

## Military Resistance 7K2



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October 25, 2009 Stephen Grey in Khan Neshin, The Sunday Times [Excerpts]

A mile from South Station, an outpost of US marines in Helmand province, the tribal chief was openly hostile.

“The Americans threaten our economy and take our land for bases. They promise much and deliver nothing,” he said.

“People here regard the American troops as occupiers,” said Haji Khan, a leader of the Baluch tribe, who rules like a medieval baron.

“Young people are turning against them and in time will fight them.”

“I’m not much for this war. I’m not sure it’s worth all those lives lost,” said Sergeant Christian Richardson as we walked across corn fields that will soon be ploughed up to plant a spring crop of opium poppy.

Third Platoon, Charlie Company of the 2nd Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion, came last July to Khan Neshin, as far south as Nato soldiers have reached in Afghanistan. It was part of a summer offensive by more than 4,500 troops of the Marine Expeditionary Brigade, which has joined British and other forces trying to turn the war in Helmand.

**Although they have read the manuals on counterinsurgency and heard generals speak about how to defeat the Taliban, the reality has been bloody, painful and frustrating.**

**The platoon knows there are at least 20 booby-trapped bombs on the high ground around the base.**

**More than half the men have already been caught in blasts.**

One marine explosive expert was killed; others suffered broken legs and amputated feet. Three have survived two explosions and come back to fight again.

Villagers are rarely willing to express a simple opinion, let alone inform soldiers where the enemy is hiding.

One marine described the way the Taliban blended with the population as “unbelievably frustrating”.

In terrain crisscrossed by canals with weak and narrow bridges, the platoon has to approach villages on foot.

Even when they have surrounded the Taliban, the marines have found the enemy has an uncanny ability to slip away in the ditches. All this adds to the strain of facing improvised explosive devices, which are the main threat.

“We are all brothers here,” said Lance-Corporal Corey Hopkins, 22, from Georgia. “And it hurts to see your brother hurt or put him in a bag for the last time. It pisses you off. It makes you mad.

“You know people out here know what’s going on, but they won’t tell you.”

Corporal Gregory Williams, 22, from North Carolina, said: “It’s going to take a lot of proving out here to make them talk to us. It’s working so slowly.”

The marines are trying to implement a strategy dictated from Washington that bids them separate the population from the insurgents.

But attempting that means a battle not only against the Taliban but against a feudal system that places real power in the hands of landowners such as Haji Khan.

When we talked to the grey-bearded men in the village, in the shade of one-room mosques, most appeared friendly. Asked if they wanted a school or more doctors, all said such questions were a matter for those who own the fields.

The marines hope to open a school and provide medical facilities. They are also offering to pay Khan and others to provide jobs to improve the canal system.

At a shura, or village meeting, at South Station last Friday, Khan showed up with 40 elders and heard Captain Chris Conner, commander of Charlie Company, promise development. “From the bottom of my heart, I want to say that we are here to help you,” he said.

The villagers welcomed the canal scheme and the idea of making use of a doctor at the base. But Khan and another landowner rejected the idea of a school. “Security is still too bad. We’ve seen how they are burnt down elsewhere.”

Some marines were unconvinced about paying money for the canal to a tribal leader and drug baron who gave them almost no help and would probably keep the cash.

Later, a marine intelligence officer said the drug economy and the feudal system made the strategy of winning hearts and minds extremely complex. As drug producers, men such as Khan had a “working relationship with the Taliban”.

Nobody knew of the announcement last week in Kabul of a new round of national elections. Nobody voted in the first round.

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **U.S. Iraq Casualties Rise To 74,808**

October 20, 2009 By Michael Munk via David McReynolds

US military occupation forces in Iraq under Commander-in-Chief Obama suffered at least seven combat casualties in the six days ending October 20 as the official total since the 2003 invasion rose to at least 74,808.

The total includes 35,010 dead and wounded from what the Pentagon classifies as “hostile” causes and more than 39,798 (as of October 3) dead and medically evacuated from “non-hostile” causes.

The actual total is over 100,000 because the Pentagon chooses not to count as “Iraq casualties” the more than 30,000 veterans whose injuries - mainly brain trauma from explosions - were diagnosed only after they had left Iraq.

In addition, ICC names eight service members who died of wounds after they left Iraq and are not counted by the Pentagon.

US media divert attention from the actual cost in American life and limb by occasionally reporting only the total killed (4,355 as of Oct 20), but rarely mentioning the 31,536 wounded in combat.

