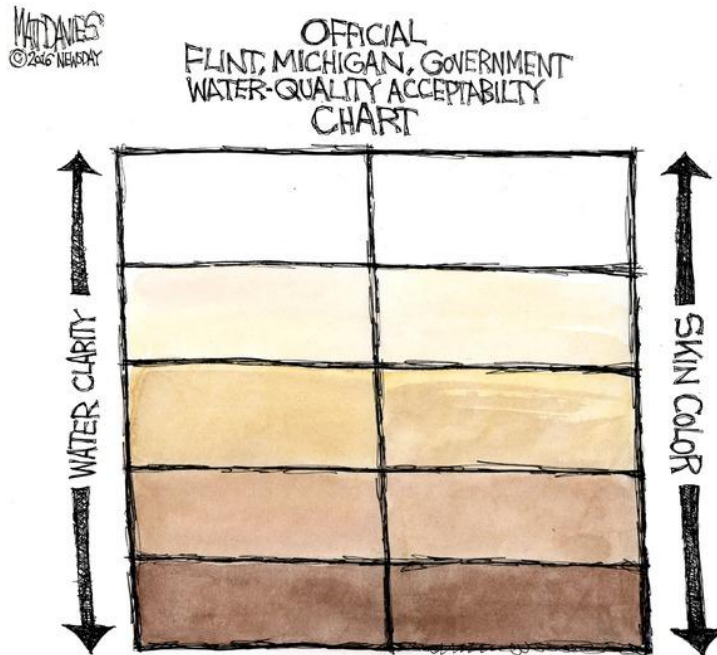


Military Resistance 14A15



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "While you're fighting over there this is what you need to fight back here."]

**“Illegal Protests And Wildcat
Strikes Are Erupting With
Increasing Frequency By
Truckers, Teachers, Factory
Workers And All Sorts Of
Russians”**

**“Eat Pineapples, Munch Your
Grouse! Your Last Day Is Coming,
Bourgeois!”**

“Workers ‘Have To Take To The Streets!’”
“Hundreds Of Older Russians Who Gathered Under The Bronze Statue Of A Cossack Horseman On The Main Square Here And Chanted, ‘Return Our Benefits!’”



Workers at a Sbarro restaurant in Moscow protested. They have not been paid in months. James Hill for The New York Times

JAN. 22, 2016 By NEIL MacFARQUHAR, New York Times. Alexandra Odynova contributed reporting from Krasnodar, and Ivan Nechepurenko from Moscow. [Excerpts]

KRASNODAR, Russia — Last year was bad enough financially for Sergei and Victoria Titov, both music teachers getting along in years. Her government salary was slashed by one third, and rampant inflation put some basic groceries like eggplant and cucumbers out of reach.

Then came Jan. 1, and the abrupt decision by the regional government here in Krasnodar, the capital of Russia’s southern agricultural heartland, to chop transportation subsidies for older Russians, forcing the couple to limit their trolley rides.

Indignant and fearing worse amid Russia's accelerating economic problems, Sergei joined an unauthorized demonstration last week by hundreds of older Russians who gathered under the bronze statue of a Cossack horseman on the main square here and chanted, "Return our benefits!"

They were not alone, neither in Krasnodar nor across this vast nation, where illegal protests and wildcat strikes are erupting with increasing frequency by truckers, teachers, factory workers and all sorts of Russians facing steep government cutbacks because of plummeting revenue from oil and gas.

The global collapse in oil prices is reordering economic relations around the world, but the change is particularly daunting for Russia, which relies on energy exports for 50 percent of its federal budget.

In December, President Vladimir V. Putin told the nation that the worst of the recession — the economy shrank 3.9 percent and inflation hit 12.9 percent in 2015 — was over and that modest growth would return in 2016. He has been pushing the oil collapse as an "opportunity" that will wean Russia off energy imports and diversify the economy.

Then in January oil fell below \$30 per barrel, with no bottom in sight, and the ruble hit a record low of nearly 85 to the dollar before recovering slightly.

The last time oil prices dropped so low and stayed there, in the 1980s, the Soviet Union disintegrated.

Steadily rising prices since 2000 have lifted Russia out of poverty and economic chaos, buoying the prosperity of many Russians with it. Mr. Putin was lucky enough to be president for much of that period, but he now faces an extended decline, with real incomes shrinking.

With the federal budget approved in December based on oil at \$50 a barrel, Anton Siluanov, the finance minister, announced that the country faced a budget deficit of about \$40 billion, and ministries were ordered to cut spending 10 percent. Budgets were similarly guillotined last year.

