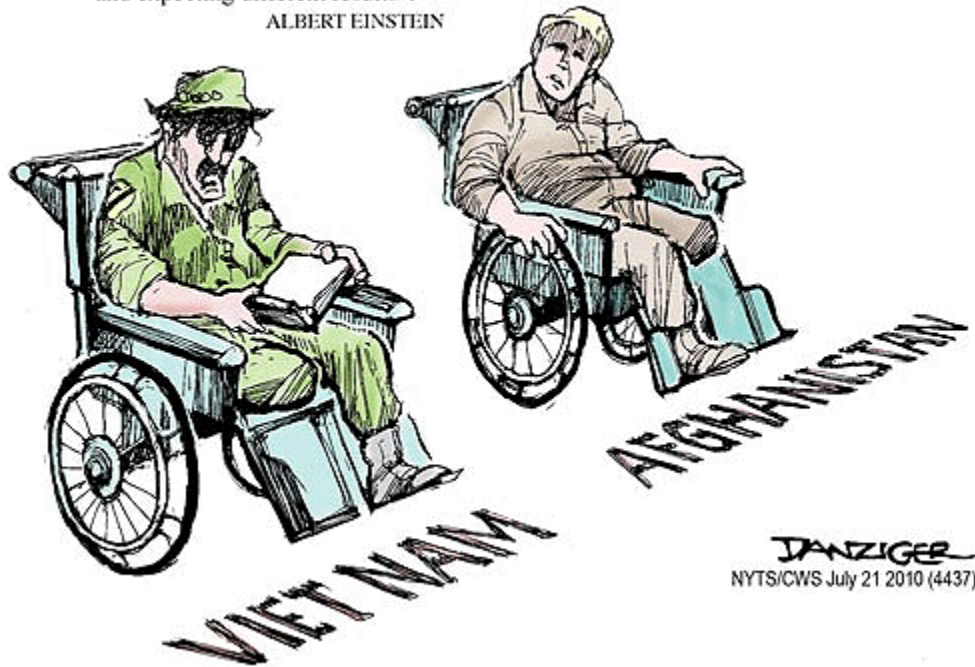


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AH... HERE IT IS:

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again
and expecting different results".

ALBERT EINSTEIN



My God Has Horns

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance
Sent: July 27, 2009 **[And perfect again for right now.]**
Subject: My God Has Horns

Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2009; Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light
Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree

My God Has Horns

Obama Obama there is two of you
one stumped for peace
while the other is for War

Americans would cheer when you said
you would end the Iraq War
but now you are acting like a Crip
or a Blood a Gangster of Rap
the Soldiers are still Flying home dead
in their now photographed
flag draped coffins thanks To you
Obama Obama one of you is a lie
and one is the truth as you laugh
at the fools Who voted for you
Voting is like playing the slot machines
the House the White House wins
most of the time but One Obama
will toss you A little stimulus money
so you think democracy works and voting
is just change In your pocket but
Obama Obama is like rolling dice
snake eyes With one winking
while The other stays the same
as a double for Bush but talking
smoother not like a hick
as the two Imperialist Wars
continue as One Obama in
the White House is thinking and acting
like Bush running for a third term is all
One Obama smiles for the cameras
while the Other Obama angrily kicks
dead Soldiers into their graves A maniac
screaming How in the hell are we
going to win this way as One Obama stands
at the podium smiling hand picking
the next news Reporter as the Other Obama
picks up a tank and throws it at an IED
and screams die you're no good in the
mountains of Afghanistan anyway
as One Obama mumbles sheepishly stupidly
while the Other Obama screams
at his Generals Why can't you beat
these rag tag Taliban towel heads
who amount to nothing
like rats with guns while we have
the finest Military in the world and then
the Other Obama steps off Air Force One
and waves Friendly to the cameras while
the Other Obama with a scratchy
throat rumbles into the War Room
and says we will keep Soldiers in Iraq until
all the oil is gone as two Secret Service
goons pin a General against the wall
as Obama slaps him screaming into his face
I want this Bin Laden and all of them now

do you hear Me you little punk
the General nods his head up And down
as Obama throws his trash on his
uniform Down to the floor while
stars and ribbons scatter and bounce
like Crayons and marbles
I'll torture you if you don't
then at a press conference Just hours
from this the Other Obama never sweating
says it will Take awhile for all this to Work
be patient and cash your unemployment
checks as the Other Obama
in his White War Room House says
My God has horns and we will win
dead Soldiers dead Afghan civilians
mean nothing To me
I sleep sound at Night while Voters
And Soldiers have Oh No bad dreams.