To further minimize public perception of the cost, they cover for the Pentagon by ignoring the 38,917 (as of Oct 3) military victims of accidents and illness serious enough to require medical air evacuation, although the 4,355 reported deaths include 881 (up three) who died from those same causes.

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

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

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

**BEEN ON THE JOB TOO LONG:  
COME ON HOME, NOW**



U.S. soldiers from Stryker Brigade return from an operation in Chahar Bagh village, Arghandab District, Kandahar province October 27, 2009. REUTERS/ Omar Sobhani

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## **TROOP NEWS**

**“‘It Was Just Stupid’ Harriman  
Said”**

**Army Kept Injured Soldier In  
Uniform Three Years After His  
Enlistment Expired:**

**“If It Was In The Soldier’s Best Interest, I Don’t Know What Soldier They Were Talking About. It Wasn’t Me”**

**“The Program Can Sometimes Delay Discharge Long After Any Medical Necessity To Do So”**



Hired at Sunstar, decorated Army Spc. Andrew Harriman recovered from a leg injury only to wait years for a discharge. [DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD | Times]

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October 25, 2009 By William R. Levesque, Times Staff Writer [Excerpts]

LARGO — It’s an all-volunteer Army. But there were days when Andrew Harriman felt like a draftee.

The Largo man signed up for a three-year Army hitch. Harriman, 26, gets out next month — three years, five months and 13 days after his enlistment expired.

Not that he’s counting.

Harriman, whose leg was shot in Iraq, found his Army stint prolonged by a program created to ensure soldiers get the best medical care for their wounds.

But critics say the program can sometimes delay discharge long after any medical necessity to do so.

An Army spokesman said it was in Harriman's best interest to stay in the Army to get medical care, though the Army acknowledges he spent a year longer on "medical hold" than the average.

"It was just stupid," Harriman said in an interview at his parents' Largo home earlier this week. "If it was in the soldier's best interest, I don't know what soldier they were talking about. It wasn't me."

Harriman is officially in the Army until Nov. 24. But he's back home, using accumulated leave time until his discharge. He has been hired as an emergency medical technician by Sunstar Paramedics in Pinellas County.

**The St. Petersburg Times wrote about Harriman in late 2007. Even then, a frustrated Harriman complained, "I'm stuck in kind of a paperwork hell."**

Harriman had already been caught up in the Army's stop-loss policy. That allows the extension of enlistment if a scheduled discharge is within 90 days of the deployment of a soldier's unit.

So instead of being discharged as scheduled on June 12, 2006, he was sent to Iraq.

He was in Iraq when four bullets accidentally fired by another U.S. soldier shattered his lower left leg on March 26, 2007.

Harriman, based at Fort Bragg, N.C., endured nine operations, the last of which was in December 2007.

He quickly recovered without even a limp.

Harriman repeatedly asked the Army to discharge him. He said he was always promised it was coming soon. Meanwhile, the Army put him up in a spartan hotel at Bragg — for two years.

Harriman did what he could to combat boredom. He volunteered to work in a base hospital as an emergency room medic. He started skydiving for recreation. He visited home when he could.

For a few months, Harriman said, he got depressed and didn't show up at the emergency room. Nobody noticed, assuming he had finally been discharged.

At one point, Harriman considered going AWOL, telling his commanding officer his plans. At worst, Harriman figured, they'd throw him out of the Army.

A captain warned he could be jailed. Harriman said he answered: "Sir, I'm already in jail. The only difference is, I don't have a parole date."

He decided to stay.

Harriman filled out endless paperwork. He researched Army rules looking for a loophole to freedom.

He sought the counsel of officers who were sympathetic but just shrugged their shoulders as if to say, "You know the Army."

**And it didn't matter that Harriman was a highly decorated soldier with a Purple Heart from an injury caused by a roadside bomb, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star with valor.**

The Army says Harriman's case was handled properly, noting it would be unconscionable to abandon a wounded soldier before he is made whole.

"It's doesn't set a record by any means," Robert Moore, a spokesman for the Army's Medical Transition Command, said of Harriman's delayed discharge. "It can take much longer than that. It's better to take the time to get a soldier's recovery right than to get it done quickly."

About 9,000 soldiers are in Army medical hold, some with wounds far more serious than Harriman's. Even critics acknowledge that for many, the program offers faster care and more attention than they might receive outside the Army.

But complaints about dysfunction have plagued it.

