

## **Military Resistance 15A13**



## **Ivory Coast Begins Paying Soldiers Who Mutinied Against Government: They Are Receiving Bonuses Of 12 Million CFA Francs (\$19,541) Each**



Lieutenant-Colonel Issiaka Ouattara, named Wattao, and Lieutenant-Colonel Cherif Ousmane greet mutinous soldiers, at the airport in Bouake, Ivory Coast, Jan. 13, 2017.

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ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST —

Ivory Coast's government has begun paying bonuses to soldiers who staged a two-day mutiny earlier this month, leaders of the revolt said on Tuesday, in a move aimed at quelling unrest that could undermine the country's post-war success story.

Soldiers poured out of their barracks and seized the top cocoa grower's second-largest city, Bouake, on Jan. 6 in an uprising that quickly spread across the West African nation, forcing the government to capitulate to the mutineers' demands.

**Negotiators for the mutineers say that, among other promises, the government agreed to pay bonuses of 12 million CFA francs (\$19,541) each to around 8,400 soldiers, beginning with an installment of 5 million.**

Government officials have declined to reveal details of the deal. Defense Minister Alain-Richard Donwahi would not confirm the payments but said the government planned to make a statement on the issue after a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

"The treasury began transferring money into bank accounts last night, but not everyone has received their money for the moment," said Seydou Camara, a soldier who negotiated on behalf of the mutineers.

A second mutiny leader confirmed the payments had begun.

Donwahi led a delegation to Bouake on Friday for a second round of talks after the bonuses were not paid last week as expected, leaving the soldiers - most of them former rebel fighters — poised to relaunch their revolt.

Ivory Coast has emerged from a 2002-2011 crisis marked by two civil wars as one of the world's fastest-growing economies under the leadership of President Alassane Ouattara.

But critics say few Ivorians have benefited from the boom and accuse Ouattara of neglecting problems left over from the conflict years, including an army thrown together from rival rebel and loyalist factions that is still riddled with divisions.

**MORE MATERIAL REALITY:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That is happening now.

Negation in mass consciousness of the cruelty, stupidity, and incompetence of 21<sup>st</sup> century capitalism is at the same time the birth of a defiant, new, worldwide, urban, working class movement from below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HISTORICAL TENDENCY OF CAPITALIST ACCUMULATION:

### Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**It must be annihilated; it is annihilated.**

**Its annihilation, the transformation of the individualized and scattered means of production into socially concentrated ones, of the pigmy property of the many into the huge property of the few, the expropriation of the great mass of the people from the soil, from the means of subsistence, and from the means of labour, this fearful and painful expropriation of the mass of the people forms the prelude to the history of capital.**

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

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

**[FOOTNOTE TO THE ABOVE:  
CLASS BASIS OF THE TRUMP FACTION POLITICAL LEADERSHIP]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **"The Expropriators Are Expropriated"**

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.2

As soon as this process of transformation has sufficiently decomposed the old society from top to bottom, as soon as the labourers are turned into proletarians, their means of labour into capital, as soon as the capitalist mode of production stands on its own feet, then the further socialization of labour and further transformation of the land and other means of production into socially exploited and, therefore, common means of production, as well as the further expropriation of private proprietors, takes a new form.

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

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

**One capitalist always kills many.**

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

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

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

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

**This integument is burst asunder.**

**The knell of capitalist private property sounds.**

**The expropriators are expropriated.**

### **“The Negation Of Negation”**

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.3

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

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

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

**It is the negation of negation.**

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

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.4

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

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

### **Summing Up:**

**[P]roletarian revolutions, like those of the nineteenth century, constantly criticize themselves, constantly interrupt themselves in their own course, return to the apparently accomplished, in order to begin anew; they deride with cruel thoroughness the half-measures, weaknesses, and paltriness of their first attempts, seem to throw down their opponents only so the latter may draw new strength from the earth and rise before them again more gigantic than ever, recoil**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Senior Government Official Shot Dead By Insurgents In Baghlan**

Jan 16 2017 By Khaama Press

A senior government official was shot dead in northern Baghlan province of Afghanistan, local officials said.

