

## **Military Resistance 9D22**

# **April 30, 1975: An Imperial War Ends In Defeat: After 100 Years Of Colonial Occupation, A Nation Wins Its' Fight For Independence**



Last helicopter out of Saigon 4/30/75

Carl Bunin Peace History April 26 - May 2

The U.S. presence ended in Vietnam as U.S. Marines and Air Force helicopters, flying from carriers off-shore, begin a massive airlift, Operation Frequent Wind.

In all, 682 flights went out-- 360 at night. 5,000 people were evacuated by helicopter from the military compound near Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport; about 2500 from the U.S. Embassy (1000 Americans total, the rest Vietnamese).

That morning, two U.S. Marines, Darwin Judge and Charles McMahon Jr., Marine security guards, were killed in a rocket attack at the airport.

They were the last Americans to die in the Vietnam War. At dawn, the last Marines of the force guarding the U.S. embassy lifted off.

The war in Vietnam ended as the government in Saigon announced its unconditional surrender to the North Vietnamese. Vietnam was reunited after 21 years of U.S. domination and 100 years of French colonial rule.



U.S. Soldiers Pin: Vietnam Days

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**To Vietnam Veterans Against The  
War:**

**“It Was All Of You Working Together,  
Standing Up Together, And Fighting  
Together That Crippled The Militaries  
Ability To Continue The Fight In  
Vietnam”**



**To All VVAW Members,**

As a young veteran working to end the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan and in general struggling to change the way this country uses or more miss uses its military I want to congratulate and thank you all.

Today, 35 years ago, the war in Vietnam came to an end.

I know it was all of you working together, standing up together, and fighting together that crippled the militaries ability to continue the fight in Vietnam. So thank you for your struggle.

You have seen and sacrificed much along the way but please know with out you, your strength to survive, to return home, to struggle/fight against the war, and to bring about massive social change the war in Vietnam would have dragged on for much longer.

Costing many more lives and many more minds.

So thank you and please know that you all inspire us to continue fighting.

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Edited by Vietnam Veteran Jeff Sharlet from 1968 until his death, this newspaper rocked the world, attracting attention even from Time Magazine, and extremely hostile attention from the chain of command. The pages and pages of letters in the paper from troops in Vietnam condemning the war are lost to history, but you can find them here.

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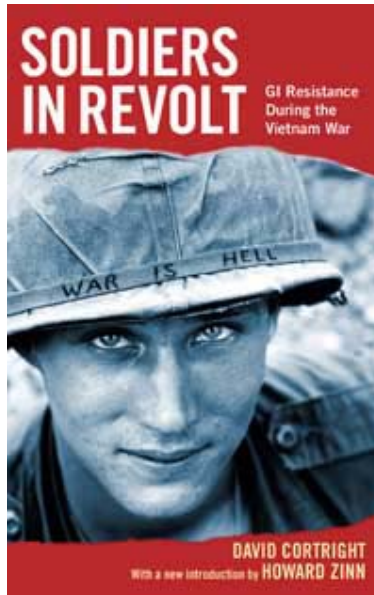
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## **POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT THE BLOODSHED**

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

# IRAQ WAR REPORTS

## Resistance Action



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

April 27 (Reuters) & April 28 (Reuters) & April 29 (Reuters)

**HAWIJA** - A car bomb exploded near a police vehicle, killing four policemen in a busy street in the town of Hawija, 210 km (130 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

**BAGHDAD** - Insurgents using silenced weapons shot dead an Iraqi air force brigadier-general while he was driving his car in Baghdad's western Ghazaliya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

**BAGHDAD** - A brigadier-general in the Ministry of Defence was seriously wounded when men armed with silenced weapons opened fire on his car on a highway in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

**HAMMAM AL-ALIL** - A roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol, killing one policeman, in Hammam al-Alil, 20 km (12 miles) south of Mosul, police said.

**BAGHDAD** - Three policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in the Iraqi capital's eastern New Baghdad district late on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

**BAGHDAD** - Three roadside bombs targeting a police patrol killed one policeman, and wounded 8 policemen, when they went off in succession by Diyala bridge, just southeast of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

**BAGHDAD** - Insurgents using silenced weapons shot dead an Iraqi army colonel near his house in western Baghdad's Ghazaliya district on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

**MOSUL** - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol on Thursday, killing an army doctor and a soldier and wounding two other soldiers, in western Mosul, police said.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Three Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Thursday: Nationality Not Announced**

Apr 29, 2011 AP

KABUL, Afghanistan: Three foreign service members were killed in separate incidents in Afghanistan, where attacks have stepped up against coalition troops and others aligned with the government, the alliance said Friday.

