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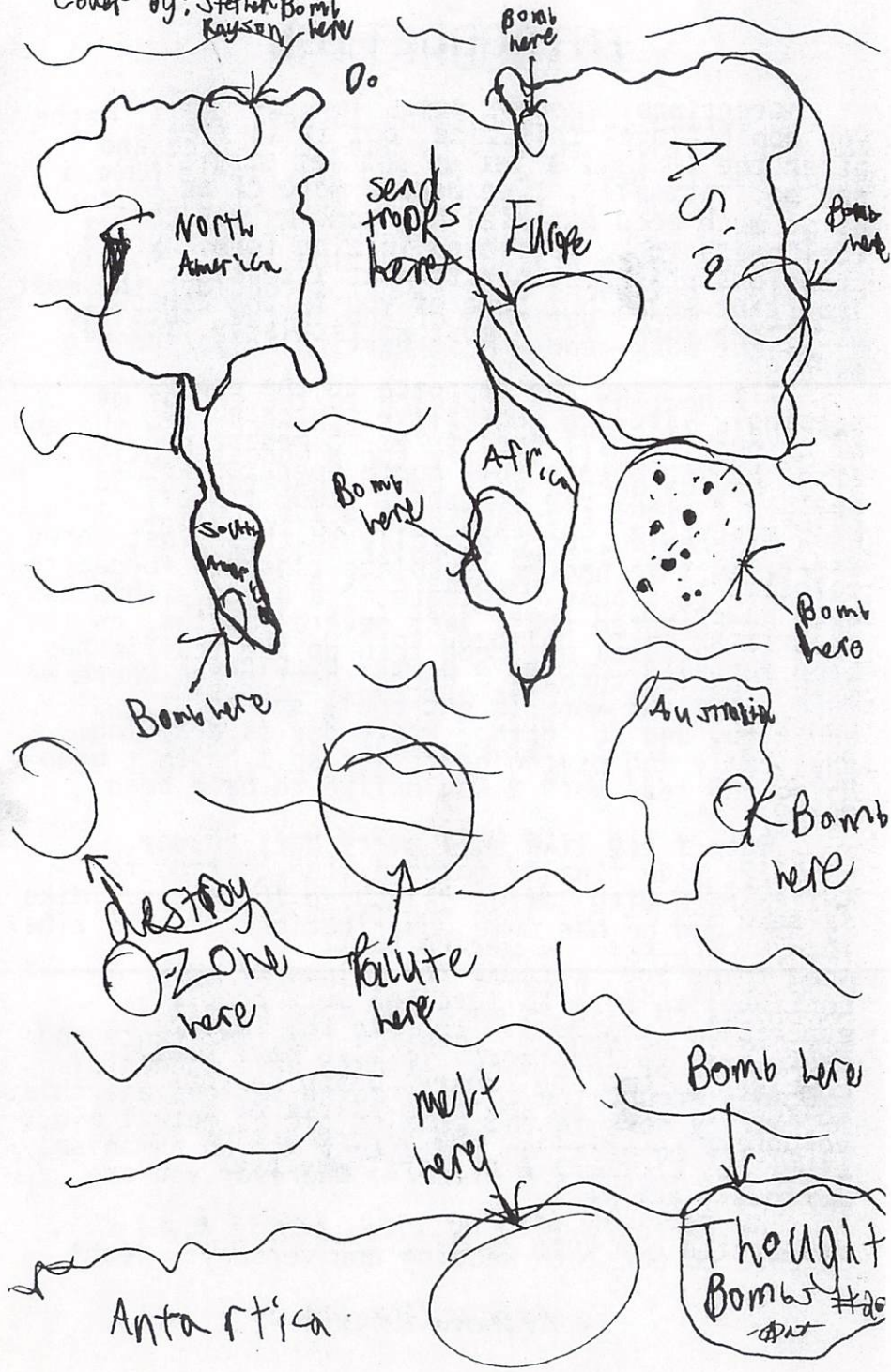
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INTRODUCTION

Greetings, Thought Bombs lovers! Well, maybe you don't "love" this zine, but it is free and after the 1st half I let up and let others have a say so. Actually, I've become more of an editor, as so much good material has come my way that I feel needs to be presented in zine form. Mostly, conscious prisoners create what I consider the most important work, but some of you in the "outs" do excellent work, too - most particularly, Tom Big Warrior.

I'm nearing the approach to the end of my seemingly lifelong wage-slave sentence. By the end of October, I will qualify for a modest pension, after having been a toll booth operator for 32 years - 4 times the length of grade school! It's been miserable, but especially so these last three years, as I've had my workplace closed & forced to relocate to a busy nightmare of a place. This has been exacerbated these last several months, as the road (I-80 West) has been torn up and traffic has been funneled through a brutal bottleneck where we work. So, the work is extremely stressful, unhealthy and so forth. Every day is draining, physically and psychologically, so I haven't been doing the real work I would like to have been doing.

But, I try like hell every day, anyway. Luckily, I've finally found a true comrade to collaborate with, after searching for years. Mike is down and he has some contributions in this zine. Thanks, Brother! I needed that!

Good thing too, because the volume of work continues to rise as more and more people - especially prisoners - realize the importance and usefulness of this work. I also have wonderful comrades around the country doing serious anarchist solidarity work in the true spirit of mutual aid, voluntary cooperation and direct action humanism! Right on, Brothers & Sisters, wherever you are seriously active!

On February 14th, my wife, Leslie & I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary! Yeah!

~ Anthony Rayson ~

*** Stephen Rayson (age 11 - my son) drew the front cover!!!

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The "Baby Boom" generation is defined as those people born between 1946 and 1961. Like Van Morrison said, the troops who survived WWII, came home "with love looks in their eyes." Boy, he wasn't kidding because the women they married became veritable baby-making machines!

I was smack dab in the middle of a seven sibling family, myself. My sister, Ann, was born in 1946 and the last of my brothers, Jim, was born in 1961. I was born on my sister's 7th birthday, September 17th, 1953. She had the dubious distinction of having *six* younger brothers and *no* sisters!

So, I had a catbird seat for this whole "Baby Boomer" phenomenon. I got to see what was going on with my older brothers and sister as well as how things played out with my younger brothers and all their friends. Mostly, I lived with my own peer group, in the heart of this generation, generally hanging out with people no more than 2 years older or younger, than myself.

One of the first things I remember was a silly 78 rpm record my parents played constantly about Jack Kennedy running for president in 1960. It went something like this: "Oops! There goes another Kennedy! Oops! There goes another something... So, vote for Kennedy, vote for Kennedy..."

I remember my sister listening to a 78 that sang, "Johnny has an apple on a stick, an apple on a stick..." My oldest brother is named John.

TV was a new phenomenon. There were only 3 or 4 black and white channels, sometimes only two or one. When the programming ended, an Indian head appeared with a miserable endless note.

It seemed often that a "test" would be conducted by the "emergency broadcast system." This, of course, was a faint reminder that we were under the insane, albeit constant, threat of possible nuclear genocide, engulfing whole continents and hemispheres! This could be triggered by hubris and bombast or some arrogant politician, the megalomania of some general or simply by some "mistake." Nuclear weapons were being constructed at a dizzying pace and several were "lost." And it just keeps getting worse!

But what did we know? We got up early, watched the Indian for a while and waited for the cartoons to come on - Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse, Woody Woodpecker and so forth. We may have had to wait for "Five Minutes to Live By" - a dreary Christian message, set to dull music.

It seemed like every family had at least four kids - even if they had to adopt a Korean kid or two (seeing as they were orphans because the U.S. military murdered so many of their parents.)

I grew up in Tinley Park, a long-time sleepy, white south suburb of Chicago. It was founded by the "Tinley Brothers" railroad men from the 1850's or something. There was no big expressway to the city yet (I-57.) It was surrounded by cornfields and was an entity unto itself, no Wal-Mart yet or any of that crap. It wasn't all just cars.

We walked and rode our bikes a lot. We had good-sized yards in my neighborhood and could play football, baseball, softball, wiffle ball, tennis, hide-and-go-seek, Cowboys and Indians or "Army" or "War." We looked all around for all kinds of creatures and kept many pets. If we wanted to play league (hard ball) we went to the church grounds a couple houses over. We'd swing on trees and build forts and fool around all kinds of ways, usually outdoors - big snowball fights, tomato fights, etc. We liked to throw stuff at each other. We played board games, too, like Monopoly or cards. Some of the Monopoly games lasted for days and were played in the front yards of houses. We'd play pinochle forever and create whole leagues of international baseball teams and have them play seasons with cards and dice. We'd keep stats, just like in the sports section. But we also sat in front of the boob tube as much as we could get away with.

We'd watch the *Honeymooners* and *Sky King*, hoping to be too slow to have to go to church.

The girls liked to play "house" and "school" and would pretend to be Moms or teachers and we'd go along with it - at least I did! We'd do this in their parent's basements. I actually got on well with girls, until puberty hit and I freaked out. We'd go over to the neighbor's house to watch garbage like *Bonanza* in the man's den. I hated the show, but it was in color, so we watched it.

I remember the first time I saw color T.V. It felt like those Japanese parents who recently got zapped by Pokemon. It was "Rocky and His Friends" - Rocky & Bullwinkle. We all sat reverently around the set at our minister's house, next door to the Methodist Church. They had three sons, three of our ages and we liked to ditch church and have fun together. Another early on color T.V. show was a Japanese action cartoon we watched at a close neighbor's house, with the two adopted Korean kids. They also had one of their own.

We played with squirt guns, water balloons and B.B. guns and toy guns with caps and chincy

projectiles. We got a lot of cheap stuff - "made in Japan." In those days, "made in Japan" meant shoddy stuff. Of course, they were still recovering after we unleashed nuclear war on them, slaughtered tons of them otherwise and were helped as genocidal accomplices, by the insane government of Japan, who also made sure many people were butchered throughout Asia and sacrificed many of their own people doing it. Economic imperialism is a tsunami of blood! Capitalist "competition" called "freedom." Cosmic crime gone unpunished! 6

Anyway, I remember the little T.V. in the classroom when the astronauts like Gus Grissom, John Glenn and Alan Sheppard shot into the stratosphere, trying to recoup the propaganda the Russians got for being first. After Sputnik, it came to us as a flying saucer shaped candy with tiny candy beads inside. I thought it was cool the way they put a monkey in space and then a woman! Kids would have transistor radios glued to their ears listening to the World Series, which was still played in the afternoon, until corporate dollars totally took over.

Penny candy was huge deal to us and was what we spent our allowance on. There was a place near our grade school called Rudy's. It was run by two twins - one was real nice and the other guy was always crabby, impatiently trying to hurry us up with our petty selections. McDonald's was just starting out as a restaurant far away in the western suburbs. We had "Dairy Palace" and they had \$.15 hamburgers, too!

I remember Kennedy, always smiling and Jackie with all her trendy outfits and how everyone was so worried about something (Jack & Bobby were toying with the idea of unleashing worldwide nuclear war after getting spanked at the Bay of Pigs.)

And there were mainstreamy "rock" songs by Leslie Gore and the like. My brother got excited when new Beach Boys songs came out, but I thought it was kinda silly what they were saying about cars and surfing and girls. But, things didn't really start to happen until Kennedy got his brains blown into his wife's lap, down in Dallas on November 22, 1963. That was like a hit of social windowpane!

Everyone was beside themselves with grief and that picture of John-John saluting his dead dad's casket was eloquently etched in our minds. They had a crisp flag-draped casket ceremony as patriotism has always been pre-eminently hammered into Americans at every turn. John-John would grow into a tabloid hunk and manage to pre-maturely end his own life, too, along with his wife and sister-

in-law. He thought he could fly blind one night.

We had the big-eared redneck for president, 7
now! What would happen next?

Luckily, the Beatles exploded and set us all on a life-long thrill ride. They pushed all the crappy white U.S. bands aside and took off like a cultural bottle rocket. Every week it seemed a new awesome Beatles single would shoot straight to the top of the charts. The girls went berserk and the guys wanted in, so they bought Beatle wigs and tried to mimic their hipness, with limited success.

As they developed and ditched their suits and grew more hair, good U.S. bands burst on the scene. The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, etc. put out music for the counterculture. People hit the streets, too! Lots of papers were hawked and it seemed like we were on the verge of something important all the time. Revolutions were occurring around the world, like a string of firecrackers.

The Black music - where all non-native culture sprang from - was still well-hidden, just like the Black people themselves. You'd hear some R & B out of Detroit or maybe Nat King Cole or Satchmo or something, but the "Boomers" followed the white bands. Some were integrated though, like the excellent Butterfield Blues Band from good old Chicago. England pumped out a lot of good bands too, like the Stones, Animals, Cream, etc. So, we had a plethora of new and occasionally innovative bands to serve as the soundtrack of our lives, coming up. But the rebelliousness of the music didn't translate into actual action. Later, guys like Bob Marley and the Clash put meat on the lyrics and sang about politics in a real way. Dylan wrote songs with strong stuff, but he mumbled so, you couldn't figure out what he was sayin'!

The Blacks rebelled and I mean *rebelled!* whole cities were war zones for several days - Watts '65, Detroit '67, Newark, Chicago - all over! There'd be speculation whether or not it would be a "hot summer." Of course, most all the death was caused by racist cops killing young black men - just like they do today - inside and outside their vast gulag empire. Mayor Daley gave the go ahead to his pigs: "Shoot to maim looters, shoot to kill rioters."

How do you define a "rioter?" You do it the same way you define a "terrorist" or an "anarchist" - anything bad you can think of - that's it! Only for a brief time in the late '60's, did people actually start to realize the government was lying to them and that they were their mortal enemy. In

the mid-late '70's, over half of the prisoners were Vietnam vets. Welcome home! Many others were homeless or shell-shocked in some dive. Yet, 8 later, the spin was, the anti-war people (who staffed military-based coffee shops, etc.) were the bad guys and did the vets wrong. Only briefly did people open their eyes - and frag their officers!

There were actual unions who sometimes went on meaningful strikes, always sold-out by their leadership. Boycotts sometimes were effective and reporters got to occasionally actually report on events, or at least provide a glimpse. We'd see stacks of "Vietcong" bodies and other horrible carnage caused by the U.S. Nowadays, the reporters are (imbedded) like bedbugs, and are intellectually and visually muzzled. It's all about the government's line "posing" as the truth. There was a sort of "underground radio" on FM stations, sometimes. Now this is called "Pirate Radio" and gone after like mink liberators, as somehow "subversive." The truth is our biggest terrorist!

And of course, there was the inescapable Vietnam war. Everyone knew of guys from their neighborhood who went. Either they got drafted or they enlisted. Sometimes they came home dead, wounded or ruined (insane.) They brought drugs home, too - heroin, but most especially dynamite pot! I still think the government is so determined to keep pot criminalized, not just because it fuels their prison profiteering, but because of how potheads turned on and turned off to their hideous war. For, not believing government propaganda is unforgivable and pot disconnected people from it.

