

## **Military Resistance 8G11**



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### **Hopeless:**

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# **“Army Units Can Be As Low As 59% Of Their Supposed Size When It Comes To Going On Duty” “Insurgents Have Been Able To Infiltrate Afghan Security Forces At Senior Levels”**

11 July 2010 Independent.co.uk [Excerpts]

The strategic plan of creating an Afghan security force to replace US and British troops fighting in Afghanistan is in serious disarray with local forces a fraction of their reported size, infiltrated by the Taliban at senior levels, and plagued by corruption and drug addiction, an Independent on Sunday investigation can reveal.

And the way in which their capacity has been assessed over several years, during which time tens of billions of dollars have been spent on building up Afghan security forces, is so flawed that it has been scrapped.

Less than a quarter of the army and less than one in seven police units are rated as “CM1” – meaning they are capable of operating independently.

Yet the true picture is worse.

An audit of the Capability Milestone (CM) rating system used to rate police and army units has revealed a misleading picture of the true level of progress.

Arnold Field, US Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) described the system as “unreliable and inconsistent”.

His audit warns that Afghan military and police assessments “have overstated operational capabilities”, with even the top-rated units unable to operate independently.

As many as 50 per cent of police units in some areas are failing drugs tests it notes. On one occasion, coalition soldiers witnessed Afghan police openly smoking cannabis and unwilling to conduct operations or leave their compound.

**The report details how army units can be as low as 59 per cent of their supposed size when it comes to going on duty.**

**On average, only 74 per cent of Afghan soldiers in combat units were actually found present for duty, according to the report.**

ISAF hopes to increase the combined strength of the Afghan Army and police from under 200,000 at the start of 2009 to over 300,000 next year, in the hope that this will accelerate a withdrawal of international forces from Afghanistan.

But an analysis by the IoS reveals that the true strength of the Afghan security forces – those that have been trained and judged to be able to operate independently – is barely 34,000.

This is almost a seventh of the 236,000 claimed by Nato/ISAF.

Insurgents have been able to infiltrate Afghan security forces at senior levels.

In one case, a police commander was found to have been involved in a number of indirect fire and IED attacks on coalition forces, as well as the kidnap and murder of a American civilian.

Barely a tenth of police units are rated effective.

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

# **“Nothing Like A Friendly Armory” [Outreach To New York Army National Guard**

**[Apologies to all concerned for the delay in carrying this article: stupidly misfiled.  
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From: Alan S, Military Resistance Organization  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: May 12, 2010  
Subject: Outreach To New York Army National Guard

Nothing like a friendly armory to leave its doors open to civilians on a warm and sunny mid-week afternoon. Wanting updates on outreach possibilities I took advantage of the “open door policy” and immediately got lost in the vastness typical to armories built, let’s say within the last 100 years.

Lost in an echoless corridor I searched vainly for any hint of human activity other than posters and notices adorning institutional type stone walls. At last, a figure in the distance silhouetted against an open office door. I approached and found a National Guard lieutenant who looked at this unexpected civilian quizzically, to say the least.

After introducing myself as representative of Military Resistance Organization (and a Navy vet) he seemed intrigued by my presence and the DVD of “Sir! No Sir!” I handed him along with a packet containing the March, 2010 Traveling Soldier [see below], our

Mission Statement plus the double sided handout advertising Traveling Soldier and Military Resistance newsletter. He became even more intrigued.

Meanwhile I was recognized by two of the clerical sergeants (we've been there many times) in attendance although they courteously refused handouts.

I was able to determine there was no drill for May from the lieutenant who, after telling me of his military career, shook hands and bid me a correct good-bye. On the stairs I met another sergeant and he confirmed the non-drill for May.

I hope to see all these soldiers again at future outreaches.

Another day saw an outreach to one of NY's RR terminals with 5 soldiers on post.

The two youngest politely refused any material but three older ones were glad to have it. One knew me from previous trips to the RRs and gladly accepted 2 more "Sir! No Sir!" DVDs having been impressed by the one he already saw. He wanted more of our contact cards too.

