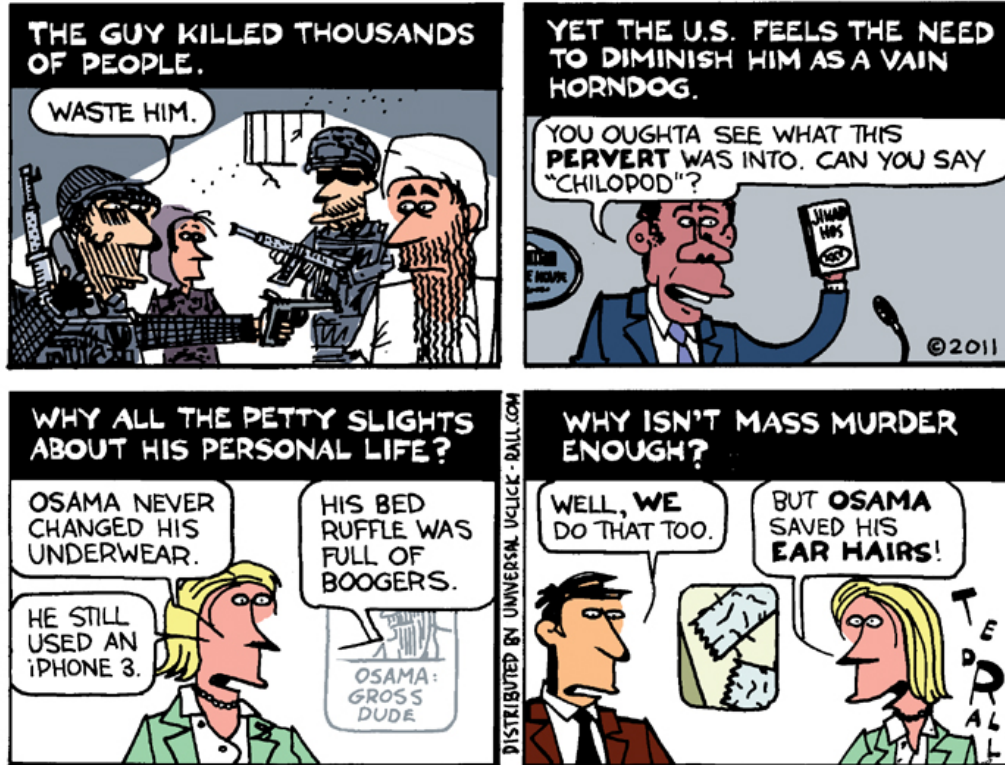


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**Yemen Government
Troops Defeated And
Run Away At Nehm:
Two Attack Pilots Desert The
Dictator Saleh And Join The
Opposition:**

“The Soldiers Who Were Aboard The Helicopters Are Now With The Tribes”

**“Eyewitnesses Said That At Least
One Thousand Republican Guards
Fled The Area After The Tribes Took
Over The Military Compounds”**

**“They Have Taken 9 Tanks From The
Republican Guards”**

27, May, 2011 Yemen Post Newspaper

At least 12 people have been killed in clashes between Nehm tribesmen and the republican guards on Friday.

Governmental forces were forced to evacuate three military position after clashing with the tribes.

Tribal leaders in Nehm, located 30 miles east of the capital Sana'a, said that fighting started when republican guards attacked one of the villages on Nehm killing two of its tribesmen.

"We fight to defend ourselves and the majority of military positions in Nehm are now under our control," said a tribal leader in the area.

Seven republican guards and five tribesmen were killed in the clashes, while more than 30 were injured according to tribal sources. The government did not comment to Yemen Post on the casualties.

Eyewitnesses said that at least one thousand republican guards fled the area after the tribes took over the military compounds.

Local in Nehm said that the government was attacking the villages with Meg 29 warplanes. Nehm tribal leader Sheikh Saleh Najeed said that the government forces have until now destroyed more than 120 homes in Nehm with the air attacks.

He said that two of the military bombers landed in villages of Nehm and refused to attack the tribes. The planes are now in the control of the Nehm tribes and the soldiers who were aboard the helicopters are now with the tribes.

They are in total 24 soldiers in total.

The death toll from Nephth tribes is 18, while more than 65 are injured.

Tribes confirmed that they have taken 9 tanks from the republican guards.

