Kabul has sent reinforcements to the districts of Gereshk, Sangin, and Marjeh -- all near the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

The districts are all close to the Helmand River and are centers of opium cultivation.

The Taliban, which draws funds from the illegal opium trade, has stepped up its pressure on security forces there since the withdrawal of international forces from combat in 2015.

Reports say that some of the fighting in the area on January 19 was just a few hundred meters from the main highway that links the southern city of Kandahar with the Western city of Herat

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**POLICE WAR REPORTS:
THEN AND NOW**

“A New Video Shows Officers Lied About The Circumstances That Led Up To Shooting”

“The Allegation That Their Lives Were In Danger By The Movement Of The Car Is Absolutely Ridiculous”

“Police Found No Weapon, But Nevertheless Mouzon Was Charged With Two Handgun-Related Counts”

“To Charge Him With Having A Gun After Searching His Car And His Person Is A Bold, Outrageous Lie”

16 January 16 By Justin Fenton, Baltimore Sun

The lawyer for a man shot by Baltimore police three years ago is claiming a new video shows that officers lied about the circumstances that led up to the shooting.

When police officers shot Shaun Mouzon in January 2013, an officer wrote in charging documents that they did so because Mouzon had driven his car at them. But attorney A. Dwight Pettit said surveillance camera video he obtained from the city under a public records request tells a different story.

“The car was stopped in traffic,” Pettit said. “The allegation that their lives were in danger by the movement of the car is absolutely ridiculous and is an absolute misstatement of the facts.”

The video, also obtained by The Baltimore Sun through a records request, shows Mouzon's vehicle pulling into traffic at a stoplight on Edmondson Avenue, with several officers following in an unmarked patrol car, their lights activated.

Officers run up to the driver's and passenger sides. It is unclear when the officers begin firing, but none appear to be standing directly in front of the car as it slowly pulls off and then flees the area.

Pettit said he believes the video shows officers firing even before the vehicle starts to move.

Mouzon eventually crashed his vehicle several blocks away.

Police found no weapon, but nevertheless Mouzon was charged with two handgun-related counts. All charges were eventually dropped.

The three officers who opened fire on Mouzon's car — Chris Szokolczai, Charles Mewshaw and Kevin Saliba — were cleared of wrongdoing by the Baltimore state's attorney's office in July 2013. In a letter explaining the decision not to charge, homicide chief Donald Giblin wrote that the officers were "acting reasonably in self-defense when they fired upon Mr. Mouzon."

The police investigative report said Mouzon had pulled off "almost striking the officers."

Mouzon filed a lawsuit in April 2014 against the Police Department and several officers involved in the incident. He filed an amended suit this week in part based on his attorneys' observations on the video. His attorneys broadened the scope of the lawsuit to allege a "pattern and practice" of brutality by the Police Department.

An attorney for the officers, Chaz Ball, declined to discuss the allegations, but said in a statement that "officers are tasked with balancing the duty to the public to protect and serve with the duty to their families and loved ones to go home safely at the end of the day."

"That balancing act often involves deeply complex decisions that must be made in an instant. This case is no different," he said.

The officer who wrote the charging documents, who also spoke to detectives investigating the shooting, is Fabian Laronde, a veteran who has been under fire in recent months amid misconduct allegations.

Laronde was suspended in October in relation to an off-duty incident. In November, he was banned from the city courthouse after an incident in which he was accused of filming a witness and a TV reporter in the hallway the day of a hearing about his internal affairs file. Photography is prohibited inside the courthouse.

This month, in a rare move, more than 20 defense attorneys banded together seeking Laronde's internal affairs files, citing "a multitude of incidents that raise questions about his credibility," including allegations he omitted key information under oath.

Laronde has previously been accused of illegally strip-searching a man in a civil case the city settled for \$155,000.

In another case, a jury awarded \$40,000 in damages to a court clerk who said Laronde and other officers accosted him inside the city courthouse.

In such agreements, neither the city nor the officers admit wrongdoing.

Following the defense attorneys' motion, city prosecutors said they are analyzing the evidence in "each and every case" involving Laronde that's open and pending "to determine the viability of those cases," said Rochelle Ritchie, a spokeswoman for Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby.