The incident took place earlier today after attackers riding motorcycle opened fire on Abdul Safa Sanayi, the acting provincial chief of the Sectoral Department.

Local security official said the incident took place around 8 am local time when Mr. Sanayi was on his way towards his office.

The officials further added that Mr. Sanayi received a bullet in his head and the militants managed to flee the area.

Provincial police spokesman Zabiullah Shuja confirmed the incident and said an investigation is underway regarding the incident.

The Taliban militants group claimed responsibility behind the incident with the group's spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid saying the execution was carried out by the group's fighters.

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## **POLICE WAR REPORTS**

### **Video Of A San Francisco Police Officer Shooting An Unarmed Man, As Usual:**



**“This Is A Situation Where Mr. Moore Did Not Have To Be Shot”**  
**“Baton Strikes Were Among Actions That Defied A High-Profile Push To Get City Police To Focus On De-Escalating Potentially Dangerous Situations”**  
**“Patino Then Quickly Climbs The Stairs, As Moore Retreats, And Strikes Moore With His Baton”**



Sean Moore

January 18, 2017 By Vivian Ho, San Francisco Chronicle [Excerpts]

Video of a San Francisco police officer shooting an unarmed man in a heated confrontation shows that a second officer tried to subdue the man with baton blows moments earlier but was knocked to the ground.

The city’s public defender said the baton strikes were among actions that defied a high-profile push to get city police to focus on de-escalating potentially dangerous situations.

Public Defender Jeff Adachi released the footage from one of the officers’ body-worn cameras on Wednesday in a bid to have charges dropped against the man who was shot and wounded outside his front door in the Ocean View neighborhood, 43-year-old Sean Moore.

**Police had declined to release the video — the first to capture a shooting since San Francisco gave officers the Taser Axon cameras last year — saying it might taint the investigation.**

**But following Adachi's news conference, they showed footage from both officers' devices and said they had intended to release the video Thursday.**

The San Francisco video depicts an eight-minute encounter in the early morning of Jan. 6, which began when two officers responded to reports of a restraining-order violation.

It ends with Officer Kenneth Cha firing at Moore twice from a few feet away, after his partner, Officer Colin Patino, failed to subdue Moore with the baton strikes and was knocked to the ground. Police released a photo of Patino with his face bloodied from a blow to the nose.

Moore appeared to be moving forward, toward Cha, when he was shot. He survived and was charged by city prosecutors with assaulting a peace officer, making criminal threats, resisting arrest and other charges. He is being held on \$2 million bail.

Police officials have said Moore punched Patino when he struck him with the baton and that he was shot when he advanced on Cha. According to family members, Moore, who was struck in the stomach and groin by bullets, has a history of paranoid schizophrenia that is known to officers in the area.

"This is a situation that could have and should have been avoided," Adachi said at his news conference. "This is a situation where Mr. Moore did not have to be shot. If the officers had used de-escalation techniques, they could have gone home."

Acting Police Chief Toney Chaplin said officers were dealing with a large suspect who had an unknown object in his hand and was at a physical advantage because he stood at the top of stairs.

"They did what they could to try and calm him down," Chaplin said. "You can hear the officers clearly say, 'He has something in his hand.' Yet they did not default to gun. They used pepper spray, then they used a baton."

The police force has been under pressure since the fatal December 2015 shooting of Mario Woods in the Bayview neighborhood, which was captured on video by witnesses.

Afterward, the Police Commission revised the Police Department's use-of-force policy for the first time since 1995, putting more of an emphasis on de-escalation, and the U.S. Justice Department conducted a review of the department before issuing scores of reform recommendations.

Chief Greg Suhr resigned last year after a subsequent shooting, and his replacement, former Los Angeles Deputy Chief William Scott, is expected to be sworn in this month.

The video released by Adachi shows Moore at the top of the stairs leading to his front door, standing behind a security gate. He immediately responds to the officers, cursing them, using homophobic slurs and telling them to get off his steps.

**Moore eventually opens the gate to take the restraining order papers from the officers.**

**An officer identified as Cha deploys pepper spray, and Moore appears to rear back to kick his hand, sending the spray onto Patino as well.**

The officers retreat back down the stairs as Cha calls for medical help. The officers shout at Moore that they need the papers back, and that he is under arrest, shining a flashlight at him.