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**Payback Comes To Taloqan:
German General In Command Of All
Northern Afghanistan Foreign Troops
“Severely” Wounded, More Killed:
Resistance Attacks High Level Meeting
In City Where German Soldiers
Slaughtered Civilians Last Week As The
Civilians Were Protesting Against The
Slaughter Of Civilians By Occupation
Troops**



The provincial governor's compound shortly after explosion from inside in Taloqan, Takhar province Afghanistan, May 28, 2011. (AP Photo/Ezatullah Pami)



The remains of the provincial governor's building in Taloqan, Takhar province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, May 28, 2011. The German military says its top commander in Afghanistan who commands coalition troops in northern Afghanistan was seriously wounded in an attack on a high level meeting at this building. Photo: Naqeeb Ahmed, EPA

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

By RAHIM FAIEZ The Associated Press & Reuters & By David Harrison, Telegraph Media Group Limited & NewsCore & Jason Burke in Kabul, Guardian News and Media Limited [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomber wearing a police uniform blew himself up inside a heavily guarded compound Saturday as top Afghan and international officials left a high level meeting, killing two senior Afghan police commanders and wounding the German general who commands coalition troops in northern Afghanistan.

Three German troops were killed and two others were wounded in the blast.

The attack occurred in a part of Afghanistan thought to be relatively secure.

Two German soldiers and two other Afghans were killed in the blast, the latest in an insurgent spring offensive. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bomber detonated his explosives-laden vest inside the governor's complex in Takhar province, where high-ranking Afghan officials were meeting with members of the international coalition, said Faiz Mohammad Tawhedi, a spokesman for the governor.

"What we know is the guy who carried out the attack had a police uniform on," Tawhedi said.

"How he entered the meeting room and why he was not searched, we don't know."

Among the dead was Gen. Daud Daud, regional police commander in northern Afghanistan, according to the provincial health director, Dr. Hassain Basech.

Daud was a former deputy interior minister for counternarcotics and a former bodyguard of Ahmad Shah Massoud, the charismatic Tajik leader who commanded the Northern Alliance and died in a bombing two days before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that provoked the U.S. invasion.

Also killed were provincial police chief Gen. Shah Jahan Noori, a secretary to the governor and one of Daud's bodyguards, the health director said.

Gen. Markus Kneip, the NATO force's commander for northern Afghanistan, was among the wounded, German Defense Minister Thomas de Maiziere said in Berlin.

German officials confirmed to Spiegel magazine Major General Markus Kneip, who commands NATO forces in the north Afghanistan, had received wounds that were "severe" but not life-threatening.

Earlier this year, Kneip took over NATO's northern regional command, which covers nine provinces on Afghanistan's border with Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

He also serves as the senior national commander of the 4,900 German troops deployed in the north, a region that had been relatively calm but has seen a rise in violence during the past two years.

Last week, 12 people were killed by German soldiers in a protest in Taloqan after four civilians were killed in a night raid conducted by foreign and Afghan forces.

Protesters carried the bodies of the dead through the provincial capital, saying they had been gunned down in their home for no reason. An estimated 1,500 people later clashed with police at a German military base, shouting: "Death to Karzai! Death to America!"

The Taliban, which has been fighting an insurgency against the government in Kabul and its Western allies since it was ousted from power in 2001, claimed responsibility for the attack.

"One of our mujahedeen carried out the attack inside the Takhar governor's complex during a meeting about security," said Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman.

"Most (of the participants) were killed, including General Daoud Daoud, who was chairing the meeting, the chief of police (for Takhar province)" and German and American soldiers, he said.

Mujahid said it was part of the insurgency's campaign against high-ranking government officials and was meant to undercut a military offensive he said the Afghan National Army was planning to launch in the north.

The attacker struck at 4:45 p.m. as top officials walked out of their meeting, a senior Afghan police officer told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to talk to journalists.

There was a flash of fire and people started running in all directions, he said.

After that, the room went dark and white smoke billowed from the compound.

AP Television News video showed the aftermath of the powerful blast: Windows and doors were blown out and black scorch marks marred much of the building. Blood was spattered on paving stones in the parking lot and the sound of soldiers stepping through shattered glass could be heard.

Abdul Jabar Taqwa, the Takhar province governor who was at the meeting, suffered burns to his head, hands and back.

Nine other Afghans were wounded — a cameraman working in the governor's office and eight Afghan troops.

The Afghan police officer said Afghan and international officials had been discussing security issues and ways to prevent another massive protest in the northern province, where security has deteriorated as foreign and Afghan forces focus on insurgent strongholds in the south.

