

## **Military Resistance 14D12**

### **Half-Million On Strike Across France**



French labour union workers and students demonstrate against the French labour law proposal in Paris, France, as part of a nationwide labor reform protests and strikes, April 28, 2016., REUTERS/Charles Platiau // L'Humanité,

April 28, 2016; Jonah Birch, teleSUR English

The revolt in France is growing!

Up to 500,000 people went on strike and took to the streets across the country to protest unpopular pro-business labor reforms that would leave many people unemployed and would be an attack on worker's rights.

France's largest cities saw a new wave of street demonstrations and strikes as student groups and unions tried to maintain pressure on the government just days before the bill is brought to Parliament.

**MORE:**

**“Corporate America Is Killing Us”**

**“Union Members Continue Battle Against Verizon Communications”**

**“Even With All The Money This Company’s Making, They Want To Take More Away From Us”**

**“Verizon Has Averaged \$1.5 Billion In Profit Per Month For The Past 15 Months”**



“Corporate America is killing us and that’s why I’ll stay out as long as necessary, like my grandfather did in 1971,” Robert Hughes said. Marcus Santos/New York Daily News

[Thanks to Steven L. Robinson for posting via AmeriConscience]

April 26, 2016 by Juan Gonzalez, New York Daily News

To Fitz Boyce and his fellow union members, the steady blare of horns from truck drivers rumbling past their picket line Tuesday in Midtown was music to the ears.

It was day 13 of the most important labor-management battle in America today, a clash that has pitted 36,000 members of two labor unions, the Communication Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, against Verizon Communications, a corporate giant for which no amount of money is ever enough.

Unless you've been there, it's hard to appreciate how much a striking worker's spirit is lifted when total strangers honk their horns in solidarity or cheer for your success.

Boyce, 45, has felt it before. An installer of high-speed lines, he's worked for Verizon and its predecessor companies for more than 20 years, and during that time he's been caught in several walkouts.

"They turn your life topsy-turvy," he said. "My daughter's 16 and visiting colleges this week. And I'm here, wondering how I'll be able to pay for her tuition."

But the workers say they had no choice but to strike.

"Even with all the money this company's making, they want to take more away from us," Boyce said.



Malcom Galpern (l.) and Pam Galpern protest in front of a Verizon Store in Manhattan. Marcus Santos/New York Daily News

This is not, after all, a company in trouble.

**Verizon has averaged \$1.5 billion in profit per month for the past 15 months.**

**That's profit, not revenue.**

**Its wireless division is a gold mine, while its FiOS division keeps expanding rapidly.**

**In 2014, the company's top five executives averaged \$10 million each in salary and compensation, with CEO Lowell McAdam heading the list at \$18.2 million.**

All this while Verizon's unionized workforce, mostly concentrated in FiOS and the old phone line business, kept shrinking, and those who survived were forced to work constant overtime.

You'd think McAdam would want to share some of those record profits with his employees.

Not a chance.

Instead, the company is insisting in greater "flexibility" in any new labor contract.

**It wants to consolidate call centers, dispatch workers to other cities for up to two months at a time, and farm more of its installation work to outside firms, which you can bet won't employ union labor.**

**Verizon already operates call centers in the Philippines and Mexico where, according to CWA spokesman Bob Master, up to 5,000 workers are handling calls from U.S. customers.**

"We're a global company," Verizon spokesman Raymond McConville said.

The overseas centers respond mostly to foreign business, he said, though he acknowledged that "some ... serve calls in the U.S."

In a year when presidential candidates Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders have energized voters furious over the decline of good-paying jobs in America, how does Verizon get away with this?

Next to Boyce on the picket line was Robert Hughes. He's been a line splicer since back when the company was called New York Telephone. His father and uncles worked there before him, and so did his grandfather. His mother worked at a call center on Zeckendorf Blvd. in Garden City, L.I.

Hughes loves coaching youth soccer, baseball and deck hockey on Long Island. But if the company wins the right to ship him out of town two months at a time, he said, "who will be there to teach my kids?"

These days, all company managers think about is the stock price, he said.

