

GI SPECIAL 7B4:



[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in.]

Here's Your Message:

If you got some problem with this graphic, what the fuck are you doing on this mailing list? This man is killing the finest people on earth, the members of the armed forces of the USA, for no reason except to sustain the Empire and the people who profit from it, the rich and powerful who rule America.

So, if you're on his side, why are you still here?
Shut up and ship out. Afghanistan awaits you, up close and personal.

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The Obama Suicide-Soldier Plan:

**Send 60,000 U.S. Troops
Against 40 Million Pissed Off
Pashtu:
“These People Are Sick And Tired
Of A Government That's
Oppressing Them And A Foreigner
Who's Killing Them”
“They Have To Resist, You Know,
Being Invaded, Occupied, Bombed,
And Killed”
“It's A Matter Of Honor. And They're
Willing To Die In Unbelievable Numbers
To Do That”**

January 30, 2009 Bill Moyers on PBS [Excerpts]

Bill Moyers interviews Pierre Sprey.

Pierre Sprey is a former Pentagon official, one of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's famous “whiz kids” who helped design and develop two of the military's most successful airplanes, the F-16 Falcon Fighter and the A-10 Warthog Tankbuster.

But in the late 1970s, with a handful of Pentagon and congressional insiders, Sprey helped found the military reform movement. They risked their careers taking issue with a defense bureaucracy spending more and more money for fewer and fewer, often ineffective weapons.

PIERRE SPREY: The Pashtun are very ancient people.

BILL MOYERS: This is the tribe in the southern part of the-

PIERRE SPREY: Well, it's not a tribe. It's a nation. This is 40 million people spread across Afghanistan and Pakistan, you know, who don't even recognize that border. It's their land.

BILL MOYERS: Forty million?

PIERRE SPREY: There's 40 million of them.

That's a nation, not a tribe. Within it are tribal groupings and so on. But they all speak the common language. And they all have a very similar, very rigid, in lots of ways very admirable code of honor much stronger than their adherence to Islam.

They have to resist, you know, being invaded, occupied, bombed, and killed. It's a matter of honor. And they're willing to die in unbelievable numbers to do that.

And the more we try to fix the security situation, the more we will drive these people, particularly the Pashtun, into implacable opposition.

And whether the military solution is more bombing from Predators or from F-16s or more special forces on the ground, you know, attacking villages and inadvertently killing lots of civilians, it doesn't matter.

As long as security comes first, the mission will fail because these people are sick and tired of a government that's oppressing them and a foreigner who's killing them.

You know, the Russians at the peak of their invasion - who dealt with the Afghans a good deal more brutally than we did - had over 150,000 and a trained a 250,000 man Afghan army. And they lost.

60,000 is a recipe for failure, defeat, and ultimately a disgraceful withdrawal by the United States.

One way or another, no matter how nice a face we put on it, we'll be kicked out of there just like we were kicked out of Vietnam.

MORE:

“Obama Prepares To Formally Authorize The April Deployment Of Two Additional Combat Brigades To Afghanistan”

“The International Force Will Be Insufficient To Secure Much Of The Country”

February 4, 2009 By Karen DeYoung, Washington Post Staff Writer

As President Obama prepares to formally authorize the April deployment of two additional combat brigades to Afghanistan, perhaps as early as this week, no issue other than the U.S. economy appears as bleak to his administration as the seven-year Afghan war and the regional challenges that surround it.

The two new U.S. brigades are set to arrive in Afghanistan in late April, with another planned to depart in August.

But even with what is expected to be more than 30,000 additional U.S. troops this year -- bringing the U.S.-NATO total in Afghanistan to nearly 90,000 -- the international force will be insufficient to secure much of the country.

With the spring combat season near, the Taliban has rapidly increased its sophistication and reach.

Neither the money nor the manpower is currently available to train and maintain an Afghan National Army that is expected to begin taking over security missions.

Nearly \$60 billion (\$32 billion of it from the United States) has already been spent on reconstruction programs in Afghanistan -- more than during five years of failed reconstruction in Iraq -- but such efforts remain “fragmented” and “lack coherence,” according to U.S. government auditors.

The administration has already given a green light to continuing CIA-operated attacks by unmanned Predator aircraft against “high-value” Taliban targets in western Pakistan.

The Pakistani government has agreed to the strikes, despite overwhelming public disapproval. But after the first Obama-authorized Predator attack last week, Pakistani officials said, Islamabad complained in a private diplomatic note that U.S. intelligence was bad and that civilians were the primary casualties.