Laronde wrote in charging documents for Mouzon, filed two months after the shooting due to Mouzon's hospitalization, that he and two other officers were watching Mouzon standing outside of a vehicle about 6:20 p.m. and could see *"what I believed to be the handle of a handgun in the defendant's waistband."*

[Ah, the famous waistband once again. See the next article. T]

He wrote that Mouzon looked in the officers' direction, got into his vehicle and took off. The officers activated their lights and sirens and tried to pull him over, but said he continued to flee. "Mr. Mouzon proceeded to drive at speeds greater than reasonable, committing a host of traffic violations, endangering himself and others in an attempt to flee and elude our vehicle," he wrote.

The officers caught up to Mouzon at the stoplight on Edmondson Avenue at Hilton Street, and Laronde said he told Mouzon to shut off the vehicle and keep his hands visible. He said in the charging document that he saw Mouzon reach down with his right hand between the seat and center console.

He wrote that Mouzon "let off the brakes and began to accelerate toward the officers in front of the vehicle. At this time, a police involved shooting occurred."

The video shows one officer who steps toward the vehicle, but steps out of the way as the car inches forward.

Laronde's account from the night of the shooting, summarized in the homicide unit's investigative report, differs somewhat from the later charging document.

There is no specific mention of Laronde observing a handgun, but the report says he believed Mouzon was "displaying characteristics of an armed person."

He said Mouzon rolled up his window and locked his door as the officers ran up to his car at the stoplight, and that he saw Mouzon "reach away from his body," which he believed could have been Mouzon reaching for a handgun, the report shows.

The officers who fired the shots did not give statements to investigators conducting the criminal review, which is their constitutional right.

Five officers did give accounts. One of them, Officer Michael Johnson, said he believed the shots were fired by officers standing in front of Mouzon's vehicle. Lt. Torran Burrus, who was with Mewshaw and Laronde, did not describe any officers standing in front of the vehicle when the officers opened fire.

Pettit said his interpretation of the tape was that Mouzon's car did not even begin to pull away until after the video shows muzzle flash from the officers' guns.

None of the other officers who talked to detectives could corroborate Laronde's account that Mouzon had reached for something.

They said they heard officers telling Mouzon to put the car in park and saw him rolling his window up, according to the homicide unit's account of their statements.

Mouzon was charged with one count of having a handgun in a vehicle, one count of illegal possession of a handgun, a charge of failing to obey a lawful order, and traffic violations. The first charge was dropped four months later; the second gun charge was dropped about a month after that.

"No gun was found," Pettit said. "To charge him with having a gun after searching his car and his person is a bold, outrageous lie."

With the gun charges dropped, Mouzon was indicted in July 2013 on the traffic charges and failing to obey an officer, and those charges were dropped two months later.

Mouzon was hospitalized in critical condition with multiple gunshot wounds, and his medical bills totaled more than \$500,000, the lawsuit says. The suit seeks more than \$1.2 million in damages.

In March 2014, records show Mouzon was investigated as a suspect in a murder and officers raided his girlfriend's apartment. Police found several guns, and he was charged with multiple counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Those charges were dropped in May 2015. Prosecutors declined to give a reason.

Mouzon now has pending drug distribution charges in Baltimore County.

MORE:

There Is A Bizarre Urge Among Young, Unarmed Black Men To Provoke Their Own Murder By 'Reaching For Their Waistbands'"

“If Police Accounts Are To Be Believed, This Compulsion Only Exists Among Young Black Men”

November 28-30, 2014 by JOHN ESKOW, CounterPunch

If police accounts are to be believed, there is a bizarre urge among young, unarmed black men to provoke their own murder by “reaching for their waistbands” when cops are aiming service revolvers at them.

Just this week we heard Officer Darren Wilson claim that one of the reasons he killed Michael Brown was that the young man “reached for his waistband,” and – in what I guess was just an incredibly weird coincidence – we heard Cleveland police claim they killed a 12-year-old kid with a toy gun because he also “reached for his waistband.”

But this odd compulsion is not a new one.

In 2011, fully half of all the young black men shot by LA cops were cut down because—again, if police accounts are to be believed – they too were “reaching for their waistbands.”

The epidemic also spread to Houston, where multiple police accounts cite the same excuse.

