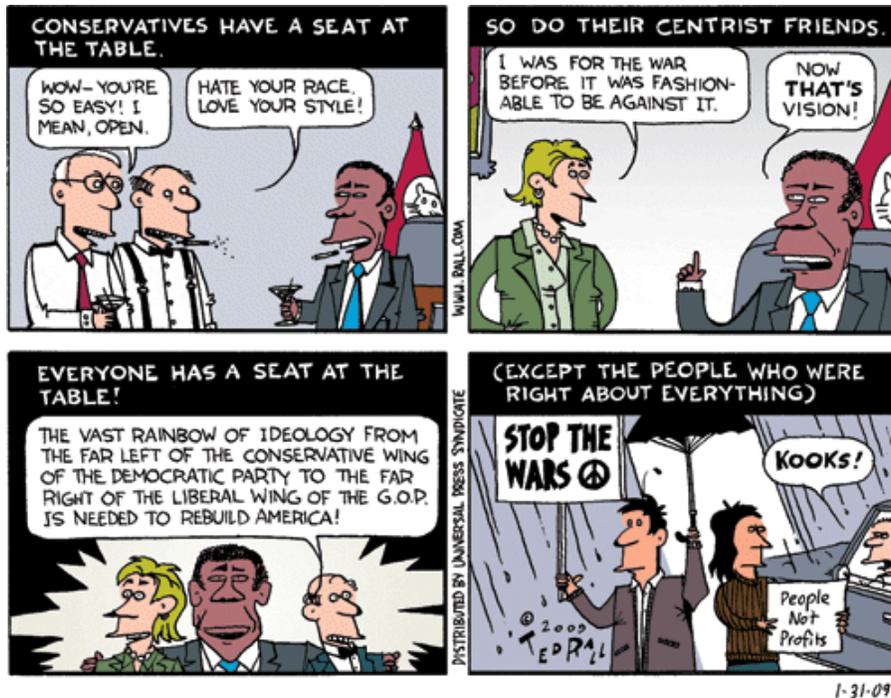


## GI SPECIAL 7B1:



**To Members Of The U.S.  
Armed Forces:  
“You Are The Most Important  
Person In The Fight To Bring  
Our Military Back Home”  
The Military Project Is Ready To Offer  
Any Assistance That You Deem  
Necessary In Resisting Your Role In  
The Current Occupations**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Arms,**

**For seven years our armed forces have been engaged in the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**In that time, tens of thousands of service members have found ways to resist participation in these conflicts. Many have outright refused to deploy.**

**And those who have served in theater have found many ways to show their dissent, or even refuse orders that they have found illegal and immoral.**

**Every form of resistance to the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan has served to weaken our government's ability to carry out these conflicts.**

**With that weakening, the ranks of veterans' advocacy groups such as Iraq Veterans Against the War have grown rapidly, and an end to the occupations can be seen.**

**A clear sign for a change of course in the "War on Terror" came with the election of Barack Obama as our 44<sup>th</sup> President and Commander-in-Chief. President Obama, who has pledged to bring the Iraq conflict to an end, received more campaign money contributions from members of the military than his opponent, Senator John McCain.**

**This statistic is a clear sign that our troops want out of Iraq, and Afghanistan as well.**

**There is much hope in America right now that President Obama will keep his promise and bring the occupation of Iraq to a quick end. And if President Obama does indeed live up to his word, billions of dollars can be saved, but more importantly, countless lives will be spared as well.**

**In this time of hope, however, we should not sit back and assume that politicians will bring an end to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**Instead, the need to reach out to members of the military willing to show their dissent to the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan has never been greater.**

**You have the unique power to disrupt our operations, and to bring the true nature of our occupations to the American people.**

**If you have thought about resisting your part in the occupation of Iraq or Afghanistan, or have already made the choice to resist, there is great support for you back home from anti-war veterans support groups.**

**Consider this letter an official offer of support from one such group, The Military Project.**

**The Military Project is ready to offer any assistance that you deem necessary in resisting your role in the current occupations.**

If you need an outlet to have your feelings and observations published, The Military Project can facilitate that.

If you would like help organizing with other service members that share your dissent towards the occupations, The Military Project can help facilitate that as well.

We can send publications like *Traveling Soldier*, DVDs like *Sir No Sir* that may be useful, information about *Iraq Veterans Against The War*, and whatever other material you may need and not have access to where you are.

The form of your resistance is up to you. The Military Project stands ready to follow your guidance.

You are the most important person in the fight to bring our military back home.

The Military Project respects your service. Some members are recent veterans themselves.

We hope that you will feel comfortable making any request you feel necessary in the fight to save lives on both sides of the conflicts.

Solidarity and respect,

Fabian Bouthillette, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy Reserve  
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## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

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 wars, 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**

### **Soldier With Phoenix Ties Killed In 3rd Tour In Iraq**

Jan. 28, 2009 by Glen Creno, The Arizona Republic

An army sergeant who grew up in Phoenix has been killed in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Roberto Andrade Jr., 26, died Jan. 18, when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. He joined the army in 2001 and was finishing his third tour in Iraq.