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

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

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Cheery News From The “Free” Election: “U.S. Marines This Week Returned To Ramadi” “A Brewing Crisis Threatens To Trigger New Violence In Anbar” “We Will Make From Anbar A Graveyard For The Islamic Party And Its Allies”

February 2, 2009 By KIM GAMEL, The Associated Press & Reuters & February 5, 2009
By Sudarsan Raghavan, Washington Post Foreign Service [Excerpts]

RAMADI, Iraq, Feb. 4 -- In a palatial house replete with guns, flags and other manifestations of tribal power, America's key ally in once-volatile Anbar province explained what he would do if the counting of votes in Saturday's election failed to show his party as the victor.

“We will form the government of Anbar anyway,” vowed Ahmed Abu Risha, his voice dipping to a quiet growl. The tribesmen seated in his visiting room, where photos of U.S. generals and Sunni monarchs adorn the walls, nodded in approval.

Although the United States handed responsibility for the security of Anbar to the Iraqi government in September, U.S. Marines this week returned to Ramadi in observation roles, patrolling areas from which they had largely withdrawn.

Hamid al-Hais, another founding sheik, held court in his own large compound with two mansions, including a pink one with a Spanish tiled roof.

He pored over photocopies of confidential polling station records obtained by his loyalists. While the electoral commission estimated that Anbar had 40 percent voter turnout, Hais said the province had only half that.

“At least 100,000 votes have been faked,” he declared. “There's no trust in the electoral commission. Everyone knows the Islamic Party controls them.”

Hais said he has a plan if the election results don't match his expectations. First, he would try the peaceful route, building a coalition with smaller parties. Next, he would ask

Iraq's central government to intervene and remind leaders that fundamentalists thrived under Iraqi Islamic Party rule.

If it stays in power, disaffected Sunnis could revive the insurgency.

Ultimately, if he didn't succeed, he said, he and his tribesmen would revolt.

"We will use every way to make the project fail," he added. "We will have our way."

The Awakening sheiks have a source of leverage in the police. An estimated 30,000 tribesmen have joined the provincial police, but most remain loyal to their tribes. Police guard Hais's compound; Abu Risha has his own loyalists in the police force.

"As Iraqi police, we have a special loyalty to the Awakening," said police Col. Saad Muhammad. "The current provincial government, controlled by the Islamic Party, they don't do anything to help us. We can see with our own eyes that the people have elected the Awakening."

Abdul Rahman al-Jenabi stood up, his voice rising in anger. His tribesmen, he said, had paid a high price for turning against al-Qaeda, and they wanted to see change in the province's leadership.

"We don't want to use force, but I am afraid that if the situation erupted, we could not control our tribesmen anymore. They don't want to see this corrupted government continue," Jenabi said.

Iraq's military clamped a vehicle ban Monday on the Sunni-dominated province of Anbar after tribal sheiks sent gunmen into the streets claiming rivals linked to the government stole votes in last weekend's elections.

The ban was an indicator of a brewing crisis threatens to trigger new violence in Anbar.

Although there were allegations of election irregularities in many provinces, the complaints seemed more serious in Anbar, an area where most families own guns and where tribes maintain their own armed forces.

Election officials have not released official figures from the balloting. Nevertheless, the Iraqi Islamic Party, a group that is part of the national government, said unofficial tallies showed it would retain control of the province.

The sheiks cried foul.

"The preliminary results were indicating that the Awakening was ahead. But then a strange thing happened after the polls closed. There was a jump in favor of the Islamic Party," said Sheikh Ahmed Abu Risha, leader of the tribal alliance.

Abu Risha said the Awakening Councils' own surveys at polling stations showed the Islamic Party was trailing.

Anbar sheiks had complained that the Islamic Party, which dominated the previous council, had failed to improve public services in Anbar, where towns and cities were once battlegrounds between U.S. forces and insurgents.

“We will make from Anbar a graveyard for the Islamic Party and its allies, as well those who committed fraud,” Sheik Hameed al-Haishe said. “We will not leave Anbar again to those criminals.”

Sheik Ali Hatem Suleiman, a leader of Anbar's biggest tribe, warned of a “catastrophe.”

On Monday, Hamid al-Hais, head of the Anbar Tribes list in the election, told Reuters his followers would “set the streets of Ramadi ablaze if the Islamic Party is declared the winners of the election.”

MORE:

Elections: “No Results, Only Declarations”

February 04, 2009 by Leila Fadel, Baghdad Observer [Excerpts]

So you may be wondering why we haven't done a conclusive story on election results. It's because there aren't any conclusive results.

Based on observing at polling stations across the nation political parties are declaring winners and losers. But there are no real exit polls here.

Preliminary results aren't expected until Thursday and final results won't be available for weeks. But it hasn't stopped parties from declaring victory.

With all that said we don't know who won and who lost. Without results we also don't know what they could indicate for national elections at the end of this year.

