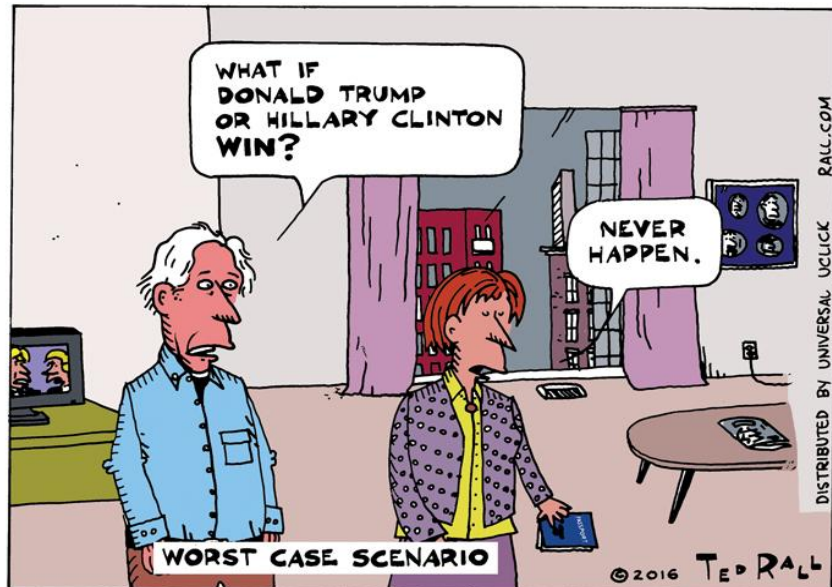


## Military Resistance 14G3



**The Media Have Been Almost Entirely Obsessed With The Racist, Anti-Migrant Hate Spat Out By Extremists During The Days Before The Brexit Vote:**

**“Demonizing Working Class Britons As ‘Racist’, ‘Ignorant’ Or ‘Uneducated’ Ignores Why So Many Voters Were Not Persuaded By The Arguments Of Almost All The Political Parties, The President Of The United States, The Financial Times**

# And Most Of The Wealthiest People In The World”



Paul Salgado

**Paul Salgado is a British migrant and a union and community organiser currently in Colombia.**

**In London he has worked as a postman, lathe operator, restaurant worker, casino dealer, journalist, cleaner, courier and carpenter - and as a union organiser for the Latin American Workers' Association.**

**Paul has also worked at Catholic Worker in Los Angeles, and for indigenous organisations and human rights defenders in México.**

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July 2, 2016 by Paul Salgado, Migrants' Rights Network: Working for the rights of all migrants

Demonizing and dismissing 17 million working class Britons as 'racist', 'ignorant' or 'uneducated', as some unreflective commentators have rushed to do, ignores some very real reasons why so many voters were not persuaded by the arguments of almost all the political parties, the president of the United States, the Financial Times and most of the wealthiest people in the world.

Over the last three decades, the decimation of working class communities and industries that actually made something has continued without respite.

Steelworkers, dockers, shipbuilders, miners, print workers, car workers, rail workers - their unions, their communities, their families and their health and their futures - were shattered.

Most of the survivors of this devastation interpreted the demands to vote to remain as a vote to support unconscionable inequality.

I was a child in the midst of this destruction... the memories I have are not of football or cartoons, but of coming home from school to see, night, night after night for a year, grainy television film tinted orange from the streetlights illuminating that day's pre-dawn picket lines in a mineworkers' town.



The film showing black uniformed police beating unarmed men - men like my grandfather, like my father - into the ground just for trying to defend their jobs, their families and their communities.

Night after night after night my grandfather and my father watched silently, the light from the television screen on their faces. They didn't have to say a word for me to know whose side I was on. They didn't even need to explain that there were sides to be taken.

**There are millions of people whose experiences like this must have informed their vote, and it is now up to us to win those who expressed their opposition to the status quo away from the false promises of the racists.**

**But we are not going to do that by claiming that the EU is a progressive force for the rights of migrants.**

Relatively few, mostly white, mostly Christian people currently can take advantage of the right of free movement - many of the poorest workers in each Union member state simply can't afford to, even though they have the right on paper. With the British vote to leave, maybe those people who can afford to take advantage of this right will have to get a visa - after 2019, when the UK legally leaves the Union.

But it has to be remembered that it is Fortress Europe that forces literally millions more migrants (who are not so white, and maybe not Christian) to endure far worse than a queue to get a visa.

Instead, Fortress Europe forces these migrants to risk their lives at sea and deports those that survive.

The promise of free movement does not apply to those who most need it - the poorest, those fleeing war and persecution, and what's more, without any reference to their own citizens, the leaders of the supposed 'democracies' within the Union can tear up this promise at will and re-impose frontier controls in an attempt to stop those migrants they deem 'undesirable'.

The fight for migrants' rights didn't begin with the 23 June vote - it has been fought bitterly, tenaciously and courageously for decades... unions have organized undocumented workers, organizations like MRN have supported, advocated and defended migrants against judges and politicians.

Communities have fought back against racists on the streets... all while Britain has been in the EU. In this respect nothing will change. What happens next will be up to us - as it has always been.