"If people asked you which one was he, you would say, 'He was the one with the smile.' He was very soft spoken but he could command with that smile," said his grandmother, Vicky Munari of Phoenix.

She said Andrade enlisted during a visit to Chicago but grew up in Phoenix. He was with the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor, First Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. The unit is based in Ft. Hood, Texas.

His grandmother said he was in an armored vehicle that was hit by a roadside bomb.

He is survived by several family members.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Roadside Bomb Kills Canadian Soldier In Zhari**

01/31/09 By Archie McLean , Canwest News

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Another Canadian soldier was killed here Saturday afternoon by an improvised explosive device.

A roadside bomb blast killed Sapper Sean David Greenfield in southern Afghanistan, the latest death in what has become a bloody winter for troops serving in this war.

Greenfield, 25, died when his armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb at about 2:45 p.m. in Zhari district, roughly 40 kilometres west of Kandahar City.

Greenfield, who was from the 24 Field Engineer Squadron, 2 Combat Regiment, based in Petawawa, Ont., is the 108th Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan since 2002.

The operation netted a small amount of weapons and bomb-making material.

According to the military, the number of IED attacks have almost doubled this winter.

**About 180 attacks were recorded between September and December 2008, compared with 75 over the same period in 2007.**

**Capt. Roy Ulrich, deputy commander of the counter-IED unit in Kandahar, said in January that roughly 355 explosives were either found or exploded from September to December 2008, compared with 170 the previous year.**

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## **French Convoy Attacked In Afghan Capitol**

Feb 1 KABUL (AFP)

A car bomber attacked a convoy of French troops in the Afghan capital Kabul on Sunday, wounding one of the soldiers, the French military and the Afghan government said.

The bomb exploded near a convoy of French soldiers who are helping to train the fledgling Afghan National Army, French military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Jerome Salle told AFP.

“One military vehicle has been damaged and one French soldier has been slightly wounded. He does not need hospital treatment,” he said.

Parts of the vehicle and the attacker's body were flung across the road, which leads into the province of Wardak and then Logar -- both used in the past as staging grounds for attacks on Kabul.

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## **Angry Afghans Threaten To Kill U.S. Troops:**

**Special Forces Night Raids  
Massacre Civilians And Recruit  
Thousands To Resist:  
“All Of Our People Are Ready To  
Carry Out Jihad. We Cannot Tolerate  
Seeing The Dead Bodies Of Our  
Children And Women Anymore”  
“Maybe There Were Only Two Or Three  
Insurgents In Guloch, But I Can Tell You  
That There Are Thousands Now”**



An Afghan villager elder in Inzeri village of Tagab Valley in Kapisa province north of Kabul, Afghanistan, shows U.S. troops what Afghans will do, Jan. 27, 2009. (AP Photo/Jason Straziuso)

**Mateen said a woman tried to leave the village to escape the battle. “Then someone shouted at her. Maybe they told her to stop, but she couldn’t understand, so they shot her,” Mateen told the group. “So even people trying to get away couldn’t escape.”**

Jan. 31, 2009 The Associated Press

MEHTERLAM, Afghanistan - An angry Afghan man with a thick black beard yelled at the U.S. officials, shouting about how their overnight raid had killed 16 civilians in his village.

An Afghan elder cried out in grief that his son and four grandsons were among the dead.

One after another, a long line of government officials, villagers and community leaders told American military officials at the Laghman governor's compound that Afghan soldiers must be allowed to take part in such raids.

Several predicted increased violence against U.S. forces if more nighttime operations take place.

**Three recent U.S. Special Forces operations killed 50 people — the vast majority civilians, Afghan officials say — raising the ire of villagers and President Hamid Karzai, who set a one-month deadline for his demand that Afghan soldiers play a bigger role in military operations.**

“If these operations are again conducted in our area, all of our people are ready to carry out jihad. We cannot tolerate seeing the dead bodies of our children and women anymore,” Malik Malekazratullah, the Afghan who ranted at the Americans, told The Associated Press. “I've already told President Karzai we are out of patience.”

**U.S. officials said it was possible the conventional American troops stationed in Laghman province — a separate group from the Special Forces units that carried out the nighttime raids — could face an increased risk of attack.**

“Anytime there is that kind of public outcry, you can imagine that there are some people out there who may take that and put it into action,” said Lt. Col. Dan Fuhr, the top U.S. commander in Laghman, one province east of Kabul.

**The overnight raids target what U.S. officials say are known insurgent leaders.**

**The specially trained Special Forces are dropped off outside a village by helicopter, then move in to capture or kill their targets.**

**The problem, Afghan officials say, comes when ordinary civilians hear the commotion.**

**Fearing robbers or an attack from a hostile tribe, the close-knit villagers grab their guns and run outside or fire from their homes.**

**U.S. forces then fire back and end up killing civilians doing nothing more than answering the call to defend their neighbors.**

Afghan officials say an overnight raid Jan. 7 in the village of Masmoot in Laghman killed 19 civilians.

A raid in Kapisa on Jan. 19 killed 15 people, mostly civilians.

And a second Laghman raid Jan. 23, in Guloch village, killed 16, they say.