A few minutes later I met two sergeants who were willing to converse and took the aforementioned lit gladly plus cards.

## Military Resistance

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**SUPPORTING GI RESISTANCE**

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*If you are a veteran who supports an immediate end to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan -- the Military Project recommends you contact:*

### IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR



[www.IVAW.org](http://www.IVAW.org)

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[Cards designed by Richie M, Military Resistance]

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# **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 Military Resistance 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. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

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.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

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

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

## **MORE:**

**CHECK OUT THE NEW ISSUE OF  
TRAVELING SOLDIER JUST POSTED**

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/TS31.pdf>

**THIS ISSUE FEATURING:**

**ARMY LIFE: "THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THEIR GENERAL SELFISHNESS AND HABITUAL EXPLOITATION OF THE LOWER ENLISTED"**

**By Soldier R, Traveling Soldier Correspondent  
Reporting from Germany**

**"EVEN BEFORE I HAD LEFT THE NAVY I REALIZED THAT I WAS NOT PROTECTING FREEDOM OR DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITES STATES"**

**By F. Bouthillette (USNR, Veteran, Iraq Theatre)**

**MORE ARMY LIFE: "INTELLIGENCE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE A SENIOR IN THE MILITARY"**

**By Soldier R, Traveling Soldier Correspondent  
Reporting from Germany**

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/>

Traveling Soldier is the publication of the Military Resistance Organization

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**Traveling Soldier Is Published By The  
Military Resistance Organization:**

**MILITARY RESISTANCE TEN POINTS**

## **Mission Statement:**

**1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the wars of empire in Afghanistan and Iraq. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.**

**2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.**

**However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.**

**3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.**

**4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.**

**Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.**

**This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.**

**5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.**

**Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

**Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.**

6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.

It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.

Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

## **Membership Requirements:**

7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

----- (Signed)

(Date)

----- (Application taken by)

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# **Take Action That Makes A Difference:**



# Join Up With The Military Resistance Organization: MILITARY RESISTANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Armed Forces? (Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran? Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Landline): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

\$ dues paid \_\_\_\_\_  
(See next: Calendar year basis.)

Armed Forces Members	@	Dues waived
Civilians	@	\$25
Students/Unemployed	@	\$10
Civilian/Military Prisoners	@	Dues Waived

Comments:

NOTE: Civilian applicants will be interviewed, in person if possible, or by phone.

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**“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**

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, 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 Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **U.S. Occupation Commands' Terror Tactics Recruit Even More Afghan Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops: Foreign Soldiers From The USA Publicly Humiliate An Afghan Citizen In His Own Village, As Usual**



A foreign occupation soldier from the USA signals for an Afghan citizen on a public road in his village to stop during a patrol near the village of Khersak in Arghandab District, north of Kandahar July 9, 2010. Photo: REUTERS/Bob Strong



REUTERS/Bob Strong



The soldier grabs for the Afghan citizen's belongings. Photo: REUTERS/Bob Strong



The unarmed Afghan citizen was ordered at gunpoint to lie on his face in the dirt. He was taken prisoner for “suspected Taliban activities.” He will be “interrogated.” Photo: REUTERS/Bob Strong

Afghani citizens have no right to resist refuse orders from occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed.

Foreign occupation soldiers from the USA make a daily practice of publicly humiliating Afghan citizens.

This encourages self-respecting honorable Afghans take arms in order to kill them whenever possible.

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**[Fair is fair. Let’s bring 94,000 Afghan troops over here to the USA.**

**[They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, bomb and butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and call it “sovereign,” and “detain” anybody who doesn’t like it in a military prison endlessly without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.**

**[Those Afghans are sure a bunch of backward primitives.**

**[They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it’s bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship killing them wholesale, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country.**

**[What a bunch of silly people.**

**[How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by Barrack Obama.**

[Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]

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## **WELCOME TO AFBAGHVIETISTAN: HAVE A NICE DAY**



United States army medic on a patrol near the village of Charbagh, Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 5, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



US Army soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division cross an irrigation stream during a patrol in the village of Kuhak in Arghandab District, north of Kandahar July 7, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



