

GI SPECIAL 7C22:



3.28.09: Tens of thousands of demonstrators from unions and anti-capitalism groups marched through London Saturday, starting a series of mass protests ahead of the G20 summit. [News report below in Class War Reports section.] (AFP/Leon Neal)

**Does This Lame-Ass Bullshit
Sound Familiar?
March 29, 1973:
“The Last American Combat Troops
Left South Vietnam”
[And The War Went On Until April 30,
1975]**

The last American combat troops left South Vietnam, ending direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

Military advisors to the South Vietnamese Army remained, as did Marines protecting U.S. installations, and thousands of Defense Dept. civilians.

Of the more than 3 million Americans who served in the war, almost 58,000 had died, and more than 1,000 were missing in action. Some 150,000 Americans had been seriously wounded.

The loss of Vietnamese killed and wounded was in the millions and damage to the countryside persists to this day.

ACTION REPORTS

New York City Railroad Stations

From: Alan Stolzer, Military Project

To: GI Special

Sent: March 27, 2009

Subject: Outreach To National Guard Soldiers, New York Railroad Stations

3/24/09

At one of the RR stations selected for outreach, no troops had been seen for months.

It doesn't mean they weren't there, they just weren't patrolling while I was there.

But bad timing ended when I found six National Guardsmen in two different groups of three standing by information desks.

These desks are almost always run by police who watched passersby a few feet away. The soldiers were talking to the cops and I never interrupt the Guard when they're in conversation with cops but wait until the conversations stop.

No harm done: the three soldiers had each gotten a lit package with information opposing the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan and supporting GI resistance to the wars from our 3/6 outreach to their armory, and one of them, a sergeant deploying to Afghanistan within two months time had also received a DVD of "Sir! No Sir!"

Further on in the facility there were three more soldiers, not in conversation with cops nearby, all polite and grateful to receive information packages.

I then walked on to a second RR station feeling more than lucky.

Sure enough two Guardsmen stood near an info desk. They seemed a bit tense as I began my intro. I'd spotted two other soldiers, one uncovered (no cap) nearby.

One I began talking to remembered me from previous outreach and promised to read the lit and see the DVD I'd given him then.

His reluctance to accept fresh material became obvious when he turned his eyes toward the uncovered soldier and indicated he was a general - a one star general no less.

Thankful for the meeting I slowly walked away as I wouldn't dream of compromising any of the guard while they were under a one star watch.

3/26/09

Early a.m. at one of the RR stations I found two soldiers on duty near an info booth.

The cops were present but engrossed in their own conversation while I gave out lit.

A sergeant seemed quite grateful for it and wanted to know if there was a website.

I assured him there was and after he asked I gave him my personal info as well. He seemed very pleased with that as well.

This same soldier was aware of IVAW.

Later I decided to pass by an armory we've been trying to outreach to for years.

As with some armories, this one fields civilian events from time to time. An international sales convention was going on, hundreds of people streaming out and in.

But it being an armory, three soldiers (one a captain) stood smoking alongside the entrance. We talked and one (who'd been in Afghanistan twice and Iraq once) told me the U.S. was doing the right thing on both combat fronts. Moreover, he felt we'd be back in Iraq at "full strength" by 2010. I told him about us as the officer listened. They were attentive throughout. As I left they took the last two info packs, shook hands and thanked me for my service. I returned the compliment.

P.S.

I've found it's a good idea to jot down notes on any outreach contact immediately afterward. You can't forget important details that way. Good luck with the troops, their relatives and friends!

**ACTION REPORTS WANTED:
FROM YOU!**

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to GI Special for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so. If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not in any way identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the war.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs his or her name be listed as reporting on the action.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

**“The Americans Are Vile People
And They Betrayed Our Trust,”
Qaisi Said:
Fighting Breaks Out In Baghdad
Between Formerly U.S.-Allied Militia
And Malaki Troops:**

“Members Of The Paramilitary Turned Their Fury On The Americans As Well As The Government”

28 March 2009 By ROBERT H. REID, Associated Press Writer & BBC & By Leila Fadel, McClatchy Newspapers & Ned Parker and Usama Redha, LA Times

BAGHDAD — Formerly U.S.-allied militia members staged a violent uprising in central Baghdad Saturday after Iraqi forces detained a leader of the Sons of Iraq, a paramilitary force that until recently had received salaries from the United States and is now on the Iraqi government payroll.

Saturday, members of the paramilitary turned their fury on the Americans as well as the government.

Four people were killed, including one policeman, and 10 wounded in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, after clashes between security forces and one of the militias which are backed by US forces.

The militia captured five soldiers and an Iraqi lieutenant colonel, medical and security sources said.

U.S. military advisors accompanied the Iraqi forces when they picked up Mashhadani along with Salman Qaddouri, a deputy.

“They sold him,” said Khaled Jamal Qaisi, Mashhadani's deputy, referring to the U.S. military.

“The Americans are vile people and they betrayed our trust,” Qaisi said.