Moore tosses the papers onto the stairs and complains he cannot see because of the pepper spray.

After Moore comes through the security gate, one officer twice shouts, "Get on the ground!" Moore remains standing and responds, "I ain't gettin' on shit."

As an officer calls in information about Moore on his radio, Moore walks down a few steps and picks up the papers. Seeing this, an officer shouts, "Hey, come out! Get over here! Get on the ground!"

**Patino then quickly climbs the stairs, as Moore retreats, and strikes Moore with his baton. Moments later, Patino is knocked back. Shortly after, Cha fires two shots from the stairs at Moore, who is in his doorway a few feet away.**

"Shots fired, shots fired!" an officer shouts.

Police said Moore retreated into the house after being shot, and that hostage negotiators spent an hour attempting to coax him out before a tactical team entered to get him treatment.

His mother, Cleo Moore, said he had been moved recently from the hospital to jail.

"My son is not a very vicious person, he's just struggling every day with mental illness," she said Wednesday. "It's unfortunate that it happened this way. My son did not need to be shot. ... It didn't have to happen this way if the officers would have been trained in how to take care of mentally ill patients."

**Adachi said the video shows the officers escalating the situation by aggressively dealing with an already agitated man.**

**"If you look at basic de-escalation 101, you talk to the person, you try and get the person in a place where they are calmer, and if the person is making reasonable requests — in this case for the officers to step off his stairs — they could have done that without endangering themselves or Mr. Moore," Adachi said.**

**"There's obviously a big gap between what the officers are being told at the academy and what is being done at the street."**

Adachi said he released the video, which his office received from the district attorney's office as part of discovery in Moore's criminal case, to push the Police Department toward transparency, one of the aims of the body-worn camera program.

Chaplin said the department would continue evaluating when to release body-camera footage on a "case-by-case" basis, in a way that would not jeopardize investigations or put witnesses or anyone else at risk.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

# **Oil Purchases From Islamic State By Assad Regime Providing "Desperately Needed Cash" To Keep Terrorist Group Alive:**

**"The Regime's Purchases Are Helping Sustain Islamic State Amid Military Pressure On The Militant Group In Both Syria And Iraq"**

**"Helping The Group Despite Regime's Insistence That It Is Dedicated To Eradicating The Militant Group"**

# **“Oil And Gas Sales To Mr. Assad’s Regime Are Now Islamic State’s Largest Source Of Funds”**

Jan. 19, 2017 by BENOIT FAUCON in London and AHMED AL OMRAN in Abu Dhabi. [Excerpts] Tamer El-Ghobashy in Erbil, Iraq, contributed to this article.

**Islamic State has ramped up sales of oil and gas to the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, U.S. and European officials said, providing vital fuel to the government in return for desperately needed cash.**

**The regime’s purchases are helping sustain Islamic State amid unprecedented military pressure on the militant group in both Syria and Iraq. It is also helping the group despite the regime’s insistence that it is dedicated to eradicating the militant group with the help of its top allies Russia and Iran.**

**Oil and gas sales to Mr. Assad’s regime are now Islamic State’s largest source of funds, replacing revenue the group once collected from tolls on the transit of goods and taxes on wages within its territory, the officials said.**

Their information comes from the monitoring of oil-truck traffic routes, which have changed from carrying oil to Turkey and Iraq to transporting it to Syria.

“Daesh’s revenue and energy generation is being supported by the Syrian regime,” said Amos Hochstein, a U.S. State Department official, referring to Islamic State by its Arabic acronym.

Islamic State’s energy sales to the Syrian regime illustrate the shifting, and sometimes confounding, alliances that have marked the country’s nearly six-year war.

Islamic State has found some relief from U.S. airstrikes targeting their oil-smuggling operations in central and western Syria, where the Russian military has a heavy air presence, a Western official said. The group is also harder to hit in Syria because the pockets of territory it controls are smaller, the official said.