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## **POLICE WAR REPORTS**

### **Disabled Cancer Patient Blind In One Eye, Deaf In One Ear And Partially Paralyzed, Attacked By TSA Guards:**

**“The Guards Slammed Hannah To The Ground, Smashing Her Face Into The Floor”**

**“Hannah Cohen, 18, And Her Mother On Their Way Home From St Jude's Hospital In Memphis, Where Hannah Underwent Her Final Treatment For A Brain Tumor”**

# **“These People Think They Are God. They Think They Can Do Anything They Want”**



A brain tumor had left Hannah Cohen blind in one eye, deaf in one ear and partially paralyzed, so when the guards grabbed each of her arms it startled her, she said. (photo by Shirley Cohen during the attack.)

02 July 16 By Matthew Teague, Guardian UK

Hannah Cohen, 18, was on her way home from St Jude’s Hospital when a scanner went off and led to incident that left her ‘physically and emotionally’ injured

A disabled teenage cancer patient was injured during a violent arrest by security agents at Memphis international airport, her family has alleged in a lawsuit filed against the Transport Security Administration.

Hannah Cohen, 18, at the time of her arrest on 30 June 2015, and her mother had been on their way home to Chattanooga from St Jude’s hospital in Memphis, where Hannah underwent her final treatment for a brain tumor.

**Hannah and her mother, Shirley, told the Guardian that the pair had made the trip hundreds of times, and knew the airport security routine well.**

**Shirley would usually go through the scanner first and wait for Hannah on the other side, since Hannah’s tumor, and numerous surgeries and treatments since she was two years old, had left her easily confused and frightened in unfamiliar situations.**

**According to the complaint, the warning alarm was triggered when Hannah passed through the body scanners. Hannah attributed the alarm to her shirt’s design.**

“My shirt – it had sequins,” Hannah told the Guardian, laboring to speak.

According to the complaint: "You could see on the screen what it was pointing out," Shirley said. She stood to the side, watching, wearing an immobilization boot on a broken foot.

Agents told Hannah they needed to take her to a "sterile area" where they could search her further.

**She was afraid, Shirley said, and offered to take off the sequined shirt as she was wearing another underneath, but a female agent laughed at her.**

**Seeing the scene begin to unfold, Shirley hobbled to a supervisor standing nearby. "She is a St Jude's patient, and she can get confused," she said. "Please be gentle. If I could just help her, it will make things easier."**

But soon, a voice on the public address system requested more agents to report to the checkpoint, Shirley said. "That's when the armed guards came."

The brain tumor had left Hannah blind in one eye, deaf in one ear and partially paralyzed, so when the guards grabbed each of her arms, it startled her, she said. "I tried to push away," she said. "I tried to get away."

**The guards slammed Hannah to the ground, her mother said, smashing her face into the floor, which the complaint alleges left her "physically and emotionally" injured.**

**Shirley had just picked up her phone from the conveyor belt, and she snapped a photo of Hannah on the floor: handcuffed, weeping and bleeding.**

"Another guard pushed me back 20ft, in my boot, and told me I couldn't be nearby," said Shirley, a professor of nursing at a university in Chattanooga.

"I felt so helpless. I sat down on a bench facing away so I couldn't see what they were doing to my daughter."

The lawsuit alleges that the TSA did not give Hannah adequate accommodation to screen her, and discriminated against her because of her disability. It names the TSA and the Memphis-Shelby County airport authority and seeks damages that include medical expenses and for personal injury, both physical and emotional. It calls for a "reasonable sum not exceeding \$100,000 and costs", and an undisclosed punitive amount.

The TSA has not yet responded to the complaint.

**Hannah disappeared behind a door, then went to a hospital, and finally to the Shelby County jail.**

After 24 hours apart, the mother and daughter were reunited in the parking lot of the jail.

Shirley said she held her daughter, who sobbed, "I'm sorry, Mama."

The next morning – now two days without their belongings, which had made the flight home – the pair appeared before a local judge, who asked the accused to explain herself.

When Hannah responded, the judge said: “You’re going to have to speak up.” That’s when Hannah looked up and her hair fell back from her face, revealing her unseeing eye, surrounded by cuts and contusions.

“The judge’s eyes got big and round,” Shirley said.

After inquiring if the pair were from Memphis, the judge recommended they get legal representation.

The charges were all dropped two days later, and the court refunded the \$250 in costs the family had paid.

**The TSA did not immediately return a request for comment. But a TSA spokeswoman, Sari Koshetz, said in a statement that “passengers can call ahead of time to learn more about the screening process for their particular needs or medical situation”.**

**“Why should I do that when we’ve been going through that airport for 17 years?” Shirley said.**

“These people think they are God. They think they can do anything they want,” she said.

“Well, in this country we have the Americans with Disabilities Act. And if they will do this to a disabled girl, does that mean they’ll do it to an 80-year-old grandmother? It’s time for justice.”

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# **Chicago Police Attack Muslim Woman Running To Catch Her Train: “They Kicked Me, Hit Me” “Strip Searched, Videographed, And At The Same Time Men Were Allowed To See Her Naked”**

# **“Prosecutors Said Police Yelled ‘Stop!’ But Video Shows No One Turning Around In Response, Even Though Other Commuters Were Walking Up The Stairs With Almatar”**

June 30, 2016 By Dana Kozlov, CBS Chicago

CHICAGO — One minute a Muslim woman was running to catch her train, the next she was tackled by Chicago police officers, and it didn't end there. Itemad “Angel” Almatar said she faced more humiliation at the hands of police before being arrested for no reason. CBS 2's Dana Kozlov has this Original Report.