**Even if the Special Forces nail their intended target, when raids go wrong they end up killing Afghan civilians as well, turning whole villages against the Afghan government and the presence of U.S. forces.**

“Maybe there were only two or three insurgents in Guloch, but I can tell you that there are thousands now,” Abdul Qadir Kochai, a member of parliament on a delegation sent by Karzai, told the U.S. officials. **[And tens of thousands after that. The Afghans will continue to resist by force of arms until they are free of the U.S. Imperial occupation, and they are right to do so. T]**

Some 60 people gathered in the Laghman governor's compound on Wednesday to air their complaints. It was the fifth meeting held there over the two civilian death incidents in Laghman.

Fuhr, 44, a member of the Illinois National Guard from Park Ridge, Illinois, said there were a “few indicators” of increased danger to his 400 troops in Laghman. But he said it was too soon to tell if angered villagers would carry out violence. “We’re certainly putting ourselves in a more vigilant posture just in case,” he said.

Afghan officials say Afghans soldiers could prevent the kinds of deaths that Abdul Mateen, a village elder from Masmoot, described at the meeting.

**Mateen said a woman tried to leave the village to escape the battle. “Then someone shouted at her. Maybe they told her to stop, but she couldn’t understand, so they shot her,” Mateen told the group.**

**“So even people trying to get away couldn’t escape.”**

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## **Miraculous “Single Warning Shot” Gets Two Afghan Civilians; Tribal Leader Killed**

Feb. 1 By Jay Shankar (Bloomberg)

NATO-led troops in Afghanistan opened fire during military actions, killing an Afghan tribal leader

A civilian vehicle approaching an ISAF convoy didn’t follow an order to stop, prompting soldiers to fire a “single warning shot,” according to a separate statement. Both passengers were injured and one, a tribal leader of the eastern Paktika province, succumbed to his injuries at an ISAF hospital in the Orgun district yesterday.

<p><b>OCCUPATION ISN’T LIBERATION ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!</b></p>
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**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
END THE OCCUPATIONS**

**ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT;  
ALL HOME NOW**



American soldiers, thinly spread, patrol in Afghanistan. Danfung Dennis for The New York Times, January 22, 2009

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## **TROOP NEWS**

**Weight Of Combat Gear Breaking  
Down Troops Bodies:  
Injuries Keeping Troops on the  
Sidelines:**

# Soldier-Killing Rats In Command Have A Solution: Take Away Body Armor, But Make Them Carry Everything Else!

[Gee, how convenient. Command suddenly discovers combat gear loads are too heavy and hurting troops, just as they get ready to send tens of thousands to die in Afghanistan. So -- oh how their hearts are breaking at the news of all those suddenly discovered back injuries -- they come up with a brilliant solution: strip down the body armor, and, of course, leave the rest of the combat load alone. That way, troops can chase insurgents around mountain tops, and die more easily while doing so. These fucking traitors in command never let up. Time to ship their cowardly selves up on some Afghan mountain line with the wonderful new "less is better" body armor. Lead by example, right? T]

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Wear 'em out, throw them away. Treating soldiers like animals causes these injuries. But the animals in the zoo have it no better."]

February 1, 2009 By Ann Scott Tyson, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

Carrying heavy combat loads is taking a quiet but serious toll on troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, contributing to injuries that are sidelining them in growing numbers, according to senior military and defense officials.

Army leaders and experts say the injuries -- linked to the stress of bearing heavy loads during repeated 12- or 15-month combat tours -- have increased the number of soldiers categorized as "non-deployable." Army personnel reported 257,000 acute orthopedic injuries in 2007, up from 247,000 the previous year.

As injuries force more soldiers to stay home, the Army is having a harder time filling units for upcoming deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, said Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, the service's vice chief of staff.

"There is no doubt that (in) our non-deployable rates, we're seeing increase," he said. "I don't want to see it grow any more."

The number of total non-deployables has risen by an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 since 2006, putting the current figure at about 20,000, according to Chiarelli. "That occurs when you run the force at the level we're running it now," he said.

"You can't hump a rucksack at 8,000 to 11,000 feet for 15 months, even at a young age, and not have that have an impact on your body, and we are seeing an increase in muscular-skeletal issues," Chiarelli told reporters last month. **[My, what an amazing coincidence; the elevation he mentions just happens to be in Afghanistan, not Iraq.**

**The top U.S. commander for eastern Afghanistan, where the bulk of U.S. troops in the country operate, has issued a formal request, known as an operational needs statement, for lighter body armor for troops there.**

The new equipment, called a "plate carrier," would protect vital organs and weigh less than 20 pounds.

**It would not include additional pieces that troops currently use to shield sides, shoulders, arms, the groin and other areas -- pieces that, with a helmet, weigh about 35 pounds.**

Commanders would determine in what circumstances troops could wear the lighter gear, which would make it easier to maneuver when pursuing insurgents over rugged terrain at high altitudes. **[Three guesses "what circumstances" will mean taking away body armor. How about "setting foot in Afghanistan"?)**

"Our dismounted operations are occurring at very high elevations, 10,000 feet and higher, where the air is thinner and it is difficult already to maneuver. You add to that body armor, ammunition and the full load that soldiers carry -- it is difficult," said a military official familiar with the request. **[Note that none of these pieces of shit mention lightening up on the "ammunition and the full load that soldiers carry." Oh fuck no, just cut down on what protects their bodies from injury or death. Case closed.]**

**"You are operating against an enemy that is very agile -- running around in tennis shoes, if that -- and they are fleet of foot and can move faster and elude us,"** said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the request had not yet been approved.