Parents didn't know anything about the explosion of drugs us high school kids came across - mescaline, acid, mushrooms, hash oil - all kinds of shit, plus all the pharmaceuticals and the crap you could steal from the shelves of drug stores. Jesus, what a mind blow! If our parents busted us smokin' pot with a bunch of our friends in the bedroom, we'd tell 'em it was "Turkish tobacco" and find it later in their dresser, switch it with oregano and leave the seeds in.

The cops were Barney Fife types or macho dudes who didn't have computers and weren't too hip mentally and it took quite a while for them to attract nerds who could use them and train cops to use them and apply them in the sophisticated dragnet fashion they use them for, nowadays.

Often, there were so many of us, the cops were overwhelmed. They didn't get the "back up" you see today, when 3, 4, 5 squads are there to give some poor schmoe a speeding ticket. Also, a lot of the

pro-government gung-ho, cop-loving types were overseas murdering people in Vietnam and elsewhere.

So, we got away with a lot of juvenile delinquency stuff. When we broke windows at the school, we may have gotten "in trouble" but we didn't end up in prison! When we got caught drinking and driving, yeah we spent the night in the drunk tank and had a court date, but that was usually it. Often, if a pig found our weed or whatever, he would just take it for himself and say something snotty to us and shoo us away. There was even such a thing as a "warning ticket" that wasn't just given to a few pretty girls. 9

When people started waking up, whether it was "tuning in, turning on and dropping out" or realizing this was a virulently racist and sexist capitalist country, or were mortified by the endless bloodshed of Vietnam, it was still a "minority" of people who actually did any real organizing or demonstrating. Like today, most people were scared and stayed at home, ignorant and gutless or "busy" or whatever. Most folks said they believed the government's lies, 'cuz they read the papers and saw the news. It's what they learned in school, that the U.S. is the greatest (and freest) country in the world and God is partial to us because we're so wonderful. Serious analysis never got a chance to sink into their brains and they stayed with their conditioning, like a luge going down the chute. Enjoy your stooge-like wage-slave life, you do-nothing, mass-consuming dumb asses! They grew into "authorities" who took the worst from the previous generation and amped it up to absurdity.

The school officials, like today, were always pro-government and would threaten students with suspensions or expulsions for ditching class for demos, etc. The papers always pushed the lies of the government and workers (white workers, anyway) were rednecks and "hard hats" would assault peace demonstrators, under the approving eye of the cops.

So, this whole "counterculture" was only actively pursued by a few kids who actually gave a damn and most all of them, ditched their hippy beads and headbands for a suit and tie to whore for some company, when they got the chance. They may have kept a cool poster on the wall or had beads for a door or something, though.

But, it was the only real culture around and the bands were an important part of it. The pro-government "culture" was lame - like John Wayne in *Green Beret*, the "Up With People" nonsense and so

forth. So a lot of other kids put on the trappings of being radical, to glom onto what was "in." Most of these people just wore clothes that Madison Avenue made to look like "hippie clothes" to sponge off and make profits from. They dabbled in drugs because everyone had 'em in college and since these are white people I'm talking about, there was only a minimum threat from the authorities. 10

But they were still politically brain dead, "hated niggers" and hoped to "make money" and join the sheeple, some day. They didn't give a damn about other people in other countries or people outside their little circle, in this country.

Even those who should have known better, did this. My brother John, for example, was a member of SDS, turned us onto pot, etc. yet went to Law School, got slowly more conservative looking, moved to Florida, became a mainstream politician and settled into a bourgeois, liberal life-style. He called himself a "Gephardt democrat" once and is a big Hilary Clinton fan. So, he was just play-acting, during his "radical youth" like most such people, until the danger of the draft had passed him by, personally. He's now got a big boat, fancy car, flew a personalized plane around for a while - all the monied trappings. All the supposed outrage over the starvation in Biafra, the endless slaughter in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, etc. has been mainstreamized and he duly roots for his various teams, where his kids now go to college and watches the games on a big screen T.V. In his mind, I'm the one who's messed up. I guess this is because I've not sold out like almost the entire Baby Boomer generation has. Sheesh! Not to get down on my own brother, because I still love him, but DAMN!

Most all the college radicals straightened up and flew right. Some died or were imprisoned and a very few kept up their activist beliefs. Some are now decent professors and some do work in community organizations and grassroots groups. I condemn myself too, because, although I never sold out politically, I did lose touch with those in resistance and waged a sort of private battle, while conforming into adulthood - wife, job, divorce - just trying to live in a demented environment and still, not just trying to make sense of it, but functioning in an acceptable manner, all the while dealing with others, damaged themselves from it all. I was out of touch because by the time I was 21 and ready to go nuts (1974) the air had been let out of the balloon and insanely, all people seemed to give a damn about was that horrible disco music. It sent me into a

deep depression and a heavy, self-reliant shell. I became atomized - Lone Wolf McQuade - just like those monsters running this societal charade want // people like me to feel and be like.

For black folks who fought, it was a different matter. The cops actually sent out assassination squads after some of them and many were sucked into the black hole of prison. Their communities remained destitute and targeted and daily strife was, is and always has been excruciating, compared to suburban white folk's lives. There are two separate sets of realities. For example, when the National Guard killed those (white) kids at Kent State, everyone was aghast. When pigs sprayed the dorm with gunfire down at JACKSON State, killing two (black) students, it was hardly noticed! The Voting Rights Act was a big nothing!

Back to me, I always hated school. I was sickened by the stupid racists and girl beaters and nasty bastards who picked on Jews, homosexuals or anybody for anything. The teachers were horrible, too! It was so stifling and boring all the time!

I remember in 8th grade, it was 1966. I'd been to the Martin Luther King, Jr. march through Cicero during the summer. There I picked up the racist comic book, *White Man*. Our English teacher who was also the French teacher told us to write an article about somebody famous. I did mine on Martin Luther King. She flunked me because he was a "communist nigger!" Such a lovely "educator!"

Another time I did a long paper on *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. I got a "C" because the teacher said I stole it from my brother, who she claimed did the same thing two years ago. His was on *Huckleberry Finn*, but she didn't understand the difference. I guess it sounds petty of me, but that was their mindset - keep things on a simple plane and more than anything, do what you're told without being a bother. Intelligence is a nuisance we don't want!

In 7th grade, we had this volatile science teacher, named Mr. Martinez. One day a softball came crashing through the class, through a second floor window. Jerry Schmidt had really connected on *that* homer! The next day, I saw Martinez assault Jerry on the foul part of the field. His crime? He was eating Oke Doke cheese popcorn! Another time he threw a kid from the top of the bleachers to the wooden floor on the gym floor, during intramurals - about 7 rows. This kid's crime was eating Junior Mints. Martinez's punishment for being an abusive bastard, a child-beating sadist, was to be made Principal! Almost

to a man or woman these teachers and coaches were ignorant little tyrants who had nothing but thinly veiled contempt for kids - especially if they knew you knew more than they did and thought you weren't being subservient enough. It was all so fucking miserable! Yeah, there were a few decent ones. 12

There were these little groups - the socialites (smart & dumb,) the jocks, the greasers and the hippies (heads.) The queers were among the heads, which is who I aligned myself with, although I was tracked for the college prep crap, so I had to mainly sit in class with the ass-kissers. God, now I hated it all! I'd read books during class!

So, when things started happening, I was in the middle of it, trying to help organize walkouts, challenging stupid rules and so forth. Mostly, I was left out to dry, as people chickened out. I got in trouble and was considered weird or doped up or crazy. Whatever. I survived high school, but barely. I went on to college, where I stayed a miserable semester and a half, and then I took off hitch hiking for the next two years. Most people who went to college, slowly conformed and fell into some kind of "career" mold, pretty much abandoning real alternatives to this insane society. Kids who didn't go to school, stayed around town, got wage-slave jobs and sort of subsisted physically and spiritually. They'd have grubby kids. A lot of people became alcoholics, junkies and so forth. Some went to prison or died, but few made a real commitment to either a counterculture lifestyle or challenging any system. Maybe they didn't go to church as much as their Moms, but usually "came around" after a while. Why *believe* such nonsense?

For a while, there was a feeling of our generation, when we were in our teens mostly, and twenties to a lesser degree. We'd go to festivals where there were 200,000 people, listening to bands for a couple days. Those seemed important in a way. There were always problems with cops - busts and beatings of certain people, and there was a sort of comraderie in court, where everybody seemed to know each other and have some charge to try and beat. But, as an evolving "generation" it wasn't happening. People just did what a company wanted them to do, maybe while drinking or getting high on the side - that was the big "protest."

After Vietnam quieted down (end of the draft in '73) people didn't care what was happening in Mozambique or Iran or Guatemala or anywhere else, really. They didn't even care about what was happening in their own community. They just wanted

to be left alone, go out to a stupid disco or other bar and get wasted. Others became more and more conservative, as their parents were, and were molded into the miserable "Moral Majority" rightwing evangelical Christian flocks of today, who are driving this "born again" crusade against blacks and Arabs, women and others who don't conform to white society. In this respect, our "unique" generation has digressed from what our parents orchestrated what we did. We're even *more* controlling and driven by slavish belief in lies!

Kids are much less free than we were back in the restrictive day of the 50's & 60's. They're watched and punished for any perceived infraction, are regimented in school, drowned in endless commercialism and lied to about politics even more than we were lied to. What we claimed to scorn in our youth (patriotism, high school football teams, imperialist war, old-fashioned ideas about sex, etc.) are pretty much shoved down kid's throats today - shoved down by Baby Boomers who are now in positions of "authority." Milquetoast psychology, ala Oprah Winfrey, is the answer to why Johnnie and Janie are so suicidal and angry, etc. What farcical bullshit! Our big "hero" is the limp-wristed lackey of Jesse Jackson, Jr. - Barack Obama! The details of things are nauseating!

They've learned nothing from when they were young and being victimized for it. Boomers decry the "music of today" even more shrill and condemnatory than their parents did for their music, which they still listen to but have bleached out, as far as any real connectedness to the rebelliousness of the music of yore. They buy fancy electronics to hear and see their preferred garbage, watch stupid movies and don't know a damn thing! They've amassed huge piles of wealth, but don't share it with those who really need it, and so on. They are ignorant and racist and have actually regressed instead of becoming genuine mentors and elders and helpers of those coming up. They're selfish and boring as hell! Very few Baby Boomer types offer anything useful, as far as genuinely working to fight this awful system. It's all about accommodation to Moloch, succumbing to fear and pressure and escapism - anything not to think or do anything about what is really going on.

Meanwhile, Baby Boomers are presidents, generals, judges, police chiefs, wardens, etc., etc. performing all the horrible tasks, coercing people into doing bad things to others to propel a criminal (imperialist &/or capitalist) agenda dripping in religious fantasy and recycled fascist

"morality." The world is that much closer to 14
global meltdown physically and socially but the
Boomers don't care and if it's brought to their
self-centered attention, scoff at it, even.

The "progressives" aren't progressive at all!
Their idea of "activism" is to buy some natural
vegetables and write a scumbag Congressman a
letter! Gross pundits pollute the editorial pages,
radio waves and T.V. shows with their unimaginative
lapdogism for militarism, incarceration,
repression, etc. They're "Boomers." But where are
the searing insightful critics of this monstrosity?
Are we supposed to settle for a ½ assed critic like
George Carlin? Where is Allen Ginsberg or Lenny
Bruce? Is there maybe a Gore Vidal or an R.D.
Laing of this generation? Sartre? Anybody??
They're afraid to say anything meaningful! It's
embarrassing to me, because I say what I think, and
feel resentful being about the only one out here
doing it. And of course, the newspapers refuse to
print my letters, as if I've been blackballed,
which I probably have been in Chicago, as they know
me to be an active anarchist. They used to print
my letters and even, occasionally, analytic pieces.

But even many "underground" publications have
a mainstream way of thinking and don't want to face
reality, square in the face. They try to turn a
profit and walk on eggshells, instead of going
after these hideous bastards. They spend their
time talking abstract nonsense that doesn't have
much to do with peoples' real lives. And the so-
called literature is drab, like "proletarian
culture" during Stalin, only bourgeois escapist.
Sensational crap, like Stephen King - blood and
guts and horror oh! and ladles full of sex and
intrigue. They rarely delve into important topics,
having already fully accepted this capitalist mess
as ordained somehow and to be left unquestioned.
The T.V. sit-coms are pro-government pap (if and
when they even ever go near politics) with
predictable, narrow subjects rehashed over and
over. The cartoons of today, written by Boomers,
offer the crassest, sophomoric idiocy from the
washroom brains of these dorks, when they were
kids. It's an across the board dereliction of
duty, in my opinion. It's a sham culture!

Look what's happening to society that these
people who are now 45 - 60 are supposed to be
taking care of! People this age must take care of
children, grandchildren and elderly parents. Are
they? Hell no! Many are in their own selfish,
drugged-up worlds, dependents themselves or

actively making the situation worse. Schools are 15
terrible, jails are stuffed to the gills, work is
Wal-Mart, as they've greased the move of sweatshops
to points overseas. There's no health care, decent
education, functioning community organizations or
much of anything worthwhile - even though they have
vast resources at their availability, including
incredible technology, the internet, etc. They use
it to make sophisticated toys that dull the senses
even more. They warehouse young poor people in
prisons and leave the elderly to die in bed sore
ridden nightmare "homes." Lots of kids are doped
up on Ritalin, T.V. video games, sugar and other
garbage. Middle-aged people are the ultimate
tools! I see sell-out Nazis my age everywhere!

It used to be we'd actually take showers after
gym class. Now kids are so uptight, they never
take showers, much less even have gym class!
That's just an indication of how uptight society
is, under the "management" of Boomers. A third of
the kids are obese! Nice parenting, Boomers!
They've managed to turn "corrupt politician" into
an unavoidable certainty - and no one really gives
a damn about it! This is lack of accountability
for one's actions as a generation. It's a sellout
of gargantuan and devastating proportions. It's
also the logical progression of assuming roles in a
sick system, that can only get sicker, more
restrictive and predatory. Nice goin' fuck ups!

Actually, George Bush is a perfect
representative of the Boomer generation - stupid,
yet sinister, oblivious yet part of a vast con
game. He's managed by corporate handlers to a tee,
yet has a cocksure smirkiness about himself, as if
he is at all legitimate. The world has been
betrayed by the U.S. Baby Boom generation because
they were too gutless to really put up a fight and
instead, became the oppressor class, lampreying on
life. If you are between 45 and 60, *do something!*



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Don't Believe Liars and Murderers 18

It's now over five hundreds years since Columbus came and launched the systemic genocide and slavery that has defined both North and South America, since. Adding the macabre, it's paraded as the most wonderful governmental system ever devised by man (or, rich, "white" men, I should say.) The subjugation, both mentally and physically (spiritually, psychically – you name it) is profound on those born here and to a large extent, by those who come here, in a state of awe (after having their own countries destroyed.) Then again, many people who've lived here (and slaved) for generations and centuries know the true history of this blood-thirsty nation. It separates fact from evil lies.