Oscar Grant, the young man killed by Oakland cops on a subway platform – and the subject of the movie “Fruitvale Station”—was shot for the exact same reason.

If police accounts are to be believed, this compulsion only exists among young black men.

I have been approached by angry or frustrated cops several times in my life – twice as an angry young protestor, eager to defy them – and have never felt even the slightest urge to reach for my waistband.

Maybe white skin contains a protein that protects against this terrible compulsion?

And exactly what is it that these dead young men were hoping to find in those waistbands?

Given the Cosby-condemned fashion of wearing saggy jeans, these kids have to reach pretty far down to reach their waistbands--a posture which would leave them completely defenseless against an armed cop.

What a powerful compulsion this must be!

I’ve spent a good amount of time on police ridearounds in New Orleans. If you want to see young black men, New Orleans at 3 AM is a good place to do so.

I remember one night as my cop hosts were rolling up slowly on a kid they suspected of a robbery: no shirt, Saints cap, saggy jeans exposing his boxer shorts. The kid sauntered on with an exaggerated cool: he knew the cops were watching him, and the cops knew that he knew. One of the cops poked my elbow, chuckled, and said: “Watch this. That kid’s gonna break.” “When?” I asked. “The second he reaches down to hitch up his drawers.” As I watched, another cop counted down: “Three seconds to drawa–hitchin’. Two...one...”

At just that second, the kid reached down, hitched up his drawas, and “broke”—took off sprinting down an alley. They pursued him for a while, then lost interest.

It was the only time I ever saw any gesture that was even vaguely waistband-related, and the kid only did it so that he could run without being tripped by his low-slung Levis.

Two weeks later, one of the cops in that squad car – a funny guy, a seemingly decent guy, you would’ve liked him – was briefly suspended, pending the investigation of an “incident” in which he shot and killed a young black man in the black man’s own back yard.

The kid had reached for his waistband, if police accounts are to be believed.

My old squad-car host was cleared in a few days and returned to duty.

This has gone on far too long.

I am going to take my own mixed-race son to a neurologist today, if not sooner, to have him checked for traces of this horrible Waistband-Reaching Syndrome. I’m concerned that, one day, it could get him killed...

...if police accounts are to be believed.

Witness To Michael Brown Shooting Arrested Day After He Sues Police: “This Past Tuesday, Dorian Johnson Filed A Lawsuit Against The Ferguson Police Department

Alleging That They Assaulted Him”

“The Following Day, Johnson And His Brother Were Arrested By The Neighboring St. Louis Police Metropolitan Department For Allegedly Interfering With An Arrest”

“Johnson’s Arrest Fits With A Pattern Of Witnesses To Prominent Police Brutality Incidents Facing Arrest”

The man who filmed the police arrest of Freddie Gray was arrested without police offering an explanation or stating what the charges were.

The man who filmed the police chokehold of Eric Garner was likewise arrested shortly after that video became public.

09 May 15 By Nicole Flatow, ThinkProgress

This past Tuesday, Dorian Johnson filed a lawsuit against the Ferguson Police Department alleging that they assaulted him, inflicted emotional pain, and violated his constitutional rights during and after the incident in which he witnessed the shooting death of Michael Brown.

The following day, Johnson and his brother were arrested by the neighboring St. Louis Police Metropolitan Department — for allegedly interfering with an arrest.

Police said they reported to the scene after they received a tip about a “large group possibly with firearms.”

But he was also reportedly suspected of illegal narcotics, because he was holding a drink believed to be a mix of cough medicine and other illegal drugs. The mixture later tested negative for narcotics.

Lauren Trager, spokeswoman for the circuit, told the Riverfront Times that “A drug charge was brought to our office. It was refused by our office.”

Johnson was nonetheless arrested on misdemeanor charges of “resisting or interfering with arrest/detention/stop.”

The charging document stated that Dorian, “ran toward PO N.S. and demanded that PO N.S. remove his hands from Demonte Johnson.”

“Dorian Johnson further stated that the police could not arrest any of them,” the officer’s probable cause statement explains. “I was then able to grab Dorian Johnson before he could make contact with PO N.S. Dorian Johnson then struggled with me and tried to pry himself away from me. I had to physically struggle with Dorian Johnson until I was able take him to the ground and get handcuffs on him.”

