

## **Military Resistance 14K10**



# **Veterans To Serve As Shields For Dakota Pipeline Protesters: “Veterans Stand For Standing Rock’, A Contingent Of More Than 2,000 U.S. Military Veterans, Intends To Form A Human Wall In Front Of Police”**

November 30, 2016 By Terray Sylvester, Reuters & NOVEMBER 29, 2016 By Christopher Mele, NEW YORK TIMES &

CANNON BALL, N.D. - More than 2,000 U.S. military veterans plan to form a human shield to protect protesters of a pipeline project near a Native American reservation in North Dakota, organizers said.

The effort, called Veterans Stand for Standing Rock, is planned as a nonviolent intervention to defend the demonstrators from what the group calls “assault and intimidation at the hands of the militarized police force.”

**Michael A. Wood Jr., a founder of the veterans' event, said he had initially hoped to attract about 500 veterans; he had to stop sign-ups when they reached 2,000.**

**An online fundraiser has drawn over \$540,000 in pledges as of Tuesday morning to pay for food, transportation and supplies for the veterans' "muster" planned for Dec. 4-7.**

One veteran, Loreal Black Shawl, said the mission to support the protesters was intensely personal.

Black Shawl, 39, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, is a descendant of two Native American tribes, the Oglala Lakota and Northern Arapaho. She served in the Army for nearly eight years.

"OK, are you going to treat us veterans who have served our country in the same way as you have those water protectors?" Black Shawl said, referring to the protesters.

Meanwhile, North Dakota law enforcement will not make spot checks on vehicles headed to the camp where activists are based, the governor's office said on Wednesday, backing away from a previous plan.

Activists have spent months protesting plans to route the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline beneath a lake near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation, saying it poses a threat to water resources and sacred Native-American sites.

The 1,172-mile (1,885 km) pipeline project, owned by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners LP, is mostly complete, except for a segment planned to run under Lake Oahe, a reservoir formed by a dam on the Missouri River.

"I figured this was more important than anything else I could be doing," Guy Dull Knife, 69, a Vietnam War Army veteran, told Reuters at the main camp.

Dull Knife, a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe from the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota, said he has been camping at the protest site for months.

Veterans Stand for Standing Rock, a contingent of more than 2,000 U.S. military veterans, intends to go to North Dakota and form a human wall in front of police, protest organizers said on a Facebook page. Organizers could not immediately be reached to comment.

Morton County Sheriff's Office spokesman Rob Keller said in an email his agency was aware of the veterans' plans, but would not comment further on how law enforcement will deal with demonstrators.

Former U.S. Marine Michael A. Wood Jr is leading the effort along with Wesley Clark Jr, a writer whose father is retired U.S. Army General Wesley Clark.

U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard, a Democrat from Hawaii and a major in the Hawaii Army National Guard, has said on Twitter she will join the protesters on Sunday.

The veterans will bolster the thousands of people protesting at camps located on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, north of the Cannonball River in Cannon Ball, North Dakota.

The Army Corps, citing safety concerns, has ordered the evacuation of the primary protest camp by Dec. 5, but said it would not forcibly remove people from the land.

**The state's latest decision to avoid making spot checks on cars entering the protest site indicates local officials will not actively enforce Monday's emergency order to evacuate the camp issued by Governor Jack Dalrymple, who had cited a coming blizzard.**

Local law enforcement said on Tuesday they planned a blockade of the camp, but local and state officials later retreated, saying they would only check vehicles for certain prohibited supplies like propane, and possibly issue fines.

**"The governor has said there will be no checkpoints, no stopping of vehicles," said Jeff Zent, a spokesman for Dalrymple.**

A spokesman for the North Dakota State Highway Patrol, Lt. Thomas O. Iverson, said in an email on Monday, "Law enforcement is aware of the upcoming event planned for December 4-7." He added, "If the group remains lawful and refrains from blocking the roadway, there will be no issues."

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

**“A Soldier After Being Approached  
And Obviously For A Second Time,  
Was Only Too Glad To Bump Fists  
And Say ‘I Love Your Work’”  
[Outreach To New York National Guard]**

From: Alan S  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: Outreach To New York National Guard  
Date: 11.24.16

11/22/16

A fresh wave of young National Guard troops have been patrolling the three commuter terminals over the past couple of months, consequently many don't know me.