NATO said the deaths occurred on Thursday — two service members were killed when a bomb exploded in the south and a third was killed by insurgents in the east.

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April 28, 2010 AP

A foreign servicemember died in a bomb blast in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday.

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### **Baumholder Soldier Remembered At Memorial**

April 20, 2011 By Seth Robbins, Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Staff Sgt. Jose M. Caraballo Pietri died as he lived: out front, leading his troops.

Caraballo, 32, was readying his squad for a foot patrol in Afghanistan's Badghis province when about five insurgents fired at him and his soldiers. Caraballo was shot in the leg; he later succumbed to his injuries. But not one of his soldiers was injured.

"It was no surprise to me when I found out how he was killed," said Staff Sgt. William Hudnell, who trained with Caraballo as part of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery Regiment, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. "Even when we went to Graf and Hohenfels, and it was all blank rounds, he was always that way."

On Wednesday, soldiers and civilians filled Baumholder's chapel and mourned Caraballo's death, the third for the brigade since it deployed in February.

A native of Yauco, Puerto Rico, Caraballo served two enlistments in the Army, joining in 1996 and then again in 2007 after a four-year hiatus. Before his current tour to Afghanistan, he had served one tour in Iraq as an ammunition team chief.

Caraballo was short, standing just above 5 feet, but his workouts were long and punishing, consisting of marathonlike runs that were interrupted by rounds of pushups and sit-ups.

"He made morning PT sessions hell," wrote C Battery's commander Capt. Timothy McCarthy. "He did this to harden his soldiers, and he was happy to let anyone else share in the pain. I've personally been run to the ground by him on several occasions."

In a eulogy, Pfc. Edward Liebi, who was part of Caraballo's platoon, spoke about these arduous training sessions, but also how Caraballo made the days in Afghanistan easier with his "entertaining dances and sayings."

Liebi said he would never forget a piece of advice that Caraballo imparted to him after a long training run.

"You made a good first impression because of the way you pushed yourself to the end," Caraballo told him. "Don't let that impression ever change, you got that?"

But it is Caraballo's calm leadership that will be missed by his fellow soldiers in Afghanistan.

"It's going to be hard not having him there," said Hudnell.

Hudnell leaves Thursday for Afghanistan, where he is slated to take over Caraballo's squad.

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## **Family, Friends Remember Pvt. Brandon T. Pickering**

Apr. 16, 2011 by Mike Rutledge, [Communitypress.cincinnati](http://Communitypress.cincinnati)

FORT THOMAS – Army Pvt. Brandon T. Pickering certainly was a hero to his community and his country, but he also should be remembered as joyful, caring and fun to be around - even goofy sometimes - speakers said Saturday during an event remembering the fallen soldier.



Laughter sometimes interrupted tears and sobs, just as daylight made its way through drizzle and lit the Highlands Middle School gymnasium from windows near its high ceilings.

Former Highlands High School student Stephanie Orleck told a large crowd occupying the gym's bleachers Pickering was one of the funniest, most free-spirited people she knew: Even on bad days, "I was always able to turn to Brandon to bring out a smile on my face," Orleck said.

Another former classmate of the 2008 Highlands graduate said, "If you heard laughing in class, you knew it was Brandon."

The 21-year-old Army infantryman died Sunday in Germany from wounds he suffered in Afghanistan's Wardak province. Enemy forces had attacked his unit.

A poignant moment happened during the ceremony when Pastor Charles Russell of New Hope Christian Center in Newport asked the crowd to lift white candles for Brandon. "This is for you, Brandon," Rev. Russell said, as hundreds of gleaming flames further brightened the gym. "We love you; we thank you; we give you this day." "He's touched people, literally, all over the world," Highlands High School Principal Brian Robinson told the crowd.

"I've known him since he was born," said a cousin, Jenny Warr. "I'm very proud - very proud." She asked people to "keep us in your prayers - may God be with us.... We appreciate the support." Another cousin, Jerry Helton, agreed Pickering had a marvelous sense of humor, but: "He also had the brave, firm side."

