

GI SPECIAL 3B70:



Glen Is Dead

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Thousands more dead, blood and treasure hemorrhaged on desert sand for the satisfaction of an elite cult of aging rich men obsessed with power.

May 26, 2005 by Joe Bageant, Vietnam Veteran, Dissident Voice [Excerpts. Thanks to Liz Burbank for posting.]

My redneck psychotherapist friend Brad Blanton tells me that militarization and open democratic societies do not work together at all and produce pathologies at both the individual and collective levels.

Thus we get such conflicted bullshit as the U.S. soldiers being kind to that Iraqi boy wiggling around in his pus stained bed like a bandaged grub because an America bomb took off his arms and legs.

“Attention private first class Leroy Rodriquez Jackson! Stand forward and give that dusky little torso with a head a chocolate bar and a Wal-Mart teddy bear. And grin for the camera, for Christ sake! Hey let’s airlift the kid to Germany, mount four metal claws on the stumps, and hang him on the playground monkey bars. Make a great PR shot! One thing for sure, that one won’t ever be driving any suicide car bombs into the compound, right private?” (Heh, heh, heh!)

But you have to feel sorry for Private Jackson. It is his ass that gets caught in the disconnect, as he tries to wrap his head around how to be “lethal and compassionate.” As in “Kill the motherfuckers, but be loving and kind to children as you blow their parents’ guts out onto the sidewalk.”

Private Jackson is totally screwed. When he does his soldierly duty of causing misery, death and maiming, he must do it compassionately, according to some hallucination generated in the Pentagon by Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld.

The hallucination is transferred through the chain of command until it reaches where the rubber meets the road -- then five privates go on trial for hurting an enemy they were specifically trained to kill. Anyone who has ever been in the armed forces understands the certain hypocrisy of the proposition.

For some reason though, civilians, smugly ensconced in their recliners and on barstools, cannot grasp why ignorant kid soldiers do horrible things during wars.

I once defended Lynndie England in print and got hundreds of emails demonizing the poor Appalachian mutt girl, saying that she dishonored our “heroes” in Iraq. State generated garbage such as “Lethal and compassionate” works fine for these people, whose entire lives have been spent in the controlled environment of America’s industrial military state marketing messages.

All these post-teens in desert camo, the ones making the “good kills”, as an appropriately conducted murder of an Iraqi is deemed military parlance, they are heroes on the TV news. Funny how you cannot see their Clearasil on TV.

I have never seen as much acne medicine as when I was in the military during the Nam era, of which this war reminds me greatly.

As James Carroll brilliantly put it in “A Nation Lost” (*Boston Globe*, 4/22/03):

“Photographic celebrations of our young warriors, glorifications of released American prisoners, heroic rituals of the war dead all take on the character of crass exploitation of the men and women in uniform.

“First they were forced into a dubious circumstance, and now they are themselves being mythologized as its main post-facto justification -- as if the United States went to Iraq not to seize Saddam (disappeared), or to dispose of weapons of mass

destruction (missing), or to save the Iraqi people (chaos), but "to support the troops."

I just heard that Vern and Sherry's kid, Glen, got killed in Iraq.

Vern and Sherry lived in a log cabin near me on the Coeur de Alene Reservation in Idaho a couple decades ago, back when many white people lived on little plots inside the res. Vern had emphysema, Sherry weighed over 300 pounds, and they had a white malamute dog named Ike. The isolation bothered us older people sometimes, and Vern and I drank a lit of whiskey during the six winters I lived there. Hell it was two miles to the mailbox and seven miles to the main road, there was no electricity, and about the only fun available in winter was drinking, guitar picking and horse logging when the ground froze solid enough. But Glen was a little loner and never seemed to mind.

Anyway, Glen, that skinny kid in the fatigues who loved to fish and hunt and damned near set my cabin on fire once while playing with matches, is dead. Killed by a roadside IED. And I cannot help but think about the road that led him to Baghdad. The one that started with the deepest love of his crippled up ole daddy and ended, right along with his chances in life, right after high school when there was no possibility of college and no work within a hundred miles of the reservation.