"It's just a system that wasn't meant for this many people," said Brian McGough, an Army veteran who is legislative director for Votevets.org, a veterans advocacy group. "It's frustrating."

**McGough should know.**

**He suffered a brain injury in Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded. McGough found himself in a medical hold that extended his discharge by two years. He got out in 2005.**

The program needs to be streamlined, McGough said, and paperwork reduced.

Harriman, who said he got excellent medical care in the Army, is still puzzled by the service's arcane rules.

He missed out, for example, on promotion during the last three years. But now the Army has remedied that — kind of. Harriman is being promoted from specialist to sergeant — the day before his discharge.

**"The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops." Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**



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



The body of Marine Lance Cpl. David R. Baker is carried into Zion Lutheran Church, Oct. 31, 2009, in Painesville, Ohio. Baker, 22, was killed Oct. 20, 2009 by a roadside bomb while on combat foot patrol in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

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

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

**U.S. To Continue Quagmire-  
Building Effort In Afghanistan:  
“Troop Morale Could Sink Even  
Lower, To The Point Of Mutiny”**

**“Pentagon Officials Said They Are Proudly Holding On To Their False Glimmer Of Hope For A Victory”  
“‘We’ve Spent A Lot Of Time And Money Fostering The Turmoil And Despair Necessary To Make This A Sustaining Quagmire, And We’re Not Going To Stop Now,’ President Barack Obama Said”**



Hill by hill, U.S. forces tirelessly work toward the strategic goal of complete immobility.

October 27, 2009 The Onion

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN— According to sources at the Pentagon, American quagmire-building efforts continued apace in Afghanistan this week, as the geographically rugged, politically unstable region remained ungovernable, death tolls continued to rise, and the grim military campaign persisted as hopelessly as ever.

In fact, many government officials now believe that the United States and its allies could be as little as six months away from their ultimate goal: the total quagmirification of Afghanistan.

“We’ve spent a lot of time and money fostering the turmoil and despair necessary to make this a sustaining quagmire, and we’re not going to stop now,” President Barack Obama said in a national address Monday night.

“It won’t be easy, but with enough tactical errors on the ground, shortsighted political strategies, and continued ignorance of our vast cultural differences, we could have a horrific, full-fledged quagmire by 2012.”

Added Obama, “Together, we can make Afghanistan into a nightmarish hell-scape Americans will regret for generations to come.”

The U.S. plan to build a lasting quagmire in Afghanistan calls for the loss of at least 5,000 coalition troops, nearly 1,500 of whom have already been killed, and a wasted investment of nearly \$1 trillion, a quarter of which has thus far been spent.

With more than 80 percent of the country currently under Taliban control, Defense Secretary Robert Gates argued that U.S. nation-dismantling efforts are actually proceeding ahead of schedule.

“We’ve made a complete mess of local institutions, and moving forward this substantial lack of infrastructure will be the cornerstone of our strategy to ensure long-term chaos in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region,” said Gates, gesturing to a complex, 6-foot-tall wall map of what were either newly established al-Qaeda bases in Waziristan, tribal trade routes over the Hindu Kush, or perhaps U.S. military outposts of some kind.

“I couldn’t be happier with our progress. This place is a complete clusterfuck.”

A number of Pentagon officials said they were proudly holding on to their false glimmer of hope for a victory that remains forever out of reach, and explained that waging a war that can only end in sorrow has validated all their efforts.

The U.S. effort in Afghanistan hasn’t always looked so bleak. In 2004, when Afghanistan ratified a new constitution and directly elected a leader for the first time in its history, a number of government officials feared the quagmire would fail and perhaps even lead to relative peace and security.

But American military and diplomatic initiatives to prop up the corrupt regime of Hamid Karzai paved the way for this year’s utterly fraudulent presidential election, an event which gave the quagmire-building effort a much needed shot in the arm.

“Some say the war in Afghanistan is already a quagmire, being as it’s gone on for eight years and the situation on the ground continues to rapidly deteriorate,” said Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

“But I know we can do better. There are still dozens of tribal allies to alienate, troop morale could sink even lower, to the point of mutiny, and by continuing to fire a bunch of missiles from unmanned predator drones we have the opportunity to scare the living shit out of every last civilian in the region.”

Continued McChrystal, “If we play our cards right, the word ‘Afghanistan’ could soon replace the word ‘Iraq’ as the agreed-upon successor to the word ‘Vietnam’ in the American political lexicon.”

The loose network of warlords who rule the Afghan countryside were also optimistic about quagmire-building efforts.