The crowd milled past numerous photos of Pickering during happy times - his senior portraits, and fun spent with friends and family. Other photographs showed him as a teenager goofing around in a Ninja costume, and later enjoying recreation with his military unit overseas.

"Our friend. Our hero. You will always be in our hearts," one sign with the photos read.

During most of the two-hour-plus event, a CD of peaceful instrumental music with ocean waves in the background played over the loudspeakers. Rev. Russell advised those in deep pain: "Right now don't lean to your own understanding.... Let God begin to operate in your life."

Many who gathered were comforted to hear reports that came from his Army colleagues that the young man who could make a joke out of nearly any sad moment, and who hated to see people cry, was in notably good spirits during his final month.

Saturday's gathering was held in the middle school gym because the high school was festooned for prom. Just outside the middle school, with the American and Kentucky flags lowered to half staff, the blue-and-white Highlands flag below them.

A memorial service will be held when Pickering's body returns to the region. Details are pending.

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## Michigan Marine Killed In Badghis



April 28, 2011: U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. David P. Day, 26, of Gaylord, Mich., died April 24 in Badghis province of Afghanistan during combat operations. Day joined the corps in 2003 and served four tours of duty in Iraq before being deployed to Afghanistan. (AP Photo/U.S. Marine Corps)

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## Immokalee Family Speaks After Soldier Killed Supporting Operation Enduring Freedom

Apr 20, 2011 WINK news

IMMOKALEE, Fla. -- The family of an Immokalee soldier killed in Afghanistan is speaking about their beloved daughter and sister, Sgt. Linda Pierre. Pierre was a 2001 graduate of Immokalee High School.

She was killed when an Afghan National Army soldier attacked troops over the weekend. Now her family is left asking why but said they have the faith to move forward.

"I don't think I'm going to survive without Linda," said Elvina Pierre, Linda's mother.

It is a military family's worst fear happened. It happened when an Army representative came to Immokalee.

"I saw the Army people and I said how did Linda die? I was shocked. Nobody said nothing," said Elvina.

Linda was Elvina's 28-year old daughter. Her third oldest of six. She was a Sergeant in the Army and was killed over the weekend while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Its hard for me. I never thought Linda would die. I never thought that. I'm never going to be stronger again, no more in my life," said Elvina.

It was less than a week ago when Cindy Watson spoke with her older sister. It was in that phone call that Linda asked her sister to be strong.

"The conversation jumped to "I need you to promise me that. I'm going to give you a couple of numbers that you need to make sure you call these people and take care of things just in case something happens to me. I need you to be strong." and that was our last conversation," said Watson.

The Pierre family is a military one. One of the other children is currently fighting over seas. Linda is described as a loving, caring and religious person and that's what they'll remember the most. "Linda was a good person. A good person. A very, very good person," said Elvina.

Those closest to the soldier said she devoted her life to God and that will comfort them in the trying weeks and months to come. "She was deeply rooted in her faith and I have some kind of peace about where she is at," said Watson. The funeral is set for April 30th in Immokalee. No word yet where or what time but when WINK finds out, we'll pass it on to you.

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## Foreign Military Fuel Tanker Blown Up Again Again In Pakistan



An oil tanker which was carrying fuel for foreign troops in Afghanistan was bombed and set ablaze on the outskirts of Peshawar, Pakistan April 30, 2011. REUTERS/Fayaz Aziz

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## Foreign Military Fuel Tanker Blown Up Again Again In Afghanistan



A fire on a tanker that was transporting fuel for foreign military forces on the Jalalabad-Kabul highway April 27, 2011. The fire started after a planted bomb in the tanker exploded, but there were no casualties in the incident, local officials said.  
REUTERS/Parwiz

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## More Resistance Action

4.26.11 NBC & 28 April 2011 New Zealand Defence Force & Apr 29, 2011 By AMIR SHAH, AP

In eastern Paktia province on Tuesday, the provincial governor narrowly escaped an apparent assassination attempt by insurgents. A roadside bomb exploded just behind a vehicle taking Gov. Juma Khan Hamdard to his office. Hamdard was not hurt, but three policemen who were in a chase vehicle were slightly injured.

