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Resistance Attack In Force Spoils U.S. Military-Sponsored Afghanistan “Security Meeting” “The Dead Included 16 Government Employees And Six Police” “A Concrete Water Tank Inside The Compound Was Filled With Blood”

8.14.11 Reuters

PARWAN, Afghanistan - Taliban bombers killed at least 22 people in a bold attack on a governor's compound in central Afghanistan during a security meeting Sunday, officials said, with gunbattles and several blasts heard before the assault was put down.

A Reuters witness and others nearby reported hearing at least five explosions as Afghan security forces inside the compound of Parwan governor Abdul Basir Salangi fought back.



The damaged building inside governor's compound in Parwan provincial capital of Charikar, some 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 14, 2011. A team of six bombers launched a coordinated assault on a provincial governor's compound in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing 19 people in the latest high-profile attack to target prominent Afghan government officials. (AP Photo/ Ahmad Jamshid)

Afghanistan's Interior Ministry said 22 people were killed and 34 wounded.

The dead included 16 government employees and six police, it said in a statement.

Parwan lies about an hour's drive northwest of the capital, Kabul, another worrying sign of the reach of the Taliban and other insurgents.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the Parwan attack. Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the Islamist group, said the assault began when a car bomber detonated his explosives at the gate of the compound.

He said five other bombers made it inside the compound, where U.S. officials were taking part in a meeting.

"Many people were killed, including Americans, but we still don't have the exact information," Mujahid said by telephone from an undisclosed location.

The twisted wreckage of what appeared to have been the car bomb lay outside the gate of the compound as Afghan police and soldiers swarmed around the scene.

Sharafuddin Rahimi, an adviser to the Parwan police chief, said a meeting involving the police chief, the governor "and some foreign advisers" was under way when the attack was launched but said the attackers did not reach the meeting room.

Reuters Television pictures showed the bodies of some of those killed lying huddled behind what was left of their desks amid the debris of destroyed outer offices in the compound. A concrete water tank inside the compound was filled with blood.

Reuters pictures showed an unidentified Afghan policeman stomping on the head of one of the dead attackers.

Reuters Television showed Salangi talking on the phone as officials rushed anxiously around his office. In the middle of the raid, he told Afghan TV his forces were fighting back.



Destruction caused at the compound of the governor of Parwan province in Charikar, August 14, 2011. REUTERS/Omar Sobhani



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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

August 14, 2011 Reuters

A foreign servicemember died following an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

1 RIFLES Soldier Killed In Shaparak

14 Aug 11 Ministry of Defence

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce the death of a soldier from 1st Battalion The Rifles on Friday 12 August 2011.

The soldier was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device while on a patrol in the Shaparak area of the Nahr-e Saraj (South) District of Helmand Province.

Spokesman for Task Force Helmand, Major Rolf Kurth, said:

“It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of a soldier from 1st Battalion The Rifles in the Shaparak area of the Nahr-e Saraj District of Helmand Province today.

“The soldier was part of a foot patrol promoting a local community engagement project when he was killed in an explosion. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this difficult time.”

Soldier From Daly City Killed In Afghanistan While Clearing Roadside Bombs

08/02/2011 By Neil Gonzales, San Jose Mercury News

Army Sgt. William GrossPaniagua worked one of the most dangerous jobs a soldier can perform -- he cleared roadside bombs.

On Sunday, the grim odds of that assignment caught up with him in the rugged, mountainous Kunar Province of northeastern Afghanistan. The 28-year-old Daly City resident died in the early morning hours when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle.

“Sgt. Gross' job was very difficult and oftentimes nerve-racking, but the importance of it was immeasurable,” Army spokesman Maj. David Eastburn said in an interview Tuesday from Afghanistan. “He made the roads safe for not only the U.S. military and Afghan security forces to travel but also the good people of Afghanistan. His dedication to his job and belief in the cause (are) something that will never be forgotten.” GrossPaniagua was part of a “route-clearance package” that removes IEDs from roads to allow humanitarian aid to pass through an area safely, Eastburn said.

He was driving a mine-resistant, ambush-protected armored vehicle when the bomb exploded, Eastburn said. Two other soldiers were injured.

Last year, CBS reported that roadside bombs posed the biggest threat to U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

According to the report, the makeshift explosives accounted for about 60 percent of military deaths there.