Humanity is like a big family. But some drug-addled bullies are stealing food (and everything else) from frail old people and little kids, who suffer so horribly away from the gutless media. These punks are U.S. big shots in industry and politics. They are the true criminals of the family. Their crimes affect all our lives in every country. Many suffer, die or languish in prison or in slave conditions throughout the world because of their dictates. Their gunmen, it is true, wear uniforms with badges and numbers and their victims are paraded in front of people in robes, but that doesn't erase criminal intent, no matter how expensive the parchment used for their sacred slaver's document of documents – the U.S. Constitution. Dred Scot – tough luck!

"Skull & Bones" is literally what they intend to do (and have done) to any and all people who cross their plundering agenda. For, they have the most seductive (and evil) "drug" of all – naked, absolute power. They are in a position to get anything they want, either personally or to cater to their basest instincts – exercising their power over other people. This can mean deciding to fire or "layoff" people at the factory, speed things up, gut wages and benefits, cut back on food to prisoners and any type of "sanctions" you can think of. Or, it can be politically generated, like these hideous wars being fought in Afghanistan and Iraq. Even Haiti is under U.S. – directed tyranny, by get this – U.N. "Peacekeeping" forces!

More and more, the high schools are resembling prison assembly lines. In a school nearby, they make kids bring their parents – to a basketball game! You can just tell, by the warden like demeanor and behavior of the "black" principal, to the looks on these kids' faces – many of them are being tracked for prison! Their crime? Same as it was for the "freed" ex-slave Americans (vagrants) a few generations ago – since they are not wanted (or needed) for their regular for-profit slave operations, the only way they can be profited from, is by stuffing them in prison! Thirty-thousand a head, per year, guaranteed by tax dollars, makes it simple. Or as the son-of-a-Nazi Terminator would say, "a no-brainer!" It's like murder (terror.) Just because a spectacle is made out of it and "justice" is "served" doesn't not make it plain and simple murder.

Yet, all the papers and magazines just blah blah blah about everything saturated with the endless ads that drench all our waking hours. To think, it would seem that we're all supposed to love our brain-dead condition and disconnectedness to anything truly meaningful on a social, political or economic level. They've hijacked any creativity, socially or economically. It's been totally commercialized, here in the States. Everything is cry, buy, die!

The only place you're allowed to feel any solace and genuine community, is in a church. But don't get too uppity (like the Voices in the Wilderness, who oppose decades-long murder and toddlercide in Iraq) or we may indict ya, or if you really get on our nerves (successfully repel a government attack) we'll burn you all to death – and shoot whoever tries to get out! If you get serious politically, we can go two ways – frame you up for murder or just murder you, like Fred Hampton and MOVE.

Well, all this murdering and bullying and enslaving cannot possibly be undertaken without serious resistance, if people understand the reality of the situation they are faced with. For, under such longstanding and appalling conditions, truth necessarily becomes revolutionary, because everything positive and life-sustaining is threatened by this monstrosity including the very survival of life. Without withering, unrelenting brainwash and the suppression of the truth, their gargantuan lies couldn't possibly be believed by many people.

They train people to be their killers, kidnappers and jailers, control the locked-down politics - mainly extortion of tax monies and their allocation, mixed with funneling young black men (and increasingly women) into prison, "keeping the peace" at the fascist-run work places and at all the official capitalist businesses and stores.

Social life is pretty regulated, especially if more than a few people intend to get together and express their humanity positively (such as opposing mass murder of people in other countries, for example.) For this affront to fascist acquiescence, they are surrounded with Darth Vader Death Squad types, armed with gas clubs and guns. The afraid folks at home will get tiny news clips to remind them of what can happen to them, if they too attempt to challenge government activities (usually, mass murder.) Most people whizzing by in their cars are also too afraid, lazy or have long since convinced themselves that they don't care about the issues the dissenters are raising. They've been successfully neutralized, intellectually and morally. They are into believing the lies, and thus, go along with the murdering. In return, they get to be hermetically sealed from all the horrible suffering going on, or be bothered that Earth herself is catapulting towards disaster.

They have nice foods to snack on in front of one of several plasma TVs. Instead of real plasma coursing through their veins, igniting their emotions (deciding what is right and wrong and acting on their insights with courage and conviction,) they have plasma TV! There is a huge difference, for the TV is the most corrosive of all (and there are many) brainwashing and cognition destroying, drugs.

Mix in the hyenas on the radio, whether out-and-out nazi propagandists or the Abu Ghraib – style political cheerleading, of get this – sports show hosts, and you start to see a pattern.

American workers work more hours than the Japanese, who are famous for sleeping in little slots during week nights and dropping dead at their desks at age forty. Increasingly, they are being laid-off for cheaper labor in Asia and elsewhere. Pensions are being stolen by government (Illinois) and many industries. Benefits, healthcare – any of the safety nets - are being shredded by these greedy liars, thieves and murderers who orchestrate this system at various levels. Plus, it is a fascistic work environment, where "management" makes all the decisions and those who do the work are their

slaves. Those who do the work and see the problems are never listened to or included in any decision-making. It's all top-down, bottom line driven.

Social life has become more and more martial. You go to your kid's high school football game or whatever, and it's a color guard, national anthem, support our troops, yada yada. Everywhere you go you see it, flags, signs, ribbons – support our murderous government, Seig Halliburton!

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The entertainment industry can more accurately be described as a "whoring for government" industry. Instead of spitting out the revolutionary truth in thrilling cultural ways, they rely on insipid, sexist, ignorant, pro-government inanity and the fact that men and women have hormones and physical desires. Hormones are great but where is the unmistakable and righteous truth, Puffy? They're shilling for Pepsi or cops or whatever the hell they're doing, as long as they got their babes and their stupid shiny metal. That's what I call a whore! People are dying – murdered by the same system of folks who tolerate (and profit from) your little indulgences. That's pornographic!

I just can't stand to see "Black" people act like this! They of all people (like Native Americans) know all about slavery, genocide, enslaving and so forth. So, it's a *conscious* decision to sell out. Born of despair and hopelessness (and fear) they decide to become an enemy instead of a fighter for their own people. So, you end up with a Clarence Thomas, along with all these black principals and wardens. It's what the control units hope to do – destroy the mind and mold it for evil purposes. It's the cry of hopelessness.

So-called "white" people in America have a sordid history of unwillingness to challenge their life-long conditioning as pawns and maybe, junior partners of the criminals at large - (the *large* criminals!) They've accepted their role as bully's flunkie, worker drone, politically ignorant consumers, who rally to the murderous call of government whenever the blood lust strikes the elite skull & boners groomed in the elite Ivy League schools. They keep to themselves and call it a life. It doesn't exonerate them from responsibility or culpability. Like Noel Ignatiev said: "Whiteness doesn't relieve them of oppression, it reconciles them to it." Tell me! How can people *live* like that???

It's quite simple. Like Rashid explains, violence (terror) or its threat, is used to control people. People don't want to make waves and have the police all over them. They see the countless captives of government in countless prisons, all over the world. Rather, they know of them, as they are kept pretty much from their view in rural areas and even in secret locations. Even writing to them or visiting them is a daunting, intimidating, often humiliating and painful, threatening experience. See, these are facts, but just the mention of them, raises the hackles of those responsible for keeping a lid on thought – especially to and from the gulags.

So, it's pretty bleak – once you remove the escapist filters from your eyes and look reality square in the face. But the acceptance of the truth and the process of becoming empowered by it and overcoming your fear of the vague threat of retaliation for no longer believing in the Big Lie, is the key to unlocking your creative and humanistic potential. It's thrilling to think for yourself, forever off the rotish, ignorant, uncaring, self-centered track laid out for you. Your mind will do you right because it doesn't forget and will build upon what is genuinely learned. Your example of veracity and courage will be much admired, as it is greatly needed by so many others being so neurologically numbed by this vile regime. It's a whole new real life!

Look at what the people in South America are undergoing! Bold, new **21** politics are overcoming evil, U.S. – dictated death squad, IMF, militarized governments, in country after country. What is the U.S. government going to do? Train killers, assassinate people, make economies “scream” arm and train “contras” and embargo all of these countries at once, while claiming that “communists” or “terrorists” or “narco-terrorists” are menacing these very people who are clamoring for progressive and radical change? The U.S. is already bogged down in awful wars in the Middle East. Who’s going to go fight the people in Bolivia or Chile or Argentina? Americans are getting fed up with having their sons and daughters die or come home legless from Iraq, seeing that the “justification” for this horrible thrust of Empire has been shown to be fabricated with lie after lie after lie.

“Support our troops” should not mean support for the evil government who has deceived them with promises of education, only to thrust them in horrible and dangerous situations for an imperial agenda. The German citizens supported their troops too, in WWII, but that doesn’t mean what those troops were forced to do was in any way, supportable! For, by supporting the government’s chess game of using troops to gain their evil objectives, these troops suffer enormously (and unnecessarily!) We’re actually helping these troops suffer more by allowing the government to tell us what to do and how to think. Times it by 100 and you get a glimpse at the overwhelming suffering the government is causing to the people in the countries we’ve invaded – most ghastly (not) seen in Iraq.

When governments go bad and go on these murderous adventures, it is up to the people to stop them. You can’t expect a “benevolent” country to invade your country and set things right. This insane idea is what the U.S.

government expects us to believe we are doing over in Iraq! Let’s not forget that Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden and even Manuel Noriega were all stooges of the CIA and the U.S. didn’t give a damn about all the horrible things they were doing to their own people – *when they were doing them!* After all, they received training, armaments and assurances from the U.S. – or they would not have been able to so brazenly murder their people. It is only now, when it is politically expedient, that the Rumsfelds of this sad world are shedding their crocodile tears over select massacres of yesteryear. While they were happening (specifically, the gassing of the Kurds) he was toasting with Saddam in Baghdad. What about the massacres along the “Road of Death” at the crescendo of slaughter at the end of the first Gulf War? Where are those mass graves of helpless, innocent soldiers, trying to surrender??? Where are all the little children buried who died of hunger or disease because they couldn’t even drink water that wasn’t poisoned or receive simple antibiotics? When will these arch criminals land in the dock??? When will the *real* criminals be outed and punished?

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The Business of Government is the Macro Management of Crime

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Ever get disgusted by the endless parade of corrupt, greedy and perverted politicians, who make the news and go through the wrist-slap line of "justice?" How about the offal, fat swine still in power, formulating racist laws, voting themselves raises and gang-pressing our poor sons & daughters into fighting their Halliburton wars, they so gutlessly avoided in their youth? Maybe you're more nauseated by the ultra moral depravity of the top CEO's, as their mega-billion dollar scandals erupt onto the surface and their companies go under, destroying tens of thousands of workers' life savings, while they've stolen tens of millions for themselves!

Yeah, it's sickening alright! All the lying, stealing and murdering – made even more repulsive by their sanctimonious hypocrisy and claims of morality. I hate seeing multi-billionaires, like Oprah Winfrey or Bill Gates get gushed over for their "philanthropy." They "give" money or a book or a car away, with nice rich-people tax write-offs and we're supposed to be so impressed by their largesse. Ugh! What fuckin' monsters! Let's fete these absentee sweatshop overlords!

So, I thought it a good time to set a few basic, unquestioned assumptions on their lie-based heads. First, this country is not now, nor was it ever about "freedom" or "democracy." The Constitution was written by the richest white men in the country (many of them "owned" huge plantations run by slaves.) The land they claimed was stolen from other people already living there, who they tormented and murdered. These disadvantaged people (Native Americans) were then made to sign one-sided, unfair treaties, which these slavers invariably broke, anyway. It did not and indeed, could not "evolve" into something else!

The Constitution codified human slavery and the "rule of law." These laws were made to insure that the stolen land, stolen wealth and stolen lives, remained in the hands of those who stole them! Even white women were treated like dirt, as were white European men – if they were poor (indentured servants) or not English enough!

Those who couldn't stand this tyranny parading as liberty, fled to Canada, went ever westward, joined the Maroons in the swamps, became Indians themselves, were imprisoned, enslaved or tried to find a place of their own somewhere outside the reach of the "law" &/or the predatory business magnates, who ran the horrible plantations and factories. Where do we go now that the whole country's locked down?

Does any of this sound like "freedom" or "human rights" or "liberty?" Of course it doesn't, because it's the opposite – tyranny, exploitation and slavery – be it wage, sexual, chattel, prison or contract. Rarely, was there even a viable third party to challenge the two rubber-stamp parties. Eugene Debs ran a significant 3rd party presidential campaign – from prison! Whenever workers got any significant organizing done, they were gunned down and their leaders were framed up and hung

Now, who in this whole wide world would want a system like that for their own country - if they weren't forced to "nation-build" at the point of a gun? That's right, nobody! Because, it's a horrible system that degrades everything about a society - social relations, the equitable distribution of goods and services, the natural ecology, sexual relations, "race" relations and most insidiously, the ability of citizens to think cogently and guide their lives in a free, cooperative and existentially meaningful manner. To do so means to be in eternal revolt! 23

For, government is the pinnacle of criminality. It is organized crime refined over decades upon decades of laws, wars, policing, massive yearly extortion (taxes) and meticulous catering to the wage-slave economic system of capitalism, known as "extreme capitalism" here in the U.S. This seamless, exponential level of all-encompassing criminality can only be dreamed of by the Mafia and all the two-bit gangsters, who can merely mimic the hubris and bombast of the suit and tie warlords of politics and industry, with their small time dope deals and contract murders. Government manipulates whole *industries* of drugs (heroin, cocaine, etc.) They kill whole *cities* of people - sometimes at one crack! They bleed and make suffer whole *countries*, whole *sub-continent*s - even whole *continent*s - like Africa. Now that is what I call serious, world-class, *macro* criminality!

The U.S. government even has a nuclear gun to the head of every man, woman and child on Earth and is even looking to load outer space up with the destructive energy they've commandeered - in case any creatures pop in from other parts of the universe, I suppose. They have exclusive stockpiles of the most dangerous and deadly materials known to man, such as plutonium, dioxin, anthrax, nerve gas, sarin, biological and chemical weapons, napalm, phosphorus fuel-air "daisy cutter" bombs, etc., etc. Like Madelaine Albright said about the blow job / Serb War - "What good are weapons if you can't use them?"

Six thousand children die from starvation every single *day*! Hundreds of millions are on death's door. Those that run the show are millionaires and billionaires who thirst for more money, power and adulation. Wow! That's cosmically serious crime, folks!

The monster policy-makers know it's insanely criminal, but they can't stop themselves. They're drunk with their power and drip with blood lust. That's why more and more state documents are classified as state secrets. They run secret prisons. They run an international gulag system. They tell reporters and editors what to say and print - even overseas! They harass people trying to tell the truth and label genuine freedom fighters "terrorists" and "anarchists." They lie like hell!