Johnson’s arrest fits with a pattern of witnesses to prominent police brutality incidents facing arrest, and many on Twitter immediately called it out as “predictable,” questioning the source of the original tip.

Just last week, the man who filmed the police arrest of Freddie Gray was arrested without police offering an explanation or stating what the charges were. He was released later that night, but the two friends arrested with him from the group CopWatch remained in custody.

And the man who filmed the police chokehold of Eric Garner was likewise arrested shortly after that video became public.

Eric Orta was charged on two counts of criminal possession of a semiautomatic handgun and trying to give the firearm to a teenager on the street, and just released from jail last month, after supporters raised enough money for his bail through a crowdsourcing site.

Both men say they were arrested in retaliation for their filming of the police. Orta even went on hunger strike in jail because he was afraid the staff would poison his food.

Sheriff’s Deputy Pulls Gun On Asian Man, Accuses Him Of Being ‘An ISIS’ And Beats Him: “Clark Began Hitting C.F. Before Asking Him To Name The Capital Of Thailand And Punched Him In The Groin”

January 14, 2016 By Matt Agorist, The Free Thought Project

Lewis and Clark County, MT — A sheriff’s deputy with Lewis and Clark County was arrested Monday morning after allegedly pulling a gun on a man at a party and assaulting him.

On December 4, Philip Jay Clark, 49, showed up to a bonfire party “super intoxicated,” according to the victim, identified as C.F. in court documents.

According to documents:

“He (C.F) said Clark, ‘Got a little bit violent and a little bit aggressive right away.’ He said it seemed like Clark wanted to fight. He said after shaking Clark’s hand, Clark, “pulled out his gun, pointed it at me and then laughed, handed it to somebody else like we were about to fight.”

According to court records, Clark began hitting C.F. before asking him to name the capital of Thailand and punched him in the groin, yelling “Bangkok.”

The drunken bigot cop then walked away.

As C.F.’s friend was telling him that it would probably be a good idea for him to leave, Clark became aggressive once again. He then pulled out his pistol, with his finger on the trigger, shoved it in C.F.’s face and began referring to his non-Muslim Asian victim as “an ISIS.”

“(I was) 100% positive he was gonna start shooting,” C.F. said, according to the documents.

Clark has since retained an attorney, Mathew Johnson, who claims that Clark was acting in self-defense when he interacted with C.F. Apparently resorting to schoolyard bully tactics of asking the capital of Thailand before punching him in the groin, was a means of deterring an attack from C.F.

“My client was very surprised that charges were filed without an investigator talking to him,” Johnson said, noting that Clark should have been given his special treatment due to his officer status.

According to Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Leo Dutton, after the party, a citizen called in to report Clark’s behavior. Dutton said that was when they launched the investigation.

Clark was booked on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon and his bond was set at \$50,000. However, likely due to his blue privilege, after appearing before the judge, Clark was released on his own recognizance.

The case has since been handed over to the Montana Department of Justice to avoid the conflict of interest of the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s

Man Shot By Police After Calling 911 To Report Burglary:

“Witnesses Say There Was No Time Between The Yelling Of This Order And The Discharging Of Police Weapons For Him To React”

“He Didn’t Know The Police Were Even There Until They Had Shot Him In The Neck”

May 11, 2015 By Reagan Ali, Counter Current News

A South Carolina man called the police when he was being burglarized, moments later, that man was shot. But it wasn't the burglary suspect who opened fire on him, it was the cops.

The officer in question is a caucasian South Carolina sheriff. His victim – the man who called 911 for help – was shot and critically wounded when he was doing nothing other than defending his own property.

Two men had broken into his house when Bryant Heyward called 911. He called the cops, hoping that they would arrive and help. But when the sheriff's deputies arrived to the mobile home in Hollywood, South Carolina on Thursday morning, they saw the armed home owner and opened fire.

Now the sheriff says there is an internal investigation to determine what happened. But few members of the community believe there will be any sort of justice for the victim – who was twice victimized: once by the home invaders and another time by the responding officers.

The deputies reported seeing a man standing in the doorway of his own home. They claim he “refused to drop his gun,” but witnesses say there was no time between the yelling of this order and the discharging of police weapons for him to react.