**“Corporate America is killing us and that’s why I’ll stay out as long as necessary, like my grandfather did in 1971,” Hughes said.**

**That was the year of the historic New York Telephone strike. It lasted 218 days and was one of the biggest victories in CWA history.**

**McAdam and his bean counters, the strikers say, have no respect for those who built the company.**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Policeman Kills His 3 Comrades In Latest Insider: “Joined The Taliban Ranks After The Attack”**

Apr 28 2016 By Khaama Press

At least 3 policemen lost their lives in the latest insider attack carried out by one of their comrades in eastern Laghman province of Afghanistan.

According to the local security officials, the incident took place late on Wednesday night in a security post in Mehtarlam city.

Provincial police spokesman Shafiqullah confirmed the incident and said the assailant policeman managed to flee the area following the attack.

He said the policeman was apparently in contact with the Taliban militants and has joined the Taliban ranks after the attack. The Taliban group has also claimed responsibility behind the insider attack.

Laghman is among the relatively volatile provinces in eastern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in a number of its remote districts.

The latest insider attack in Laghman comes almost two weeks after seven policemen were killed in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan in a similar attack.

At least 7 policemen serving with the Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces were also shot dead by their comrades in Kandahar province late last month.

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## POLICE WAR REPORTS

**Oklahoma Cops Forced To Return \$53,000 They Ripped Off From A Christian Band, An Orphanage And A Church: “Eh Wah Was Pulled Over For A Broken Tail Light In February By Muskogee County Sheriff’s Deputies”**

**“They Seized The Cash And Eventually Charged Him With A Drug Felony”**

**“They Found No Drugs Or Paraphernalia In The Car Or In His Possession”**



The Klo & Kweh Music Team performs a Christmas concert in New Bern, North Carolina, in December. (photo: Eh Wah)

26 April 16 By Christopher Ingraham, The Washington Post

On Monday, I wrote about a strange civil forfeiture case out of Oklahoma, in which Muskogee County sheriff's deputies seized over \$53,000 in cash from a Burmese Christian rock band, a church in Omaha and an orphanage in Thailand following a traffic stop over a busted tail light.

**After the story was published, Muskogee County District Attorney Orvil Loge decided to dismiss both the civil case (the cash seizure) and a criminal charge of “acquir(ing) proceeds from drug activity” against the principal defendant, Eh Wah, after reviewing the evidence and speaking with the officers involved.**

“I looked at the case and met with the officers and determined that we would not be able to meet the burden of proof in the criminal case and in the civil case,” Loge said in an interview. He also cited the press coverage of the story and said that his office has heard from “a lot of citizens” who were upset about the details of the case.

Eh Wah was acting as the volunteer tour manager for the Klo and Kweh Music Team, a group from Burma. They were touring the United States to raise money for a Christian liberal arts school in Burma and an orphanage in Thailand. They collected their concert proceeds in cash, which they entrusted to Eh Wah to manage and safeguard.

Eh Wah was pulled over for a broken tail light in February by Muskogee County sheriff's deputies, who said a drug-sniffing dog alerted on the car.

When the deputies searched the car, they found all \$53,000 that the band had raised.

**They didn't like Eh Wah's explanation for why he had it, citing inconsistencies in his responses to police questions. So they seized the cash and eventually charged him with a drug felony, even though they found no drugs or paraphernalia in the car or in his possession.**

In an interview, Loge, the district attorney, said the officers had enough probable cause to take the cash.

“In this case, the question was did they have probable cause to act? And in my opinion they did,” he said. But he added, “Once you file cases and facts come to light, things change. That's the way our justice system is designed, and you have to let the wheel of justice turn and act — and that's what we did.”

Dan Alban, the lawyer for the Institute for Justice representing Eh Wah and the other owners of the cash, said that the case should never have gone that far.

**“It seems like the role of a prosecutor is to figure out whether you can meet your burden of proof before you file charges and not after,” Alban said.**

**He added, “I think this case would have continued to go on exactly as it had without the press coverage bringing this into the sunlight and without Eh Wah having access to pro bono counsel.”**

**In 2014, a Washington Post investigation found that, since the 9/11 terror attacks, police had seized over \$2.5 billion in cash nationally without search warrants or indictments.**

Of those nearly 62,000 seizures, only one in six was legally challenged by defendants, in part because the cost of doing so tends to be high.