“Our nation is already impossibly fragmented, but I believe the United States has the ability to make things even worse here,” said a local tribal leader, who asked to speak anonymously due to his constantly shifting alliances with the two sides.

“Afghanistan has a proud, ancient tradition of quagmires: Soviet Russia, the British Empire, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan. These are big shoes to fill, but if anyone can do it, these foolish Americans can.”

With President Karzai’s government maintaining ties to known drug traffickers, and 68,000 U.S. soldiers struggling to police a harsh, challenging landscape, all the conditions for a multigenerational quagmire seem to be in place.

For many analysts, the question now is: How will Obama ensure the U.S. entanglement in the region remains permanent?

By deploying more troops, by withdrawing them and leaving behind an unspeakable disaster, by increasing sympathy for the Taliban in nuclear-armed Pakistan? There are so many options on the table that many feel a quagmire is virtually guaranteed.

“We have so much to thank the Americans for,” said Marshal Muhammad Qasim Fahim, a notorious warlord who will become vice president if Karzai wins a runoff election scheduled for Nov. 7. “Not only have they created a lawless environment that has allowed us to capture 90 percent of the opium market, but their heroin habits have made a few of us very rich.”

“I love the Americans and I hope they stay for many years,” he added. “Many, many, many, many years.”



**‘We must not  
relent until the  
whole operation  
is up to its neck  
in quicksand’**

**General Stanley A.  
McChrystal**



## 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**

<p><b>“Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies.” -- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War</b></p>
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Themselves At The Expense Of The  
American People”**

**“In Any Failed State, The Greatest Threat  
To The Population Comes From The  
Government And The Police”**

October 22, 2009 By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS, CounterPunch

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The US has every characteristic of a failed state.

The US government's current operating budget is dependent on foreign financing and money creation.

Too politically weak to be able to advance its interests through diplomacy, the US relies on terrorism and military aggression.

Costs are out of control, and priorities are skewed in the interest of rich organized interest groups at the expense of the vast majority of citizens.

For example, war at all cost, which enriches the armaments industry, the officer corps and the financial firms that handle the war's financing, takes precedence over the needs of American citizens.

There is no money to provide the uninsured with health care, but Pentagon officials have told the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee in the House that every gallon of gasoline delivered to US troops in Afghanistan costs American taxpayers \$400.

"It is a number that we were not aware of and it is worrisome," said Rep. John Murtha, chairman of the subcommittee.

According to reports, the US Marines in Afghanistan use 800,000 gallons of gasoline per day. At \$400 per gallon, that comes to a \$320,000,000 daily fuel bill for the Marines alone.

Only a country totally out of control would squander resources in this way.

While the US government squanders \$400 per gallon of gasoline in order to kill women and children in Afghanistan, many millions of Americans have lost their jobs and their homes and are experiencing the kind of misery that is the daily life of poor third world peoples.

Americans are living in their cars and in public parks. America's cities, towns, and states are suffering from the costs of economic dislocations and the reduction in tax revenues from the economy's decline.

Yet, Obama has sent more troops to Afghanistan, a country half way around the world that is not a threat to America.

It costs \$750,000 per year for each soldier we have in Afghanistan. The soldiers, who are at risk of life and limb, are paid a pittance, but all of the privatized services to the military are rolling in excess profits.

One of the great frauds perpetuated on the American people was the privatization of services that the US military traditionally performed for itself. "Our" elected leaders could not resist any opportunity to create at taxpayers' expense private wealth that could be recycled to politicians in campaign contributions.

Republicans and Democrats on the take from the private insurance companies maintain that the US cannot afford to provide Americans with health care and that cuts must be made even in Social Security and Medicare.

So how can the US afford bankrupting wars, much less totally pointless wars that serve no American interest?

The enormous scale of foreign borrowing and money creation necessary to finance Washington's wars are sending the dollar to historic lows. The dollar has even experienced large declines relative to currencies of third world countries such as Botswana and Brazil. The decline in the dollar's value reduces the purchasing power of Americans' already declining incomes.

Despite the lowest level of housing starts in 64 years, the US housing market is flooded with unsold homes, and financial institutions have a huge and rising inventory of foreclosed homes not yet on the market.

Industrial production has collapsed to the level of 1999, wiping out a decade of growth in industrial output.

The enormous bank reserves created by the Federal Reserve are not finding their way into the economy. Instead, the banks are hoarding the reserves as insurance against the fraudulent derivatives that they purchased from the gangster Wall Street investment banks.