Pietro Tonino, chief of sports medicine at Loyola University Health System in suburban Chicago, agreed that the loads troops carry would "absolutely" predispose them to muscular-skeletal injuries over time.

"They will get stress fractures or overuse injuries of the back, the legs, the foot," Tonino said. "Recruits get these stress fractures in their feet all the time just from walking."

The military has added to its protective gear in recent years to guard against improvised bombs and other threats common in Iraq and Afghanistan, but that has come with a trade-off, as soldiers and Marines routinely carry more than half their body weight into combat.

**Individual Marine combat loads -- including protective gear, weapons, ammunition, water, food and communications gear -- range from 97 to 135 pounds, well over the recommended 50 pounds, a 2007 Navy study found. [In case you missed it the first time, not one single word or even a hint about cutting anything but body armor.]**

In Afghanistan, soldiers routinely carry loads of 130 to 150 pounds for three-day missions, said Jim Stone, acting director of the soldier requirements division at the Army

Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga. In Iraq, where patrols are more likely to use vehicles, loads range from 60 to nearly 100 pounds, he said.

“It’s like a horse: We can load you down, and you just don’t last as long,” Stone said.

Injuries -- the bulk of them muscular-skeletal -- are the main cause of hospitalizations and outpatient visits for active-duty Army soldiers, leading to about 880,000 visits per year, according to Army data.

**The injuries include sprains, stress fractures, inflammation and pain from repetitive use, and they are most common in the lower back, knees, ankles, shoulders and spine. They are one of the leading reasons that soldiers miss duty, said Col. Barbara Springer, director of rehabilitation under the Army surgeon general.**

The overall injury rate for active-duty soldiers has increased slightly to 2.2 injuries per soldier each year, according to Bruce Jones, director of injury prevention at the Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Jones confirmed that soldiers “are now carrying heavier loads on our back, so there is a greater opportunity for overuse injuries.” And with the rapid pace of deployments, he said, “you get a chronic back injury, then you don’t recover before the next cycle. . . . You have to go back to theater 100 percent fit,” able to wear the life-saving armor every day.

Sgt. Waarith Abdullah, 34, is struggling to recover at Fort Stewart, Ga., from a lower-back injury that he says was caused by the strain of wearing body armor for long hours each day during three deployments to Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Abdullah’s injury flared up painfully during his most recent 15-month deployment to Balad, Iraq, where he had to maneuver to search vehicles and stand for 12-hour shifts in guard towers.

“That takes a toll on you, because you have to maintain your center of gravity wearing all that stuff and doing your job,” said Abdullah, of Miami. He wore a Kevlar helmet, body armor with four plates, a throat and groin protector, and shoulder pads, while carrying 10 pounds of ammunition, a rifle, a flashlight and other gear.

“At times, I did think the equipment we were wearing was heavier than usual, but I’m a soldier and I still do my job,” he said. “I think it could be lighter and stronger at the same time.”

During the deployment, Abdullah was allowed to go without armor for 30 days, but the pain returned when he started wearing it again. He returned last July to Fort Stewart, where he is in physical therapy. He is still unable to wear armor but hopes to recover in time for his next deployment.

Maj. Neil Vining, an orthopedic surgeon at Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart, said many of those sidelined have debilitating lower-back pain.

**“If their condition makes them a danger to themselves or others, if they couldn't wear their armor or extricate themselves or others from danger, then they are non-deployable,” he said.**

After two tours in Iraq, Staff Sgt. James Otto, an Army mechanic, has undergone nine months of physical therapy, traction and medication for back pain. He hopes that in three to four months he will be able to wear his vest again and switch to a different job so he can stay in the Army. In November, an Army board gave him a six-month probationary period in which he has to prove he can “wear the vest and shoot a weapon again,” he said.

Further evidence of the frequency of the injuries, which have forced some to leave the military, has come up in studies of veterans.

Carroll W. McInroe, a former VA primary-care case manager in Washington state, said he has seen such injuries in hundreds of veterans from today's wars.