Two Royal Marines Killed In Loy Mandeh

28 May 2011 Ministry of Defence

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that two Royal Marines from 42 Commando Royal Marines were killed in Afghanistan yesterday, Friday 27 May 2011.

The Marines were killed by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while on a joint Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) operation to clear parts of the Loy Mandeh area of the Nad-e Ali (North) District of Helmand Province.

Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Saturday: Nationality Not Announced

May 28, 2011 Reuters

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

Airman Based In Utah Killed In Afghanistan

May. 28, 2011 The Associated Press

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah -- Military officials say a 32-year-old airman based at Hill Air Force Base in Utah has been killed by a bomb in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense on Friday said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kristoffer M. Solesbee of Citrus Heights, Calif., died in Kandahar province.

The Sacramento Bee reported that Solesbee worked with bomb disposal technicians who were attached to an Army combat team and who worked to protect troops on patrol from bombs.

Solesbee was assigned to the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron at the Utah base.

Col. Patrick Higby, Hill Air Force Base commander, says Solesbee's team responded Thursday to news of a weapons cache when an improvised bomb exploded.

Higby says Solesbee had been in Afghanistan since January and was scheduled to return to the U.S. this summer.

Family Mourns Marine Killed In Action



U.S. Marine Sgt. Kevin Balduf. Contributed photo

May 18 By Keith Edwards, Maine Today Media & 5.13 Nashville News

RICHMOND — A Marine sergeant whose wife and in-laws live in Richmond was killed during combat operations in Afghanistan last week. Sgt. Kevin Balduf was killed during a firefight, according to the Department of Defense.

Sgt. Kevin Balduf, 27, of Nashville, Tenn., died May 12 "while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan," the Department of Defense announced in a news release Monday.

Balduf's wife, Amy, lives in Richmond and is a Richmond native.

The couple's daughters, Eden, 3, and Stephanie, 5, are staying with Amy Balduf's parents, the Sutherlands, in Richmond, according to Al Sutherland, Amy Balduf's father.

"He was a nice guy, somebody who tended to put other people before himself," Al Sutherland said of his son-in-law. "He was a Marine's Marine, gung ho. But he was somebody who didn't brag about himself. 'I did my job,' that's all he'd say. He was humble."

The former Amy Sutherland graduated from Richmond High School in 2003. The couple was married in Maine in 2006 at Sugarloaf.

Sutherland, Amy Balduf's father, said the family appreciated everything the community has done for them. "Just say their prayers, that's all we'd ask," he said. "Pray for our granddaughters and our daughter and, obviously, for Kevin."

Sutherland, owner of Al's Certified Auto Repair, or ACAR, in Augusta, said Amy was in North Carolina doing paperwork but was expected to return to Maine soon.

He said his daughter "is doing as well as can be expected. Doing what she needs to do."

The incident that led to the death of Balduf and Lt. Col. Benjamin J. Palmer, 43, of Modesto, Calif., is under investigation, according to the Department of Defense.

Supporting fellow Marines in combat as a radio operator, Balduf was assigned to the 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of Sergeant Balduf, who tragically gave his life defending our nation with limitless courage," U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said in a statement.

Sutherland said Balduf was in his second stint in Afghanistan.

He said his son-in-law earned the Bronze Star in his first deployment in the wartorn country "for putting himself in harm's way to call in an air strike to protect his fellow Marines."

Gov. Paul LePage said, in a statement, "It is with great sadness that I extend my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Balduf. His service to our great country and unwavering commitment to boldly protect its values will not be forgotten."

And U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said in a statement released Monday night, "I am saddened to learn of the death of Sergeant Kevin Balduf. Our nation will be forever grateful for his selfless sacrifice and brave service to our country. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and fellow Marines."

Balduf's funeral will be at Arlington National Cemetery. A memorial service has not been announced.

Two Australian Soldiers Wounded In Afghanistan

May 28, 2011 AAP

Two Australian soldiers have been wounded after their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device while on patrol in southern Afghanistan.

The soldiers are in a satisfactory condition following the incident on Wednesday and are being treated as outpatients at their Tarin Kot base, the Defence Department said in a statement on Saturday.

They had been part of an Afghan National Police and Special Operations Task Group joint patrol.

"Thankfully their wounds were such that it appears they will make a full recovery," said Chief of Joint Operations Lieutenant General Ash Power.

"Their Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle took the brunt of the blast and was significantly damaged in the explosion."

The soldiers were evacuated by helicopter while the vehicle was destroyed to avoid potential use by insurgents.