**Although Islamic State is a regular target of Mr. Assad’s pronouncements against terrorism, his government depends on the militant group for oil and natural gas to the extent that the Syrian capital Damascus “relies on gas produced in ISIS territory in the Palmyra area for a large part of its power generation,” a European counterterrorism official said.**

Western officials said the Assad regime has fallen behind on payments to Islamic State for the gas. They said they suspect that Islamic State blew up a separate Syrian gas plant on Jan. 8 to send a message demanding payment.

“It shows not only the degree of trade between the two entities, the regime and Daesh, but also the brutality of these kinds of trades,” said Mr. Hochstein, who oversees U.S. efforts to cripple Islamic State’s energy business.

Islamic State captured a host of Syrian and Iraqi oil fields and gas facilities after it took over much of northern Iraq and large parts of Syria in 2014. The group continued selling oil to Iraqi and Syrian buyers, including the Assad regime, bringing in up to \$1 million a day.

Western Mosul remains under full Islamic State control, but the militants are surrounded and the group's supply lines from Syria have been cut, Iraqi and American officials said.

Oil trucks that once carried petroleum to Iraq from the Tanak oil field near Islamic-State-held Deir Ezzour, Syria, have been rerouted. Now they transport their cargo to the Assad regime instead, Mr. Hochstein and other Western security officials said.

"Islamic State is under sustained pressure" and is struggling to extract taxes and sell oil, forcing it to deal with the Assad regime, said Mr. Schanzer, now vice president of research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Washington.

**Faced with a country in ruins, Mr. Assad is also under economic pressure. In recent weeks, Russia and Iran have reduced deliveries of cheap gas that normally power Syria's electricity plants, Western security officials said. The cutbacks have increased the regime's need for other sources of oil and especially natural gas.**

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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**

**Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.**

**And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.**

**-- Micah 2: King James Version**

## **Charlie Liteky Leaving**



From: Mike Hastie

To: Military Resistance Newsletter

Sent: January 18, 2017  
Subject: Charlie Liteky Leaving

### **Charlie Liteky Leaving**

**America does not truly know who its heroes are.  
He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam,  
but that was not what made him a hero.  
Making a decision to be a human shield in Baghdad,  
before President Bush bombed the city on March 19, 2003,  
is what made Charlie Liteky famous.  
America's school children will never know this truth,  
because Empire's destroy their history so they can repeat it.  
Charlie Liteky Elementary School would have been a powerful  
tribute.**

**Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
January 18, 2017**

**Photo by Mike Hastie  
August 31, 2012  
Charlie leaving David Hartsough's place in S.F.  
Charlie Liteky is presently in a hospice facility  
in San Francisco dying of cancer. I felt I needed  
to pass this on.  
His memoir will be published in the near future.**

**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**

## **Yalla Irhal Ya Bashar**

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Bashar, you're a liar  
To hell with you and your speech (promising reforms)



Freedom is very near  
Time to go, o Bashar  
O Maher (Bashar's brother) you're a coward  
And an agent of the Americans  
The Syrian people will not be humiliated,  
Time to go, o Bashar"

– Yalla Irhal Ya Bashar (Time to go, Bashar) written by the late Ibrahim Qashoush, who was brutally murdered at the hands of the regime on 4 July 2011.

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**Trump Populist Message  
Connected With Working Class  
Across The Nation:  
“We’re Not Going Anywhere Now,  
Why Not Try Something  
Different?”  
“Smoke Stacks Tower Over What Is  
Left Of Downtown”  
“Pressure Is On Now For Policies That  
Deliver”**

Jan. 19, 2017 By KRIS MAHER in Monessen, Pa., VALERIE BAUERLEIN in Rockingham, N.C. and JIM CARLTON in Battle Mountain, Nev.; Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

On the campaign trail, Mr. Trump spoke directly to the economic anxiety of residents who had witnessed the closing of steel mills and coal mines and textile factories.

“We’re not going anywhere now, why not try something different?” said Richard Robinson, a 29-year-old engineering track foreman with railroad CSX Corp., in Richmond County, N.C., a once-prosperous textile center that now has a 29% poverty rate after the factories started a long decline in the 1970s.

Yet even in places where a majority of residents were drawn to Mr. Trump’s populist economic message, his fast-approaching presidency is provoking unprecedented levels of anxiety.