When defendants did challenge the seizures, the government agreed to return all or part of the money 41 percent of the time.

**Alban noted that Eh Wah had an initial hearing in court on the criminal charges on Monday, before the stories about the case had been published by The Post and other news outlets.**

**At that hearing, the judge refused to hear an initial motion to dismiss the criminal charge and set Eh Wah's next court date for July 19.**

**"The attorneys at that hearing, they didn't know about the news stories. That was the sort of business as usual that you (usually) see in these forfeiture cases," Alban said.**

But later in the day, Loge decided to drop the criminal charge and return the money to the claimants.

"The real tragedy is not what happened in this case, but it's what happens in all the other cases when there isn't a national public interest law firm to represent people, and there isn't story in The Washington Post and other outlets that explain what's going on, and instead somebody can't fight this," Alban said.

In an interview, Eh Wah said that news of the dismissals is "a big relief." But given the ordeal he has been through, he says it will take a while for things to return to normal for him.

"I'm happy and relieved, but I think it will take me some time to get back to my normal life. It still bothers me even though it's over."

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# **Schoolkid Charged With Felony For Posting Image Of Two Men Kissing On Teacher's Computer: “Who Knows What This Teenager Might Have Done,’ Nocco Said”**



The Pasco County Sheriff's Office has charged Domanik Green, an eighth-grader at Paul R. Smith Middle School, with an offense against a computer system and unauthorized access, a felony. Sheriff Chris Nocco said that Green logged onto the school's network on March 31 using an administrative-level password without permission.

April 9, 2015, Josh Solomon, WTSP-TV 10 News video

**HOLIDAY — A middle school student who said he was just trying to play a prank on a teacher he didn't like was charged with a cybercrime Wednesday after authorities said he hacked into his school's secure computer network.**

**The Pasco County Sheriff's Office has charged Domanik Green, an eighth-grader at Paul R. Smith Middle School, with an offense against a computer system and unauthorized access, a felony.**

Sheriff Chris Nocco said Thursday that Green logged onto the school's network on March 31 using an administrative-level password without permission.

He then changed the background image on a teacher's computer to one showing two men kissing.

One of the computers Green, 14, accessed also had encrypted 2014 FCAT questions stored on it, though the sheriff and Pasco County School District officials said Green did not view or tamper with those files.

“Even though some might say this is just a teenage prank, who knows what this teenager might have done,” Nocco said.

**But Green, interviewed at home, said students would often log into the administrative account to screen-share with their friends.**

**They’d use the school computers’ cameras to see each other, he said.**

Green had previously received a three-day suspension for accessing the system inappropriately. Other students also got in trouble at the time, he said. It was a well-known trick, Green said, because the password was easy to remember: a teacher’s last name. He said he discovered it by watching the teacher type it in.

Green said that on the morning in question, he accessed the computer that stored the FCAT files and, realizing that computer didn’t have a camera, found another.

“So I logged out of that computer and logged into a different one and I logged into a teacher’s computer who I didn’t like and tried putting inappropriate pictures onto his computer to annoy him,” Green said.

The teacher he was targeting was out that day. Instead, the substitute teacher saw the picture and reported it to the school’s administration.

The teen’s mother, Eileen Foster, said she understands her son did something wrong, but doesn’t think he needed to be arrested. Also, she said, it shouldn’t have been so easy for students to access the system.

The school district is in the process of changing the network password, district spokeswoman Linda Cobbe said.

The sheriff said Green’s case should be a warning to other students: “If information comes back to us and we get evidence (that other kids have done it), they’re going to face the same consequences,” Nocco said.

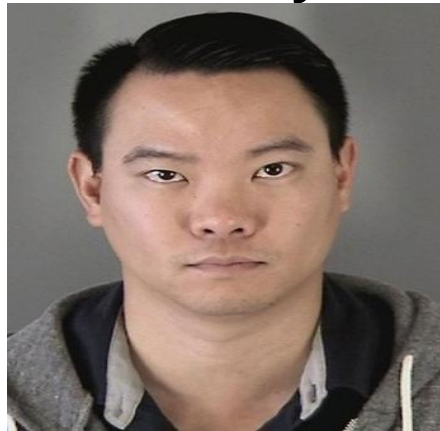
Green was released on Wednesday from Land O’Lakes Detention Center into the custody of his mother. He’ll likely be granted pretrial intervention by a judge, sheriff’s detective Anthony Bossone said.