Almatar's 4th of July commute home last year ended terrifyingly. CTA surveillance camera video shows her overtaken by five Chicago police officers as she climbed the stairs of the State/Lake station in the Loop.

“They threw me to the stairs, and grabbed my bags. They kicked me, hit me, took off my hijab,” she said.

Almatar said police also grabbed her backpack, which was filled with food to end her Ramadan fast, but officers never told her why.

“They asked me why I put my food inside my bag, why I'm Muslim, why I'm fasting, why I'm wearing these clothes, why I cover my body,” she said.

Almatar said she was terrified. “Close to die, actually,” she said. She thought the people who grabbed her might be thieves, until they arrested her.

“She was strip searched, videographed, and at the same time men were allowed to see her naked. This is the ultimate horror you can do to a Muslim woman,” said Imam Malick Mujahid, a Muslim community leader in Chicago.

Almatar was charged with reckless conduct and resisting arrest, but on Wednesday a Cook County judge found her not guilty.

Her attorneys said the police officers are guilty of profiling and violating her rights, perhaps in the name of vigilance.

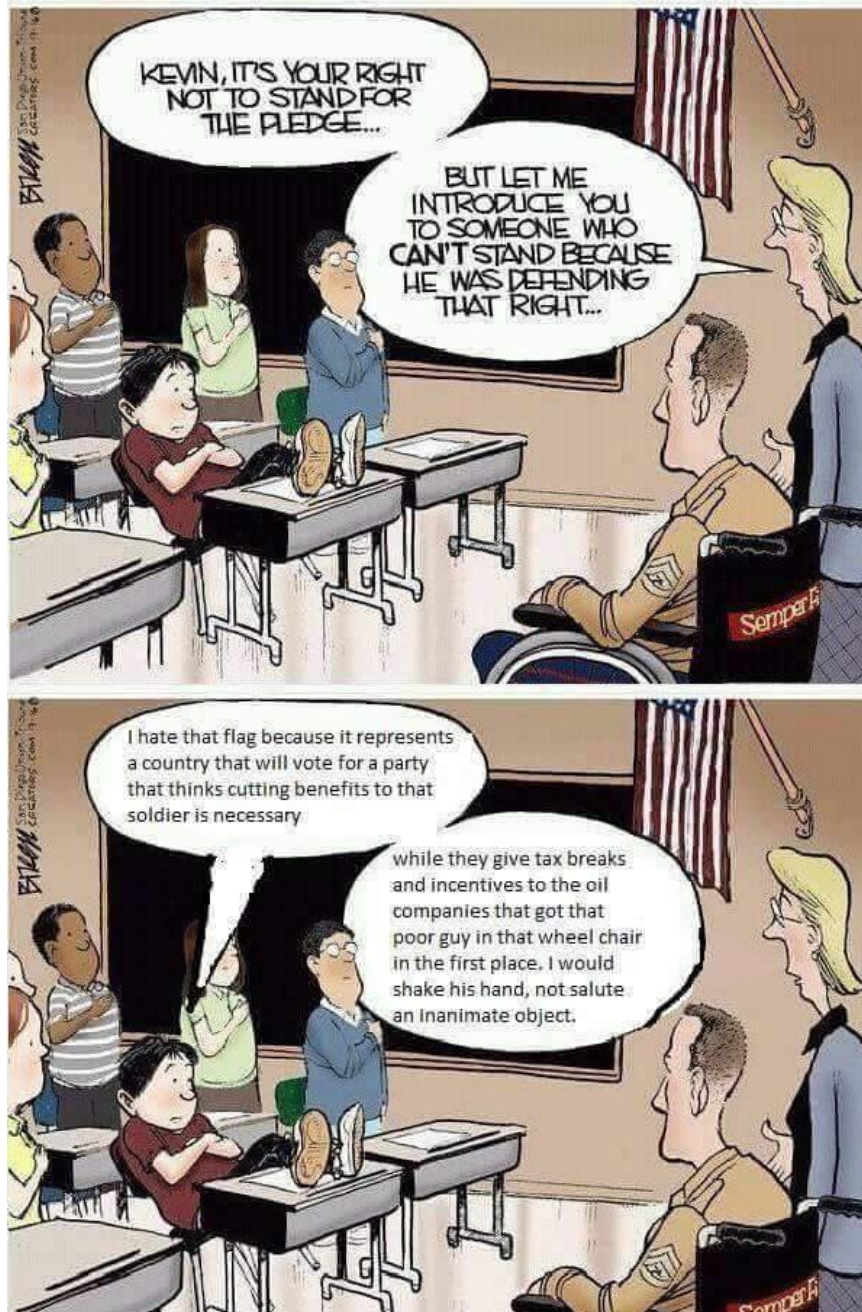
“We know a couple things. There's a Constitution, and the Constitution says you can't just grab people for no reason whatsoever,” said Aaron Goldstein, a supervising attorney with the Cook County Public Defender's office.

In court, prosecutors said police officers first yelled ‘Stop!’ but the video of the incident shows no one turning around in response, even though several other commuters were walking up the stairs with Almatar.