Now, this could be advantageous socially but politically certain elements of our meeting(s) will be noted.

A couple have told me, on being offered "Soldiers in Revolt," they've already read or heard about it. This is completely new to me. After years of doing this I can't remember anyone even mentioning it. Clearly, command would never recommend, authorize or breathe word of this indictment of the U.S. military during Vietnam, especially coming from the ranks. I believe this to be noteworthy and we should keep it in mind.

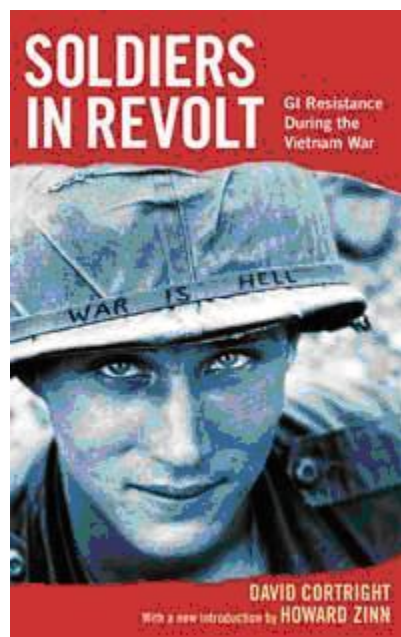
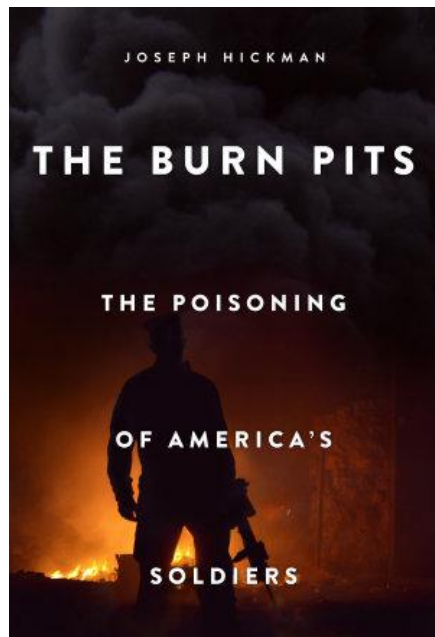
A percentage of troops, as always when approached, turn down material except our intro cards, saying "they can't accept anything while on duty" or "sorry, there's no place to carry it." All well and good since minutes later more eager hands take most what's offered including a copy of "The Burn Pits" which fits nicely into the large pocket of their cargo trousers' pants leg.

By the way, one private told me he was looking forward to reading the book review of "The Burn Pits" once I mentioned it was forthcoming. Evidently, he'd been given a copy not long ago.

Of the 21 copies of the book ordered for distribution, 8 remain. The idea of mailing them out has failed (none ordered by troops) but reliable hand-to-hand contact hasn't.

Finally, a soldier after being approached and obviously for a second time, was only too glad to bump fists and say "I love your work."

Makes things worthwhile after all.



The Burn Pits; Joseph Hickman; Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.  
Soldiers In Revolt: David Cortright; Haymarket Books

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## **Military Initiative**

### **Organizing Committee Mission Statement:**

*July 4, 1776*

*Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.*

*But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.*

**1. Members of the armed forces have the right and duty to defend civilians from dictatorships and to aid civilian movements against dictatorships.**

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**Military Initiative is for immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Afghanistan and Iraq.**

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**3. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will be encouraged and supported.**

**This applies to the armed forces of every nation. There is no national government at this time organized by, for, and under the control of its citizens.**

**4. Military Initiative does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces because members of the armed forces working together is most effective.**

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**5. Military Initiative practices organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels. Anyone elected is subject to recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

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**Organizations working together on common objectives need to discuss differences about the best way forward.**

**7. The mission of Military Initiative is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians who are dedicated to these objectives.**

**In order to be prepared to defend and extend human rights and economic justice, we will meet together to organize wherever we may be, engaging in such activities as may be necessary, reasonable and effective.**

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## **“People Need Not Be Helpless Before The Power Of Illegitimate Authority”**

*[Based on a statement by David Cortright, Vietnam Veteran and armed forces resistance organizer.]*

**In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.**

The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.

Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.

Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.

Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.

During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.

To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.

The central lesson of the GI movement is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Taliban Reported To Overrun District Center In Kandahar:**

**“The Said District Center Was Under  
Tight Besiege Of Mujahideen For The  
Past Some Time. Mujahideen Are  
Chasing The Enemy”**

November 21, 2016 By Bill Roggio, The Long War Journal. Bill Roggio is a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and the Editor of The Long War Journal.

The Taliban claimed to seize control of Ghorak district in Kandahar province on Nov. 19. The claim cannot be independently verified in the Afghan press or FDD's Long War Journal, but the district has been hotly contested and overrun by the Taliban in the past.

From the Taliban statement released on Voice of Jihad:

"A recent report arriving from Ghorak district of southern Kandahar province say that, enemy troops of the said district administration center and a military base were force to flee this noon with the help of a large military convoy and helicopters towards Maiwand district, giving the district center completely to Mujahideen.

"According to details, the said district center was under tight besiege of Mujahideen for the past some time. Mujahideen are chasing the enemy in the area, a reinforcement truck has been destroyed while an APC was shred into pieces by an IED attack, inflecting heavy casualties on enemy.

"It must be mentioned that at least 55 gunmen were killed and a sizeable amount of weapons were sized when 2 enemy bases and 2 posts were overrun in the said district some time ago."

The Taliban previously claimed to have taken control of Ghorak in mid-October 2015. Based on press reports, FDD's Long War Journal had previously assessed Ghorak to be contested. As recently as Nov. 18, a report in Xinhua said that "security forces' presence is slim" in the district. On Nov. 15, Afghan officials said that all schools in Ghorak were closed due to "security problems," Zee News reported.

The security situation in Kandahar province has been difficult to assess. FDD's Long War Journal estimated that three of Kandahar's 15 districts are under Taliban control (Ghorak, Registan, Shorabak). Anecdotal press reports indicate that the districts of Arghistan, Khakrez, Maiwand, Shah Wali Kot, and Zhari are contested, but this cannot be confirmed.

**Ghorak is situated along a belt of Taliban-controlled or contested districts in southern Afghanistan that spans the provinces of Farah, Helmand, Uruzgan and Kandahar. Ghorak borders Helmand province, where the Taliban controls six and contests seven of the 14 districts. Ghorak also borders Uruzgan, where the Taliban controls one and contests five of the six districts.**

The Taliban has used this southern safe haven to directly threaten the capitals of Farah, Helmand, and Uruzgan. Afghan forces, backed by US advisers and airstrikes, have struggled to stave off Taliban offensives against the capitals of these three provinces.

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## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### **Mosul:**

**“Showing The Limitations Of Iraq’s Military And Security Forces, Suggesting It Has Still Not Fully Recovered From The Collapse It Suffered Two Years Ago”**

**“The Regular Forces, Which Have Been Battling For Weeks Through Towns And Villages On The Way To The City, Are Now Stalled On The Edges”**

November 28, 2016 By: Hamza Hendawi and Qassim Abdul-Zahra, The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — When Iraq’s top generals finalized the plan to retake Mosul from the Islamic State group, they gave themselves six months to finish the job.

"It was the maximum time cap," Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said last week. "We had to plan for the worst, so we don't get surprised."

Six weeks into the battle, the force made up of 50,000 troops, Shiite and Sunni tribal militias and Kurdish fighters is a long way from winning back the country’s second-largest city.

The fight is showing the limitations of Iraq’s military and security forces, suggesting it has still not fully recovered from the collapse it suffered two years ago in the face of the militants’ blitz across much of northern and western Iraq.

As expected, IS militants are tenaciously defending their last major foothold in Iraq, and the 1 million civilians who remain inside prevent the use of overwhelming firepower.

**But what is alarming, according to Iraqi field commanders, is that the progress so far has been lopsided.**

**The battle-seasoned special forces are doing most of the fighting and slowly advancing inside the city.**

**Other military outfits are halted outside the city limits, unable to move forward because of resistance, battle fatigue, inexperience or lack of weaponry suited for urban warfare.**

Another major challenge for the Iraqis is the command of large and disparate forces maneuvering for a coordinated assault on a large city, according to retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hurling, the top American soldier in northern Iraq during the troop surge of 2007-2008.