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

ACTION REPORTS

“Outreach Came To My Apt. Yesterday”

From: SD. Military Resistance Organization, New York City
To: Military Resistance
Sent: July 25, 2010
Subject: Outreach came to my apt. yesterday ...

... at 8:40 a.m. when the man came to fix my internet connection issues. It was very entailed and involved work, taking over an hour, going up to my roof, fixing the signal and running a new line down three flights from the roof to outside my window.

It was really a two-technician job, but this guy was so focused and diligent, and showed me how to feed the cable through the hole in the wall by the window while he captured it

up to the roof... when he returned after much work in the dreadful heat, going back down stairs out to his truck and back up stairs, etc., I inquired if he had been in the military.

He is in the Air Force Reserve, and his unit "may" be deployed to Afghanistan in April.

He was in Iraq for over a year in 2006-2007.

Didn't lose anyone in his unit, but it was "bad" - he was in three different locations near Baghdad, but as he said, he was lucky that he was flown everywhere, being Air Force. He is about 35, I would guess, native New Yorker and African-American.

We had a great conversation and he readily accepted Military Resistance card **[below]** and a *Traveling Soldier* **[below]** I had on hand, along with a copy of "Sir, No Sir!," and he took my card also and I asked him to stay in touch and let me know what he thought of "Sir, No Sir!"

He said he was planning to watch it on his laptop on his lunch break yesterday.

One never knows when an outreach opportunity (i.e., clerk at the office supply store, or other public places, security guards, etc.) may arise.

Solidarity,
SD

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IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR



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[Cards designed by Richie M, Military Resistance Organization]

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CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

<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/>

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Military Resistance 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.

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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.

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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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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

“We Will Remain A Thorn In The Chest Of The Americans”

July 24 (UPI) [Excerpts]

U.S. military leaders in Iraq say they're focusing on Mosul so they won't leave a powder keg for Iraqi officials to handle once U.S. troops withdraw.

“We will remain a thorn in the chest of the Americans,” graffiti on a Mosul building reads.

Iraqi security forces also are considered problematic, he said, because insurgents are believed to have infiltrated the police force, and one of the top Iraqi army commanders for the area, Nasser al-Hiti, is known for harsh tactics.

Iraqi officials also point to mistrust between Iraqi citizens and security forces and among security forces themselves, the [Washington] Post said.

“The problem is the citizens don't cooperate totally to give us information,” Nineveh Gov. Atheel al-Nujaifi said.

“The trust is still weak between the security forces and the people. We have five to six intelligence groups operating here. Each agency is related to a specific party in Baghdad. There is no trust between these agencies. Sometimes that results in a struggle.”

Resistance Action

July 24 (KUNA) & July 25 (Reuters)

Two Iraqi policemen were killed in Mosul northern Iraq on Saturday. Unknown militants fired at a security checkpoint at al-Risala area western Mosul, which resulted in killing the policemen, a police source told KUNA.