Juan Vazquez, a 19-year-old college student who was born and raised in Phoenix, where Mr. Trump's tough-on-immigration message resonated, was raised by a mother who came to the country illegally and worked to secure a better future for her children.

But now, said Mr. Vasquez, who voted for Hillary Clinton, his mother's dream feels under threat, as Mr. Trump's talk of deporting illegal immigrants could threaten his family's economic stability. "My mother told me after the election that she might not make it to my college graduation because she might be deported," he said.

**Nevertheless, Mr. Trump made many people feel that he recognized their economic plight, felt the injustice of it and would do something about it.**

**How long that goodwill will last is unclear, as many people now want to see change come to their own communities.**

In Gillette, Wyo., a blue-collar coal town of 32,600 that bills itself as the "Energy Capital of the Nation," voters overwhelmingly supported Mr. Trump amid promises he would cut through tougher regulations on carbon emissions pushed by the Obama administration. Some operators have declared bankruptcy and layoffs have hit the area's 12 open-surface coal mines, despite some recent recovery in the second half of the year.

"Obama just imposed regulations," said Scott Cundy, 48, who operates heavy equipment at the Belle Ayr mine, as he sipped a Corona at a local bar and recounted how work during the past year had become unreliable because of frequent furloughs. "What Trump can do is just be legit and not impose regulations."



Voters in failing Monessen, Pa., hope Donald Trump will deliver on his economic promises.

PHOTO: KRIS MAHER/THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

**Monessen's riverfront on the Monongahela River was once home to a sprawling Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel complex and a wire manufacturer that produced the cables that hold up San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.**

**Today, all that stands along the river are an ArcelorMittal coke plant—the town's biggest employer with about 180 people—and an aluminum recycling facility. Monessen has about 7,500 residents, down from nearly 12,000 in 1980.**

Mr. Trump, who spoke in the town during the campaign, won 64.1% of the vote in surrounding Westmoreland County, once a Democratic stronghold.

Still, he didn't win over everyone in town. Jocelyn Golomb, 20, knows her father, the former steelworker, has put his faith in Mr. Trump. But she hasn't and they avoid the topic. She voted for Mrs. Clinton and thought she was far more qualified than Mr. Trump, who she feels is too easily caught up in petty disputes on Twitter and unprepared for the presidency.

"I hope he does a good job, but I don't think he has the background," said Ms. Golomb, who works at a store crammed with the black-and-gold jerseys and hats of Pittsburgh's sports teams. "I'm concerned."

**To her father's generation, the city's coke plant is a source of pride and the type of employer they want to see return.**

**On a recent day, the acrid smell of burning coal hovered in the air.**

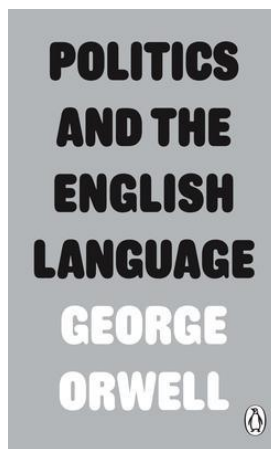
**Its smoke stacks tower over what is left of downtown. A flare burns day and night, its flame waving like a flag.**

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# **A Cure For Deafness Aside From Reading Orwell's 'Politics And The English Language' "Don't Waste Your Time Worrying About Russian Hacks Or FBI Sabotage Or 'Fake Stories' About Moscow Whores"**

**“The Democratic Party Top Brass  
Couldn’t Have Cared Less About  
Working People”**

**““You Stopped Talking My Language;  
You Don’t Care About Jobs’ – Iowa  
Union Members Quoted By NYT’s  
Reporter”**



From: Clancy Sigal  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: A CURE FOR DEAFNESS from Clancy Sigal  
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A CURE FOR DEAFNESS ASIDE FROM READING ORWELL'S 'POLITICS AND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE'

'You stopped talking my language; you don't care about jobs.'" – Iowa union members quoted by NYT's reporter

Trip Gabriel, the NYTimes reporter, found many Trump signs in the front yards of loyal union members who had been Democrats.

