

## **Military Resistance 8C5**

**NOT ANOTHER DAY  
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR  
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



A medevac mission picks up a U.S. Marine wounded by an IED blast in Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan, March 6, 2010. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

**[No, Not From The Onion]  
The Occupations' New Boss For  
"Liberated" Marjah Served Four  
Years In A German Prison For  
Stabbing His Step-Son:  
Previously Employed "Busing Dishes  
And Delivering Room-Service Meals"  
At Holiday Inn:**

# Occupation Dictatorship Spokesman Says “This Country Is Not Going To Be Run By Choir Boys”



The Occupations' pet in Marjah March 7, 2010. Zahir has a violent criminal record in Germany, but Western officials said Saturday they are not pushing to oust him. (AP Photo/Dusan Vranic, Pool)

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[Thanks to Michael Letwin, Military Resistance and New York City Labor Against The War, who sent this in.]

March 6, 2010 By ALISSA J. RUBIN, New York Times & By MICHAEL M. PHILLIPS in Marjah, Afghanistan, MATTHEW ROSENBERG in Kabul and PETER SPIEGEL in Washington; Wall St. Journal

**The top allied commander in southern Afghanistan says coalition officials in the past two weeks have been told that the new administrator of Marjah, Abdul Zahir, served four years in a German prison for assault.**

News reports in the Western media say that Hajji Abdul Zahir, the newly appointed district chief of Marja, served jail time in Germany on charges of stabbing his stepson.

**Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, the top allied commander in southern Afghanistan, said in an interview: "It's no secret that (Mr. Zahir) was found guilty of a charge in**

**Germany which I'm not sure what it would be under German law, but I think you and I would describe it as assault."**

Mr. Zahir, who has denied the reports to other media, could not be reached for comment on Saturday, nor could his main supporter, Gulab Mangal, the governor of Helmand Province.

Both men were hosting Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain, who had come to visit British troops there.

**The allegations of domestic violence have, however, been widely reported, and Western military and civilian officials in Afghanistan have not denied them, although they have played down their significance.**

Behind closed doors, Western officials have been pressing Afghan officials to have Mr. Zahir removed from his post, which he assumed last month after thousands of U.S. Marines and Afghan soldiers fought their way into the Taliban-held town, say other coalition officials.

NATO spokesman in Kabul, speaking on behalf of Mark Sedwill, the senior NATO civilian official in Kabul, said that Mr. Sedwill had not and would not pressure the Afghan government to remove Mr. Zahir.

He also quoted Mr. Sedwill as saying, "This country is not going to be run by choir boys."

**We have people in the government who committed huge crimes but they are holding big positions so what about them?" said Mullah Abdul Salam, the district chief of Musa Qala. Such allegations of crimes include drug trafficking and corruption.**

The reports of Mr. Zahir's criminal past, if true, are likely to reinforce such worries among coalition partners who are already debating how long they should keep troops in Afghanistan.

Mr. Zahir estimates his age at 60; it is common for Afghans not to track birthdays. In 1989, as the Soviets were leaving, he had a falling-out with two Mujahedeen commanders and left the country in fear. He says he wanted to go to the U.S., but could only find someone able to sneak him, his two wives and seven children into Germany.

Over the years Mr. Zahir picked up some German and worked at a dry cleaner and a Holiday Inn not far from Frankfurt, busing dishes and delivering room-service meals, he says.

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Election Day:**

# **“100 Projectiles Slammed Into Baghdad And 13 Bombs Exploded”**

March 6 (Reuters) & March 07, 2010 Inside Iraq & Reuters & AP

## **Election Day:**

**Throughout the day about 100 projectiles slammed into Baghdad and 13 bombs exploded among these attacks there were stun bombs.**

**Katyusha rockets killed at least four people and wounded 16 after being fired into the northern Baghdad district of Qreiat and the northwestern neighbourhood of al-Hurriya.**

**Iraqi military said that 36 bombs exploded in Diyala today and four other mortars.**

**Seventeen mortar rounds landed in Falluja, some near a polling centre, wounding two policemen, a police source said. Falluja is 50 km (35 miles) west of Baghdad.**

A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army checkpoint close to a polling station, wounding two soldiers, in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

In the city of Mahmoudiya, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) south of Baghdad, a bomb inside a polling center killed a policeman, said Iraqi Army Col. Abdul Hussein.