A sticky bomb attached to a car carrying an off-duty policeman killed him in Baghdad's southern Saidiya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Eight policemen were wounded when two roadside bomb struck a police patrol in the Ghazaliya district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - One policeman was killed and three wounded when two roadside bombs targeting an on foot patrol went off in the Doura district of southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol killing one policeman and wounding another and a child in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

“The Taliban Have Used Portable Heat-Seeking Missiles Against Allied Aircraft, A Fact That Has Not Been Publicly Disclosed By The Military”

**“The American Military Made Misleading Public Statements —
Attributing The Downing Of A Helicopter To Conventional Weapons Instead Of Heat-Seeking Missiles”
[Archive Of Classified Military Documents Made Public On Sunday]**

July 25, 2010; By C. J. Chivers, Carlotta Gall, Andrew W. Lehren, Mark Mazzetti, Jane Perlez, and Eric Schmitt, with contributions from Jacob Harris and Alan McLean; New York Times [Excerpts]

A six-year archive of classified military documents made public on Sunday offers an unvarnished, ground-level picture of the war in Afghanistan that is in many respects more grim than the official portrayal.

The secret documents, released on the Internet by an organization called WikiLeaks, are a daily diary of an American-led force often starved for resources and attention as it struggled against an insurgency that grew larger, better coordinated and more deadly each year.

The reports — usually spare summaries but sometimes detailed narratives — shed light on some elements of the war that have been largely hidden from the public eye:

The Taliban have used portable heat-seeking missiles against allied aircraft, a fact that has not been publicly disclosed by the military. This type of weapon helped the Afghan mujahedeen defeat the Soviet occupation in the 1980s.

Over all, the documents do not contradict official accounts of the war. But in some cases the documents show that the American military made misleading public statements — attributing the downing of a helicopter to conventional weapons instead of heat-seeking missiles or giving Afghans credit for missions carried out by Special Operations commandos.

The reports portray a resilient, canny insurgency that has bled American forces through a war of small cuts.

The insurgents set the war's pace, usually fighting on ground of their own choosing and then slipping away.

Sabotage and trickery have been weapons every bit as potent as small arms, mortars or suicide bombers.

So has Taliban intimidation of Afghan officials and civilians — applied with pinpoint pressure through threats, charm, violence, money, religious fervor and populist appeals.

MAY 30, 2007 | HELMAND PROVINCE Incident Report: Downed Helicopter

An American CH-47 transport helicopter was struck by what witnesses described as a portable heat-seeking surface-to-air missile after taking off from a landing zone.

The helicopter, the initial report said, “was engaged and struck with a Missile ... shortly after crossing over the Helmand River. The missile struck the aircraft in the left engine. The impact of the missile projected the aft end of the aircraft up as it burst into flames followed immediately by a nose dive into the crash site with no survivors.”

The crash killed seven soldiers: five Americans, a Briton and a Canadian.

Multiple witnesses saw a smoke trail behind the missile as it rushed toward the helicopter.

The smoke trail was an important indicator.

Rocket-propelled grenades do not leave them. Heat-seeking missiles do. The crew of other helicopters reported the downing as a surface-to-air missile strike.

But that was not what a NATO spokesman told Reuters.

“Clearly, there were enemy fighters in the area,” said the spokesman, Maj. John Thomas. “It’s not impossible for small-arms fire to bring down a helicopter.”

MORE:

Military Helicopter Down In Pul-E-Charkhi

July 26 (Xinhua) & AP

A helicopter on Monday morning crashed in eastern part of Afghan capital Kabul, Defense Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi said.

“A helicopter crashed in Pul-e-Charkhi area east of capital city Kabul,” Azimi told Xinhua.

However, he added that the chopper belongs to NATO-led troops and there is no casualty.

The incident occurred during landing time, he further said.

A spokeswoman for NATO forces declined to rule out hostile fire or give any indication of what led to the emergency landing, saying only that the incident was under investigation.

Lt. Commander Katie Kendrick also declined to specify which NATO base in the capital was involved and whether the craft had landed inside the perimeter or just outside.

Four people aboard received minor injuries, the statement said.

This is the second helicopter crashed in Afghanistan since beginning of July.

Local Soldier Killed In Blast In Afghanistan

July 26, 2010 By Wayne Grayson, Staff Writer, Tuscaloosa News

About a month ago, during a conversation with his mother, Spc. Andrew Hand mentioned an opportunity to take on new duties while stationed in southern Afghanistan.