The kid was quick as a whip, just like his daddy who could draw, do calc in his head and break horses on those days he had enough wind to tackle the job. And like his daddy, Glen was born into one of those corners of America where people are rooted in the earth they were born upon and grow up grounded enough not to care about making it in the big city or imitating what they see on television.

They also grow up proud of their country, untroubled by the bitter truths borne by more educated people.

Their notion of patriotism has to do with a sense of place and people, blood, kin and whatever higher power rustles the branches great red fir trees, animates both the chipmunk and the mountain lion, and stirs fish to leap in the rivers.

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But I think there is not one goddamned thing in the entire nation of Iraq worth the life of that boy.

One wonders just how long the slaughter can be sanitized by the state. A quarter million young men and women will eventually return. At least a few of them will speak the truth, though our supine media will not hear them unless it is sweeps week and they need the ratings.

But overall, we can expect more of the same. Thousands more dead, blood and treasure hemorrhaged on desert sand for the satisfaction of an elite cult of aging rich men obsessed with power.

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<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! (www.ivaw.net)

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

FALLUJA ATTACK KILLS SIX US PERSONNEL; 13 WOUNDED, SVBIED HITS MARINE CONVOY

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CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq

A car bomber slammed into a U.S. military convoy in Fallujah June 23, killing five U.S. Marines assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force and a sailor, CBS News National Security Correspondent David Martin reports. Martin said three women were among those killed. 13 were wounded.

The male Marine was killed by small arms fire immediately afterward, the military said. His family identified him as Cpl. Chad Powell, 22, from northern Louisiana. Powell is survived by his parents, his wife and a 3-year-old son, Elijah.

The Marines were returning to their base, Camp Fallujah, when the ambush took place Thursday night near the eastern entrance to the city, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

The open, seven-ton armored truck was ferrying members of a U.S. military civil affairs team to perform checkpoint searches 40 miles west of Baghdad, according to officials.

It was to be a routine "swap out," or shift change, that included a high number of women because of the need to have females search women travelers at checkpoints.

The majority of the fatalities were Marines assigned to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp LeJeune, N.C., according to 2nd Lt. Barry Edwards. They were assigned to Camp Fallujah.

US troops were calling on Fallujah's residents to remain in their homes, amid high tension.

"Stay inside your homes and if you have any information on terrorists go to the nearest coalition checkpoint and report it," said a voice in Arabic over loudspeakers as US patrols roamed the Sunni Arab city.

U.S. forces in Fallujah arrested Associated Press Television News cameraman Amer Ali who went to the scene at midday Friday, and his video showed black scorch marks along a road and scattered chunks of metal. Video he shot Thursday showed thick plumes of black smoke rising from the blast. [Brilliant. Arrest the reporter. That really will do a lot of good. The resistance is no doubt absolutely terrified at such a devastating riposte. Either that or confirmed once again in their view that their opponents are commanded by nitwits.]

Cranston Marine Killed In Falluja



6.24.05 AP

Lance Cpl. Holly Charette, a 21-year-old from Cranston, R.I., died in an attack in Fallujah, the Defense Department said June 24, 2005. (AP Photo/U.S. Marines, Sgt. Stephen D'Alessio)

Iowa Soldier Killed Near Ramadi



6.24.05 AP:

Spc. Casey Byers, of Schleswig, Iowa. Byers, 22, died June 11, 2005, south of Ramadi. He was on foot patrol near a Humvee that was part of a convoy of 25 vehicles searching for roadside bombs and insurgents when a bomb exploded directly underneath the Humvee.

He was a member of Company B 224th Engineering Battalion, based in Ottumwa. (AP Photo/Iowa National Guard)

West Monroe Marine killed

WEST MONROE, La. A 22-year-old West Monroe Marine was killed yesterday in Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded in Fallujah.

Jerry Powell says the family was notified this morning that his son, Corporal Chad Powell, a May 2001 graduate of West Monroe High School, was one of those killed in the bombing.