“The thing about what we do over here is that there are multiple threats at any given time,” Eastburn said. “A finance clerk or cook could be killed by an enemy mortar attack just as a pilot could be killed when a helicopter is shot down or a route-clearance package is hit with an IED.”

GrossPaniagua was a combat engineer and had just been promoted to sergeant, the military said. He belonged to Alpha Company, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division based at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

A grieving sibling answered the door Tuesday at his Daly City home, a two-story house off Mission Street that was still adorned with Christmas decorations.

“We just want people to pray for the whole family,” said a woman who identified herself as his sister but declined to give her name. “He was a good guy everybody loved. He was a sweet guy.”

The woman said her brother was born in Nicaragua and came to the U.S. when he was 9 years old.

She declined to talk further.

GrossPaniagua enlisted in the Army in 2005. At the time of his death he was on his third tour of duty, the military said.

His first two deployments were to Iraq.

He earned numerous military citations, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

GrossPaniagua is among a handful of soldiers from San Mateo County who have died while serving in Afghanistan or Iraq.

In December, Army Spc. Derek Simonetta, 21, of Redwood City, was killed when an insurgent bombed his unit in the Kandahar Province in southern Afghanistan.

In 2006, a mortar attack in Baghdad claimed Pfc. Angelo Zawaydeh, 19, of San Bruno.

More than 600 soldiers from California have died and nearly 4,100 have been wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Canyon Lake Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



Master Sgt. Benjamin A. Stevenson, 36, was a highly decorated soldier with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., according to an Army news release. Photo: Courtesy Photo / SA

July 24, 2011 By Melissa Ludwig, San Antonio Express News

A special operations soldier from Canyon Lake was killed in combat Thursday in Afghanistan's Paktika province in his 10th deployment overseas since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Master Sgt. Benjamin A. Stevenson, 36, was a highly decorated soldier with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., according to an Army news release.

Born in Albany, N.Y., Stevenson graduated from Smithson Valley High School in Spring Branch in 1993 and joined the Army that June.

He served in the infantry at Fort Bragg, and later as an aircraft power plant repairer with the 601st Aviation Support Battalion at Katterbach, Germany.

In 2000, Stevenson passed the Special Forces Qualification Course and joined the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Ky. He was a weapons and intelligence sergeant and deployed three times to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

In May 2006, Stevenson became part of a special operations team and deployed four more times to Iraq and twice more to Afghanistan.

During his career, he received training in jungle and mountain warfare, Russian language, air assault and free fall. His long list of commendations include the Bronze Star Medal (fifth award), a Meritorious Service Medal and a Joint Service Commendation Medal with Valor Device. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

A major operation occurred in Paktika province the day Stevenson was killed. On Thursday, the U.S. Defense Department reported that combined security forces killed more than 50 insurgents in Paktika province during a raid on a staging area for Haqqani network foreign fighters.

Defense officials blamed the network for several high-profile attacks against the Afghan government and citizens, including an attack on the Intercontinental Hotel in June.

Insurgents armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers, heavy machine guns and AK-47 rifles resisted security forces from caves. Security forces returned fire and called in airstrikes, and recovered stockpiles of weapons, ammunition and other military gear.

Neb. Guardsman Among Those Killed In Afghan Crash



This undated family photo shows Sgt. Patrick Hamburger, 30, of Grand Island, Neb. Hamburger was among 30 Americans killed when a U.S. military helicopter was shot down Friday, Aug. 5, 2011. Photo: Family Photo / AP

August 8, 2011 By TIMBERLY ROSS, Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A fallen Nebraska National Guard member had only been in Afghanistan a week or so before being killed in a military helicopter crash, his brother said Sunday.

Sgt. Patrick Hamburger, 30, of Grand Island, was among 30 Americans killed when a U.S. military helicopter was shot down Friday.

Military officials have not released the names of those killed, but Hamburger's family confirmed his death. They said he was a crew chief on his first deployment. A message left Sunday for the Nebraska National Guard wasn't immediately returned.

Chris Hamburger said his brother landed in Afghanistan less than two weeks ago and arrived at Forward Operating Base Shank a few days ago.