“The job had something to do with working with radios,” said his mother, Phyllis Parris. “I’m not too sure of the specifics, but he wouldn’t be clearing mines off of the roads there anymore.”

“But he didn’t take it. He told me, ‘I don’t want to leave my brothers.’ “

On Saturday, Hand and three fellow soldiers were killed inside a Humvee when they hit one of the improvised explosive devices they were clearing from Afghanistan roadways, Parris said.

Hand is survived by his two children, Tristen and Gavin Hand, who live in Enterprise; Parris, who lives in Gulf Shores; and his father, Kenneth Hand, a football coach at Spain Park High School in Hoover.

Hand, 25, was an Alabama native and spent time living in Brookwood and Tuscaloosa from his grammar school to high school years.

He was nearing the end of his enlistment and his first tour of duty in Afghanistan after serving two tours in Iraq.

"He told me that when he came home in October he had pretty much decided not to re-enlist," Parris said.

"Afghanistan was just a much more dangerous place."

Parris said she received word of her son's death early Saturday morning. She and Hand's sister, Laura Davis, flew to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to meet his body Sunday.

"It doesn't seem real yet. The word I hate most in the English language right now is 'was,' " Parris said. "People talk about him now and say 'He was this and he was that.'

"But to me, he is still all those things."

Parris said her son was the type of person everybody likes.

"He had this upbeat and infectious personality," she said. "You couldn't be down around him."

She said he loved sports and played baseball and football throughout high school.

"He also played the guitar and wrote songs," Parris said. "That's one of the things I'm going to miss a lot."

Above all, Parris said her son was an excellent soldier.

"He served with honor and pride, and his main goal was to protect his people," she said. "He was a soldier's soldier."

Because the incident is still under investigation, Parris said the family has been unable to begin funeral preparations.

"But as soon as we know, everyone one else will know," she said.

In addition to the explosion that killed Hand and his three fellow soldiers, another IED took the life of a soldier in southern Afghanistan Saturday.

Fifty-six American troops have died in Afghanistan so far this month, according to icasualties.org, which tracks military fatalities.

UNREMITTING HELL ON EARTH; ALL HOME NOW



U.S. soldiers take cover during battle with Taliban militants near the village of Jilga in Arghandab District north of Kandahar July 8, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



US soldiers with 4th Brigade Combat Team return fire battle with Taliban militants near the village of Jilga in Arghandab District north of Kandahar July 8, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



A U.S. soldier races to a fighting position after coming under attack at Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 19,2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



U.S. soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division return fire after coming under attack at Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar, July 19, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



U.S. soldiers near a burning M-ATV armored vehicle after it struck an improvised explosive device near Combat Outpost Nolen in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar July 23, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



A United States Marine from the 2nd Marines takes cover during battle with insurgents near Musa Qaleh, in northern Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, July 23, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

Taliban Attack Barg-I-Matal District

[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

25 Jul 2010 Press TV

Taliban militants have taken over the Barg-i-Matal district in Nuristan province in eastern Afghanistan on the border with Pakistan.

According to Press TV correspondent in Afghanistan, the Taliban militants seized the Barg-i-Matal district -- the largest town in Nuristan province -- on Saturday night.

This comes a day after Afghan security forces said they killed 50 Taliban militants in the same province. Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Taliban group said on Sunday that eight Afghan policemen had been killed and 15 others captured during the fight.

The Nuristan governor on Saturday appealed to the Afghan government through local television to send reinforcements into the province.

Barg-i-Matal district is in mountainous Nuristan province, a remote area bordering Pakistan, has been the scene of fierce fighting between militants and NATO forces in the past two months.

MILITARY NEWS

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



The urn containing the remains of Army Spc. Mathew Johnson July 23, 2010 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Johnson, 21, of Maplewood, Minn., was killed July 13 during an improvised explosive device attack in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

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

**Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.
-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

**“The Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy”
-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt**

July 25, 1898: Birth Of An Infamous Empire



Carl Bunin Peace History July 19-25

July 25, 1898

With 16,000 troops, the United States invaded Puerto Rico at Guánica, asserting that they were liberating the inhabitants from Spanish colonial rule, which had recently granted the island's government limited autonomy.