**“Our infantry should not be going into battle carrying 90 to 100 pounds on their backs,” he said. “The human muscular-skeletal system is simply not designed for that much weight, and it will break down over time.”**

## **NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER**

Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

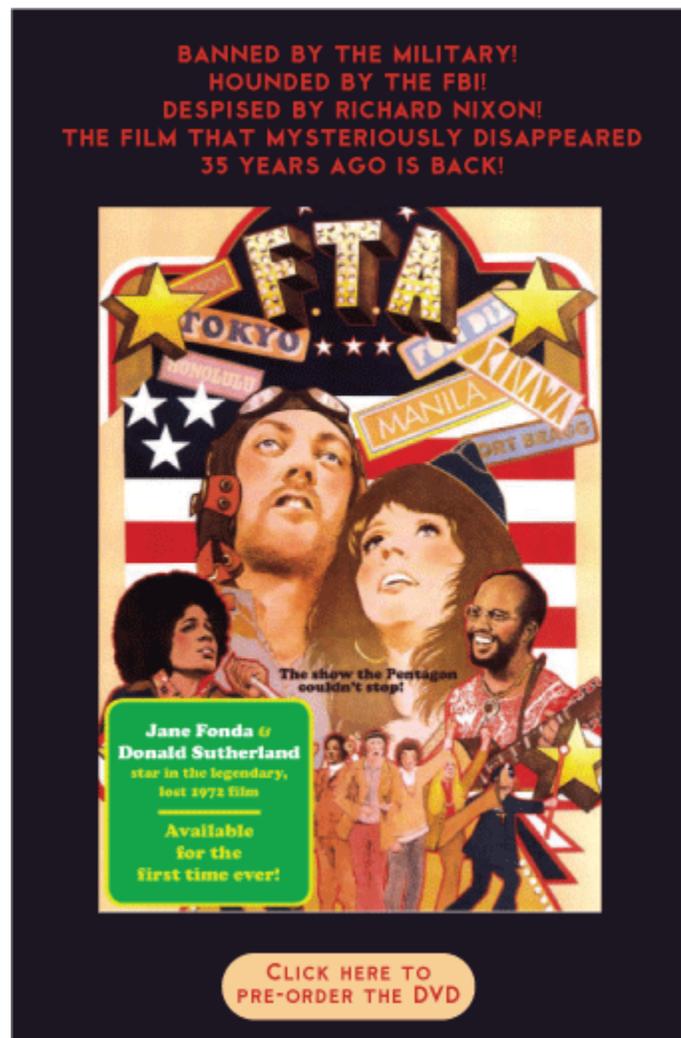
Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> **And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))**

## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

# **FTA Is Back!**

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**– Phil Hall, Film Threat**



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**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WARS**

## **Honorable Anniversary: February 1, 1960 Sit-Ins Against Segregation Begin**

Peace History: Carl Bunin

Four black college students sat in at Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service, to protest segregation. Similar protests subsequently took place all over the South and in some northern communities.

By September 1961, more than 70,000 students, whites and blacks, had participated, and many were arrested, during sit-ins.



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## **Dishonorable Anniversary: February 1, 1968**



General Nguyen Ngoc Loan executes Nguyen Van Lem, turning more Americans against the war in Vietnam

Peace History: Carl Bunin

General Nguyen Ngoc Loan executes Nguyen Van Lem a NLF officer.

Saigon police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan summarily executed Nguyen Van Lem, suspected leader of a Viet Cong assassination platoon, with a pistol shot to the head on the street.

AP photojournalist Eddie Adams's Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of the incident became one of the most famous, ubiquitous and lasting images of the war in Vietnam, affecting international and American public opinion regarding the war.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **We Stand With The Majority We Will Not Be Silent On Gaza**

10 Jan 2009 International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network [Excerpts]

The International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) is a growing international network of Jews whose Jewish identities are not based on Zionism but on a plurality of histories and experiences.

We share a commitment to participation in the legacy of struggles against colonization and imperialism. As such, we struggle against Zionism and its manifestation in the State of Israel's historic and ongoing ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people and the confiscation of their land.



**We write with grief and rage as we watch the horrifying Israeli air and ground attacks on Gaza.**

**As Jews committed to ending Zionism, the founding ideology of Israel, and all forms of colonialism, we stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people, who continue to struggle in the face of these attacks, much as they have against more than 60 years of ethnic cleansing and racism.**

As Joseph Massad recently wrote, Gaza is in uprising against genocide, and is receiving today the same indifference from the capitals of the West that the rebels in the Warsaw Ghetto received in 1943.

We stand with the hundreds of thousands who have taken the streets in solidarity with Gaza's resistance. We stand with all those who struggle against racism, dispossession and genocide.

**We stand with the majority. We will not be silent on Gaza.**

**We reject Israel's pretense to act in response to rocket attacks on Israel by Hamas. Israel broke the ceasefire on November 4, 2008, while world attention was focused on U.S. elections.**

What the Israeli government calls "security" is fundamentally opposed to the real safety of all people living in the region.

**Residents of Sderot and other towns bordering Gaza have begged the government of Israel to maintain the cease-fire and accused it of "wasting that period of calm, instead of using it to advance understanding and begin negotiations."**

With United States, European Union, and Egyptian collusion, Israel imposed a siege and blockade for over two years, intentionally preventing its economic recovery, degrading its civilian infrastructure, attempting to dismantle self-governance, and preventing travel and obstructing humanitarian aid.

That siege, which was and continues to be a gross violation of human rights and a crime against humanity, led directly to the present escalation. Israel has bombed mosques, universities, police headquarters, roads, office buildings, and residential neighborhoods, and schools, causing indescribable and horrible destruction.

This isn't defense.

This isn't a war between two sides.

This is terrorism.

This is genocide.