"This will continue to be a tough fight," he said. Many of the Iraqi army commanders are seasoned, but "most of the soldiers are young, new and have not experienced combat."

The special forces are under considerable pressure to push on, slugging it out through treacherously narrow streets and alleys while enduring a daily barrage of bombings and mortar and rocket shells.

As policy, the Iraqi military does not release casualty figures, but special forces' officers speak privately of scores killed and wounded.

**"We must continue to advance because we suffer fewer casualties than if we hold still and wait for other units to advance in their sectors," said Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil of the special forces.**

"We are trying to advance cautiously to minimize casualties, and we are convinced that we will eventually be asked to liberate the western sector of the city when we are done here."

That may be a while yet.

The special forces have driven IS militants from about 15 of eastern Mosul's estimated 39 neighborhoods, some of which are no more than a handful of blocks. Their progress to date places them about 3 kilometers (nearly 2 miles) from the Tigris River, which divides the city in half.

It's a deceptively short distance: The area is densely built up and heavily populated, and the men are advancing on multiple fronts, constantly assigning valuable resources to securing their flanks and rear as they capture more territory.

For example, in a week of fighting, they have only taken about 60 percent of the large and densely populated Zohour neighborhood, site of one of Mosul's busiest food markets.

Mosul's eastern half has a greater population than the western half. In a positive note, coalition airstrikes that cut off the city's four bridges across the river have helped reduce the number of car bombs, commanders say.

**In contrast, the regular forces, which have been battling for weeks through towns and villages on the way to the city, are now stalled on the edges, facing the prospect of diving into an urban battle, according to commanders in the field.**

The 16th Infantry Division met stiff resistance about 10 kilometers (6 miles) north of the city and has had to halt its advance and hold its positions. It did send a brigade to the eastern side of Mosul to help hold territory taken by the special forces there.

South of Mosul, forces from the 9th Division along with some 10,000 members of the paramilitary federal police have stopped about 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) short of the city's boundaries to regroup and rest after the long fight to reach that point.

"We are not equipped or trained to fight inside cities. We are an armored outfit with tanks," acknowledged a senior officer from the 9th Division, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations.

"Even if we are able to advance toward the city, we need forces to hold the territory we liberate. Our men are exhausted after a six-week battle deployment."

The IS militants are putting up resistance not seen in past major battles with the Iraqi military north and west of Baghdad. They are drawing on a vast arsenal of weapons, while fighting in a city they called home for the past two years. The militants have also dug an elaborate network of tunnels, some as long as 3,000 meters (yards), that offer cover from drones.

The battle "will require a combination of siege warfare and continuous attacks against targets identified by sophisticated intelligence, all taking place while civilians are still in the city and its surroundings," Hertling wrote in response to questions emailed by The Associated Press. "It will take longer than any of them have predicted, and they will sustain significant casualties."

Commanders suspect the worst may yet to come.

Up to 6,000 IS fighters remain in Mosul, including as many as 1,500 foreign fighters, with French and Belgians believed to number several hundreds, according to a senior military intelligence officer in Mosul.

"Their escape from Mosul is now difficult, so they will either fight to the death or become suicide bombers," said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations.

IS also appears to use its own drones to gather intelligence on troop movements. An example of their information-gathering abilities came Thursday, when fighters accurately hit with several mortar rounds a tent near the airstrip outside the town of Tal Afar, west of Mosul. The attack took place just minutes after the prime minister concluded a meeting there with leaders of the Shiite militias tasked with liberating Tal Afar.

Two senior militia leaders and four members of their security details were hurt, according to Jaafar al-Husseini, a militia spokesman.

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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**

**It would be a fundamental mistake to suppose that the struggle for democracy can divert the proletariat from the socialist revolution, or obscure, or overshadow it, etc. On the contrary, just as socialism cannot be victorious unless it introduces complete democracy, so the proletariat will be unable to prepare for victory over the bourgeoisie unless it wages a many-sided, consistent, and revolutionary struggle for democracy.”**

**-- V. I. Lenin, Collected Works, 4th English Edition; Vol. 22**

# **“They’ve Been Reamed Up The Ass By The Dems For So Long That They Voted For The Devil They Didn’t Know”**

Nov 9, 2016 Bob Buzzanco, FB

Donald Trump was opposed, vigorously, by Wall Street, by the media, by the ruling class, by other mega-billionaires like Cuban, Buffett, Gates. And he won. In a very fucked-up and dysfunctional way, it means democracy won out. The people beat the oligarchy.