The island, as well as Cuba and the Philippines, were spoils of the Spanish-American War which ended the following month. Puerto Rico remains a U.S. possession.

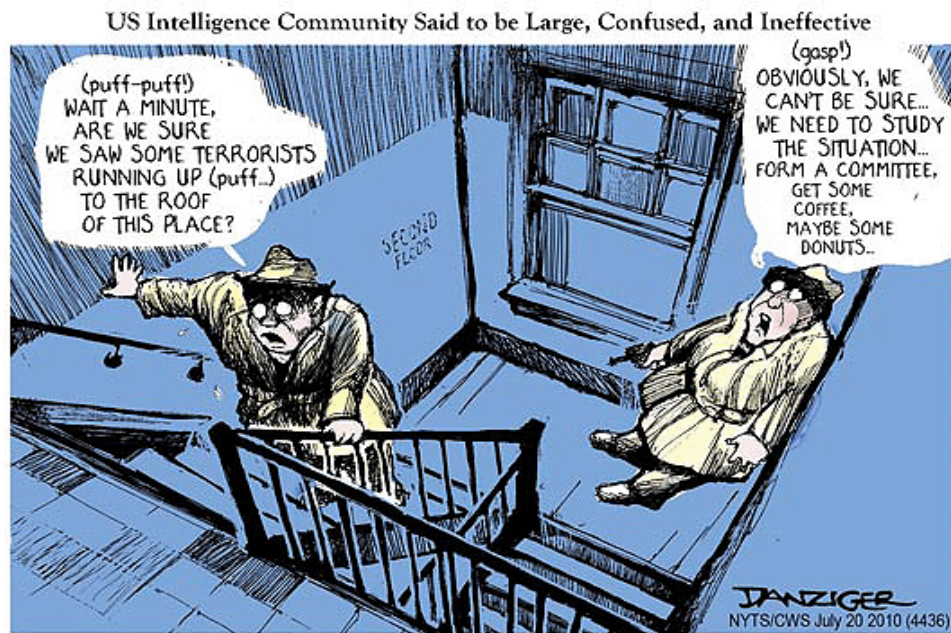
Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe. Phone: 888.711.2550

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

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

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



Congress Refusing to Outlaw Insider Stock Trading For Congress

May 05, 2010 by Peter Gorenstein; Investing, Banking, Politics [Excerpts]

A cynic can find Washington's hypocrisy shocking at times.

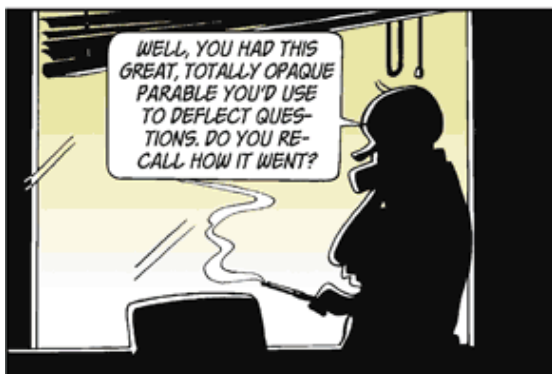
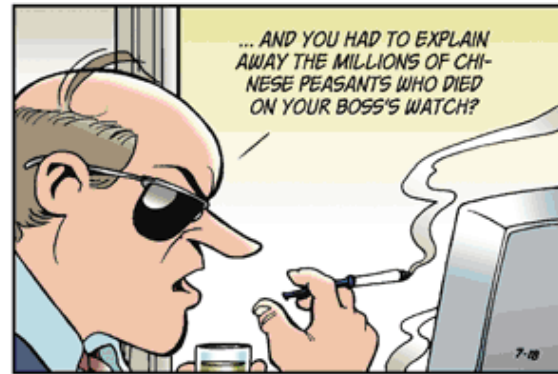
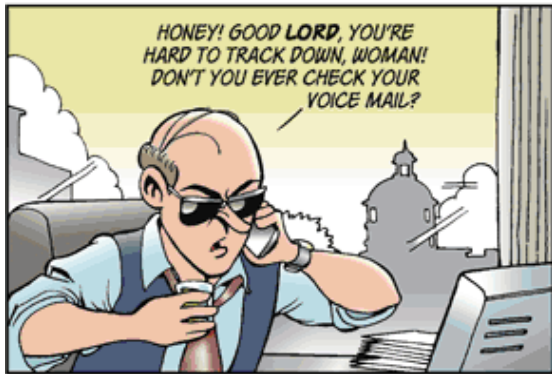
The Wall Street Journal reports today a House bill that would force lawmakers to make greater disclosures on financial transactions and disallow them from trading on nonpublic information is going nowhere fast.

