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UN Panel Concludes: Israel Guilty of War Crimes in Gaza

By Cesar Chelala / ICH

In what can be considered a sad paradox of history, an analysis of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) actions during Operation Cast Lead in Gaza shows that the IDF violated several of the Nuremberg Principles, as well as the principles of the Geneva Conventions.

The Nuremberg Principles are a set of guidelines established after World War II to try Nazi Party members. They were established to determine what constitutes a war crime. The Geneva Conventions consist of four treaties and three additional protocols that establish the standards in international law for humanitarian treatment of the victims of war.

According to Nuremberg Principle I, "Any person who commits an act which constitutes a crime under international law is responsible therefore and liable to punishment." As detailed in the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict," also known as the "Goldstone Report," several

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Obama Tops Bush in Troop Buildup

By Bill Van Auken / WSWS

The combined US troop deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan have now reached a higher level than existed at any time under the presidency of George W. Bush. This surge past the record set by its predecessor marks another grim milestone in the Obama administration's escalation of American militarism.

In addition to the 21,000 US soldiers and Marines that Obama ordered deployed to Afghanistan as part of the escalation he unveiled last March, another 13,000 "support" troops are being quietly sent to the country with no official announcement, the *Washington Post* reported September 22.

This stealth buildup is a replay of the methods used by the Bush administration in its Iraq surge, when it announced the deployment of an additional 20,000 combat troops while saying nothing about the 8,000 support troops sent with them.

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Nuclear Israel Number One Threat to Mideast

By Chinaview

TEHRAN, Oct. 4 (Xinhua) — Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei said Sunday that "Israel is number one threat to Middle East" with its nuclear arms, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

At a joint press conference with Iran's Atomic Energy Organization chief Ali Akbar Salehi in Tehran, ElBaradei brought Israel under the spotlight and said that Tel Aviv has refused to allow inspections into its nuclear installations for 30 years, the report said.

"Israel is the number one threat to the

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Anthrax Attack Spawned in Military Bioweapons Lab

Defense contractor, Battelle, practices emergency biological response drill with firemen.

By Barry Kissin / RCFP

On September 16 and 17, 2008, the House and Senate Judiciary Committees respectively, conducted "Amerithrax oversight" hearings consisting of questioning FBI Director Robert Mueller. Despite widespread concern about the integrity of Amerithrax, the colloquy during these hearings was largely feeble. Congressman Nadler did manage to ask the $64,000 question. *Salon.com* journalist Glen Greenwald recounted this as follows:

"Nadler asked one of the most central questions in the anthrax case: he pointed out that the facilities that (unlike Ft. Detrick) actually have the equipment and personnel to prepare dry, silica-coated anthrax are: 1) the US Army's Dugway Proving Ground and 2) the Battelle Corporation, the private CIA contractor that conducts substantial research into highly complex strains of anthrax. Nadler asked how the FBI had eliminated those institutions as the culprits behind the attack. After invoking generalities to assure Nadler that the FBI had traced the anthrax back to Bruce Ivins' vial (which didn't answer the question), Mueller's response was this: I don't know the answers to those questions as to how we eliminated Dugway and Battelle. I'll have to get back to you at some point.

"Nadler then pleaded: please try to get back to us with the answer quickly. Mueller replied: 'Oh, absolutely Congressman.'"

Shortly thereafter, Nadler's question was put into writing and sent to the FBI with other questions from the House Judiciary Committee. Nadler's question read:

"How, on what basis, and using what

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Unanswered Questions Haunt Family of Oklahoma City Bombing First Responder

By Wendy S. Painting

On May 11, 1996, the New York Times ran a story with the headline "A Policeman Who Rescued 4 in Bombing Kills Himself." Sergeant Terrance Yeakey, Oklahoma City Police Department, was 30 years old and was about to receive the police department's Medal of Valor for his heroic rescue efforts the day of the Oklahoma City bombing, which occurred on April 19, 1995.