July 8, 2010: A United States soldier from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne takes cover during a patrol in the Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



A United States soldier from the 82nd Airborne on patrol, Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 10, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

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

## TROOP NEWS

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



The coffin of Navy Seaman William F. Ortega, Arlington National Cemetery July 9, 2010. Ortega, 23, of Miami, died June 18 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast. Ortega was assigned as a hospital corpsman to Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

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**NAVY BANS SAILORS AND  
MARINES FROM ATTENDING  
MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT:  
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In Getting More Involved In The Active-**

# Duty And Veteran-Led Anti-War Movement”

[Apologies to all concerned for the delay in carrying this report: stupidly misfiled. T]

From: Bobby Joe Grubb  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: May 31, 2010  
Subject: NAVY BANS SAILORS AND MARINES FROM ATTENDING MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

By Ryan Harvey, May 31, 2010, New York, NY

The Navy on Friday issued a restriction against troops attending a Memorial Day concert in New York organized by Iraq-war veterans and civilian activists.

The UXO Tour, a nationwide concert series for active duty service-members organized by veterans, held its first concert on a cruise ship at Pier 81 in Manhattan, next to the Navy’s fleet.

Organizers outreached heavily to service-members throughout Manhattan and were met with positive responses from those they talked with.

“We were expecting at least 50-75 Sailors and Marines to come,” said Coast Guard veteran and UXO organizer Bobby Joe Grubb. Organizers handed out over 100 free tickets to active-duty troops.

But those numbers did not materialize due to a controversial order by Navy command. In violation of the first amendment rights of service-members, the Navy banned attendance to this event.

Veterans involved with the concert condemned this betrayal of service-members’ rights and are taking it as “a slap in the face”.

“It’s a hypocrisy that these brave men and women who swore to defend the Constitution are being denied their own Constitutional rights”, they said in a statement.

Chantelle Bateman, a former Marine Reservist and Iraq veteran who represents the 1,800 strong Iraq Veterans Against the War, a co-sponsor of the concert series, addressed the ban during the event: “Putting on a uniform does not forego our constitutional rights”, she said.

Several other veterans spoke to address the ban as well.

“The military chain of command has no right to micromanage what service-members are doing in their off time”, said Nick Morgan, an Iraq veteran and UXO organizer. “They have no right to censor the information that’s available to them, especially when it’s within the confines of the law.”



**Despite the ban, organizers say they were able to meet many sympathetic service-members who expressed positive sentiments in support of UXO's mission.**

**"We were incredibly successful in reaching out to these Sailors and Marines," says Grubb. "We made solid contact with those we met while doing outreach". He said many of them were interested in getting more involved in the active-duty and veteran-led anti-war movement.**

The UXO Tour's next concert will be held in Seattle, WA on June 26th, at the Showbox At The Market. Organizers intend to reach out to soldiers stationed at Fort Lewis in the lead-up to the concert, and say they will not be stopped by future "restriction orders" from military brass.

"We're not going to stop having these concerts. The troops have the right to have real entertainment for real purposes", Morgan said. "We're going to remind the troops that they are entitled to access information and have a space to freely express their opinions regarding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Morgan also added that these concerts are helping to bring legal and mental-health resources to members of the military. "It's imperative for these veteran-led efforts to be accessed by active-duty troops to make up for the lacking support they get from the current administration, the Department of Defense, and the Veterans Administration."

**Details for UXO's upcoming concerts, including those near Fort Lewis, Fort Hood, and Fort Riley, can be accessed at their website, [www.uxotour.com](http://www.uxotour.com).**

**MORE:**

**If You Oppose The Wars, and Want  
To Reach The Troops Who Can  
Stop The Wars... And If You Love  
Music And Positive Ways Of  
Making Change, This Is Your  
Ticket!**

**"We Can Stop The Evil  
Occupations Of Iraq And  
Afghanistan"**

# **Support The UXO Project!**

## **“We Need To Pay For Promotion, Venue Rental, The Artists Travel And Hotel, Materials, And G.I Support Services”**

From: Bobby Joe Grubb  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: April 03, 2010 UXO: SUPPORT GI RESISTANCE!!!!