The Defence Department said it delayed releasing information about the soldiers until the operation had concluded.

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

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

**WELCOME TO OBAMAWORLD.
HAVE A NICE DAY.**



A US Army flight medic gives an injection for pain to a United States Marine wounded in an insurgent attack, onboard a medevac helicopter from the US Army's Task Force Lift 'Dust Off' north of Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, May 15, 2011. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

MILITARY NEWS

Military Crime Lab Fuck Ups Exposed At Last! Staff Falsify, Lie In Court, And Destroy Evidence For Years; How Many Innocent Troops In Prison Unknown

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

May 15, 2011 By Marisa Taylor and Michael Doyle, McClatchy Newspapers [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — The military's premier crime lab has botched more of its evidence testing than has been previously known, raising broader questions about the quality of the forensic work relied on to convict soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

Now, the Supreme Court could weigh in, while two senators want the Pentagon to open a full-blown investigation.

If they start looking, Pentagon officials will find that the crime lab's problems extend beyond one discredited analyst.

The scrutiny comes after McClatchy published a series of stories detailing how a former long-time forensics analyst at the Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory made false statements and mishandled dozens of tests.

A follow-up McClatchy investigation reveals that a second lab analyst, responsible for firearms, was quietly fired for making a false statement and destroying evidence.

The lab subsequently had to review 541 firearms cases to make sure they were thorough, properly conducted and met legal requirements.

Ultimately, officials determined that none of them needed full retesting. **[Of course. Why do that? Just turn your backs on people rotting in prison. T]**

More recently, a third lab analyst, who handles fingerprints, was found to have erred in at least three cases, one involving murder.

But the previously undisclosed problems go beyond discredited or flawed individual analysts. Some lab employees "do not like...(the) leadership style" of a top lab manager, an Army official conceded in a court deposition in March.

Six formal discrimination or retaliation complaints have been filed against lab management in the past three years.

One was filed by the lab's former chief attorney, who had helped oversee prior internal investigations into the lab's mistakes.

"The problem is not with just one person, but systemic," said David Sheldon, an attorney for a former Navy man who's challenging the lab's work in an appeal to the Supreme Court. "It's as if (the lab) has had no oversight, and one has to seriously question whether or not it can effectively police itself."

The Atlanta-based lab, commonly known as USACIL, serves all the military branches, handling evidence in more than 3,000 cases annually.

The director, Larry Chelko, has been in charge since 1993.

On May 12, the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, a Democrat, joined a Republican member of the committee in asking the Defense Department's inspector general to investigate the alleged misconduct of one analyst, Phillip Mills.

"Falsified lab tests could have contributed to criminals remaining free and innocent people being wrongfully convicted," wrote Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa.

"The failure to address these issues in a timely manner could damage the nation's trust in the military justice system." **[Dumbfuck has no clue there is no trust in the miserable military criminal injustice racket. T]**

The lab never publicly acknowledged the extent of the problem with Mills' work.

Many defense attorneys never learned of the massive retesting effort.

When McClatchy asked whether other analysts had made mistakes, the military initially refused to say, acknowledging problems only when confronted with details obtained from outside sources.

The military also turned down or responded narrowly to numerous open records requests McClatchy filed that sought more information about Mills' cases, citing privacy rights.

“Evidence Had Been Routinely Destroyed By Investigators In Hundreds Of Other Cases And Therefore Couldn't Be Retested”

McClatchy pieced together a fuller picture after independently obtaining military documents and conducting dozens of interviews.

In March, McClatchy revealed the military's three-year, \$1.4 million internal review of Mills' work.

The reviewers disagreed with Mills' DNA results 55 percent of the time.

More broadly, they found that Mills neglected tests and overlooked evidence.

Making matters worse, officials found that evidence had been routinely destroyed by investigators in hundreds of other cases and therefore couldn't be retested. The investigators had been following policy at the time.

"The result," forensics analyst Robert Shaler noted in an independent review of the lab, "might have led to a miscarriage of justice."

While investigating Mills, lab officials learned of firearms analyst Michael Brooks' mistake.

Brooks had said he'd examined a hat for gunshot residue and concluded that the weapon had been fired at close range.

His supervisor, however, later discovered the hat hadn't been tested.

The victim allegedly had shot himself in the right temple, but the hole in the hat was on the left side.

Brooks, who could not be reached for comment, later destroyed evidence from the case file and lied about his actions, investigators concluded.

The lab fired him in 2006.