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3.6: A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol, wounding three policemen, in the Doura district of southern Baghdad, police said.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Three Foreign Soldiers Killed Sunday Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan; Nationality Not Announced**

Mar 7 AFP

Three foreign soldiers were killed in Afghanistan on Sunday in separate incidents, bringing the number of foreign troops who have died in the war this year to 117.

One soldier was killed by gunfire and another by an improvised bomb in the south of the country, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said in a statement.

The third soldier was killed by gunfire in the east.

NATO did not give the precise locations of the killings, or the nationalities of the dead.

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## **Soldier From 3 RIFLES Killed Near Sangin On 6 March**

6 Mar 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm the death of a soldier from 3 RIFLES. The soldier died from wounds received as a result of small arms fire which occurred near Sangin, in Helmand Province, during the morning of 6 March 2010.

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## **After Mine Finds Mine Clearing Vehicle, Mine Clearing Vehicle Down To Three Wheels: BEFORE:**



U.S. Marines drive their Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) armored vehicle with an attached mine roller during a day-long escort of a convoy delivering supplies to the remote U.S. Marine base in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, March 6, 2010. Picture taken March 6, 2010. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov

## AFTER:



Soldiers of the Army National Guard 162 Engineer Company attached with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion of U.S. Marine Corps evacuate from their Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) armored vehicle after it was hit by a roadside bomb while providing a route clearance for a convoy March 6, 2010. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov



A Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) armored vehicle is left with a missing wheel after a hit by a road side bomb while providing a route clearance for a convoy delivering supplies to the remote U.S. Marine base in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, March 6, 2010. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov



Near part of a wheel blown off by the explosion, a member of the U.S. Air Force bomb squad searches for pieces of MRAP hit by road side bomb, March 6, 2010. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov



Remains of the MRAP vehicle on right March 6, 2010. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

**“The Pathway Of Tyrants Lies  
Over Volcanoes”**

**“Oppression, Organized As Ours Is,  
Will Appear Invincible Up To The  
Very Hour Of Its Fall”**

**“Those Who Enslave, Rob, And Torment  
Their Cooks, May Well Expect To Find  
Death In Their Dinner-Pots”**



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Not all the skill of politicians, North and South, not all the sophistries of Judges, not all the fulminations of a corrupt press, not all the hypocritical prayers, or the hypocritical refusals to pray of a hollow-hearted priesthood, not all the devices of sin and Satan, can save the vile thing from extermination.



**May 1857 By Frederick Douglass, Speech on the Dred Scott Decision [Excerpt]**

**Dred Scott v. Sandford was a decision by the United States Supreme Court, 1857, written by Chief Justice Taney, that ruled that people of African descent imported into the United States and held as slaves had no rights.**

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While four millions of our fellow countrymen are in chains--while men, women, and children are bought and sold on the auction-block with horses, sheep, and swine--while the remorseless slave--whip draws the warm blood of our common humanity--it is meet that we assemble as we have done to-day, and lift up our hearts and voices in earnest denunciation of the vile and shocking abomination.

It is not for us to be governed by our hopes or our fears in this great work; yet it is natural on occasions like this, to survey the position of the great struggle which is going on between slavery and freedom, and to dwell upon such signs of encouragement as may have been lately developed, and the state of feeling these signs or events have occasioned in us and among the people generally.

It is a fitting time to take an observation to ascertain where we are, and what our prospects are.

To many, the prospects of the struggle against slavery seem far from cheering.

Eminent men, North and South, in Church and State, tell us that the omens are all against us.

