

GI SPECIAL 6F5:



“Because Of George Bush, The Arrogant, The Corrupt, The Liar, The War Criminal, My Nephew Is Dead And My Sister And The Rest Of My Family Are Devastated”

May 29, 2008 By PATRICK V. FARROW, Castleton; Rutland Herald

Because of the arrogant, corrupt lies of George W. Bush and his neocon handlers my nephew is dead, and I am mad as hell.

My nephew, my sister's son, died in Iraq a few days before this Memorial Day.

Jason Dene was not killed by enemy fire nor friendly fire but by Bush's brutal and cynical stop-loss program.

Jason grew up in Orwell and Rutland.

He was in his mid-30s, a career Army officer due retire next month. His wife and children were planning his homecoming.

Because of Bush's abusive stop-loss policy, Jason had been sent into an unwanted third tour of duty. He was a father of three and could not afford to lose his pension. Some "volunteer Army".

During his three 15-month tours in Iraq, exposure to roadside bombs and other job-related injuries caused Jason to be hospitalized several times for concussion and internal bleeding and other injuries.

Recently, Jason's condition was such that the Department of Defense flew him from Iraq to Dover Air Force Base for surgery.

He was released from the hospital into the loving arms of the government who sent him directly back into Iraq.

He was put on active duty while he was still on a liquid diet, unable to eat solid food because of a throat hemorrhage due to a botched surgery at a military hospital.

To date all the family has heard from the Army is that Jason variously died "in his sleep" and "in his bunk" and "in his quarters" and my favorite "sleep apnea complicated by smoking cigarettes," in other words, natural causes.

After his second tour Jason returned home with severe mental and physical issues. He was certainly in no condition to be pressed into a third tour. He wanted out of the army.

But Jason was a victim of the liar's back-door draft.

The administration knows the war could not continue if the draft was reinstated, hence the criminally deceptive stop-loss program. At all costs, the administration wants to avoid Vietnam-scale student protests.

In this case the cost fell on Jason, whose death will not be included as a war casualty. Jason Dene will not be buried at Arlington National Cemetery; he will just sort of ... disappear quietly (they hope).

How many others have died in Iraq of “natural causes,” the soldiers we will never hear about?

Because of George Bush, the arrogant, the corrupt, the liar, the war criminal, my nephew is dead and my sister and the rest of my family are devastated.

Yes, I am very, very angry. How would you feel?

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE SERVICE?

Forward GI Special 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, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 917.677.8057

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

U.S. Soldier Killed, 18 Wounded By Attack On U.S. Base At Al-Rashad

June 8 (Reuters) & AP

A truck driven by a bomber blew up near a U.S. patrol base at al-Rashad in Tamim province, 25 km (15 miles) southwest of the city of Kirkuk, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding 18 others, U.S. forces said.

Two Iraqi contractors were also wounded in the attack in Kirkuk province, about 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

The attacker rammed his vehicle into blast walls outside the gates of the U.S. base, Qadir said.

Baghdad IED Kills U.S. Soldier

June 8, 2008 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20080608-05

BAGHDAD – A Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldier was killed when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an improvised explosive device at approximately 9:45 p.m. June 7 in eastern Baghdad.

Mortar Strike Hits Green Zone

Jun 8 AFP

Seven people have been killed in two attacks in the Iraqi capital, including a mortar strike on the highly-fortified Green Zone, Iraqi officials said.

#1 Of 2: Highly Trained U.S. Soldier Searches For Hidden Explosive Devices



A U.S. soldier from 1/8 2th MTT unit looks for explosives during a patrol at a open field in Mosul June 8, 2008. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz

#2 Of 2: Highly Trained Iraqi Collaborator Soldier Searches For Hidden Explosive Devices

[After 5 Years And \$Billions Pissed Away On “Training”]



Iraqi soldiers join a patrol with U.S. soldiers from 1/8 2th MITT unit to look for explosives, at an open field in Mosul June 8, 2008. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz

NEW GENERAL ORDER #1: GET THE FUCK OUT FORTHWITH BY THE NEAREST AVAILABLE EXIT

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

U.S. Army Medic Killed Saturday In Afghanistan

June 02, 2008 The Oregonian

VANCOUVER - Flags in Battle Ground are flying at half staff in honor of Andrew Jon Shields, a U.S. Army medic killed Saturday in Afghanistan.

Shields, 19, was the 120th member of the military with ties to Southwest Washington and Oregon to perish in conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kuwait. He is the 12th from Southwest Washington.