**To my friends, family and comrades everywhere, please support the UXO we are organizing & we are launching a nationwide tour of US military bases, reaching out to active duty service-members with free concerts, resources to resist, and support.**

Many of you know full and well what we accomplished on the streets of Denver during the DNC.

**The power of this movement has the power to change the history of this nation.**

**We can stop the evil occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan.**

Below is a link to our fundraising site and a brief statement about what UXO is.

Solidarity Forever!!  
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## **The UXO Project**

In the military's own words, UXO, or Unexploded Ordinance, are:

“Explosives that did not detonate when employed and still pose a risk of detonation.”

We find this military acronym a strikingly appropriate metaphor in describing a growing antiwar movement in America.

The UXO Project is an alliance of organizers from various factions of the antiwar movement. Our experiences vary from radical grassroots organizing, to major national mobilizations, to veteran advocacy campaigns.

Our most recent victory came at the DNC 2008, when our alliance between Iraq Veterans Against the War and Tent State University marched successfully against the Democratic Party in Denver, Colorado.

With the help of artists ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of the Dead, Tom Morello: The Nightwatchman, Anti-Flag, The Coup, Jello Biafra and the Guantanamo School of Medicine, Wayne Kramer and more, we are launching a nationwide tour of US military bases, reaching out to active duty service-members with free concerts, resources to resist, and support.

The "UXO Show" Tour, modeled after the USO Shows, with a focus on GI resistance will take place over six dates, in five cities, kicking off May 28th and 31st on the cruise ship "The Temptress," docked right in the heart of the US Navy's fleet during New York City's famed Fleet Week.

The tour then proceeds through Seattle (near Fort Lewis,) San Diego (outside Camp Pendleton,) Kansas City (near Fort Leavenworth,) and ends on the steps of Congress in Washington DC.

**Active-duty service-members receive free admission.**

**GI resistance organizations Afghanistan Veterans Against the War, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Courage to Resist, and other will be on hand to offer resources.**

**Legal and mental health professionals will be available for soldiers wishing to resist, or simply needing support.**

Each show will be broadcast live to the nearby military base for soldiers unable to make the show and the entire tour will be documented by film-makers and documentarians to provide a DVD.

**The DVD will be included in care packages and sent to our troops overseas.**

As you can imagine, a project of this size is not cheap.

**We need to pay for promotion, venue rental, the artists travel and hotel, materials, and GI support services.**

**So if you oppose the wars, but want to support the troops... and if you love music and positive ways of making change, this is your ticket!**

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# **The Story Behind The British Withdrawal From Sangin Province That Was Announced Last Week:**

**“British Soldiers In Afghanistan  
Are ‘Horribly Over-Extended’ And  
Being Killed For ‘No Good  
Reason’, A Senior Military Figure  
Admitted”**

**“Politicians Are Warning That The  
War Has Become Financially  
Untenable”**

**“Essentially, The Americans Know We  
Are Broke”**

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

23 May 2010 By Jonathan Owen, Independent.co.uk [Excerpts]

British soldiers in Afghanistan are “horribly over-extended” and being killed for “no good reason”, a senior military figure admitted last night.

**He said talks are now under way with US commanders that would pave the way for Britain to begin scaling down its commitment to the war, bringing about a change of emphasis in its deployment.**

**Britain's 10,000-strong force is suffering “appalling” casualty rates and is set to be given a break from the worst of the fighting, according to the source.**

“The Americans know the Brits have been giving more than they can afford, and agree that they should be kept out of harm's way as far as possible.

“Essentially, the Americans know we are broke and we are getting blokes killed for no good reason. Whatever the MoD says, it absolutely isn't business as usual.”

And the reputation of British forces is suffering. The source told the IoS that one senior figure in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) had commented recently: “There is no point in sending British troops into places where they need helicopters, because they ain't got 'em.”