That's right. Members of Congress are currently allowed to profit on insider trading!

The bill, which has been languishing in the House for four years, would require elected officials "to make their financial transactions public within 90 days of a purchase or sale" and "prohibit lawmakers from trading in financial markets based on nonpublic information they learn on the job," the WSJ reports.

It seems they're above the transparency they've been calling for on Wall Street.

CLASS WAR REPORTS



Danger: Capitalists At Work:

**“The People At The Top Are
Doing Quite Well”**

**“The Rich Are Getting Richer And
The Poor Are Getting Poorer At A
Staggering Rate”**

**“Wealth And Power Are Rapidly
Becoming Concentrated At The Top”**

**“Despite The Financial Crisis, The
Number Of Millionaires In The United
States Rose A Whopping 16% To 7.8
Million In 2009”**

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

For the first time in U.S. history, more than 40 million Americans are on food stamps, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture projects that number will go up to 43 million Americans in 2011.

Approximately 21 percent of all children in the United States are living below the poverty line in 2010 - the highest rate in 20 years.

Jul 15, 2010 by Michael Snyder, The Business Insider [Excerpts]

The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer at a staggering rate.

Once upon a time, the United States had the largest and most prosperous middle class in the history of the world, but now that is changing at a blinding pace.

So why are we witnessing such fundamental changes?

Well, the globalism and “free trade” that our politicians and business leaders insisted would be so good for us have had some rather nasty side effects.

It turns out that they didn't tell us that the “global economy” would mean that middle class American workers would eventually have to directly compete for jobs

with people on the other side of the world where there is no minimum wage and very few regulations.

The big global corporations have greatly benefited by exploiting third world labor pools over the last several decades, but middle class American workers have increasingly found things to be very tough.

Here are the statistics to prove it:

83 percent of all U.S. stocks are in the hands of 1 percent of the people.

The bottom 50 percent of income earners in the United States now collectively own less than 1 percent of the nation's wealth.

66 percent of the income growth between 2001 and 2007 went to the top 1% of all Americans.

Only the top 5 percent of U.S. households have earned enough additional income to match the rise in housing costs since 1975.

In 1950, the ratio of the average executive's paycheck to the average worker's paycheck was about 30 to 1. Since the year 2000, that ratio has exploded to between 300 to 500 to one.

Despite the financial crisis, the number of millionaires in the United States rose a whopping 16 percent to 7.8 million in 2009.

The top 10 percent of Americans now earn around 50 percent of our national income.

As of 2007, the bottom 80 percent of American households held about 7% of the liquid financial assets.

Average Wall Street bonuses for 2009 were up 17 percent when compared with 2008.

61 percent of Americans "always or usually" live paycheck to paycheck, which was up from 49 percent in 2008 and 43 percent in 2007.

More than 40 percent of Americans who actually are employed are now working in service jobs, which are often very low paying.

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This is what American workers now must compete against: in China a garment worker makes approximately 86 cents an hour and in Cambodia a garment worker makes approximately 22 cents an hour.

The reality is that no matter how smart, how strong, how educated or how hard working American workers are, they just cannot compete with people who are desperate to put in 10 to 12 hour days at less than a dollar an hour on the other side of the world.