"He didn't have to go and he wanted to go because his group was getting deployed. He wanted to be there for them — that's him for you," Hamburger said, adding that Patrick always looked out for his two younger brothers and friends.

"It doesn't come as a total surprise that he was trying to help people and that's how it all ended up happening," he said.

The U.S. Navy SEALs and other troops whose helicopter was shot down had rushed to the mountainous area to help a U.S. Army Ranger unit that was under fire from insurgents, two U.S. officials said Sunday.

Chris Hamburger last spoke to his brother July 26, when he arrived in Afghanistan. He said his brother was joking around and didn't talk about his mission.

"He didn't want us to worry about it," he said.

Patrick Hamburger planned to propose to his girlfriend when he got home, his brother said. The couple has a 2-year-old daughter, and his girlfriend has a 13-year-old who Patrick has helped to raise for the past several years.

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

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

**WELCOME TO THE LONELY SIDE OF HELL:
ALL HOME NOW!**



U.S. Marine Cpl. Patrick Ducey, 21, of Garfield, N.J., with the 2nd Battalion 12th Marines based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, passes a marker warning of land mines July 30, 2011 in Kajaki, Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/David Goldman)...

MILITARY NEWS

**The Defeat Of The Afghanistan
Military Land War Strategy Leads To
Clutching At Gimmicks:
This Overblown Overhyped Special
Forces Gimmick Is A Fine Illustration Of
That**

[Thanks to Jeff S., who sent this in.]

The defeat of the Afghanistan military land war strategy leads to clutching at gimmicks. The overblown overhyped Special Forces gimmick is a fine illustration of that. T

14 August 2011 By John Grant, This Can't Be Happening [Excerpts]

What is the most powerful nation in the world with the largest, most expensive, most lethal military in the history of mankind to do when the good times turn bad, the money goes funny and class warfare breaks out on the homefront?

How does modern warfare in a nation-state system that evolved out of feudalism continue to evolve as new communication systems increase? What does modern warfare look like as that nation state system breaks down, to be replaced by a confusing, "globalized" world of power centers and power vacuums?

The answer for the United States seems to be a growing concentration on what is known as Special Operations, which includes Special Forces, Seals and a host of other lethal military forces that emphasize mobility, efficiency, secrecy and unaccountability.

The transition to this kind of secret hunter-killer warfare began with the ascendancy of General Stanley McChrystal to command in Afghanistan following his successes in Iraq at using Special Ops units to identify and kill insurgent leaders.

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



The remains of Hospitalman Riley Gallinger-Long Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Gallinger-Long, 19, of Cornelius, Ore., was killed Aug. 11, 2011 while conducting a dismounted patrol in the Marjah district, Helmand province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)...

**Veteran Found Abandoned In A
Wheelchair Near A Homeless
Shelter “Wearing Hospital
Pants, Carrying A Urine Bottle
And Screaming For Help” After
V.A. Cut Off His Toe:
“They ... Kicked Me Out,” They
Just Pushed Me Out.”
“According To City Prosecutors V.A.
Officials Blocked An Investigation
That Could Have Shed Light On
Whether There Were Other Similar
Incidents”
“An Unprecedented Interference With An
Investigation”**



James Boykin, 73. (August 14, 2011)

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

August 14, 2011 By Alexandra Zavis and Richard Winton, Los Angeles Times Staff Writers [Excerpts]

The graying veteran in a wheelchair was found in the parking lot of a Westside cold weather shelter wearing hospital pants, carrying a urine bottle and screaming for help.

Senior officials at the Los Angeles city attorney's office say they believe James Boykin was "dumped" Dec. 1 at the shelter after his toe was removed at the nearby Department of Veterans Affairs medical center because of a bone infection.

Moreover, according to city prosecutors, VA officials blocked an investigation that could have shed light on whether there were other similar incidents.

"This was an unprecedented interference with an investigation," said Jeffrey B. Isaacs, who heads the office's criminal and special litigation branch.

Three internal inquiries and an investigation by the VA's Office of Inspector General found no evidence that Boykin was sent to the shelter against his will or without the means and ability to care for himself.

For Boykin, there is no doubt.

"They ... kicked me out," he told The Times.

"I'm telling them, 'Hey, man, what's wrong with y'all? What are you going to discharge me for? Where am I going? They just pushed me out.'"

Vets make up close to one in five of the county's homeless.