He was a 2007 graduate of Battle Ground High and a former member of the Clark County Fire & Rescue cadet program, where he was appointed a battalion chief shortly after joining the program his senior year.

“His leadership qualities were immediately identified and that’s why he rapidly rose to be a leader in his class,” said Mike Ciraulo, a division chief with Clark County Fire & Rescue and Battle Ground’s mayor. “He was morally and ethically superior in his standards and beliefs. He was well respected by his classmates and the instructional staff.”

Shields was the son of Clark County Sheriff’s Deputy Jon Shields, a patrol deputy. The younger Shields served with the 173rd Special Troops Battalion, part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, according to the U.S. Army.

Details of Shields’ death were not immediately available. But a statement from his family said Shields was serving in Jalalabad, in eastern Afghanistan, when he was killed in action. The family asked for privacy.

In the statement, the family said Shields joined the Army while still in high school. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and the combat medic course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then basic airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga.

While at Fort Benning, Shields met and became engaged to another medic, Loren Elizabeth Combs, who is currently serving with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. While attending Battle Ground High, Shields played football. He enjoyed his family and friends, competitive shooting, hunting and fishing.

Ciraulo said Shields visited the firefighter cadet program a month or two ago, after completing his basic training and just prior to his deployment to Afghanistan. He shared his experience with the cadets and said he was soon heading to Afghanistan, Ciraulo said.

“He was a standout. He was trustworthy, and could always be counted on to do the right thing,” Ciraulo said. “This is a hard one. He was a standout.” As mayor, Ciraulo said he ordered city flags to fly at half staff, likely until Shields’ funeral.

Shields is survived by his mother, Wendy Campbell; father and stepmother, Jon and Carol Shields; sister, Ryleigh Campbell; and other extended family members.

Here is a link to Shields’ MySpace page: <http://www.myspace.com/CowboyUp>.

Funeral arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, donations to go to charity can be made in Shields’ name at any iQ Credit Union.

Green Beret From Raeford Killed In Afghanistan



David Nunez

Jun. 1, 2008 WRAL

Fort Bragg, N.C. — A Bronze Medal-winning Green Beret from Raeford died after being wounded Thursday by enemy fire during a combat patrol in southwestern Afghanistan.

Military officials said Sgt. 1st Class David Nunez was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade while conducting a mounted reconnaissance patrol in Shewan in the Farah province.

He was a Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha team engineer sergeant assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Nunez arrived in Afghanistan in May for his second deployment to the country. He had also served in campaigns in Iraq and Kosovo.

Nunez, a native of Mexico, is survived by his sons, David Jr. and Julian, of Raeford; his father, Julian Nunez, of Raeford; and his mother, Silvia Nunez, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Nunez enlisted as an airborne infantryman in February 1999. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division and a military intelligence company before earning his Green Beret and getting his current assignment at Fort Bragg in 2005.

His awards and decorations includes the Bronze Star Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, three Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.

Canadian Officer Dies After Falling Into Well In Afghanistan

June 8, 2008 CBC News

A Canadian soldier died Saturday night after falling into a well during a night-time patrol west of Kandahar, a military commander said.

Capt. Jonathan Snyder of Penticton, B.C., was a member of 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton.

Snyder was serving as a mentor and role model to members of the Afghan National Army.

Snyder was on foot patrol in a field in Zhari district when he tumbled into an open well the Afghans call a kariz, said Brig.-Gen. Denis Thompson, commander of Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

He would have been wearing at least 34 kilograms of equipment at the time, including a flak vest and helmet.

Thompson said the well Snyder was trapped in may have been as deep as 20 metres. The rest of his patrol tried desperately to rescue him as they radioed for help. Once out of the well, Snyder was rushed to the NATO military hospital at Kandahar Airfield, where he was pronounced dead.

TROOP NEWS

**THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME:
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The casket of Sgt. John Daggett, of Phoenix, Ariz., June 2, 2008, at Arlington National Cemetery. Daggett, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade

Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, died May 15, 2008, from wounds sustained May 1, 2008, when an explosive struck his vehicle in Baghdad. (AP Photo/Kevin Wolf)

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

“No Agreement With The U.S. Occupiers” [GET THE MESSAGE?]



Demonstrators chant “No agreement with the U.S. occupiers” as they display an effigy of Iraqi [collaborator] President Nuri al-Maliki during a rally after Friday prayers in Sadr City, Baghdad, June 6, 2008. Tens of thousands of demonstrators attended rallies in Sadr City, Kufa and Kerbala on Friday to protest against talks between Washington and Baghdad on keeping U.S. troops in Iraq after 2008, responding to a call by anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr. REUTERS/Mohammed Ameen

Resistance Action

June 6 (Reuters) & Jun 7 By SAMEER N. YACOUB, Associated Press Writer & June 8 (Reuters)

An explosion killed at least four police recruits and wounded 23 others in Baghdad, police said. The recruits were gathered at a police recruiting centre in western Baghdad when they came under attack.