After all, what corporation in their right mind is going to pay an American worker 10 times more (plus benefits) to do the same job?

The world is fundamentally changing.

Wealth and power are rapidly becoming concentrated at the top and the big global corporations are making massive amounts of money.

Meanwhile, the American middle class is being systematically wiped out of existence as U.S. workers are slowly being merged into the new “global” labor pool.

What do most Americans have to offer in the marketplace other than their labor? Not much.

The truth is that most Americans are absolutely dependent on someone else giving them a job.

But today, U.S. workers are “less attractive” than ever.

So corporations are moving operations out of the U.S. at breathtaking speed.

What has developed is a situation where the people at the top are doing quite well, while most Americans are finding it increasingly difficult to make it.

There are now about six unemployed Americans for every new job opening in the United States, and the number of “chronically unemployed” is absolutely soaring.

There simply are not nearly enough jobs for everyone.

Many of those who are able to get jobs are finding that they are making less money than they used to.

In fact, an increasingly large percentage of Americans are working at low wage retail and service jobs.

But you can't raise a family on what you make flipping burgers at McDonald's or on what you bring in from greeting customers down at the local Wal-Mart.

Class War Panama:

“Strikers Burned Down A Bank And Sacked Several Businesses Thursday Night”

“The Strike Began Because 5,000 Workers At The Bocas Fruit Company Had Not Been Paid For Two Weeks”

July 9, 2010 By Arthur Brice, CNN & 7/10/10 Al Jazeera

Panamanian banana workers protesting over a new law that weakens the power of labour unions have seized four police officers, according to the president's office.

The officers were captured on Friday, the second day of violent confrontations between the striking workers and security forces in Changuinola in western Panama.

At least one man died on Thursday as police firing tear-gas and buckshot battled strikers who had blocked roads with felled trees and burning tyres.

Labor leader Rafael Chavarria disputed the government version, saying four people were killed, CNN affiliate Telemetro TV reported Friday.

Strikers burned down a bank and sacked several businesses Thursday night.

According to some news accounts, Thursday's confrontations started when government troops moved in to clear roadblocks.

Video from Thursday's demonstrations shows crowds of protesters hurling rocks at troops and clouds of tear gas rising from the streets.

A video broadcast on TVN shows a few protesters crouched behind a barricade made mostly of wooden pallets while eight helmet-clad soldiers holding see-through shields stand about 100 feet away.

The protesters are armed with sticks, rocks and Molotov cocktails, news reports said.

The workers went on strike July 2 and have paralyzed much of the city with roadblocks and other measures.

The strike began because 5,000 workers at the Bocas Fruit Company had not been paid for two weeks.

Streets had remained blocked Friday in the coastal city of Changuinola, near the border with Costa Rica, but those blockades had been removed by Friday night.

The bridge over the Changuinola River also had been blocked, CNN affiliate TVN said.

Supermarkets were closed and residents were shopping at small neighborhood grocery stores, which were running out of food, TVN said.

The confrontations left 105 people wounded, 35 of whom were transferred to hospitals in the capital, Panama City, due to the seriousness of their injuries. Eighteen of the injured in Bocas del Toro province, on the border with Costa Rica, were in critical condition, the national emergency agency said in a statement.

Authorities arrested 80 protesters.

Bocas del Toro is about 300 miles (500 km) from Panama City.

The National Front for the Defence of Economic and Social Rights, a non-governmental labour umbrella group, identified the dead man as Antonio Smith, a banana union leader.

“Look at how many injured people are here. President, place your hand on your heart and sort this problem out because you are in power thanks to us Panamanians,” Simon, a Changuinola resident, told the Reuters news agency.

Last month, Ricardo Martinelli, Panama's president, signed a law which limits the power of unions and gives companies the right to suspend the contracts of striking workers and hire replacements.

In a separate incident a day earlier, 48 striking workers on a \$5.25bn project to widen and deepen the Panama Canal were fired and at least six were arrested after refusing to return to work.