The hospital was challenged before about the discharge of a homeless veteran.

Union Rescue Mission officials said they sent a barefoot veteran with a bandaged face back to the same VA hospital after a taxi dropped him off at their downtown facility one night in 2007.

He had been treated for injuries from a fall.

Hospital officials said at the time that the man chose to go to the mission, but he told shelter staff that he didn't want to be there.

Since 2005, the city attorney's office has aggressively pursued hospitals that dump homeless patients on the streets or at shelters without following proper discharge procedures.

The office has reached settlements with five private healthcare providers and collected millions in payments.

But in this case, prosecutors said, their hands are tied.

The city attorney doesn't have jurisdiction to prosecute a federal facility.

And the prosecutors said VA attorneys denied their request to interview employees to determine whether there were grounds to charge those involved in Boykin's discharge.

Patricia Geffner, assistant regional counsel for the VA, said the authority to investigate rests with the inspector general's office.

The office's report said patients, like Boykin, who refuse to leave have become "a dilemma and cost burden" for many hospitals.

Isaacs called the report a "whitewash."

The bottom line is they took a person who was in bad shape mentally and physically ... a patient who they had care and custody of, and put him in a position where his personal safety was at risk," he said.

When Boykin reached the shelter, he could not find his diabetes medicine or remember how to change his dressings, according to shelter staff.

The taxi drivers told a city investigator that Boykin appeared confused about where he was going and asked whether there would be someone to take care of him, records show.

Carrie Gatlin Siqueiros, who was then overseeing the shelter for the Union Rescue Mission, said Boykin was "clearly upset" about being left in the parking lot and could not get himself inside with all his belongings.

She had the police notified, then drove to the VA, where she said staff agreed to collect Boykin in the morning.

"This is a shelter that shuts down during the day, so he would have been put on a bus, dropped off on a street corner at 6 o'clock the next morning, had we not intervened," Siqueiros said.

Siqueiros said VA employees didn't come to the shelter before sending Boykin.

She said program manager Ziad Kalioundji did log four phone calls from a VA social worker.

the social worker failed to provide the required information for a proper patient transfer, she said.

According to Kalioundji, the social worker asked if the facility was wheelchair accessible. Kalioundji said yes, but added that guests need to be self-reliant.

Kalioundji said he asked whether the patient was able to get in and out of a cot on his own. “She answered no ... hung up the phone and ended the conversation before I could conclude that the potential patient was not a candidate for the winter shelter program,” Kalioundji wrote in an incident report.

Critics worry that other veterans hospitals might be cutting corners with patients like Boykin, who is now in transitional housing at the West L.A. campus while he waits for a permanent placement.

“Yes, he's a difficult man to work with,” Siqueiros said.

“And, yes, he is not easy to place, but that doesn't mean you dump him on somebody else and go well, 'It's your problem now.' “

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**

“Whilst Large-Scale Industry Preached Freedom And Peace Between Nations It Also Turned The World Into An Armed Camp As Never Before In History”

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As may be seen in the article below, the enemy of every American soldier is the Imperial Government in Washington DC.

The class of capitalists who command the political power of this society have heaped up the wealth on top, and keep grabbing for more, using their government to do it, while the rest of us try to scrape buy, unable to buy what capitalism could produce.

Thus we see the present mountain of idle productive capacity worldwide, while trillions of \$ of the wealth our labor produces are appropriated by their class and sits hoarded in their banks, finding no profitable investment for them anywhere, as they will only produce what we need if there is profit in it for them.

Those who are not rich and powerful have nothing to gain from Imperial wars of invasion and occupation, earnestly work for their defeat, and offer every possible assistance to the soldiers organizing against Imperial war.

There are many thousands of U.S. soldiers today who understand who their enemy is: the Imperial domestic enemy headquartered in Washington DC.

Americans who have nothing to gain from Wars of Empire -- civilians and troops together -- will strike down the Imperial regime that infests Washington DC, thereby regaining our liberties and well being.

That storm will come.

From: KARL MARX; The Story of His Life
By Franz Mehring, 1918
Translated from the German by Edward Fitzgerald

The capitalist mode of production, an embodied contradiction, both produces and destroys modern states.

It intensifies all national antagonisms to the utmost and at the same time it creates all nations in its own image.