Green also received a 10-day school suspension. It’s unclear if he’ll return to Paul R. Smith to complete the school year after the suspension.

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**“I Hate That Beaner, But I Think  
The Nig Is Worse”**

# **Texts Sent By San Francisco Scum In Blue: “One Of The Suspects ‘Went To The Hospital After He Got Shot Lol’” “Too Bad None Of Them Died” “One Less To Worry About”**



The texts were seized from Officer Jason Lai's personal phone. He's resigned from the department.

April 26, 2016 By Scott Glover and Dan Simon, CNN

"I hate that beaner," one text reads, "but I think the nig is worse."

"Indian ppl are disgusting," proclaims another.

"Burn down walgreens and kill the bums," a third message states.

These and other racist and homophobic text messages were allegedly sent by a San Francisco police officer at the center of an ongoing scandal that is the most recent disturbing revelation for the beleaguered San Francisco Police Department.

CNN has exclusively obtained a list of dozens of offensive texts sent to and from Officer Jason Lai. The content has not been previously disclosed. The list is not a full history of his texts.

Lai resigned from the department this month, according to a police spokesman.

Don Nobles, Lai's attorney, said the texts were "not reflective of who he is" and that "there is no evidence he carried out any of those sentiments as an officer."

"He was well-liked and well-loved on his beat," he said of the six-year-veteran.

Nobles said the texts were seized from Lai's personal phone and had been exchanged with some of his closest friends on the police force as well as with people he had befriended on his beat.

"It's hard to say any of those things in context," the lawyer said, "but there is context to it."

**It marks the second time in as many years the department has been the subject of a racist texting scandal and could undermine Chief Greg Suhr's assertion that the problem is limited to a relative handful of officers and not part a broader cultural problem within the ranks, as critics contend.**

At a press conference Tuesday, an emotional Suhr said reading the text messages sent by Lai and other SFPD officers "literally makes me sick to my stomach."

"I apologize to the public," he said. "We are better than this."

**Suhr said texts sent by three other officers implicated in the scandal were "no less reprehensible" than those sent by Lai and detailed in a CNN report published Tuesday.**

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The chief reiterated he has "no tolerance for officers who hold such reprehensible views."

"The message is clear to both the officers in the department and the public: We will not have this in the San Francisco Police Department," he said. "The culture of this police department is, you demonstrate yourself to be a racist and a homophobe, and you're not going to be a police officer in San Francisco."

By years end, the chief said, he plans to have the entire department undergo "bias training" to help ensure every officer understands and embraces that message.

"I have already taken that training as has the entire command staff," he said.

Asked by a reporter whether he planned to step down, Suhr replied: "I don't have any plans to resign. I plan to move the department forward in the fashion I'm discussing with you right now."

In addition to disparaging blacks, Hispanics and Indians, Lai used coded language to talk about gay officers, according to a source, and made a blanket statement impugning residents of the city's largely minority and low-income Tenderloin district.

"They're all drug dealers in the TL," his text stated.

**The officer also referred to a draft of an official incident report as “a story I wrote today.”**

**The messages, sent in 2014 and 2015, were discovered as part of a police department probe into a sexual assault allegation against Lai by a woman last year.**

**Prosecutors declined to file rape charges in the case, citing insufficient evidence.**

Lai has since been charged with multiple misdemeanor counts of illegally accessing Department of Motor Vehicles computers for a nonofficial purpose. He is scheduled to be arraigned May 3.

Prosecutors recently turned over the text messages to the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office, which is representing a defendant in a case in which Lai was involved. Evidence of biased attitudes could be used to undermine the officer’s credibility and result in cases being dismissed. San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi provided the texts to CNN at the request of reporters.

In the messages, Lai makes a disparaging joke about President Barack Obama and says he hates basketball player LeBron James.

“Fuck that nig,” he says.