Emancipation, they tell us, is a wild, delusive idea; the price of human flesh was never higher than now; slavery was never more closely entwined about the hearts and affections of the southern people than now; that whatever of conscientious scruple, religious conviction, or public policy, which opposed the system of slavery forty or fifty years ago, has subsided; and that slavery never reposed upon a firmer basis than now.

Completing this picture of the happy and prosperous condition of this system of wickedness, they tell us that this state of things is to be set to our account. Abolition agitation has done it all.

How deep is the misfortune of my poor, bleeding people, if this be so! How lost their condition, if even the efforts of their friends but sink them deeper in ruin!

Without assenting to this strong representation of the increasing strength and stability of slavery, without denouncing what of untruth pervades it, I own myself not insensible to the many difficulties and discouragement that beset us on every hand. They fling their broad and gloomy shadows across the pathway of every thoughtful colored man in this country.

For one, I see them clearly, and feel them sadly. With an earnest, aching heart, I have long looked for the realization of the hope of my people. Standing, as it were, barefoot, and treading upon the sharp and flinty rocks of the present, and looking out upon the boundless sea of the future, I have sought, in my humble way, to penetrate the

intervening mists and clouds, and, perchance, to descry, in the dim and shadowy distance, the white flag of freedom, the precise speck of time at which the cruel bondage of my people should end, and the long entombed millions rise from the foul grave of slavery and death.

But of that time I can know nothing, and you can know nothing. All is uncertain at that point.

One thing, however, is certain; slaveholders are in earnest, and mean to cling to their slaves as long as they can, and to the bitter end.

They show no sign of a wish to quit their iron grasp upon the sable throats of their victims.

Their motto is, "a firmer hold and a tighter grip" for every new effort that is made to break their cruel power.

The case is one of life or death with them, and they will give up only when they must do that or do worse.

In one view the slaveholders have a decided advantage over all opposition.

It is well to notice this advantage--the advantage of complete organization.

They are organized; and yet were not at the pains of creating their organizations.

The State governments, where the system of slavery exists, are complete slavery organizations.

The church organizations in those States are equally at the service of slavery; while the Federal Government, with its army and navy, from the chief magistracy in Washington, to the Supreme Court, and thence to the chief marshalship at New York, is pledged to support, defend, and propagate the crying curse of human bondage.

**The pen, the purse, and the sword, are united against the simple truth, preached by humble men in obscure places.**

This is one view.

It is, thank God, only one view; there is another, and a brighter view.

David, you know, looked small and insignificant when going to meet Goliath, but looked larger when he had slain his foe.

The Malakoff [a fortress in Russia stormed by French soldiers] was, to the eye of the world, impregnable, till the hour it fell before the shot and shell of the allied army.

**Thus hath it ever been.**

**Oppression, organized as ours is, will appear invincible up to the very hour of its fall.**

Sir, let us look at the other side, and see if there are not some things to cheer our heart and nerve us up anew in the good work of emancipation.

**Take this fact--for it is a fact--the anti-slavery movement has, from first to last, suffered no abatement.**

**It has gone forth in all directions, and is now felt in the remotest extremities of the Republic.**

**It started small, and was without capital either in men or money. The odds were all against it.**

**It literally had nothing to lose, and everything to gain.**

There was ignorance to be enlightened, error to be combatted, conscience to be awakened, prejudice to be overcome, apathy to be aroused, the right of speech to be secured, mob violence to be subdued, and a deep, radical change to be wrought in the mind and heart of the whole nation.

This great work, under God, has gone on, and gone on gloriously.

Amid all changes, fluctuations, assaults, and adverses of every kind, it has remained firm in its purpose, steady in its aim, onward and upward, defying all opposition, and never losing a single battle.

Our strength is in the growth of anti-slavery conviction, and this has never halted.

There is a significant vitality about this abolition movement. It has taken a deeper, broader, and more lasting hold upon the national heart than ordinary reform movements. Other subjects of much interest come and go, expand and contract, blaze and vanish, but the huge question of American Slavery, comprehending, as it does, not merely the weal or the woe of four millions, and their countless posterity, but the weal or the woe of this entire nation, must increase in magnitude and in majesty with every hour of its history.