“They want things to return as they used to be? If they don't release Adel al Mashhadani today, you will all be prisoners in your homes.”

On Friday Mashhadani had sat inside a small prayer area in his neighborhood. Outside, the sides of buildings appeared as if they'd been gnawed at by intense gunfire. The front of the structures was scarred by bullet holes, and garbage was strewn on the streets. But on Friday it was calm, as it has been for months.

He said he had led the battle that saved his neighborhood and credited the Americans, whom he once fought, for backing him.

A former member of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard, Mashhadani did not conceal his past but admitted he had fought American forces and anyone else he believed was threatening to his neighborhood.

“I would've even put my hands with Bush to save my neighborhood,” he said. But he added he thought the battle he had fought and the security he brought would erase his past and give him and his nation a fresh start.

The government in his mind was still untrustworthy and he controlled the neighborhood — going as far as forbidding strangers to the neighborhood to buy property inside.

“The Americans stood an honorable stand,” he said, his face shaded by the rim of a baseball cap and his sunglasses perched on the cap. Prior to his change of heart the U.S. military listed him as a wanted man, he said.

“I have a warrant out for my arrest.

“The only thing that stands in the government's way is the Americans and when they go, I will be in jail.”

One day later, Iraqi security forces arrested him as U.S. advisors looked on.

The gun battle in the Fadil district of the city erupted shortly after the leader of the local Awakening group, Adil Mashadani, was arrested.

It was unclear whether the allegations against al-Mashhadani were based on his purported activities before aligning with U.S. military forces.

Fadhil resident Hazim Hussein said about a dozen vehicles loaded with police special commandos entered the neighborhood about 2:30 p.m. and headed toward al-Mashhadani's home.

About a half hour later, as word of the arrest spread through the neighborhood, heavy gunfire broke out, sending residents fleeing the streets, Hussein said.

Police reinforcements rushed to the area and shooting tapered off after about two hours, he said.

“I hurried home to my family, closed the doors. I could hear the sounds of shooting mixed with people shouting. I couldn't hear what they were saying because of sirens from ambulances and police,” Hussein said.

By nightfall the area was quiet except for the sound of U.S. helicopters patrolling overhead, another resident said on condition of anonymity because he feared for his safety.

Fadil was run by insurgents for most of 2006 and 2007, but they were driven out by the Awakening movement.

Baghdad security spokesman Qassim Moussawi told Reuters news agency: “Iraqi forces arrested Mashadani because they had a judicial warrant. The clashes started because of this.”

No reason has yet been given for the arrest of Mr Mashadani - but his detention may destabilise Fadil unless it is satisfactorily explained, adds our correspondent.

Last October, the Iraqi government assumed responsibility for paying the more than 90,000 security volunteers. The Iraqi government is to start paying the last 10,000 volunteers still on the U.S. payroll on April 1.

On Saturday, however, leaders of several Awakening Council groups complained that the government has not paid them in months, with some threatening to quit a movement.

“We have not received our salaries in two months,” said Ahmed Suleiman al-Jubouri, a leader of a group that mans checkpoints in south Baghdad.

“We will wait until the end of April, and if the government does not pay us our salaries, then we will abandon our work.”

Similar complaints were also raised by Sons of Iraq groups in Azamiyah, and in Diyala province near the capital.

“The fighters in Diyala haven't been getting paid since three months ago,” said Khalid Khudhair al-Lehaibi, leader of the volunteers in the province.

“We appeal the government to pay our salaries, and if they won't, we will organize demonstrations and sit-ins in the province.”

The U.S. military said in the last 12 months there have been about 164 detentions by the Iraqi government. But members of the Sons of Iraq believe the number is much higher.

Resistance Action

March 25 (Reuters) & Associated Press & March 26 (Reuters) & March 27 (Reuters) & March 28 (Reuters) & March 29 (Reuters) & AFP

Insurgents killed a policeman on Tuesday in central Mosul, police said.

A local official of a U.S.-allied Sunni group was killed by an unidentified gunman just north of Baghdad.

A bomb attached to the car of Qais Safaa, secretary to justice minister, seriously wounded him on Wednesday in Haifa Street, central Baghdad, police said. Another passenger and two passers-by were also wounded in the blast.

A bomb planted near a high-voltage tower wounded four electricity ministry personnel on Thursday in Samarra, 100 km (62 miles), north of Baghdad, statement from the ministry said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded an officer in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Insurgents wounded an off-duty policeman when they shot him in the streets of eastern Mosul, police said.

A roadside bomb wounded eight policemen when it exploded near their patrol in central Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb wounded police major Mohammed Jar, head of an emergency response unit, and six policemen when it targeted their patrol near the city of Falluja, 50 km (35 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb killed one police officer when it targeted a patrol of oil installation police south of the city of Basra, 420 km (260 miles) south of Baghdad, police said. The wounded included four civilians and three security guards.