On the way to the hospital, Heyward told police that he was simply trying to protect himself and his home from home invaders and he didn't know the police were even there until they had shot him in the neck.

One of the two men who is accused of trying to burglarize Heyward's home is Thomas Zachary Brown, 22, who is currently in custody.

Heyward told the 911 operator that he was hidden in his own laundry room because “Someone was trying to break into my house.”

He urged police to “please come.”

He explained that “It’s an emergency and they have guns.”

Sheriff’s Maj. Eric Watson attempted to rationalize the shooting, saying “as we were approaching, the back door swung open.”

Then he heard Deputy Tyner shout verbal commands, thereafter he “next heard gunfire as Deputy Tyner fired to suppress the threat.”

This, they explained, made Heyward “look like” he was one of the burglars. But the reality was he was only a home owner defending his home from armed invaders. Had he waited for police he would have been killed, as the home invaders appear to have escalated things upon finding the hidden home owner.

The would-be burglars had just taken off moments before exchanging gun fire. What was Heyward to do? Should he have laid down and died waiting for the police? After exchanging gunfire with the suspects, his ears would have been ringing, making it impossible for him to hear police commands that were apparently issued with no delay.

At no time did he raise his weapon towards the officers. What should he have done differently?

Policeman Serving Eviction Notice Kills 12 Year-Old Girl



Dead.

January 14, 2016 By Alexandra Jacobo, NationofChange

12-year-old Ciara Meyer was shot and killed by a constable in Pennsylvania during a confrontation that took place when the constable attempted to serve an eviction warrant.

Constable Clarke Steele arrived at the family's home to enforce a previously issued eviction order. When he arrived and knocked on the door Ciara's father, Donald Meyer, opened the door, only to shut it before retrieving his rifle, then opened the door armed.

According to reports, Mr. Meyer pointed the weapon at Constable Steele, causing Steele to fire his weapon, which went through Meyer's arm and hit Ciara.

Ciara died at the scene.

Her father was treated at Penn State Hershey Medical Center with a non-life threatening injury. He is also being charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, terroristic threats, and reckless endangerment.

A neighbor, whose daughter was friends with Ciara, spoke kindly, saying that Ciara was a "very kind, sweet kid."

Steele voluntarily suspended himself after the shooting and state police have launched an investigation to determine if charges should take place. Constables in Pennsylvania are members of the Commonwealth Constables Association, which is separate from any law enforcement agency. Constables are either elected or appointed.

According to the spokesman for the association, Steele is cooperating fully with state police and is "shattered" by Ciara's death.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



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

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

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

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

<p>One way to stop the next war is to continue to tell the truth about this one. -- Kathy Kelly</p>
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The excerpts below may be useful in understanding current events and where those events are tending.

That said, one dimension not covered below may be worth considering.

Before people, especially classes, frame a clear program to fight for, it is human history that first the negation of things-as-they-are unfolds and reaches mass rage.

People tend to first puke up what they don’t want before they formulate a program and plan of action to get what they do want.

On a massive scale, world-wide, huge numbers of very angry people are expressing with crystal clarity what they do not want.

They do not want the economic system, capitalism-as-it-is.

Most do yet understand that capitalism cannot be reformed, cannot be anything other than what it is now: society organized to benefit and politically governed by the class of capitalists, a class for themselves.

That understanding will come; is coming now, more every day.

Episodic movements from below, now in one place, now another, all over the world, are what comes first, the negation of things-as-they-are that has preceded every great mass movement forward in human history.

That is happening now.

Negation in mass consciousness of the cruelty, stupidity, and incompetence of 2016 capitalism is at the same time the birth of a defiant, new, worldwide, urban, working class movement from below.

The worldwide tectonic earthshaking that began in Tunisia in 2011 has sometimes paused, and will pause again, and be defeated, and be defeated again, but in continues growing and moving forward, everywhere.

Nothing on this world-wide scale of working class resistance from below has been seen before.

The excerpts below are about how and why material reality is the basis for and drives our resistance forward.