Orwell, Kafka and many others saw all of this coming. 1984 even had it pegged as far as the idiot box is concerned. These mesmerizing screens are truly everywhere - from giant big screens, to itty-bitty tiny ones. You can hardly even go to a restaurant anymore without that

obnoxious junk droning on. People have them on while they are driving, eating – even sleeping! People go to bars that have literally dozens of screens flashing images. Mostly, it's escapist drivel, like sports or sex or pig shows. There are lots of lawyer, judge – even prison shows, which are now insanely popular. It's all contrived nonsense meant to anaesthetize the brain or feed the mush-headed citizenry, gargantuan political lies. It's the culture of *simulated* social life. 24

It disconnects people from reality. All the hundreds of thousands of simulated murders witnessed by viewers, including "horror movies" with all the details of gruesome torture, make the real-life murder committed by government, inconsequential. Hunka, like Arnold Swartzenegger and Sylvester Stallone and Keifer Sutherland prepare the cultural bed for the mass murderers of government – the Cheney's and Rumsfeld's. Dick Cheney is John Wayne Gacy!

See, it's ok to murder people – even if you're a rogue agent, as long as you do it for the government. But, it's not ok if you're a young black man. That's the most terrible thing possible and leads off every news show. How, utterly insane! Yeah, it's terrible when somebody gets raped and murdered, but it's exponentially more terrible every single day of massive government murder coupled with psychological slavery.

It's only the "losers" that pay for their crimes. Had Hitler's Germany won WWII, they probably would have conducted solemn trials with American, British and Russian generals and politicians in the dock for the mass murder in Dresden, Berlin and elsewhere. Both sides visited colossal, otherworldly mass murder to civilians on an almost daily basis, for many years. These are governments at work!!! WWII is fondly referred to as "The Good War!" What is so *good* about endless bloodshed and suffering? After the main killing was over, the U.S. didn't skip a beat, making sure the Brits, France, etc. recovered their colonies in Africa, Southeast Asia and elsewhere. They put the military clampdown back in South America, Greece, Korea – wherever!

They even declared war at home, blacklisting people, nuking citizens and raising the ultimate dread of total nuclear annihilation to a very real possibility (MAD – mutually assured destruction.) Before killing 1,000,000 Koreans from 1950-1953, they murdered 100,000 from the end of WWII to 1950! They knew all about the Holocaust – *while it was happening* – and did nothing about it! They set up brutal dictators from Indonesia to the Philippines, to Iran to Chile. No level of depravity was too horrible for the U.S. forces – Vietnam, Guatemala, El Salvador – you name it! Think of the clinical "supermax" hellholes!

Yet, we're supposed to be aghast when a little kid brings a toe nail clipper to school! They'll have us believe that the "Civil Rights Movement" in the sixties took away all the final vestiges of discrimination. After all, a few words were changed in a few law books!

Meanwhile, a huge percentage of young black men are living in the most horrible, vile, disease-riddled and dangerous psychological torture chambers – prison. Their communities are worse off than ever, with cameras everywhere instead of jobs, with police rounding people up, constantly. Despair and hopelessness is trumpeted as “equality.”

Making Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a national holiday does nothing to create genuine community organizations and real empowerment for oppressed people. Black History Month, the “celebration of Kwanzaa” and a handful of talented black athletes making millions doesn't do a damned thing to stop the torrent of young black men and women into the gulags of Amerika. It's all a big fraud! 25

Religion – ah, to find a place of solace! What does it really do? Yes, some churches do serious prisoner support outreach. They'll organize busses for family members and complain that phone calls are a rip-off or that conditions at such-and-such a dungeon are horrible, but it has no effect on government. They continue to parade folks in front of be-robed judges, who go through the formality of convicting poor people, as if on an assembly line! Or, enticed by promises of money for education, kids get sucked into the military, only to find themselves being forced to do despicable things to poor people in other (nowadays, Arab) countries.

All our efforts to work and provide for our families, are hampered enormously because the government extorts a huge chunk of it in taxes. And what do they use this money for? Is it to make sure that all of our children are properly clothed, fed, housed and truthfully educated? Hell, no! It's to make the lives of people here and abroad infinitely more miserable – either by occupying their country and bombing them, torturing them and so forth or incarcerating us, pushing us into the military and forcing us to be their cheerleaders for their criminal deeds.

Government is very bad and all of society suffers terribly by the hideous process of continuously trying to ignore this monster in our midst, and indeed, being forced into catering to it. Stalinism was probably the most clearly defined example of this type of society through government-caused fear. But, America takes the cake as far as sheer ignorance goes. When constant torture and murder are not even given a second thought, how in hell are you to expect a sane society to function??? Trying to appeal to their “humanity” is the height of folly, because they *have* no humanity! Citizens must ditch government lies and stop allowing them to commit such terrible crimes. If we don't rise up and put a stop to it, their crimes will overwhelm us, too along with our children and everything else we hold dear. It's up to us to do or die.

~ Anthony Rayson ~ husband, father, working stiff, citizen, etc.

Censorship & Deprivation of Prisoners is a War on Citizens, Too!

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Vernon Maulsby brings up some good points and an alarm bell should be going off in everybody's heads. He's a lifer at SCI-Graterford, PA. There new policy denying sexually desperate inmates what they define as "pornography" is a strategy to censor words they don't like and through a bone to the warped religious right.

Personally, the issue about the magazines does no really concern me, but the way the directive is set to censor the written word as well, is what has forced me into action to try to fight this serious menace. This DOC, once it has a foothold on censoring written content in books, will never stop, until every book possibly of serious value to the inmate, in the ongoing struggle to improve conditions here, has been winnowed out. The confiscation of adult reading material is a "bonus" which will be welcomed by the Religious Right both within and outside of this prison.

By using vague, fascist-think language they add further restrictions on prisoners. Here's what this Bulletin reads:

In order to assist with rehabilitation and treatment objectives, reduce sexual harassment and prevent a hostile work environment, inmates will not be permitted to receive or possess pornography, as defined below. As of the effective date of this bulletin, inmates will no longer be permitted to obtain a new or renew an existing subscription to pornographic magazines or to order pornographic books...

DC-ADM 803, "Inmate Mail and Incoming Publications," Section VI.F.3.b.

Obscenity/Pornography (7) is being revised, and the following is being added:

(7) where the material depicts bestiality, masturbation, sadomasochistic behavior, or bondage;

New language is being added as Section VI.F.3.c. "Pornography Issues."

b. Pornography Issues

The following categories of material are considered "pornographic."

(1) materials which the purpose is sexual arousal or gratification; or

(2) the material contains nudity which means showing the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, or showing the female breast with

less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple (exposure through "see through" materials is considered nudity for purposes of this definition.

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OK. Let's look at this more closely. Without any kind of input from anyone outside the correctional hierarchy, new rules are proclaimed and enforced. The reasons are to help facilitate "rehabilitation" and so forth they have no real interest in, nor explain how it would help it. They also ban "pornographic books" that's sort of hidden by their physical depictions of the human anatomy they deem pornographic. They ban materials whose purpose is to "arouse" prisoners, defined of course, by them. They ban books that "arouse" that naughty sexual organ – the brain!

This is a broad-based offensive on prisoner rights. All over the archipelago, prisoners are losing any connection to ideas and people on the outside, physical necessities and so forth. For example, in Indiana, prisoners have been cut from 10 letters a month, down to two! They've signed a ½ \$billion contract with Aramark to provide food. They've instituted the \$.99 meal. Grown men are being given childlike portions of food and those on AD-Seg are being denied access to commissary, also. This is in effect, a slow starvation of these people, a most certain form of torture.

To maximize profits, as the punishment industry goes more and more private, basic things like toothpaste, sanitary napkins, toilet paper and soap are being severely rationed with inferior products. The governments of every state are looking to "cut costs" laying off state workers, speeding the others up, forcing givebacks of previously won wages and benefits. They are using the "corporate model" to punish state workers across the board. The federal government is doing the same to their workers, to siphon money due them (pensions, etc.) into their war machine to go with the torrenting upwards of the nation's wealth to the already rich and greedy.

Worker's unions have been weakened, and money is being looted from state worker's pension funds and by other means to pay for other government projects, such as road construction and pork projects. The strongest unions today are the prison guard unions! They have the sweetest contracts and along with prison authorities have enormous influence as to how state money is spent. Increasing amounts are spent on prisons – their construction, state-of-the-art technology and incarceration techniques, along with increased amounts for policing those on the "outs." Meanwhile, the prisoners are receiving less food, basic necessities, treatment programs, educational opportunities – and access to literature.

Like slave times of yore, the slavers do not want their slaves to be anything but atomized, confused, uneducated and at each other's throats. This they insure by aggravating racial tensions through assigned seating during meals, for example, or any number of petty rules and provocations used by guards and written into prison policy to humiliate, isolate, intimidate

and take the "fight" out of a prisoner. This "fight" is also known as "consciousness." They smear serious political intellectuals as being in a "strategic threat group, i.e. gang." They want to keep the "gangs" lacking in political consciousness, so as not to focus their rage outside themselves or others from their community.

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So, really this whole "War on Terrorism" is a "War on Truth" here at home. It's a brutal imperialist offensive in other countries. Since consciousness creates revolutionaries, empowerment, overcomes fear and ignorance and provides for the possibility of a purposeful life – even confined to a cage – it becoming enemy #1 to the authorities. However, to maintain the façade of "Democracy" and "freedom of speech" it must get around to their objective in disingenuous ways. Like claiming to be interested in the safety and welfare of prisoners by censoring their publications! Bear in mind, this is a highly and deliberately despairing, tortuous environment – the U.S. prisons. Conjugal visits are forbidden and even regular visits, phone calls and now, letters, are very difficult and getting more difficult. So, they've created an excruciating environment and it is pure nazi sadism that claims more restrictions create "rehabilitation" and "treatment."

Clothing is even being ripped off their bodies as flimsy (and often degrading) cheap, thin material is substituted for winter clothing and plastic sandals replace boots or shoes.

People struggling with poor paying jobs, increased taxes, higher prices for fuel and food, etc. see the clamps tightening, too. Mayor Daley is lauded by the Department for Homeland Security for establishing a "Command Post" of surveillance in Chicago. Thousands of cameras watch the citizens and he clamors for thousands more. He wants children in school 12 months a year. It's all about "going after crime" while his administration is being exposed as corrupt to the core. Speeders caught by camera will just get their tickets in the mail. More cameras mean more arrests means more prisoners where the ultra exploitation of human beings occurs, and the profits are guaranteed by the taxpayers. That's a fascist loop! It's a system that feeds on its own people!

There's an increase in arresting and prosecuting "eco-terrorists" and harassing their supporters and those who even write about these subjects. These "terrorists" may or may not have resorted to some form of direct action in protest to systemic brutality of life and environmental degradation for profit. But, the massive crimes of government and capitalism aren't prosecutable – just the conscious response of some and the desperation of the many is fair game for the cops.

When the state murderers orchestrate a society, it is fundamentally false. It's lie-based predation where only the victims, supposedly do the crimes. In such a demented "reality" those with insight are highly demonized and censored. The last thing these monsters want to allow to happen is to have their slaves, whether living in a miserable cage or working at a Wal-Mart,

understand why they find themselves in their nightmare situation – and how they can get out of it. This knowledge becomes the highest form of “treason.” The details, facts and cogent analysis of them are sedition and thus, ultimately, genuine education is the worse form of “terrorism.” 29

As Ward Churchill says, “Who’s the Terrorist?” Who has a huge building in Washington, D.C. stuffed with “secrets?” Who blacks out the details in the Freedom of Information Act files? Who censors publications, has police, military, spies and cameras everywhere, runs a vast gulag system worldwide, has tortured and murdered millions of people for decades, created monster stockpiles of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, etc., etc. and why are they trying to shut up those brave and insightful enough to call them on their crimes? I ask you – who is terrorizing who?

Ganglike doodle gets teen expelled from high school

BY MONIFA THOMAS
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A 16-year-old boy has been expelled from his far northwest suburban high school for doodling what school officials say is a gang symbol in his notebook.

Members of the McHenry Community High School District 156 school board voted Tuesday to expel student Derek Kelly from McHenry East Campus High School for the rest of the school year, according to Derek's mother, Kathy Kelly.

The sketch showed the letters “D.L.K” in the middle of a cross with a spider web in one corner

and a crown on top. School officials allegedly told Kathy Kelly the letters stood for “Disciples Latin King,” referring to the Latin Kings and Latin Disciples street gangs.

But Kelly said those are also the initials of her son, whose full name is Derek Leon Kelly.

McHenry East Principal Dave Moyer would not comment specifically on Derek's case Wednesday, but he said: “The school district takes a very strong stance on gangs. The policy reflects that and our practices reflect that.”

Derek made the sketch in his school planner on Jan. 3 while

serving an in-school suspension for taking a bathroom break without permission, his mother said. Two days later, he was expelled for 10 days prior to Tuesday's board meeting.

Over 50 other citations

Kathy Kelly said the school had warned her son twice before about inappropriate drawings, including one with a “T” that officials said resembled a pitchfork.

Derek has also been cited more than 50 times in his three years at McHenry East for skipping class, causing disturbances in the cafeteria and other minor offenses, his mother said. Based on his credits, Derek qualifies as a freshman.

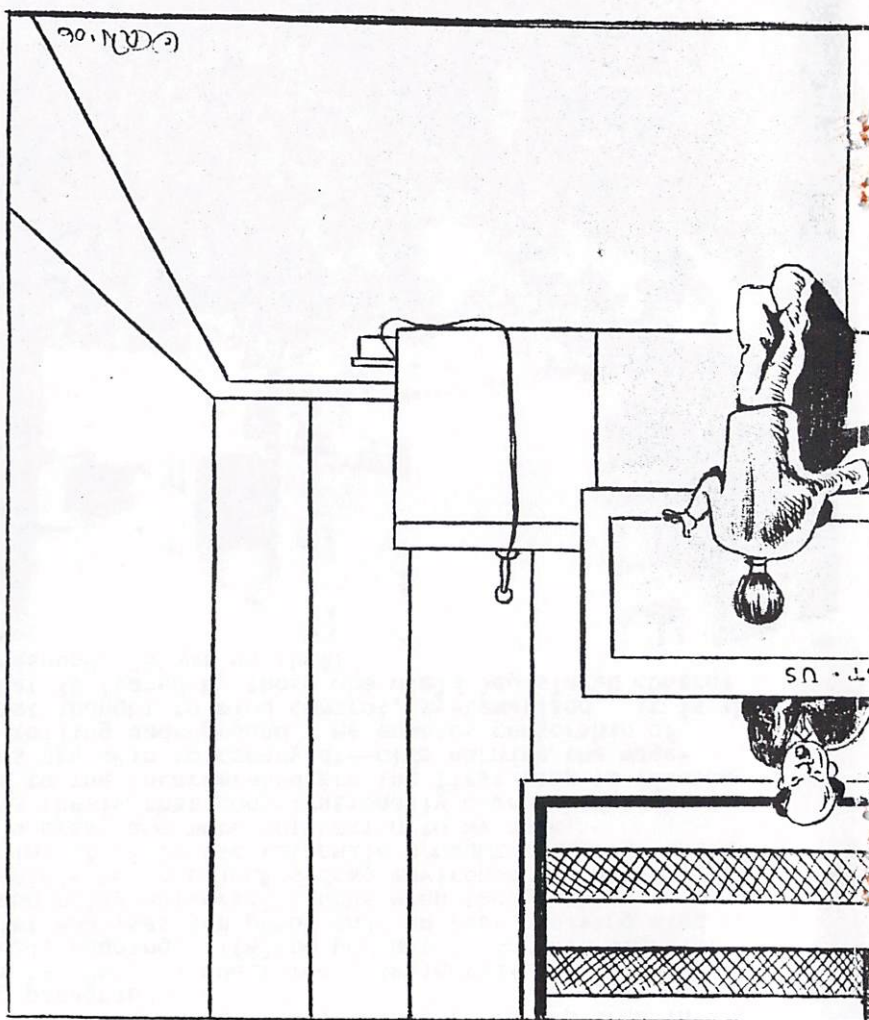
“Obviously, they see that there is a disciplinary problem, and they just want to throw him out of the school and wash their hands of him,” Kelly said.