A spokesperson for the Chicago Police Department said he would look into the incident and what, if any, action was taken internally. Almatar said she plans to file a federal civil rights lawsuit soon.

## MILITARY NEWS



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "We've seen this before."]

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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**

<p><b>It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it. -- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity &amp; United Auto Workers</b></p>
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# Agent Orange Children Vietnam 2016 # 10



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
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## Full Disclosure

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

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

# **Britain Votes To Get Out Of The European Union: “A Political Establishment Shattered By An Insurgency Against The Elites” “This Was A Defeat Not Just For The British Establishment But Also For The Ruling Classes In Paris, Berlin And Rome, And In Washington, Canberra And Tokyo Too”**



24 June 2016 by Tom Bramble, Red Flag [Excerpts]

A political earthquake has just shaken British and European politics. On a turnout of just shy of three-quarters of the electorate, 52 percent, or more than 17 million voters, have backed Leave in the British referendum on membership of the European Union.

In doing so, they outpolled a Remain campaign that was backed by the entire financial and political establishment.

The vast majority of establishment opinion makers in the world of business and politics have declared the result a complete disaster. It wasn't supposed to be like this, they wailed. The drift in the polls back towards Remain in the days leading up to the vote had given them confidence that the threat of Brexit had been seen off.

But within just a few hours on the night of 23 June, their hopes had turned to ashes.

“A vote that changed everything”

The political consequences of the vote for Brexit are enormous.

**Financial Times writer Philip Stephens described the implications for the British ruling class as follows: “This was a vote that changed everything. Economic and foreign policies crafted over nearly half a century overturned in the course of a single night. A political establishment shattered by an insurgency against the elites. The nations of the United Kingdom divided; and England split between its metropolitan cities and post-industrial provinces. A vote against globalisation. A decision that weakens Europe and the West. Political earthquake is an understatement”.**

The referendum result will have its most shattering impact on the ruling Conservative party, the party that has been the first choice of the ruling class for overseeing British capitalism since the 19th century. Prime minister David Cameron has gone, and it is likely his chancellor George Osborne will not be far behind. The pair will go down in history as bearing responsibility for one of the biggest self-administered defeats to the party in a century or more.

But their departure does not resolve tensions in the party, far from it. The party is split down the middle over the EU.

Before the referendum took place, journalists expressed concern that the outcome might be the disintegration of not one but two unions, not just the union with Europe but that of the United Kingdom itself, which dates back to the 1707 Act of Union bringing England and Scotland together.

Nicola Sturgeon, leader of the Scottish National Party, which runs the devolved Scottish assembly, is demanding that a second referendum on Scottish independence now be run rather than see the country forced out of the European Union – Scottish people voted 62 percent in favour of Remain. In the current circumstances, it is difficult to see a vote for independence failing a second time around.

Scottish independence will be a serious blow to the project of British ruling class as it will remove a major economic and political powerbase for British imperialism in its dealings with the wider world.

Richard Haas, diplomat and president of the US foreign policy think tank, the Council on Foreign Relations, described the referendum result as “the beginning of the end of the UK”.

Not just Scotland, but Northern Ireland too.

This statelet, the product of the sectarian partition of Ireland by Britain in 1921, also voted Remain. Moves since the 1990s to more fully integrate the economies of North and South of Ireland under the aegis of Tony Blair’s “peace process” and lubricated by EU funds will now be thrown into jeopardy as borders are once again thrown up between the two.

Sinn Fein has already stated that as a result of the referendum “the British government has forfeited any mandate to represent the economic and political interests of people in Northern Ireland” and is calling for a “border poll” to maintain an open border with the South. Such an outcome would lead in fairly short order either to reintegration of the rest of Britain into the EU in deed if not in law as people, money and goods pass unhindered from the South to the North and thence to England and Wales, or the collapse of British authority in the North.

The Tory party, which has been identified since its foundation with maintaining the power of the British state machine, could end up overseeing its fragmentation and enfeeblement.

**“This Was A Defeat Not Just For The British Establishment But Also For The Ruling Classes In Paris, Berlin And Rome, And In Washington, Canberra And Tokyo Too”**

**This was a defeat not just for the British establishment but also for the ruling classes in Paris, Berlin and Rome, and in Washington, Canberra and Tokyo too.**

**The European Union has been the means by which these elites have structured economic relations within Europe and between Europe and the rest of the world.**

**It is a lynchpin of the neoliberal world economic order and also of Western imperialism.**

For this reason it has been encouraged from the outset by the United States.

The European Union, with its unelected Central Bank and European Commission, has been one of the most important institutions enforcing austerity on the working class of Europe since the onset of the global financial crisis in 2008.

Britain’s vote to Leave threatens to up-end all this, and could be the start of a broader unravelling of the EU.

Fears of such an outcome explain why a senior German politician in Angela Merkel’s CDU, Norbert Rottgen, described the referendum result as “the biggest catastrophe in the history of European integration”, while the head of the German banking association said that it was “a black day for the UK and Europe”. Germany’s Bild newspaper led with “Europe’s Black Day”, while France’s Le Figaro said that “This is the beginning of a real cataclysm”. The European ruling classes are right to be worried. The dislocation caused by Britain’s withdrawal from the EU will only add to existing fears of a return to recession across the Continent.