A Kiwi patrol from the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the north eastern area of Bamyan province at approximately 5am Afghanistan time today (around 12.30pm NZ time). The NZ Defence Force personnel were in a Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) and sustained no injuries. The vehicle suffered some damage but is able to be recovered.

An influential tribal leader and member of local government council was assassinated Wednesday night in Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan, according to the provincial governor's office. Two men knocked on the door of his home in Yahya Khel district and when he answered, one shot him dead with a machine gun.

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

## **Kandahar Prison Broken Once Again; The Mystifying Battle Between Faith And Technology!! [Afghan Resistance Statement]**



25 April 2011 Islamic Emirat Of Afghanistan, Shahamat-english.com via Uruknet

The victorious and history producing soldiers of Allah under the leadership of Islamic Emirate have once again broken Kandahar prison, freeing more than 500 imprisoned Mujahideen which include tens of commanders, group leaders and high ranking officials and once again showed the triumph of the forces of mercy and faith over the technology plagued forces of Satan.

Mujahideen had started working on a 360 meter-long underground tunnel with great professionalism, dedication and secrecy, during which they bypassed highly secure check posts and Kandahar-Herat main highway before directly reaching their target, the prison's political wing in a 5 month period, according to the latest information provided by the Mujahideen in Kandahar.

As planned earlier, the freeing of prisoners through the tunnel began at 11:00 pm last night when 3 previously informed inmates walked into each cell, woke up the Mujahideen and guided them to the tunnel, the process of which finished at around 03:30 am this morning when all the prisoners came out of the tunnel where they were escorted to secure destinations by vehicles.

Kandahar prison was previously broken into by Martyrdom seeking Mujahideen in the month of June 2008, breaking down its security barriers and killing dozens of security guards using an explosive-laden vehicle and heavy arms before freeing all its inmates.

After this incident, the security personnel in Kabul's stooge regime, in a failed attempt upgraded its security parameters by surrounding the prison with belts of security check posts, cameras and mobile patrol groups.

The American's and their hirelings never thought that the brave and daring Mujahideen would ever be able to free their comrades again, especially without any of the security personnel ever noticing or causing harm to any of the 500 prisoners who escaped through the tunnel. This is a sign of the help from the Almighty Allah, which no mind or technology can comprehend and this is considered as nothing more than the strike of the superiority of faith over material means.

This recent operation comes at a time when the echoes from the blow on the Ministry of Defense in Kabul are still ringing in the ears of the puppets in Kabul and their foreign masters while the theatrical drama of the blame game goes on between the two sides.

The senate of Kabul regime wants the removal of the minister of defense (Raheem Wardag) from his office in connection with the incident while the high council and others go even further by proposing the changing and scrambling of all officials in security posts.

But these people do not realize that they shall be witnesses to even more such Jihadic operations, which shall be even more dazzling and impressive than the previous, the blame of which shall not only force the defense minister to resign but also the "esteemed" head in Kabul!

And the American commander supported by state of the art weapons, technology and overflowing dollars, who deceitfully boasts about securing Kandahar, should also ready himself for resignation and admit to his failures and defeat against the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate.

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



U.S. soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division patrol through a pomegranate orchard near their base at Strongpoint Stansberry in the Arghandab Valley north of Kandahar April 21, 2011. REUTERS/Bob Strong

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **“Somali Government Forces Clashed Themselves”**

28 April 2011 Shabelle Media Network

Mogadishu — Some of Somali government forces clashed themselves in the Somali capital Mogadishu, witnesses said on Thursday.

At least two people were killed and three others injured after the forces battled at the center of Mogadishu's KM4 intersection.

The two people who died in the clash were among Somali soldiers and witnesses said the wounded people have been immediately rushed to the hospitals in Mogadishu for treatment.

The factor behind the clash of Somali government soldiers remains unclear, but, it not the first time.

During the clash, all businesses, public buses and the movement of the ordinary people were put on hold, though calm later returned.