When preliminary results come in we'll tell you what it means and what the fallout could be.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Resistance Cuts Off 75% Of Supplies To Occupation Troops In Afghanistan; Blown Bridge Closes Khyber Pass



The bridge destroyed by Islamic militants today in the Pakistani tribal area of Khyber near Peshawar. A NATO spokesman in Afghanistan confirmed that supplies along the route had been halted “for the time being.” (Mohammad Sajjad/AP Photo)

03 Feb 2009 Reuters Foundation & By HABIBULLAH KHAN and NICK SCHIFRIN, ABC News & By SALMAN MASOOD, New York Times & by Saad Khan (AFP)

Suspected Islamist militants blew up a bridge in northwestern Pakistan's Khyber Pass on Tuesday, cutting the main route for supplies bound for Western forces in land-locked Afghanistan, Pakistani officials said.

The 100-foot (30-metre) iron bridge in the Khyber district, built on a culvert under the British Raj, was destroyed early in the morning and all traffic on the road came to a standstill

Hidayatullah Khan, a government official in the region, was quoted by Reuters as saying that the bridge was located 15 miles northwest of Peshawar, the capital of the North-West Frontier Province, on the only route through the fabled but militant-dominated Khyber pass into Afghanistan.

“Hundreds of vehicles are stuck up on both sides of the bridge,” said local official Rahat Gul.

It was not immediately clear how soon the trucks carrying crucial supplies for NATO forces would be able to travel through the Khyber Pass to Afghanistan.

The easiest land route for supplies and military equipment into Afghanistan is by ship to the Pakistani port of Karachi, and then by truck through Pakistan and into Afghanistan.

There are two routes through Pakistan into Afghanistan, one through the Khyber Pass in northwest Pakistan to the border town of Torkham and on to Kabul.

The other goes through Pakistan's Baluchistan province to the border town of Chaman and on to the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

The U.S. military and NATO have not given details of the supplies they get via Pakistan or a breakdown of how much comes on the two routes. The U.S. Defense Department says the U.S. military sends 75 percent of supplies for the Afghan war through or over Pakistan, including 40 percent of fuel.

Pakistani customs officials say under normal circumstances about 300 trucks with Western force supplies travel through the Khyber Pass crossing at Torkham every day, compared with about 100 through the Chaman crossing.

Since the fall, militants in Khyber Agency and on the edge of Peshawar, the largest city in Pakistan's northwest, have burned or destroyed hundreds of supply trucks. Most of those trucks have been carrying building materials such as cement to prepare for additional troops -- as many as 35,000 -- the United States is sending to Afghanistan this year.

“This chain cannot be interrupted for any significant amount of time,” Brig. Gen. Richard Blanchette, the spokesman for international forces in Afghanistan, told ABC News.

Attacks aimed at choking the supply lines have become increasingly frequent and effective, despite the presence of Pakistani security forces in the area.

Resistance Burns 10 Trucks On Afghanistan-Pakistan Supply Route

February 5, 2009 By Zulfiqar Ali and Laura King, LA Times

A day after blowing up a crucial land bridge, Taliban militants torched 10 supply trucks returning from Afghanistan to Pakistan on Wednesday, underscoring the insurgents' dominance of the main route used to transport supplies to Afghan-based U.S. and NATO troops.

About three-quarters of the supplies for Western forces in Afghanistan -- mainly food and fuel -- are ferried through Pakistan by contractors, usually poorly paid, semiliterate truckers. Many now refuse to drive the route because of the danger.

“No Kidding, They Want Us Out” Kyrgyzstan Cuts Off Access For Deployment Of U.S. Troops To Afghanistan: Tells Obama Regime To Get Out Of Base That Was Used For Transit OF 170,000 U.S. Occupation Personnel In 2008

FEBRUARY 5, 2009 By ALAN CULLISON and YOCHI J. DREAZEN, Wall St. Journal & BBC [Excerpts]

Kyrgyzstan announced, at Russian urging, that it planned to evict the U.S. from the base it has used to ferry large numbers of American troops into Afghanistan.

The seriousness of the Kyrgyz push to close the Manas air base stunned Pentagon officials.

“Frankly, we thought it was a negotiating tactic, and we were ready to call their bluff,” said a military official. “But it's becoming clearer that, no kidding, they want us out.”

The move was prompted by popular disapproval of the base, government spokesman Aibek Sultangazyev said.

U.S. officials now say they expect the Kyrgyz parliament to formally approve ending the deal this weekend, which would give the U.S. six months to vacate under the countries' agreement.

The announcement comes at a critical moment, just as the new administration of US President Barack Obama plans a sharp increase in the number of American troops in Afghanistan.