If only the left would have learned that years ago, that you had to confront the oligarchs, instead of lesser-of-evilism and "this is the most important election of our lives." Fuck every Democrat who blamed Ralph Nader for the 2000 defeat. Fuck everyone who made Kerry and Clinton the nominees, in a system that was NEVER RIGGED but established that way.

Fuck the self-described Socialists who masturbated about Bernie Sanders while working class people were putting their bodies on the line to stop KXL and fracking. Fuck all the NY intellectuals and Jacobinite boutique radicals whose political involvement consisted of snarky anti-Clinton tweets (that’s a challenge to come up with), rock-star blogs, and inside frat clique politics.

Looks like I might be able to buy a happy meal with my pension now. Fuck the Clintons, their foundation, their Goldman Sachs incestuous relationship, all that.

And I weep for my peeps in Youngstown, Warren, and Niles who bought Trump’s line.

They’ve been reamed up the ass by the Dems for so long that they voted for the devil they didn’t know. I personally know people who voted for Trump and if someone called them "deplorable" in front of me, they’d have to deal with some Sicilian "debate."

She lost to Donald Trump. Think about that. She lost to essentially a game show host.

## **YOUR INVITATION:**

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### **November 27, 1969: [Late] Fast Against The War “Spread To Units All Over Vietnam”**



Nurse Lynda Van Devanter

Carl Bunin Peace History Dec 26 - Dec 3

Over one hundred members of the U.S. 71st Evacuation Hospital and the 44th Medical Detachment at Pleiku, Vietnam, organized a protest fast called the “John Turkey movement.”

In *Home Before Morning: The Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam*, nurse Lynda Van Devanter recalled her change in attitude.

**“Earlier in my tour, when I had heard about the war protesters, I had felt angry at them for not supporting us. Now I wished I could march with them. . .**

**“Most others in Pleiku felt the same way.**

“We even held our own Thanksgiving Day fast—the John Turkey movement — as a show of support for those who were trying to end the war through protests and moratoriums. We heard that the fast had spread to units all over Vietnam.”

**The fast received considerable media coverage when Denise Murray, a nurse at Pleiku and daughter of a distinguished admiral, made antiwar statements to the press.**

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### **December 2, 1964:**

# 10,000 Strike At UC Berkeley To Defend Free Speech Rights



Jack Weinberg in police car.

Carl Bunin Peace History Nov 28 - Dec 4

Thousands who were part of the Berkeley Free Speech Movement gathered on the steps of Sproul Hall, the administration building at that University of California campus, to protest four students being disciplined for distributing political literature; Joan Baez performed in support.

The next day, police arrested 773 who began a sit-in at Sproul Hall. 10,000 more students then went on strike and shut down the school.

**The Free Speech Movement had begun in October, when three thousand students surrounded a police car for 36 hours.**

**Inside the car was a civil rights worker, Jack Weinberg, who had been arrested for distributing political literature on the UC-Berkeley campus.**

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## **December 2, 1914: Courage In The Face Of The Enemy: One Member Of The German Parliament Votes Against Imperial War**

Carl Bunin Peace History Dec 26 - Dec 3

Karl Liebknecht was the only member of German Parliament to vote against war with France and Britain.

He was arrested shortly thereafter and conscripted into the German Army. Refusing to fight, Liebknecht served on the Eastern Front burying the dead.

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Karl Liebknecht

From: [Spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk](http://Spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk):

Karl Liebknecht, the son of Wilhelm Liebknecht, was born in Leipzig on 13th August, 1871. His father was one of Germany's leading socialists who helped form the Social Democratic Party in 1891.

Liebknecht studied law and political economy at Leipzig and Berlin where he was converted to the ideas of Karl Marx.

After serving with the Imperial Pioneer Guards in Potsdam (1893-94), Liebknecht worked as a lawyer in Westphalia before moving to Berlin in 1898.

Liebknecht became involved in smuggling socialist propaganda into Russia. He also defended others in court who had been arrested and tried for this offence.