In Krasnodar, Mr. Titov, 64, braced for harder times. "I do not know what they will cut, but I know it will affect us," he said. "We are watching all this with alarm. It is clear that the government lacks the necessary resources to give us a normal life."

In Krasnodar, a city of about 800,000 people, retirees register a kind of sticker shock when discussing food prices, yelling out items as they remember newly high prices. "Apples!" one shouted, noting that the cost had nearly doubled. Then "Zucchini!" Then "Smoked sausages!"

Food prices rose 20 percent last year, according to official statistics, but often Russians say their grocery tab is up by a third or more, thanks in part to sanctions Moscow slapped on Western food imports in retaliation for sanctions the West imposed over Ukraine.

Sergei Galustian, 65, a retired police officer, lives on a downtown street with just 27 houses, their proximity making it easy to assess change.

“Nobody is starving yet, but incomes are definitely down,” he said, noting that homes are colder, that neighbors turn on just two lamps after dark where they once used five and that people have stopped buying new clothes.

Retail sales across Russia were down by 13.1 percent for the year ending in November, according to official statistics, with car sales off nearly 40 percent.

The 100 or so workers at the giant Seydin Machine Tool Factory, once the pride of the city during the Soviet era, have not seen a paycheck for a year and recently received layoff notices.

They, too, have on occasion gathered in the main square to demand their back pay. The workers “have to take to the streets!” they wrote in an open letter to Mr. Putin.

In a tradition dating from Soviet times, most firms, and especially state-run companies, tend to cut hours or stop paying salaries rather than fire people to diminish the chances for social unrest.

In Moscow on Wednesday, about 15 employees of Sbarro, the pizza chain based in Ohio, stood in the brutal cold outside one franchise holding signs saying, “Give us our money.” Several said they had not been paid for at least three months.

“They just tell us they have problems,” said Sergei Yudichev, 50, a driver for the chain for more than two years.

Albeit poorer, Russia remains a petro state, so there are pockets of plenty. Rolls-Royce reported a 5 percent jump in sales last year, the rich splurging as the value of their assets nose-dived.

Others just seemed oblivious.

Moscow’s City Hall advertised for tenders for its banquets, noting that menu items should include foie gras and Parma ham (which is banned elsewhere in Russia because of sanctions).

Social media erupted in mocking resentment.

One Russian quoted a famous line by the Russian poet Vladimir Mayakovski from the 1917 revolution, “Eat pineapples, munch your grouse!” and left unstated the second line, “Your last day is coming, bourgeois!”

Russia pumped record amounts of oil last year, nearly 11 million barrels per day, but that pace will not save it in the current global glut. The main government strategy so far seems to be to cut spending and to rely on its reserves until oil prices improve.

Russia has around \$360 billion in foreign currency reserves and some \$120 billion in two rainy day funds, down from just under \$160 billion a year ago. At current spending rates,

however, the two funds are expected to last only 18 months. It might also sell significant stakes in state-run companies like the oil giant Rosneft or Sberbank, and it will not increase military spending.

Russian involvement in wars in Ukraine and Syria has swelled the general whirlpool of anxiety, with the possibility of a global war discussed on state-run television. Some analysts accuse the Kremlin of deliberately seeking overseas adventures to distract people from domestic economic woes.

“People are more alarmed and more tense, because now we are speaking not only about their well-being, but their lives in general,” said Valery Fedorov, director general of the government-owned Russia Public Opinion Research Center, known by its Russian initials, Vciom.

Many analysts expect people to do what Russians always do in hard times — hunker down, tend to their vegetable plots and wait it out. Others say that Russians have gotten used to a higher standard of living and that they will protest losing it.

The government allows street protests over issues like lost wages, but its distinctly authoritarian edge emerges in the face of political action.

So far, local governments have reacted lightly to the protests. The governor of the Krasnodar Region restored transportation passes for the older Russians receiving the lowest pensions.

In nearby Sochi, Russia spent around \$50 billion to host the 2014 Winter Olympics, and a similar construction juggernaut is building stadiums nationwide for the 2018 World Cup.

POLICE WAR REPORTS

**Cops Sicced K9 On Man And
Left Him Hogtied Face Down
Until He Died:
“Police Maintain The Absurd Claim
Goode’s Death Was Caused By
His Consumption Of LSD”**

“There Is No Scientific Basis To Attribute His Death To LSD”

“He Was Suffocating. His Heart(Rate) Increased Into What Is Called Tachycardia”



January 18, 2016 By Claire Bernish, The Free Thought Project

Troy Goode had taken LSD at a concert he and his wife attended in Southaven, Mississippi, but must have been having a bad trip and began acting erratically, running around the parking lot. Though the Memphis, Tennessee, man’s behavior wasn’t violent or threatening to anyone, someone felt it necessary — likely out of misguided concern — to summon the police.