The loss of the Manas base would be a major blow to the escalating U.S. war effort in Afghanistan. In 2008, 170,000 American personnel passed through Manas on their way in or out of Afghanistan, along with 5,000 tons of equipment.

“We have contingencies, and it's not fatal, but there's no way around the fact that this would be a real blow,” said a senior Pentagon official. “It could also leave us more dependent on Russia, which is not a place we'd like to be.”

The move follows a statement by President Kurmanbek Bakiyev that the Manas air base would close.

Two Canadians Injured By Roadside Blast In Shahwalikhot

February 06, 2009 Canwest News Service

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Two Canadian soldiers were injured in a roadside bomb blast while on patrol in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, the Canadian Forces reported.

The soldiers, whose names will not be released, were in their armoured vehicle in the ShahWaliKhot District, about 20 kilometres north of Kandahar City, when the improvised explosive device detonated.

Both soldiers were airlifted to Kandahar Airfield. One soldier was seriously injured, and is now listed to be in fair condition; the other had minor injuries and was released from hospital.

U.S. Convoy Attacked Near Jalalabad; Casualties Not Announced

Feb 6, 2009 AEDT

A car bomb struck a convoy of foreign troops in eastern Afghanistan, officials said.

The bomber detonated a vehicle laden with explosives near a convoy of international soldiers outside Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarahr province, said Zemarai Bashary, Afghan interior ministry spokesman.

“At this stage we have no information if it caused any casualties to the troops,” he said.

The area was cordoned off by police and foreign military personnel and media were not allowed access to the blast site.

Mr Bashary did not specify if the targeted troops were from NATO or a US-led coalition, but locals said they were American forces.

<p>OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!</p>
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UNREMITTING HELL ON EARTH;

ALL HOME NOW



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

TROOP NEWS

Military Command Admits, Over Four Years Later, They Lied About What Killed Navy Medic In Iraq: Murdered By War Profiteers KBR; “In Some Ways, You Sit And Wonder If They Knew All Along And Bypassed The Real Cause. Who Knows?”

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: “Another one gone for no good reason.”]

February 2, 2009 By BOB VON STERNBERG, Star Tribune

When a Navy medic from Zimmerman, Minn., nearing the end of his tour of duty in Iraq died on Sept. 11, 2004, family members were told he died of natural causes.

They now know differently: Petty Officer 3rd Class David A. Cedergren, 25, was electrocuted while showering, the third U.S. service member to suffer that fate in Iraq.

And the deaths are now part of a wider criminal investigation, part of a probe that's looking into a total of 18 electrocutions that have occurred in Iraq, in a variety of circumstances. **[Amazing how the reporter completely forgot to mention that war profiteer KBR is under criminal investigation for killing troops with their shitty electrical work in Iraq that their own workers told the management was defective!]**

"Obviously it brings some closure to what we all originally thought had happened to David," said Cedergren's brother, Barry.

"But the hard thing is you start to heal knowing one thing, and then the wounds reopen and you have to look at things in a different way."

The Associated Press reported Monday that late last year, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology changed the cause of Cedergren's death to "accidental," caused by electrocution and inflammation of the heart.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service has reopened an investigation into his death, Ed Buice, an NCIS spokesman, said Monday.

Barry Cedergren of Ramsey said family members initially suspected that David had been electrocuted because, according to reports shown to the family, witnesses told investigators that some service members had reported suffering electrical shocks in the shower.

"It showed that these guys were getting zapped, so it made us wonder," he said.

"Somebody dug a little deeper and -- oh, yeah, that was the cause after all," Barry Cedergren said.

"In some ways, you sit and wonder if they knew all along and bypassed the real cause. Who knows?"

Cedergren, the 11th Minnesotan to die in Iraq, was found unconscious in an outdoor shower stall at Camp Iskandariyah. He was taken to a nearby military medical facility, where he was pronounced dead.

At the time, family members said they were not aware that Cedergren had any underlying health problems.

"They said he had a chest cold, a virus," Barry Cedergren said.

David Cedergren grew up in Zimmerman and attended school in Elk River. He liked cars, motorcycles and tae kwan do, and was what family members called “a fanatic” about exercise.

He was sent to Iraq in March 2004 and was scheduled to be rotated home a month after his death. He had planned to study to become a nurse.

Cedergren's death is among 18 electrocution deaths under review as part of a Department of Defense inspector general inquiry, the AP reported.

“We're still looking at all of our options and aren't really sure what we'll do next,” Barry Cedergren said. “There's still a criminal investigation to finish.

“It doesn't change the fact that we had to ask and ask and ask. We might have reacted a lot differently if we'd known the truth from the start.”