**With the Ministry of Defence facing a £36bn budget black hole over the next decade and savage cuts likely under the defence review, politicians are warning that the war has become financially untenable.**

**“It is unsustainable for this number of troops to be in Afghanistan and Pakistan for an indefinite period. The forces just aren't large enough, and I know the Secretary of State for Defence is more than aware of this,” said the Conservative MP Patrick Mercer.**

**A shift in UK government policy was outlined by Liam Fox, the Defence Secretary, on Friday, when he said that Britain was not a “global policeman”, that he would like to see troops return “as soon as possible”, and that Britain needs to “reset expectations and timelines”.**

He added: “We are not in Afghanistan for the sake of the education policy of a broken, 13th-century country. We are there to see our global interests are not threatened.”

The comments are a clear statement of intent, according to General Sir Hugh Beach, former deputy commander of British land forces.

**“Words like 'timelines' and 'expectations' – if that isn't a clear message that we're planning to get out early then I don't know what would be.”**

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## **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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# **An Australian Resurrection Of The Early Boat-Person; Jumper, Journalist And Premature Anti-Fascist: Egon Erwin Kisch**

**[Apologies to all concerned for the delay in carrying this article: stupidly misfiled. Watts is referring the to Zionist refusal in May to allow Noam Chomsky to enter occupied Palestine at the Allenby Bridge crossing from Jordan. T]**

From: Max Watts, Australia  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: May 24, 2010 12:31 AM  
Subject: Chomsky - Today's Kisch!

Chomsky, barred! Allenby, what did you start there!

The - for me - rather obvious parallel: Egon Erwin Kisch.

Denied right to entry Australia in November 1934, to speak at the Melbourne Congress against War and Fascism.

Kisch, an expert, had been invited to explain to Ozzies who and what the then little known German politician, A Hitler, was.

Well, eventually Kisch jumped into Australia, breaking his leg, and after much ado did speak to a thousand times more people in Oz than he would have, had he just landed in Melbourne.

Noam Chomsky, a worthy successor to EE Kisch !

Max Watts  
POB 98, Annandale 2038  
May 2010

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By Max Watts

November 1934: Egon Erwin Kisch, a Czech-Jewish Journalist, Anti-Fascist Author, and Stirrer – had long been well known in continental Europe for his articles, books and as the founder of “Reportage”, a new form of modern journalism.

In Australia Kisch was unknown to all but a few intellectual lefties from the small Movement Against War and Fascism. These had invited him to speak - an expert - about that new German Leader, A. Hitler, at their Melbourne Congress.

For still-debated reasons the conservative Australian Government was almost fanatically determined to prevent Kisch’s arrival.

When Kisch, on the British liner Strathaird, arrived in Fremantle, he was confined to the ship, prevented from taking the intercontinental train to Melbourne. He missed the beginning of the Congress on the 11th November. The Strathaird continued, more leisurely, around the coast. When she arrived in Melbourne the Congress adjourned to the quay-side, and Kisch, still barred, spoke from the ship.

Kisch and the Anti-Fascist Congress burst into Australia-wide prominence on the 13th November 1934 when he – 50 years old and not the thinnest! – jumped 5 meters off the afterdeck railing from the departing British liner onto the Port Melbourne Quai. (He broke his leg, the ship was recalled, Kisch put back on board.)

The Strathaird, and Kisch, continued to Sydney. There the broken-legged Kisch was carried onto the quay-side, taken to a near-by police station, and given a dictation test in Scottish Gaelic.

Sentenced to six months in prison as an illegal immigrant, Kisch was bailed out (“he won’t run far on a broken leg...” the magistrate said).

A third prosecution soon followed, but all the convictions were squashed on appeal – one because “Scottish Gaelic is not a European language in the meaning of the act”. The new Attorney General, Robert (later: Pig-Iron Bob) Menzies, tasked with keeping Kisch out, Kisch quiet, Kisch jailed, had failed utterly. Menzies was sent off to England with much laughter (2).

Kisch, who had thought he’d be talking to a few hundred in Melbourne, now spoke to hundreds of thousands about Hitler, Fascism, in five states. Many date the upswing of the Australian left, the Communist Party, to the Kisch visit. Wilfred Burchett, Australia’s greatest journalist – said it changed his entire life.