She said her son is not a gang member, and that the school is sending a negative message to students about freedom of expression.

“He was doodling on his own paper,” Kelly said, not writing graffiti on school property or vandalizing. “He didn’t do it to hurt or intimidate or offend anyone.”

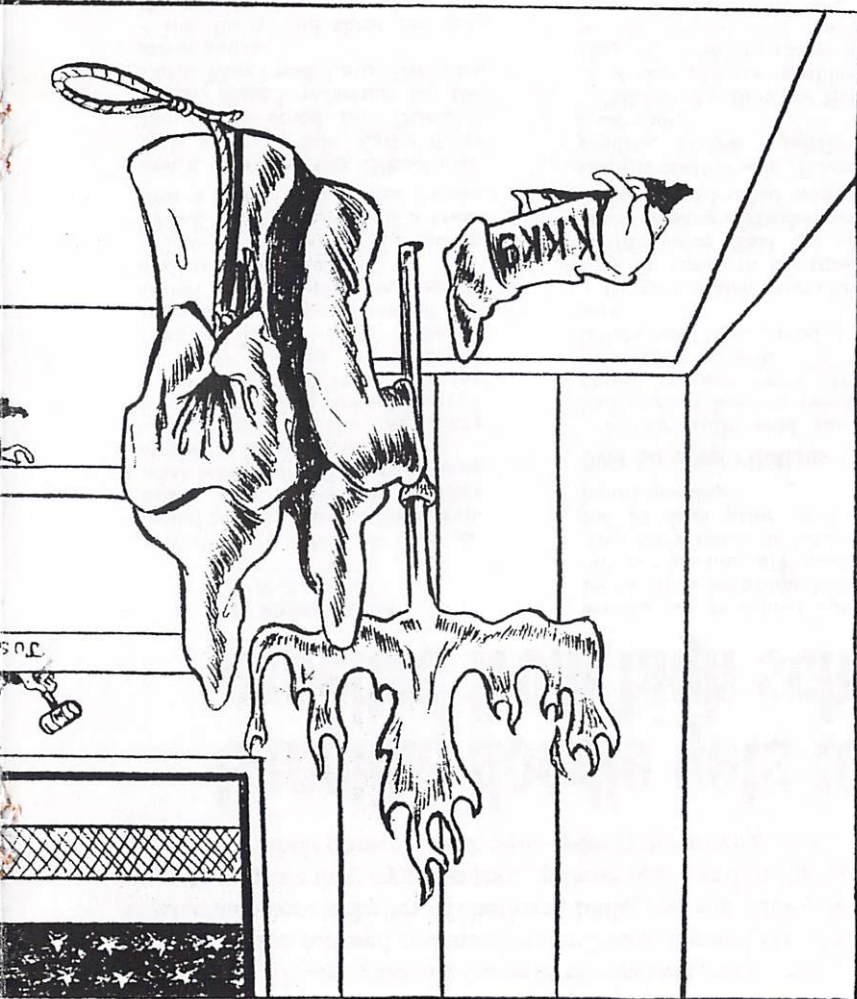
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How DARE you ACCUSE THESE

They will Never Get Us All!

By: Harold H. Thompson

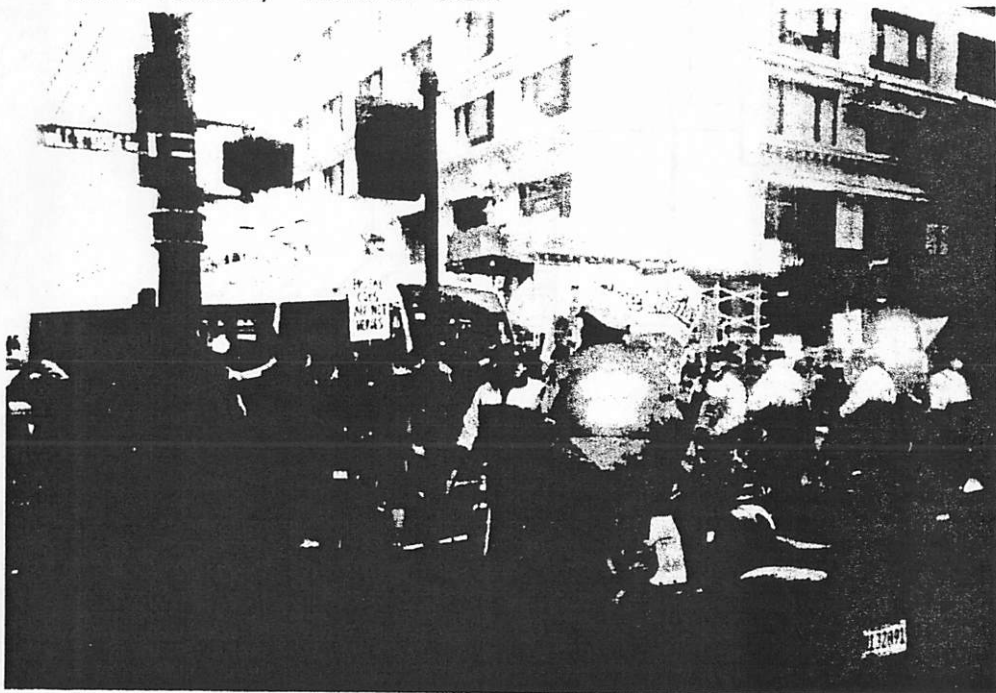
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This booklet of short musings and poems can be read in 3 hours, but its diverse messages of social and political commentaries will reverberate in your head for weeks to come.

Harold has been incarcerated in Tennessee for the past 20 years and the cause of this sentence is explored in the opening paragraphs.

As he says, "A quest for intellectual growth is a continual, ongoing, lifelong pursuit." And his altruistic, anarchist analyses are proof that an ever evolving mind can grasp and relay universal truths even though the body/vehicle be in a locked-down environment. His expounding of dialectic rationale brought a tear to these seeker's eyes, and more motivation to my walk.

His thesis that constitutionally guaranteed rights not granted to the incarcerated are the first step to fascist dictates are akin to canary die-offs warning the wage-slaves toiling underground. He equates censorship of anarchist thought to mind control, systematized. It is the Idea that is feared by those who wield legislated control and I resound, "Shame on them!"



In one essay he points out how the state thrives on the fear factor of the domestic populace and needs a constant adversary to justify usurpation of rights and trillions in weaponry and subjugations, spent and wasted. We're supposed to be continuously menaced by Nazis, Japs, Gooks, drugs & Arabs in that chronological order.

In another chapter about Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay torture sites, he extrapolates why it comes as a big surprise, when it's been happening in U.S. prisons for a long time as a desensitized U.S. public just looks the other way and is satiated by the cult of consumerism. 33

In another of Harold's writings, he deals with what to do if subjected to arrest. Basically, remain silent, never answer any questions, don't incriminate yourself or others and don't fall for any orchestrated ploys.

Furthermore, he urges the citizenry not to surrender their firearms. We must be able to defend ourselves from the state and the far right militias.

Harold ends most writings with the catch phrase that is the title of the booklet - "They will Never Get Us All!" So mode it be.

Peace & Evolution
Mike of the South Chicago ABC Collective.

HEARTCHECK

By: Jeff & Rob

The contents and title of this zine emanate from the U.S. Ghoulag-Archipelago. It means to have enough conviction in your heart, content of your being and testosterone in your gonads to take action for your beliefs. Well, do ya punk?

As terra oscillates to the hot-house end of the spectrum because of modern culture's greed (plus apathy,) multiple species are forced to migrate, compensate or just obliterate. This zine is a call to action for the millions who profess outrage against this contrived system of exploitations.

The chapters alternate between these two dedicated soldiers and I found Free's to be more symbiotic toward other modes of protest. Rob's thesis to other @'s is to put down that beer, pen, stapler, outreach table and light a wick. He rants against "heads full of theories and lines devoid of actions." But, de-emphasized is the clout of choice - either through lifestyles, purchases or boycotts. Diversity of unrest is a given as not all of us reside in the P.N.W. or are under the age of 30. I've met many activist grannies aghast at G.O.P. atrocities.

"The U.S. state and the wealthy class will never surrender their corrupt power and capital without a fight. Over the last two centuries, the National Guard and army have been used by the government to squash dissent and only the unified masses will be able to stand up to the state. Divided by race, class or ideologies, the long anticipated toppling will falter. Recognizing and sharing our individual skills, teachings, organizing and coordinating a functional model for social transformation are the ways to nurture our mutual dream: a world beyond state-craft, capitalism, exploitations and greed." Says Jeff.

During the last chapters physical fitness and specific tactics for street demonstrations are emphasized and expanded upon. These explain which exercises are useful for increasing your stamina, to the logistics of reconnaissance.

In summation, let's help these Earth liberators activate this evolutionary time-line for future generations and ours. Seize the day, and glory to the Cause...@

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~ Mike ~

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Fellow PROGRESSIVES, + ACTIVISTS

I HOPE MOST OF YOU REALIZE THAT THE LONG-ANTICIPATED TOPPLING OF NATIONALISM, CAPITALISM AND OTHER MODES OF EXPLOITATION WILL TAKE MORE INSIGHT + EFFORT ON OUR PARTS THAN GOING TO THE FLAGED DRAPED POLLS EVERY 2 YEARS AND PUNCHING OUT A CHAD THAT JUST RE-INSTATES 1 PARTY OF CORRUPTION IN THIS CONTRIVED DUCFCLY. DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT RALPH NADER HAD A CHANCE? TO IMPLEMENT TRUE REFORM? NOT A CHANCE IN HELL.

THE ENTRENCHED CORPORATE U.S. POWERS NOW HAVE THEIR DREAM COME TRUE. NO MORE U.S.S.R. AND ANOTHER FOREIGN WAR WITH A TRILLION DOLLARS IN PET PENTAGON EXPENDITURES TO SQUADRE AND ENSLAVE A THIRD WORLD PEOPLES. NOT KRAVTS, JAPS, COMXIES, OR GOOKS THIS TIME JUST SOME HADIS WHO SIT ON MEGA-CRUDE^{oil} RESERVES. ADD CORRUPT CIL-REX IN THE WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS, AND SENATE, TO INSURE THE INSTALLATION OF SOME U.S. FRIENDLY REGIME AND DAMN THE CONSEQUENCES.

JUST LIKE ENSLAVED AFRICANS AND THE DOCTRINE OF MANIFEST DESTINY THAT WIPED OUT SCORES OF INDIAN NATIONS FROM SEA TO BLOODY SEA. WHAT THE RICH, WHITE, MALE RULING CLASS SAYS GOES. BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE

ARMY, NUKES, MEDIA, AND INDOCTRINATED MASSES BEHIND THEM. RALLY AROUND THE FLAG, AND AT EVERY SPORTING EVENT TOO. FOR SHAME, ANTI-HEATS FI →

AT LEAST WITH SATELLITE T.V. ATOP THEIR ROOFS THE TRUE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN FALUJAH CAN SEE ALL THE PERVERSIONS OF AMERICAN CULTURE: JERRY SPRINGER, MAURY POUICH, HOWARD STERN SHOWS, WRESTLING, ULTIMATE FIGHTING, NASCAR RACES, UNHOLY PRIESTS HAVING THEIR WAY WITH ALTER BOYS, M.V., & FOX "PROPAGANDA" NEWS. DOES ANYONE WANT THESE ASPECTS CONTAMINATING THEIRS, HECK NO!

9-11-01 WAS A GREAT DAY FOR THE WORLD'S OPPRESSORS. THE PENTAGON BLOWS \$1.3 Billion Dollars per day FOR WEAPONS, MORE THAN ALL OTHER NATIONS COMBINED. AND THE 3,000 KILLED IN N.Y.C. HA! J.F.K., L.B.J., NIXON, NAPALM, CARPET BOMBING, LANDMINES, & DEFOLIANTS WIPED OUT 3 MILLION HUMAN BEINGS IN S.E. ASIA IN THE 1960's-1970's... GOD-BLESS AMERICA. SO WHAT'S 500,000 DEAD IN IRAQ TO THE U.S. MASS MURDER MACHINE? TRIVIAL AS LONG AS WE GET OUR WAY. AND AS WE EXPORT OUR TOBACCO, CAUSING CANCER, & DISEASES AROUND THE WORLD. BUT WE MUST ERADICATE CROPS FROM COLOMBIA & BURMA? AFTER ALL SADAM, THE SHAH, AND THEIR BRUTAL SECRET POLICE FORCES WERE INSTALLED BY THE C.I.A. AND ALLIES AND CUSTOMERS TO U.S. INTERESTS FOR DECADES. JACK ABRAHAMOFF WAS JUST ONE OF 3,000 LOBBYISTS STALKING THE CORRIDORS IN WASHINGTON WE HAVE THE BEST DEMOCRACY CAPITALISM MONEY CAN BUY.

IN LOSING, IF A UNITED PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT CAN'T WIFE THE U.S. AND ALL EGO-DRIVEN NATION-STATES OFF THE FACE OF THIS ONCE PRISTINE EARTH. MAY GLOBAL WARMING AND PLATE-TECTONIC SHIFTING ACCOMPLISH THIS DIVINE MISSION. SO MODE IT BE.

Italian atheist sues priest over Jesus' existence



By Tiziana Fabi, AFP/Getty Images

Outside court: Luigi Cascioli, 72, has accused a priest of misleading the public by presenting Jesus as a historical figure.

Lawsuit accuses parish of making profit off 'fable'

By Eric J. Lyman
Special for USA TODAY

ROME — An Italian atheist is suing a parish priest for saying Jesus Christ existed.

The hearing in a court in Viterbo, a city located in a valley 25 miles northwest of Rome, opened Friday and could take weeks to decide. Luigi Cascioli, 72, a lifelong atheist, is suing the Rev. Enrico Righi, 75, a local parish priest.

The case has opened debate here over whether it's appropriate for a civil court to decide matters of religious faith.

To some Italians, the case is a sign of growing secularism in their society. "I don't think this belongs in the court, and it never would have got there if the church was held in high esteem, as it used to be," retired Roman teacher Lana Napoli, 62, says.