MORE:

War Profiteering Murderers At KBR Gets \$35 Million Contract To Electrocute More U.S. Troops In Iraq

Feb 6 By KIMBERLY HEFLING, Associated Press Writer

Defense contractor KBR Inc., which is under criminal investigation in the electrocution deaths of at least two U.S. soldiers in Iraq, has been awarded a \$35 million contract by the Pentagon to build an electrical distribution center and other projects there.

The announcement of the new KBR contract comes just months after the Pentagon, in strongly worded correspondence obtained by The Associated Press, rejected the company's explanation of serious mistakes in Iraq and its proposed improvements. A senior Pentagon official, David J. Graff, cited the company's “continuing quality deficiencies” and said KBR executives were “not sufficiently in touch with the urgency or realities of what was actually occurring on the ground.”

“Many within DOD (the Department of Defense) have lost or are losing all remaining confidence in KBR's ability to successfully and repeatedly perform the required electrical support services mission in Iraq,” wrote Graff, commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency, in a Sept. 30 letter.

Graff rejected the company's claims that it wasn't required to follow U.S. electrical codes for its work on U.S. military facilities in Iraq.

KBR announced last week it won a new \$35.4 million contract from the Army Corps of Engineers to design and build a convoy support center at Camp Adder in southern Iraq.

It will include a power plant, electrical distribution center, water purification and distribution systems, wastewater and information systems and road paving.

The AP has learned that Army criminal agents have reopened the death investigation of Staff Sgt. Christopher Lee Everett, 23, a member of the Texas Army National Guard.

Everett was killed September 2005 in Iraq when the power washer he was using to clean a vehicle short-circuited. KBR and another contractor, Arkel International, performed the electrical work on the device's generator, according to a civil lawsuit filed by Everett's family.

"I think it's something that needs to be done so these electrocutions don't continue to happen," said Everett's mother, Lorraine McGee of Huntsville, Texas, told the AP in a phone interview.

"There's no excuse for this whatsoever."

McGee said the Army's senior criminal investigator at Fort Hood notified her about the reopened investigation.

An Army investigator said KBR's contractor failed to ensure qualified electricians and plumbers did the work.

The Corps of Engineers said KBR has earned \$615 million on 30 similar contracts as the newest it awarded to the company and noted that KBR has not been banned or suspended from winning U.S. government contracts.

The government can ban firms in cases of fraud, antitrust violations, bribery, tax evasion or for actions that reflect "a lack of business integrity or business honesty," according to federal rules.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Resistance Action

31 January 2009 (AFP) & February 2, 2009 By Laith Hammoudi, McClatchy Newspapers & Feb 4 (KUNA) & Feb 5 (KUNA)

KIRK, Iraq - Six policemen and a civilian were wounded in a bomb attack in a town north of Baghdad on Saturday police said. The attack took place in the main street of Tuz Khurmatu.

Two policemen were wounded by a roadside bomb south Mosul.

Two Iraqi soldiers were injured by a roadside bomb which targeted their vehicle in downtown Baji city north of Tikrit on Monday morning.

A police source told KUNA that a bomb was strapped to a car of a U.S.-allied Sahwa (Awakening) council leader in Al-Dawi area in Al-Mansour neighborhood, resulting in the death of the son of the leader and the injury of four.

An explosive device exploded near the house of Iraqi Education Undersecretary, Nuhad Al-Jabburi, causing material damage.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATIONS

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. Frederick Douglas, 1852

**"What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms."
Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787.**

**"The mighty are only mighty because we are on our knees. Let us rise!"
-- Camille Desmoulins**

**"When someone says my son died fighting for his country, I say, "No, the suicide bomber who killed my son died fighting for his country."
-- Father of American Soldier Chase Beattie, KIA in Iraq**

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

**Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71**

December 13, 2004

Crossing Lines

From: Dennis Serdel
To: GI Special
Sent: November 01, 2006 7:43 PM
Subject: Crossing Lines

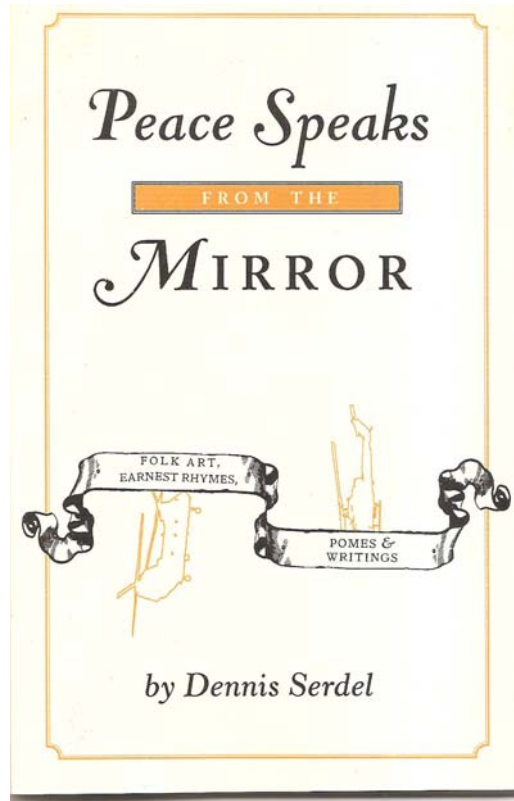
By Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour), Americal Div. 11th Brigade, Light Infantry, Veterans For Peace #50, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, Perry, Michigan