Don't waste your time worrying about Russian hacks or FBI sabotage or 'fake stories' about Moscow whores.

The reason we lost is in plain view:

"You stopped talking my language; you don't care about jobs."

I felt the same way watching Democratic election rallies. So much of the language – about ‘diversity’, LGBT, gun control, abortion, immigrant rights – missed me by a mile. Painfully, so did some of Bernie’s rote-like speeches about “revolution” that thrilled the young and swayed older voters but not by a significant much.

The nail in the coffin was Hillary’s “we’re going to put a lot of (you) coal miners and coal companies out of business, right?”

Way out west in Iowa steelworking union members heard us all too clearly.

**The Democratic Party top brass couldn’t have cared less about working people because economically and psychologically they’re in the same mind-class as Trump and his swamp gang. They’ve all been to the same good schools.**

So it’s not the language that’s at fault but what Trump’s propaganda mistress, Kellyanne Conway, urges us to pay attention to, not what’s on his lips but in his heart.

Our heart was in “cultural issues” not jobs.

A positive step back from the Trump abyss is to exchange our tin ears used to dead language for a pair sensitive to the situation of what the English call “JAM”.

Just about managing. Just about keeping our heads above water.

That’s us, surely.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**“Odeh Is A Leader Who  
Campaigns For Peace And  
Equality Between Jewish And  
Palestinian Citizens”**

# **“Today, He Got His Answer” “His Place Is Bruised, Bloodied And Bowed, Crawling Through The Dirt”**



18 January 2017 by Jonathan Cook, <http://www.jonathan-cook.net/blog>

Here is another image (copyright: Keren Manor) that conveys the situation of Palestinians – these ones Palestinian citizens of Israel – more completely than any words.

**The man on the ground is Ayman Odeh, a member of the Israeli parliament, the head of the Joint List, the third largest party in the parliament, and the highest-ranking Palestinian politician in Israel.**

**Israeli police have just shot him with rubber-tipped bullets, not once but twice – including to the face.**

Odeh is one of the least confrontational politicians among Israel’s large Palestinian minority, a fifth of the population.

His message is consistently one of peace and amity between all Israeli citizens, whether Jews or Palestinians. That does not seem to have protected him from the shoot-first, ask-questions-later approach of Israel’s security forces towards Palestinians.

**This image should be as shocking as seeing a bloodied Bernie Sanders or Jeremy Corbyn crawling in the dirt, watched impassively by US or UK police.**

Context is important too.

Odeh had joined the 1,000 inhabitants of Umm al-Hiran – all Palestinian citizens of Israel – early this morning in a demonstration to stop demolition crews destroying the 150 homes of their village in the Negev. Israel allowed these families to move to the area of Umm al-Hiran in the 1950s after it had driven them from their original, and much more substantial, lands during the Nakba.

The pretext then for expelling them was that Israel needed their ancestral lands for an exclusively Jewish kibbutz.

That all occurred during a military government that ruled over Israel's Palestinians for nearly two decades.

More than 60 years later, exactly the same thing is happening again, but this time in front of the cameras.

Umm al-Hiran is being destroyed so that an exclusively Jewish community, with the same name of Hiran, can be built over these families' homes. Israel never issued Umm al-Hiran with a master plan, so now it can be declared illegal and its inhabitants called "squatters" and "trespassers".

The families are being ethnically cleansed a second time – not during hostilities or in a time of war, but by their own state in a time of peace.

They are far from alone. Thousands of other families, and their villages, face the same fate.

The truth is nothing has changed from the 1950s. Israel still behaves as if it is ruling militarily over its Palestinian citizens. It is still a Jewish state, one that privileges the rights of Jewish citizens over Palestinian "citizens".

It still treats all non-Jews as a threat, as an enemy.

Israel is not a normal kind of state. It is an ethnocracy, and one driven by an ideological variation of the ethnic nationalisms that tore apart Europe a century ago.

Odeh is a leader who campaigns for peace and equality between Jewish and Palestinian citizens. Today, he got his answer. His place is bruised, bloodied and bowed, crawling through the dirt. This is the language of a Jewish state.

