

## Military Resistance 9E25

OSAMA IS DEAD. BUT WE'RE STILL IN AFGHANISTAN.  
(NOT THAT ANYONE THOUGHT HE WAS THERE.)

### **WHY WE CAN'T LEAVE AFGHANISTAN**



## IRAQ WAR REPORTS

### Parents Of Medical Lake Soldier Killed In Iraq: "Cliff Is At Peace"

May 24, 2011 by Cole Heath and KREM.com

MEDICAL LAKE, Wash. -- The parents of a Medical Lake soldier killed in Iraq over the weekend told KREM 2 News their son "loved the Army" and he died "doing what he wanted to do."

Sgt. 1st Class Cliff Beattie, 37, died May 22 in Baghdad.

The Department of Defense said Beattie died from wounds when "enemy forces attacked (his) unit with an improvised explosive device."

“We have our calm moments,” said Victor Beattie, Cliff’s father. “We can feel his spirit here at times letting us know he’s okay.”

Beattie was a 1991 graduate of Medical Lake High School.

He has two children, one of whom will graduate from high school in three weeks. Beattie’s wife also serves in the Army.

“We have a strong faith,” said Cliff’s mother, Rhonda Beattie. “We know Cliff’s at peace.”

Beattie spent 17 years in the Army and was on his third tour of duty of Iraq.

Beattie died the same day he participated in a fun run to honor fallen soldiers.

Beattie was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division of Fort Riley, Kan.

He died supporting Operation New Dawn in Iraq.

A 19-year-old private from Ontario, CA also died in the attack.

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## **U.S. Patrol Attacked In Kut: Casualties Not Announced**

May 30 (Reuters)

KUT - An explosive charge went off as a U.S. military patrol was passing in Kut, a city 150 km (95 miles) southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said, adding no other details were immediately available.

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## **Resistance Action:**

May 29 (Reuters) & May 30 (Reuters)

MOSUL - Two policemen were killed at a checkpoint in the western part of the city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, a local police source said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeted the convoy of Mosul Province Governor Atheel al-Nujaifi south of Mosul city, a local police source said. One vehicle was damaged but there were no casualties.

MOSUL - A sticky bomb attached to a car carrying army Major General Khalid al-Ubaidi, a previous nominee for the position of defence minister, wounded the officer and his

security guard in the north of Mosul city, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, a local security official said. Ubaidi had been one of the names initially proposed by the Iraqiya party in Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's coalition government for the post of defence minister, but his name was later withdrawn.

BAGHDAD - A police lieutenant was wounded when a bomb attached to a car went off in a southeastern part of the capital, according to a security source.

MASHAHIDAH - Armed men killed an off-duty policeman in Mashahidah, 20 km (12 miles), north of Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Two bombs that exploded in quick succession near a liquor shop killed one civil defence worker and wounded six other people, including four Iraqi soldiers in Abu Ghraib on the western outskirts of Baghdad, police said. The second bomb went off after army and civil defence personnel had gathered in response to the first blast.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATIONS</b></p>
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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

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

May 30, 2011 CNN

Two foreign service members died after an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan.

The nationalities of the service members were not immediately released.

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### **Foreign Occupation Soldier Killed By Afghan Soldier Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan:**

# Nationality Not Announced

May 30, 2011 CNN

An Afghan soldier shot and killed a foreign soldier Monday in southern Afghanistan, high-ranking officials from the country's National Directorate for Security said.

Afghan officials confirmed that the man was an Afghan soldier.

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## Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed In Helicopter Crash Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

May 30, 2011 AP

A foreign servicemember died following a helicopter hard landing in southern Afghanistan today. The cause of the hard landing is unknown and under investigation.

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## New Philadelphia Marine Killed In Afghanistan

May 28, 2011 By Kathy Vaughan, Cantonrep.com

NEW PHILADELPHIA — Marine Lance Corporal Peter Clore, 23, of New Philadelphia, who died Saturday while on duty in Afghanistan, is remembered as a young man with a strong faith and a commitment to his country and family.

He is a son of Chris and Cliff Clore, and has two younger brothers and a sister. A 2006 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High in New Philadelphia, Clore visited there shortly before his deployment, TCC Principal Dave DiDonato said. At a recent assembly, students and staff prayed for his safety in Afghanistan.

According to a news release, Clore was a dog handler and leading a unit in seeking out improvised explosive devices when he was shot by small-arms fire. The Clores were notified Saturday morning that their son was pronounced dead about 12 a.m.