That fateful decision by a stranger cost Goode his life.

Inept police arrived on scene and, as bystander video footage revealed, forcefully hogtied Goode, placing him face-down — a position known to be potentially deadly — and loaded him onto a stretcher and into a waiting ambulance.

“They hogtied him. That’s such a bad idea,” one witness can be overheard saying in that footage.

“He’s currently face-down, on the stretcher,” says another.

Shortly after that, a third bystander — who could not have imagined how truly portentous her statement would be — advised her companion, “Video it, just in case he dies.”

Tragically, an hour after arriving at the hospital, that’s exactly what happened.

Southaven Police maintain the absurd and unscientific claim Goode's death was caused by his consumption of LSD. A Mississippi medical examiner's report lists "complications of LSD toxicity" as the cause of death and "accidental" as the manner, according to MS News Now.

Police have also claimed Goode was combative, threatening officers and resisting arrest, and his violent behavior continued inside the ambulance. Southaven Mayor Darren Musselwhite even issued a statement in support of this claim, going as far as saying Goode never said he couldn't breathe — despite the bêtise of such a claim.

Goode's physical and mental distress was clearly evidenced in the video and backed up by audio of bystanders' narration of the incident.

As the Free Thought Project previously reported, his friends, family, and an independent autopsy tell a different story, saying Goode — who suffered from asthma — was denied his inhaler, and it was police' excessive force and use of a dangerous restraint that killed him.

"He was suffocating. His heart(rate) increased into what is called tachycardia. There is no scientific basis to attribute his death to LSD," said attorney Tim Edwards in November. "This was lethal force, putting someone in a prolonged hogtied position ... The toxicology report ... rules out any drug-related causes. That takes that off the table. LSD does not cause heart failure."

On Wednesday, as they promised in November, Goode's family filed a federal lawsuit against Southaven Police, the City of Southaven, several individual police officers and medical workers, the hospital where he was treated, and others — citing the violation of his civil rights.

According to the lawsuit, Goode's treatment by police was nothing short of torture. In regards to the police and their use of the K-9, the lawsuit exposes downright sadistic and inhumane behavior by the officers:

"Troy approached the K-9 unit patrol car and opened the door in an attempt to voluntarily submit to police authority and enter the patrol car to be taken into custody.

"When Troy opened the door to the patrol car the police dog, a Belgian Malinois named "Weasel", got out of the vehicle but was not aggressive.

"Defendant Scallorn grabbed the police dog by the collar, restraining it and preventing it from attacking Troy.

"Troy, who was an animal lover, began to talk in friendly terms to the dog.

"At that point and time, one or more of the Defendants willfully, intentionally, wantonly, and with reckless disregard for Decedent's well-being commanded the police dog to attack Troy.

"Defendant Scallorn intentionally released the police dog to allow it to attack Troy."

Southaven Police Chief Tom Long recently announced his retirement as of January 22nd, after 26 years in that post and 38 years in law enforcement. Long, 61, “is leaving a department where he started as the first officer hired by the city,” reported the Associated Press. Of course, the timing is purely coincidental.

Though the family of Troy Goode is seeking a nominal \$150,000 in damages, the true motivations for the lawsuit appear more altruistic. They have requested class-action status for the claim — an apparent effort to ensure no other family has to face such a tragedy from needless use of force by police.

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

All revolutions are surprises, and we cannot predict future struggles.
-- Ian Birchall; Grim And Dim

Patriotic Genocide



Photographs by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: January 24, 2016
Subject: Patriotic Genocide

Patriotic Genocide

American History 101

Simply Google on your computer:

**"History of U.S. Military Interventions
Around The World"**

**The machine gun belt of countries
goes from Wounded Knee in 1890,
to the present war in Syria.**

There is enough information here to choke a horse.

It has never stopped.

**You do not bring the enemy to the
peace table by just killing military
combatants.**

**You ultimately bring the enemy to
the peace table by killing innocent
civilians.**

They are military targets.

This strategy is as old as warfare itself.

**During World War II, 1.1 million people
were murdered at Auschwitz.**

**During the war, the Allied Forces made no attempt
to bomb the train tracks that led to these death camps.**

They had other priorities.

There are only so many chairs around a dinner table.

**On March 9-10, 1945, the United States unmercifully
bombed Tokyo, Japan with a new weapon called,
NAPALM.**

**According to General Curtis LeMay, who was the commander
of the B29s that were responsible for the bombing, he later
said, "We scorched and boiled and baked to death more
people in Tokyo on the night of March 9-10, than went up
in vapor in Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined."**

There are only so many chairs around a dinner table.