Liebknecht also wrote extensively against militarism and this resulted in him being imprisoned for eighteen months in Glatz, Silesia.

In 1912 Liebknecht was elected to the Reichstag. On the left-wing of the Social Democratic Party, Liebknecht was one of the main opponents of the party's conservative leadership.

Liebknecht was opposed to Germany's participation in the First World War and at the end of 1914 joined with Rosa Luxemburg, Leo Jogiches, Paul Levi, Ernest Meyer, Franz

Mehring and Clara Zetkin to establish an underground political organization called Spartakusbund (Spartacus League). The Spartacus League publicized its views in its illegal newspaper, Spartacus Letters.

**In January, 1915, Liebknecht, like the Bolsheviks in Russia, began arguing that socialists should turn this nationalist conflict into a revolutionary war.**

**He was arrested and then conscripted into the German Army. Refusing to fight, Liebknecht served on the Eastern Front burying the dead. His health deteriorated and in October, 1915, he was allowed to return to Germany.**

On 1st May, 1916, the Spartacus League decided to come out into the open and organized a demonstration against the First World War in Berlin. Several of its leaders, including Liebknecht were arrested and imprisoned.

They were not released until October, 1918, when Max von Baden granted an amnesty to all political prisoners.

In January, 1919, Liebknecht joined with Rosa Luxemburg, Leo Jogiches and Clara Zetkin in the Spartakist Rising that took place in Berlin.

Friedrich Ebert, the leader of the Social Democrat Party and Germany's new chancellor, called in the German Army and the Freikorps to bring an end to the rebellion. By 13th January the rebellion had been crushed and most of its leaders, including Liebknecht were arrested.

Karl Liebknecht was executed without trial on 15th January, 1919

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## **December 4, 1969: Black Panther Party Leaders Fred Hampton And Mark Clark Assassinated By Chicago Police**



Fred Hampton



Chicago police remove the body of Fred Hampton, slain by police on Chicago's west side, Dec 4, 1969

Carl Bunin Peace History Nov 28 - Dec 4

(Remembrance by someone who worked with Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton)

Black Panther party leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were assassinated by Chicago Police officers with cooperation from the FBI.

Hampton had founded the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party at the age of 20. He led in establishing the Breakfast for Children program and a free health clinic on the west side of the City.

A main purpose of the Panthers was to resist police violence.

One of Hampton's achievements was to persuade Chicago's most powerful street gangs to agree on a non-aggression pact.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, however, considered the Panthers as "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country." The Panther party headquarters had been raided three times with over 100 members arrested.

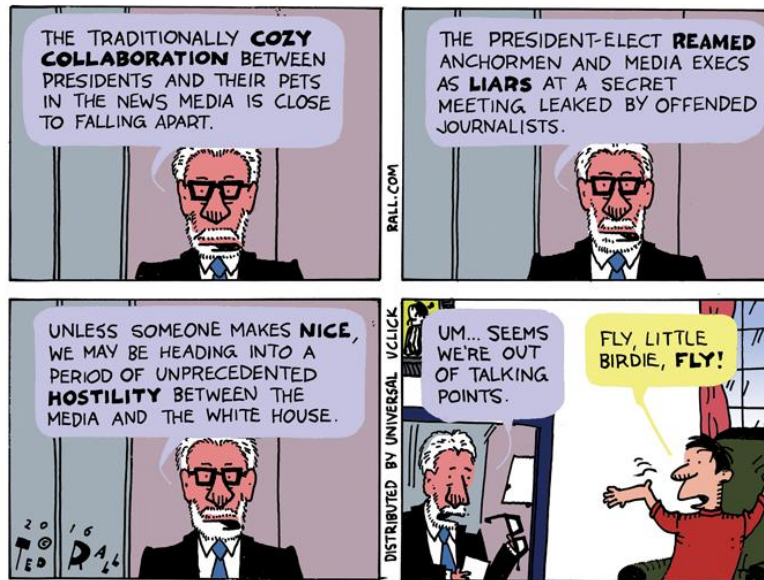
**The Senate Intelligence Committee, led by Frank Church (D-Idaho), revealed in 1976 that William O'Neal, Hampton's bodyguard, was an FBI informant who had delivered an apartment floor-plan to the Bureau with an "X" marking the bed where Hampton died.**

**About 100 shots were fired by the police, just one from the building. The survivors, including Deborah Johnson, Hampton's pregnant girlfriend, were arrested and charged with attempting to murder the police.**

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## DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

### Occupation Forces To Begin Destroying Bedouin Arab Village

November 21, 2016-Associated Press

JERUSALEM – An Israeli government body says Israel is to carry out the first step in the planned demolition of a sprawling Bedouin Arab village in the southern desert.