More recently, a latent fingerprint examiner has been found to have missed several fingerprints. The examiner isn't accused of misconduct, but her mistakes could cast doubt on the overall quality of the lab's work.

The examiner's mistakes came up earlier this year in a pre-indictment hearing of Army Spc. Neftaly Platero. He's accused of killing two of his 3rd Infantry Division roommates and wounding a third in Iraq last year.

The forensic evidence is especially important in Platero's case because the victim who survived doesn't remember the events, said Platero's attorney Guy Womack.

Womack received two separate fingerprint reports with troubling differences prepared by lab examiner Shauna Steffan.

In the second report, she identified Platero's prints where she hadn't noticed them before. The lab wasn't required to directly inform Womack of the reasons for the disparity, but he uncovered it during cross-examination.

"I asked why it was retested," Womack said, "and she started squirming."

A review of Steffan's other work found that she'd made similar mistakes in two other cases, Womack said.

When contacted by McClatchy, Steffan said she was instructed not to talk to the media. The Army later said that Steffan didn't wish to be interviewed.

"It's Shady Dealing On Their Part"

As it happens, Womack also represented one of two convicted murderers whose evidence Mills examined.

Mills was found to have missed bloodstains in the 2002 murder trial of Army Pfc. Jonathan Schroeder and Andrew Humiston, who pleaded guilty to beating a fellow soldier to death.

The lapse called into question the quality of Mills' work and the lab's thoroughness in informing defendants of what had gone wrong.

Womack, Humiston's attorney, said he didn't know about the long-ago retesting of the evidence until McClatchy informed him recently.

"It's shady dealing on their part," Womack said. "If the lab was a standup organization, you would have thought they would have reported that."

Womack isn't the only one who's been left in the dark.

As McClatchy revealed in March, naval officers Samuel Harris and Roger House were convicted of charges related to a sexual misconduct case and later exonerated by the Mills retesting effort, but they learned about the retesting only by chance.

Nonetheless, the nonpartisan National Institute of Military Justice worries that the military hasn't made enough of an effort to inform defendants.

The institute recently asked the Pentagon's top lawyers to track down all former service members who were convicted with evidence Mills handled. From 1995 to 2005, Mills handled evidence in some 465 cases.

On Thursday, the Pentagon declined the request.

"A system that purports to be just must bring sunlight to this issue in order to put it to rest," said Michelle Lindo McCluer, the institute's executive director.

Despite the Pentagon's reluctance to take a closer look at the lab, others might.

Lab worker Albert Bell has filed a discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission contending that lab supervisors engaged in a campaign of "harassment and intimidation" because he's African-American.

"My experience with the lab overwhelmingly tells me that the primary mode is to cover up any misfeasance," his attorney Pete Lown said.

And on May 27, Supreme Court justices will decide whether to hear an appeal that attorney Sheldon filed on behalf of Ivor Luke, a former Navy hospital corpsman second class.

Luke was convicted of indecent assault in 1999, in part with the help of Mills' testimony. Luke served his prison term. Because the evidence in his case had been destroyed, it couldn't be retested after Mills' errors emerged.

Although Luke's appeal could be a long shot, it raises a fundamental question about the military crime lab: How many mistakes can any one analyst, or any one lab, make before all the results must be second-guessed?

In a 1956 Supreme Court ruling, for instance, the justices threw out convictions based on the testimony of an anti-communist informant who officials later came to believe had made false and "bizarre" claims in other cases.

The witness "by his testimony, has poisoned the water in this reservoir, and the reservoir cannot be cleansed without first draining it of all impurity," Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote.

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

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

Executing Obedience



Anti-war rally in Portland, Oregon 2006. Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: May 28, 2011
Subject: Executing Obedience

Executing Obedience

**When you discover the truth and become a global citizen,
it's as if you acquired a quantum leap in intelligence.**

The world you once lived in is no longer your primary residence.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
May 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) 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

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

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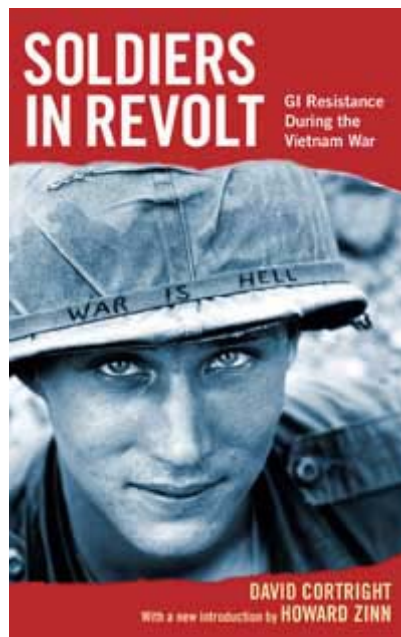
Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