From a cloud not bigger than a man's hand, it has overspread the heavens.

It has risen from a grain not bigger than a mustard seed. Yet see the fowls of the air, how they crowd its branches.

Politicians who cursed it, now defend it; ministers, once dumb, now speak in its praise; and presses, which once flamed with hot denunciations against it, now surround the sacred cause as by a wall of living fire.

Politicians go with it as a pillar of cloud by day, and the press as a pillar of fire by night. With these ancient tokens of success, I, for one, will not despair of our cause.

Those who have undertaken to suppress and crush out this agitation for Liberty and humanity, have been most woefully disappointed.

Many who have engaged to put it down, have found themselves put down.

The agitation has pursued them in all their meanderings, broken in upon their seclusion, and, at the very moment of fancied security, it has settled down upon them like a mantle of unquenchable fire.

Clay, Calhoun, and Webster each tried his hand at suppressing the agitation; and they went to their graves disappointed and defeated.

Loud and exultingly have we been told that the slavery question is settled, and settled forever.

You remember it was settled thirty-seven years ago, when Missouri was admitted into the Union with a slaveholding constitution, and slavery prohibited in all territory north of thirty-six degrees of north latitude.

Just fifteen years afterwards, it was settled again by voting down the right of petition, and gagging down free discussion in Congress.

Ten years after this it was settled again by the annexation of Texas, and with it the war with Mexico.

In 1850 it was again settled. This was called a final settlement. By it slavery was virtually declared to be the equal of Liberty, and should come into the Union on the same terms. By it the right and the power to hunt down men, women, and children, in every part of this country, was conceded to our southern brethren, in order to keep them in the Union.

Four years after this settlement, the whole question was once more settled, and settled by a settlement which unsettled all the former settlements.

**The fact is, the more the question has been settled, the more it has needed settling.**

The space between the different settlements has been strikingly on the decrease.

The first stood longer than any of its successors.

This last settlement must be called the Taney settlement. We are now --the second, ten years--the third, five years--the fourth stood four years --and the fifth has stood the brief space of two years.

This last settlement must be called the Taney settlement.

We are now told, in tones of lofty exultation, that the day is lost all lost and that we might as well give up the struggle. The highest authority has spoken. The voice of the Supreme Court has gone out over the troubled waves of the National Conscience, saying peace, be still.

This infamous decision of the Slaveholding wing of the Supreme Court maintains that slaves are within the contemplation of the Constitution of the United States, property; that slaves are property in the same sense that horses, sheep, and swine are property;

that the old doctrine that slavery is a creature of local law is false; that the right of the slaveholder to his slave does not depend upon the local law, but is secured wherever the Constitution of the United States extends; that Congress has no right to prohibit slavery anywhere; that slavery may go in safety anywhere under the star-spangled banner; that colored persons of African descent have no rights that white men are bound to respect; that colored men of African descent are not and cannot be citizens of the United States.

You will readily ask me how I am affected by this devilish decision--this judicial incarnation of wolfishness?

My answer is, and no thanks to the slaveholding wing of the Supreme Court, my hopes were never brighter than now.

I have no fear that the National Conscience will be put to sleep by such an open, glaring, and scandalous tissue of lies as that decision is, and has been, over and over, shown to be.

The Supreme Court of the United States is not the only power in this world. It is very great, but the Supreme Court of the Almighty is greater.

Judge Taney can do many things, but he cannot perform impossibilities. He cannot bale out the ocean, annihilate the firm old earth, or pluck the silvery star of liberty from our Northern sky. He may decide, and decide again; but he cannot reverse the decision of the Most High. He cannot change the essential nature of things--making evil good, and good evil.

Happily for the whole human family, their rights have been defined, declared, and decided in a court higher than the Supreme Court. "There is a law," says Brougham, "above all the enactments of human codes, and by that law, unchangeable and eternal, man cannot hold property in man."