In Mosul, provincial Gov. Duraid Kashmola escaped assassination Saturday when insurgents attacked his convoy in the western part of the city. One of the vehicles was damaged in the attack, but there were no casualties, the provincial press office said.

Two policemen were killed Saturday evening in a drive-by shooting in downtown Mosul, police said.

RAMADI - A suicide bomber blew herself up in a police station northeast of Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, killing one policeman and wounding four others, police said.

Guerrillas kidnapped an off-duty police officer on a road near Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents killed three policemen and wounded two others at a police checkpoint in Dour, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A bomber blew himself up at an Iraqi police checkpoint in the Baaj district of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, wounding three policemen, police said.

A bomb planted beneath a car wounded a ministry of defence employee and two other people in the Mansour district in western Baghdad, police said

Insurgents attacked a police patrol in western Mosul on Saturday, killing three policemen and wounding two policemen, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol near the Turkish embassy in Baghdad wounded two policemen.

A mortar bomb killed at least three people and wounded seven outside the gates of the Ministry of Defence in central Baghdad, police said.

An attacker rammed into a police patrol mid-afternoon in Nisoor Square on the capital's west side, killing a policeman, police said.

Another explosion took place nearly simultaneously across town at a crowded bus stop where the target was the passing convoy of a top Iraqi police general. Four people were killed and 18 wounded, Brig. Gen. Nazar Majeed among them, said an officer on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to media. Three of the dead were policemen, he said.

The area includes shops that sell spare auto parts and tires, and is frequently used as a shortcut for Interior Ministry convoys trying to avoid traffic jams on another main street leading to government buildings, the officer said.

Tareq Salman, who owns a tea stall nearby, said he heard a huge explosion and then saw smoke spewing from the bus station.

“I saw several passengers running and several minibuses on fire. I saw wounded men screaming for help and police cars taking some seriously wounded to the hospital,” 54-year-old Salman said. “There were blood stains and one burned body.”

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

**U.S. Senator Calls For Military
Defeat Of Invading U.S. Army:
Supporting Resistance, Corwin Says “If I
Were A Mexican I Would Tell You, ‘Have
You Not Room In Your Own Country To
Bury Your Dead Men? If You Come Into
Mine We Will Greet You With Bloody
Hands, And Welcome You To Hospitable
Graves’”**

[Corwin, along with many others, understood the war on Mexico was initiated by slaveholders controlling the U.S. government to grab more territory for slavery. Therefore, he, along with many others, made very clear which side he was on, as in this speech. The biographical information below is based on data from Wikipedia. He and this speech deserve to be well remembered.

[Thanks to Fabian Bouthillette, Iraq Veterans Against The War & Military Project, for copying from a very old book. T]

By THOMAS CORWIN, of Ohio. Speech opposing the U.S. war on Mexico delivered February 11, 1847.

Corwin served in the U.S. Senate from March 4, 1845 to July 20, 1850. He was again elected to the House of Representatives in 1858, and returned to that body as a Republican and served from March 4, 1859 to March 12, 1861.

He resigned only a few days into the 37th Congress after being appointed by the newly inaugurated President Abraham Lincoln to become Minister to Mexico, where he served until 1864.

Corwin, well-regarded among the Mexican public for his opposition to the Mexican War while in the Senate, helped keep relations with the Mexicans friendly throughout the course of the Civil War, despite Confederate efforts to sway their allegiances.

Born 1794. Died 1865.

What is the territory, Mr. President, which you propose to wrest from Mexico?

It is consecrated to the heart of the Mexican by many a well-fought battle, with his old Castilian master.

His Bunker Hills, and Saratogas, and Yorktowns are there. The Mexican can say, "There I bled for liberty! and shall I surrender that consecrated home of my affections to the Anglo-Saxon invaders?"

What do they want with it? They have Texas already. They have possessed themselves of the territory between the Nueces and the Rio Grande.

What else do they want? To what shall I point my children as memorials, of that independence which I bequeath to them, when those battlefields shall have passed from my possession?

Sir, had one come and demanded Bunker Hill of the people of Massachusetts, had England's lion ever showed himself there, is there a man over thirteen, and under ninety, who would not have been ready to meet him — is there a river on this continent that would not have run red with blood — is there a field but would have been piled high with the unburied bones of slaughtered Americans before these consecrated battlefields of liberty should have been wrested from us?