**The vote for Leave has to be understood first and foremost as what Diane Abbott, a senior Labour Party MP, called “a roar of defiance against the Westminster elite”.**

It was just the latest indicator of mass resentment by workers in the most depressed areas of England and Wales against the political establishment which has for four decades screwed them ruthlessly.

Whether it's workers, pensioners and the unemployed in the valleys of South Wales or in Yorkshire mining towns like Barnsley and Doncaster, where the coal industry has been shut down taking tens of thousands of jobs, or those in the depressed regions of the North East of England – Sunderland, Redcar, Middlesbrough - where heavy industry has been shattered and whole communities thrown onto the scrap heap, the referendum was an opportunity to take revenge on the politicians who have treated them so ill.

The same too in the Midlands, with cities like Birmingham and Coventry, historically the centres of British engineering, now hard hit by massive factory closures and rationalisation.

Even in towns that voted Remain, the class dimension was obvious.

In Oxford, Glasgow and Lancaster, just to take three examples, the more prosperous areas dominated by the universities voted Remain, the more blue-collar areas, Leave. In London, the pattern was more mixed, with poor boroughs Tower Hamlets, Lambeth and Haringey voting Remain, along with relatively prosperous areas like Hammersmith and Fulham and the City of London, but other poorer areas like Barking and Dagenham in the city's East voting Leave.

### **“The Fact That The Referendum Was Used By Workers As A Means To Express Anger At Decades Of Neglect Was Also Recognised By Supporters Of Remain”**

The importance of working class immiseration in explaining support for Leave is borne out even in the opinion polls, which are a highly inadequate way of understanding class sentiment.

**YouGov recorded 60 percent support for Remain among what social scientists call ABC1 voters (capitalists, middle class and some sections of the working class) and 60 percent support for Leave among C2DE, broadly speaking the blue- and white-collar working class.**

**The fact that the referendum was used by workers as a means to express anger at decades of neglect was also recognised by supporters of Remain.**

Julie Elliott, one of Sunderland's Labour MPs said that “Some people are feeling really vulnerable at the moment and the north east is being really hard hit by the cuts – massive, massive cuts to the local authorities, health services and people are feeling very, very vulnerable”. Over in Wales, Leanne Wood, the leader of the Welsh nationalists Plaid Cymru, which also supported Remain, said: “I'm of the view it's austerity that is at the root of the problem here. People want change and they've seen this as an opportunity to get the change they want”.

This was not just a crisis for the Tories, however, but the entire political establishment which, with the exception of the Tory Brexit supporters, all supported Remain. All are discredited by the result.

Supporters of Remain on the left have argued that the poll was a referendum on immigration and that the only decent thing for any anti-racist to do was vote Remain. Singer Billy Bragg for example tweeted that "Not every Leave voter is a racist, but every racist will vote Leave".

Some of this is pure bullshit.

Fortress Europe is responsible for the drowning of thousands of asylum seekers in the Mediterranean in the last 12 months alone. And the area with the strongest Remain vote was Gibraltar, hardly renowned as a bastion of liberal anti-racism!

Sheeting the Leave vote to racism can also be challenged when looking at strong votes for Leave in areas like Newham in London's east, one of the most multicultural boroughs, where racists have been repeatedly rebuffed in their attempts to get a foothold over many years.

Likewise in Leicester, a city with a very diverse population and a former centre of textiles and clothing manufacturing which recorded a strong Leave vote.

But, putting aside the hypocrisy of some of those in the Remain campaign, it is true that many Leave voters were motivated at least in part by opposition to immigration. Polling shortly before the referendum showed that "immigration" was the number one concern of those intending to vote Leave. These voters falsely sheet home at least some of the responsibility for problems such as lack of jobs, long queues for public housing and overcrowded public transport to immigrants.

And certainly the result has been grist to the mill of the racists like UKIP's Nigel Farage and the Tory Leave campaigners who are only too happy to create a spurious linkage between hardship and immigrants in the minds of workers. Racist agitators like Farage are emboldened by the referendum result, as are Marine Le Pen and Geert Wilders, racist Eurosceptic politicians, who cheered the Leave result and called for referendums in France and Holland.

The fact that racists have been able to fish in the pools of working class misery and turn the entirely legitimate anger of many workers regarding their situation towards scapegoating immigrants is something that must be fought tooth and nail.

The crucial question now is what will happen to the millions of traditional Labour voters in South Wales, the East Midlands, the North East and elsewhere who defied the leadership of the party and trade unions to vote Leave.

Will they go to the racists of UKIP - the only political party that they agreed with on this issue? Or will they stay on the left, with the institutions of the workers' movement?

A lot of that will depend on what Labour, the left outside the Labour party and the unions do in the aftermath of this vote.



If they bemoan the result and dismiss the anger that led to it, writing it off purely as a racist outburst, they will allow the far right to present itself as the political leadership of the British working class.

If they chase UKIP and further mimic its racist anti-migrant posturing, they will do nothing except promote their rival and make themselves irrelevant.

But if they challenge the racism, while embracing the anger that made this vote possible, then they could transform the political struggles in Britain.

What has started as a crisis for the ruling class could become a real opportunity to roll back the four decade long offensive against the working class.

Workers in Britain could then take their place alongside those in France now engaged in a vital struggle with their own government and bosses to resist the imposition of the kind of Thatcherite agenda that has been imposed on British workers for far too long.