The regulatory agencies have been corrupted by private interests.

Frontline reports that Alan Greenspan, Robert Rubin, and Larry Summers blocked Brooksley Born, the head of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from regulating derivatives.

President Obama rewarded Larry Summers for his idiocy by appointing him Director of the National Economic Council. What this means is that profits for Wall Street will continue to be leeches from the diminishing blood supply of the American economy.

An unmistakable sign of third world despotism is a police force that sees the public as the enemy.

Thanks to the federal government, our local police forces are now militarized and imbued with hostile attitudes toward the public.

SWAT teams have proliferated, and even small towns now have police forces with the firepower of US Special Forces. Summons are increasingly delivered by SWAT teams that tyrannize citizens with broken down doors, a \$400 or \$500 repair born by the tyrannized resident.

Recently a mayor and his family were the recipients of incompetence by the town's local SWAT team, which mistakenly wrecked the mayor's home, terrorized his family, and killed the family's two friendly Labrador dogs.



If a town's mayor can be treated in this way, what do you think is the fate of the poor white or black?

Or the idealistic student who protests his government's inhumanity?

In any failed state, the greatest threat to the population comes from the government and the police.

That is certainly the situation today in the USA.

Americans have no greater enemy than their own government.

Washington is controlled by interest groups that enrich themselves at the expense of the American people.

The one percent that comprise the superrich are laughing as they say, "let them eat cake."

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## Protester Arrested During March At G-20



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: October 23, 2009  
Subject: Protester Arrested During March at G-20

Protester Arrested During March at G-20

The police react as they take a protester to the ground.

Mike Hastie  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
September 24, 2009

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: ([hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)

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

## **Military Resistance History: [By Somebody Who Made It] “The Most Efficient Is No Longer Effective!”**

[By Max Watts, who began helping GIs resisting the Vietnam War in the 1960's, and has never stopped helping soldiers resisting Imperial wars.]

From: Max Watts  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: November 01, 2009  
Subject: The most efficient is no longer effective; THE WAVE BUSINESS!

**The most efficient is no longer effective!**

I have been mulling, for years, decades, about the “Wave” Business. I know these Waves are there. They are important, big, but all my (1) efforts to write about them leave me unhappy, unsatisfied. What are they? When, and where, do they start? And: When do we, who are that we? see them, realise that something has changed, that:

**The most efficient is no longer effective !**

Sometimes the answers seem blindingly obvious, even immediately.

Sometimes only to some, in retrospect.

For instance: (an example): Clipper sailing ships: the best (most efficient) sailing ships, were built into the mid-1850's, just before capitalists stopped building any large cargo sailing ships. These were now replaced by steam. Cargo Sailing ships were now very efficient, but they were no longer effective. Profitable. What were the ship-builders who built the last Clippers thinking?

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Now, looking backwards, I was remembering a relatively minor incident in which I was directly involved. A demonstration in Paris, Place de Trocadero, on 4 April 1967, against the American war in Vietnam.

At the time I noted the efficiency of the French Police, honed by centuries of suppressing demonstrations. But in retrospect, their efficiency turned out to be totally counter-productive, not effective at all.

What the (normally quite intelligent) ruling classes were not realising was that a new, Fourth, wave had arrived. What had worked well previously, now didn't.

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I had, by then, lived in France for fourteen years and had been in many demonstrations. In these declining years of Flag Imperialism they had been earlier on often against the unsuccessful French attempts to maintain France's Flag Imperialist colonies in Indochina and North Africa (2).

After 1963 these demonstration against French Flag Imperialism's end-struggles had ended. After a brief "inter-regnum", calm, by the late-1960's, demonstrations were now against the American war in Vietnam.

I thus was familiar with Paris demonstrations and had some idea of what would happen.

What I did not realise was that the Paris Americans, the Pacsies and others, did not.

Most of them had lived through the Quiet Second Wave of the 1950's in the USA. There had then, after 1949, been few big left, union, demos or marches.

Even in New York there were no longer the massive Union led May Day marches down Eighth Avenue into Union Square. Most of the eleven Left CIO unions of the anti-fascist First Wave had been (3) destroyed by then, and the teachers who would have marched in the 1930's, earlier 40's, were now black-listed, unemployed, taxi-drivers (4).

The truck-mounted floats, the big, yards-wide, pole-held banners, were no longer seen on Eighth Avenue. That First Wave behavior had faded into forgottenness in the USA.