**Your fathers have said that man's right to liberty is self-evident. There is no need of argument to make it clear. The voices of nature, of conscience, of reason, and of revelation, proclaim it as the right of all rights, the foundation of all trust, and of all responsibility.**

**Man was born with it. It was his before he comprehended it. The deed conveying it to him is written in the center of his soul, and is recorded in Heaven.**

**The sun in the sky is not more palpable to the sight than man's right to liberty is to the moral vision.**

To decide against this right in the person of Dred Scott, or the humblest and most whip-scarred bondman in the land, is to decide against God. It is an open rebellion against God's government. It is an attempt to undo what God has done, to blot out the broad distinction instituted by the Allwise between men and things, and to change the image and superscription of the everliving God into a speechless piece of merchandise.

Such a decision cannot stand. God will be true though every man be a liar. We can appeal from this hell-black judgment of the Supreme Court, to the court of common sense and common humanity. We can appeal from man to God. If there is no justice on

earth, there is yet justice in heaven. You may close your Supreme Court against the black man's cry for justice, but you cannot, thank God, close against him the ear of a sympathizing world, nor shut up the Court of Heaven.

All that is merciful and just, on earth and in Heaven, will execrate and despise this edict of Taney.

If it were at all likely that the people of these free States would tamely submit to this demoniacal judgment, I might feel gloomy and sad over it, and possibly it might be necessary for my people to look for a home in some other country.

But as the case stands, we have nothing to fear.

In one point of view, we, the abolitionists and colored people, should meet this decision, unlooked for and monstrous as it appears, in a cheerful spirit.

This very attempt to blot out forever the hopes of an enslaved people may be one necessary link in the chain of events preparatory to the downfall and complete overthrow of the whole slave system.

The whole history of the anti-slavery movement is studded with proof that all measures devised and executed with a view to ally and diminish the anti-slavery agitation, have only served to increase, intensify, and embolden that agitation.

This wisdom of the crafty has been confounded, and the counsels of the ungodly brought to nought.

It was so with the Fugitive Slave Bill. It was so with the Kansas-Nebraska Bill; and it will be so with this last and most shocking of all pro-slavery devices, this Taney decision.

When great transactions are involved, where the fate of millions is concerned, where a long enslaved and suffering people are to be delivered, I am superstitious enough to believe that the finger of the Almighty may be seen bringing good out of evil, and making the wrath of man redound to his honor, hastening the triumph of righteousness.

The American people have been called upon, in a most striking manner, to abolish and put away forever the system of slavery. The subject has been pressed upon their attention in all earnestness and sincerity. The cries of the slave have gone forth to the world, and up to the throne of God.

This decision, in my view, is a means of keeping the nation awake on the subject. It is another proof that God does not mean that we shall go to sleep, and forget that we are a slaveholding nation.

Step by step we have seen the slave power advancing; poisoning, corrupting, and perverting the institutions of the country; growing more and more haughty, imperious, and exacting. The white man's liberty has been marked out for the same grave with the black man's.

The ballot box is desecrated, God's law set at nought, armed legislators stalk the halls of Congress, freedom of speech is beaten down in the Senate. The rivers and highways are infested by border ruffians, and white men are made to feel the iron heel of slavery.

This ought to arouse us to kill off the hateful thing. They are solemn warnings to which the white people, as well as the black people, should take heed.

If these shall fail, judgment, more fierce or terrible, may come.

**The lightning, whirlwind, and earthquake may come.**

**Jefferson said that he trembled for his country when he reflected that God is just, and his justice cannot sleep forever.**

**The time may come when even the crushed worm may turn under the tyrant's feet. Goaded by cruelty, stung by a burning sense of wrong, in an awful moment of depression and desperation, the bondman and bondwoman at the south may rush to one wild and deadly struggle for freedom.**

**Already slaveholders go to bed with Bowie knives, and apprehend death at their dinners.**

**Those who enslave, rob, and torment their cooks, may well expect to find death in their dinner-pots.**

The world is full of violence and fraud, and it would be strange if the slave, the constant victim of both fraud and violence, should escape the contagion.