Yeakey was the first to arrive on the scene that terrible day and saved the lives of countless people from the rubble of the building and the horrific effects of the explosion. The article says Yeakey committed suicide because he was living with emotional pain because he could not do more to help the people injured in the bombing, and that he was suffering from intense survivor guilt which he was unable to manage. But others in Oklahoma City, including

Sergeant Terrance Yeakey - Oklahoma City Police

the family of Terrance Yeakey, claim that his death was not a suicide at all, but a brutal murder, and indicate that local law enforcement were complicit in covering up this murder.

On September 26, 2009 the Yeakey family spoke out in the first time on video for an interview with journalists from Radio Free Oklahoma and an American Studies PhD student from the University of Buffalo who is writing her dissertation on the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. What these researchers found was that the facts surrounding Yeakey's death are quite disturbing, and that the treatment of the Yeakey family in the aftermath of his death was beyond appalling.

It is important to note exactly how Yeakey is supposed to have killed himself. He was said to have slit his wrists and neck, causing him to nearly bleed to death in his car, and then miraculously climbed over a barbed wire fence. He then was purported to have walked over a miles distance, through a nearby field, eventually shooting himself in the side of the head at an unusual angle. Startlingly, no weapon was found at the scene of the body, no investigation was conducted, no fingerprints taken, and no interviews with family members or friends were conducted to determine why Yeakey would have been suicidal, or if he had, in fact, been suicidal at all. Instead, the conclusion that Yeakey's death was a suicide was reached immediately, without an autopsy. Yeakey

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The 9/11 Commission Rejects Own Report as Based on Government Lies

By Gordon Duff / Salem-News

(CINCINNATI, Ohio) — In John Farmer's book: *The Ground Truth: The Story Behind America's Defense on 9/11*, the author builds the inescapably convincing case that the official version "... is almost entirely untrue..."

A member of the 9/11 Commission now tells us that the official version of 9/11 was based on false testimony and documents and is almost entirely untrue. The details of this massive cover-up are carefully outlined in a book by John Farmer, who was the Senior Counsel for the 9/11 Commission.

Farmer, Dean of Rutgers University's School of Law and former Attorney General of New Jersey, was responsible for drafting the original flawed 9/11 report.

Does Farmer have cooperation and agreement from other members of the Commission? Yes. Did they say Bush ordered 9/11? No. Do they say that the 9/11 Commission was lied to by the FBI, CIA, Whitehouse and NORAD? Yes. Is there full documentary proof of this? Yes.

Farmer states..."at some level of the government, at some point in time…there was an agreement not to tell the truth about what happened... I was shocked at how different the truth was from the way it was described …. The [NORAD air defense] tapes told a radically different story from what had been told to us and the public for two years. This is not spin."

The 9/11 Commission head, Thomas Kean, was the Republican governor of New Jersey. He had the following to say... "We, to this day, don't know why NORAD [the North American Aerospace Command] told us what they told us. It was just so far from the truth. . . " When Bush's own handpicked commission failed to go along with the cover up and requested a criminal investigation, why was nothing done?

9/11 Commission member and former US Senator, Bob Kerrey, says, "No one is more qualified to write the definitive book about the tragedy of 9/11 than John Farmer. Fortunately, he has done so. Even more fortunately the language is clear, alive and instructive for anyone who wants to make certain this never happens again."

With the only "official" 9/11 report now acknowledged to be totally false, where do we go from here? Who is hurt by these lies? The families of the victims of 9/11 have fought for years to get to the truth. For years, our government has hidden behind lies and secrecy to deny them closure.