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## **Occupation Regime Approves Summary Execution Of**

**Palestinian “Main Violent  
Instigators”  
Video That Shows Zionist Border  
Police Dragging Fatally Wounded  
Teenager Sparks Palestinian  
Rage:  
“Qusai Was Shot With Six Bullets  
During These Clashes, Four Times In  
The Chest And One Bullet In Each Of  
His Legs”  
“The Soldiers Then Carried Him Off ‘And  
Started Throwing His Body Around As If  
He Wasn’t A Human Being”**

January 18, 2017 by Isabel Kershner, The New York Times

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian teenager was lying motionless on the ground in an olive grove after being shot — fatally, it would turn out — by Israeli security forces.

It started as a routine clash: Israeli forces arrived Monday afternoon in military jeeps at Tekoa, a Palestinian village in the Bethlehem district of the occupied West Bank, and were confronted by residents hurling stones.

There was nothing particularly remarkable about the clash that led to the death of the teenager, Qusai Al-Amour, 18.

But graphic video footage emerged showing what happened next. Israeli Border Police officers ran up to Amour, grabbed him by the arms and legs and dragged him roughly for about 50 seconds back to the jeeps, his body limp and his head bouncing and hitting the ground.

Amour was given emergency treatment by army medics, the military said, but was soon declared dead.



The video also showed a woman and a man who approached the jeeps quickly turning and limping away, apparently having been hit in the legs, perhaps by rubber-coated bullets. The footage was shown on Palestinian television and spread quickly on Palestinian social networks, stoking popular outrage.

**“Qusai was shot with six bullets during these clashes, four times in the chest and one bullet in each of his legs,” Yousef Al-Amour, the teenager’s uncle, said Tuesday. The soldiers then carried him off “and started throwing his body around as if he wasn’t a human being,” his uncle said, speaking by telephone from the wake in Tekoa, hours after his nephew’s funeral.**

The Palestinian Authority’s governor of the Bethlehem district, speaking on Palestinian radio, described the teenager’s death as an “execution.”

**The Israeli military said in a statement that “hundreds of violent rioters” had confronted the security forces, who fired on and wounded “a main violent instigator.”**

The West Bank has long been volatile, but a recent increase in Palestinian attacks against Israelis and accusations of excessive use of force by Israeli soldiers have added to the tensions.

To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to:

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/Default.aspx> and

<http://www.palestinemonitor.org/list.php?id=ej898ra7yff0ukmf16>

The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”

## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



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**“John Lewis Never Publicly  
Contradicts The Black Atlanta  
Mayors Who Crack Down On  
The Homeless, Who Line Up For  
The Privatization Of Public  
Property, Public Transit And  
Public Schools”**

**“John Lewis Never Says A  
Mumbling Word About Any Of  
This”**

**“Lewis Spoke Out Against Free  
Health Care And Free College Tuition,  
Explaining That ‘Free Stuff’ Was Just  
Not The American Way”**

**“Perhaps Being A Legendary Civil Rights  
Hero Puts Him Above All That”**

01/18/2017 by Bruce A. Dixon, Black Agenda Report Managing Editor, BAR

John Lewis was a hero 52 years ago.

What's he doing nowadays with his Lifetime Civil Rights Hero pass?

He's a 14 term Atlanta congressman with nary a word to say on gentrification or the privatization of schools, roads, nature and the commons.

He's a pacifist with a US Navy ship named after him who votes for the NSA, Pentagon budgets, and re-arming apartheid Israel.

Now his sainthood is useful again.

But to whom and for what?

Sheroes and heroes are people who take risks, who make great personal sacrifices to perform difficult and important duties for others. By that standard John Lewis and the six hundred who walked that bridge in Selma Alabama 52 years ago are heroes whose actions helped pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Let's agree on that.

But long should that hero pass last?

How many years, how many decades do you get to boast and roast and toast and coast before you need to do something else even mildly heroic to keep your status current?

It's not like Lewis has lacked new chances to serve the people this last half century.

He's represented a metro Atlanta district in Congress the past 28 years. Ruled by black mayors and the black political class since 1973, Atlanta has billed itself as "Black Mecca" though for more than half of black Atlanta there's been little to celebrate.