**On August 6, and August 9, 1945,
the world changed forever.**

**On July 16, 1945, the first test of the atom bomb was carried
out in New Mexico.**

**The very next day, 70 of the scientists who made the bomb
possible sent a petition to President Truman pleading with
him to not use the bomb without first warning Japan.**

**The letter was delivered to the military, but the letter was
never delivered to Truman.**

**On the morning of August 6, 1945, at 8:10AM,
an hallucinogenic madness of murder incinerated
Hiroshima, Japan.**

**100,000 people, (95,000 of them civilians),
died instantly.**

Another 100,000 died from the slow death of radiation.

Absolutely no language in human history was sufficient

enough to describe the horror of what happened.
This violence came from another world.
On August 9, 1945, The United States Government
committed another act of vaporized murder that came
from another world.
As of January 2016, the American people have no
idea that their government was responsible for
the horrors of an Auschwitz.
The only difference was that the murders happened
instantly, instead of over a period of several years.

During World War II, the U.S. dropped 2,000,000 tons
of bombs.
In Indochina at least 8,000,000 tons were dropped.
This was equivalent to 640 Hiroshimas.
According to Howard Zinn, the United States was
responsible for 20 million bomb craters during the
Vietnam War.
I can't imagine how many thousands of atrocities
went into making 20 million bomb craters?
They were My Lai's from the skies.

The United States Government has justified every
bomb, and every boot in every country in the
Middle East.
It absolutely has to.
The suffering is beyond comprehension.
It is worse than a firing squad ending the life of a
small child, because he was defending his country.
The U.S. economy is a life force that cannot survive
without war, and searching for enemies is the oil
that lubricates the illusion.
The American people are existing in a poverty of lies,
that is as frightening as the unstoppable release of
methane gas.
300 Lakota Sioux were murdered at Wounded Knee
on December 29, 1890, because there just weren't
enough chairs around the Thanksgiving dinner table.
That has not changed.

Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
January 24, 2016

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

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head.
The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a

so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004

A Palestinian Speaks About Leftist Support For Assad: They Are “Willing To Spend Hours On End To Recruit Support For The Syrian Regime And Demonise The Syrian People And All Opposition Groups”

**“All So Called Pro-Palestine Groups That
Do Not Take An Official Stance And
Speak Out Publicly Against The
Genocide In Syria Are Complicit”**

January 22 by Mohammed Sulaiman (on Facebook) via Louis Proyect, Marxism list

There are (white, mostly British and American) people who have so much affection for the Syrian regime of Bashar Al-Assad in a way that leaves me genuinely baffled.

The extent to which they are so fond of Al-Assad is shocking; they are so preoccupied with defending, whitewashing and propagandising in defence of the Syrian genocidal dictatorship in a way that reminds me of the Zionist propagandists on social media during the past three onslaughts on Gaza-- particularly the last one in 2014.

I was surprised by how many they were, and how many of them were friends with me on Facebook. Most of them are people I have never met, and seem to have become my Facebook friends because I am a Palestinian from Gaza.

They do what they do because for them this isn't about Syria but rather about Israel/Palestine. They somehow give themselves the legitimacy to speak for Palestinians on the Syrian issue.

To be honest, I was completely disgusted by them that I decided to have no connection whatsoever with the entire Palestine solidarity movement.

Moreover, they are not a minority there. It is no exaggeration to say that they represent the official line amongst Palestine solidarity groups. All so called pro-Palestine groups that do not take an official stance and speak out publicly against the genocide in Syria are complicit because they passively allow their voices to be hijacked by these deranged people.

Since the advent of the Syrian uprising, I haven't thought twice about voicing full support for the people's struggle and as this worsened and things became more complicated eventually descending into a civil war, these people became all the more visible and their voices became increasingly louder.

They are so serious about what they do and are willing to spend hours on end and participate in endless (futile) discussions to recruit support for the Syrian regime and demonise the Syrian people and all opposition groups.

These people might appear as innocuous, at first.

One might think they are ignorant, but they are not, and they read so much more about Syria than a lot of us do.

They are a dangerous bunch of dogmatic and arrogant ideologues who are not interested in any way in learning about what is actually happening there, and are deliberately shutting their eyes to the reality of the Syrian question.

They believe their knowledge and insight is superior and is therefore incontestable. I have not hesitated to delete them from my friends' list, and I urge you to do so.