“I can’t believe it. He was a great kid,” DiDonato said.

“He was a friend to everybody, and friendly to everyone. He’s going to be really missed.”

DiDonato said Clore is expected to be remembered today at commencement in Tuscarawas Central Catholic High, where, as a senior, he received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Carl Stoller American Legion Post in New Philadelphia. Clore's brother, George, is a 2009 graduate and sister, Sarah, is a junior.

A dedicated volunteer at his parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Philadelphia, he frequently was an altar server at funerals and was active in the youth ministry. His senior year, he won the Bishop Herrmann Service Award for outstanding service to school and community and was recognized as a church usher, Eucharistic minister, teen choir member and vacation Bible school instructor. He volunteered with the Special Olympics and at Central Catholic earned a district championship in wrestling at 112 pounds.

After high school, he studied for a time at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and later joined the Marines.

Arrangements are pending with the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home & Crematory in New Philadelphia.

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## Five Italian Soldiers Wounded In Herat

30 May (ANSA) & By Laura King, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

Rome

Bomb attacks in the western Afghan city of Herat killed four Afghan police officers on Monday and left five Italian soldiers injured, one seriously, as well as a large number of civilians.

**A bomber rammed through the wall of an Italian base in a truck loaded with explosives before other Taliban insurgents opened fire. There were also attacks on two other sites in the city.**

"Five Italians were injured in the attack at Herat," Defence Minister Ignazio La Russa told a press conference at the Senate here.

The minister said the most seriously wounded was "a captain who was hit in the abdomen... At the moment I wouldn't want to consider them all out of danger, even though there is encouraging news".

**Italy has about 3,800 soldiers in Afghanistan, and — as is the case in many troop-contributing NATO nations — the war is an unpopular one, increasingly cropping up in domestic political debate.**

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## REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: ALL HOME NOW



US Army flight medic left, and an unidentified United States Marine help a Marine who was wounded in an insurgent attack to a waiting medevac helicopter from the US Army's Task Force Lift 'Dust Off' at a 'hot' landing zone under fire north of Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, May 15, 2011. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



U.S. troops at the site of an explosion in Kandahar city May 19, 2011.  
REUTERS/Ahmad Nadeem

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

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



The remains of Army Pfc. Ramon Mora Jr. of Ontario, Calif., at Dover Air Force Base, Del., on May 24, 2011. Mora died of wounds when insurgent forces in Iraq attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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### **Veterans In California Prison Get Their Own Unit: And County Joe Pays Them A Call**



Navy Veteran Country Joe performing Fixin' To Die Rag at Woodstock, August 1969

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

April 20, 2011 By Judith Coburn, Berkeleyside

“Cleared for the F— cheer!” trumpeted an email the night before Country Joe McDonald was to go to jail.

He’d already been convicted of lewd and lascivious behavior for leading a crowd in the fuck cheer in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1965.

But now it is 2011 in San Francisco. This time Country Joe had been invited to entertain prisoners at the San Bruno jail by none other than San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessey.

But Ron Perez — who, like Country Joe, lives in Berkeley — is a Vietnam veteran and worked for Hennessey for over 30 years, and he wanted to make sure the fuck cheer was kosher. “We are trying to teach these guys some pro-social skills,” Perez explained.

But Hennessey ruled: “Free speech!”

Country Joe’s a little tired of the fuck cheer.

He’d rather be remembered for his extensive cache of anti-war songs in which he hopes to span the chasm between anti-war civilians and the soldiers who fight in the one war after another American wages.

The “I feel like I’m Fixin’ to Die” rag, which made Country Joe and the Fish famous at Woodstock, was only the first.

Few folks know Country Joe is a Navy vet himself, although he didn’t serve in Vietnam.

He and Perez go back to the ‘70s when they both were activists in the anti-war veterans’ movement.

**Perez began working with veterans in the jail back then, and he and other jail workers have finally gotten permission for all the veterans at the jail to live together in a program called COVER. (Community of Veterans Engaged in Restoration).**

**There, vets can grapple with their war trauma in a community that understands and supports them in recovering from the PTSD, alcohol, drugs and violence are so often a legacy of war.**

Ron Perez had actually won Country Joe in an auction. Joe had donated a free concert to Swords To Plowshares for their Veterans’ Day banquet.