**We stand with the majority. We will not be silent on Gaza.**

As Jews, we have an additional responsibility to speak and to act against these despicable acts, because we are heirs to the victims of a genocide, because Israel is claiming to "defend" us through the ethnic cleansing of Palestine with the ultimate goal of erasing the Palestinian people, and also because of the role played by the Jewish organizations in the United States and the West in justifying, perpetrating, and escalating Israeli state terrorism against Palestinians.

**We recall** that the violence in Gaza today is the inevitable outcome — the latest link in a chain of terror — that results from an ideology based on the dispossession of the indigenous people of Palestine in favor of European Jews.

Just as the ideology of White racism was the backbone of Apartheid in South Africa, so the ideology of Zionism explains the history of violence in Palestine, the ethnic cleansing of 1948, the occupation of the West bank and Gaza in 1967, and the many massacres that Israel perpetrated periodically since 1948 to the present one in Gaza.

The maintenance of the Israeli state as a state founded on and perpetuating Jewish privilege requires the denial and attempted annihilation of the Palestinian people.

**We recall** that unless this ideology is delegitimized and defeated, the violence in the Middle East will continue to escalate until either Palestinian or Jewish existence in the area ends, and possibly both. Racism and colonial domination will never be the basis for peace.

**We stand with the majority. We will not be silent on Gaza.**

We insist on an immediate end to Israel's assault, a complete withdrawal of all Israeli forces, a complete and unconditional end to the siege, and the restoration and extension of the ceasefire.

**We insist** on the establishment of a special international tribunal for investigating the crimes of the Israeli leadership of this siege.

**We affirm** the urgent need for Jewish resistance to Zionism and stand committed to the extrication of Jewish history, politics, community, and culture from the grip of Zionism.

We situate our work in a long legacy of Jewish people throughout history who have stood in solidarity with others in common struggles against all forms of racism, empire building, and repression.

As a growing sector of the Palestine solidarity movement, **we call upon all Jews of conscience** to take a strong stand against the current escalation of violence, as well as the murderous ground upon which Zionist ideology and the Israeli state has been constructed.

We call on Jews to put an end to complicity, to break the silence, and to confront the fallacy of a Zionist consensus.

We call on anti-Zionist Jews around the world to organize in escalation against the massacres on Gaza, and to continue to support Palestinian resistance through campaigns of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions, and through actions that target their own governments' financial and political support for Israel.

**We stand with the majority. We will not be silent on Gaza.**

**WE call on you to JOIN US in continued ACTION!**

**Mobilize creative actions to disrupt and confront pro-Israel events, propaganda and businesses.**

**Zionists and their supporters should not have their events, propaganda or business contributions in support of Israel go without confrontation.**

Creative actions are those which use creative tactics, visuals and art to convey a message about the reason for the disruption such as die-ins, projections of images on the outside of Zionist organizations, public art displays, street theater, etc.

Targets may include Zionist organizations that have been mobilizing a lot of support for this attack, events to fundraise for the siege on Gaza, or billboards or poster campaigns to justify Israeli violence.

Other ways to take action...

Join or organize emergency protests and direct actions in partnership with Palestine solidarity and social justice organizations in your area.

Donate money for Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) cargo of medical supplies and their delivery.

IJAN is partnering with MECA in collecting funds and organizing pressure to allow over 5 tons of medical supplies into Gaza through the Rafah border with Egypt. The current conditions in Gaza medical facilities are dire. Please DONATE to MECA now! In the next week IJAN will send an update out about the shipment, please be prepared to organize any necessary pressure in response to this update.

Flood Israeli embassies and consulates with letters and calls decrying the attacks. Find contact info for Israeli embassies around the world.

Continue circulating the petition in support of UN General Assembly President Father Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann who has spoken out to condemn Israeli "Apartheid" and call for boycott, divestment and sanctions. He has received death threats for his statement.

Call to Jewish Students: Efforts are underway to make visible and support the activism of Jewish students who condemn Israel's actions in Gaza and who support the movement for boycott, divestment and sanctions.

Join the "Jewish Students Condemn Israel, Support BDS Campus Campaigns!" Facebook cause.

**Email [students@ijsn.net](mailto:students@ijsn.net) to be added to the contact list for when IJAN student campaigns are launched and send reports for the website about Jewish student participation in Gaza solidarity actions.**

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## **Israeli Leaders Look With Horror On The Prospect Of A Democratic, Secular Palestine – "A State For All Its Inhabitants -- Because The Whole Basis Of The Existence Of Israel As An Exclusively Jewish State Would Be Destroyed"**

January 29, 2009 By Paul D'Amato, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

THERE ARE some differences between South African and Israeli apartheid.

Israel's relationship to Arab labor was different than that of the South Africa rulers to the Black majority. Rather than exploiting cheap Arab labor, the early Zionist settlers in Palestine built their state-in-embryo by excluding Arab labor, under the slogan "Jewish Land, Jewish Labor."

After the formation of the state of Israel, Arabs did become a source of cheap labor, but Israel has never been dependent on Arab labor--whereas in South Africa, strikes threatened to bring down apartheid because Black labor was its lifeblood.

Yet the similarities are more striking than the differences.