**“Political Economy In Its Classical Period, Like The Bourgeoisie Itself In Its Parvenu Period, Adopted A Severely Critical Attitude To The Machinery Of The State”
State Officials, Military People “Are Regarded By The Industrial Capitalists And The Working Class As Incidental Expenses Of Production, Which Are**

Therefore To Be Cut Down To The Most Indispensable Minimum And Provided As Cheaply As Possible”

Theories Of Surplus Value, Karl Marx, 1863 [Excerpt]

The polemics against Adam Smith’s distinction between productive and unproductive labour were for the most part confined to the *dii minorum gentium* [minor gods] (among whom moreover Storch was the most important); they are not to be found in the work of any economist of significance—of anyone of whom it can be said that he made some discovery in political economy.

They are, however, the hobby-horse of the second-rate fellows and especially of the schoolmasterish compilers and writers of compendia, as well as of *dilettanti* with facile pens and vulgarisers in this field.

What particularly aroused these polemics against Adam Smith was the following circumstance.

The great mass of so-called “higher grade” workers—such as state officials, military people, artists, doctors, priests, judges, lawyers, etc.—some of whom are not only not productive but in essence destructive, but who know how to appropriate to themselves a very great part of the “material” wealth partly through the sale of their “immaterial” commodities and partly by forcibly imposing the latter on other people — found it not at all pleasant to be relegated *economically* to the same class as clowns and menial servants and to appear merely as people partaking in the consumption, parasites on the actual producers (or rather agents of production).

This was a peculiar profanation precisely of those functions which had hitherto been surrounded with a halo and had enjoyed superstitious veneration.

Political economy in its classical period, like the bourgeoisie itself in its parvenu period, adopted a severely critical attitude to the machinery of the State, etc.

At a later stage it realised and — as was shown too in practice — learnt from experience that the necessity for the inherited social combination of all these classes, which in part were totally unproductive, arose from its own organisation.

In so far as those “unproductive labourers” do not produce entertainment, so that their purchase entirely depends on how the agent of production cares to spend his wages or his profit — in so far on the contrary as they are necessary or make themselves necessary because of physical infirmities (like doctors), or spiritual weakness (like parsons), or because of the conflict between private interests and national interests (like statesmen, all lawyers, police and soldiers) — they are regarded by Adam Smith, as by the industrial capitalists themselves and the working class, as incidental expenses of production, which are therefore to be cut down to the most indispensable minimum and provided as cheaply as possible.

Bourgeois society reproduces in its own form everything against which it had fought in feudal or absolutist form.

In the first place therefore it becomes a principal task for the sycophants of this society, and especially of the upper classes, to restore in theoretical terms even the purely parasitic section of these “unproductive labourers”, or to justify the exaggerated claims of the section which is indispensable.

The *dependence* of the ideological, etc., classes on the *capitalists* was in fact proclaimed.

Secondly, however, a section of the agents of production (of material production itself) were declared by one group of economists or another to be “unproductive”.

For example, the landowner, by those among the economists who represented industrial capital (Ricardo).

Others (for example Carey) declared that the merchant in the true sense of the word was an “unproductive” laborer.

Then even a third group came along who declared that the “capitalists” themselves were unproductive, or who at least sought to reduce their claims to material wealth to “wages”, that is, to the wages of a “productive laborer”.

Many intellectual workers seemed inclined to share the skepticism in regard to the capitalist.

It was therefore time to make a compromise and to recognise the “productivity” of all classes not directly included among the agents of material production.

One good turn deserves another; and, as in the *Fable of the Bees*, it had to be established that even from the “productive”, economic standpoint, the bourgeois world with all its “unproductive labourers” is the best of all worlds.

This was all the more necessary because the “unproductive labourers” on their part were advancing critical observations in regard to the productivity of the classes who in general were “*fruges consumere nati*” [born only to eat]; or in regard to those agents of production, like landowners, who do nothing at all, etc.

Both the *do-nothings* and their *parasites* had to be found a place in this best possible order of things.

Love, Dad

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

Love, Dad

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

If You Are One Of *Those* People, Can You Answer These Questions *Honestly*?

[Thanks to Sgt. X, who sent this in.]

What do you think caused your heterosexuality?

When and how did you decide you were heterosexual?

Is it possible that heterosexuality is just a phase you may grow out of?

Is it possible that your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?

If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, is it possible that all you need is a good same-sex lover?

To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? Why do heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into their lifestyle?

Why do you insist on flaunting your heterosexuality? Why can't you just be who you are and keep quiet about it?

A disproportionate majority of child molesters are heterosexual. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to 'heterosexual teachers'?

With all the social support marriage receives, the divorce rate is still 50 percent. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?

Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?

Considering the menace of hunger and overpopulation, can the human race survive if everyone were heterosexual like yourself?