Perez, who is a founder of the veterans’ rights group, put in the highest bid. So Country Joe ended up entertaining the COVER troops in a kind of restorative postwar USO show last Friday.



Dressed for the occasion in a tie-dyed yellow and purple t-shirt, khakis, a denim jacket with a logo of the California Nurses' Association, and a baseball cap emblazoned "Beacon Sloop Club — Woody Guthrie," Joe Country piled into Perez's convertible for the ride from Berkeley to jail.

The San Bruno jail is improbably set down a winding road in rolling hills — hills that artist Richard Kamler once dotted with life-size plywood bison in an art installation called "Oh Give me a Home Where the Buffalo Roam," another of the Sheriff's off-beat gifts to his prisoners.

Inside, COVER's 42 veterans milled around in their orange jail suits (orange down to the socks and shoes), while Country Joe rounded up a chair and unpacked his acoustic guitar.

Flags on the walls with maps of war zones honored Vietnam, Iraq and Afghani veterans.

Aida McCray, COVER's head, explained to me that the program's "man alive" philosophy was one of "restorative justice" — the idea that the way to stop violence is for these men to learn forgiveness, accountability and a way to give back to those they may have hurt. "It's not just punishment, but an obligation to make things rights," she said.

The performance began with each veteran standing and giving his name, rank and unit he served with.

**Country Joe then said, "I'm not going to talk down to you by thanking you for your service. I used to think I felt closer to veterans than I did my family, but in a miracle of recovery I took off my uniform and became a civilian."**

Besides, he pointed out, "we have to live with civilians and they outnumber us." Many of the vets howled at this.

One of the vets just couldn't wait and yelled "Give me an F!" so they did the cheer with gusto. Then Country Joe told about how the cheer had originally been "F-I-S-H" until Chicken Hirsh had proposed changing it to fuck and that's how Country Joe and the Fish had been kicked off the Ed Sullivan show's schedule.

And he told about how Country Joe and the Fish got into the banana-peels-make-you-high farce, followed by the smoke-a-cigarette-through-a-green-pepper and other stories of bygone days, and even the vets from Afghanistan, who hadn't even been born back then, laughed.

Then Joe sang some haunting songs about war and recovery and told how he was almost 9 years sober, and the jail pod went quiet. The vets learned the chorus of one and sang along: "...feelin' a little bit better, feelin' a little bit better, than I was feelin' yesterday."

**But everyone yelled on the chorus "Go, go Johnny, Johnny Rambo" — and, when Country Joe finally struck up the fixin'-to-die rag, the vets roared.**

**Everyone seemed to know the words. Even the Sheriff.**

## **Fixin' To Die Rag: Woodstock 1969**

[It is absolutely impossible to hear this too many times.]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBdeCxJmcAo>

**[And Another At No Extra Charge]  
Fortunate Son:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7WtVJSJQaM&NR=1>

## **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**

**“The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point is to change it.”**

**-- Karl Marx, “Theses on Feuerbach”**

## **Another Scream**



Imperial White House 2005. Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: May 29, 2011  
Subject: Another Scream

### **Another Scream**

**Another U.S. Air Strike kills civilians in Afghanistan.  
5 girls murdered.  
7 boys murdered.  
2 women murdered.  
Everything will be investigated.  
Everything will be covered up.  
Everything will stay the same.  
Everything will happen again.**

**The reason the United States lost the Vietnam War, was because the vast majority of the population that lived in what was called South Vietnam, did not support the Saigon puppet government that the United States put in power.**

**When I left Vietnam in September 1971, the vast majority of the Vietnamese people hated Americans. The South Vietnamese government was infiltrated with thousands of Viet Cong sympathizers that worked around the clock to destroy U.S. Imperialism.**

**Right now,  
in this moment,  
95% of the Afghanistan people hate Americans.  
“The Scream,”  
is coming home to America.  
You  
reap  
what  
you  
sow.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
May 29, 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**

**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.”  
Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

# Does It Matter?



Siegfried Sassoon at the Fourth Army School, May 1916. Collections.iwm.org.uk

Educated at Marlborough College and Clare College, Cambridge. Enlisted into the Royal Welch Fusiliers with rank of Lieutenant, where he met Robert Graves.