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/>

And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! (www.ivaw.org/)

**“GI Activists Should Remain On Base
And Work Directly With People At Their
Jobs And In The Barracks”**
**“This Should Be Part Of A General Shift
In The Locus Of GI Action Away From
Off-Base Coffeehouses, Back To The
Barracks”.**



From: SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975. Now available in paperback from Haymarket Books. [Excerpts]

[By activists with the paper *Fight Back* in Germany, 1973. Excerpts]

Radicals Must Join The Army.

The role of radicals who purposely join the services to organize has been important throughout the GI movement and remains so today. Within the *Fight Back* group, in the GI Alliance in Tacoma, and at numerous other projects, former civilian activists, some of whom gave up deferments to join, have been a vital force in sustaining GI dissent.

The presence of even a few hundred committed activists could have great impact on the level of servicemen's dissent.

Civilian Support Is Crucial:

As we have seen throughout the history of the GI movement, such support has been a crucial ingredient of successful organizing. Civilian activists are most needed as political workers and counselors at local projects.

Peace organizations should adopt programs for training civilians in military counseling and supporting them during a tour of duty working directly with servicemen at major bases.

A Newspaper Or Newsletter Is Necessary:

Nearly every servicemen's organization has coalesced around a newspaper as the best means available for communicating with other GIs.

An important variation of this is unit newsletters, pioneered at Fort Lewis, to expose abuses within individual units and mobilize political pressure at the local level. Unit newsletters appearing on a biweekly basis could then be supplemented by a monthly or bimonthly base-wide newspaper.

This should be part of a general shift in the locus of GI action away from off-base coffeehouses, back to the barracks.

Off-base locations are still needed for printing and counseling activities by civilian staffers, but GI activists should remain on base and work directly with people at their jobs and in the barracks

Regardless of what form it takes, though, citizen action must continue.

Continued work is necessary to establish democratic control over the institutions of war and to secure independence and dignity for people in the ranks.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

May 29, 1932: Betrayed Veterans March On Washington DC



The St. Louis contingent of the Bonus Expeditionary Force is pictured here as it starts for Washington, D.C., in May 1932.

Carl Bunin Peace History May 28-June 3

In the depths of the Great Depression, the “Bonus Expeditionary Force,” a group of 1,000 World War I veterans seeking cash payments for their veterans’ bonus certificates, arrived in Washington, D.C.

By mid-June, they had set up a massive “Hooverville,” a contemporary term for an encampment of the homeless.

One month later, other veteran groups made their way to the nation’s capital, swelling the Bonus Marchers to nearly 20,000 strong, most of them unemployed veterans in difficult financial straits.

In direct violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, they were violently disbanded by the Army in July.

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**Welcome To The Occupied
USA:
F.B.I. Plans And Stupid F.B.I.
Interview Questions Discovered In
Raided Activist's Home:
Stupid F.B.I. Agents Accidentally Left
Them Behind After The Raid;
"Have You Ever Taken Steps To
Overthrow The United States
Government? What Do You Think Of**

Terrorist Groups? Do You Support Them?"

"The bottom line is this: there can be no justification for the raid in the first place, and still less for it to be done by agents smashing doors and wielding machine guns. This is a recipe for people getting hurt or killed.

05/18/2011 By Maureen Clare Murphy, Electronic Intifada [Excerpts]

Activists in the Twin Cities today announced at a press conference that they were releasing a recently-found document that was left behind by federal agents when they raided Mick Kelly and Linden Gawboy's Minneapolis home on 24 September 2010.

The FBI confirmed to the Associated Press that the documents appear to be authentic and were accidentally left behind during the raid.

The Committee to Stop FBI Repression said in a statement:

"FBI agents, who raided the home of Mick Kelly and Linden Gawboy, took with them thousands of pages of documents and books, along with computers, cell phones and a passport.

"By mistake, they also left something behind; the operation plans for the raid, 'Interview questions' for anti-war and international solidarity activists, duplicate evidence collection forms, etc.

"The file of secret FBI documents was accidently mixed in with Gawboy's files, and was found in a filing cabinet on April 30. We are now releasing them to the public."

The investigation has so far targeted 23 activists — several homes in the Twin Cities and Chicago were raided on 24 September 2010 and 14 activists were subpoenaed that month.