**Such language could add to ongoing tension between the police and members of San Francisco’s African-American community, some of whom have called for Suhr to resign in the wake of the controversial police killing of a black man armed with a knife in December. The shooting remains under investigation.**

Lai, whom his attorney identified as Chinese, makes several references to “hock gwai,” apparently a misspelled reference to the Cantonese “hak gwai,” a derogatory phrase for African-Americans.

In a series of texts sent in June he describes an incident involving a “bunch of hock gwais shooting each other.”

“Sprained my ankle over these barbarians,” he says.

One of the suspects “went to the hospital after he got shot lol,” the officer texted.

“Too bad none of them died,” he added. “One less to worry about.”

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## MILITARY NEWS

### Guess Who's Stuck In The Suck?



Marines fire an M777A2 howitzer from Firebase Bell at an ISIS infiltration route on March 18. (Photo: Cpl. Andre Dakis/Marine Corps)

April 28, 2016 by Gina Harkins, Marine Corps Times [Excerpt]

#### **A company of Marines has stayed behind in Iraq as the rest of their 2,200-person unit wraps up a seven-month deployment and returns to the U.S.**

Between 100 and 200 Marines with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Task Force Spartan are still operating at the Kara Soar Counter Fire Complex in northern Iraq. Officials have not specified the exact number of personnel, citing security concerns. The Marines helped establish the base in March, which serves as a key staging area as the Iraqi army attempts to retake Mosul from ISIS.

The rest of the MEU, which was deployed with the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group, began returning to their bases in North Carolina on Thursday. The unit will return in waves, with all of the Marines slated to be home by Monday.

#### **MEU officials declined to say when Task Force Spartan will leave Iraq.**

"(They) will redeploy once they are relieved by an Army unit," according to a Marine Corps news release. "Their exact return date is yet to be officially determined."

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# Sanders And Clinton Support Sending U.S. Ground Troops To Fight In Syria

04/26/16 By Kristina Wong, The Hill [Excerpts]

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are both voicing support for President Obama's decision to send 250 troops to Syria, a deepening of U.S. involvement in the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

Both candidates sought to highlight their ties to Obama.

"These Special Forces will continue to provide critical support to local forces on the ground who ultimately must be the ones to win this fight," Clinton's campaign said in a statement, according to Reuters.

But Sanders, who has repeatedly criticized Clinton for supporting the Iraq War and being too quick to support regime change in Libya, also said he supported the deployment.

"I think what the president is talking about is having American troops training Muslim troops, helping to supply the military equipment they need, and I do support that effort," he said Monday during an MSNBC town hall.

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## **VA Enrollment System Last Year Found To Contain The Names Of 300,000 Dead Veterans: "34,000 Combat Veterans Who Should Have Automatically Qualified For Health Care But Wound Up In The Application System"**

April 15, 2016 by Patricia Kime, Military Times [Excerpts]

**Seven Veterans Affairs employees, including two senior executives, face disciplinary action for their involvement in a scandal surrounding the department's health care enrollment system, which last year was found to contain the names of 300,000 deceased veterans.**

VA Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson said Friday the employees, from the VA's Health Eligibility Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and VA Member Services, and two Veterans Health

Administration senior executives with “responsibility for enrollment and eligibility programs,” have received disciplinary notices.

“This is a process that has not served veterans well. It’s been broken for a long time,” Gibson said. “I have not seen the evidence, but my presumption is the charges are associated with management negligence and failure to take appropriate action.”

**The VA Office of Inspector General last year found that the VA’s health enrollment system contained 847,882 pending applications, some dating back 20 years, and more than 300,000 from veterans who had since died.**

Since December, VA has been chipping away at the health applications backlog, starting with 34,000 combat veterans who should have automatically qualified for health care but wound up in the application system accidentally.

**The investigation also found that roughly 10,000 applications may have been deleted from the system and veterans not notified of the error.**

According to Gibson, VA has since enrolled 6,500 of those veterans and continues to work to contact the remaining.

VA in March announced that post 9/11 combat veterans who have applied for health care but have not heard from the department could enroll by phone. On Friday, Gibson said starting on Memorial Day, veterans will be able to apply for health care online, through a new portal, [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov). VA will abolish a requirement that all veterans provide a signed application for health care on July 5, he added.