"I don't think I would want the church deciding on taxes or foreign policy," said Federico Massaroti, 35, a city worker in Rome. "Why should the court worry about a religious topic?"

Cascioli filed a civil suit against Righi in 2002 citing an Italian anti-fraud law designed to target advertisements that make unrealistic health or beauty claims. Righi wrote in a church newsletter that Jesus was born in Bethlehem to a couple named Mary and Joseph and that he lived in Nazareth. Cascioli's lawsuit claims the statement was an "abuse of popular belief."

Wider implications

"The court will have to decide whether the statements Father Righi made were indeed fraudulent to decide whether the case has merit," says Antonio Schieppati, a retired director of the law faculty at the University of Rome and a legal consultant. "It has to make a

judgment about the existence of Christ. As far as I know, no court has ever been required to do such a thing."

In a telephone interview, Cascioli says he chose to name Righi in his suit because he was local, but his case has a wider target. "If Father Enrico Righi is found guilty of all this, it will have clear implications on all levels of the church," he says. "The question isn't who is guilty because if one person is, then many, many people are. The question is whether the case can be proved."

Schieppati says that if Cascioli is successful, the church will be forced to use conditional language when writing about some faith-related issues for the public. Even if the suit fails, it may damage the Catholic church's reputation. "This is allowing the church to be sued in court the same way someone who borrows money and doesn't pay it back is sued," Schieppati says.

Cascioli's suit is based on several complaints. Among them:

► That Righi's parish has profited financially from promoting what Cascioli calls "the fable of Christ's life."

► That the church is guilty of "impersonation" by confusing the persona of Jesus with another man named John of Gama, said to have lived in Israel around the time of Jesus.

► That the four Gospels are filled with conflicting and inaccurate evidence about Jesus.

Burden of proof

The burden is on Cascioli to prove Jesus is a fabrication.

Magistrates tried to have the case thrown out on the grounds that no damages could be proved and that there was not enough empirical evidence of Jesus' existence. Cascioli repeatedly challenged that conclusion until Judge Gaetano Mautone in Viterbo agreed to set a court date of Jan. 27.

The Vatican has not commented on the case. Righi has declined to be interviewed on the advice of his lawyers. In De-

"Cascioli says that Christ never existed," Righi wrote. "If he (Cascioli) doesn't see the sun at midday, he shouldn't denounce me just because I do see it."

Cascioli admits he doesn't believe he will win his case at the local level. "I am smart enough to know that a court in a country that is 95% Catholic is never going to rule that Jesus did not exist. It would take a miracle," he jokes. "But maybe this will make people think about the contradictions of what they believe."

If he loses, Cascioli says, he will appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, where he feels he has a better chance. He says the church has less power on a European level.



Abuse of terror suspects part of U.S. strategy: report

Says Bush's reassurances to contrary ring hollow

BY BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has a deliberate strategy of abusing terror suspects during interrogations, Human Rights Watch said Wednesday in its annual report on the treatment of people in more than 70 countries.

The human rights group based its conclusions mostly on statements by senior administration officials in the past year, and said President Bush's reassurances that the United States does not torture suspects were deceptive and rang hollow.

"In 2005 it became disturbingly clear that the abuse of detainees had become a deliberate, central part of the Bush administration's strategy of interrogating terrorist suspects," the report said.

Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, told reporters Wednesday that the "U.S. disregard for human rights in the name of fighting terrorism" has actually hurt efforts to combat terror groups. He said it has robbed America of the moral high

ground and bred resentment.

On a trip to Europe last month Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told foreign leaders that cruel and degrading interrogation methods were forbidden for all U.S. personnel at home and abroad. She provided little detail, however, about which practices were banned and other specifics.

Al-Qaida also criticized

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday that he had only seen news accounts of the report, but he rejected its conclusions.

"It appears to be based more on a political agenda than facts," he said. "The United States does more than any country in the world to advance freedom and promote human rights."

In a separate report, the organization strongly criticized three insurgent groups in Iraq — al-Qaida Ansar al-Sunna and the Islam Army — for targeting civilians with car bombs and suicide bombers in mosques, markets, bus stations.

However, the group said it abuses "took place in the context of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and the ensuing military occupation that resulted in tens of thousands of civilian deaths and sparked the emergence of insurgent groups."

"Cascioli says that Christ never existed. If he (Cascioli) doesn't see the sun at midday, he shouldn't denounce me just because I do see it."

— The Rev. Enrico Righi, parish priest

cember, he wrote an article in his parish bulletin that pointed out some of the historical evidence that supports the existence of Jesus. He cites Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, who wrote in 93 A.D. that 31 years earlier, there was an execution of "the brother of Jesus, the so-called Christ, who was called James by name." In the second century, Roman philosophers Pliny the Younger and Tacitus mentioned Jesus' execution.

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Iran's leader: U.S. should be tried for war crimes

'Who in the world are you to accuse Iran?' hard-liner demands

BY NASSER KARIMI

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's hard-line president said Saturday the Bush administration should be tried on war crimes charges, and he denounced the West for pressuring Iran to curb its controversial nuclear program.

"You, who have used nuclear weapons against innocent people, who have used uranium ordnance in Iraq, should be tried as war criminals in courts," Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in an apparent reference to the United States.

Ahmadinejad did not elaborate, but he apparently was referring to the U.S. military's reported use of artillery shells packed with depleted uranium, which is far less radioactive than natural uranium and is left over from the process of enriching uranium for use as nuclear fuel.

Since the Iraq war started in 2003, American forces have fired at least 120 tons of shells packed with depleted uranium, an extremely dense material used by the U.S.



Female members of the Basij militia attend celebrations Saturday in Iran marking the militia's 25th anniversary.

—BEHROUZ MEHRI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

and British militaries to penetrate tank armor. Once fired, the shells melt, vaporize and turn to dust.

"Who in the world are you to accuse Iran of suspicious nuclear armed activity?" Ahmadinejad said.

AP

UCLA alumni group offers \$100 in hunt for leftist profs

LOS ANGELES — An alumni group is offering students up to \$100 per class to supply tapes and notes exposing professors who allegedly express extreme left-wing political views at the University of California, Los Angeles.

One of the professors calls it McCarthyism.

The year-old Bruin Alumni Association says it is concerned about professors who use lecture time to press positions against President Bush, the military and multinational corporations, among other things. Its Web site has a list of what it calls the college's 30 most radical professors.

'Propaganda'

"We're just trying to get people back on a professional level of things," said the group's president and founder, Andrew Jones, a 2003 UCLA graduate and former chairman of the Bruin Republicans.

Some of those targeted say it's a witch-hunt reminiscent of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's anti-communism crusade in 1950s.

"Any sober, concerned citizen would look at this and see right through it as a reactionary form of McCarthyism," said education professor Peter McLaren, one of those cited by the association. "Any decent American is going to see through this kind of right-wing propaganda."

The association's action led to the resignation of at least one of its board members. AP

Grand Jury

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Modern Day
Witch Hunt



African slave ³⁹ remains found in 16th-century grave

BY ROBERT IMRIE

WAUSAU, Wis. — Researchers have found the remains of African slaves in a 16th-century Mexican graveyard, confirming historical accounts that slavery began in the New World not long after Europeans conquered Mexico, according to a new study.

The graves were discovered near the ruins of a colonial church in Campeche, Mexico, a port city on the Yucatan Peninsula. The authors of the study being released Tuesday say the remains are the earliest physical evidence of slavery in North America.

University of Wisconsin-Madison anthropology professor T. Douglas Price, who helped conduct the study, said the remains confirm historical descriptions of the beginning of slavery in the New World.

"It underscores very vividly that in the Spanish world, slaves were being brought into the colonies right from the very start," said Matthew Restall, a professor at Penn State University.

Details of the study will be published in a coming edition of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology.

The cemetery and the church foundation were uncovered in 2000 by construction workers digging around Campeche's central park.

Archeologists found fragmented remains of four Africans who were likely young to middle-age men. Price said. AP

Fear of jail snitches spurs plea for move to prison

Appearing Before a Grand Jury

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Although your lawyer can't accompany you into the grand jury room, she can wait outside the door, ready to advise you. A grand jury witness is legally entitled to get legal advice before answering each and every question. For example, a person can write down the first question as soon as it's asked, leave the room and talk to his lawyer, and then go back into the hearing room and give his response to that question. Then he would listen to the next question, write it down, go out and talk to his lawyer, and come back to give his response. Then he would write down the *third* question, go talk to his lawyer, and so on....

Once you're in front of a grand jury, you can testify or you can "take the Fifth" (exercise your right to remain silent).

If you decide to testify, don't expect to get away with evading any of the questions or saying, "I can't remember" over and over. The person doing the questioning will be a prosecutor who's used to squeezing details out of reluctant witnesses.

If you take the Fifth, you won't have to say so more than a few times. Once you've exercised your right to remain silent in response to several questions, and it's clear that you're not going to give any further answers, you'll be excused.

However, there's a hitch. Sometimes, the prosecutor grants immunity to a witness who's exercising her right to remain silent, to try to force her to testify. It doesn't matter whether or not you've requested immunity. The prosecutor or judge can just impose immunity on you—and then you're no longer entitled to the protection of the Fifth Amendment (because if you're immune, what you say can't be used against you).

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However, there are two kinds of immunity. The good kind is called "transactional immunity" and it means that you can't be prosecuted for the incident(s) you testify about. The bad kind is "use immunity" and it means that the prosecutor can't use your own testimony against you—but he can use *other* 4) *people's* testimony and evidence against you. So if the prosecutor makes a bunch of people testify, they'll likely end up providing enough evidence to convict each other. Naturally, grand jury witnesses are almost always given use immunity, not transactional immunity.

If you refuse to testify after being granted immunity, you'll normally be held in contempt and locked up. Some people who've chosen not to comply have had to stay in custody until all the grand jury proceedings were ended or the case was over. This can take months or even years.

Since their inception, both in England and in the United States, grand juries have been used against political dissidents, the jurors often being hand-picked to ensure indictment. A modern variation on this abuse of power relies on political activists' reluctance to inform on their comrades. Activists are subpoenaed with the expectation that they will refuse to testify, and thus end up in jail for lengthy periods (thereby immobilizing that activist and deterring others).¹

1. For a comprehensive, yet stirring, article on the history and corruption of grand juries, see Michael Deutsch, *The Improper Use of the Federal Grand Jury: An Instrument for the Internment of Political Activists*, 75 *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology* 1159 (1984).

Books by ex-prisoner Mike Palecek

KGB: prisoners in the county jail try to assassinate a public official because of his support of injustice.

Twins: a priest fights his brother the warden tooth and nail

The Last Liberal Outlaw: small-town editor fights the town father over construction of a private federal prison.

Palecek served time in county jails and federal prisons during the 1980s as a peace protester; he worked on small newspapers in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota; he was the Iowa Democratic Party nominee for the U.S. House, Fifth District, 2000 election.

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OWNERS OF THE PRISON SYSTEM IN AMERICA

Profiteering off the prisoners / Prime stockholders in Correction Corp. of America / Funding Streams Exposed / Corporate Public Private Scheme Exploiting, Criminalizing Vulnerable People

Research and excerpts from LETTERS FROM JAIL, link at bottom

From: "Lynn Schmaltz" <lynsch@splnn.net>

I had many opportunities to educate women on the monetary system of jail. The moment an order is written, whether it's a warrant or a traffic ticket, or whatever, the money machine is activated. Every prisoner has a monetary value to our government whether its local, county, state or federal. Bonds are written based on the person's name and social security number and are sold through a brokerage firm such as AG Edwards or Merrill Lynch who has the contract to sell all the prison bonds for the city, county, state or federal prisons. Over 50% of the money market bonds right now are purchased in Japan or China. I've been told by researchers that Walmart and, used to be, Kmart also purchase these bonds, Walmart mostly doing so by emptying out bank accounts at night. Both companies are fronts for enormous money machines.

The way the bond works is that a monetary value is placed on the alleged crime and then factored the way banks factor their money. In other words if a person is convicted of a felony the 'value' would be \$4 million. The county/city/ state then multiplies it by ten, so the bond that goes out for sale with the prisoner's name and social security number is a short-term 'promissory' note. It's offered at \$40 million. Perhaps an investor will offer 40% of the \$40 million, or \$16 million. Once this 'promissory note' of the face value of \$40 million reaches the banks it is then multiplied again by 200 to 300% and sold as bank securities. For those of you who wonder why the US has more people in prison per capita than any other nation on earth, you'll begin to understand how we can have a weakening economy and still fund wars overseas. It's all based on prisoners....In other words, prison for profit.

Knowing all this and knowing that a prisoner can have a 'net worth' of say, \$10,000 per day in the money markets, helped me explain to many bewildered women why they were in jail. We were only merchandise in a warehouse. The storage was pretty cheap; one woman while in jail researched the cost of feeding prisoners per day which ranged from 74 cents to \$2.72 per prisoner per day.

From: "Lynn Schmaltz" <lynsch@splnn.net>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2004 8:46 AM
Subject: Re: Paine Webber

"OWNERS OF THE PRISON SYSTEM IN AMERICA"

"Owners of the Prison Systems in America" CORRECTION CORP OF AMERICA headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee owns all private prison systems in AMERICA and are selling the commercial paper. How it Works: A bid bond is done on Form 24, which comes out of the GSA Office (General Services Administration which is out of GAO (General Accounting Office) which is under the Comptroller General. This Blake Bond Bid Bond is promulgated at the time the social security card is issued. When you are arrested the bond is filled out and they issue a Performance Bond, which is done from Form 25, and then they do a Payment Bond, which is a Form 25A. The Bonds are being underwritten by the Banks. This is where the PAINE WEBBER GROUP comes in. The Plaintiff in all criminal

tax cases in the USA is the PAINE WEBBER GROUP as the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The PAINE WEBBER GROUP is a group of international businesses. The PAINE WEBBER GROUP is providing the Securities for the prisons and is selling the Bonds, and the Banks, The ABA (AMERICAN BANKING ASSOCIATION) like LEHMAN BROTHERS, in New York City, are the underwriters on the Bonds. The Banks (the underwriters) is where the money is originally coming from.

A six digit tracking number is issued for the Certificate of Stocks in the Commodity and Security Exchange in the USA by CUSIP (see www.cusip.com and www.cjts.com the law enforcement tracking software) and a nine digit number (called Ordinance Number) is issued for the Certificate of Stocks going internationally to ANNA (Lynn's note: see link for ANNA which is in Brussels, Belgium at www.cusip.com). These Securities are sold through the Commodity and Security Exchange. The bottom line is they are selling stocks in the prison system. The jails are referred to as Warehouses and the prisoners are called Goods (oops, Lynn had it 'wrong'....she told the ladies in Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center that we were in the Warehouse and we were the 'Merchandise' which explained the many funny reasons many of the ladies were in the prison.....it was just business, and just revenue). They are selling the Goods or the Account as Chattel, and as Commercial Paper on the Stock Exchange. Reminds one of the days when slaves were bought and sold on the auction block!