Crossing Lines

**When his best friend Tommy was killed
Phil wanted to kill so bad an Iraqi man
or a boy or a woman or someone to make it even
or with clenched teeth punch one of them
knock him to the ground and kick his head in
after so many deaths and another close friend
Jimmy was hit and paralyzed
Phil finally shot and killed one of them
an old Iraqi man but he didn't care fair was fair
his world tilted like an old pinball machine
steel bullet balls now counting Iraqi anybodies
like notches on his gun he had crossed a line
like Ltn Calley's boys did in My Lai
after so many were killed by invisible
enemy booby traps nothing to shoot at
feeling so unfair lousy roadside bombs
that the civilians knew were there
but wouldn't tell the soldiers
what are we fighting for here it's useless
they all hate us and we hate them
so let's all go home the war is a mistake
and another line is crossed
we won't fight anymore
for you miserable bastards that sent us here
we hate you too and now we get to feel
like shit for the rest of our lives
but sometimes another line is crossed too.**

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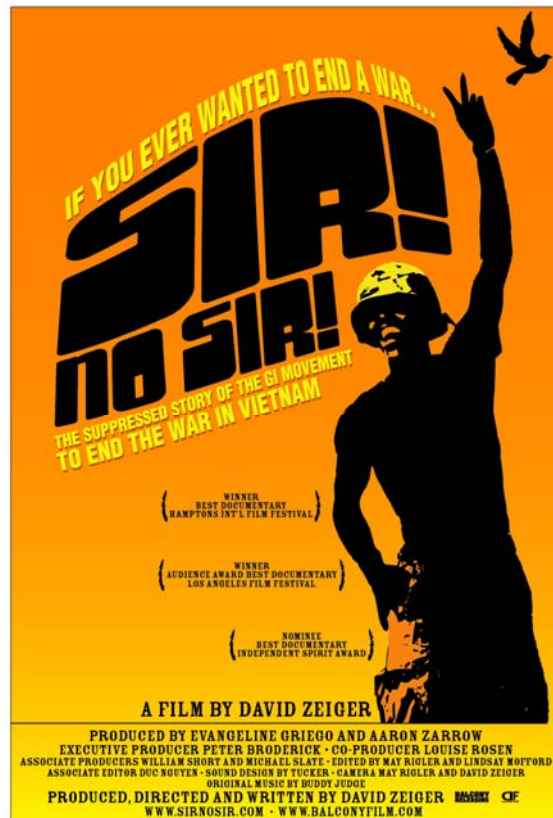
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Dennis Serdel

“How Soldiers Rebelled Within The Ranks Of The U.S. Military In Reaction To The Insanity Of The Vietnam War”



Doug Hazen, alt.current-events [Excerpt]

One example of yanking '60s history out of the closet is the new film, “Sir! No Sir!,” by David Zeiger.

This documentary, which opens April 7, tells the powerful story of how soldiers rebelled within the ranks of the U.S. military in reaction to the insanity of the Vietnam War.

It portrays the culture of the GI coffeehouses and the barnstorming actors and musicians led by Jane Fonda, who nurtured the resistance.

In the end, the film makes a convincing case that Nixon and Kissinger had no choice but to get the hell out of Vietnam. Toward the end of the war, thousands of GIs were refusing to do battle: some fragging officers who attempted to force them into hopeless and treacherous situations.

When I saw the film recently in Mill Valley, Calif., both Jane Fonda and Cindy Sheehan were present to honor many of the courageous vets who fought the war from the inside.

Fonda made one crucial point that night that stuck with me. She said that everyone associated with the successful soldier rebellion and the powerful themes of the '60s had to be demonized by the government and the media or else our military might would be called into question: the illusion of power we need to maintain empire.

The result is that soldiers who had the best of intentions and told the truth about what was really happening in Vietnam would be forever labeled as unpatriotic.