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## **Army To Allow Green Beret Who Beat Up Child Rapist To Stay In Army**



Sgt. 1st Class Charles Martland (Photo: Defense Department)



April 28, 2016 by Kyle Jahner, Army Times

The Army has reversed course and decided to allow a Green Beret to stay in uniform, months after his reprimand for roughing up an accused child rapist in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Martland found out last August that he was to be booted out of service, a casualty of the Army's Qualitative Management Program, an involuntary separation measure for soldiers with black marks on their records. Since then, the soldier has been fighting to remain in the Army.

The Army Board for Correction of Military Records reviewed Martland's case and decided to remove the soldier from the QMP list, confirmed Army spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry Pionk in an emailed statement Thursday night.

The board's action "will allow him to remain in the Army," Pionk said.

Martland has admitted he lost his cool on his 2011 deployment to Konduz province, Afghanistan. That's when he and his captain struck an Afghan local police officer — one who had allegedly confessed to raping a boy and then beating the child's mother for telling authorities.

Martland said that he and the detachment commander, Capt. Daniel Quinn, received a "relief for cause" from that 2011 deployment for the assault, according to documentation provided to Army Times.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



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

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

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

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

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

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

**-- William Allen White**

## **Koch Brothers Consider Purchasing First Democrat**



Charles Koch

[Thanks to Phil Gasper, who sent this in.]

APRIL 25, 2016 BY ANDY BOROWITZ, The Borowitz Report

WICHITA

Charles and David Koch, the billionaire industrialists who have spent decades acquiring a world-class collection of Republicans, revealed over the weekend that they are considering purchasing their first Democrat.

“We’ve always bought Republicans, and our father bought Republicans before us,” Charles, the elder Koch, said. “They’re bred to be obedient, and they respond to simple commands.”

He said that he and his brother had considered acquiring a Democrat only after determining that none of the Republicans on offer this year was worth adding to their collection.

“It’s kind of a scary proposition for us, because we’ve never owned a Democrat before,” he said. “We don’t really know what we should be looking for.”

Koch said that he and his brother learned, after making some phone calls, that other oligarchs have bought Democrats in the past, and “had good experiences with them.”

“That was very reassuring,” he said.

But he bemoaned the absence of online consumer reviews that could help people who are, like him and his brother, interested in purchasing a Democrat for the very first time. “Yelp needs to jump on this,” he said.

While acknowledging the risk inherent in owning their first Democrat, Koch said that it would probably turn out to be a better investment than some of the Republicans they have recently purchased. “It can’t be worse than Scott Walker,” he said.

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

# **May 1, 1886: Noble Anniversary: American Workers Create May Day**

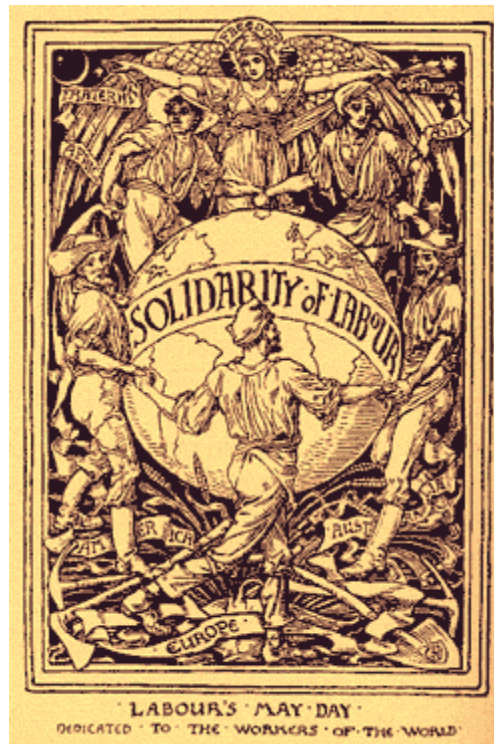
Carl Bunin Peace History April 30-May 6

May Day was called Emancipation Day in 1886 when 340,000 went on strike (though it was Saturday it was a regular workday) in Chicago for the 8-hour day.