However, fighting on Thursday comes two days after 5 people, mainly soldiers were killed and several others wounded in a clash akin this.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

**Greedy Financial Parasites Fuck  
Over Active Duty Troops, As  
Usual:  
“Some Mortgage Lenders Are  
Violating The Rights Of Service**

# **Members By Foreclosing On Their Homes Without Their Knowledge” “It’s Malpractice For The Guardian Ad Litem To Do Anything Less Than Zealously And Aggressively Protect The Rights Of The Person They Represent”**

May 2, 2011 By Karen Jowers, Army Times [Excerpts]

Florida attorneys and consumer advocates are raising concerns that some mortgage lenders are violating the rights of service members by foreclosing on their homes without their knowledge.

The lawyers and advocates also say the problems with foreclosures in Florida — which could exist in other states — are being exacerbated by the failure of court-appointed attorneys to fully protect service members in such situations.

“I’m focusing only on military foreclosure cases now,” said April Charney, a consumer advocate with Jacksonville (Fla.) Area Legal Aid.

Michael Olenick, founder of the research firm LegalPrise.com, said his initial review of foreclosures in Florida indicates that at least 119 involve service members, but there may be more.

**“It seems every military foreclosure I’ve come across, the bank initially says they’re not in the military, until somebody else — the spouse, the court, a server — says they are,” Olenick said.**

**St. Petersburg, Fla., lawyer Matthew Weidner questions whether some court-appointed attorneys are fulfilling their responsibilities to represent service members who can’t be located.**

One of his clients, Coast Guard Avionics Electrical Technician 1st Class Keith Johnson, of Clearwater, Fla., returned last summer from deployment to learn, to his surprise, that his house had been foreclosed on.

While he was gone, his lender, Wells Fargo, told the court that it was unable to find Johnson but knew he was in the military, so the bank asked the court to appoint a “guardian ad litem,” an attorney to represent him.

Under the Servicemembers’ Civil Relief Act, if a service member hasn’t been located and notified of the case, the court must appoint an attorney to find and represent that member.



Weidner contends that the attorney appointed by the court to represent Johnson at the time did not do enough to find him and should have asked for a delay in the proceedings.

**“In this case, there was not a modicum of defense,” Weidner said. Instead, the attorney filed a document simply stating that the bank’s “pleadings appear to be in compliance” with Florida law.**

**The SCRA states that no actions of such a court-appointed attorney can waive any defense of the service member or otherwise bind the service member.**

Johnson’s court-appointed attorney could not be reached for comment.

Johnson’s wife, Valisia, said they began talking to Wells Fargo in late 2008 or early 2009 about a loan modification. The bank “never said anything about a foreclosure,” she said.

“Generally, both the wife and husband were actively engaged in conversations with the lender to come to a resolution, while at the same time, the law firm was moving ahead with the foreclosure,” Weidner said.

“The Johnsons were totally unaware a foreclosure case had been filed, much less completed.”

When Johnson returned from deployment and learned of the foreclosure, he and his wife notified the judge, and the sale of the foreclosed home was delayed. Weidner said they have been trying to work out an agreement with the lender after finding a buyer for the home.

“It’s malpractice for the guardian ad litem to do anything less than zealously and aggressively protect the rights of the person they represent,” said John Odom, a retired Air Force colonel and expert on the SCRA. He said the issue likely is not limited to Florida.

## **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](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org): Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.**

## **THIS IS HOW OBAMA BRINGS THEM HOME: ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The remains of Army Cpl. Loren M. Buffalo March 11, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Buffalo, 20, of Mountain Pine, Ark., died March 9, 2011 in Kandahar province of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

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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.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

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

**Rise like Lions after slumber  
In unvanquishable number,  
Shake your chains to earth like dew  
Which in sleep had fallen on you-  
Ye are many — they are few  
-- Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.**

**The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”  
-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done**

**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.  
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

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

**“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”**  
**-- Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787**

**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.**  
**-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace**

**“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**

**“The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point is to change it.”**  
**-- Karl Marx, “Theses on Feuerbach”**

## **Slick**



Photograph by Mike Hastie:  
Medevac helicopter (Laotian Whore) Taken near An Khe, Vietnam 1970

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance

Sent: April 28, 2011 7:20 AM  
Subject: Slick

**Slick**

The name of a helicopter,  
and Wall Street's nature.  
If you do not know the flip side of war,  
you will die a duped death.  
It's all about war profiteering,  
and the band of brothers are  
looted at the grave site.  
Patriotism can be the devil.  
That's why belief systems get raped.  
Lying is the most powerful weapon in war.  
Slick:  
The name of a helicopter,  
and Wall Street's nature.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
April 28, 2011

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

**DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

**They Hate Our Liberties:**

# White House Threatens To Blacklist Paper For Covering Protest For Bradley Manning

April 29, 2011 by Peter Hart, Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR)

The San Francisco Chronicle is apparently in trouble with the White House for posting video of a protest against the White House's treatment of suspected WikiLeaks source Bradley Manning.