There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed which might enable you to change. Have you considered aversion therapy?

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Homeless Veteran 'Super Happy' People Paid Attention To Him On Facebook For A Week



Dreamstime image

January 24, 2016 The Duffle Blog

SEATTLE —

During the height of debate over Syrian refugees, attention briefly turned to homeless veterans, making former Army Spc. and current refrigerator box tenant Micheal Schmidt “super happy that people finally cared about (him).”

“I’ve been homeless on the streets and begging for money for about a year and a half now,” says Schmidt. “But it really felt great for a couple weeks to think ‘all that is about to change.’”

At the peak of the refugee crisis in Europe and the debate within the United States over granting displaced Syrians asylum, outcry against such asylum exploded on social media, led by people who suddenly discovered there are homeless veterans.

“I don’t see why we should let random foreigners come here to escape their problems when we have so many of our own,” wrote avid Facebook user Kesha Williams. “Don’t people know we have over a hundred thousand #HomelessVeterans?”

Williams, who is fairly certain her tax payments cover any and all of her charitable obligations, has not donated to homeless veterans yet.

However, she says she “intends to give any spare food” she has to one, if she happens across any while she is walking downtown with a bag of McDonald’s in her hand, and “as long as (she is) just about finished with it anyway.”

Yet despite the complete lack of action by any of the legion of Americans using the #HomelessVeterans hashtag on twitter, those same veterans like Schmidt report growing satisfaction with their lives in a directly correlative proportion to hashtags used in their honor. As he prepares for the harsh Northwestern winter night, he wears a smile.

"I always knew someday I would amount to something. I just never realized it would be a pawn in a partisan, ad hominem attack on Syrian refugees.

"Tonight I fall asleep happy. Cold, abandoned, alone, and hungry ... but happy," he said, before strolling off to beg.

ANNIVERSARIES

January 26, 1784: Prophetic Anniversary: Ben Franklin Says The Imperial Eagle Is A Thieving Piece Of Shit

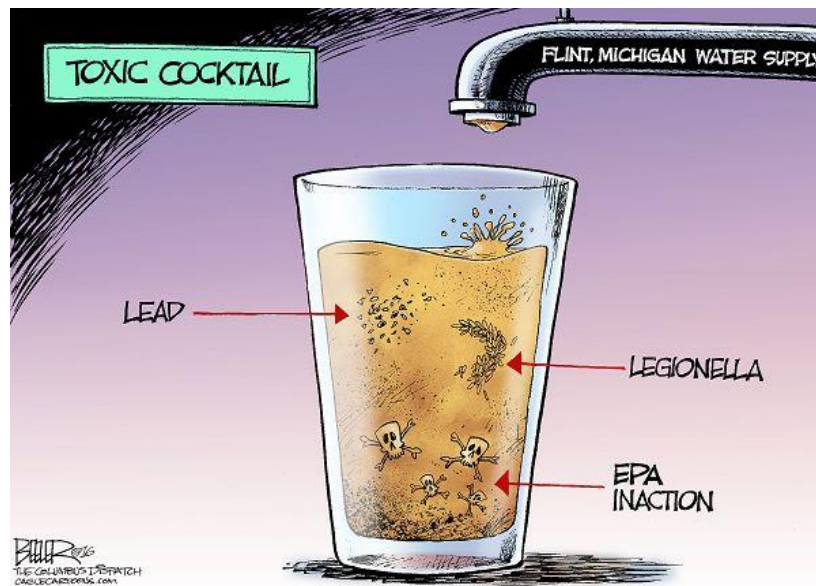


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Benjamin Franklin, noting the bald eagle was “a bird of bad moral character” who lived “by sharpening and robbing,” expressed regret it had been selected to be the U.S. national symbol. In fact, Franklin was critical of the bald eagle for its habit of scavenging for food and stealing from other birds.

“You may have seen him perched on some dead tree, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing-hawk, and when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to its nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him and takes it from him,” Franklin said.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



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

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Zionist Regime Plans To Grab More West Bank Palestinian Farmland

Jan 20, 2016 By Ori Lewis, Reuters. Additional reporting by Ali Sawafta in Ramallah; Editing by Richard Balmforth

Israel plans to appropriate a large tract of agricultural land in the occupied West Bank, Israel's Army Radio said on Wednesday, a move that has angered Palestinians and is almost certain to draw international criticism.

The report said the land, covering 154 hectares (380 acres), was in the fertile Jordan Valley close to Jericho, an area where Israel already has many settlement farms built on land Palestinians seek for their own state.