So long as the capitalist mode of production exists these contradictions are insoluble, and therefore the brotherhood of man about which all bourgeois revolutions have sung so sweetly has suffered defeat again and again.

Whilst large-scale industry preached freedom and peace between nations it also turned the world into an armed camp as never before in history.

However, with the disappearance of the capitalist mode of production its contradictions will vanish also. It is true that the proletarian struggle for emancipation must develop on a national basis because the capitalist process of production develops within national limits, and in the beginning therefore the proletariat in each country finds itself face to face with its own bourgeoisie.

Despite this, however, the proletariat need not submit to the merciless competition which has always destroyed all bourgeois dreams of international peace and freedom.

As soon as the workers realize that they must get rid of competition in their own ranks if they are to offer effective resistance to the superior power of capital — and this realization coincides with the first awakening of their class-consciousness — then it is only a step to the deeper realization that competition between the working classes of the various countries must cease too, and still further that the working classes must cooperate internationally if they are to overthrow the international dominance of the bourgeoisie.

Very early in the history of the modern working-class movement therefore, a tendency towards internationalism made itself felt.

What the bourgeoisie, thanks to the narrowing of its horizon by its profit interests, regards as unpatriotic, as ignorance and lack of understanding, is in reality a vital condition for the very existence of the proletarian struggle for emancipation.

Although this struggle can solve the antagonism between nationalism and internationalism, whilst the bourgeoisie is condemned to writhe under it as long as it lives, the workers possess no magic wand in this respect any more than in any other, and they are not able to turn the hard and difficult climb into a level and easy path.

The modern working class has to fight its battles under conditions created by historical development.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

ANNIVERSARIES

August 15, 1876: Historic Betrayal



Lakota Sioux watch as their Black Hills are invaded. Painting by Howard Terpning

Carl Bunin Peace History

August 15, 1876:

Congress passed a law to remove the Lakota Sioux and their allies from the Black Hills country of South Dakota after gold was found there. Often referred to as the “starve or sell” bill, it provided that no further appropriations would be made for 1868 Treaty-guaranteed rations for the Sioux unless they gave up their sacred Black Hills, or Paha Sapa. That treaty had granted them the territory and hunting rights in exchange for peace.

[Excerpts]

STATEMENT OF MARIO GONZALEZ, ATTORNEY, CHEYENNE RIVER AND PINE RIDGE WOUNDED KNEE SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE, SUPPORTING PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL AND HISTORIC SITE TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 1890 INDIAN MASSACRE AT WOUNDED KNEE CREEK, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN THE HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1990, BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, U.S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

[Excerpts]

Mr. Chairman, and honorable Members of the Committee, my name is Mario Gonzalez. I am an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a descendant of Chief Lip's Band. I am appearing here today as the attorney for the Wounded Knee Survivors' Associations and the Oglala Sioux Tribe. I am honored to appear before the Committee to discuss events surrounding the December 29, 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre.

I am also related by blood to some of the victims and survivors of the massacre. Dewey Beard, the last survivor of the Battle of the Little Bighorn and an 1890 Massacre survivor, was a first cousin to my great-great-grandmother, Rattling Hawk. Dewey's real mother, Seen By Her Nation, and my great-great-grandmother, Jealous Of Her, were sisters.

One cannot understand what happened at Wounded Knee without understanding something about the Sioux people and their history.

The term "Sioux" should be distinguished from the word "Siouan," which refers to a linguistic stock that the Sioux are a part of. Other Siouan peoples include such Tribes as the Mandan, Omaha, Otoe, Winnebago and Osage. The Sioux refer to themselves as "Lakota," "Dakota," or "Nakota," depending on whether the "L," "D" or "N" dialect is used.

It is also important to understand that the term "Sioux Nation" has been used to refer to different entities at different times. According to the Indian Claims Commission, the Sioux people were divided into seven divisions:

Mdewakantons
Sissetons
Wahpakootas
Wahpetons
Yanktonais
Yanktons
Tetons

The Mdewakantons, Sissetons, Wahpakootas, and Wahpetons, or eastern Sioux, are sometimes referred to as "Santee" or "Mississippi" Sioux and speak with the "D" dialect. The Yanktonais also speak with the "D" dialect. The Yanktons speak with the "N" dialect and the Tetons with the "L" dialect.