He, too, may learn to fight the devil with fire, and for one, I am in no frame of mind to pray that this may be long deferred.

Two remarkable occurrences have followed the presidential election; one was the unaccountable sickness traced to the National Hotel at Washington, and the other was the discovery of a plan among the slaves, in different localities, to slay their oppressors.

Twenty or thirty of the suspected were put to death. Some were shot, some hanged, some burned, and some died under the lash.

One brave man owned himself well acquainted with the conspiracy, but said he would rather die than disclose the facts. He received seven hundred and fifty lashes, and his noble spirit went away to the God who gave it.

The name of this hero has been by the meanness of tyrants suppressed. Such a man redeems his race. He is worthy to be mentioned with the Hoppers and Tells, the noblest heroes of history.

**These insurrectionary movements have been put down, but they may break out at any time, under the guidance of higher intelligence, and with a more invincible spirit.**

The fire thus kindled, may be revived again; the flames are extinguished, but the embers remain; one terrible blast may produce an ignition, which shall wrap the whole South in wild conflagration.

The pathway of tyrants lies over volcanoes; the very air they breathe is heavy with sorrows; agonizing heart-throbs convulse them while sleeping, and the wind whispers death as over them sweeping.

By all the laws of nature, civilization, and of progress, slavery is a doomed system.

Not all the skill of politicians, North and South, not all the sophistries of Judges, not all the fulminations of a corrupt press, not all the hypocritical prayers, or the hypocritical refusals to pray of a hollow-hearted priesthood, not all the devices of sin and Satan, can save the vile thing from extermination.

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## **“What A Fucking Farce” [Iraq “Elections” 2005] [SOLDIERS’ CLASSICS]**

**[From GI SPECIAL 3A24, 1.24.05]**

**[By Jeff Englehart, Military Resistance Organization]**

**From:** Soldier X, Iraq [Jeff Englehart, name omitted in 2005 to shield from retaliation by command]

**To:** GI Special

**Sent:** January 22, 2005

**Subject:** What A Fucking Farce

I am still shocked to see none of the superior NCOs or Officers in the Abu Ghriab issue being brought to justice.

As most soldiers know, everything in the military is so micro managed that it becomes frustrating to get any work done without some jackass over your shoulder telling you what you are doing wrong. There are far more people with dirty hands in the Abu Ghriab prison abuse.

**The barricades are going up all over Baqubah and the surrounding areas. We are not allowed to get closer then 400 meters from any polling station?**

**What a fucking farce. Our crew serve weapons (50 cal, Mark-19s, and 240 bravos) all have effective ranges far beyond 1000 meters. So, what is the point? We are going to roll in and shoot up the place the first moment of contact anyways.**



I asked a group of Iraqi's if they were going to vote and they looked at me like I was from another planet. And I guess, I almost am.

One told "We risk our lives every day when we enter your camps to earn money for our families. The elections are not real. Why would I risk my life for nothing?"

I didn't have a good answer for him, but a soldier with me said "This is your chance to effect the future. You can change the way your children are governed."

The Iraqi responded "How can I decide weather my child dies by the sword or by the gun?"

I wake up every morning before dawn to mortar attacks, by light there are new craters. We are finding the decapitated heads of Iraqi Officials on the streets. This election is going to be the final obstacle before getting out of this dismal deployment. [Hopefully so. But do not underestimate the enemy. Washington may have other plans about that. T]

Soldier X

PS It is hard to see a nineteen year old kid lose his life over a mistake, and then have an attempt to cover it up. My little brother is twenty-one, anyone killed here younger then him is more than just a tragedy, it is a crime.