May 1, 1890: May Day labor demonstrations spread to thirteen other countries; 30,000 marched in Chicago as the newly prominent American Federation of Labor threw its weight behind the 8-hour day campaign.

International Workers' Day (a name used interchangeably with May Day) is a celebration of the social and economic achievements of the international labor movement. May Day commonly sees organized street demonstrations and street marches by millions of working people and their labour unions throughout most of the countries of the world

May Day has become an international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the labour movement.



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## RECEIVED FROM READERS

**“Only Problem With Social Security  
Is That The Governments Steals All  
The Money”**

# **“It Is Not Rocket Science, Just A Matter Of Dealing With Crooked DOD, Politicians, Etc.”**

From: Charles R  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: your issue 14D11; article on “Campaign’s Populist Tone Offends America’s Top Corporation Executives”  
Date: Apr 28, 2016 6:30 PM

Love your publication.

But I must take exception with comments at the end of the above article re Social Security.

[This refers to the reporters’ who wrote the article saying that corporate executives think “Shortfalls for Social Security and Medicare, for example, will require some combination of benefit reductions, tax increases or more government borrowing.”]

Only problem with Social Security is that the governments steals all the money (supposedly invested in treasury bonds; it appears that they made a change that THESE TREASURY BONDS are neither redeemable nor pay any interest to Social Security administration).

**This is how we have paid for our military adventures, mostly done for corporate profit (corporate profits, taxpayer expense, US soldiers dying and maimed. (Probably helped with bills in WW II also).**

**We only need to stop the wars for corporate profit, reduce the defense gravy train, and return the stolen funds to Social Security. And/or raise the cap on SSA withholding so, like most workers, EVERYONE PAYS THE 12% INTO SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS.**

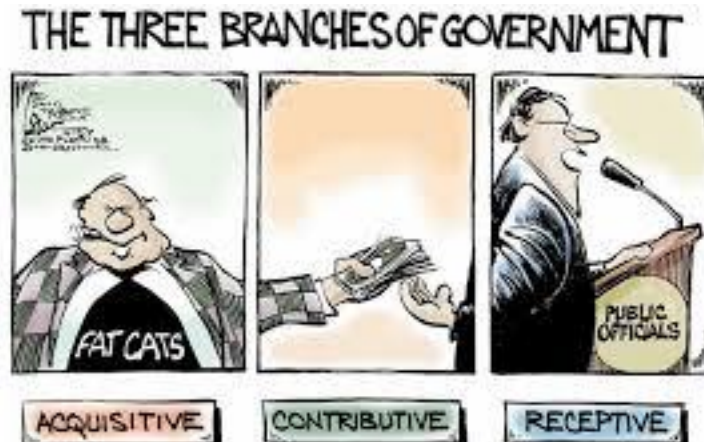
**It is not rocket science, just a matter of dealing with crooked DOD, politicians, etc.**

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USMC, Vietnam, 9/1966-5/1968

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## DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



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## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

### **Palestinian Bus Attacked By Zionist Settlers Near Qalqiliya: “Panic Among Children” “Settler Violence Against Palestinians Rarely Prosecuted By Israeli Authorities”**

April 23, 2016 Ma'an

QALQILIYA -- A Palestinian bus was attacked by Israeli settlers throwing stones on Friday evening while driving near the illegal settlement of Immanuel east of Qalqiliya in the northern occupied West Bank.

The driver of the bus, Nasir Abu Taha, told Ma'an a group of settlers standing on a hill threw rocks at the bus as it passed by, shattering the bus window, and causing panic among children who were riding the bus.

Israeli settlers living illegally in the occupied Palestinian territory frequently carry out attacks on Palestinians and their property, with the UN documenting over 200 such attacks last year.



Israeli settlers shatter Palestinian bus window with ax near Qalqilya on Feb 2, 2016. Photo Credit: Israeli Police spokesperson

It was revealed Wednesday that Israel's security agency uncovered a "Jewish terrorist ring," which carried out a number of acts of violence targeting Palestinians in the northern occupied West Bank.

At least seven right-wing Israeli extremists were arrested earlier this month after being suspected of belonging to the ring, which committed a number of anti-Palestinian acts, Israeli police announced after an Israeli authorities-issued gag order was lifted on the case.