Chad Powell, who joined the Marines in November 2001, is also survived by his wife Danielle and a three-year-old son, Elijah.

Sacramento Guardsman Killed

June 24, 2005 The Associated Press, SACRAMENTO

Arnold Duplantier II had just celebrated his 26th birthday and returned to Iraq when he was killed while guarding the hotel where members of the international media stay, the California National Guard said Friday.

Duplantier was killed by small arms fire Wednesday afternoon while guarding the outside of the Al-Rasheed Hotel in Baghdad, Guard spokesman Tech. Sgt. Andrew Hughan said. He was the only casualty.

He is the 12th California guardsman killed in Iraq and the first from Sacramento.

LETHAL ENVIRONMENT: NO HONORABLE MISSION: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW!



US troops at the scene of a car bomb attack in central Baghdad. (AFP/Ali Al-Saadi)

3rd ID Soldier Is Non-Combat Fatality

June 24, 2005 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 641-05

Sgt. Joseph M. Tackett, 22, of Whitehouse, Ky., died June 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, of a non-combat related injury. Tackett was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

The incident is under investigation.

Samarra Convoy Attack: Bradley & Humvee Burning

06/24/05 AFP:

In Samarra, an AFP correspondent reported that an attack early Friday on a US convoy had left a Humvee all-terrain vehicle and Bradley personnel carrier in flames.

Baghdad Most Dangerous For U.S. Troops: Wounded Numbers Approach Vietnam Intensity: Endless Tours Of Duty

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June 24 By MARTIN SIEFF, (UPI)

Baghdad remains the most dangerous place for U.S. soldiers in the entire country. Some 340 U.S. military fatalities occurred there from May 1, 2003, through June 1 this year, the Iraq Index Project said.

Three-quarters of the U.S. war dead were under age 30, the Iraq Index Project found. From May 1, 2003, through June 4, 2005, 30 percent of those who died were below age 22, another 23 percent between ages 22 and 24 and a quarter between ages 25 and 30. Some 98 percent were male. And 78 percent of them were from the active service personnel from all branches of the military. Some 13 percent of those who died served in the National Guard and 9 percent in the Reserves.

Those who died were overwhelmingly white Americans, the IIP found -- some 73 percent in all. African-Americans comprised 11 percent of the dead and Hispanics another 11 percent. Asian-Americans comprised 2 percent, native American Indian 1 percent and native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders another 1 percent.

In a finding which has depressing implications for the prospects of establishing security in the near future in Iraq's oil-rich north, some 98 U.S. soldiers were killed during the same time period in the city of Mosul. [The reporter is depressed about the oil production security, not the dead U.S. troops. Well, why not. That's the priority for the Imperial politicians in Washington too. Fuck the dead troops; let's get our hands on the oil.]

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In all, 12,946 U.S. troops have been wounded in action from March 19, 2003 through June 20, 2005.

The drain on U.S. Army personnel being forced to serve often more than one tour in Iraq goes far beyond the force levels of around 140,000 at any given time, according to the IIP.

Between September 2001 and January 2005, almost 600,000 U.S. servicemen have served in land forces in Iraq.

The figures break down as: Active duty -- 307,019; National Guard -- 120,054; Reserve - - 74,104.

Of these forces, 37 percent of the active duty Army personnel have served more than one tour in Iraq; 30 percent of the National Guard forces in Iraq have served there more than once; and 34 percent of the Army Reserve Forces who have served there have done so more than once.

The highest proportion of any combat forces that has served more than once in Iraq is the Air Force Reserve. According to the IIP figures, 49 percent of them have, while 47 percent of the Air Force National Guard troops who served in Iraq have done so more than once.

Body Counts?

“As You Know, It Means Nothing”

23 June 2005 By Sidney Blumenthal, The Guardian UK

On June 21, network news reported that the Pentagon had claimed that 47 enemy operatives had been killed in Operation Spear in western Iraq. Last month, the Pentagon declared 125 had been killed in Operation Matador, near the Syrian border. "We don't do body counts on other people," Donald Rumsfeld, the secretary of defence, stated in November 2003.