The appropriation, which Army Radio said would be announced shortly but was not immediately confirmed by the Israeli Defense Ministry which administers the West Bank, comes at a time of increased international condemnation of settlement policy.

Hanan Ashrawi, a senior official in the Palestine Liberation Organization, described Israel's reported move as a violation of international law. She challenged the international community to hold Israel to account.

"Israel is stealing land specially in the Jordan Valley under the pretext it wants to annex it," she told Reuters. "This should be a reason for a real and effective intervention by the international community to end such a flagrant and grave aggression which kills all chances of peace."

The report said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon had already signed off on the appropriation and that technical details were being finalised ahead of a declaration expected soon.

The Defense Ministry declined to comment.

The land, already partly farmed by Jewish settlers in an area under Israeli civilian and military control, is situated near the northern tip of the Dead Sea.

For years, Israel has drawn intense criticism for its settlement activities. Most countries regard the policy as illegal under international law and a major obstacle to the creation of a viable Palestinian state.

Palestinians want to form an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as the capital. The last talks between Israel and the Palestinians on a so-called "two-state solution" broke down in April 2014.

On Tuesday, U.S. State Department spokesman John Kirby reiterated the United States' opposition to Israel's settlement building, which usually begins with land seizures.

"We remain deeply concerned about Israel's current policy on settlements, including construction, planning, and retroactive legalizations," he said.

Hagit Ofran, a member of the anti-settlement group Peace Now, said that unlike previous Israeli governments that largely avoided land seizures, Netanyahu has carried out several appropriations during his time in office.

"Since 2011, moves of this sort by Netanyahu have only drawn greater international criticism from Israel's closest allies," she told Reuters, describing it as a "diplomatic catastrophe".

In August 2014, soon after Hamas militants kidnapped and killed three Jewish teenagers, Israel appropriated some 400 hectares (988 acres) in the Etzion settlement bloc near Bethlehem, a move Peace Now said was the biggest in 30 years.

Since Oct. 1, when the latest upsurge in violence began, Palestinian stabbings, car-rammings and shootings have killed 25 Israelis and a U.S. citizen. At least 148 Palestinians have been killed, 94 of whom Israel has described as assailants. Most of the others died during violent demonstrations.

Israeli Settler Terrorists Burn Palestinian School In Galilee:

“Last Sunday, As Well, The Group Sprayed Slogans, Calling For The Slaughter Of Christians”

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A group of Israeli settlers, on Saturday night, set fire to a Palestinian school in Tuba village of the Galilee area, inside the 1948 lands.

Locals said, according to the PNN, that the fire escalated at around 11 PM, when the firefighters rushed to the scene and put out the fire.

Israeli media said that the school was burned by the "Pay The Price" Israeli group which is accused of numerous fatal arson attacks on Palestinian families, churches, mosques and schools.

Three days ago, the same group was suspected of vandalizing the house of an Israeli atheist leader with slogans from the old testament on the doors and walls. The threats also included a letter and a knife planted by the entrance of the house.

Last Sunday, as well, the group sprayed slogans, calling for the slaughter of Christians, on the walls of an old monastery in Jerusalem.

In July, they torched the home of the Dawabsha family overnight, in Douma village near Nablus, killing 11-month-old baby Ali Dawabsha and both his parents. Only one member of the family survived, Ahmad Dawabsha (4), and he is still recovering in the ICU.

They are also suspected in the murder of Muhammad Abu Khdeir (16), whom they abducted and burned alive in July of 2014.

According to Reuters, there have been more than 43 similar attacks against churches, mosques and monasteries in Israeli-occupied land, the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem since 2009, and the number has been rising sharply since last year.

Israeli authorities repeatedly claim to start an investigation, but most often fail to hold the terrorists accountable for their crimes, as in the Dawabsha case, where Israel said that the evidence against the Jewish suspects was “not enough” to try them.

A report by the Israeli Yesh Din Human-Rights group found that, in the past five years, only 3 percent of the criminal investigations launched by the Military Police Criminal Investigations Division, into alleged offenses by Israeli soldiers against Palestinians, resulted in the indictment of suspects.

The report said that “Israeli police closed 85.3 percent of investigations due to the failure to locate suspects or find sufficient evidence to indict suspects; only 1.9 percent of Palestinian complaints against Israeli civilian/settler attacks resulted in a conviction, and 7.4 percent of investigations generated indictments against suspects.”