**An exceptionally courageous officer, he developed strong pacifist opinions as the war developed, finally sending an official protest against its continuation - and act which caused him to be sent to Craiglockart Hospital, Scotland, for psychiatric treatment.**

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By Siegfried Sassoon, 1918

## Does It Matter?

**Does it matter?—losing your leg?  
For people will always be kind,  
And you need not show that you mind  
When the others come in after hunting  
To gobble their muffins and eggs.**

**Does it matter?—losing your sight? ...  
There's such splendid work for the blind;  
And people will always be kind,  
As you sit on the terrace remembering  
And turning your face to the light.**

**Do they matter?—those dreams from the pit? ...  
You can drink and forget and be glad,  
And people won't say that you're mad;  
For they'll know that you've fought for your country,  
And no one will worry a bit.**

[Thanks to David McReynolds for posting.]

### 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### June 1913: A Heroine In Action: Elizabeth Gurley Flynn



Cover illustration by Arthur Machia for *The Rebel Girl*. Words & Music by Joe Hill (Ithaca, NY: Glad Day Press, 1940, c1915).

## **“The Rebel Girl” In Person**



**Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, June 1913, speaking against capitalism and for working class revolution to a mass audience**

**Joe Hill dedicated his song “The Rebel Girl” to her a few months before he was executed November 19, 1915 by firing squad in Utah for organizing workers to join labor unions affiliated with Industrial Workers Of The World.**

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## **THE STUPID REPORT**

### **Typical Political Stupid**

From the Net: May 29, 2011 [Excerpts]

“Well folks, there’s good news, and there’s bad news in America today.

“The good news is that people seem to be waking up just a bit to what’s being done to them.

“The bad news is that it really is just a bit that they’re waking up.

“Very few people will be voting for Obama in 2012, even though he’ll get lots of votes.”

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**Comment: T**

**A typical smug, condescending elitist at work.**

**The overwhelming majority of Americans oppose the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, want public healthcare for all, say that the government is owned by**

the wealthy and used against the rest of us, hate the bailout of the bankers, so this fool whines on about “just a bit” of waking up going on.

People who write this kind of crap have given up on everybody but themselves, and whatever few followers they have. Their blathering serves no useful purpose.

The writer identifies himself as a “professor of international relations.” What a surprise. Posing importantly in front of a room full of students who dare not tell you how backward and ill-informed you are can lead to a fat head.

In this case, also an empty one.

See the last sentence above.

And see the next article, which reports facts, not oral diarrhea.

MORE:

**“By 1994, 76% Expressed This  
Profound Distrust Of The  
Government, While A Mere 19%  
Still Clung To The Belief That They  
Lived In A Representative  
Democracy”**

**“Today All Across The Political  
Spectrum There Is General  
Agreement That The Government Is  
Not To Be Trusted”**

**“The Change In Opinion Has Not Turned  
Out To Be Temporary”**

Excerpts from *Vietnam And Other American Fantasies*; H. Bruce Franklin; University Of Massachusetts Press; Amherst, 2000



By late 1972, well over half of those polled believed that the government was run by a few big interests, and just slightly over one third (37.7 percent) still thought that the government was run for the benefit of all.

So during the years of active U.S. warfare in Vietnam, the almost unchallenged prewar belief that America was truly a representative democracy had evidently become the opinion of a relatively small minority of Americans.

This reversal in Americans' view of their government became even more overwhelming as the Saigon regime — established, financed, armed, and controlled by Washington — was utterly destroyed between 1973 and April 1975.

Even before they watched on TV the panic-stricken collapse of the Saigon army and the frenzied helicopter airlift from the abandoned U.S. embassy in Saigon, two thirds of Americans had already decided that their government was run by a few big interests (see Table 2).

The change in opinion has not turned out to be temporary. By 1994, 76 percent expressed this profound distrust of the government, while a mere 19 percent still clung to the belief that they lived in a representative democracy.

Can one imagine, for example, members of any postwar movement singing these words from a popular prewar civil rights song: "The Government is behind us, we shall not be moved"?

No, today all across the political spectrum there is general agreement that the government is not to be trusted.

**So one consequence of decades of official denial is the common belief that whatever the government denies may be true, and the more the government denies, the more likely it is deceiving. This may be the most conspicuous, and probably the least unhealthy, legacy of denial.**

TABLE 1. Government run by few big interests or for benefit of all? (1958–1972)

	1958*	1964	1966	1968	1970	1972	1972
						(Pre-election)	(Post-election)
Few big interests	17.6%	28.6%	33.3%	39.5%	40.8%	48.8%	53.3%
For benefit of all	76.3	64.0	53.2	51.2	50.1	43.7	37.7
Other, depends	1.0	4.0	6.3	4.8	5.0	2.5	2.5
Don't know	5.1	3.5	7.2	4.5	4.1	5.1	6.5

Source: University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies, election surveys.<sup>34</sup>

\*Question in 1958 was: "Do you think that the high-up people in government give everyone a fair break whether they are big shots or just ordinary people, or do you think some of them pay more attention to what the big interests want?"