But this same American goes into a sister republic, and says to poor, weak Mexico, "Give up your territory — you are unworthy to possess it — I have got one-half already — all I ask you is to give up the other!"

England might as well, in the circumstances I have described, have come and demanded of us "Give up the Atlantic slope — give up this trifling territory from the Allegheny mountains to the sea; it is only from Maine to St. Mary's — only about one-third of your Republic, and the least interesting portion of it."

What would be the response?

They would say, "We must give this up to John Bull." Why?

"He wants room."

The Senator from Michigan says he must have this. Why, my worthy Christian brother, on what principle of justice?

"I want room!"

Sir, look at this pretense of want of room.

With twenty millions of people, you have about one thousand millions of acres of land, inviting settlement by every conceivable argument — bringing them down to a quarter of a dollar an acre, and allowing every man to squat where he pleases. But the Senator from Michigan says we will be two hundred millions in a few years, and we want room.

If I were a Mexican I would tell you, "Have you not room in your own country to bury your dead men? If you come into mine we will greet you with bloody hands, and welcome you to hospitable graves."

Why, says the chairman of this Committee of Foreign Relations, it is the most reasonable thing in the world! We ought to have the Bay of San Francisco. Why? Because it is the best harbor on the Pacific!

It has been my fortune, Mr. President, to have practiced a good deal in criminal courts in the course of my life, but I never yet heard a thief, arraigned for stealing a horse, plead that it was the best horse that he could find in the country!

We want California. What for? "Why," says the Senator from Michigan, "we will have it;" and the Senator from South Carolina, with a very mistaken view, I think, of policy, says, "You can't keep our people from going there." I don't desire to prevent them. Let them go and seek their happiness in whatever country or clime it pleases them.

All I ask of them is, not to require this Government to protect them with that banner consecrated to war waged for principles — eternal, enduring truth.

Sir, it is not meet that our old flag should throw its protecting folds over expeditions for lucre or for land.

But you still say, you want room for your people. This has been the plea of every robber-chief from Nimrod to the present hour.

I dare say, when Tamerlane descended from his throne built of seventy thousand human skulls, and marched his ferocious battalions to further slaughter, I dare say he said, "I want room." Bajazet was another gentleman of kindred tastes and wants with us Anglo-Saxons — he "wanted room."

Alexander, too, the mighty "Macedonian madman," when he wandered with his Greeks to the plains of India, and fought a bloody battle on the very ground where recently England and the Sikhs engaged in strife for "room," was, no doubt, in quest of some California there. Many a Monterey had he to storm to get "room."

Sir, he made quite as much of that sort of history as you ever will.

Mr. President, do you remember the last chapter in that history? It is soon read. Oh! I wish we could but understand its moral. Ammon's son (so was Alexander named), after all his victories, died drunk in Babylon!

The vast empire he conquered to "get room" became the prey of the generals he had trained; it was disparted, torn to pieces, and so ended. Sir, there is a very significant appendix; it is this: the descendants of the Greeks — of Alexander's Greeks — are now governed by a descendant of Attila!

Mr. President, while we are fighting for room, let us ponder deeply this appendix. I was somewhat amazed, the other day, to hear the Senator from Michigan declare that Europe had quite forgotten us till these battles waked them up. I suppose the Senator feels grateful to the President for "waking up" Europe.

Does the President, who is, I hope, read in civic as well as military lore, remember the saying of one who had pondered upon history long — long, too, upon man, his nature and true destiny? Montesquieu did not think highly of this way of "waking up." "Happy," says he, "is that nation whose annals are tiresome."

The Senator from Michigan has a different view of this.

He thinks that a nation is not distinguished until it is distinguished in war; he fears that the slumbering faculties of Europe have not been able to ascertain that there are twenty millions of Anglo-Saxons here, making railroads and canals, and speeding all the arts of peace to the utmost accomplishment of the most refined civilization. They do not know it!

And what is the wonderful expedient which this democratic method of making history would adopt in order to make us known? Storming cities, desolating peaceful, happy homes, shooting men — aye, sir, such is war — and shooting women, too!

Sir, I have read, in some account of your battle of Monterery, of a lovely Mexican girl, who, with the benevolence of an angel in her bosom, and the robust courage of a hero in her heart, was busily engaged, during the bloody conflict, amid the crash of falling houses, the groans of the dying, and the wild shriek of battle, in carrying water to slake the burning thirst of the wounded of either host.

While bending over a wounded American soldier, a cannon ball struck her and blew her to atoms!