**In Paris, where I had been shot at already on the 14th July 1953 (5), and knew well that even "white" French had been beaten to death by Papon's police at Metro Charonne (8 Feb 1962), that hundreds (6) of men, women and children had been**

**murdered by the Paris police in street demos in October 1961 - I had assumed that no one in their right mind would have brought a big pole-held banner: "PACS", Paris-American Committee Against the Vietnam War - to demonstrate in front of an American Politician, Hubert H Humphrey - in the Trocadero Place that 4th of April. 1967.**

Humphrey (then US Vice-President under Lyndon Baines Johnson, later the Democratic candidate in the 1968 presidential election, beaten by Nixon) was in Europe to defend the American war against the Vietnamese.

But the highly respectable, upper-middle class Americans of PACS, led by la grande Dame Maria Jolas, had, either thought that times had already changed, or that as Americans they "could do so".

Or they had not thought about it at all. They brought their banner.

And, again, I living in the past, knowing that college professors were dismissed and permanently black-listed for just faculty-advising left student groups like the AYD, could not imagine that Prof Bruce Franklin, now teaching English at the Stanford Uni campus of Tours, France, would not only openly demonstrate against the Vietnam war, but even bring not only his wife Jane (7), but almost his entire class from provincial Tours to the Paris demo.

Repression, against American professors in America (4) and Paris demonstrators (as above) had long been efficient at dissuading all but the "hard core" committed and/or suicidal.

But a new wave had arrived.

This kind of repression was no longer effective. It was becoming counter-productive.

The ladies of PACS unfurled their banner in front of Humphrey. The Paris Police, briefly "sidereed", baffled by such unexpected behavior, took some seconds before they could swallow their surprise and swing into action.

They started, normally, to beat the demonstrators, then told by their bosses: "gently, these are Americans, not Algerians, no guns, use your small sticks, better switch to the lead-weighted capes", simply arrested everybody in sight.

I watched - and had already decided to "leave gently" - when I saw my new love, June, being herded into a paddy-wagon. Ah, well, noblesse oblige, and "she would expect that of me" (8), I decided this time I too should let them arrest me. They did.

We all, undamaged and very cheerful, were taken without the once standard beatings - to the Beaujon prison, where we were, sadly, sexually segregated. Females to one side, men to the other. June remembers a late evening release, I (the men?) much later, about 3 am. (8)

In the prison evening I had had occasion to reinforce my new friendship with Captain Bruce Franklin, retired USAF, C-97 Navigator, now the English prof at Stamford Tours Campus.

Who had brought his class to demonstrate. A hero.

I, living in the second-wave past (4), had assumed Franklin would immediately face firing, black-list, unemployment, but in fact the times had changed. We were, I can see this now, in a new (Fourth) Wave.

The Proof: That, the firing and black-listing, didn't happen until quite a few years later, when the "establishment" did catch up with him.

And not for the Trocadero demo, but for much much more. And even then, Bruce, fired from Stanford, did continue teaching, and writing many many published books, on the East Coast, in Rutgers Uni. Other stories!

At the time I remember teaching him, surprised he did not already well know it! - the English/American versions of the Internationale, at least the First (two?) verses. In Franklin's later autobiog I appeared as "an older man" - It is certainly true that the Franklins, some seven years younger, did, then, seem to me as far far more youthful.

They were, together with "the students", the harbingers of the new, Fourth, Sixties wave.

I, definitely, was from the (First and Second) waves, past.

What I now know, is that events and behaviors of that 4th of 1967 April were those of a new Wave, which had arrived.

Not only was the classical, efficient repression (3,4) no longer effective, but the behavior of the young, whether in age or experience, was now other.

Different.

That of the new, Fourth, Wave.

Jane Franklin had brought her infant son Robert to the demo. June - then in her early days as a FRITA, a friend of the (not yet so named) Resisters inside the (then only US) Army, the RITAs, was still very impressed by my, Maxist, knowledge, of what was what.

Of course, of the earlier, different, waves.

But I was learning, fast, too. That the wind had changed, was with us now, for some years to come.

Ah well...

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#### Footnotes:

(1) all my efforts to write about them: my, our: veepee and others have tried to help, create a clear "wave theory". If interested: apply for Wave theory to: [rosiek@bigpond.com](mailto:rosiek@bigpond.com)

(2) the unsuccessful French attempts to maintain France's Flag Imperialist colonies in Indochina and North Africa: After a century of bloody, but always failed resistance by the "natives", all of these flag colonies were free by 1962. I have written of my occasional involvement - RRR: NR, NS.. available on application

(3) Most of the eleven Left CIO unions of the anti-fascist First Wave had been destroyed by then: Their destruction in the 1946-50 period was a fundamental part of what I call the end of our successful first, anti-fascist, and the beginning of the "quiet second wave" of the 1950s. I watched, and sadly wondered, as our unions died. See also RRR OO.