If apartheid South Africa declared itself a white state by creating the fiction of Black "homelands" and implementing pass laws to severely restrict the movement of Africans,

in Israel, an exclusively Jewish state was created by expelling the majority of Palestinians from their lands and legally barring their return.

**A battery of laws were put in place after 1948 that grant the state legal authority, in various ways, to seize Arab farms, orchards, homes and businesses if the owners are absent for any length of time, or for “security” reasons.**

At the same time, any Jew in the world was granted the legal right to enter Israel and become a citizen.

Today, Israel treats the Arab minority within its current borders as third-class citizens (behind the Mizrahim, or the Middle Eastern, as opposed to European, Jews).

**Palestinians receive lower wages and education funding, face routine harassment and police brutality, and are subjected to high incarceration rates; they are restricted from owning land, and are victims of land seizures and expulsions that continue to this day.**

**Israel is also an apartheid state in form, if not in legal terms, because it has turned the lands it occupied in 1967--the West Bank and Gaza--into South African-style Bantustans, whose inhabitants face economic blockade and routine assaults from the Israeli army and settlers, and whose towns and refugee camps are cut off from each other by an apartheid wall and a system of checkpoints, while special roads crisscross the West Bank that can only be used by Jews.**

**Any “two-state” solution that Israel accepts will merely put a legal stamp on this fact.**

Israeli leaders are usually loath to publicly admit that Israel is an apartheid-style state.

Yet there are moments of candor.

Former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Force, Gen. Rafael Eitan, speaking at a closed meeting of Israeli professionals in 1983, gave a presentation that considered South Africa's Bantustan policy as a possible solution to the Palestinian problem.

Last November, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert made a statement that if Israel was unable to implement a two-state solution, it would “face a South African-style struggle for equal voting rights, and as soon as that happens, the state of Israel is finished.”

He had warned four years earlier: “We don't have unlimited time. More and more Palestinians are uninterested in a negotiated, two-state solution, because they want to change the essence of the conflict from an Algerian paradigm to a South African one.

**“From a struggle against 'occupation,' in their parlance, to a struggle for one-man-one-vote.**

**“That is, of course, a much cleaner struggle, a much more popular struggle--and ultimately, a much more powerful one.**

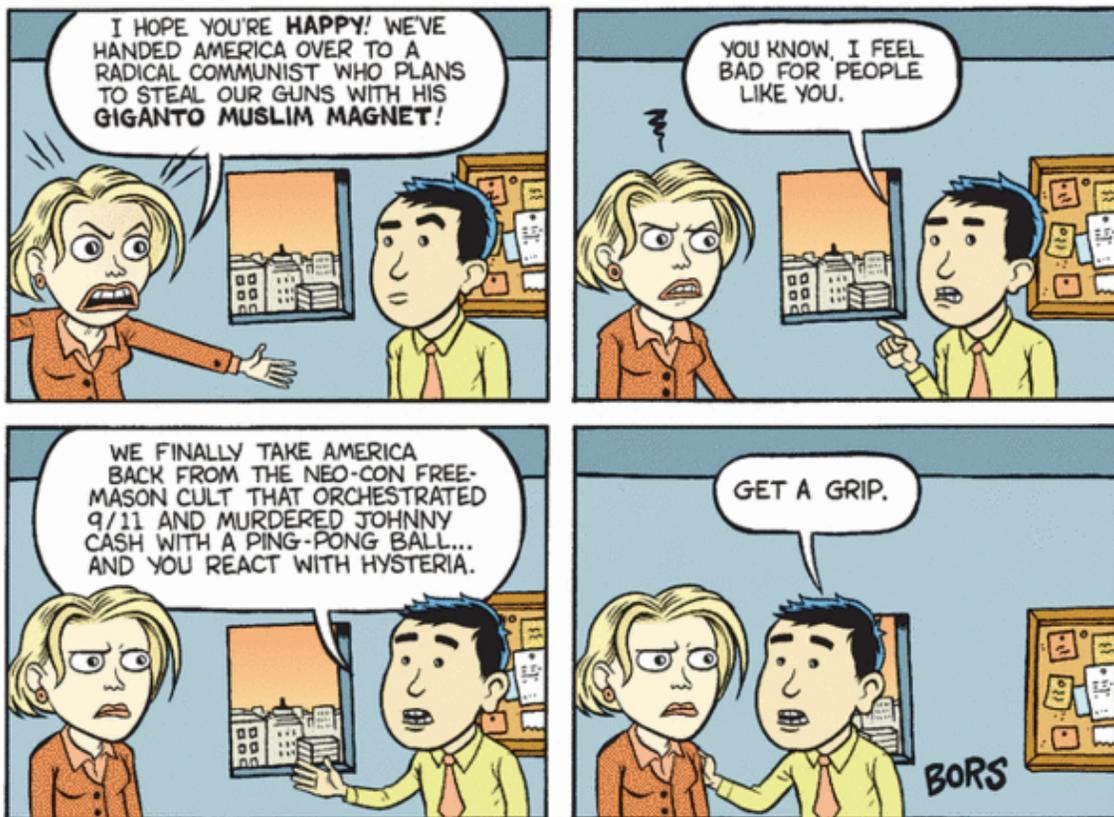
**“For us, it would mean the end of the Jewish state.”**

Israeli leaders look with horror on the prospect of the struggle for a democratic, secular Palestine--a state for all its inhabitants--because the whole basis of the existence of Israel as an exclusively Jewish state would be destroyed.