Zionist Regime In Occupied Jerusalem Forces Palestinian Family To Demolish Their Own Home:

**“The Family Would Be Charged
For The Demolition If It Was Not
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**“Dabash Said That His Mother Jamila
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**“The Self-Demolition Left Dabash’s
Sister Homeless”**



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A Palestinian family in the occupied East Jerusalem village of Sur Bahir, on Friday, demolished their own home following an order by an Israeli court. Khalil Dabash, owner

of the home, told Ma'an that a Jerusalem municipal court ordered the demolition on the grounds that it was built without proper permits.

The court said that the family would be charged for the demolition of their home if it was not demolished before Sunday.

Dabash is among many Palestinian residents of occupied East Jerusalem who are forced to demolish their own homes in order to avoid paying the municipality high fees to carry out the demolitions.

Dabash said that his mother Jamila had built the house around 20 years ago and that the family had paid fines to the Jerusalem municipality several times before. The self-demolition left Dabash's sister homeless.

Thirty-three percent of all Palestinian homes in the occupied city lack Israeli-issued building permits, potentially placing at least 93,100 residents at risk of displacement, the United Nations reported in 2012.

According to rights group Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Israeli government issues building permits in line with discriminatory state policy enacted to increase the Jewish population, while neglecting local Palestinians.

Only 14 percent of East Jerusalem land is zoned for Palestinian residential construction, while one-third of Palestinian land has been confiscated since 1967 to build illegal Jewish-only settlements, ACRI says.

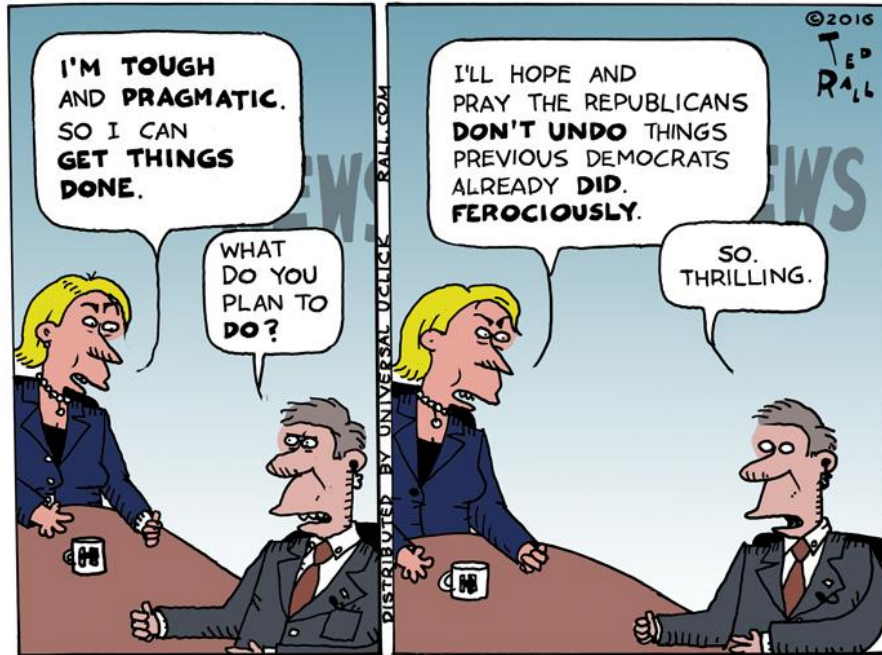
At least 20 Palestinian-owned structures in the occupied Palestinian territory have been demolished in the first few weeks of this year alone, after the demolition of over 500 during 2015, displacing over 600 Palestinians.

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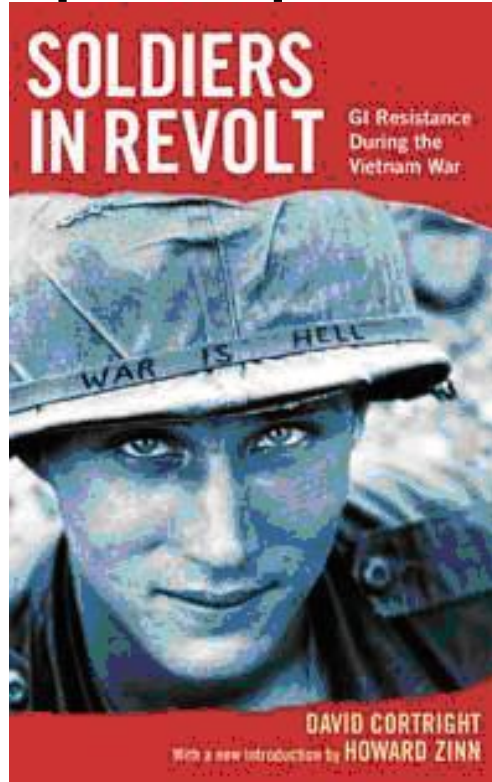
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