(4) the teachers and professors who would have marched in the 1930's, earlier 40's, were now black-listed, unemployed, taxi-drivers: They were many, I particularly remember our English prof, Don M. Wolfe. A major Milton scholar, who had the courage and bad luck to become faculty advisor for the AYD (American Youth for Democracy) Club at New York University Heights campus in 1945, just as the anti-Fascist wave began its decline.

We (RK and I) visited his widow in Heightstown in 1979, who told us that Prof Wolfe had been blacklisted for years and was only recovering his academic status when he, tired, died. In many ways a typical example. He encouraged my later interest in the English Revolution.

(5) In Paris, where I had been shot at already on the 14th July 1953: see also RRR NR.

(6) hundreds murdered on 17 October 1961: these were mostly brownish and as such "used to it" - The Algerians had marched, peacefully and unarmed, to protest against police brutality. Police Prefect Maurice Papon (6.1) now showed them what real Paris Police Brutality would be: between 200 and 400 "brown" Arabs, Algerians, were killed, many beaten to death. The bodies were thrown into the Seine, where they clogged the locks aval of Paris, interrupting river traffic.

(6.1) Police Prefect Maurice Papon : Then and in February 1962 (6.2) head of the Paris police (under the Gaullist government) had - a decade previously - under the Petain/Vichy government - organised the deportation of Jewish children (and adults) to Auschwitz. Unlikely and unluckily he did eventually stand trial for that

(6.2) February 1962: On 8 February the Paris Police (under Papon) beat to death 8 (some say 9) "White" (or red) Frenchmen. They (the killed) were demonstrating against fascist bombs in Paris and Algeria. I missed that demo, was well-shooting in Southern France. But I did go to their funeral...

(7) Jane Franklin can speak for herself: Subject: Demonstration in Paris versus Humphrey:

"Max, they didn't arrest yours truly because I was carrying son Robert in my arms. When I shouted at one of them to stop beating a man with his leaden cape, he turned on me but stopped short and kept shouting "Chez vous! Chez vous!" I was part of the PACS group. I ran into two other Californians whom I knew; they had just happened by and joined the protest. French workers kept Humphrey from leaving his hotel for dinner that night, as I recall.

love,  
Jane”

(8) June - who I think had not been to Paris or US demos' before that April 4, can also speak for herself:

“I am glad to see Diana (Johnstone) is still in there swinging. She probably remembers PACS, if not us. Things seem much tougher than back in the Humphrey days. Would Jan Franklin, for ex., bring a baby to a demo today (ask her)? And no one was wasting money hiring helicopters for a crowd of intellectos (the main demonstrators back in the early days). First time I even saw a helicopter up close was at Bourget when we leafletted them. Not much happened to us then either. love, j

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## **“Since His Court Martial, Reilly Does Either A Sub-Standard Job, OR HE WILL REFUSE TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL”**

From: Ward Reilly  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: November 01, 2009 4:49 PM

Dear all active duty troops, THIS is how you RESIST after you learn that it's all wrong. {from my SECOND Special Court Martial} “Since his court martial, Reilly does either a sub-standard job, OR HE WILL REFUSE TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL.”

And I still did all 3 active duty years in the infantry, AND got an Honorable Discharge. :-)

Peace from Ward

Since his Court Martial, PV1 Robert Reilly has not performed according to minimum acceptable standards. He is in need of a haircut constantly, and when told to get one he creates excuses consistently as to why he does not have one. His uniform and general appearance is below standard. His attitude in regards to doing a good job is extremely poor. He does not make formations on time, and during training finds ways to do either a very sub-standard job, or will refuse to do anything at all.

Specifically, on 12 November 1973, he was informed by both his Commander of the Relief and his Platoon Sergeant that on 13 November, the day after his guard duty, he would be allowed only one-half of the day off. Reilly took the entire day off, and could not be located in his area until the following morning.

In a second instance, PV1 Reilly was absent from guard duty on Friday, 16 November 1973. His Sergeant of the Guard reported the same, and could not find Reilly anywhere in the company area until the following day.

Overall, PV1 Reilly's performance has not indicated to me that he is attempting to re-habilitate himself, that is, to become a good soldier.