Black mayors have relentlessly gentrified the city, starting with the Carter Presidential Library in the 80s, the Olympics in the 90s, and after that demolition of public housing, privatization of the land under it, and the BeltLine project which steals \$150 million annually from Atlanta's public schools to build yuppie housing and shopping destinations.

Marquee "development" projects have driven a six figure number of poorer black residents from the city. John Lewis never says a mumbling word about any of this. John Lewis never publicly contradicts the black Atlanta mayors who crack down on the homeless, who line up for the privatization of public property, public transit and public schools.

Perhaps being a Legendary Civil Rights Hero puts him above all that.

**Supporting Hillary Clinton last year, Lewis spoke out against free health care and free college tuition which many countries grant their young people, explaining that "free stuff" was just not the American Way.**

**Lewis was also an early member of the Democratic Leadership Council, which irretrievably locked that party into subservience to its one percenter donors.**

Sometimes members of Congress can undo historic wrongs. Lewis blew one such chance when he doubled down upon the expulsion of the descendants of black freedmen from the Cherokee nation in which they had once enjoyed voting rights.

John Lewis calls himself a pacifist and never misses a chance to lecture on the supreme utility of nonviolence. But the US Navy is building a ship with his name on it, a "fleet

replenishment oiler” to resupply warships on deployment. Isn’t this an “honor” a pacifist should reject?

And shouldn’t our Apostle of Non-Violence vote against every arms giveaway, sale and Pentagon budget? John Lewis doesn’t. Like most other members of the Black Caucus Lewis votes to fund mass surveillance and re-arm the apartheid state of Israel with depressing regularity.

It’s time to ask whether Civil Rights Hero status from 52 years ago is really enough to cancel out or ignore all this, and what purpose John’s Hero status serves today.

**John Lewis is in the news now because he called Big Cheeto’s presidency “not legitimate.” But why?**

**Is it because Lewis fears Trump will pursue more than 6 bloody wars, that he will deport millions of innocents, expand mass surveillance and militarized policing?**

**Is it because Lewis knows the Donald will help greedy banksters stay out of jail and he’ll enable hedge fund parasites to gentrify, plunder and privatize public education, nature and the commons?**

**Probably not, because these are all Obama policies which Trump is expected to double down on.**

John Lewis’s problem with Trump is that the CIA and FBI, which helped assassinate King and cover it up says that Russia helped elect him, and Lewis believes it.

Big Cheeto did a Twitter fight with Lewis the other day and some of his followers called Lewis the n-word.

So now the Obama/Hillary liberals are flogging John Lewis’s tattered sainthood as hard as they can, to have a #NotMyPresident message that draws attention away from the many matters on which Republicans and the Obama/Hillary liberals agree.

**The old Civil Rights Hero does not oppose Trump for any reason which might lead to questioning past, present or future Democrats.**

**Lewis is warming up the crowd for Obama’s exit and the entrance of whoever the Democrats run next.**

**This is what happens when there is no time limit on those Legendary Civil Rights Hero credentials. Time to revoke them.**

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**“I Promise To Work Tirelessly To  
Achieve My Campaign’s Goals,”  
Threatens Trump In Terrifying Address**

January 20, 2017 The Onion

WASHINGTON—Leaving the nation in an uneasy state of dread as he spoke from the Capitol steps, incoming President Donald Trump reportedly delivered a disturbing inaugural address Friday in which he repeatedly threatened to work hard to implement his campaign promises.

“Everything that I’ve stood for in this campaign, all of the goals I’ve set, I will work around the clock until each one of them is achieved,” Trump ominously warned the country, prompting inauguration attendees and those watching at home to exchange tense, fearful glances with nearby friends and loved ones as the newly installed president made several additional intimidating assertions that he would “seek to enact” the agenda he had espoused throughout his run for office.

“My focus now will be turning my campaign pledges into reality. It is my guarantee to you, the American people, that I will do my best to accomplish everything I said I would do when you elected me president.”

A collective gasp was then reportedly heard emanating from the National Mall as Trump issued a sinister threat to begin swiftly carrying out his campaign’s plans as soon as his speech concluded.

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