In 2006, *The Washington Post* reported..."Suspicion of wrongdoing ran so deep that the 10-member commission, in a secret meeting at the end of its tenure in summer 2004, debated referring the matter to the Justice Department for criminal investigation, according to several commission sources. Staff members and some commissioners thought that e-mails and other evidence provided

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Goldman Sachs Bonuses Double

By John Byrne / Raw Story

On October 8, Goldman Sachs announced the firm's bonus payments for 2009. Analysts expect the bonus pool to mushroom to $23 billion — double the bonus pool paid to employees in 2008. Earlier this year, Goldman Sachs said that it had put aside $11.4 billion for bonuses during the first half of the year.

"The absolute size of compensation payouts will rise significantly," Keith Horowitz, an analyst at Citigroup, wrote in a note to clients two weeks ago, highlighted by Andrew Sorkin in *The New York Times*' Dealbook column October 6.

How much is $23,000,000,000?

For one thing, it's enough to send 460,000 full paying students to Harvard University for one year, or 115,000 for four years.

It's enough to pay the health insurance premium for the average American family ($13,375) 1.7 million times.

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Congress Moves to Bar Release of Abuse Photos

By Steven Aftergood / Secrecy News

House and Senate conferees last week approved legislation that would preempt the Freedom of Information Act and permit the Secretary of Defense to withhold from release photographs and other visual media if he determines that their public disclosure "would endanger citizens of the United States, members of the United States Armed Forces, or employees of the United States Government deployed outside the United States."

The new provision, contained in the 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, was adopted to thwart a successful FOIA lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union seeking release of certain photographs documenting the abuse of detainees held in US military custody. A federal appeals court ruled last year that the unclassified photographs are not exempt from the FOIA and must be released.

The Obama Administration, prodded by

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Honduran People Resist Coup

By Elaine Sullivan / RCFP

The democratically elected Honduran President, Manuel Zelaya, is holed-up in the Brazilian embassy in Tegucigalpa, the Hondudran capitol. Thousands of supporters of the ousted president surrounded the embassy in defiance of curfews imposed by the coup government, while riot police bombard the embassy with sound cannons, tear gas and microwaves.

Manuel Zelaya was elected in 2006 to a four-year term which ends January 2010. A second term is not permitted under the current constitution. On June 28, 2009 Zelaya was seized by soldiers in a pre-dawn raid at the presidential palace and forced onto a plane bound for Costa Rica. Former President of Congress, Roberto Micheletti has assumed the role of acting president. Talks which began October 15 between representatives of the coup regime and the constitutional government of President Zelaya have been unable to reach agreement, the main sticking point being the reinstatement of Zelaya as president. At the time of this writing the talks had stalled.

The following is a timeline of events since the crisis began:

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crimes against unarmed civilians were committed by the IDF during Operation Cast Lead in Gaza.

The UN Mission investigated 11 incidents in which the IDF launched direct attacks against civilians with lethal outcome. The facts in all except one case, states the Mission, indicate no justifiable military objective. According to the report, "From the facts ascertained in all the above cases, the Mission finds that the conduct of the Israeli armed forces constitutes grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention in respect of willful killings and willfully causing great suffering to protected persons and, as such, give rise to individual criminal responsibility. It also finds that the direct targeting and arbitrary killing of Palestinian civilians is a violation of the right to life."

Both Israeli government and military officials are responsible for the IDF actions during Operation Cast Lead. As Nuremberg Principle III states, "The fact that a person who committed an act which constitutes a crime under international law acted as Head of State or responsible government official does not relieve him from responsibility under international law."

It has been argued that those that were following orders are not guilty of crimes, and the responsibility for those crimes falls on the superior officers. However, Nuremberg Principle IV states, "The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him from responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible to him."

Nuremberg Principle VI establishes three kinds of crimes punishable as crimes under international law: crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Among crimes against peace are those crimes "involving planning, initiation or waging of a war of aggression or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances."

Although the Government of Israel has the duty to defend its citizens, it is clear that Operation Cast Lead was a war of aggression against Gazans, out of any reasonable proportion and aimed at inflicting massive damage on Gaza's civilian population. According to a study carried out by B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization, 1,387 Gazans were killed during Operation Cast Lead, a figure that includes 773 civilians and 330 combatants.