“[P]roletarian revolutions, like those of the nineteenth century, constantly criticize themselves, constantly interrupt themselves in their own course, return to the apparently accomplished, in order to begin anew; they deride with cruel thoroughness the half-measures, weaknesses, and paltriness of their first attempts, seem to throw down their opponents only so the latter may draw new strength from the earth and rise before them again more gigantic than ever, recoil constantly from the indefinite colossalness of their own goals – until a situation is created which makes all turning back impossible ...”

-- The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte. Karl Marx 1852

“The Expropriators Are Expropriated” [The Negation Of Negation]

Excerpts from: Capital; K. Marx; based on the 4th edition. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr and Co., 1906; Frederick Engels, Ernest Untermann, eds.; Samuel Moore, Edward Aveling, trans. 1867

HISTORICAL TENDENCY OF CAPITALIST ACCUMULATION:

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.1

What does the primitive accumulation of capital, i.e., its historical genesis, resolve itself into?

In so far as it is not immediate transformation of slaves and serfs into wage-labourers, and therefore a mere change of form, it only means the expropriation of the immediate producers, i.e., the dissolution of private property based on the labour of its owner.

Private property, as the antithesis to social, collective property, exists only where the means of labour and the external conditions of labour belong to private individuals. But according as these private individuals are labourers or not labourers, private property has a different character.

The numberless shades, that it at first sight presents, correspond to the intermediate stages lying between these two extremes.

The private property of the laborer in his means of production is the foundation of petty industry, whether agricultural, manufacturing or both; petty industry, again, is an essential condition for the development of social production and of the free individuality of the laborer himself.

Of course, this petty mode of production exists also under slavery, serfdom, and other states of dependence.

But it flourishes, it lets loose its whole energy, it attains its adequate classical form, only where the laborer is the private owner of his own means of labour set in action by himself: the peasant of the land which he cultivates, the artisan of the tool which he handles as a virtuoso.

This mode of production pre-supposes parceling of the soil, and scattering of the other means of production.

As it excludes the concentration of these means of production, so also it excludes co-operation, division of labour within each separate process of production, the control over, and the productive application of the forces of Nature by society, and the free development of the social productive powers.

It is compatible only with a system of production, and a society, moving within narrow and more or less primitive bounds.

To perpetuate it would be, as Pecqueur rightly says, "to decree universal mediocrity."

At a certain stage of development it brings forth the material agencies for its own dissolution.

**"This Fearful And Painful Expropriation Of The Mass Of The People Forms
The Prelude To The History Of Capital"**

From that moment new forces and new passions spring up in the bosom of society; but the old social organization fetters them and keeps them down.

It must be annihilated; it is annihilated.

Its annihilation, the transformation of the individualized and scattered means of production into socially concentrated ones, of the pigmy property of the many into the huge property of the few, the expropriation of the great mass of the people from the soil, from the means of subsistence, and from the means of

labour, this fearful and painful expropriation of the mass of the people forms the prelude to the history of capital.

The expropriation of the immediate producers was accomplished with merciless Vandalism, and under the stimulus of passions the most infamous, the most sordid, the pettiest, the most meanly odious.

Self-earned private property, that is based, so to say, on the fusing together of the isolated, independent laboring-individual with the conditions of his labour, is supplanted by capitalistic private property, which rests on exploitation of the nominally free labour of others, i.e., on wages-labour.

[FOOTNOTE TO THE ABOVE: CLASS BASIS OF THE TEA PARTY]

The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the labourers, due to competition, by their revolutionary combination, due to association.

The development of Modern Industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet, the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products.

What the bourgeoisie therefore, produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers.

Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable....

Of all the classes, that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class.

The other classes perish and disappear in the face of Modern Industry, the proletariat is its special and essential product....

The lower middle-classes, the small manufacturers, the shop keepers, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle-class...they are reactionary, for they try to roll back the wheel of history.

-- Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, "Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei," London, 1847, pp. 911.

"The Expropriators Are Expropriated"

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.2

As soon as this process of transformation has sufficiently decomposed the old society from top to bottom, as soon as the labourers are turned into proletarians, their means of labour into capital, as soon as the capitalist mode of production stands on its own feet, then the further socialization of labour and further transformation of the land and other

means of production into socially exploited and, therefore, common means of production, as well as the further expropriation of private proprietors, takes a new form.

That which is now to be expropriated is no longer the laborer working for himself, but the capitalist exploiting many labourers.