More than 500,000 Israeli settlers live in settlements across the West Bank and East Jerusalem, in contravention of international law.

While settler violence against Palestinians and their property is common, it is rarely prosecuted by Israeli authorities.

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## **Occupation Army Uproots Farmlands Inside Of Free Palestine, As Usual: "Prevents The Palestinian From Entering Their Own Lands"**

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On Tuesday morning, several Israeli army vehicles, and bulldozers, invaded Palestinian agricultural lands, east of Gaza city, and uprooted them, in addition to firing live rounds and smoke bombs.

The Palestinian News & Info Agency (Wafa) said three Israeli tanks, and three armored bulldozers, advanced approximately 150 meters into Palestinian farmlands, and uprooted them.



Wafa added that the army vehicles came from “Nahal Oz” military base, across the border fence, east of the Sheja’eyya neighborhood, east of Gaza city.

The soldiers also demolished a concrete wall, near the Karni Crossing, east of Gaza city, and fired smoke bombs in addition to several live rounds.

The army carries out frequent limited invasions into Palestinian lands, close to the border fence, in the northern and eastern parts of the Gaza Strip, and prevents the Palestinian from entering their own lands.

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## **Zionists Force Palestinians To Close Shops In Hebron For Their Religious Holiday: “The Israeli Military And Settlers Attempt To Expel Palestinians From Their Homes”**

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BETHLEHEM -- Palestinian shop owners were forced to close their storefronts in Hebron Tuesday as Israeli politicians called for the annexation of the occupied city during visits by thousands of right-wing Israelis for Passover.

Hebron local and prominent activist Issa Amro told Ma'an that Israeli forces instructed shopkeepers in both the H1 and H2 areas of Hebron to remain closed.

Amro said that by forcing shops to close in H1 -- the area of the city under jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority -- Israeli authorities were supporting right-wing Israelis aiming to push Palestinian locals from the city.

"They want to make it look (to Israeli settlers) like Palestinians don't live here," Amro said.

The closures of shops in H1 is likely to come as a detriment to shop owners' livelihoods, while road closures typically implemented by Israeli forces during the visits will impede the freedom of movement of Palestinians throughout the Hebron district, Amro added.

The H2 area, under full Israeli military control, continued under lockdown as the Ibrahim Mosque -- known to Jews as the Cave of Patriarchs -- was sealed to Palestinian Muslims for the second consecutive day as Israelis visited holy sites in and around the Old City, Amro said.

Amro told Ma'an that large groups of Israelis visiting the area under armed protection on Monday launched verbal abuse at Palestinian locals, and several Palestinian families refused to leave their homes out of fear of violence from the groups.

An Israeli army spokesperson did not have immediate information on increased security measures or closure in the Hebron area for Passover.

Thousands of Israelis descended on Hebron's Old City Monday as Israeli politicians held a rally in the center of the flashpoint area, under heavy protection by Israeli security forces.

Israeli media outlets reported that Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Eli Ben-Dahan of the Habayit HaYehudi party called on the Israeli leadership to annex the occupied West Bank in its entirety.

"We have to connect Judea and Samaria to the State of Israel. We have returned to our land, so that we will never again have to leave it," Ben-Dahan said, referring to the West Bank.

Knesset member Oren Hazan of the Likud party demanded Israel's defense ministry allow more Jewish Israelis to settle in Hebron, referring specifically to two buildings reportedly purchased by far-right groups.

"The buildings in Hebron are the basis of peace, not dispute. The time has come to populate Hebron, just as the time has come to populate every hilltop in Judea and Samaria and in all of Israel," the Jerusalem Post reported Hazan as saying.

Hebron -- the largest Palestinian city in the West Bank -- has long stood at the epicenter of violence in the occupied West Bank as the Israeli military and settlers attempt to expel Palestinians from their homes, particularly in the Old City where Monday's rally took place.

The Israeli leadership has long ignored demands by the international community to halt settlement activity in occupied Palestinian territory, and the UN has in the past slammed Israel for expansion of settlements in Hebron's Old City in particular, where increased Jewish presence has come to the detriment of Palestinian locals.

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