The Israel Lands Administration says that initially, about 30 Bedouin residents will be displaced on Tuesday.

The case involves a long-running dispute between Israel and the formerly nomadic Bedouin of the Umm Al-Hiran village. Israel moved part of a Bedouin clan to the state-owned land 60 years ago, but now wishes to relocate resident to a government-designated Bedouin township.

An adjacent part of the village that's slated for future demolition is zoned for a new development catering to religious Jewish families with ties to the West Bank settlement movement.

The Arab advocacy group Adalah petitioned an Israeli court Monday to delay the demolition.

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## **Zionist Settlers Set Fire To Palestinian House In Hebron With Molotov Cocktails**

November 22, 2016 (WAFA)

HEBRON

Israeli settlers Tuesday set fire to a Palestinian-owned home in Masafer Yatta to the south of Hebron, according to a local activist.

Rateb al-Jabour, coordinator of the popular committee against the separation wall and settlements, told WAFA settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Yatir, built illegally on Palestinian-owned land, attacked the home of Mohammed Abu Qbaita, with Molotov cocktails, setting fire to the house and causing financial damages to the house.

No one was injured in the attack.

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## **If You're Palestinian, Satire Can Land You In Jail: "The Question Of Abudaabes' Sarcasm Will Have To Wait For The Trial Itself"**

November 27, 2016 by John Brown\*; +972 Magazine. \*John Brown is the pseudonym of an Israeli academic and a blogger. This article was first published in Hebrew on Local Call.

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**Anas Abudaabes was arrested last week for publishing a satirical Facebook post criticizing Arabs who celebrated the wildfires raging across Israel.**

**Three separate judges claimed he was inciting to violence.**

The Be'er Sheva District Court rejected an appeal on the detention of Bedouin journalist Anas Abudaabes on Sunday, after he was arrested last week over a Facebook post. The police, which claimed the post incited people to commit arson in the wake of the current wildfires blazing across Israel, decided to release Abudaabes from detention under restrictive bail conditions.

**Despite the stated reasons for his arrest, Abudaabes' Facebook posts actually criticize Arabs from surrounding countries who are praising the fires on social media.**

In one of his two posts he satirically suggests to burn more forests in order to win the respect of the celebrants. He also mocks Muslims who suddenly forgot that protecting nature is supposed to be part of their religion.

The irony of the posts was lost on the police detectives.

Abudaabes's attorney Eyal Avital explained to the court that the posts were satirical and were even criticized for their content — even going so far as to present to the court an article published on Local Call, which includes a translation of the statuses (originally published in Arabic). Yet the judges remained unmoved; the case was brought before them three times, and each time they upheld his detention.

Last Friday Judge Alon Gabison ruled that there is reasonable suspicion that the post includes incitement to harming state security, and that the author of the post should have thought about how others would interpret his words. The police explains that the status was written in very high language, and thus there are those who will not be able to understand it.

On Saturday Judge Orit Lifshitz ruled that “ostensibly an innocent reader who reads this post and did not read the other posts could come to the conclusion that it is a post intended to encourage the arsons.”

Avital's argued in response that even if what Lifshitz says is true, Abudaabes acted without any criminal intention.

**On Sunday Judge Amit Cohen approved the judges' rulings, arguing that the posts were posed a danger to state security, and that the question of Abudaabes' sarcasm will have to wait for the trial itself.**

To Abudaabes luck, the police decided to release him, although it is not clear what went through the judges' heads when they issued their Kafkaesque rulings.

In order to establish that incitement did in fact take place, the author must first intend to incite others to act, and there must be some likelihood that others will indeed act.

Moreover, let's assume that there is a chance the case turns into an indictment — what kind of danger does Abudaabes pose that he cannot be released ? This is especially alarming when we contrast his case to that of Y., an Israeli Jew who published the following status on Facebook that reads “Haifa and Jerusalem share the same fate as Umm al-Fahm burn them back sons of whores.” He was arrested and immediately released.