Sir, I do not charge my brave, generous-hearted countrymen who fought that fight with this.

No, no! We who send them — we who know that scenes like this, which might send tears of sorrow "down Pluto's iron cheek," are the invariable, inevitable attendants on war— we are accountable for this.

And this — *this* is the way we are to be made known to Europe.

This — this is to be the undying renown of free, republican America!

“She has stormed a city — killed many of its inhabitants of both sexes — she has room!”

So it will read.

Sir, if this were our only history, then may God of his mercy grant that its volume may speedily come to a close.

Why is it, sir, that we of the United States, a people of yesterday, compared with the older nations of the world, should be waging war for territory — for “room?” Look at your country, extending from the Allegheny mountains to the Pacific ocean, capable itself of sustaining, in comfort, a larger population than will be in the whole Union for one hundred years to come. Over this vast expanse of territory, your population is now so sparse that I believe we provided, at the last session, a regiment of mounted men to guard the mail, from the frontier of Missouri to the mouth of the Columbia; and yet you persist in the ridiculous assertion, “I want room.” One would imagine, from the frequent reiteration of the complaint, that you had a bursting, teeming population, whose energy was paralyzed, whose enterprise was crushed, for want of space.

Why should we be so weak or wicked as to offer this idle apology for ravaging a neighboring republic? It will impose on no one at home or abroad.

Do we not know, Mr. President, that it is a law never to be repealed, that falsehood shall be short-lived?

Was it not ordained of old that truth only shall abide forever?

Whatever we may say to-day, or whatever we may write in our books, the stern tribunal of history will review it all, detect falsehood, and bring us to judgment before that posterity which shall bless or curse us, as we may act *now*, wisely or otherwise:

We may hide in the grave (which awaits us all), in vain; we may hope there, like the foolish bird that hides its head in the sand, in the vain belief that its body is not seen, yet even there, this preposterous excuse of want of “room,” shall be laid bare, and the quick-coming future will decide that it was a hypocritical pretense, under which we sought to conceal the avarice, which prompted us to covet and to seize by force that which was not ours.

Mr. President, this uneasy desire to augment our territory has depraved the moral sense, and blunted the otherwise keen sagacity of our people.

What has been the fate of all nations who have acted upon the idea that they must advance?

Our young orators cherish this notion with a fervid, but fatally mistaken zeal. They call it by the mysterious name of “destiny.”

“Our destiny,” they say, is “onward,” and hence they argue, with ready sophistry, the propriety of seizing upon any territory and any people that may lie in the way of our “fated” advance.

Recently, these progressives have grown classical; some assiduous student of antiquities has helped them to a patron saint. They have wandered back into the desolated Pantheon, and there, among the Polytheistic relics of that “pale mother of dead empires,” they have found a god whom these Romans, centuries gone by, baptized “Terminus.”

OCCUPATION REPORT

U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS



Foreign occupation soldiers from the US soldiers search an Iraqi citizens' house during an armed home invasion in Shulla neighbourhood in north-western Baghdad.

Photograph: Sean Smith, Guardian, 5.28.08 [Thanks to JM, who sent this in.]

[There's nothing quite like invading somebody else's country and busting into their houses by force to arouse an intense desire to kill you in the patriotic, self-respecting civilians who live there.

[But your commanders know that, don't they? Don't they?]

"You get the interpreter and you get the man of the home, and you have him at gunpoint, and you'll ask the interpreter to ask him: 'Do you have any weapons?'

Do you have any anti-US propaganda, anything at all--anything--anything in here that would lead us to believe that you are somehow involved in insurgent activity or anti-coalition forces activity?'

"Normally they'll say no, because that's normally the truth," Sergeant Bruhns said.

"So what you'll do is you'll take his sofa cushions and you'll dump them. If he has a couch, you'll turn the couch upside down.

"You'll go into the fridge, if he has a fridge, and you'll throw everything on the floor, and you'll take his drawers and you'll dump them....

You'll open up his closet and you'll throw all the clothes on the floor and basically leave his house looking like a hurricane just hit it.

"And if you find something, then you'll detain him. If not, you'll say, 'Sorry to disturb you. Have a nice evening.'

"So you've just humiliated this man in front of his entire family and terrorized his entire family and you've destroyed his home.

And then you go right next door and you do the same thing in a hundred homes."

Sgt. John Bruhns

"In the States, if police burst into your house, kicking down doors and swearing at you, you would call your lawyer and file a lawsuit," said Wood, 42, from Iowa, who did not accompany Halladay's Charlie Company, from his battalion, on Thursday's raid. "Here, there are no lawyers. Their resources are limited, so they plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) instead."