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

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

**THIS ENVIRONMENT IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR
HEALTH;
ALL HOME, NOW**



A U.S. soldier inspects the interior of a damaged bus after a bomb attack in Baghdad's Sadr city February 15, 2009. REUTERS/Mohammed Ameen

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Air Force Sergeant Dies In Afghanistan



Staff Sgt. Timothy Louis Bowles

3/17/2009 Tom Sharpe, The New Mexican

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Louis Bowles, whose parents live in Glorieta, has been killed in Afghanistan.

The 24-year-old airman died Sunday when a homemade bomb exploded beneath his vehicle as his four-vehicle patrol was checking on a school in the town of Kot in eastern Afghanistan.

Three other military personnel in the same Humvee also were killed, according to the U.S. Air Force.

“He was always ready to go beyond what was merely expected of him,” said Col. Richard Walberg, the 3rd Wing vice commander. “In fact, on Sunday, he filled in for a comrade who was not feeling well. ... Raised in a military family, he knew the cost of freedom. He did not falter and he did not fail.”

Bowles was born in Anchorage, Alaska, on April 17, 1984, and joined the Air Force after graduating from high school in Tucson, Ariz., in 2002. His first duty assignment was at Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis.

A fire engine mechanic with the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, he was assigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska and expected to return there in July.

His parents, Louis and Lisa Bowles, have lived in Glorieta since 2002. Louis Bowles is a retired Air Force master sergeant who was assigned to the Elmendorf base at the time of his son's birth. Timothy grew up on Davis-Montham Air Force Base near Tucson.

In a brief interview Tuesday, Louis Bowles said his son spent almost every summer for the past 19 years in the Pecos area.

Bowles had been assigned to Elmendorf since 2007.

He expected to return home in June. His father said Timothy liked to snowboard, to ride off-road and to play baseball.

Louis said the last time he and his wife saw their son was at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Oct. 23, before he left for Afghanistan.

The possibility of Timothy being killed in action "was something in the back of my mind that I anticipated," he said. "As soon as the blue van showed up, I knew what it was."

Timothy has one sister — Heather Ketchmark, who lives at Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia. Her husband was sent to Iraq about the time Timothy went to Afghanistan.

Resistance Action

29 March 2009 (DPA) & AFP

Taliban militants ambushed a police vehicle in Pashtun Zarghoon district of western Herat province on Sunday morning, killing four policemen, Abdul Raouf Ahmadi, spokesman for police forces in the western region said.

He said the attack wounded the district police chief of the Qades district of neighbouring Badghis province, who was en route to Herat city when the ambush took place.

Another policeman was killed and two others were wounded when the militants attacked a police post in Rabat Sangi district of the same Herat province on Saturday night, Ahmadi said, adding that three attackers were also killed when police fought back.

Separately, three Afghan soldiers were killed and four others were wounded Saturday when their vehicle was blown up by a remote-controlled roadside bomb in the Zurmat district of south-eastern province of Paktia, the Defence Ministry said in a statement. Two of the soldiers with 'severe wounds' were evacuated to a coalition hospital in the province and two others were released from an army hospital after treatment, the statement said.

The soldiers, part of a newly trained elite army unit, were on a reconnaissance patrol when their vehicle struck the crudely made bomb in Paktia near the Pakistani border, they said.

In the northern province of Kunduz a roadside bomb was detonated Saturday as a convoy of German forces was passing by, German military sources said in Berlin.

The blast caused no casualties or damage to the military vehicles, the sources said.

TROOP NEWS

IVAW Marks 6th Anniversary of Invasion With “Operation Not Change”



03/25/2009 by Adam Charles Kokesh, Iraq Veterans Against The War

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Because the real reason for being in Afghanistan, to gain control of access to natural resources did NOT CHANGE!

Because maintaining non-combat troops in harms way in Iraq to continue the subjugation of the Iraqi people under the guise of a softer, friendlier occupation after SIX YEARS did NOT CHANGE!

Because continuing the indiscriminate bombing of Afghanistan, which has led to countless unnecessary civilian casualties, driving the Afghan people back to the Taliban did NOT CHANGE!

Because escalating the occupation of Afghanistan when our soldiers are tired of STOPLOSS, IRR MOBILIZATIONS, and REPEATED DEPLOYMENTS with not enough down time, to fight the same imperialist war on a different front did NOT CHANGE!

Iraq Veterans Against the War is committed to the immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces from Iraq and Afghanistan, reparations for the Iraqi and Afghan people, and full veterans benefits for all returning soldiers, and that . . . WILL NEVER CHANGE!



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

“Sweeping A Soldier’s Injuries Under The Carpet Happens, And I’m Not The Only Soldier In This Boat”

03/26/09 AP

S wrote on 03/26/2009 02:29:10 PM:

When I deployed in 2006, it was discovered that I had a torn rotator cuff. The doctor recommended surgery, and i turned it down to continue on the deployment.

When we returned, I brought up the shoulder injury, and a back injury that had been documented while overseas.

I was denied treatment and released back to the Guard.

Believe me, sweeping a Soldier's injuries under the carpet happens, and I'm not the only Soldier in this boat.

Are there malingerers....of course.