**MORE:**

## **“Whoever Expects A ‘Pure’ Social Revolution Will Never Live To See It”**

[From Military Resistance Newsletter 14F9 6.26.16]

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**This mixture of revolutionary and reactionary formations described applies as well to uprisings from below in general, including the recent vote to repudiate the executive committee of European national ruling classes called the European Union.**

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July 1916 by V. I. Lenin. [Excerpts]

Published in October 1916 in Sbornik Sotsial-Demokrata No. 1. Signed: N. Lenin.

Published according to the Sbornik text.

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**To imagine that social revolution is conceivable without revolts by small nations in the colonies and in Europe, without revolutionary outbursts by a section of the petty bourgeoisie with all its prejudices, without a movement of the politically non-conscious proletarian and semi-proletarian masses against oppression by the landowners, the church, and the monarchy, against national oppression, etc.-- to imagine all this is to repudiate social revolution.**

**So one army lines up in one place and says, “We are for socialism”, and another, somewhere else and says, “We are for imperialism”, and that will be the social revolution?**

**Whoever expects a “pure” social revolution will never live to see it.**

Such a person pays lip-service to revolution without understanding what revolution is.

The Russian Revolution of 1905 was a bourgeois-democratic revolution.

It consisted of a series of battles in which all the discontented classes, groups and elements of the population participated.

**Among these there were masses imbued with the crudest prejudices, with the vaguest and most fantastic aims of struggle; there were small groups which accepted Japanese money, there were speculators and adventurers, etc.**

**But objectively, the mass movement was breaking the back of tsarism and paving the way for democracy; for this reason the class-conscious workers led it.**

The socialist revolution in Europe cannot be anything other than an outburst of mass struggle on the part of all and sundry oppressed and discontented elements.

**Inevitably, sections of the petty bourgeoisie and of the backward workers will participate in it—without such participation, mass struggle is impossible, without it no revolution is possible—and just as inevitably will they bring into the movement their prejudices, their reactionary fantasies, their weaknesses and errors.**

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**July 6, 1892 -- Heroic Anniversary:  
“What Happened At Homestead Was  
Not A Riot. It Was Organised Class  
Violence, Consciously Controlled By  
The Workers, As Part Of The  
Struggle”**

**“A Militant Strike Of Steel Workers Of  
The Carnegie Company In The U.S.  
Defending Their Union Against The**

# Bosses, The Police And Hired Armed Mercenaries”

Carl Bunin Peace History July 5-11

In one of the worst cases of violent union-busting, a fierce battle broke out between the striking employees (members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers) of Andrew Carnegie’s Homestead Steel Company and a Pinkerton Detective Agency private army brought on barges down the Monongahela River in the dead of night. Twelve were killed.

Henry C. Frick, general manager of the plant in Homestead, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had been given free rein by Carnegie to quash the strike. At Frick’s request, Pennsylvania Gov. Robert E. Pattison then sent 8,500 troops to intervene on behalf of the company.

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Defeated Pinkerton agents, escorted by armed union men, leaving their barges after surrendering. Harper’s Weekly: 1892

From Libcom.org

An account of a militant strike of steel workers of the Carnegie company in the US defending their union against the bosses, the police and hired armed mercenaries.

The Robber Baron Andrew Carnegie precipitated the Homestead Strike of 1892 with his attack against the standard of living of the workers and his bid to break the union representing the highest skilled workers.

Carnegie announced his intention to impose an 18 percent pay cut and issued a statement saying that the real issue was whether the Homestead steel workers would be union or non-union.

**He ordered a 12 foot high fence to be built around the plant – 3 miles in length – with 3 inch holes at shoulder height every 25 feet, signaling preparation for an armed fight with the workers.**

**At the same time Carnegie hired the notorious Pinkerton company to provide armed thugs for the upcoming struggle.**

An ultimatum was issued for workers to accept the wage cut by June 24th or face mass layoffs.

The workers did not take these provocations lightly.

They were not about to abandon the union and submit to Carnegie's dictates without a fight. The Amalgamated Union, which represented the skilled workers, about 750 of the plant's 3,800 employees, established an Advisory Committee, comprised of five delegates from each lodge, to coordinate the struggle against Carnegie's attacks.

A mass meeting of 3,000 workers from all categories, union and non-union voted overwhelmingly to strike.

The Advisory Committee took responsibility for organising an elaborate network to track the company's maneuvers, to monitor the possibility of an anticipated transport of Pinkerton goons by river boat from Pittsburgh.

Workers rented their own vessel to patrol the river. Every road within a five mile radius of Homestead was blockaded, and a thousand strikers patrolled the river banks for ten miles.

**The Committee assumed virtual control of the town, assuming authority over the water, gas, and electricity facilities, shutting down the saloons, maintaining order and proclaiming ad hoc laws.**

**An attempt by the county sheriff to move against the strikers fell flat on its face when he proved unable to raise a posse.**

The workers offered the sheriff a tour of the plant and promised to guarantee the security of the facility from any trespassers. Sympathy for the strikers was high.

On July 5th a steam whistle sounded the alarm at 4am.

Two barges transporting more than 300 Pinkertons left Pittsburgh.

**By the time the thugs arrived at Homestead, 10,000 armed strikers and their supporters were gathered to “greet” them.**

An armed confrontation erupted. Thirty workers were wounded, and three killed in the early fighting. Armed proletarians from nearby towns rushed to the scene to reinforce their class brothers. The shoot-out continued throughout the day.