TABLE 2. Is the government run for the benefit of all? (1974-1996)

Question: "Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?"

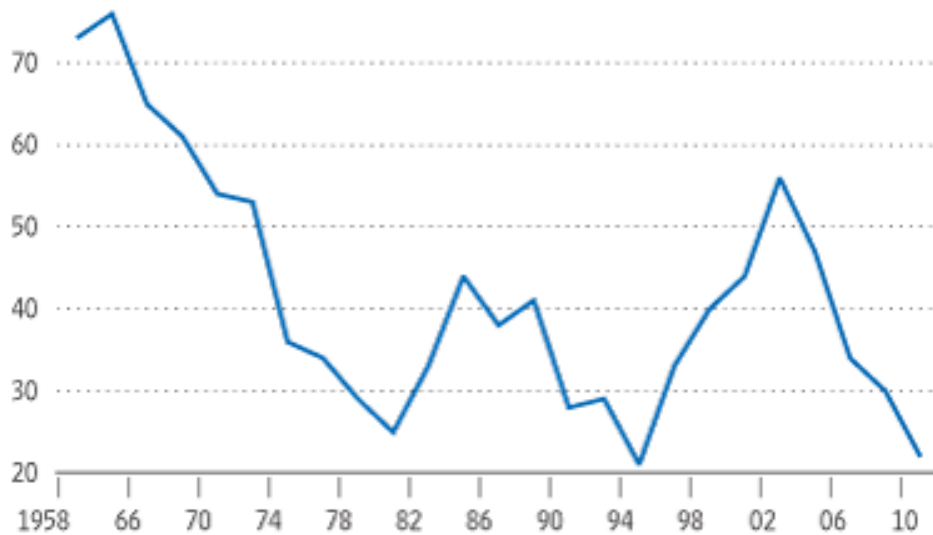
	1974	1976	1978	1980	1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996
Few big interests	66%	66%	67%	70%	61%	55%	--	64%	71%	75%	76%	70%
Benefit of all	25	24	24	21	29	39	--	31	24	20	19	27
Don't know, depends	9	10	9	9	10	6	--	5	5	4	5	3

Source: The National Election Studies, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. Electronic resources from the NES World Wide Web site ([www.umich.edu/~nes](http://www.umich.edu/~nes)). Table generated May 10, 1998.

**MORE:**

**Public Trust in Government, 1958 to 2010**

People who say they trust government just about always or most of the time



Source: Pew Research Center

Wall Street Journal APRIL 22, 2010.

**OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**The Young Will Never Forget, And  
Will One Day Return:  
“We Sat Under A Fig Tree, And My  
Grandmother Smiled And  
Remembered When She Used To  
Play With Her Friends, Decades Ago”  
“Her Memories Dated Back To 1948”**



Beit Jibrin (photo courtesy of Merna Alazzeah)

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

19 May 2011 By Merna Alazzeah, The Electronic Intifada

**“The old will die and the young will forget” — this was the prediction of Israel’s first prime minister, David Ben Gurion.**

**Sixty-three years later, I still wonder what made him think so. Would the Jewish masses — or indeed any of the other millions of people who suffered the Holocaust — ever forget?**

**As far as I know, having lived in al-Azzeah refugee camp for most of my life, there has always been much space even in the narrow alleys of the camp for the**

**collective memory of Israeli massacres, systematic displacement and ethnic cleansing.**

These images are imprinted in the minds of Palestinian refugees both young and old.

I never forget that in the spring of 2003 my grandmother and I “went back” to our destroyed village, Beit Jibrin.

We managed to get there despite the checkpoints and the high level of Israeli security; it wasn't easy even though the actual distance that separates my refugee camp from the village is less than an hour's drive.

Mine is the smallest West Bank camp, covering only 0.02 square kilometres. The camp's original residents came from Beit Jibrin, on the western hills of Hebron.

I'd been to Beit Jibrin a few times before but never with my grandmother.