This strange case emphasizes, once again, how problematic it is that Israeli courts unequivocally adopt the security establishment's positions, regardless of how absurd they are, and all the more so when the cases involve Arab citizens in times of tension.

Israel Police issued the following response:



“In the last hours Israel Police wrapped up its investigation on the issue and handed the case files to be looked over and decided by the state attorney. Last Thursday the suspect published an unusual Facebook post that raised suspicions of incitement. The police arrested the author of the post and brought him in for questioning, during which his detention was extended by the court. With the end of the investigation, the case was transferred over to the state attorney, and the suspect is expected to be released under restrictive bail conditions.

“Israel Police will continue to act with determination against violence of all kinds, including incitement to violence on social media networks.”

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

**“Based On Any Genuine Understanding Of Democracy, Donald Trump’s Presidency Is Completely Illegitimate”**

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# “Yet Their One Vote Each In The Senate Carries The Same Weight On Federal Legislation”

November 16, 2016 by Nicole Colson, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

Based on any genuine understanding of democracy, Donald Trump's presidency is completely illegitimate.

AS OF this writing, Clinton leads Trump in the popular vote count by nearly 800,000 votes. The final count of won't be available until next month--millions of absentee and provisional ballots are still to be tallied, primarily in "blue" states like California, Washington and New York.

By then, Clinton's edge will be as much as 2 million votes and nearly 2 percentage points, according to estimates cited by the Atlantic.

Clinton's margin of victory is already larger than any previous election when different candidates won the popular vote and Electoral College.

TODAY, the Electoral College continues to give outsized influence to less populated rural states that are part of the Republican base--at the expense of more populated states that are often Democratic-leaning.

Each one of California's 55 electors represents 705,000 people in the state's population--while each of Wyoming's three electors represents 196,000 people.

The electors in all but two states are selected on a winner-take-all system--the slate pledged to the candidate who wins the popular vote goes to the Electoral College.

**Hillary Clinton suffered particularly on this score: Trump won in Florida, Michigan (where a recount is underway), Pennsylvania and Wisconsin by a combined margin of around 230,000 votes, which gave him a total of 75 electoral votes.**

**Clinton's 3 million-vote edge in California is worth only 55 electors.**

**Meanwhile, other absurdly undemocratic aspects of the U.S. political system are ignored entirely.**

**For example, the Republicans succeeded in maintaining control of the U.S. Senate by a 52-to-48-seat margin--even though far more voters cast a vote for a Democratic candidate (45.2 million) versus a Republican candidate (39.3 million), according to USA Today.**

This highlights how the Senate is another undemocratic institution dating back to the maneuvering of the slave power.

Alaska's Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski was re-elected with 111,000 votes, while New York's Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer got re-elected with 4.8 million votes. Yet their one vote each in the Senate carries the same weight on federal legislation.

IN THE run-up to the election, those who said they would vote for a third-party candidate like the Green Party's Jill Stein were told that they were "throwing their vote away"--and chided for denigrating the historic sacrifice of those who fought for the right to vote.

But the irony is that because of the profoundly undemocratic nature of the American political system, millions of people who voted for Hillary Clinton--including a disproportionate number of African Americans--were the ones whose votes were essentially thrown away since it didn't matter that their candidate won the most support in the popular vote.

A large part of the U.S. electorate today feels like they were victims of fraud.

Since the election, well over 1 million people signed onto one of the multiple petitions to abolish the Electoral College. More than 4.3 million have signed a petition calling on electors to vote for the winner of the popular vote, Hillary Clinton. "(W)hy not use this most undemocratic of our institutions to ensure a democratic result?" one petition asks.

But this outcome will remain a fantasy, not least because Clinton herself, along with Barack Obama, Bernie Sanders and every other Democratic leader is respecting the legitimacy of Trump's election--and even urging Democratic voters to approach his presidency with an "open mind."

**That doesn't mean any of us who plan to protest Trump's right-wing presidency from day one should have an open mind.**

**He's the loser who won the White House because the U.S. political system is so undemocratic--and he certainly doesn't have a "mandate."**



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U.S. soldier in Bejjia village Iraq, Feb. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

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