"They're starting to talk numbers again," Pat Lang remarked to me about the return of body counts. Lang is the former chief at the Defence Intelligence Agency for the Middle East, south Asia and counter-terrorism. "They were determined not to do that. But they can't provide a measurement to tell themselves they're doing well. As you know, it means nothing."

Lang, who served as an intelligence officer in Vietnam, observes: "For almost all of the war, Vietnam was a better situation than Iraq. During the conduct of the war the security situation was far better than this."

About the "euphoria" after the election, especially echoed by the press corps, Lang simply says: "Laughable, comical, pathetic."

Bush's Iraq syndrome is a reinvention of Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam syndrome. In December 1967, Walt Rostow, LBJ's national security adviser, famously declared about the Vietcong and the North Vietnamese: "Their casualties are going up at a rate they cannot sustain ... I see light at the end of the tunnel." The official invitation to the New Year's Eve party at the US embassy in Saigon read: "Come see the light at the end of the tunnel." The Tet offensive struck a month later.

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to contact@militaryproject.org. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.

Only 2.5 Million Overlooked

2005-06-24 Middle East Online

More than 600 checkpoints set up around Baghdad were to serve as a cordon to keep insurgents out, Iraq officials said. [The population of Baghdad is about 6 million. Since official U.S. government polls show about 40% of the population support armed attacks on the occupation, that means that there are already about 2.52 million people in Baghdad who support the armed resistance. Hello? Already inside your silly checkpoints? Get it?

[How do you know when a war is lost? When the occupation has to do shit that's laughable, like this.]

TROOP NEWS

58% Say War Not Worth It: Record Number

June 24, 2005 ABC

According to the latest ABC Poll, given the costs versus the opportunities in the Iraqi war, 58 percent said the war was not worth fighting. This is a new high and could keep climbing if casualties continue to rise.

Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.

600 More British Reserves Off To Bush's Imperial Slaughterhouse

June 24 (KUNA)

A further 600 reservists are to be called up to support British military operations in Iraq, the British Government said Friday.

The call-up means that more than 10,000 part-time service personnel will have been deployed in Iraq since the invasion in March 2003, the Ministry of Defence said.

UK forces in Iraq have also had to rely on reserves for communications and intelligence specialists, and engineers. Ingram said deployment would begin this October and most of those called out could expect a ten-month period of mobilization.

The Minister added that not all of those called up would necessarily serve in Iraq and said the move was "routine management" of troops.

However, the opposition Liberal Democrats said this was further evidence of strains in the British armed forces.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Iraqi Woman Kills Marine

6.24.05 CNN

Several weeks ago, a Marine was shot and killed by a woman who opened fire on him. The woman was killed by return fire from Marines. [But idiot reporters constantly refer to resistance soldiers as “gunmen.” Next time you read that stupidity, remember this report.]

GET THE MESSAGE?



Iraqi followers of Moqtada Sadr raise their fists to a US soldier riding a military vehicle during a peaceful demonstration in t Najaf. The demonstrators demanded the withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq and the release of Sadr followers from jails. (AFP/Qassem Zein)

Strike Closes Baghdad Airport

Jun 24 By Luke Baker (Reuters)

A contract dispute between the Iraqi government and a British security company that protects Baghdad airport blew up on Friday. The firm went on strike and civil aviation at the airport had to be shut down.

Same-Old Same-Old: Beiji Pipeline Blown Up Again

June 24 NDTV Correspondent

Insurgents launched another attack on Iraq's oil production, setting fire to an oil pipeline in Beiji. The pipeline begins in Kirkuk and passes through Beiji before entering Baghdad.

Car Bombs: One Hour To Assemble: Cheaper Than A Carton Of Smokes

6/24/2005 Patrick Quinn, Marin Independent Journal

Car bombers have struck Iraq 479 times in the past year, and a third of the attacks followed the naming of a new Iraqi government two months ago, according to an Associated Press count based on reports from police, military and hospital officials.