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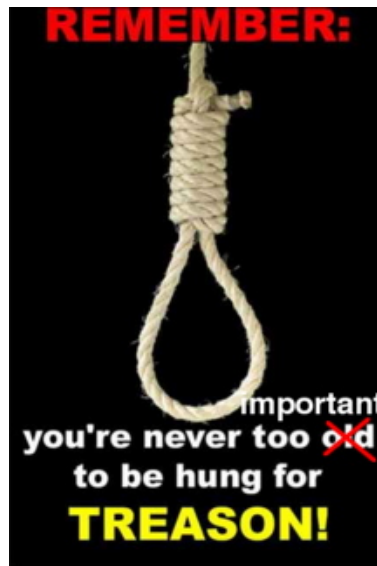
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Irish Police Charge Government With Treason: They Gave Billions Of Public Funds To Irish Banking “Wealthy Cronies”



“The Government of which you are a long-serving member has mismanaged the wealth of this country for more than a decade by allowing our assets to be plundered and robbed by bankers and speculators, and you are making generations of Irish workers pay the price for this treachery...”

22nd July 2010 By Gabriel Donohoe, Oneworldscam.com [Excerpts]

When a national police association accuses its government of what amounts to treason it is time to sit up and pay attention.

Michael O’Boyce, President of the Garda Representative Association (GRA), said at its annual conference in Limerick, at the end of April, 2010, that the Irish Government had been ‘corrupted’ and had been ‘bought’ by developers and bankers. (A garda is an Irish policeman, gardaí in the plural.)

Mr. O’Boyce, speaking on behalf of the country’s 11,000 gardaí, charged government ministers with sacrificing the country to protect ‘wealthy cronies’ who had bankrolled the leading government party, Fianna Fáil.

Smarting from recent government disparagement of the gardaí a rankled Mr. O’Boyce pointed to an aggravating Fianna Fáil gaffe.

While the government referred to the gardaí as ‘self-serving, overpaid, underworked and dishonest people’, it at the same time praised the ‘entrepreneurial skill’ and ‘business acumen’ of failed banksters like Sean Fitzpatrick (Anglo Irish Bank) and Michael Fingleton (Irish Nationwide Building Society), two people who played a huge part in bringing the Irish economy to its knees.

Clearly infuriated by collapsing living standards and the abject state of the economy, Mr. O’Boyce intended to deliver his speech directly to the Minister of Justice, Dermot Ahern, who was scheduled to attend the annual conference of the GRA. However, Mr. Ahern was sent a copy of the speech in advance and hastily declined to attend.

Mr. O’Boyce would have castigated the Justice Minister directly by saying, “The Government of which you are a long-serving member has mismanaged the wealth of this country for more than a decade by allowing our assets to be plundered and robbed by bankers and speculators, and you are making generations of Irish workers pay the price for this treachery...

“...You did this because bankers and speculators have bought your party, and in return you have sacrificed the greater good and prosperity of the Irish nation for the benefit of the few – the few who have now taken their ill-gotten gains and secured them in tax havens around the world. Truly, a government of national sabotage.”

What angers the GRA, apart from hair shirt budgets, welfare cuts, and cuts in public sector pay, are the huge amounts of money given to renegade banks.

These astronomical sums, cavalierly tossed into the laps of fraudulent bankers, are underwritten by the ever-suffering Irish taxpayer.

A massive 22 billion euro has gone into the corrupt Anglo Irish Bank which has the dubious distinction of being the worst bank in the world.

It is the biggest loss-maker of any bank on the planet and the Irish bank bailout is the most expensive bailout anywhere on the globe.

The Irish people are now learning that they will never see a penny of their 22 billion euro again – it has disappeared into a black hole of bankster-generated debt.

The new chief executive of Anglo has admitted that the money would never be seen again and Prime Minister Cowen grudgingly confirmed, only after four attempts by opposition leaders to get a straight answer, that the 22 billion euro is gone forever.

This is a heartbreaking loss for a small country of less than 5 million people, many of whom are calling the bailing out of Anglo an act of criminal recklessness.

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