But there's typically not a "rash" of injuries that pop up, and there are a lot more Soldiers just looking to get fixed that aren't getting the help.

**“More Than Fifty Eerily Similar
Veteran’s Deaths—‘Found’ Dead In
Their Barracks Or Work Stations”
“Fatal Cardiac Arrhythmias And Sudden
Cardiac Deaths As Caused By
Antipsychotic Medications”**

March 27, 2009 By FRED A. BAUGHMAN, JR. M.D., NEUROLOGY AND CHILD
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Re: Psychopharmacological Drugs Advisory Committee, April 8, 2009.

Dear Ms. Waples,

I hereby request five minutes in which to present.

Presentation:

Today the Psychopharmacological Drugs Advisory Committee will discuss safety and efficacy issues regarding Seroquel XR (quetiapine maleate), proposed now for the treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD) and generalized anxiety disorder (GAD).

We must acknowledge the extensive list of already-known brain and body side effects of antipsychotics, typical and atypical, and remind ourselves that neither MDD, GAD or any psychiatric entity in the DSM is an actual disease or disorder having a defined brain or body abnormality for a drug to make normal.

For this reason all treatment with psychotropic drugs is entirely symptomatic.

The first and only brain abnormality in patients given Seroquel XR or any psychiatric drug is that due to the intoxication due to the drug.

The risk/benefit ratio cannot be positive.

The last time Janette Layne saw her husband, Eric was January 25, 2008.

“He would normally stay up watching TV because it was hard for him to sleep and I went ahead and went to bed. The next morning when I got up, I found him on the couch in the same position he was in when he went to sleep and he was already gone,” Janette said.

Cheryl Endicott's son Nicholas died January 29, 2008 at a military hospital in Bethesda. He too went to bed and never woke up.

On February 12, 2008, Stan and Shirley White lost their son Andrew, another Kanawha County service member who stopped breathing in his sleep.

Derek Johnson, 22, was diagnosed “PTSD” and prescribed Paxil, Klonopin and Seroquel, the same combination taken by Eric Layne, Nicholas Endicott and Andrew White.

On May 1, 2008 the night before he died, Johnson called his grandfather, Duck Underwood, and asked if he could take his 5-year-old son to school the next day.

When Underwood arrived the next morning he heard Stacie Johnson screaming. She told him she couldn't wake her husband. Paramedics couldn't revive him. “Stacie said he was fine that night. Everything was normal. He kissed her goodnight and went to sleep.”

“You're always expecting and fearing when your children are at war. They don't come back, lie in their bed, go to sleep and die.” Stan White said.

“All were in apparently good physical health when they died in their sleep,” wrote Julie Robinson of the Charleston Gazette.

All four were in their 20s, served in Iraq, and died in their sleep.

Each of them was being treated for PTSD, and each had started exhibiting the same symptoms--“Excessive weight gain, disturbed sleep, and tremors,” said Stan White. While each was taking a number of prescription drugs.

The combination they all had in common included Paxil, Klonopin and Seroquel—an antipsychotic.

Cpl. Chad Oligschlaeger was haunted by memories of war. He was accused of faking to avoid his next deployment. Doctors diagnosed PTSD and put him on at least six types of medication, Prozac, Ativan and Seroquel among them. He slurred his speech and forgot what medications he had taken.

Chad, 21, was found dead in his room at the Twentynine Palms Marine base in California on May 20, 20008.

As with the four West Virginia veterans, it is likely that Chad Oligschlaeger died a sudden cardiac death.

Moreover, it is likely that the antipsychotic, Seroquel, known to have this adverse effect, was the drug most responsible.

Today Stan White is an advocate for families of veterans with PTSD. He knows of 10 such deaths in the Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, tri-state area.

Stan, Diane Vandeburgt, wife of a veteran, and myself (FAB) have “Googled” more than fifty eerily similar veteran’s deaths--“found” dead in their barracks or work stations.

While most have resided in Warrior Transition Units, WTUs, nothing is said in press releases of their diagnoses or of drugs they might be on.

I am prepared to discuss these cases in light of the sudden cardiac deaths of Eric Layne, Andrew White, Nicholas Endicott, Derek Johnson and Chad Oligschaeger, as well as the medical literature concerning fatal cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac deaths as caused by antipsychotic medications.

(I will tailor my presentation to five minutes).

*In no way do I represent any pharmaceutical corporation.

CWO Goldick Charged With Theft Of \$1 Million Worth Of Guitars Etc:

“Used The Proceeds On Real Estate, Cars And Motorcycles”

Mar 27, 2009 The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A soldier who kept inventory at an Army warehouse has been charged with using his position to order and stockpile military musical instruments and equipment that he sold for nearly \$1 million.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jerome Matthew Goldick was indicted last week on seven charges of theft of government property. He allegedly ordered more than 4,000 surplus guitars, amplifiers and other equipment from military facilities around the world between 2005 and last year, according to affidavits unsealed this week.