The unrelenting attacks use bombs that can cost as little as a carton of American cigarettes each.

As Iraqi and U.S. military officials went over plans for a recent sweep in Baghdad, they made a startling discovery: Rather than assembling car bombs outside the capital, insurgents were fitting the cars with explosives at workshops inside the city itself.

That discovery - from tips by residents - forced officials to scrap the idea of surrounding Baghdad with troops in an effort to control all 23 entrances to the city.

Security forces were stunned to discover that insurgents could rig a car with explosives in one hour or less.

Assorted Resistance Action

06/24/05 AP & (UPI) & KUNA & Middle East Online

Iraqi troops clashed with guerrillas in western Baghdad and at least one soldier was captured.

Gunmen killed police Lt. Col. Majid Faisl Aziz when he was driving his car near western Baghdad's Amiriyah neighborhood, police Capt. Talib Thamer said. Aziz was a member of the Interior Ministry's major crimes division.

A Kurdish contractor working for the American military was killed in northern Kirkuk.

In Baghdad, three police officers were killed in separate incidents, two in the Amiriyah district and another in southern Dora, police and hospital officials said.

Three Iraqis were killed and nine others injured when a booby-trapped tractor exploded near a convoy of Iraqi troops north of Baghdad Friday.

Police said two soldiers were among the dead in the blast that cut through a convoy of 10 military vehicles in the village of Bouzayla.

An attack near an old mall in Baghdad's Karada area killed seven civilians and wounded 10 others, the defense ministry said, while the Iraqi police put the death toll at 12 civilians and three police officers, with 50 wounded.

Three police officers and seven civilians died in a second blast targeting an Iraqi police patrol near a gas station, the ministry said.

Unknown armed assailants sent mortar shells into Mosul's police academy, police sources said today. While the academy's building sustained some damage, no one inside was hurt.

Three policemen were also wounded Friday in a roadside bombing that targeted their convoy in the disputed northern oil city of Kirkuk.

In the predominantly Sunni northern city of Mosul, four Iraqis including a police officer were killed and five others wounded in three separate attacks late Thursday and early Friday, police Brigadier General Wathiq Mohammed said.

Pentagon Engineers:

“A Free And Honest Advise From The Iraqi Resistance!”

May 22, 2005 Abu Assur, Uruknet [Excerpts]

It is really frightening what is going on in Iraq for the US majesty and reputation. Thousands of US youth are getting killed, and thousands are maimed or will be mentally affected for ever and, there is no solution in sight.

The killer number one remaining the IEDs or land mines if you wish. So what to do? The US only superpower is being defeated and humiliated by some bare footed Iraqi tramps..

But US, you said you invented and put into war zones in Iraq, specially designed IEDs killer robots.

Where are they? Your defense magazine are very garrulous about these technological marvels. They lack, say these magazines, only to talk (Air)ab. Was it a failure or another bluff, another trickery? Have these killer robots gone AWOL also? Are they rebelling against military orders.

We are told the robots are equipped with an infra red sight. They have radar eyes which can see in the pitch dark of the night and can discern through the Iraqi desert storm dust a friend from an enemy. It can distinguish, say the US military, between a Coca Cola can and US soldier abandoned shoe in the streets of Baghdad. Exactly the way the US spy satellites can recognize and see how many sugar cubes President Jacques Chirac, puts in his morning coffee.

These satellites, no doubts, proved their efficiency with the Iraqi insurgency and how they analyzed, in their borne laboratories, Al Zarqawi DNA from thousands of miles high above in the sky.

Poor US! What a peaceful nation, we do understand your problem. For once listen to this sincere and cost-free advise from someone who, let's say is rather objective. Someone who really appreciates and respect human life without being himself outrageously a bigot or a devout.

So Shall I remind you one of the amazing US discovery of the XXth century? This might help you solve the US military recruitment quotas and reduce US casualties by IEDs in Iraq.

How to replace the military in the war zones at lower cost and stop-loss? Yes I am talking about using some intelligent animals to fill in the deep US need for military personnel to fulfill dangerous duties in the war against Iraq. Yes my advise is why don't you use baboons, chimps or ..remember the beautiful dolphins!