Among the war crimes established by Nuremberg Principle VI are the "...plunder of public or private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages, or devastation not justified by military necessity." The UN Mission investigated several incidents involving the destruction of industrial infrastructure, food production, water installations, sewage treatment plants and housing. Among the installations destroyed by the IDF was the el-Bader flour mill, the only operating flour mill in Gaza.

As stated in the UN report, "...the Mission finds that there has been a violation of the grave breaches provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Unlawful and wanton destruction which is not justified by military necessity amounts to a war crime. The Mission also finds that the destruction of the mill was carried out to deny sustenance to the civilian population, which is a violation of customary international law and may constitute a war crime. The strike on the flour mill furthermore constitutes a violation of the right to adequate food and means of subsistence."

The UN Mission also investigated four incidents in which the IDF coerced Palestinian civilian men at gunpoint to take part in house search operations. The men, blindfolded and handcuffed, were forced to enter houses suspected of having combatants, ahead of the Israeli soldiers. "From the facts available to it, the Mission is of the view that some of the actions of the Government of Israel might justify a competent court finding that crimes against humanity have been committed," states the report.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stated that Israel will never allow its soldiers and war-time leaders to appear before an international war-crimes tribunal regarding the IDF conduct during the war on Gaza. As stated in the UN Mission report, however, "In the context of increasing unwillingness on the part of Israel to open criminal investigations that comply with international standards, the Mission supports the reliance on universal jurisdiction as an avenue for States to investigate violations of the grave breach provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, prevent impunity and promote international accountability."

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Senators Lieberman and Graham and with the support of some senior military officials, petitioned the Supreme Court last August to overturn the ruling. "The disclosure of those photographs could reasonably be expected to endanger the lives or physical safety of United States military and civilian personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan," the Administration argued. But Congress acted first, and Solicitor General Elena Kagan asked the Court on October 8 to suspend its consideration of the petition.

From an open government point of view, it is dismaying that Congress would intervene to alter the outcome of an ongoing Freedom of Information Act proceeding. The move demonstrates a lack of confidence in the Act, and in the ability of the courts to correctly interpret its provisions. The legislation elevates a speculative danger to forces who are already in battle above demands for public accountability concerning controversial government policies, while offering no alternative avenue to meet such demands. "The suppression of these photos will ultimately be far more damaging to our national security than their disclosure would be," suggested Jameel Jaffer of the ACLU.

On the other hand, legislative intervention to block release of the photos might not be the worst possible outcome. A worse scenario would be if the Supreme Court upheld the sweeping Obama Administration argument that other courts have rejected, and ruled that the FOIA exempts these unclassified photos simply because they may pose an unspecified danger to unspecified persons. Such a Supreme Court ruling would have left a gaping hole in the Freedom of Information Act even larger than what the Obama Administration and Congress have now created.

Meanwhile, a new military policy prohibits reporters embedded with forces in eastern Afghanistan from photographing US troops killed in action, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press revealed last week. See "Afghanistan Command Confirms Policy Against Images of US Dead" by John M. Donnelly, *CQ Politics*, October 14, 2009.

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In neither case was the failure to declare the full number an oversight. Obama, like Bush before him, recognizes that the military interventions he oversees are deeply unpopular with the majority of the American people.

According to the troop numbers provided by *The Post*, there are now 65,000 US troops in Afghanistan, with another 124,000 still in Iraq, for a total of 189,000 American military personnel waging two colonial-style wars and occupations. At the height of the Bush administration's 2007 "surge" in Iraq, there were 26,000 US troops in Afghanistan and 160,000 in Iraq, for a total of 186,000.

There is every indication that the policies being pursued by the Obama White House will send these numbers significantly higher.