The PAINE WEBBER GROUP is the prime stockholder in this CCA (Correction CORP of America). (Lynn's note: the transport company who transported her to Colorado in a van with 16 other prisoners being transported about had the words "Transport Corporation of America....Nashville, Tennessee." Transport rides are also called "diesel therapy" by those who know about them.) However twenty of the largest companies such as WAL-MART; EXON; GENERAL MOTORS; FORD MOTORS; CHEVY; TEXACO; CITY CORP; IBM; EDPHILIP;

HEWLETT PACKARD; VERIZON; UNITED POSTAL SERVICE (UPS); and etc. are also involved as well as other stock holding corporations (There are sixteen pages of the names of corporations that hold these stocks amounting to billions of [dollars].) Of course the monies generated is all off budget with no accounting to the People, even though the CORRECTION CORP OF AMERICA through the PAINE WEBBER GROUP is acting in the capacity of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL: Promotes Privatization of the Prison System. Paul Weybrick (may be miss spelled) runs what is called the FREE CONGRESS FOUNDATION, which owns the AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL. THE REASON FOUNDATION and THE CORNELL COMPANY are involved as well.

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The following are notes I wrote after Paul and I were released from Colorado on August 20, 2004. Rightnow there are many forms of jail in the US—actual jail, CCP ankle bracelet, transport jail, probation, parole.....they all generate income:

Paul and I were released on Friday on personal recognizance and allowed to go to New Medco. We have a hearing in CO on Sept 13, 04. We got home Sat. night and have been doing catch up here at home today. I'll write an update on Monday or Tuesday. I will especially have some words about the very heinous prison transport system in our country. For now suffice it to say that it took 20 hours in a prison van with 16 prisoners to get from Albuquerque to Hot Sulphur Springs, normally a 8 or 9 hour trip. All of us rode in hand cuffs and shackles the entire trip. There were 3 stops for McDonalds' 'food.' No one but the officers got off the van unless they were being dropped off. No exercise at any point. No movement allowed but to use the porta potty on board. Cattle being transported across country are generally treated better. I talked with a man who'd been on transport from California to Colorado since July 8, 04. My transport date was August 11, 04. Someone in the midwest told me he knew of a prisoner being transported for six months and occasionally dropped off in a county jail somewhere to await a different transport van. It's my understanding that once you're a prisoner in the system, the county/agency holding you is floating bond for \$10,000 per day with your name and your bar code (Soc. sec. #) and these bonds are bundled periodically and sold through Merrill Lynch, AG Edwards, etc. for each state.

Prison for profit.....It's not just baloney and white bread. More later and thanks for keeping up your daily news. Paul was released from CCP (ankle bracelet) in Albuquerque and allowed to drive up to Hot Sulphur where he spent another 3 days in jail (my time over the summer has been 5 days in May, 18 days in June-July, 15 days in August and on house arrest, bond from May 24 to June 25, and ankle bracelet from mid-July to August 5, 04). Thankfully, Paul with all his transplant medications, diabetes medications, was in from May 19-24, 04. The rest of the time he was on bond or ankle bracelet house arrest. I doubt he'd have survived a prolonged transport situation. The alleged crime? "Influencing a public office" and "filing a false document." This is what they called our UOCL financing statement sent when we informed public officials there would be a fee for using our copyrighted property (PAUL SCHMALTZ and PATRICIA SCHMALTZ), which they did anyway.

And, of course, there were no repercussions for those officials when they held a fraudulent, unpublished sale of our home/business on the court house steps, etc. As you well know there is no remedy in the courts of any kind. They completely ignored our sovereign status with Little Shell Pembina and Apostile with the sovereignty filed by cancellatura. Lynn Schmalz

I just found the notes on Jack Smith and Gene Keating's research on prisoner bonds (not the kind you bad out with). GOTOBUTTON BM_2_ www.cjts.com is the criminal justice tracking system software which shows the software that metro police departments use. Go to the user manual and it takes to 2% appearance bond fees. Then go to special operating software for courtrooms and it shows you how the 2% appearance bond fees are tied to the defendant's account. Go to the bottom in the original user's manual and it says, "Fine accounting." Further up the page is assessments. It shows how it's all tracked from beginning to end.FONTDVI

A caller wrote to a court once and send, "Send me a complete accounting of my case." It came back showing a \$90,000 active sentence and they said, "Your paperwork has been forwarded to the Department of Justice." The caller wrote a week later and said, "Send me a final pay-off amount for all my money. What would there be after 18 years without any fees, fines and interest."

They said, "We sent all your stuff to the Department of Justice. Go to GOTOBUTTON BM_3_ www.cjts.com and you'll see all there is to see about a public witness. The caller downloaded it. Roger Elvick had written something about stock exchange transactions.

Once you get the bond you are creditor in fact. Alan comes on the phone call with Jack Smith who had studied Roger Elvick's stuff intensely. He understands marketing accounts and the courts. Roger had said, "We have to find a way to track the account." The caller on Jack's program grabbed the phone book and just randomly picked a brokerage company

AG Edwards. He called up to talk to a broker. Caller says he's trying to figure something out. If there was someone trading bonds in the bond market in the caller's name without his permission could he track the account. AG Edwards broker says they would have to have a social security number or a driver's license number. Caller says he knows someone who was trading in Roger Elvick's name. Broker asked if it was a friend, family member or corporation? Caller said to the broker it was a corporation. Broker then said every bond has a cusip #.....Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Process Number.

You can go to www.cusip.com. There are two main outlets — Chicago and New York. You'd have to find out who their transfer agents are and then you could track the trade. You can even find out if funds are being embezzled off the account.

The tentacle of the octopus beast labeled FEMA will soon terminate funding for food and shelter for thousands of displaced victims of Hurricane Katrina, but will shamelessly continue to increase the cash flow into the coffers of the war machine and prison-industrial-complex (PIC). And of course there's a correlation between the former and latter government actions.

By cutting off aid to the hurricane survivors without assuring them of employment the government is purposely forcing these people into the streets. Just where will the thousands of people (who within the blink of an eye lost all they had) go once they're evicted from hotels and shelters? Most are already living within unfamiliar cities without the comfort of family and friends, so what will they do once they become homeless transplants hundreds, even thousands of miles away from the only home they've ever known? What can be expected of them?

Would it be stretching the imagination to think that maybe the imperialists behind the decision to stop the FEMA aid have designs to lure a number of these homeless people into their Armed Forces of Evil? Are we at liberty to overlook any possibilities when pondering any potential plans of a tyrannical regime bent on global domination? Not if you value your life.

Again, just where will these displaced people go and just what will they do once the ruling class' virtual government rescinds its promise to provide for those in need? Predictably, any acts of survival on the part of the homeless will be classified as criminal activity—as was the case in the wake of Katrina—and as a result a number of them may be stuffed into the maw of the penal-neo-slavery-apparatus, which is already rapidly consuming three generations of poor people. Without

homes; without work; without money how are people suppose to respond to the hardships of american life? A starving person, by virtue of instincts, will do what's necessary to sustain his/her life and if caught by the authorities the PIC is the consequence. Sounds pretty systematic. Perhaps foresight and planning for such an occurrence explains the spike in appropriations for the PIC. 47

Once FEMA stops aid for the well-being of those devastated by Hurricane Katrina these survivors will be left with two primary options: military killer or prison slave. [Remember homelessness is a crime in america] I would imagine that some of the homeless will be enticed by the misleading promises of a salary, medical and dental benefits, and education spewing from the twisted mouths of military recruiters. Promises that can't be fulfilled if one party gets blown up in Iraq.

Fact is, if one, just one single person signs their life away to the imperialist military solely because of the drastic nature of circumstances beyond their control (FEMA cutting off aid for example) what we would clearly have is enlistment by compulsion. A virtual draft.

The war mongers of Washington had been debating the issue of a draft for some time, but were reluctant to rile the masses by announcing an official reinstatement. However, the pigs have devised another method to accomplish their goal. They're determined to use poverty and the threat of the PIC as leverage to conscript the poor and desperate. There's a draft going on right under the nose of society. A sick game that must be dealt with.

As non-elitists we all must be concerned about the futures of all of our Gulf Coast Brothers and Sisters, and "Rage Against the Machine" for this insidious conscription and

enslavement of the poor and desperate. Here's a relevant quote for the indecisive and apathetic to consider: 48

"First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a communist;

Then they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist;

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist;

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew;

Then they came for me—
and there was no one left to speak out for me."

— Pastor Martin Niemöller,
1945 Nazi Germany

If you fail to speak out for others in danger today, there may not be anyone left to speak up for you tomorrow.

In strength and solidarity—

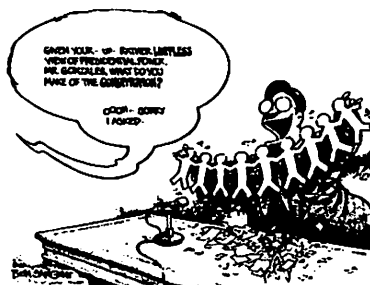
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Cop charged with beating stabbing victim at hospital

BY STEFANO ESPOSITO
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Wielding a small billy club, a veteran Chicago Police officer repeatedly beat a man handcuffed and shackled to a wheelchair while the patient awaited treatment in a Chicago hospital emergency room last summer, Cook County prosecutors say.

The incident took place sometime between late August and early September and was caught on video surveillance tape, prosecutors say.

William Cozzi, 48, a patrol officer from the Grand Central District, is charged with multiple counts of aggravated battery, official misconduct and battery, said Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Tom Bilyk, who is handling the case.

"He struck him about 10 times in the face and upper body," said Bilyk, supervisor of the state's attorney's professional standards unit.

At the time, the victim was waiting in the Norwegian-American Hospital emergency room at 1044 N. Francisco to be treated for a stab wound to his shoulder, Bilyk said. The patient, apparently intoxicated, was not cooperating with hospital staff, and the police were called, Bilyk said. The patient was verbally, not physically, abusive, Bilyk said.

At some point, Cozzi told the patient he was under arrest, and then Cozzi handcuffed the man to the wheelchair.

"There's some apparent resistance to being handcuffed ... that

you can see on the video," Bilyk said.

Cozzi then went out to his patrol car to retrieve some leg shackles. The victim didn't offer up any resistance when Cozzi put on the shackles, Bilyk said.

Released from duties

"That's when the beating started," said Bilyk, describing the club as about eight inches long.

The beating left the victim with a lacerated lip and bruises on his face and upper body, prosecutors said. None of the man's injuries - including the stab wound - were believed to be life-threatening. The man told investigators a woman in his neighborhood had stabbed him for no apparent reason, Bilyk said.

Monique Bond, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Police Department, had no comment about the case, other than to say Cozzi has been released from his police duties. Cozzi has been a police officer for about 13 years and has no criminal history, Bilyk said.

A Cook County grand jury returned an indictment against Cozzi on Jan. 5, Bilyk said. The investigation took several months because investigators had to find a witness who, after seeing the alleged beating, used her cell phone to call 911. But she didn't leave her name, Bilyk said.

Cozzi is to appear in court today for a bond hearing.

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COLLATERAL DAMAGE

The proliferation of statutes creating crimes for things never before considered criminal, longer sentences for everything, and having taxpayers pay for the "War On Crime" is a direct result of the successful ALEC lobby in Washington, D.C. The American Legislative Exchange Council influences state legislatures just as efficiently. Indeed, more than one third of state lawmakers, over 2,400 of them, are ALEC members!

Founded by Corporations wishing to profit from increasing everything from prison guard pension funds to providing food for expanding prison populations, they lobby to create more reasons for imprisoning people whether guilty or not, longer sentences, eliminating acts of judicial mercy, and stop any outward flow of its source of revenue by rendering appeals and habeas corpus useless.

ALEC's success is seen by a prison population of two million Americans. Half are innocent of any wrong or serving far longer than their crime merits anywhere else in the world.

This is their cash register. By instilling a fear of criminals in the public mind, taxpayers pay for more police, more prisons, tougher laws, criminalizing nonsense, and the hiring of private armies these corporations control. Wackenhut, Pinkerton, and DynCorp are just three corporations providing various government agencies with more prison guards, informers, and police. Aramark Corp. now serves the prisoners of most states their food rations. All at a profit, of course.

ALEC hires lawyers to create new model laws designed to swell the prison population. ALEC modelled the bills for mandatory minimum sentences, Three Strike Laws, and the AEDPA, which removed habeas corpus as a Constitutional Right by setting a 1yr. time limit few working every day on a chain gang are able to meet. After the 1yr. none of the U.S. Constitution applies to their convictions or sentences no matter how gross the violation.

Rationale for placing a time limit on rights all were born with is simply that it makes the business of maintaining unlawful imprisonments more efficient. No other purpose is observed or argued.

Profit from human misery is the objective, not Liberty.
Products include handcuffs, steel doors, surveillance devices, electric chairs, and construction companies to build more prisons.

ALEC's creativity at creating new reasons for criminalizing things like spanking a child, intoxication, sleeping in a park, and speaking words now deemed criminal is complimented by lawmakers. Former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson says, "Myself, I always love going to these meetings because I always found new ideas. Then I'd take them back to Wisconsin, disguise them a little bit, and declare that it's mine."

200 corporations fund these Model Penal Code think tanks. There, panels of prosecutors, judges, and attorneys frame "model" bills to enlarge the number imprisoned. It's all corporate sponsored legislation behind closed doors. These creations are then sent to ALEC members in various legislatures to enact into law.

This is not democracy. It is not moral,

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Prohibiting any ~~part~~ corporate profit from the Judicial-Prison system is one solution. [Some may desire laws to imprison these people, leaving them to argue it's ex post facto in the same appellate system they themselves paid for. Only we no longer have a democracy. We don't make the laws. Corporations do.]

NOTE: Brackets [] denote optional ending.

BUSH OPENS MOUTH INSERTS FOOT by Richard Galtken

Pres. G.W. Bush released a statement about the elections in Iran, one of his three triangle of evil nations. It begins, "The Iranian people deserve a genuinely democratic system." Presumably this means it needs a brother to rig ballot boxes, a judicial system which approves of that, and privatizing government functions to large corporations so that tax dollars are diverted into the wallet of the President elected by the system.

"Today Iran is ruled by men who suppress liberty at home and spread terror across the world." No kidding, that's his next sentence. If Homeland Security and the Patriot Acts do not suppress liberty, their function is unknown. With 130,000 Iraqi civilians killed, introduction of torture as a U.S. law enforcement tool, and over half the world now watching the skies for U.S. bombs to fall on their children, it appears the person spreading terror across the world is Pres. G.W. Bush.

The U.S. President's very next sentence proclaims, "Power is in the hands of an unelected few who have retained power through an electoral process that ignores the basic requirements of democracy."

What about Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004? What about corporations like Aramark which pocketed \$56 million tax dollars in its first year of serving food to prisoners contributing to their benefactor's campaign funds?