After they refused to testify before a grand jury, nine more activists — all of them active in the Palestinian community or involved in Palestine solidarity work — in Chicago were subpoenaed, including myself (I believe I have been subpoenaed because of my solidarity organizing in Chicago, not because of my work with The Electronic Intifada). All 23 of us have refused to testify before the grand jury.

Last week we reported that bank accounts of one of the targeted activists, Palestinian community organizer Hatem Abudayyeh, and his wife were frozen but restored after a flood of phone calls were made to protest the move.

Taken as a whole, the secret FBI file shows the willful disregard for the rights of anti-war and international solidarity activists — particularly the first amendment rights to freedom of speech and association. The documents make it clear that legal activity in solidarity with the peoples of Colombia and Palestine is being targeted. The documents use McCarthy-era language, which gives one the feel that the 1950s red scare has returned.

And finally, the documents show the chilling plans for the armed raid that took place at the home of Kelly and Gawboy on September 24, 2010.

The documents show that public advocacy for the people of Colombia was the genesis of the FBI investigation.

The 'Operations Order' for the FBI SWAT Team states "The captioned case was initially predicated on the activities of Meredith Aby and Jessica Rae Sundin in support of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, a U.S. State Department designated foreign terrorist organization (FTO), to include their travel to FARC controlled territory."

While we have no way of knowing if it was speaking tours or educational events on Colombia that got them so riled up, there is something we can state with certainty: There is nothing illegal about traveling to Colombia, or visiting the areas where the FARC is in charge.

This is something that journalists, including U.S. journalists, do, and we have yet to hear of their doors being broken down.

Upon returning from Colombia, Aby and Sundin spoke at many public events about their experiences.

The FBI interview questions for Meredith Aby ask "1) Have you ever met Lilia (sic) Obando? 2) Where? 3) When? 4) Why?"

Liliana Obando is a well-known Colombian trade unionist who spoke in the Twin Cities at an event organized by the Anti-War Committee. She received a visa to travel in the U.S. from the U.S. government.

The FBI documents include 57 interview questions about Freedom Road Socialist Organization, the organization that some of those who were raided or subpoenaed to the Grand Jury are members of.

The questions include; "Are you a member?" "How many members are there?" "Who are the leaders?" And on and on and on. It is like pages of the calendar have been turned back 60 years.

The documents also show the amount of force used to raid the anti-war and social justice activists' home.

The committee says in the statement:

"In the documents, the 'Operations order' for FBI SWAT for "Operation Principal Parts" the raid on the Kelly/Gawboy home has the word "DANGEROUS" in underlined bold type at the top of the page.

"FBI agents were told to bring assault rifles, machine guns and two extra clips of ammunition for each of their side arms. Two paramedics were to stand by in the event of casualties.

“Other documents include photos of Kelly and Gawboy, as well as pictures of stairs leading to their front door and the front door itself.

“What transpired on September 24 was this. Gawboy was awoken by the FBI pounding on the door.

“When she stated she wanted to see the search warrant, agents used a battering ram on the door, breaking the hardware and shattering a fish tank in the process.

“Gawboy was taken down the front steps in her nightgown while the FBI swat team entered her home.

“The justification for this armed home invasion is given in the ‘Operations plan’ – ‘Kelly is believed to be the owner of an unknown number of firearms which may be at his residence...’

“Kelly, who learned to shoot while in Boy Scouts, owns guns – just like a lot of Minnesotans.

“The ‘Operation Plan’ also claims that Kelly ‘offered to provide weapons training’ – an outright lie that originated with the police infiltrator ‘Karen Sullivan’ or a fiction writer at the FBI office.”

Those of us who have been ensared in this fishing expedition have claimed from the beginning that activists are being targeted for organizing in opposition to US foreign policy in the Middle East and South America, and because of first-amendment activity like travel and association.

The interview questions confirm that this is the focus.

Imagine being asked any of the following questions — all listed in the document — knowing that if you are not able to answer them completely, you could be vulnerable to perjury or contempt-type charges (emphasis mine):

“Have you, anyone from FRSO (Freedom Road Socialist Organization), *or anyone you know*, ever traveled to South America?”

“Have you, anyone else from FRSO, *or anyone you know*, ever traveled to the Middle East? Gaza? West Bank? Israel?”

And some questions are just incredible, like:

“Have you ever taken steps to overthrow the United States government?”

“What is your husband’s immigration status?”

“What do you think of terrorist groups? Do you support them?”