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

FUTILE EXERCISE:

**ONLY 10 MILLION MORE TO GO:
ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!**



U.S. Army soldiers with 101st Airborne Division take an Iraqi man prisoner during an operation in the Czech Village housing area near the Baiji oil refinery. REUTERS/Bob Strong

Troops Invited:

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Replies confidential. Same address to unsubscribe. Phone: 917.677.8057

OCCUPATION TIBET

**“Nearly Every Tibetan Wants
Independence”**

“When The Time Is Right, We Will Go To War”

Chinese Occupation Tries Terror: “They Always Come After Midnight”

June 6, 2008 By GORDON FAIRCLOUGH and JASON LEOW, Wall St. Journal
[Excerpts]

TONGREN, China -- An aggressive effort by Chinese security forces to suppress dissent across the Tibetan plateau is stoking resentment, three months after violent clashes started in Tibet's capital, Lhasa.

Mass detentions, searches and stepped-up surveillance have largely quelled public demonstrations in Tongren, 744 miles from Lhasa, and in other Tibetan towns across Western China.

But Buddhist monks and other residents say those actions -- and a “patriotic education” campaign that sometimes requires monks to renounce their exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama -- are also fueling growing anger in the region.

Government officials ordered paramilitary police back onto the streets this past Sunday in Lhasa, where peaceful protests exploded into deadly riots in mid-March. Lhasa residents said the People's Armed Police resumed large-scale patrols Monday morning, and schools, banks and shopping centers were under heavy guard. Large numbers of troops have been moving into Tibet during the week by train, according to a person familiar with railroad operations.

The situation in Lhasa, and in a series of ethnic-Tibetan towns visited by two Wall Street Journal reporters last week, suggests that Tibetan anger -- and the threat of further unrest -- is a major concern for Beijing.

Officials started a “patriotic education” campaign among monks. Hao Peng, deputy Communist Party chief of Tibet, said in April that monks would be taught to see “the real face of the Dalai Lama” and to “uphold the banner of patriotism.”

For now, the anger in Tibetan areas is restrained by fear. Buddhist monks, who play a leadership role in Tibetan society and who have led many of the antigovernment protests since March, have become a main target of security forces.

Monks at three temples in Tibetan parts of Qinghai and Gansu provinces -- a region known in Tibetan as Amdo -- said last week that they had also been ordered to participate in the “patriotic education” campaign. The reporters from the Journal were able to travel freely through the area over the course of two days, but the pervasive presence of security forces meant that many monks were reluctant to speak.

At the Kumbum monastery near the Qinghai provincial capital, Xining, a 26-year-old monk said officials told the monks that the Dalai Lama was “unclean” and showed pictures of him shaking hands with women. Tibetan Buddhist monks take vows of celibacy. Participants in the “patriotic education” sessions were required to renounce the Dalai Lama, he said.

“These officials kept saying we’re not patriotic so we aren’t qualified to be lamas,” said the monk, who ridiculed the statements in an interview but said that monks are under enormous pressure to conform. “When the Communist Party has a gun to our head, we have to pretend. We can’t say what we believe,” he said.

“Nearly every Tibetan wants independence,” the monk said. “When the time is right, we will go to war,” he said, adding quickly: “I know that’s not how a lama is supposed to think.”

In Tongren, a trading town that is home to the more than 700-year-old Rongwo monastery, protests continued for more than a month after the Lhasa riots.

A 23-year-old monk said that when he was arrested, police twisted steel wire tightly around his wrists to handcuff him.

He was then taken to the local police station and forced to kneel outside for five days in the courtyard, during which time he was beaten and questioned about who organized the march. For the first three days of his detention, he was given no food or water, he said.

While the protesting monks were in custody, paramilitary police surrounded the Rongwo monastery for 36 hours and searched its living quarters, prayer halls and sanctuaries, confiscating pictures of the Dalai Lama and other materials.

Local people say that most of the paramilitary police that occupied Tongren in the days after the Lhasa riots have been replaced by plainclothes officers.

Monks said they now live in fear.

Still, many are defiant.

In one of the temple’s main sanctuaries, before a towering image of the Buddha, sits a gilt-framed portrait of a smiling Dalai Lama. “Every time someone from the government comes, we hide the picture,” said a monk tending the shrine.

At the sprawling Labrang monastery in the town of Xiahe in neighboring Gansu province, the doors to monks’ quarters still bear chalk marks indicating they were searched during a late-April raid by police looking for pictures and videos of the Dalai Lama.