This expropriation is accomplished by the action of the immanent laws of capitalistic production itself, by the centralization of capital.

One capitalist always kills many.

Hand in hand with this centralization, or this expropriation of many capitalists by few, develop, on an ever extending scale, the co-operative form of the labour-process, the conscious technical application of science, the methodical cultivation of the soil, the transformation of the instruments of labour into instruments of labour only usable in common, the economizing of all means of production by their use as the means of production of combined, socialized labour, the entanglement of all peoples in the net of the world-market, and this, the international character of the capitalistic régime.

Along with the constantly diminishing number of the magnates of capital, who usurp and monopolize all advantages of this process of transformation, grows the mass of misery, oppression, slavery, degradation, exploitation; but with this too grows the revolt of the working-class, a class always increasing in numbers, and disciplined, united, organised by the very mechanism of the process of capitalist production itself.

The monopoly of capital becomes a fetter upon the mode of production, which has sprung up and flourished along with, and under it.

Centralization of the means of production and socialization of labour at last reach a point where they become incompatible with their capitalist integument.

This integument is burst asunder.

The knell of capitalist private property sounds.

The expropriators are expropriated.

“The Negation Of Negation”

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.3

The capitalist mode of appropriation, the result of the capitalist mode of production, produces capitalist private property.

This is the first negation of individual private property, as founded on the labour of the proprietor.

But capitalist production begets, with the inexorability of a law of Nature, its own negation.

It is the negation of negation.

This does not re-establish private property for the producer, but gives him individual property based on the acquisitions of the capitalist era: i.e., on co-operation and the possession in common of the land and of the means of production.

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.4

The transformation of scattered private property, arising from individual labour, into capitalist private property is, naturally, a process, incomparably more protracted, violent, and difficult, than the transformation of capitalistic private property, already practically resting on socialized production, into socialized property.

In the former case, we had the expropriation of the mass of the people by a few usurpers; in the latter, we have the expropriation of a few usurpers by the mass of the people.

Summing Up:

[P]roletarian revolutions, like those of the nineteenth century, constantly criticize themselves, constantly interrupt themselves in their own course, return to the apparently accomplished, in order to begin anew; they deride with cruel thoroughness the half-measures, weaknesses, and paltriness of their first attempts, seem to throw down their opponents only so the latter may draw new strength from the earth and rise before them again more gigantic than ever, recoil constantly from the indefinite colossalness of their own goals – until a situation is created which makes all turning back impossible ...

-- The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte. Karl Marx 1852

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Hidden History:

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Were Going To The US”**

**“The Sugar Corporations Exploited The
Hell Out Of Them, And Most Never Could
Find A Way To Return To Puerto Rico”**

From: Daniel R

To: Military Resistance Newsletter

Subject: RE: Military Resistance 14A10: Shameful Anniversary; Sugar Plantation
Owners Use U.S. Marines To Grab And Plunder Hawaii

Date: Jan 17, 2016 10:52 PM

Thanks for these emails.

You know, there has been for sometime a spirit of solidarity between Hawaiians and Puerto Ricans as victims of the same imperialist rule.

In fact, around 100 or more years ago, thousands of Puerto Ricans were sent to Hawaii under the belief they were going to the US.

The sugar corporations exploited the hell out of them, and most never could find a way to return to Puerto Rico.

As a result, there are thousands of descendants of Puerto Ricans who continue many traditions from the Homeland in Hawaii.

I know that someday both countries will free themselves from the corporate US state.

Daniel V

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[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Defending freedom, huh?"]

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Occupation Troops Kill 2
Palestinians At Checkpoint:
"The Two Men Were Stopped And
Asked By Military Forces To Exit
Their Vehicle, At Which Point The
Forces Shot Them Dead"
"The Men Sold Wholesale Goods And
Were Reportedly On Their Way To**

Distribute Merchandise To Grocery Shops”



Al-Hamra checkpoint in the occupied West Bank. (Photo Credit: B'Tselem)

JAN. 10, 2016 Ma'an

BETHLEHEM (Ma'an) -- Israeli forces on Saturday shot and killed two Palestinian men at the al-Hamra military checkpoint in the northern Jordan Valley, witnesses said.