To find it: <http://www.sirnosir.com/>

**The Sir! No Sir! DVD is on sale now, exclusively at
www.sirnosir.com.**

Also available will be a Soundtrack CD (which includes the entire song from the FTA Show, "Soldier We Love You"), theatrical posters, tee shirts, and the DVD of "A Night of Ferocious Joy," a film about the first hip-hop antiwar concert against the "War on Terror."

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

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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/)

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



The casket of U.S. Army Spec. Matthew M. Pollini, Hanover Center Cemetery in Hanover, Mass., Feb. 2, 2009. Pollini, 21, was killed while serving at Forward Operating Base Delta near al-Kut, Iraq on Jan. 22, 2009. (AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

Heroes' Anniversary: February 6, 1961: The Civil Rights Jail-In Movement Begins

Carl Bunin Peace History February 4-10

The civil rights jail-in movement began when ten negro students in Rock Hill, South Carolina, were arrested for requesting service at a segregated lunch counter.

They refused to post bail and demanded jail time rather than paying fines, refusing to acknowledge any legitimacy of the laws under which they were arrested.

Rev. Martin Luther King wrote to Charles Sherrod, Diane Nash and the others in jail, "You have inspired all of us by such demonstrative courage and faith.

"It is good to know that there still remains a creative minority who would rather lose in a cause that will ultimately win than to win in a cause that will ultimately lose."

Disgusting Anniversary: February 6, 1943



Carl Bunin Peace History February 5-11

The U.S. government required the 110,000 dispossessed Japanese-Americans forcibly held in concentration camps to answer loyalty surveys.

Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters 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. Same address to unsubscribe. Phone: 917.677.8057

February 7, 1986: Happy Anniversary

Soldiers Overthrow A Dictator



Jean-Claude 'Baby Doc' Duvalier with his father Francois 'Papa Doc' Duvalier

Carl Bunin Peace History February 4-10

Haitian self-appointed President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country after being ousted by the military, ending 28 years of authoritarian family rule.

Policies begun by his father, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, had forced many to flee Haiti (the western portion of the island of Hispaniola), leaving it the poorest and most illiterate nation in the hemisphere. Deforestation (for cooking fuel and heat) eliminated forest cover on 98% of the country, in turn leading to significant annual loss of topsoil, often making agriculture unsustainable.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

What If Israel Were In Your Neighborhood? “What Does It Say About Obama's Character That He Sides With The Israeli Slaughter Machine Against Those That It Slaughters?”

January 27, 2009 By RUSSELL MOKHIBER, CounterPunch [Excerpts]

I left Washington last week when many of friends and family members were coming here to celebrate the inauguration of our first African-American President.

My eleven year-old son asked me – why turn your back on Obama?

I threw back at him Martin Luther King – It's not the color of his skin, it's the content of his character.

What does it say about Obama's character that he sides with the Israeli slaughter machine against those that it slaughters?

What does it say about the character of his “progressive” supporters, who cry for joy at his inauguration, but say not a peep about the slaughter machine and its victims?

Earlier this month, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) took out full page ads in major newspapers around the country.

The ad was titled: What if Hamas Was in Your Neighborhood?

The ad showed missiles reigning down on Phoenix, or Boston, or Washington, D.C. “Imagine if Hamas terrorists were targeting you and your family,” the ad read. “No country would allow such danger on its border, and neither will Israel. That's why Israel is fighting back.”

In response, the American Arab Anti-Defamation Committee (ADC) last week put up an ad on its web site titled – What If Israel Were in Your Neighborhood? [See below.]

Answer? Death and Destruction with American built F-16 fighter jets and Apache helicopters.

But Hamas has no Army, no Navy, no Air Force.

The slaughter machine has a modern military with hundreds of nuclear weapons and U.S. supplied F-16s and Apache helicopters.

So, there is a balance of terror. And the Palestinian bodies tip the scales in the slaughter machine's favor.

Since the first rocket was launched into Israel in 2002 up until the December 17, 2008 invasion of Gaza, the Israel body count was maybe two dozen.

The Palestinian body count was 2,700. That would be about 100 to one.

Since the invasion, the Israeli body count is 14. The Palestinian body count was more than 1,400. That would be about 100 to one.

concrete thing you can do to counter the slaughter machine's propaganda. If you are interested in placing the “What If Israel Were in Your Neighborhood?” ad in your local newspaper, contact ADC's Nabil Mohammad at organizing@adc.org.

Turn the tide of terror.

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What If Israel Were In Your NEIGHBORHOOD?