The Tetons, or the western Sioux, were sub-divided into seven bands:

Blackfeet
Brule

Hunkpapa
Minneconjou
Oglala
Saris Arc (No Bows)
Two Kettle

The Teton Bands held aboriginal title to a vast territory west of the Missouri River in what are now the States of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. Much of this territory was held jointly with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations. The Big Horn Mountains were the western boundary. The Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers were the northern boundary. The Republican River was the southern boundary.

In 1874 the United States Army planned and undertook a military expedition into the Black Hills portion of the Great Sioux Reservation. The expedition was led by Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, who sent out glowing reports of gold.

This led to an invasion of the Hills by white miners and settlers in violation of the 1868 Treaty and created intense pressure on Congress to open the Hills for settlement. The influx of miners and settlers into the Hills increased when President Grant refused to enforce the Treaty and remove these trespassers. In the winter of 1875 and 1876, most of the Sioux were residing on the Great Sioux Reservation, keeping the peace they promised to maintain under the 1868 Treaty.

Others were exercising their hunting rights with their Cheyenne and Arapahoe allies near the Big Horn Mountains. Contrary to the terms of the Treaty, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs sent instructions to the hunting parties that if they did not return to the Great Sioux Reservation by January 31, 1876, they would be declared "hostile." The Sioux were under no legal obligation to return and could not return because of the weather. They were attacked, but defeated General Crook at the Battle of Rosebud and annihilated Lt. Col. Custer at the Battle of the Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876.

The U.S. violated Articles 11 and 16 of the 1868 Treaty by attacking the Sioux while they were exercising their right to hunt near the Bighorn Mountains. Although some refer to the Battle of the Little Bighorn as a "massacre," it was clearly a battle in which the Indians were defending their families against an egocentric Indian fighter who planned to capitalize on the event and become President of the United States.

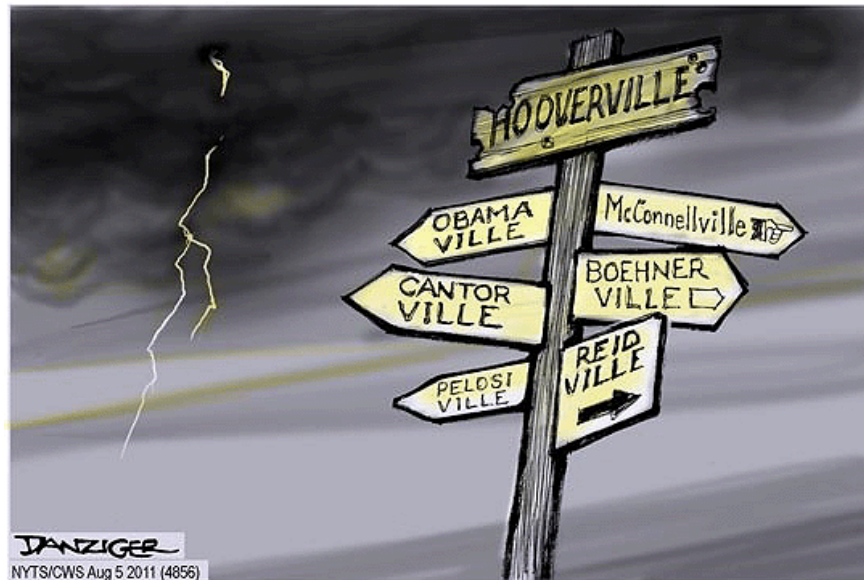
The United States Government resented its defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The Battle, therefore, marked the beginning of a course of dishonorable dealings by the federal government with the Sioux people to [get] revenge [for] Custer's defeat. This course has continued down to the present time.

On August 15, 1876, Congress passed an appropriations bill, often referred to as the "starve or sell" bill, which provided that no further appropriations would be made for the subsistence of the Sioux under the 1868 Treaty unless they gave up the Black Hills and reached an accommodation with the United States that would enable them to become self-supporting.

To accomplish this session, Congress requested the President to appoint a commission to negotiate an agreement with the Sioux to buy the Hills.