Remember, you publicized a huge program on how to use dolphins to torpedo Soviet submarines! Was it just another bluff? Anyway the Pentagon trainers said they'd established a human to animal communicating system. They may be right!

Dolphins are also great for the Iraqi climate. They can adapt and also they can from time to time go for a nice quick dip in the Tigris or in the Euphrates provided to tell CNN Zargawi followers, Bush rebels, Condy's insurgents, Rumsfeld diehards, in advance that they must put carefully their land mines and IEDs near rivers and water-ways.

Dolphins again, needless to say, will remind the world about how the US are invincible and how the word impossible doesn't fit in the Pentagon prosaic world. The whole enterprise will be cost-free, knowing that the US satellites will provide these sweet creatures with the needed sugar cubes provided by (LBPSCPD) systems or Laser beam planetary Sugar Cubes Pinching device, from Coffee-shops all over the world.

If you think dolphins are a complicated enterprise which might provoke a hoo-ha in amongst US eco-terrorists, beast lovers or animal welfare societies, for you care more about the animals than the people you want to democratize, then why not use lusty true rats ?

Again one of the Pentagon secret circuses said it was able to train rats to discover explosives in any given area.

The rats, we were told are very talented to uncover any human life under an earthquake rubbles. An intelligent, and a rat amazing, ha! What do you think ? Yes, the Pentagon succeeded to putting literally into practice the Bible and notably the first chapter of Genesis. Aren't they expropriating the earth (petrol) and subduing the elements of the nature (killing every life with depleted uranium, chemical weapons and napalm !)

Moreover they have gone beyond Jehovah's expectations. When the rat has been successful, we are told, you don't only give it a tap on its behind and say 'good boy'. The US laboratories were able to inject into its testicles, may be by satellite, a liquid which provokes an effort-free orgasm. Lucky boy!

So Sam will play it again joyously. Come on! The Lord of the Armies didn't ask you to go that far. But the US can do everything, except how to cut and run or to end the insurgency in Iraq or how to deal with Baathists, the rebels, and the terrorists who crossed thousands of miles, came to the US and destroyed the country, raped its citizens and gassed its towns for democracy.

A US retired gentleman, my neighbors who worked for the NASA and fled the US violent society, told me how the NASA this prestigious institution, which put the first man's on orbit and on the moon, made an invitation to tender worth one and a half million US heavy dollars. NASA, my US neighbor explained, desperately wanted a pen which can write in the space. A pen which can defy Newton and Galileo Galilei gravitation laws. They thought and thought with all their mighty until...they discovered that the Soviets were using a.. pencil!

Deaf, dumb and blind US Pentagon whores, when will you and your masters ever comprehend? When hearts and minds are thick, dark and filled with filth, when intuition, humanity and basic common senses no more exist, whatever technology, whatever computer systems you implement and use, they can't win for you an unjust and an illegal war.

The Iraqis you call tramps, and who are resisting, bleeding to death and defeating the US murderers war machine in glorious Iraq, are not fighting with their dishdashas and their bare feet, they are fighting with their faith and the love for their sacred country, Iraq.

They are defending their values, their religion, and their honor, terms and words which the bloodthirsty US and their boss have never heard of and do not comprehend.

In conclusion: your technology, your sick brains, your IEDs finders, killer robots or innocent people shooters, dolphins, dogs, cats and rats are waste of time and money and will be doomed, and so you will..

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

[From Vietnam Days]

About Face:

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About Face

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UBS -- UNSATISFIED BLACK SOLDIERS

HOW COME! AND WHY?

On July 4, 1970 in Heidelberg, at the University of Heidelberg, thousands of black people will assemble to show the world that black GI's are not satisfied. In a sense we are holding a trial. The case: United States Army-United States black GI's.

The charges: we charge UNCLE SAM with genocide, mass-murder of millions of people, political murder, economic murder, social murder, and mental murder. The WORLD will be the jury. Every individual present at the FESTIVAL will serve

as prosecutor. INDEPENDENCE DAY was picked due to its significance to white America.