Finally the demoralized Pinkertons, trapped in debilitating heat on the barges, outnumbered and outgunned, mutinied against their superiors.

Most were not regular agents, but reservists who had been recruited under false pretences; they were prepared to do some bullying, intimidating and terrorizing, but did not have the stomach to confront armed, organised class resistance.

**Once the Pinkertons surrendered, the workers debated what to do with their despised prisoners. Angered by the casualties inflicted by the Pinkertons – a total of 40 wounded, 9 killed - some wanted to execute the thugs, but the Committee reasoned that a mass execution would be used against the strikers by the bosses.**

**Instead the Pinkertons were forced to run a gauntlet. In the end the casualties suffered by the Pinkertons were 20 shot, seven killed and 300 injured running the gauntlet.**

In retaliation for the deaths of strikers, a young Russian anarchist called Alexander Berkman attempted to assassinate the Carnegie boss Henry Clay Frick. He shot Frick three times and stabbed him with a poison-tipped dagger, but Frick remarkably survived. Berkman was subsequently imprisoned for 14 years.

The strike continued for four months.

Eventually federal troops were brought in to crush the struggle, and 160 strikers were arrested and charged with murder and assault.

**But the bosses’ repressive apparatus could not find a jury anywhere in the Pittsburgh region that would convict a single striker. All were acquitted.**

**Hugh O’Donnell, one of the strike leaders, was first charged with treason. Following his acquittal on those charges, he was immediately rearrested and tried for murder. And following acquittal on that charge, he was rearrested and tried for assault – again successfully beating back the state’s prosecution.**

However, despite beating back the criminal charges, the strike morale was broken, and the union driven out. Throughout the country workers were sympathetic to the struggle at Homestead, and needless to say, the spokesmen of the capitalist class were furious. Strikers were referred to as a “mob.”

The New York Times granted that the company had provoked the battle, nevertheless maintained solidarity with its class brother and insisted that the obligation of the state

was “to enforce law and order at Homestead, to quell the mob, to put the property of the Carnegie Steel Company in possession its owners and to protect their lawful rights.”

Despite ending in defeat, Homestead was an important moment in the history of class struggle in America.

**What happened at Homestead was not a riot.**

**It was organised class violence, consciously controlled by the workers, as part of the struggle.**

**Homestead demonstrated clearly the capacity of workers to organise their struggles, to resist the attacks of the capitalist class, to achieve an active solidarity in struggle, to organise their own power to rival that of the local state apparatus during the struggle, to organise class violence and exercise it judiciously.**

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## **July 6, 1944 -- Noble Anniversary: Eleven Years Before Rosa Parks, A Courageous Lady Defies Bus Racism And Wins**

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Irene Morgan, a 28-year-old black woman, was arrested for refusing to move to the back of the bus eleven years before Rosa Parks did so.

Her legal appeal, after her conviction for breaking a Virginia law (known as a Jim Crow law) forbidding integrated seating, resulted in a 7-1 Supreme Court decision barring segregation in interstate commerce.

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Eleven years before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama, a young woman named Irene Morgan rejected that same demand on an interstate bus headed to Maryland from Gloucester, Virginia.

Recovering from a miscarriage and already sitting far in the back, she defied the driver's order to surrender her seat to a white couple.

Like Parks, Morgan was arrested and jailed. But her action caught the attention of lawyers from the NAACP, led by Thurgood Marshall, and in two years her case reached the Supreme Court. Though the lawyers fervently believed that Jim Crow - the curious

pseudonym for racial segregation - was unjust, they recognized the practice was still the law of the land, upheld by the 1896 Supreme Court decision in Plessy v. Ferguson.

Instead of seeking a judgment on humanitarian grounds or the equal protection provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment, they made the seemingly arcane argument that segregation in interstate travel violated the Constitution's Interstate Commerce Clause.

On June 3, 1946, that strategy paid off. In Irene Morgan v. Virginia, the court ruled that segregation in interstate travel was indeed unconstitutional as "an undue burden on commerce." But though that the decision was now law, the southern states refused to enforce it, and Jim Crow continued as the way of life in the South.

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# Zionists Shut Down Palestinian Citizens' TV Station: Accused Of Violating The “Sovereignty” Of Their Military Occupation Regime! “Part Of Israel’s Policy Of Shutting Down Free Speech And Restricting Palestinian Media Outlets”



Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan speaks during the annual Herzliya Conference, June 16, 2016. (photo: Adi Cohen-Zeked/Herzliya Conference)

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**Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan orders Musawa, a Ramallah-based television station catering to Israel’s Arab citizens, to be shut down for violating Israeli sovereignty.**

For the second time in a year, Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan has ordered the closure of a Palestinian media outlet.



The satellite station in question, Musawa, was originally launched in March 2015 under the name "Palestine 48," is broadcasted through the Egyptian satellite company "Nile-Sat," and receives its funding from the Palestinian Authority. Its broadcasts are based in Ramallah and are catered for Arab citizens of Israel. Today most of its content is produced by Arab producers based in Israel.

Last Thursday the Public Security Ministry announced that the closure order would be signed after it became clear that the station functions on behalf of the Palestinian Authority inside Israeli territory without the proper written permit, as is required by the Oslo Accords.