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**OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**“The Officers Proceeded To Nab Two Palestinians”**  
**“They Beat The Palestinians On Their Head And Nape Time And Again,**



# **They Lifted Their Shirts, Removed Their Pants, Continued To Hit Them” “Prosecutors Found No Basis For Intervention”**

10.26.09 Shulamit Aloni, Ynetnews

On a hot summer day, two Border Guard police officers walked around the holy city of Jerusalem without any particular mission. At one point they decided that it would proper to prove their authority and respectful position to themselves and to the Palestinians.

**The officers proceeded to nab two Palestinians, yelled at them, and demanded that they salute “their majesties” numerous times.**

**Next, they made them face a wall and pulled out a camera, in case their colleagues won’t believe them.**

**They beat the Palestinians on their head and nape time and again, they lifted their shirts, removed their pants, continued to hit them, kicked them in the rear-end, and showed these Arabs how strong they are and how loyal they are to their job as the Jewish Border Guard.**

And so, these police officers continued to take pleasure in abusing, beating up, humiliating, and photographing it.

They did this until they got tired, and then, satisfied and gleeful, decided to let their victims go.

Such abuse, which is accompanied by photos and glee, must not be disregarded. A representative of the victims turned to the State Prosecutor’s Office and demanded to bring the honorable Border Guard officers to justice on charges of abuse, humiliation, and assault.

Given the photographs and testimonies, these “heroes” indeed deserve to be put on trial for the offenses they committed: Misuse of authority and assault, which carry a prison term of two years or more.

Moreover, there are suspicions that additional offences were committed in terms of physical and emotional abuse, as well as acts that border on sexual abuse.

Yet here we were surprised: The State Prosecutor decided not to look into the matter. The response was so impressive that it would be proper to distribute in on posters, so everyone will see and know.

**According to State Prosecutor’s Office, the materials available in the case, including the videos, indeed show “improper conduct” on the part of the police**

officers. However, as the case in question involved very light beating that caused no real damage, prosecutors found no basis for intervention, leaving the matter to be treated by the police's internal affairs unit.

What an extraordinary response.

After all, the police officers indeed did not pluck out their victims' eyes and did not cut off limbs; besides, after all, these victims are Palestinian, and therefore it turns out that abusing and humiliating them doesn't count.

The appeal filed over the decision was also rejected by the State Prosecutor's Office.

What we have here then is a new method apparently: The army will probe itself and then will let us know how chaste it is. The police will probe police officers, and it will turn out everyone is righteous, and so on and so forth.

In the face of the State Prosecutor's decision on this matter, which is not unusual, I believe we should be amending the Basic Law: Human dignity and Liberty, and decide that the State of Israel is committed to maintaining the liberty and dignity of a person only if he's Jewish; Just like we have land that is only for Jews and roads that are for Jews only.

By modifying the Basic Law as suggested, we will know that "dignity and liberty" in the Jewish state are only reserved for Jews.

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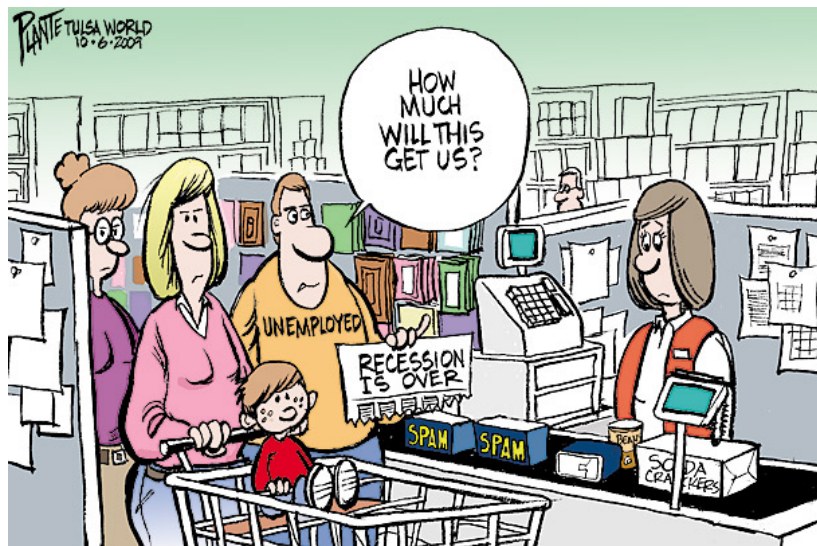


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