“Every Tibetan household has pictures of the Dalai Lama,” said one 28-year-old monk at the monastery. “The only difference is whether you dare to put them up.”

The monk said that about 100 of his fellow monks were arrested in the raid, which took place about 1 a.m. Most were released the next afternoon, he said.

Monks at the monastery now are required to attend “patriotic education” classes two to three times a week, in groups of 15 people, he said, adding that plainclothes security officers are ever-present.

“You never know if you are being followed. Most of us don’t dare speak to anyone,” said the monk.

Arrests never happen in daylight, he said.

“They always come after midnight.”

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

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From: NKP
To: GI Special

Sent: June 08, 2008
Subject: Statement from Neturei Karta Palestine

Please see the attachment [below], if you can please publicize it.

Best Regards,

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On June 4, 2008, the Zionist parliament of the State of "Israel" passed a law describing the City of Jerusalem as their political capital and also as the "capital of the Jewish People."

Of course, this is part of the neurotic and arrogant behavior sponsored by the Zionists worldwide ad nauseum in their constant demand for worldwide recognition of their barbaric ethnocratic Zionist regime.

In addition, they now proclaim that it is also the capital of the Jewish People worldwide, which is laughable given the fact that Jews worldwide are citizens of other countries!

No one is truly interested in their constant narcissistic and foolish expressions, but we believe it is right and important to declare once again that the Zionist regime, including the Jewish religious stooge activists and rabbis who serve them, do not represent the authentic and traditional teachings of the Jewish faith in any way.

Unfortunately, many Jews and non-Jews still believe that the Zionists must be pacified and appeased at the expense of the Palestinian People, whose land, towns, livelihoods and freedom have been usurped by the Zionist interlopers.

Yet, the strong voice of opposition to Zionist madness cannot be stilled.

The Zionists have the media, the lobbies, the politicians, the weapons, the money, and self-proclaimed leaders of the Jewish People.

However, they do not have truth on their side. They do not have, and will never have, the authentic Torah teachings and values on their side.

Let them proclaim that they own Planet Earth! Let them proclaim that they own the Moon! Let them proclaim that they own the Universe!

Let us proclaim that they are liars!

Let us proclaim that they thieves!

Let us proclaim that they are terrorists!

Let us proclaim that not only will Jerusalem be returned to the Palestinians as the capital of all of Palestine, but that all of historic Palestine, from the river to the sea, shall be torn away from the Zionist regime and returned to the Palestinians!

Then, and only then, will justice prevail, and will Jews again live in harmony with our Arab cousins in the Holy Land!

We again appeal to the international community, the EU, the UN, the major world powers, to put a stop to the machinations of the Zionist regime and save the Middle East from catastrophe!

Neturei Karta
Jerusalem, Palestine



[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by foreign terrorists, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]

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The enemy infiltrator arriving on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington June 8, 2008. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts

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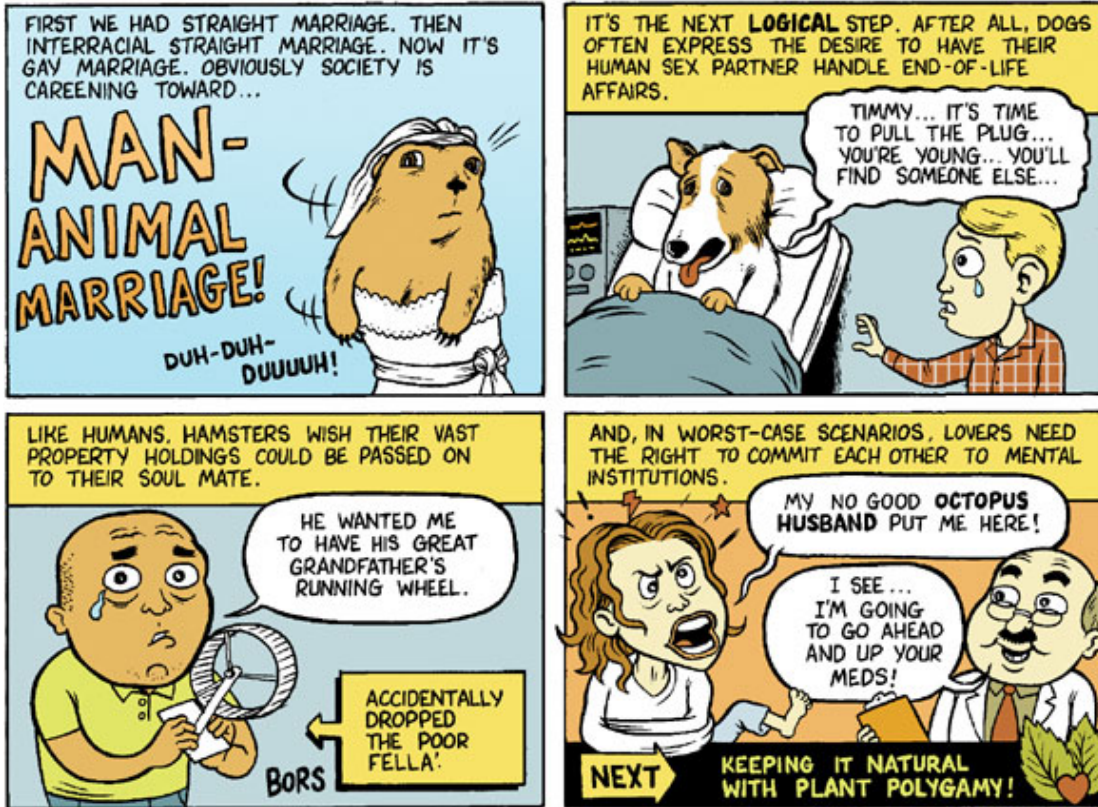