The 1876 Commission, however, could not obtain the requisite number of signatures required by Article 12 of the 1868 Treaty, so Congress took matters into its own hands and enacted the proposed “Agreement” into law on February 28, 1877. This enactment confiscated the Black Hills, the 1851 Treaty lands, and hunting rights recognized under the 1868 Treaty.

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**San Francisco Subway System
Petty Dictators Shut Down Cell
Phone Service To Block Protest
Against Their Killer Cop:
ACLU Condemns Attack On Our
Liberties:**

“Shutting Down Access To Mobile Phones Is The Wrong Response To Political Protests, Whether It's Halfway Around The World Or Right Here In San Francisco”

“Hackers Call For Action Against BART In Retaliation For The Cell Service Disruption”



Anonymous flyer for anti-BART campaign following cell service suspension. (Credit: Anonymous)

August 12, 2011 By: Elinor Mills, Cnet [Excerpts]

The operators of the Bay Area Rapid Transit subway system temporarily shut down cell service last night in four downtown San Francisco stations to interfere with a protest over a shooting by a BART police officer, a spokesman for the system said today.

“BART staff or contractors shut down power to the nodes and alerted the cell carriers,” James Allison, deputy chief communications officer for BART, told CNET.

Activists had planned to protest the fatal shooting of Charles Blair Hill, who BART police said went after them with a knife before an officer shot him on July 3.

“Organizers planning to disrupt BART service...stated they would use mobile devices to coordinate their disruptive activities and communicate about the location and number of BART police,” said the original BART statement.

The initial statement from BART said the subway system had asked the wireless carriers to suspend the service in the stations, but Allison later said BART itself pulled the plug and notified the providers after the fact.

A protest about a week after the shooting had disrupted service on BART.

Mobile devices and services like Twitter have also played a key role in protests throughout the Middle East in recent years.

Hackers were calling for action against BART in retaliation for the cell service disruption.

The Anonymous group of online activists started promoting Operation BART on Twitter, with one profile saying: “We are going to show BART (@SFBART) how to prevent a riot #OpBART.”

Meanwhile, they also released a digital flyer with the headline “muBARTek,” a reference to former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who was ousted after demonstrations earlier this year. One Anonymous Twitter profile claimed that “Egyptians are showing solidarity with Americans in the BART cell shutdown.”

It's unclear exactly what effect the suspension of cell service had on the protest. The San Francisco Chronicle and KTVU, among others, reported that it appeared the protest failed to happen as planned.

Cell service was suspended from about 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. PT in Embarcadero, Montgomery Street, Powell Street, and Civic Center BART stations, BART's Allison said.

Sprint, Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile all provide service in the Transbay Tube, according to BART. The Tube runs beneath the San Francisco Bay, connecting San Francisco to Oakland, Berkeley, and other East Bay cities.

In a blog post, the ACLU of Northern California said this: “Shutting down access to mobile phones is the wrong response to political protests, whether it's halfway around the world or right here in San Francisco.

“You have the right to speak out. Both the California Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution protect your right to free expression.”

The BART statement addressed free speech: “BART's primary purpose is to provide safe, secure, efficient, reliable, and clean transportation services,” it said.

“No person shall conduct or participate in assemblies or demonstrations or engage in other expressive activities in the paid areas of BART stations, including BART cars and trains and BART station platforms.”

Protesters are angry over what they say is excessive use of force after the death of Hill, and of another man in 2009.

A BART officer fired three shots at Hill, a 45-year-old transient, after Hill allegedly threw a bottle at officers and waved a four-inch knife at them.

That followed a highly publicized fatal shooting on January 1, 2009, in which a BART officer shot Oscar Grant in the back as he lay on the ground unarmed and restrained.

Video from cell phones and cameras went viral and fanned anti-BART resentment and protests.

The officer was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter after claiming he meant to fire his Taser instead of his gun, and he served a two-year sentence.

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Late Friday afternoon, an employee of the Whole Foods Market in Toronto sent this epic resignation letter to the entire company.

Dear Whole Foods Market,

My experience at Whole Foods was like an increasingly sped up fall down a really long hill. That got rockier with every metre. And eventually, just really spiky ... With fire, acid and Nickleback music.

I was hired about five or six years ago. I appreciated and respected what the company said it's philosophies were at that time.

The "core values" essentially.