The significance lies in the fact that this is the day BABYLON declared herself the HOME OF THE FREE LAND OF THE BRAVE, where ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS.

But a rapidly growing number of us see this is a MYTH. A myth that is maintained by her huge military-complex. A complex that is racist to the bone.

A complex that hides behind the disguise of patriotic flag-waving Americans. We are demanding to know, how can a military complex that defends the most imperialist-racist country in the world have the authority to say we believe in equality, that all men are created equal.

Those and other questions will be asked, and an answer demanded.

"Cloud man"

The Army has not only deprived us of the right to be citizens, she has deprived us of the right to be human beings.

Whenever you are going after something that belongs to you, anyone who is depriving you of the right to have it is a criminal.

Malcolm X

"The Pig and the Crutch"

The Pig 1st SGT of HQ BIG CEN is setting up a BIRACIAL COMMITTEE to solve the Black G.I.'s problem. what the pig 1st SGT is doing is using the committee as a crutch to lean on. The low down pig don't give a damn about the Black G.I.s in the company

Because if he did, he would publicize it, and would let the EM elect who they want to represent them, not who he wants. Because the people who the pig drafted are the biggest Uncle Toms in the company.

It was brought to my attention that if the big do not let any Black G.I. who desires to be on the committee be on it, THERE WILL BE NO BIRACIAL COMMITTEE IN HQ CO USAREUR SG GEN.

"Give me justice or give me death"

"The Judge"

*This is why we have a "call for justice"
Taken from "Next step"*

HOT LINE NEWS: The KKK in Karlsruhe

Karlsruhe, Neurt Kaserno: The heart of KKK territory where Black GI's are victims of some of the most hideous crimes there are.

The Brass is now in process of showing that the Army still practices racism. A Black GI named SP-6 Gross exposed a Captain named XX, who is a member of the "elite" branch of Neurt Kaserno's Karlsruhe local KKK organization. (I wonder how many affiliations there are in Germany. Heidelberg, yours will be exposed soon.)

The hearing was supposed to be an open hearing, but when 25-50 brothers showed up for the hearing, the Brass decided to have "close door justice". (You can run but you can't hide.)

The brothers are saying Col. Duke, Head Pig of the 516th GP., that they are demanding justice not tomorrow or the day afterward, but NOW.

"Cloud man"

KNOW YOUR ENEMY: THE CAREER COUNSELOR

The lowest form of life in the military is the guy with the fancy title of "career counselor". He makes it seem like he is doing the best he can for you, when his primary intentions are filling his re-enlistment quota, filling army school quotas, filling his pocket with bonus pay and adding to his own prestige by putting notches on his re-up stick.

He comes on like a friend - a guy really interested in your life. But how can anybody profess to be looking out for your best interests when his job depends on getting so many guys each month to take the six year hitch.

Many methods are used to get a guy to take that first step which leads to getting hooked. I say hooked because if you think it rough looking for a job on the outside when you're 21, watch how hard it is when you're just getting out at the age of 27. That's why the Army only offers that big cash bonus on the first 6-year enlistment and never again. After taking 6, you're as good as being hooked.

These high pressure salesmen have all your records at their disposal. They know everything about you before they see you and figure which approach to use to either coax, pressure, trick or brow-beat you into re-enlisting.

If after checking your records he sees that your parents are dead, he'll tell you that you have nothing to go back to; if your scores equal a fifth grade education, he'll tell you how lucky you were to qualify for some crazy school. And if you show a working class background, he'll bring up the big cash bonus. Whatever your story is, he's got a sales pitch especially suited for you.

Everyone has to get at least one re-up talk during their tour. The Army makes sure everyone gets the "have a seat - would you care for a cigarette?" -- sales talk because they are working on the law of averages. Out of any 100 men who go through the pressure box, a certain number will give in every time and sign the dotted line. As the Army boasts, the re-enlistment team consists of all officers and NCO's along with the official buzzard, the career counselor.