# **BRING THEM HOME NOW!**



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

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

# Welcome Homeless



Vietnam veteran in grief while at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Portland, Oregon 1988. Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: March 01, 2010  
Subject: Welcome Homeless

## **Welcome Homeless**

**The  
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hero.  
Mike Hastie  
Vietnam Veteran  
March 1, 2010

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

## March 8, 1965; Unhappy Murderous Imperial Stupidity Anniversary



Carl Bunin Peace History

About 3,500 U. S. Marines became the first American combat troops in Vietnam, landing near the coastal city of Da Nang. The USS Henrico, Union, and Vancouver, carrying the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade under Brig. Gen. Frederick J. Karch, took up stations 4,000 yards off Red Beach Two, north of Da Nang.

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# ***Two Magnificent Anniversaries In The Fight For Human Liberation:***

## **#1: March 8, 1908: New York City Women Strike For Higher Wages, A Shorter Workday And An End To Child Labor**



Carl Bunin Peace History; un.org [Excerpts]

March 8, 1908

Thousands of workers in the New York needle trades (primarily women) demonstrated and began a strike for higher wages, a shorter workday and an end to child labor.

This event became the basis for International Women's Day celebrated all over the world since March 8, 1945.

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## **#2: March 8, 1917 With 2 Million Russian Soldiers Dead In The War, Women Ignore The "Political Leaders" And Lead**

# A Revolution To Overthrow The Imperial Tyrant Czar Of Russia



*Two old women lament  
Old days of sorrow,  
When prayers went unheard  
And the grave was relief.*

*But no more does the stick  
Fall upon women's shoulders.  
Free and equal they march,  
Comrades of men!*

March 8, 1917

**With 2 million Russian soldiers dead in the war, Russian women again chose the last Sunday in February to strike for “bread and peace”.**

**Political leaders opposed the timing of the strike, but the women went on anyway.**

**The rest is history:**

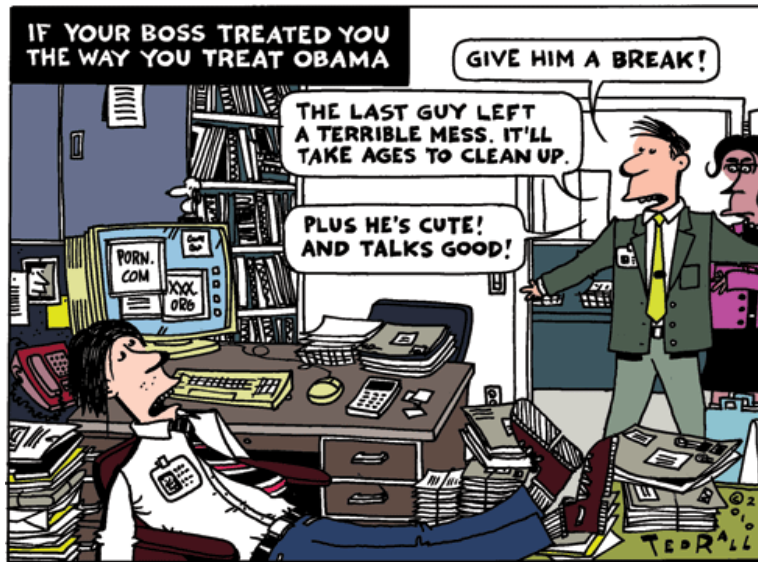
**Four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote.**

That historic Sunday fell on 23 February on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia, but on 8 March on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere.