During the later thirties, Kisch the Anti-fascist jumper, the Scottish Gaelic test, were household concepts thruout Australia. But even without an Orwellian Ministry of Truth yesterdays' facts can be erased from our common knowledge.

Today few Ozzies remember Kisch. A pity.

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(1) Extracts from my article in Overland 159, ps 120-122; 157 ps 99-101

(2) This Menzies - though unsuccessful in his support for fascist Italy, Germany and Japan - they did lose the war - later became an Australian Prime Minister

Unfortunately shit floats.

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



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## **Award-Winning Columbia Journalist Barred From USA By Obama's Thought Police:**



**“The Reporter Had Exhibited  
“Opposition Tendencies To  
Government Policies””  
“He Was Free To Enter The Country  
Under The Loathed Bush  
Administration”**

**In fact, he was free to enter the country under the loathed Bush Administration.**

**But now, in our bright and glorious progressive era, he has suddenly – dare we say arbitrarily – been declared “permanently ineligible for a visa under the ‘Terrorist activities’ section of the USA Patriot Act,” AP reports.**

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**Imagine how great the “progressive” furor would be if the Bush Administration had suddenly denied a visa to an award-winning Colombian journalist because of his reportage on human rights abuses by his American-backed government.**

Would we not have heard, rightly, how this draconian action exemplified the administration's tyrannical nature, its use of raw, arbitrary power to throttle any voices trying to shed light on the very murky corners of the Drug War and Terror War operations in Colombia that are armed and funded with billions of dollars from American taxpayers?

Would this not have been added to a long train of similar abuses of power – arbitrary confinement and indefinite detention; concentration camps; shielding torturers; escalating pointless wars and killing countless civilians; running secret armies, assassins and covert operations throughout the world, etc. – and served up as a damning indictment of a lawless regime?

**So now let us see what our leading progressive lights have to say about the case of Hollman Morris, “a prominent Colombian journalist who specializes in conflict and human rights reporting,” who has just been denied a visa by the Obama Administration, preventing him from taking up a fellowship at Harvard University, as AP reports.**

Morris – who “produces an independent TV news program called “Contravia,” (that) has been highly critical of ties between illegal far-right militias and allies of outgoing President Alvaro Uribe, Washington's closest ally in Latin America” – has been to the United States many times before.

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What are Morris’ crimes?

**Well, the American-trained Colombian security organs declared that the reporter had exhibited “opposition tendencies to government policies.” God knows that kind of thing can’t be allowed in any colony – sorry, client state – sorry, sovereign ally of the United States.**

**And so they put him under surveillance – years ago.**

**He also – horrors – acted as a go-between Colombian rebels and French diplomats trying to free Ingrid Betancourt, who had been held hostage for years. All of this pre-dates the current administration.**

**Of course, as we all know, the Supreme Court has now accepted the Obama Administration’s earnest argument that anyone who tries to do anything that might lead to the peaceful resolution of any situation that might possibly involve a group that has been arbitrarily declared a “terrorist organization” by His Potomac Majesty is, perforce, also a terrorist, and thus unfit to pass the gates of God’s shining city on the hill.**

We realize, of course, that Morris’ case – and the whole bill of indictment cited above, wherein Obama has continued and often expanded the crimeful policies of his predecessor – is not nearly as important as, say, a progressive blogger temporarily being denied access to witless talking heads shows on a corporate TV network.

That, as they say, is some serious shit.