I walked behind her climbing up a hill in the village. She seemed much stronger and able to walk faster than I remembered. She knew where exactly we were going, as if she was there yesterday.

We sat under a fig tree, and my grandmother smiled and remembered when she used to play with her friends, decades ago.

She said, “It's the same tree, a little bit different now; it's been more than fifty years after all. Nonetheless, it is the same tree.”

My head was saturated with thoughts; she must have whispered some of her childhood secrets to the old tree.

She didn't say much but the sadness in her eyes said it all.

We smiled and stayed seated, listening to birds singing and breathing in as much of the village's fresh air as possible as if we had never drawn breath before.

This is, after all, the village I have been raised to understand is mine.

Her memories dated back to 1948.

She was nearly ten years old. Despite her young age, she remembered. She remembered her school, the lovely summer evenings she spent with her family in the village. She remembered the harvest time and traveling to Haifa and Yaffa (Jaffa) with her dad to sell their produce.

She also remembered the nights when the peaceful village was first attacked.

“We never saw a fighter jet before,” she said. Maybe they had, I thought, but I'm sure it wasn't the same sight as the one that was now spreading death and fear into people's hearts in 1948.

This was the same year that witnessed the expulsion of approximately 750,000 of the native Palestinian population from their homes and villages. So far, to this day, they have never been able to return.

Sixty-three years since, and despite the numerous United Nations resolutions and world condemnations, Israel's impunity still prevails.

No justice has been achieved as Palestinian refugees are yet to see the implementation of UN Resolution 242 that clearly affirms "a just settlement of the refugee problem" as well as Resolution 194, which states that "refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbors should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date."

As much as these resolutions have been alive in my grandmother's memory, they are also imprinted in refugees' consciousness, whether they are acquainted with international law or not.

Every Palestinian refugee resolutely believes in the right to live in the town or village from where they originate, and indeed from which they and their families have been uprooted by force.

My grandmother passed away last year in March in the refugee camp.

However, her dream of returning to Beit Jibrin is still alive and I deeply believe that she is in a place where borders do not exist.

Her soul is finally free of the shackles of ethnic division, and she is able to hover over Palestine and our beloved village — our home — Beit Jibrin.

She might be whispering secrets to the fig and olive trees there right now. Her dreams of return are still alive.

I will never forget her nor will I forget her passion when talking about the village.

I will always make sure I pass her dreams and aspirations to the coming generations.

This, I believe, is a promise that each refugee has made consciously or unconsciously until the return and the full realization of our rights.

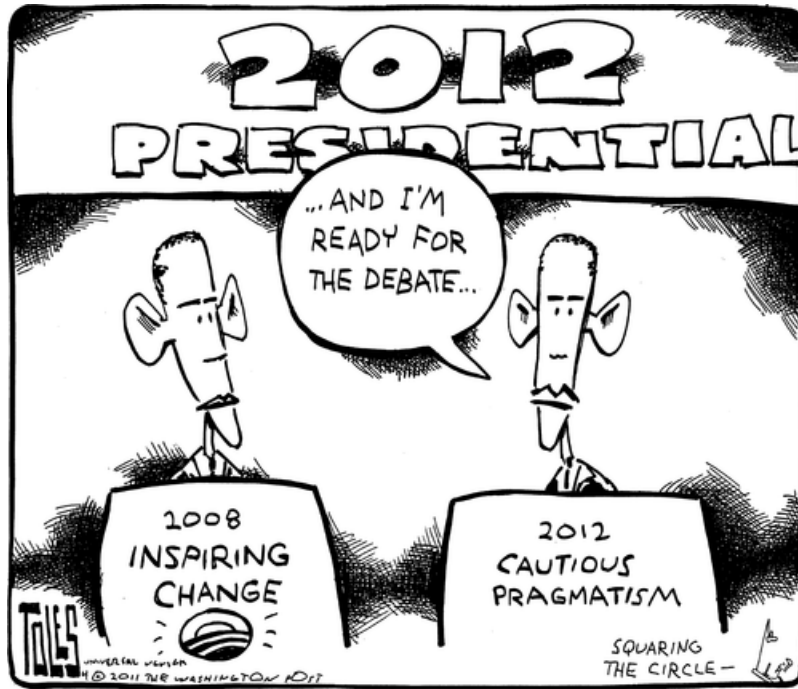
We will never forget my village and all the ethnically-cleansed Palestinian villages, as the memory remains in the heart and soul of all Palestinians.