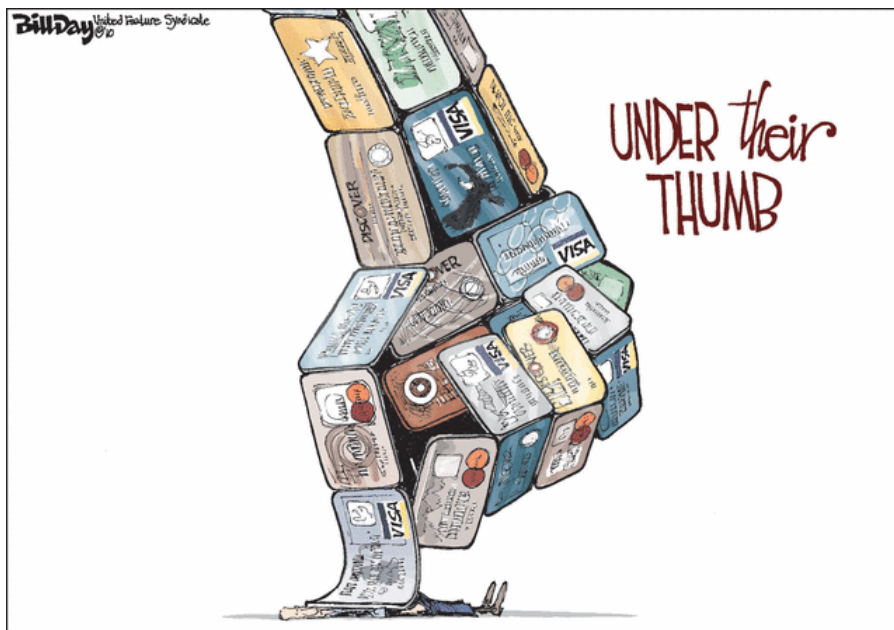
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**NEW YORKERS TO PROTEST DINNER  
FOR ISRAELI ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AT  
WALDORF ASTORIA**

[3.9.10 Via New York City Labor Against The War]

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On Tuesday March 9, 2010, New Yorkers plan to rally outside the Waldorf Astoria to protest of the visit of Israeli Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi. The rally will begin at 6 pm.

Ashkenazi will be the honored guest at a \$1000-a-plate fund-raising dinner for the Israeli Military Forces. Protest organizers say they are outraged that such a dinner would be held in the home city of the United Nations, which is investigating the Israeli Forces for "grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions" and allegations of numerous war crimes committed against the Palestinians during Operation Cast Lead, which was launched against Gaza on December 27, 2008.

Al-Awda NY organizer Dima Abisaab said that, "After suffering for years under Israeli Occupation, then facing starvation by the siege and living in the world's largest outdoor prison, the Palestinians of Gaza were mercilessly slaughtered as they were rounded up and murdered by the Israeli Occupation Forces.

**"It is an outrage that Israeli Generals are not imprisoned, let alone coming to our streets to raise money to continue their war crimes while Palestinians continue to starve and die from wounds because they can't access neither food nor medicine."**

Student Organizer Arafat Nasan said, "While we face severe budget cuts in our school systems, while people are losing jobs and access to healthcare, the US Government continues to send billions of our tax dollars each year to the rogue Israeli government. It is outrageous that we feed war criminals while millions of Americans go hungry."

The UN investigation cited numerous violations of International Law, accused the Israeli forces of targeting civilians, using phosphorous weapons, and of launching an attack that was, "designed to punish, humiliate and terrorize a civilian population, radically diminish its local economic capacity both to work and to provide for itself, and to force upon it an ever increasing sense of dependency and vulnerability."

Over 1,400 Palestinians were killed in the assaults, two-thirds of whom were women and children.

The UN investigative team recommended prosecution of Israeli Military Personnel in the International Criminal Court and by domestic use of International Jurisdiction. On January 28, 2010 Ashkenazi canceled a trip to Brazil for fear he would be arrested, as did several other Israeli Government officials.

Nonetheless, in November 2009, Gabi Ashkenazi warned that he would lead another similar assault on the Palestinians of Gaza, and the media reported Ashkenazi calling for a Holocaust against Gaza's Palestinians during that same period.

Ashkenazi has been working adamantly against further international investigation of Israeli troops' alleged crimes in Gaza.

The Gaza Strip fell under a tighter siege by the Israelis in January 2007 as a result of Israeli disapproval of Palestinian elections. Since then, Palestinians were living under a severe humanitarian crisis as Israel prevented Palestinians from access to food, water, and basic sustenance supplies before launching the aggressive attacks in December of 2008. The UN investigation also found that the Israeli siege was in violation of International Law.

Sponsoring groups of the rally, along with Al-Awda, include American Muslims for Palestine, Muslim American Society, the International Action Center, Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM), New York City Labor Against the War and the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network.

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