Goldick, 41, then allegedly sold the stockpile, sometimes using eBay, Craigslist and other online outlets. He allegedly used the proceeds on real estate, cars and motorcycles.

Until recently, Goldick kept inventory at a Fort Sam Houston warehouse. The equipment had been “decommissioned” but was valued at nearly \$10 million, the San Antonio Express-News reported Friday.

Goldick’s arraignment is scheduled for Tuesday. His attorney, Pat McLain, said in a statement that Goldick is “eager to have this entire matter reviewed and aired out in court.”

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 Douglass, 1852

**“There Is No Win In This Now
Debacle”**

**“Every Invasion Turns To Guerilla
Insurgency”**

**“Just Ask Yourself ‘What Would You
Do If You Were Them?’”!**

**“The Only Way A Guerilla Insurgency
Ends Is On Their Time Not The
Occupiers”**

March 28, 2009 By James Starowicz, Vietnam Veteran; Veterans For Peace;
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There is No win in this now debacle.

One thing about warfare these last couple of decades, outside of the bloviated power hawks talking tough to each other as others are sent to do the actual fighting, is every invasion turns to Guerilla Insurgency.

It's lost as soon as the Bombs start dropping, the Missiles Destroy, the Military Invades, 'Hearts and Minds' turn to Hate as their countries are destroyed but more important as their Loved Ones and Friends and Fellow Citizens are Blown To Bits or Cut Down by the Bullets Sprayed, than add in the arrests of Innocents, the Blackhole Worldwide Prisons and most of all Torture, Innocents become Enemies Real Fast, Real Fast!

They either fight back or support those who do!

It becomes an extreme uphill battle to win back a majority of those 'Hearts and Minds'!!

Just ask yourself "What would you do if you were them?"!

Just think how many here felt after 9/11 and how that was used to kill and destroy many times over since!

Afghanistan stopped being about 9/11, in their eyes and the worlds eyes and minds as soon as the drums started beating towards Iraq.

Security and money Stopped coming in to Stabilizes after the Taliban were removed and al Qaeda were forced to run, It Became The Quagmire That Exists Today and has expanded into Pakistan thus Inflaming the whole region even more!

Can stability be brought back, it's possible, but the Hate will be Deeply Embedded, especially in the children growing up in the destruction and death, the ones that survive, and will linger for their decades of life!!

The only way a Guerilla Insurgency ends is on their time Not The Occupiers, but it than can be inflamed when policy is perceived to be against those common folks, and they've got the fighting experience!!!!!!

Just an added note, the Escalation, not 'surge', did not bring down the death and destruction in Iraq, the Iraqi people, sects, did.

And that situation is a match just waiting to relight at anytime, the world can only dampen that match so it doesn't until the Iraqi's decide.

We destroyed that Pandora's Box, it's up to us to try and help rebuild a new one but only if they want the help, and ours is shit in that country, others will fill the void!!

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/)

**“Thousands Of Soldiers In The
Pennsylvania Line Were Angry At
Not Being Paid, At Being Ill-
Treated, At Being Kept In The War
Beyond Their Time”**

**“They Saw Their Own Needs Being
Neglected While Their Officers Lived
In Luxury And Merchants Profited
From The War”**

**“They Mutinied, Dispersed Their
Officers, And Marched On The
Continental Congress In Philadelphia”**

From: LONG SHADOWS: VETERANS' PATHS TO PEACE. Edited by David Giffey;
Atwood Publishing, Madison, Wisconsin, 2006

For instance, the Revolutionary War is generally presented as a noble episode in which the soldiers fought with enthusiasm for the cause of independence from England. What are emphasized are the battles, fought valiantly against great odds: the battle of Bunker Hill, the crossing of the Delaware, the hardships endured bravely at Valley Forge.

What is omitted from that story is the amount of desertion, resentment, and rebellion in, Washington's army.

There was resentment among the ordinary soldiers as they saw their own needs being neglected while their officers lived in luxury and merchants profited from the war.

In October of 1779, in an episode known as the “Fort Wilson riot,” soldiers marched into Philadelphia and to the house of James Wilson, a wealthy lawyer and Revolutionary official who had opposed the democratic constitution adopted in Pennsylvania in 1776.

In the year 1781 thousands of soldiers in the “Pennsylvania Line,” were angry at not being paid, at being ill-treated, at being kept in the war beyond their time.

They mutinied, dispersed their officers, and marched on the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

They had to be mollified with promises to deal with their grievances.

There were more mutinies in the next two years in the “New Jersey line” and again in the “Pennsylvania line.”

The war against Mexico (1846—1848) is treated with kid gloves in the traditional histories, and what most often stands out in the minds of Americans is what preceded it, the much glorified “Battle of the Alamo,” in which courageous Americans fought to the end against an attacking Mexican army in Texas.

But the war itself, after the first flush of patriotism induced young men to enlist, began to lose its glow.

Deaths and injuries mounted up and bloody battles accompanied the march to Mexico City.

During that march there were thousands of desertions.