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CLASS WAR REPORTS

Why Can't We All Get Kennedycare?

“He Won't Be Sent A Bill For The
Surgery And Hospitalization”

“The President, Vice President And
Members Of Congress All Enjoy
Government-Financed Health Care”

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June 5, 2008 By Helen Redmond, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

LAST MONTH, Ted Kennedy was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. All the major news outlets provided daily updates on Kennedy’s medical treatment and prognosis.

The media failed to point out an important fact:

Unlike average Americans, the senator from Massachusetts didn’t have to worry for one minute that he wouldn’t get the care he needed for his life-threatening cancer.

The president, vice president and members of Congress all enjoy government-financed health care, with few restrictions or prohibitive out-of-pocket co-pays.

They are never turned away for pre-existing conditions or denied care for what insurance companies label “experimental treatments” (like the brain surgery Kennedy just underwent).

No, from the moment he had a seizure at his home on Cape Cod and was flown to Boston (an ambulance would have taken too long), until his surgery early this week, he got what the California Nurses Association (CNA) has dubbed “CheneyCare”--named in honor of the vice president with a chronic heart condition, for whom no health care expense is too great.

Kennedy and his family didn’t have to spend hours on the phone fighting to get pre-authorization to see a neurosurgeon, and he didn’t wait months for an appointment.

Within a week, he had a meeting with a group of top-flight neurosurgeons from the country’s leading medical institutions to discuss all his options and select a surgeon.

Kennedy didn’t have to argue with his insurer to get all those second opinions.

And he wasn’t told by an insurance company bureaucrat that the surgery wasn’t “medically necessary” on the basis that the prognosis for a man his age with a malignant glioma in the parietal lobe is bleak at best.

Kennedy elected to have surgery at the Brain Tumor Center at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina.

He lives in Massachusetts, of course, but it wasn’t a problem that the surgery took place in another state--apparently the doctors and hospital aren’t “out of network.”

He won’t be sent a bill for the surgery and hospitalization. And, of course, Kennedy will never have to declare bankruptcy due to medical debt.

Two statistics speak volumes about the scale of the health care crisis in the U.S. today: 50 million people in the United States have no health insurance, and at least 18,000 die every year due to lack of access to health care.

In 1971, Kennedy was actually in favor of a national, single-payer health care system. In opposition to President Richard Nixon's support for a mandate requiring employers to purchase private insurance for employees, Kennedy, along with Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Mich.), proposed the Health Security Act.

Back in the 1970s, Kennedy abandoned the Health Security Act, saying it wasn't "politically feasible." In reality, he wasn't willing to take on the medical-industrial complex.

Kennedy is chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee. Not surprisingly, he is one of the top recipients of health-care industry political contributions. During his 40 years in Congress, he has accepted millions from insurance and pharmaceutical political action committees, according to OpenSecrets.org.

Perhaps this explains why he has refused to co-sponsor Rep. John Conyers HR 676, legislation that would create a single-payer, government-financed health care system.

For politicians like Kennedy, there will never be a time when single-payer, government-financed health care is politically feasible, viable or attainable.

Instead, they will echo the words of Barack Obama--another former supporter of single payer and current recipient of big bucks from the health sector.

Obama argues that if he was starting from scratch, he would be in favor of single-payer, but now, we have to build on the broken system we have.

A government-financed health care system for everyone just won't work--except for them.

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