Witnesses told Ma'an that the two men were stopped at the checkpoint -- also known as Beqaot -- and asked by military forces to exit their vehicle, at which point the forces shot them dead.

The witnesses said they did not see the men wielding knives, and told Ma'an the two were "killed in cold blood."

The men sold wholesale goods and were reportedly on their way to distribute merchandise to grocery shops, witnesses added.

An Israeli army spokeswoman told Ma'an that two assailants attempted to stab Israeli soldiers stationed at the security crossing who opened fire in response to the attack.

The two Palestinians received medical treatment on site but were pronounced dead, the spokeswoman said.

No Israelis were injured in the incident.

The men were identified as 26-year-old Ali Abu Maryam from the village of al-Jadida and 38-year-old Said Abu al-Wafa from the village of al-Zawiya, both southwest of Jenin in the northern West Bank.

The al-Hamra military checkpoint is located in the eastern outskirts of the Nablus district, south of the illegal Israeli settlements of Beqaot and Roi.

Israeli military checkpoints -- over 100 of which stand permanently across the occupied West Bank -- have been site to several attacks carried out by Palestinian individuals since a wave of unrest spread across the area in October.

Israeli military forces as well as civilians have been targeted in knife, vehicular, and shooting attacks that have left over 20 Israelis dead since Oct. 1.

Nearly 150 Palestinians have been killed during the same time period.

Four Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 19 were shot dead in two separate incidents on Thursday after Israel's army said they attempted to stab Israeli soldiers at the Gush Etzion and Beit Einun junctions. No Israelis were injured in either reported attack.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in response said the deaths marked a "dangerous escalation" and condemned the "continuous series of crimes and field executions by Netanyahu's government against Palestinians."

Investigations into a number of recent Palestinian deaths concluded that Israeli policy implemented since the increase in attacks has resulted in unnecessary Palestinian deaths, according to international rights group Amnesty International.

Philip Luther, the group's Middle East and North Africa director, said following the increase in attacks in October that "intentional lethal force should only be used when absolutely necessary to protect life."

"Instead we are increasingly seeing Israeli forces recklessly flouting international standards by shooting to kill in situations where it is completely unjustified," the director said.

Saturday's alleged attack marks the second such incident at the al-Hamra checkpoint in the most recent wave of violence, with the majority of attacks taking place closer to the cities of Nablus, Ramallah, and Hebron.

Zionists Attack And Wreck Palestinian University, As Usual: "Constant Israeli Attacks And Their Repressive Measures Against Students

Shall Only Strengthen The University's Commitment To Its Noble Cause” “Education”



Photo by: Public Relations Office - Birzeit University

11 Jan 2016 Birzeit University news

In the early morning hours, under the cover of darkness, the Israeli occupation army invaded Birzeit University campus.

This is neither new nor unprecedented given the ongoing colonial aggression against the people and institutions of Palestine.

Birzeit University condemns this attack and the direct violation of the sanctity of the university campus. This is a belligerent military attack on the university and our right to education and all the principles involved in the freedom of education.

More than fifteen military Israeli vehicles raided Birzeit University at 2:50 in the morning breaking through the entrance to the university through the western gate.

The military forces invaded the Student Council building and the Faculty of Science.

They forcibly deterred our university security personnel as they invaded these buildings. The military confiscated equipment and computers used in the activities of the students council and destroyed and damaged furniture leaving a great deal of havoc behind. This is a blatant attack on our student council and the sanctity of democratic values.

This violation of the campus is a part of an outrageous and systematic attack on the right of education and freedom of expression.

Birzeit University condemns the continuous Israeli occupation military's invasions of university campuses throughout Palestine.

Eighty students at Birzeit University, in addition to hundreds of students throughout other universities in Palestine, are in Israeli prisons, more than twenty-five arrested and detained in the last three months alone.

Stealing our student's lives and working to destroy the sanctity of our university campus and our right to education is an atrocious and obvious attempt to destroy the will of the Palestinian people.

The University condemns these outrageous acts in the strongest possible terms and calls upon all international and human rights organizations to speak this truth loudly in the face of these violations immediately and without reserve and to stand in solidarity with our struggle.

The University's administration confirms that despite these constant Israeli attacks and their repressive measures against students, they shall only strengthen the University's commitment to its noble cause - education.

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