Later in the day Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice added, "I can't see how one considers that a legitimate election." She referred to the Iranian elections, not the one's her boss stole to make a mockery of democracy in his own country.

Geoffrey Kemp, Middle East expert at the Nixon Center in Washington, did observe the elections were far more democratic than those conducted by most U.S. allies. He especially compared Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

STAMP OUT ATVs! by Richard Geffken

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Squad cars converged upon the scene of wicked crime,
Arriving silent in the morning mist, the police then exited their cars.
As approved a week ago, they started their hunt for human slime.
Knowing any who escaped the careful net would surely not get far.

Helicopters were ready to locate the prey.

All who came to have fun would rue this day.

Meanwhile, those in the sunny Beach Park gave an arrest little thought.
They readied bikes and shining sandrails among the dunes.
For them, driving ATVs on weekends was merely a cheerful sport.
From this day on, these braided criminals would sing a different tune.

And the choppers readied to search for prey.

Soon Americans seeking fun would rue this day.

Two weeks ago a girl had injured a beautiful big toe.

When a teenager's dirt bike had slipped on a sandy path.

Clearly, after this, such a pastime would have to go.

Whenever law replaces a freedom it inflicts an awesome wrath,

And the choppers lifted to find their prey.

Americans should never leave their homes to play.

Soon they are shackled and handcuffed one by one.

A big bust like this filled every copper's heart with pride.

Freedom and Justice requires they stamp out everything that's fun.

And like leading sheep to slaughter, no officer was defied.

And those hiding in the dunes were spotted as more prey.

Helicopters radioed their locations so none would get away.

Tall and straight one young man finally stood his ground.

Carrying some sort of heavy tube thing on his shoulder.

In his defiant eyes the police felt hear at what they had found.

Americans don't fight, and surely no Arab Terrorist could be any bolder.

Only an air strike could stop such prey.

The choppers sped to save the day!

Rockets blasted the dune of sand on which he stood.

His body shredded, the young man screamed in pain or hate.

And tumbled down dead, still carrying a pretty piece of driftwood.

Well, it's now a stinger missile as all sensible reporters would firmly state,

And the chopper dropped something for its prey.

A lovely body bag for having made its day.

Meanwhile, outside a restaurant, a man stopped to light a smoke,

And sniffing the air, a woman quickly called nine eleven.

She said he looked drunk and second hand smoke could give people a stroke.

Quickly the dispatcher called for cars one through seven.

As choppers turned to hunt their new prey.

Another American would forever rue this day.

O.P.M. (Oppressed People's Movement) 53

O.P.M. is a movement based on awakening the oppressed and impoverished people of the Disunited States of Amerikkka. We give voice to the crimes against humanity in the U.S. by money hungry totalitarian government. We seek to break down the walls of injustice and shed light into the underbelly of capitalistic fascism. We seek to expose the Gestapo tactics of Amerikkka and bridge a gap between street souljahs in prisons to the oppressed 2nd class citizens of Amerikkka, thus creating unity amongst the oppressed.

By enlightening the public of the tragedy unfolding around us, we hope we can make our people aware so they can rise up and bring about change. In order to do this, we seek free-minded individuals to help us in our search for equality, justice, liberty and the true pursuit of happiness. We know that without equality, there is no justice -- no liberty and an inability to pursue happiness.

Totalitarian governments condemn those which are not elite or in their social power structure, enslave and impoverish the oppressed by a systematic means of coercion, intimidation, manipulation and murder. We know there are no bounds which the government will not cross. No act of perversion, it will not commit against us in our plight for political, economical and social freedom. We have at our disposal our voices, our bodies, our weapons? Truth, our strength? Pure determination, tenacity and our bare souls. We ask that you help us in our attempts to bring down this corrupt infrastructure, by any and all means possible. We solemnly hope with unwavering conviction that you the people, the oppressed, help us help ourselves.

We need souljahs who'll maintain integrity, huddle among us with our backs pressed to fight for and win equality.

O.P.M. is currently looking for radicals with the same ideology and concepts -- Anarchists whom sincerely want to overthrow the government -- to help distribute literature, set up rallies and bring attention to our cause by any and all means possible. It is time to awaken and unite oppressed people. Let's take the power away from this corrupt government. We hope to hear from you. We run by cell operations. Our contact person is:

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Amerikkka, is it truly the home of the brave and the land of the free? Wasn't this the land that was stolen by colonialists eager to stamp out a complete civilization by raping, pillaging and bringing so-called Christianity, saying "love thy brother" and "live by the sword and die by the sword?" Do you see the contradictions? Amerikkka was founded on basic principles – doctrines which sound good, but are in reality a smoke screen for capitalistic governmental officials to manipulate the masses into condoning their hypocritical actions.

We've all read the histories in books, seen it on the news – Amerikkka pondered the questions of slavery, just as Germany pondered the question of what to do with the Jews. If Amerikkka didn't need the Black slaves, they would have ended up as the Jews or like when Amerikkka wanted the land of the Natives, a genocide began. Smallpox was introduced. Those who didn't die from that were starved, or outright killed. Amerikkka will do anything to keep its order intact.

Amerikkka has moved from one stage of perpetual bondage to another – slavery, Jim Crow, sharecropping, lower-class, etc. Today's blue collar workers are modern day slaves. Migrant workers are slaves, but it's kept hidden from mainstream consciousness – and from the migrant workers themselves. The only ones who see it are the prisoners. They know they are slaves!

Has anyone asked the question, who are the oppressed? Well, I'll tell you. The oppressed are the poor minorities who do all the menial labor that rich employers need done! Who gets sent to wars to be killed for oil so the rich can prosper? The poor minorities! Who outnumbers the rich in population, but who has little to no voice politically? The poor! Whose streets are infested with drugs and liquor stores on every corner? The poor! The minorities! And who's locked up in subservient bondage? The poor!

But, who makes the liquor? Who really allows drugs onto our streets? Who makes the guns that we kill each other with? Think about it, Amerikkka. It's time to wake up. There's a war going on and we're the targets. Divide and conquer. A house divided will fall. No wonder we have no voice. We're so captivated by the little money we make, we can't see anything else. We bicker among ourselves, saying the system will change, but we do nothing to change it. We stand idle while our rights are taken, while we are systematically raped. Our brothers and sisters sit in prisons dying. Our first borns are brought into this world of corruption so they too can live hand to mouth, work every day of our lives to make the rich richer, while we go further into debt. Can't we realize there's a bigger picture or would we rather see ourselves in expensive clothes to prove our worth? And to whom are we "proving" ourselves to? Rich people? Or poor people? Will these luxuries allow us the privileges of the rich – equality, justice, liberty, the pursuit of happiness?

Why again are we fighting ourselves, people of color? Oh yeah, for oil. Who's oil? Amerikkka – the land of the free, since when? Amerikkka – the land of the brave – yeah, right! Are we brave because we stand idle while

our brothers die in other countries for Bush's oil campaign? Will we continue to allow our government to kill children? To kill our mothers, brothers, sisters and fathers, not only overseas but right here on our soil? Isn't it a hypocritical stance to say don't kill or we'll kill you? Who's right in this picture? 55

Our children are being abused in reformatories across Amerikkka. Our children are being molested in churches and government-run foster facilities. Our brothers and sisters are being beaten and dehumanized and driven crazy in penal institutions across Amerikkka by a corrupt government run amuck. Our courtrooms are filled with defendants. Our justice system has gone crazy. Our privacy has been invaded. Our schools in the inner cities and poor communities are in shambles and perpetuate lies, which glorify genocide like "Manifest Destiny." The government taxes us without representing our needs, which takes our hard-earned money to build prisons for us – that enslaves civilizations, that kills innocent children, that lies, that steals and rapes us of our rights as humans.

Don't you know that every time you pay your taxes you condone these actions? Every time the government throws another person in prison, your silence contributes to these actions. Your silence allows them to perpetuate these crimes. "But, what can I do?" You ask. Get armed! Become aware. Spread the word. The movement is here! The struggle is coming and we must fight, close ranks and stand up. Without a fight, no war can be won.

Words can accomplish so much. There comes a time when payments are due, and that time is now. Frederick Douglass once said:

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one or it may be a physical one and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will... Man may not get all they pay for in the world, but they must certainly pay for all they get."

Therefore, we have no options. We stand up and fight or we can be content with what we have. I can only say things will get a lot worse before they get better. Minorities, you are Amerikkka's people! Why isn't Amerikkka working for you? Amerikkka and the Constitution are just another name to hide behind a smokescreen.

Don't be manipulated into believing the lies these rich slave owners speak. Open your eyes. You control the destiny of this land, not the moneylenders or the mongrels usurping the power of the people. You have a choice. Use it. Let your voice be heard!

This call of awareness has been brought to you by O.P.M.

OPPRESSED PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

A.B.C.

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Received your newsletter and we praise your efforts to bring consciousness to prisoners. We thank you for your support. Currently, me and my brothers are in segregation but our words burn true in the hearts of our souljahs. I'm in segregation because I'm accused of stabbing an officer.

There are many who allow these egotistical vampires to suck us dry in these catacombs. I am not one of them. My body may be encaged, but my mind is free and engaged in the movement. For years I've been educating myself and others in the plight for equality, justice, liberty and happiness. Some listened. Others laughed, while a few learned.

Me and a group of brothers recently organized a group, O.P.M. We are in our infant stage. We seek help from other radicals, such as ourselves to foster a change to reality. We are writing different groups asking for assistance in making O.P.M. a force to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, we are all locked up. We have limited support from family, but we do have street souljahs on the bricks who are trying to get our word out. The majority of these souljahs are ex-cons or gang bangers who are still stuck in their ways, but we are trying to bring these nations to our cause.

Some say I'm crazy to go against the government the way I am preaching war - that I'll get myself back in supermax on administrative confinement, but I don't care. Although we have limited resources, we diligently copy by hand articles we write and send them to other prisoners and radical groups, hoping for support and unity. We know that words are weapons and knowledge power. We also know that words can get us only so far. Our resistance may seem futile, but we are on the verge of a coup.

Although it may cause us further retaliation and de-humanization, we shall overcome. Our plight is one of many, but we wade through each one, willing to get our hands dirty, our heads bloody and our souls weary. For we know, one day we will be held accountable for our actions. I'd rather live as a man than die as a coward and will accept the sweet along with the bitter. Dying a man is our reward. Once again, I'd like to thank you, as does everyone at O.P.M. for taking out the time to read our letter and article and for any assistance you can provide.

If you can run a copy of our opening letter with our contact info, we'd be appreciative. In solidarity, we close.

Sincerely, O.P.M.
Comrade in arms,

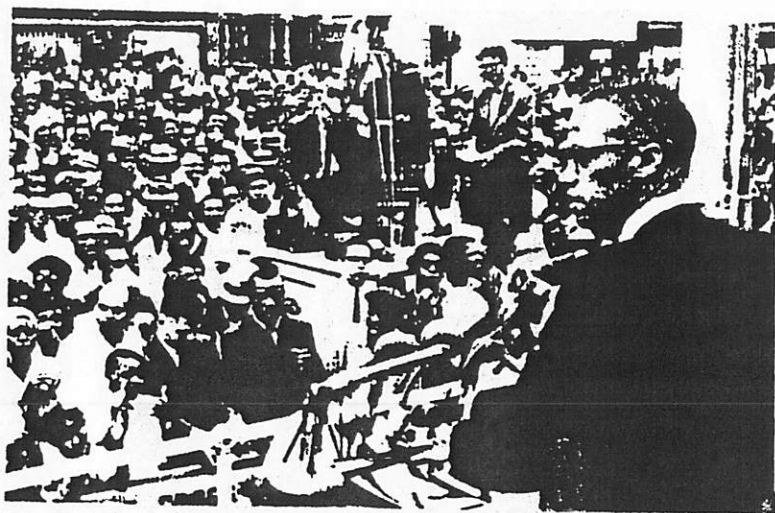
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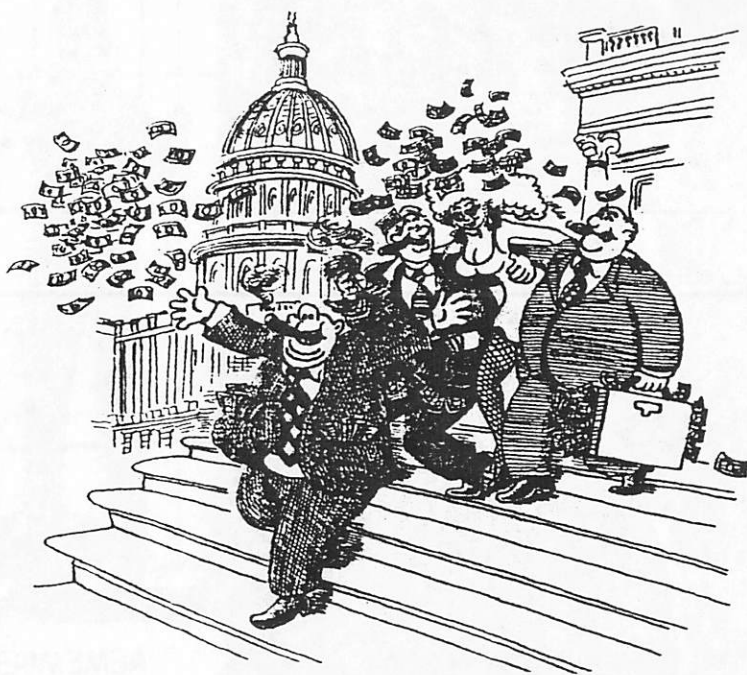
MALCOLM X ON AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY



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Lessons for today from history—in the words of Malcolm X, one of the 20th century's outstanding revolutionary leaders.



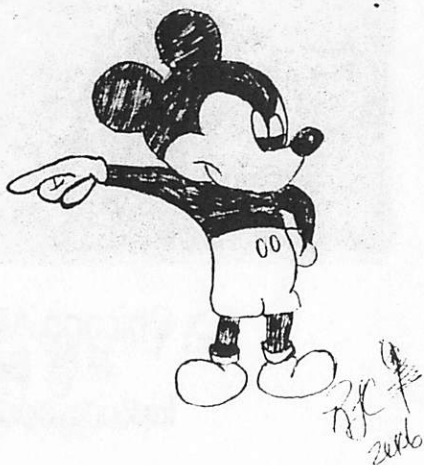
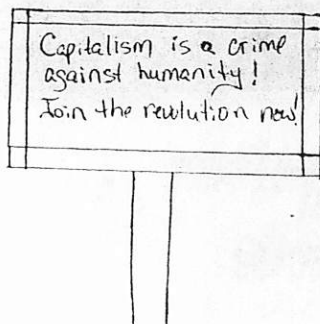
WHEN WE SEND OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL they learn nothing about us other than that we used to be cotton pickers. Why, your grandfather was Nat Turner; your grandfather was Toussaint L'Ouverture; your grandfather was Hannibal. It was your grandfather's hands who forged civilization and it was your grandmother's hands who rocked the cradle of civilization. But the textbooks tell our children nothing.

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