Some soldiers, Irish immigrants fed up with the war’s horrors and not convinced that the war was just (indeed, abolitionists pointed to it as a war to extend slave territory), went over to the Mexican side.

Love, Dad

[Just In Case You Missed It The First Time]

From: Dennis Serdel
To: GI Special
Sent: March 03, 2009
Subject: Love, Dad

By Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace 50 Michigan, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree, in Perry, Michigan

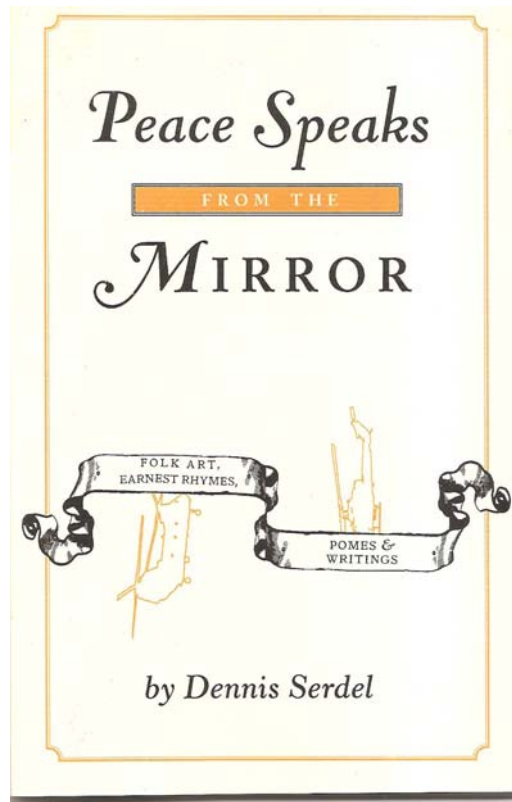
Love, Dad

**Son, we can’t send you
any packages
like we have sent you before**

because the shop
that I worked for for 27 years
has just went bankrupt
my pension money is gone
didn't get severance pay
after all those years
and I would have to pay
Cobra for health care but
I don't have money for that
they didn't even give me
my vacation pay
they gave me nothing
nothing at all
I took our savings and paid off
our home but now all I get is
unemployment checks
and food stamps
that will stop in months
I don't know what I will do then,
I'm old and nobody will hire me
but even the young
can't find any jobs
Soon they will take our car
turn off electricity
and turn off the heat
Son, I know you have troubles
of your own in Iraq
but I think you are fighting
the wrong enemy over there
I think all of you should come home
fight the government
the corporations
and defend us from
the bill collectors
kill the white shirt bank criminals
the oil company criminals
kill all the Madoof's
that have taken over our country
because nothing works
over here anymore.
Love, Dad

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE



**Black Flag Over Gaza:
“The Great Feeling Of Justification
We Started With On This Action
Gets More And More Cracked”
“Not Towards This Were We
Educated”**

“Not For This Kind Of Battle Are We Training Or Preparing”

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in.]

[Black flag: the phrase used by Judge Binyamin Halevy in 1958 in the trial of the members of the Border Police who on October 29, 1956, shot dead 43 civilians—men and women—from the Arab village of Kafr Qasem in Israel, who were returning home from the fields and were unaware that their village and others in the area had been placed under curfew ahead of the Sinai War, which began that day. “A black flag flies over a flagrantly illegal order,” Halevy stated.]

By Major R., an Israeli Air Force pilot; Occupation magazine - Commentary

This article appeared in Yedioth Aharonoth a few days before the end of the war in Gaza. Translated from the Hebrew by EK.

One morning, a few days after the start of the ‘cast lead’ action, I left my flight squadron after spending a good part of the night in the air over Gaza.

On the tarmac I meet a friend-reservist. ‘How was it’, he asks. ‘Splendid’, I answer, ‘we managed to do nothing wrong. You will not read about this night’s flights in the newspaper’. We both chuckle and immediately become serious. ‘Listen’, he says, and I know already that he is going to say what I also feel, ‘this is no laughing matter.

‘There are moments that I am on the verge of refusing to perform what we are ordered to do’.

Notwithstanding the impression that was received that amongst the fighters there was an absolute consensus, I wish to tell that it is not exactly so.

Questions were asked, and reservations were stated. Some of us did not feel ‘a mild fluttering of the wing’ (as stated by the previous Chief of Staff; translators note), but a violent shake-up of the soul, because of the chasm between the will (excuse the flowery language) to be part of the defenders of the inhabitants of the south, and of course to be part of the defense of our fighting friends on the ground, and between the harsh sights we were responsible for.

The incitement we heard from part of our leaders we did not encounter amongst my friends.

No one rejoices at the sight of the fallen enemy, and even less at the fallen children of the enemy.

And in the meantime the train of this action is racing onwards.

And there is no time to stand back and reflect how to act: to go out on a mission or to refuse?

The great feeling of justification we started with on this action gets more and more cracked.

Not towards this were we educated.

Not for this kind of battle are we training or preparing.

But the assignment and the time have been set, and there is not a moment to stop and reflect.