**Still, we wait with trembly anticipation the coming firestorm of righteous progressive anger that will, no doubt, soon engulf the Obama Administration for its repressive, Bush-like handling of Morris.**

**You know it’s coming.**

**Any minute now.**

**Just you wait and see.**

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



**All Out To Defend Sharon Jasper  
At July 21 Court Appearance:  
“The Arrest And Phony Battery  
Charge Were In Retaliation For Ms.  
Jasper’s Heroic And Continued**

# **Defense Of Public Housing And Against Police Brutality” [New Orleans]**

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Jul. 08, 2010 New Orleans Independent Media Center

**The Iberville Public Housing and Mass Public Works Movements Make Gains!**

**HANO Commits to Repairing All of Iberville--the Mass Movement Must Ensure This Happens**

**C3/Hands Off Iberville invites all friends of justice to join the fight for public housing and a massive public works program.**

**All are encouraged to attend Sharon Jasper’s next court appearance, which will be on Wednesday, July 21 at 3 PM in Municipal Court, Court Room “D”.**

**For more information call 504-520-9521.**

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In a major reversal, Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) administrator David Gilmore committed, at the agency’s June 29th hearing on their 2010-2011 annual plan, to repair and reopen all of the over 800 apartments at the Iberville public housing development.

Only a few months ago Gilmore had said only 500 would be repaired and that there were “other (privatization) plans” for Iberville.

**Clearly this change of course is due to the determined and consistent resistance of C3/Hands Off Iberville and other forces that have denounced HANO’s demolition by neglect strategy, and the maneuvering of the Downtown Development District-led Iberville Advisory Committee to demolish and privatize Iberville.**

Yet, we cannot be led into complacency by words and promises.

Let us remember that in October 2001, after five years of demolishing several thousand units of public housing, then-HANO administrator Ben Bell reassured attendees at a board meeting that, “We have vowed not to build another HOPE VI project without the replacement of one-for-one public housing.”

These words, of course, did not stop them from demolishing over 5,000 apartments after Katrina, with plans to only rebuild a handful.

Indeed, HANO has more downsizing on the agenda. While committing to repairing all the units at Iberville, HANO's 2010-2011 annual plan calls for selling-off 500 of the over 700 apartments in their scattered site portfolio, and includes no plans to rebuild the Florida development (that had been over 700 units), nor the Imperial Drive complex. With the two "tenant leaders" for these complexes--Diane Connerly (Florida) and Paula Taylor (Imperial Drive)--both enjoying HANO contracts for the "non-profit" agencies they head, you can be assured that these vetted leaders will not raise many objections.

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The nucleus of that type of movement was present at HANO's June 29th hearing on their annual plan.

In attendance at a pre-meeting press conference and rally were C3/Hands Off Iberville members, Mike Howells, Michele Perez, Cody Marshall, Eloise Williams and Jay Arena, Pax Christi representative Paul Troyano, Joe and Katy Heeren-Mueller from the Catholic Worker house, Sam Jackson with May Day New Orleans, Endesha Juakali with Survivors Village, Public housing leaders Sharon, Kowana and Shannon Jasper, Rose Kennedy and a member of the housing group STAND.

**At the rally and subsequent meeting activists not only demanded the repairing of all the Iberville units, more public housing and section 8 vouchers, and the creation of a public works program, but also denounced the arrest of Sharon Jasper by a NOPD SWAT team on June 3rd at her home.**

**The arrest and phony battery charge were in retaliation for Ms. Jasper's heroic and continued defense of public housing and against police brutality.**

**The week before her arrest she protested Columbian Parc's (the former St Bernard development) continued exclusion of former residents.**

**She also joined other community activists to as they picketed the NOPD's central city station to denounce the reign of terror the cops have been carrying out in the area, one that has faced massive gentrification since hurricane Katrina.**

**Ms. Jasper made it clear that, despite the repression, she will not be silenced and will continue the fight for justice in the city she loves.**

**Activists also gathered at the July 1, 2010 city council meeting to denounce Sharon Jasper's arrest and the city's plan to expand repression by building the only type of public housing they seem to support—prisons!**

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# **“I Talked To A National Guard Iraq Vet At A Local Market”**

## **“She Was In Tears Telling About Her Efforts To Find A Job”**

From: Larry C  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: March 29, 2010

I talked to a National Guard Iraq vet at a local market. She was in tears telling about her efforts to find a job.

She is able to do all house renovation type of work but “they will hire my 14 year old son but not me.”

She said “they were supposed to hold my job for me while I went overseas, but they didn't, and it paid \$12.50.

“Where will I get another \$12.50 job now?”

It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.

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