However, it didn't take long to realize what complete and utter bullshit they are:

Oh, you don't recycle properly? (Caring about our communities and our environment)

Oh, you throw out enough food to feed a lot of hungry university students. (Caring about our communities and our environment)

Oh, you're asking me to put latex gloves on the sales floor so customers can throw a pair out for every handful of gummy bears they take? (Caring about our communities and our environment)

Oh, you've installed massive television screens all over the store, sucking up energy and polluting the environment with tacky advertisements. (Caring about our communities and our environment, Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you waste an absurd amount of energy, ink and paper in your offices for useless bureaucratic nonsense. (Caring about our communities and our environment, Supporting team member happiness and excellence.)

Oh, you just write off 10-20% of the product that you buy for your bulk department because the bins look nice. (Caring about our communities and our environment).

Oh, you sometimes intentionally order too much just to guarantee a full shelf, knowing full well the product will most likely be thrown out? (Caring about our communities and our environment)

Oh, you don't actually audit or evaluate each product you sell? (Caring about our communities and our environment, We sell the highest quality natural and organic products available)

Oh, you force team members to come in to work, on their day off, once a month, at 7 in the morning, knowing a lot of them live an hour away and the TTC isn't completely running that early in the morning and then force feed them useless updates on the company and embarrassingly artificial pep talks.

([Redacted] once compared Whole Foods Market to religion... had to throw that in there. That was definitely a "Did she really just say that moment.")? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence, Caring about our communities and our environment)/

Oh, you buy poorly made, ugly t-shirts for your employees that will just be thrown in the trash and pretend they're gifts when they're really just advertising tools? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence, Caring about our communities and our environment)

Oh, the food here is really quite awful on average? Almost everything that prepared foods makes is terrible. The pizza used to be pretty good but the slices have shrunk, the toppings are sparser and it's usually extremely overcooked.

The sandwiches are the stuff of nightmares. (It's amazing what advertising can make people think. It can even trick their senses.) (We sell the highest quality natural and organic products available)

Oh, you let some customers abuse your employees and then actually reward the customers for their behaviour and then trample on the integrity and honour of your abused employees? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you practice discrimination by offering "healthier" employees better discounts? And you think having different rules for new smoker employees versus old smoker employees is a good idea? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you purchase products from Israel (Or any distant country) if they're slightly cheaper than local alternatives? (Caring about our communities and our environment)

Oh, you've somehow created the worst computer program I've ever used to run your entire buying system? IRMA is some Windows 95 era stuff, guys.

I could design a significantly better interface in 30 minutes on a pad of paper. I know several students who could create a superior program in their spare time. Was someone actually hired to create that thing? Was it the Realplayer dudes? Even Captain Picard couldn't facepalm hard enough to express the amount of failure in that... that, thing... (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you push employees into greater responsibilities without compensation? Often having them essentially do all the work of a higher position without the pay? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you ambush employee's using two managers when you want to write someone up? No warning. No representation. All reasons and excuses fall on deaf ears. (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you'd rather attempt to create some sort of fake "culture" with signs and forced meeting than let it happen naturally by letting employees socialize lightly as they work? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you like to manage "systems" instead of people? You don't hold critical thinking and discretion in high regard? You encourage blindly following rules? I.e., no recourse in challenging write ups. Employees given cold shoulder when they attempt anything like this. (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you want us to politely call and let you know if we'll be late... but you'll still write us up when we arrive? Kind of a dick move, guys. (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you actually think being 20 minutes late matters? You know Whole Foods Market is just a grocery store, right? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

Oh, you don't believe inflation exists? Cost of living raises aren't given here? (Supporting team member happiness and excellence)

I notice a trend... Honestly, I could go on and on and fill out the details but since most people will just dismiss this email I should probably not put too much effort into it. I should have kept a blog...

Now the employees have lost a lot of their former power and the store is being sucked into some centralized monster.

Quality is being thrown out in favour of the people at the top having to do a little less work. Competition is being destroyed and you're not even pushing that many healthy products.

Every second endcap [a display of products placed at the end of an aisle in a store] is potato chips or pop or some sort of salt filled snack (Promoting the health of our stakeholders through healthy eating education).

A lot of the stuff in Whole Body doesn't even work or has absolutely no credible evidence to back any claims up.

You're kind a faux hippy Wal-Mart now.

Great. Job.

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Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

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