Whether I will take part or refuse, an act where there is no turning back from.

I am crying out for counsel, and I am looking for help amongst the column writers, excluding those who have disqualified themselves by not being objective, as these also raise their voice against the exaggerated use of force since they dare not decide: is this a matter of folly, like when it is performed even though in their hearts they know it is done against their instincts, or a crime which justifies refusal of an order.

Sometime in the course of the 16th century voices of unease were heard in Spain with the way the Spanish conquerors slaughtered the Indians during the conquest of the American continent.

A 'juridical solution' had to be found that condoned the continuation of those acts.

The artificial pretext that the Spanish contrived was as follows: before giving battle against the Indians, the priest would get up and would read out to them the most important tenets of the Christian Faith.

The Indians, who for obvious reasons did not understand what was read out to them in Latin or Spanish (if they managed at all to hear what was said) did not respond with enthusiastic cries of consent, or at least a whispered agreement as befits a Christian believer.

At that moment they were declared heretics and it was permissible to occupy their lands and slaughter them.

It appears that this idea of legal legitimization for acts that at best are problematic and in the worst case are barbaric and criminal, is not an invention of the lawyers of the IDF, but those who allotted legitimization to bomb the cadets of the police force who finished their course and stood at attention at their parade, with the excuse that even though they were civilians, that with the imminent attack of the IDF in the Gaza strip they will constitute an opposing force.

The beauty of this contention is that it can be expanded to comprise high school students who will be conscripted shortly to Hamas, potential throwers of Molotov cocktails and stones.

It is possible to extend this argument to Gazan pre-school children, upon whom God has no mercy, since it is only a matter of time for the argument to fit them, and to the girls who will grow up to be women, who will give birth to the terrorists of the future.

Who reads what moves the Israeli public, as expressed in the media, knows that among us there are individuals to whom this shocking, logical avenue that I have suggested here does not look like a bad joke, but as a valid argument to all intents and purposes.

And not only those types who are perceived as militaristic or aggressive, of the sort that 'if it depended on them, they would turn the whole of Gaza in a huge football field'. (A quote, of course, a quote).

Many of those who are thought to be leftists (and again, if you excuse the cliché: some of my best friends), surprised me by explaining how justified this is, and the application of force is proportional and is a result of 'no choice'.

With what ease, even before the explanations of the learned military lawyers were received, did the civilian dialogue accept this understanding of the responsibility for those who remain inside the houses to defend with their bodies the Hamas members and their weapon depots.

As if they had anywhere to flee to.

As if someone had asked them if they agree.

To the commander of the front is the saying attributed of 'setting back Gaza for ten years'.

And what about us?

On this occasion, where the wonderful time machine is set in motion, is it possible to set us back another ten years, if only from the moral aspect to a phase where we don't even need a permit from the advisors in the military legal department, or the uncles in the U.S.A., to fight, because we knew what is right and what is moral?

It was clear to all what is right and what is forbidden. And also what is permitted and not humane, and therefore we should not err there.

Here is my definition of what is allowed and what is forbidden, what may be condoned and what not; a recommendation that will save many hours of secretarial and paper work: if you need to get legal advice to perform a military action – the action is improper.

And fact is that there is still common sense to delineate what needs permission and what not.

The justification for our presence in this land is not only historical-territorial. It is also, and possibly mainly, historical-moral. A war like the one we conducted in the Gaza-strip may stand up in the Hague, but will totally destroy our real endurance in the long run.

And by the way, if we are so proud of our legal backing and our ability to protect our soldiers in the international court of justice, why do we have to blur their faces and to worry that they should not be exposed to standing trial, and let the whole world see how right we are.

At the time of writing the battle has come to a standstill, a time for soul-searching by the warriors, the leaders and the media.

From day to day more voices are heard and will be heard that will distance themselves from the way this campaign was led. I read it in the newspaper. I hear my friends in civilian life and in my reserve unit.

The black flag is not a concept that can be defined or measured in scientific terms.

There are those who say that the flag is already waving over the official institutions of the state.

Also he who does not think that the situation is as serious as that, knows that the gray zone where we find ourselves is getting darker.

[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

**“The Biggest Mass Demonstration
Since The Beginning Of The
Economic Crisis”**

“Marchers Estimated At 35,000”

**“People Are Very Angry That
Governments Are Spending So Much On
Wars And Not Solving Anything”**

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in.]

28 March 2009 Tracy McVeigh, Paul Lewis and Alok Jha, The Guardian

They hoped for ten thousand but in the end more than three times that number turned out on London's streets today for the biggest mass demonstration since the beginning of the economic crisis.

The Put People First march was organised by a "rainbow alliance" of 150 trade unions, church groups and charities including ActionAid, Save the Children and Friends of the Earth.

The marchers, estimated at 35,000 by police, accompanied by brass bands and drummers and a colourful assortment of banners and flags, walked the four miles from Embankment to Hyde Park, where speeches from comedian Mark Thomas and environment campaigner Tony Juniper and music from the Kooks marked a party-like atmosphere despite chilly temperatures.