“Have you ever recruited fighters to the FRSO?”

As the Committee to Stop FBI Repression concluded in its statement today:

“The bottom line is this: there can be no justification for the raid in the first place, and still less for it to be done by agents smashing doors and wielding machine guns. This is a recipe for people getting hurt or killed.

“The events of September 24 and the ongoing grand jury are not about ‘material support of terrorism,’ as any normal person would understand it.

“What is happening is this: anti-war and international solidarity activists are being targeted for practicing our rights to speak out and organize. We have done nothing wrong. Our activism is making this world a better place.”

CLASS WAR REPORTS



Class War Egypt:

“There Is Huge Resentment Among The Working Class About The Neoliberal Policies Which Have Impoverished Them Over The Past 20 Years, And The Struggle For Change Will Be A Dramatic One”

20 May 2011 By Jack Shenker, Guardian News and Media Limited [Excerpts]

On almost every other street corner and faded downtown residential block you can find political meetings taking place; DJs sitting down with bearded Islamists and striking train-drivers to thrash out what kind of country citizens want to build.

"With Mubarak gone the true character of the Egyptian people is revealing itself," said Nour Ayman Nour, a pro-change youth activist. "Now people are talking – for the first time when you go into a cafe the TV is not only showing football or music videos, but rather al-Jazeera and the other news channels."

Although that gap has hardly closed, those who wish to wield influence in post-Mubarak Egypt must pay lip-service at least to the demands of the people.

Presidential contenders Mohamed ElBaradei and Amr Moussa initially rejected the idea of Mubarak going on trial; now, after popular pressure, both endorse it.

Within Egypt few are rosy-eyed about the tentative progress so far in the battle to move on.

A culture of legal impunity for those charged with maintaining law and order is proving stubbornly resilient: even as Mubarak's sons are locked up in Cairo's notorious Tora jail, where their father will soon join them, dozens of peaceful pro-democracy protesters remain incarcerated in the same building.

They were placed there by military generals who claim they are overseeing Egypt's transition to democracy, victims again of a top-down condemnation of "instability".

"As long as there is hope, nothing is impossible," the young prisoners wrote in a letter to Heba Morayef, a local human rights activist.

The backbone of Mubarak's rule, his all-encompassing and western-funded security apparatus, is also unlikely to fade away any time soon.

A rebranding exercise has taken place but a vetting process for the new national security agency which may keep out those state security officers responsible for arbitrary detentions and torture under the regime is yet to be properly implemented or made public.

VOICES FROM THE REVOLUTION: THE JOURNALIST:

The revolution was against the Mubarak regime, but all we've managed to do so far is remove Mubarak himself. The ones running the country now are Mubarak's generals who were the backbone of his dictatorship from day one.

Many are therefore disappointed with Egypt's progress – me less so, because I never had high expectations from an army takeover.

But two things have changed which give me hope. The first is that mass strikes are continuing.

The second is that workers have taken the step of establishing independent trade unions, which I believe are the silver bullet for any dictatorship.

Attempts are already under way by middle-class activists to place limits on this revolution and ensure it remains only within the realm of formal political institutions.

Look at Wael Ghonim's famous tweet following Mubarak's overthrow saying "mission accomplished". I have a lot of respect for Ghonim but he represents a certain type of middle-class politics where the sentiment is "thank you, now go back to work, don't make trouble and invest 100% of your energies into building the new Egypt".

The army and the media echo this line, portraying striking workers as greedy and self-interested.

A middle-class activist can return to his executive job after they think the revolution is over, but you can't ask a public transport worker who has spent 20 years in service and is getting paid only 189 Egyptian pounds (£19.50) a month to return to work and tell his starving kids "the military has told us to stop making trouble, everything will be sorted out once we have a civilian government in the future".

In every single institution there is a mini-Mubarak, a figure from the old state security regime, who needs to be overthrown.

These guys are the counter-revolution – maybe the counter-revolution is not clearly organised with a specific command structure, but you have to assume that everyone who belonged to the old regime is going to try to defend their privileges, and much of the malaise in Egypt is down to that.

There is huge resentment among the working class about the neoliberal policies which have impoverished them over the past 20 years, and the struggle for change will be a dramatic one.

No doubt the western powers and Arab Gulf monarchs who are already deeply unhappy at what they see taking place in Egypt will be even more dismayed at this.

But however much pressure they put on the junta, the pressure of the street can be stronger. The Egyptian people are vigilant about their own revolution.

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