The Chronicle's Carolyn Lochhead reports:

The White House threatened Thursday to exclude the San Francisco Chronicle from pooled coverage of its events in the Bay Area after the paper posted a video of a protest at a San Francisco fundraiser for President Obama last week, Chronicle editor Ward Bushee said.

White House guidelines governing press coverage of such events are too restrictive, Bushee said, and the newspaper was within its rights to film the protest and post the video.

Chronicle reporter Carla Marinucci was the designated "pool" reporter at an Obama fundraiser--meaning that her write-up would be shared with other reporters who were not allowed into the event.

But something truly newsworthy happened--and she reported it:

"At the St. Regis event, a group of protesters who paid collectively \$76,000 to attend the fundraiser interrupted Obama with a song complaining about the administration's treatment of PFC Bradley Manning, the soldier who allegedly leaked U.S. classified documents to the WikiLeaks website."

As part of a "print-only pool," Marinucci was limited by White House guidelines to provide a print-only report, but Marinucci also took a video of the protest, which she posted in her written story on the online edition of the Chronicle at SFGate.com and on its politics blog after she sent her written pool report.

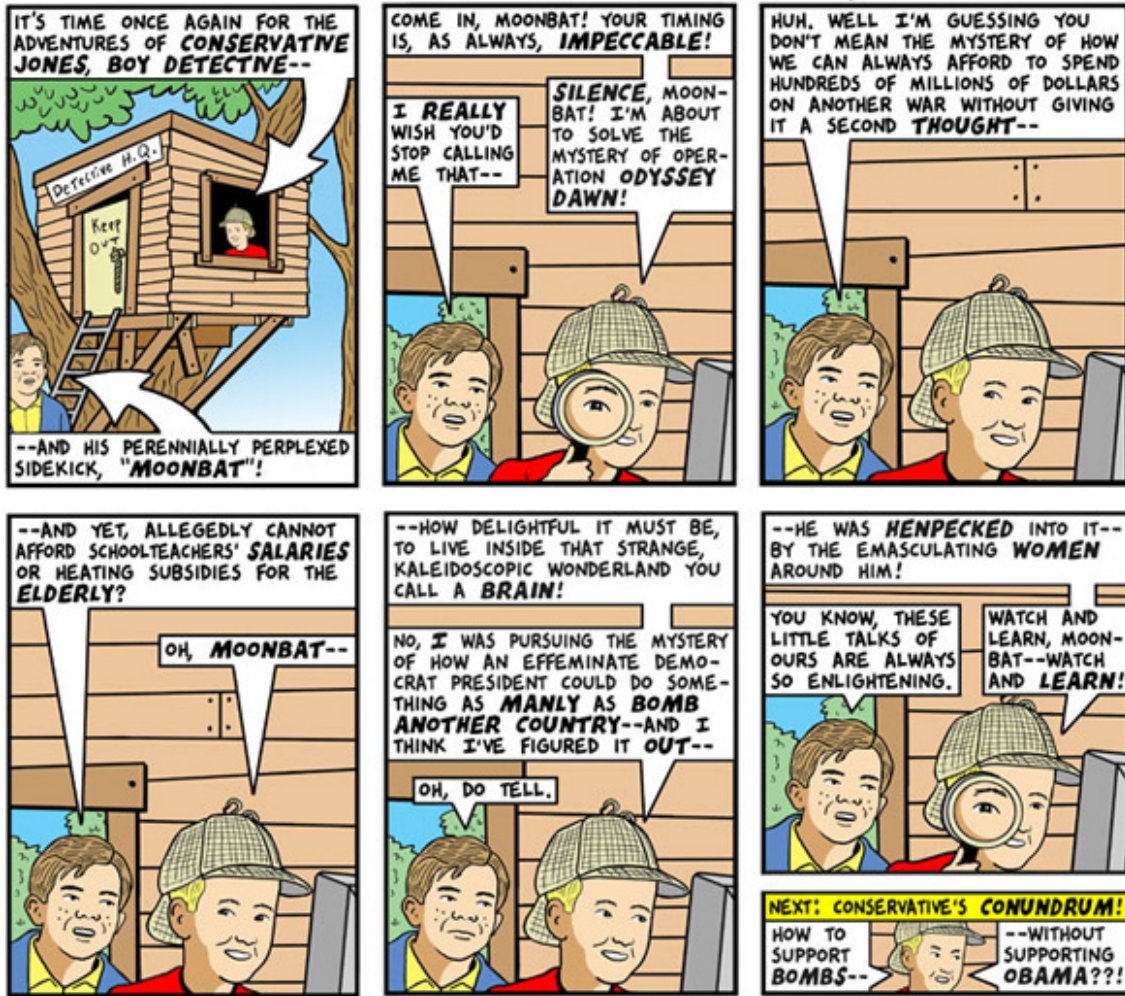
The Chronicle's story closes with this ironic point about the White House's view of technology and information-sharing:

"At Facebook the day before the San Francisco fundraiser, Obama said, 'The main reason we wanted to do this is, first of all, because more and more people, especially young people, are getting their information through different media. And obviously, what all of you have built together is helping to revolutionize how people get information, how they process information, how they're connecting with each other.'"

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# THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



## CLASS WAR REPORTS

**Uganda:  
Security Forces Firing On Protesters  
In The Ugandan Capital Killed Five  
People Friday;**

# “Protesters Were Engaging Police In Running Battles In Towns Outside The Capital”



People carry an injured protester, shot by Ugandan police, in Kampala on Friday as a second day of turmoil rocked the country. Photo: Reuters

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KAMPALA, Uganda—Security forces firing on rioting protesters in the Ugandan capital killed five people Friday, in the second straight day of turmoil spurred by the arrest of the country's main opposition leader, clouding the prospect for talks scheduled for next week between the opposition and President Yoweri Museveni.

Smoke billowed over the capital Kampala after crowds burnt tyres to block roads.

Protesters stoned shops and cars to express their anger at Besigye being beaten, pepper-sprayed and dragged away by police, all shown on TV.

**The protests - dubbed “walk to work” in solidarity with Kampala residents who cannot afford public transport as a result of high fuel prices - have been joined by several opposition politicians, one of them still in detention.**

**Uganda's opposition has termed the government's decision to spend \$720 million on Russian fighter jets - when people are starving - a misuse of meager resources.**



**“How can they tear gas and beat an important man like (Besigye) when he is telling the truth that we are poor? They spend our money on fighter jets and tear gas when people have no food,” shouted an angry protester who only gave his name as Stephen.**

Protesters were angered by the manner in which security officials arrested Kizza Besigye, Mr. Museveni's main challenger during disputed polls in February. Security officials smashed the windows of the car in which Mr. Besigye was riding and sprayed him with tear gas before arresting him. He was later released.

On Friday, officials initially blocked Mr. Besigye from getting on a flight at Entebbe Airport bound for Kenya for medical treatment for injuries sustained in the arrest, but later relented and allowed him to leave the country.

The riots grew out of protests over rising food and fuel prices, which have been a challenge for Mr. Museveni since he was declared winner of the Feb. 18 polls. But the government has refused to bow to pressure to slash taxes on fuel imports to ease prices, as neighboring Kenya did last week to avert unrest.

Uganda's annual inflation rate increased to 14.1% in April, from 11.1% in March, the state statistics body said Friday. Food crop prices rose 39.3% in April compared with 2.1% in March due to food shortages, which the government blames on a drought late last year.

Mr. Museveni, who has been in power since 1986, was scheduled to meet with opposition leaders on Tuesday for talks aimed at resolving the unrest, but opposition leaders have said they won't meet with the president unless he delivers a personal apology for Mr. Besigye's harsh treatment.

The opposition has also called for the resignations of the internal affairs minister and police chief over the arrest.

Mr. Besigye is popular in the Ugandan capital and many urban centers across the country. The riots Friday started from Kampala's popular downtown Keseka market, before spreading throughout other markets in the city center, witnesses said.

Security forces continued to fire live ammunition and tear gas to disperse pockets of protesters in the various city suburbs Friday evening. Security forces also deployed around Mr. Besigye's residence.