DEATH & DESTRUCTION By U.S. Built F-16s & Apache Gunships

- In 1948, Israel drove Palestinians from their homes into the Gaza Strip.
- In 1967, Israel occupied and colonized Gaza.
- In 2005, Israel withdrew its soldiers and colonists, but totally controlled the air, sea, and land. More than one and a half million Palestinians were imprisoned in Gaza.
- For over two years, the Israeli military often withheld food, medicine, fuel, electricity, and drinking water.
- Israel broke a five-month truce on November 4, raiding the Gaza Strip and killing a Palestinian. Hamas retaliated with rocket fire. Israel then killed five more Palestinians.
- The periodic hostilities before the December 27 invasion by Israel caused about two dozen Israeli deaths.
- During roughly the same period, Israeli forces killed about 2,700 Palestinians in Gaza by assassinations, aerial bombings, and in raids.
- Since the December 27 invasion, 13 Israelis have been killed. But more than 1,300 Palestinians have been killed, including 410 children and 104 women.
- An additional 4,560 Palestinians reportedly have been wounded, including 1,600 children and 678 women.
- Israel's assault on the Gaza Strip cannot be justified by self-defense. An armed attack that is not justified by self-defense is a war of aggression. Under the Nuremberg Principles affirmed by U.N. Resolution 95, aggression is a crime against peace.

Prosecute Israel for War Crimes

Support the American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee www.adc.org

ADC

[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."]

CLASS WAR REPORTS



Guadeloupe Paralyzed By General Strike;

“Officials Are Anxious To Prevent Any Contagion To The French Mainland, Where Unions Are Demanding More Government Action To Tackle The Economic Crisis”

February 2, 2009 Reuters

PARIS: A French minister flew to the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe on Sunday for talks aimed at ending a 13-day general strike over pay and prices that has paralyzed the French territory and threatens to fuel dissent at home.

Officials are anxious to prevent any contagion to the French mainland, where unions are demanding more government action to tackle the economic crisis.

“We must not underestimate the fears and anger which have been strongly expressed by our compatriots in Guadeloupe,” said Yves Jégo, the minister for French overseas territories who was due to arrive on the island later Sunday.

Guadeloupe has almost half a million inhabitants and is a popular tourist destination, but some hotels say they will have to close their doors if the strike continues.

An alliance of 47 unions and local bodies known as the Lyannaj kont pwofitasyon - whose name in Creole means “Let’s stand up to fight against all sorts of abuses” - began their protest on Jan. 20 over the cost of living.

They have drawn up a list of 146 demands including an increase in the minimum salary of \$257, a freeze on rents and a cut in taxes and food prices. They also want an immediate 50-cent reduction in the price of a liter of petrol.

Island authorities have rejected the demands and the local government official representing Paris quit negotiations with the alliance on Wednesday.

Adding to the problems, the island has been hit by a parallel dispute by gasoline station workers, protesting against the opening of new stations on the island, which kicked off on Jan. 19 and has caused a drastic shortage of petrol for drivers.

The Guadeloupe dispute has come against a backdrop of growing tensions in France over the global economic downturn.

More than one million people took to the streets of French cities on Thursday to protest against President Nicolas Sarkozy’s handling of the crisis and unions have promised more stoppages if the government does not do more to help consumers.

MORE:

Appeal For Solidarity From The General Union of Guadeloupe Workers To The International Democratic And Workers' Movements

February 02, 2009 Via New York City Labor Against The War

Dear comrades, dear friends,

The French colonial power is preparing to punish the workers, youth, and people of Guadeloupe and their organizations.

In response to the call of 47 trade unions, political organizations, consumer associations, popular cultural associations, a general strike began on January 20, 2009, and a march was attended by more than 25,000 people in streets of Pointe-à-Pitre.

In the platform of demands to the employers, the elected representatives of the State, the workers and people demand, among other things:

The immediate increase in wages, pensions, and social benefits. In Guadeloupe over 100,000 people live below the poverty line in a population of about 450,000 inhabitants;

Defense and the creation of jobs, including training for youth;

Defense and the development of production;

The protection and improvement of union rights;

The drop in rents.

The bosses and elected officials have already expressed their desire not to meet the demands even before opening negotiations.

They want the workers to “be reasonable and to return to work.”

The employers will start a lockout, aiming to push people toward confrontations and then ask the colonial power to suppress them.

Thus, several hundred members of law enforcement arrived in Guadeloupe a few days ago, armed to the teeth.

Dear comrades, dear friends,

This situation was seen in May 1967, when the French government killed more than 100 Guadeloupeans in response to a strike in the building trades.

Always the same thing: they asked the striking workers to be reasonable, to return to work.

On behalf of the rights of workers and the people of Guadeloupe to fight for their legitimate demands, we call for international solidarity.

Pointe-à-Pitre, on January 26, 2009

signed/

Elie Domota

Secretary-General,
Union Générale des Travailleurs de Guadeloupe
[General Union of Guadeloupe Workers]



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