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OCCUPATION REPORT

Welcome To Liberated Iraq: Another Reporter Killed

6.24.05 CBS Worldwide Inc.

An Iraqi reporter working for an American news organization was shot and killed Friday in Baghdad by U.S. troops after he apparently did not respond to a shouted signal from a military convoy, witnesses said. The military had no comment.

Boneheaded Strikes Again

June 24, 2005 (CNN)

Women comprise 8 percent of the U.S. military population serving in Iraq, where the front lines are less defined than previous wars. [In Vietnam, outside the U.S. bases, and frequently inside U.S. bases, there wasn't a square inch of safety. Downtown Saigon experienced regular bombings, including the clubs and streets where U.S. soldiers hung out. But then, why expect the major media to tell the truth about "front lines" when they brainlessly swallow and puke up Pentagon lies about everything else.]

RECRUITING-FOR-THE-RESISTANCE: CAMPAIGN BUSY IN KARABILAH



A U.S. Marine kicks a gate in to search a house in Karabilah, 200 miles west of Baghdad June 19, 2005. (AP Photo/Jacob Silberberg)

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Arrest Warrants Issue For CIA Team Over Milan Kidnapping

[Thanks to J M who sent this in.]

June 25, 2005 Barbara McMahon in Rome, The Guardian

An Italian judge has issued arrest warrants for 13 CIA agents who allegedly kidnapped an Egyptian terrorist suspect in Milan two years ago and flew him to Cairo where he was questioned and tortured, it emerged yesterday.

The agents are said to have seized imam Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, also known as Abu Omar, while he was walking from his home to a mosque in the Italian city. They allegedly bundled the 42-year-old into a van before driving him to the Italian-US air base at Aviano, northern Italy.

The following day he was flown to another US air base at Ramstein, Germany, and then taken by private jet to Egypt.

According to Italian investigators the alleged abduction, believed to have been part of the CIA's "extraordinary rendition programme" in which terrorist suspects were transferred to third countries without court approval, violated Italian sovereignty.

The investigators also claim to have traced the CIA agents through hotel bills that they ran up at Milan's best five-star hotels while allegedly preparing the kidnap plan.

US officials have yet to respond to the arrest warrants but the case is likely to embarrass the CIA, not least because many details about the kidnap plan have been leaked to Italian newspapers.

According to reports the abduction would have been costly since the agents stayed in hotels such as the Hilton and the Principe di Savoia in Milan, running up bills of €120,000 (£80,000) for food and accommodation alone.

After the imam was back in Egypt, senior agents celebrated the success of the job at a five-star hotel in Venice and other agents were sent on holiday to other parts of Italy.

BUSH PROPOSES CHARGING AXIS OF EVIL NATIONS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

'The Free Ride is Over,' Says President

June 23, 2005 The Borowitz Report

Looking for new ways to slash the mounting federal budget deficit, President George W. Bush today proposed charging Iran and North Korea annual dues for their membership in the Axis of Evil.

The president's plan, which took many in Congress and in the diplomatic community by surprise, would put responsibility for the rising costs of military spending, Social Security and other government programs squarely on the shoulders of America's two most despised enemies.

President Bush made the proposal in a speech in Flint, Michigan, telling his audience that for Iran and North Korea, both members of the Axis of Evil since 2001, "the free ride is over."

"Iran and North Korea have enjoyed all the benefits of Axis of Evil membership without paying a dime for them," said Mr. Bush. "Well, if they think that state of affairs can continue forever, they are sorely mistaken."

While Mr. Bush stopped short of naming an exact figure for annual membership in the Axis of Evil, he warned the two nations, "Membership in the most exclusive evil club in the world does not come cheap."

President Bush reserved some of his remarks for Iraq, telling the audience that while there had been some setbacks in the conflict there, "The war is still going better than the Russian space program."

Elsewhere, Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del) said that his presidential ambitions would not be hurt by an incident in 1988 in which he was accused of plagiarizing a political speech, telling reporters, "That happened four score and seven years ago."

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