Thomas said he believed the protest marked "the start of a grassroots movement". "This is a moment," he said.

"This is the first time people have had a chance to come out on to the streets in a big way."

"I just met a copper and I said to him: is this the revolution? He is said 'no, this is the dry run, the revolution starts on Wednesday. Midweek is when we will really start to dance."

Former Labour party national executive committee member, the TV presenter Tony Robinson, who was on the march and was scheduled to speak at the Hyde Park rally, told reporters: "Like 97% of the people here, I'm absolutely hacked off with what's happened in my country and internationally."

"This is just the beginning of the prelude of the prologue. The forces of greed are very tenacious and just because we march up and down it won't make a difference on its own."

Organisers had expressed concern that police were spreading stories that the demonstrations would be overtaken by violent anarchists.

Fran Legg, Co-founder, Stop the War Coalition:

"I was one of a group who occupied a lecture theatre at Queen Mary College, London, over Gaza. We're not just protesting about Gaza, but Iraq and Afghanistan. People are very angry that governments are spending so much on wars and not solving anything."

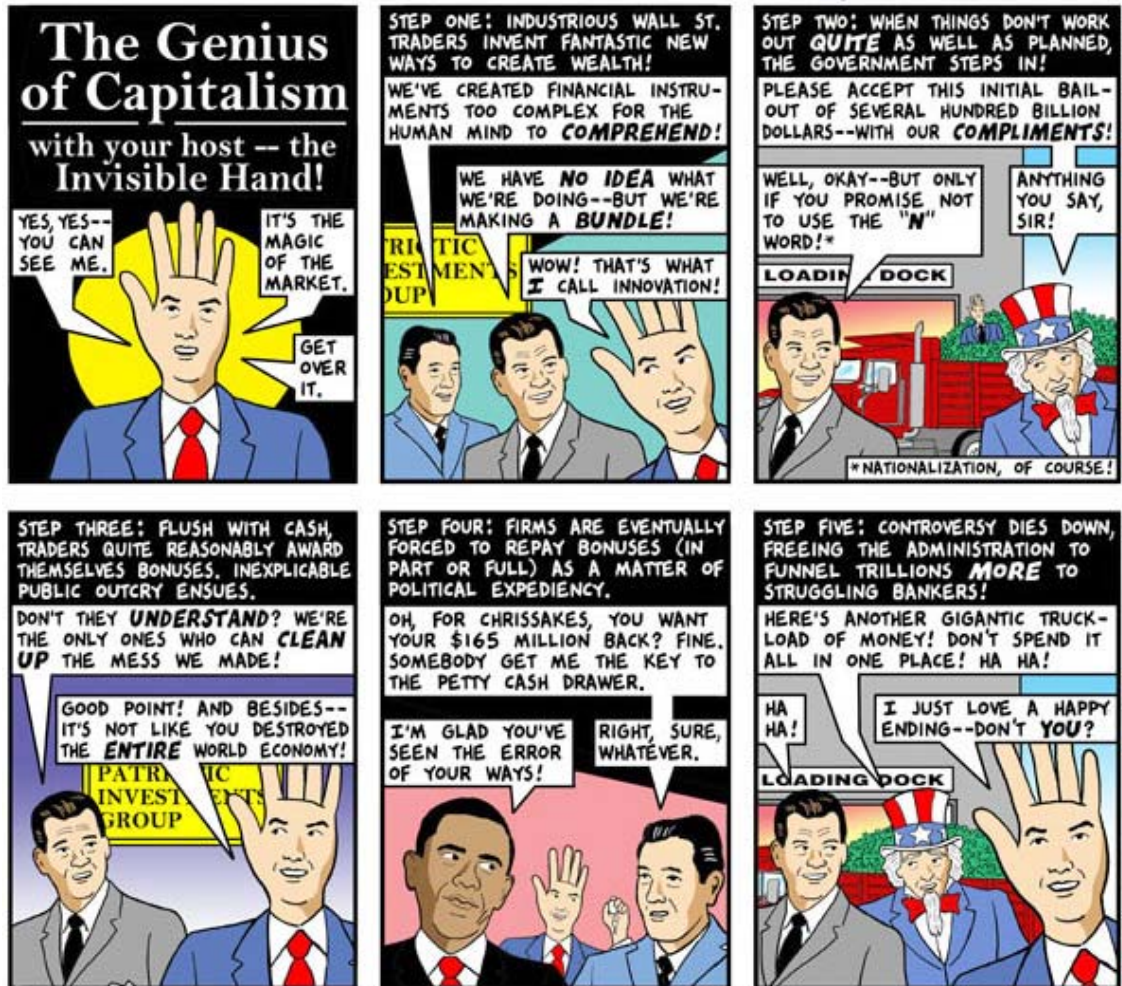
Stella Smith, Teacher:

"I am coming from Brighton to express my utter contempt for world leaders, bankers, MPs and everyone else who has got us into these linked climate, financial and poverty messes."

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



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

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