"I will not allow any harm to come to Israeli sovereignty or allow the Palestinian Authority to make a foothold inside state territory," Erdan said in a statement.

**[Translation: "I will not allow any harm to come to the Israeli occupation of Palestine or allow the Palestinian Authority to make a foothold inside Palestinian territory," T]**

The order will remain in effect for six months.

Although Erdan already signed an order to close the station in July 2015, its activities did not actually cease: regular broadcasts continued and talk shows were broadcasted live from Ramallah, all while the guests traveled to PA territory on a regular basis to talk about issues pertinent to Arabs living in Israel.

Several months ago the station returned to its studios in Nazareth, using local producers, after it changed its name and branding so as to avoid confrontations with the Israeli authorities.

Ramzi Hakim, a senior news anchor for the station who also works for the Al-Arz production company (which was also shut down by the Public Security Ministry), told +972's Hebrew sister site, Local Call, that Erdan's decision has "no legal basis." According to Hakim, the studios and production services in Nazareth are owned and run by Al-Arz, which provides services to a number of stations in the area and the world, including Musawa. Hakim emphasizes that they are currently continuing as usual.

The language used by the Public Security Ministry hints at the fact that the decision to shut down the station is based on updated intelligence.

Yet the fact of the matter is that production, which started anew in Nazareth over the past few months, is not so secret at all. After all, it is impossible to maintain discretion during live broadcasts or filming outside the studio. Broadcasts over the past few months has focused on entertainment, current affairs, political discussions and Arab dramas, while news was not shown.

The station directors in the Palestinian Authority have made clear every step of the way that they do not wish to broadcast anti-Israeli content, and have expressed their desire to include as many Jewish-Israeli voices as possible.

**The Palestinian Broadcasting Company issued a response to the decision, calling Erdan's move part of Israel's policy of shutting down free speech and restricting Palestinian media outlets. According to the company, Israel ought to be focusing on shutting down media outlets that allow the settlers to incite to violence and call for setting families on fire.**

Looking at Erdan's use of "sovereignty" as a reason to shut down the station, one would think Israel respects its side of the Oslo agreements.

**This sounds especially absurd when taking into account Israel's daily violations of Palestinian sovereignty in PA-controlled areas, including through arrests of elected officials — not to mention 22 Palestinian journalists — some of whom are continually held without charges or put on trial.**

The Israeli army has previously entered PA-controlled areas and raided buildings belonging to Palestinian media outlets located in the heart of Ramallah. In 2012 soldiers raided studios belonging to "Watan" television station, as well as the educational "Al-Quds" channel in Ramallah. Soldiers destroyed equipment and arrested four journalists at their place of work. Similar steps were also taken against "Falesteen al-Yom" and "Trans Media" in Ramallah.

Ever since the station's establishment, the behavior of Israeli authorities vis-a-vis Musawa has been two-faced. In both cases the closure orders were signed after months of activity, such that it does not seem like preventing the broadcasts was as urgent as one would think.

Over the past few months the station has resumed its work without any problems — and with the full knowledge of the authorities. The station regularly broadcasts interviews with Israeli journalists as well as Knesset members from Zionist parties. Even the Public Security Ministry spokesperson regularly provides responses to the station's journalists, treating Musawa just as it would any other media outlet.

One can view the timing of the order as a way to punish Mahmoud Abbas — a big supporter of the station — after he falsely accused rabbis of calling to poison of Palestinian wells (a statement he later retracted), as well as his refusal to meet with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin.

But it doesn't end there: two weeks ago Muhammad Al-Madani, the PA liaison to Israel who helped establish the station, was barred from entering Israel for "subversive behavior."

It is clear that Israel is trying to hinder media outlets that cater to Israel's Arab citizens, which are free of oversight from Israel's Government Advertising Agency as well as the Government Press Office.

After all, this channel is free of conditions and limitations laid down by the Israel Broadcasting Authority (especially when the station in question has the potential to reach large numbers of people), and which is captured on satellite dishes in every Arab home across Israel — and all without Israeli mediation.

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# **Occupier Forces Repress Unarmed Civilians Marching For A Free Palestine, As Usual: “The Participants Held Palestinian Flags And Raised Photos Of The Palestinian Child Mahmoud Badran Who Was Shot And Killed By Israeli Forces Few Days Ago”**

24-6-2016 The Palestinian Information Center

RAMALLAH –

Violent clashes broke out Friday afternoon across the West Bank after Israeli occupation forces brutally suppressed the Palestinian anti-occupation weekly marches.

Hundreds of locals and foreign activists participated in the West Bank weekly marches demanding an end to Israeli occupation and settlement construction.

In Ramallah, dozens of Palestinians marched in Bil'in town, east of the city, calling for an end to Israeli confiscation policy against their agricultural lands.

The participants held Palestinian flags and raised photos of the Palestinian child Mahmoud Badran who was shot and killed by Israeli forces few days ago.

The clashes broke out when IOF soldiers violently attacked the participants. No injuries or arrests were reported. In Qalqilia, Israeli forces suppressed Kafer Qaddum village's weekly march that calls for the opening of a road closed by the IOF for more than 13 years.

Local activist Murad Shteivi said that Israeli forces fired teargas bombs and rubber bullets at the participants.

No injuries were reported.

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