Mr. Kivejinja, the internal affairs minister, said five people were killed and 121 wounded.

**He assured the country that “the situation is under control” and told people to proceed with their normal lives but report anyone who disrupts the peace.**

**The Kampala city center was deserted by midday, with all the shops and stores closed.**

Richard Nataka, the secretary-general of the Uganda Red Cross Society, said protesters were engaging police in running battles in towns outside the capital. Two protesters were shot in the eastern town of Mbale, the Red Cross said.

The Uganda government continued to impose a strict ban on live coverage of the protests by local broadcasters. Ugandan local television stations on Friday opted to broadcast the royal wedding in the U.K., as riots raged on.

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# **“Enough Blood, Enough Killing, Just Leave, Leave, Leave”**

## **100,000 Anti-Government Protesters In Yemen Tells Dictator Saleh To Get Out Now**

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Vast crowds have taken to the streets across Yemen to demand the immediate resignation of Ali Abdullah Saleh, the president, rather than the phased handover of power envisaged by a Gulf Arab plan expected to be signed on Sunday.

On Sateen Street, the largest road in Sanaa, the capital, 100,000 anti-government protesters flooded a 5km stretch to mark a “Friday of Loyalty to the Martyrs” commemorating the deaths of at least 142 protesters killed in the past three months.

During a Muslim prayer service, an imam read out a list of those killed in the protests.

“Enough blood, enough killing, just leave, leave, leave,” the imam said during the sermon. “You have to submit to the people's demands.”

The demonstrations came as the AP news agency reported that Yemeni plainclothes police had opened fire on Friday on protesters calling for Saleh's ousting in a western port city.

Five protesters were wounded in the shooting in Hodeida on the Red Sea, and both sides then hurled stones at each other, witnesses said.

A deal brokered by the Gulf Co-operation Council to end the crisis by easing Saleh out within a month is expected to be signed on Sunday in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

The deal would give Saleh and his family and aides immunity from prosecution.

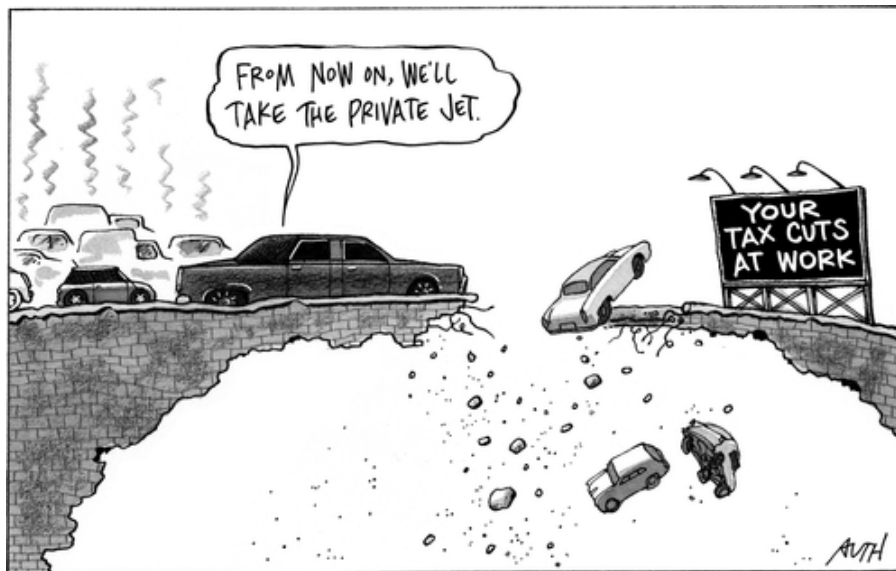
It provides for Saleh to appoint a prime minister from the opposition, who would then form a transition government ahead of a presidential election two months after his resignation.

**But a sizeable section of protesters are against giving Saleh one month to quit, fearing it may offer time for the potential sabotaging of the deal.**

Saleh also appeared to raise a potential problem on Thursday when he told the broadcaster Russia Today that he objected to the presence of Qatari representatives.

"We will have reservations about signing if representatives of Qatar are present among the Gulf foreign ministers," Saleh told Russia Today.

"(Qatar) is involved in a conspiracy, not just against Yemen but against all Arab countries."



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