For us, the old may well die, but the young will never forget.

**[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org) The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]**

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# DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



# CLASS WAR REPORTS



# **“Thousands” Of Moroccans Demonstrate Against The Dictatorship; Frightened Regime Attacks**

[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

May 29, 2011 AP

CASABLANCA, Morocco — Club wielding Moroccan police riding motorcycles drove into crowds of thousands of demonstrators in the country's largest city to disperse a protest by pro-democracy activists on Sunday.

A similar protest organized by the pro-reform February 20 movement in the capital's twin city of Sale on Sunday also was violently disrupted, as was a demonstration in front of parliament a day earlier.

With a hand-picked commission set to recommend amendments to the constitution as part of King Mohammed VI's own reform process, authorities are showing no tolerance for demonstrations by activists.

“What we want is freedom, dignity and democracy, as well as a decent standard of living,” said Omar, a civil servant who tried to take part in the Casablanca protests before it was dispersed.

“We want a democratic, popular constitution,” he said, as opposed to one designed by appointees of the king, said Omar, who only gave his first name to protect his security as a government worker taking part in a pro-reform movement.

Phalanxes of police motorcycles cruised through the main roads and back streets of Casablanca's lower income Sbata neighborhood, scattering any attempts by the protesters to regroup.

Heavily armored riot police were also deployed throughout the neighborhood blocking streets to cars and discouraging people from congregating in large groups. There were no official reports of the number of injured.

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## **Class War Greece:**

# **“Everything Was Coming Up Roses. And Then The Banks Took It All Away From Us”**

## **“There Will Be An Earthquake Instead And Blood Will Be Spilt”**

May 16, 2011 LONDON THOMAS Jr., New York Times [Excerpts]

With headlines shouting of credit rating downgrades, panicky Greeks are taking their money from banks. Greece lost 40 billion euros of deposits last year, and bankers say withdrawals have increased recently.

Social workers and municipal officials in Athens report that there has been a 25 percent increase in homelessness. At the main food kitchen in Athens, 3,500 people a day come seeking food and clothing, up from about 100 people a day when it first opened 10 years ago.

The average age of those who show up is now 47, down from 60 two years ago, adding to evidence that those who are suffering now are former professionals. The unemployment rate for men 30 to 60 years old has spiked to 10 percent from 4 percent since the crisis began in 2008.

Evidence of the emotional and social shock was abundant in Athens last week. Even as I.M.F. and European banking officials worked with Greek officials to hash out the contours of a second bailout package, a nicely dressed middle-aged woman with silver buckles on her shoes sifted through the garbage cans outside the five-star hotels where many of these officials were staying.

At dusk, riot police fired tear gas at rock-throwing protesters as tourists and workers on their way home took cover.

**Laid off construction workers have holed up in abandoned villas.**

**A security guard fired by one of the many downsizing Greek companies said he had spent the last year sleeping in the back seat of his battered hatchback.**

**And a chef trained in the premier cooking school in Athens spent 18 months sleeping on park benches after the restaurant where he worked eliminated his job. A homeless charity recently gave him shelter.**

While aid workers refer to these people as a new generation of homeless, the Greek government does not officially recognize the homeless as a social category in need of assistance, says Anta Alamanu, who runs a privately financed shelter for Klimaka, the social services group.



As a result there are no government-supported homeless shelters as they exist in other parts of Europe or in the United States.

When Kostas DeLazaris, 47, lost his tourism job on the island of Corfu in 2007, he joined a construction firm in Athens, only to lose that job 10 months ago as the once-buoyant building industry ground to a halt.

Now he sleeps on the floor in an abandoned house, sharing the space with two Greek women and a family of Bangladeshi immigrants.

"That is a dead end," he said. "There will be an earthquake instead and blood will be spilt."

"This is an explosive situation, and there could well be violence," said Stefanos Manos, a former economy minister who has advocated more aggressive spending cuts. "Especially as those who lost their jobs were earning 50 percent less than those who kept them."

Greece may well get the assistance, with strings attached, of course. But whether that will help lift Anargyros D. out of his despondency remains unclear. At age 41, [Anargyros D.] lives off his father's monthly pension of 962 euros, which is down from 1,500 euros a year ago, and he must borrow money for the bus from his home in the Peloponnese region to his counseling sessions in Athens.

"Everything was coming up roses," he said, mashing a cigarette into the ashtray before him. "And then the banks took it all away from us."

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