For that same reason, those of us who oppose Zionism should welcome such a struggle with open arms.

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

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



**Fire Spreading Down Below;  
Clueless Fools In Power Throwing The  
Matches**



Proposed cuts to the education budget in Nevada have sparked large protests at UNLV. (Photo: Sam Morris / The Las Vegas Sun)

31 January 2009 By Michael Winship, Truthout Perspective [Excerpts]

That was quite a crowd at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, last week. Thousands of students took to the streets in protest. But it wasn't an antiwar march - the campus has a reputation for a lack of activism. It wasn't even a pep rally for UNLV's beloved championship basketball team, the Runnin' Rebels.

No, they came out to raise hell as they never have before because Jim Gibbons, the governor of Nevada, just proposed state budget cuts to higher education of a whopping 36 percent.

At UNLV, that could mean a budget slash of as much as 52 percent and possible tuition increases of 225 percent.

UNLV student and employee Helen Gerth told the Las Vegas Review-Journal, "By the time they get through cutting the budget, this will be a ghost town."

Meanwhile, in Tucson, Arizona, a record thousand people crowded into a meeting of the Arizona Board of Regents to voice their outrage at a proposed cut of more than \$600 million from the state's university system.

School presidents there say such draconian budget rollbacks could force the elimination of academic departments, even entire colleges.

Lest you think this is a phenomenon limited to the Great American Southwest, things are bad all over. With state governments looking down the barrel of more than \$300 billion worth of deficits this year and next, the long knives are out and money for higher public education is a serial victim.

Tuition at public four-year colleges is up an average of more than \$6,500; at two year schools, almost \$2,500.

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**Fire Spreading Down Below;  
"The Workers Are Not The Culprits For  
The Crisis"**



Flags and a banner reading 'The workers we are not the culprits for the Crisis' are seen as workers march through downtown Valencia, Spain, Jan. 31, 2009 to protest growing unemployment in Spain. General Workers and Comisiones Obreras union officials have called on the regional government of Valencia to do more to combat unemployment which they say has affected 360,000 local workers and looks set to grow. (AP Photo/Alberto Saiz)

## “You Are The Crisis”



Demonstrators march against the ongoing World Economic Forum, where world heads of governments and multi-national corporation leaders and bankers met in Davos January 31, 2009. (Miro Kuzmanovic/Reuters)

## **And Payback For This Will Come**



Riot policemen attack during a demonstration against the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Geneva January 31, 2009. (Stefan Wermuth/Reuters)

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### **RECEIVED**

**YOU MOTHER'S WHOM HAVE LIVED AT  
LEJEUNE KEEP PUSHING AND PUSH FOR YOUR  
HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.**

From: Bobby McPherson  
To: GI Special  
Sent: January 31, 2009 7:40 AM  
Subject: BOBBY

I LIVED ON CAMP LEJEUNE IN 1970 AND 1971.

I HAVE DEGENERATIVE JOINT DISEASE AND HAVE HAD PROSTATE CANCER.

I ALSO HAVE PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE IN MY LEGS. SOME COULD  
HAVE BEEN FROM HIKING FROM LEJEUNE TO FORT BRAGG FOR WAR GAMES.  
104 MILE TRECK THERE. CALLED US TAR HEEL TRECKERS.

PROSTATE CANCER I AM SURE IS FROM LEJEUNE. I ALSO HAVE ELEVATED LIVER ENZYMES.

VA SAID I CANNOT PROVE IT!

YOU MOTHER'S WHOM HAVE LIVED AT LEJEUNE KEEP PUSHING AND PUSH FOR YOUR HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

BOBBY 2598---

[This refers to a story first reported in the Washington Post, October 7, 2004, Pg. 37

[The Marine Corps failed to evaluate health risks after discovering toxic chemicals in the drinking water at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in the early 1980s and did not provide enough detailed information about the contamination to residents of base housing, according to a report issued by an investigatory panel. T]

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## **New Orleans: PROTEST TO STOP THE EVICTION OF THE RESIDENTS OF LAFITTE!**

January 31, 2009 nola\_c3\_discussion

**The Housing Authority of New Orleans is planning to evict those residents of the Lafitte Housing Development who, after three years of waiting, finally returned home last September.**

**These apartments have been renovated since Hurricane Katrina. Residents want to continue to live in these apartments. And there is no good reason why they should be forced to leave.**

Everyone who cherishes human rights in general, and the right of return in particular, should join the residents of Lafitte on Feb. 4 to demand that HANO scrap its plan to close the development in March.

The following day opponents of the planned eviction will meet key members of the U.S. Congress and the Obama Administration to call on federal officials to block the closure of the housing development.

### **PROTEST & RALLY**

**4:30PM WEDNESDAY  
FEB. 4, 2009**

**CORNER OF N. CLAIBORNE & LAFITTE**

**Bring signs, friends and, most importantly, yourself.**

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