Over the weekend, military officials revealed to the media that the proposal for increased troop levels in Afghanistan submitted by the American commander there, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, included a high-end figure of 80,000 - in addition to the 68,000 that are to be deployed by the end of this year.

The New York Times, echoing official sources, commented that this highest request was "highly unlikely to be considered seriously by the White House." While this may well be true — for now — the leaking of the number serves a definite political purpose, making Obama's ultimate agreement to a smaller surge — still involving tens of thousands of additional troops in Afghanistan — seem like a reasonable compromise between the White House and the Pentagon.

While visiting Britain this week, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stressed the US commitment to continuing the Afghanistan war. "We are not changing our strategy. Our strategy remains to achieve the goal of disrupting, dismantling and defeating al Qaeda and its extremist allies, and denying them safe haven and the capacity to strike us here in London, or New York or anywhere else," she said in a radio interview. "One should never doubt our commitment or our leadership; we intend to pursue the goal," Clinton continued. "We will not rest until we do defeat al Qaeda."

Clinton's remarks make clear that the Obama administration, while dropping the term "war on terrorism" coined by the Bush White House, continues to embrace the methods underlying this terminology — in particular, the attempt to terrorize the American people into accepting US wars of conquest and aggression.

The claim that 68,000 US troops — with tens of thousands more likely to follow — are in Afghanistan to fight al Qaeda and prevent another 9/11 is a transparent pretext. Top US security and military officials have concurred that there are a grand total of approximately 100 individuals affiliated with al Qaeda presently in Afghanistan, without any means of carrying out an attack on another country. If and when McChrystal's request for additional troops is met, there will be 1,000 or more US soldiers and Marines in Afghanistan for every al Qaeda member.

The target of the military escalation is not al Qaeda, but rather the people of Afghanistan. Washington is attempting to suppress growing popular resistance to the occupation and is prepared to sacrifice the lives of untold numbers of Afghans, as well as those of hundreds if not thousands more US soldiers, to that end.

The defeat of "terrorism" is no more the strategic aim pursued by Washington in Afghanistan than it is in Iraq. US military might has been unleashed in both countries to assert the hegemony of American imperialism over Central Asia and the Persian Gulf, which are the two largest sources of the world's energy supplies.

The potential costs of this venture are immense. A report prepared by the Pentagon last January describes the stated US goal of achieving a stable client state in Afghanistan as an operation that "will last, at a minimum, decades." Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press Sunday", Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.) was slightly more optimistic, saying that it would take "10 years of $5 billion a month," in addition to major fighting.

In Iraq, meanwhile, there is no reason to believe that the stated deadline for pulling US troops out by 2012 will be met. On the contrary, the instability and continued resistance created by the American occupation and the destruction of Iraqi society will be used as a justification for continuing the occupation and asserting US control over the country's oil fields.

And the threat that the US interventions will provoke new and potentially far bloodier conflicts is growing, as evidenced by the mounting crisis in Pakistan and increasing tensions throughout the Indian subcontinent flowing from the war in Afghanistan.

The debate that is now taking place in the Obama White House is over committing generations of young Americans to endless wars and occupations.

Under conditions in which resources are being denied for desperately needed jobs and basic social services, even more social wealth will be diverted to build up the US military.

Expanding the ranks of the Army is necessary if any significant escalation of the war in Afghanistan is to be sustained. The military is stretched to the breaking point by the two occupations. Even if Obama approves 40,000 more troops, nowhere near those numbers are immediately available.

While the American political establishment is no doubt counting on a double-digit unemployment rate driving jobless youth into the military, there is growing objective pressure for the reintroduction of conscription, with youth once again drafted to fight in colonial wars.

Millions of people voted for Barack Obama last November in the vain hope that his election would reverse the escalation of militarism initiated under Bush. Their votes, like the growing popular sentiment against the Afghan war, have been disregarded as the Obama administration continues this escalation in the interest of the financial oligarchy that it serves.

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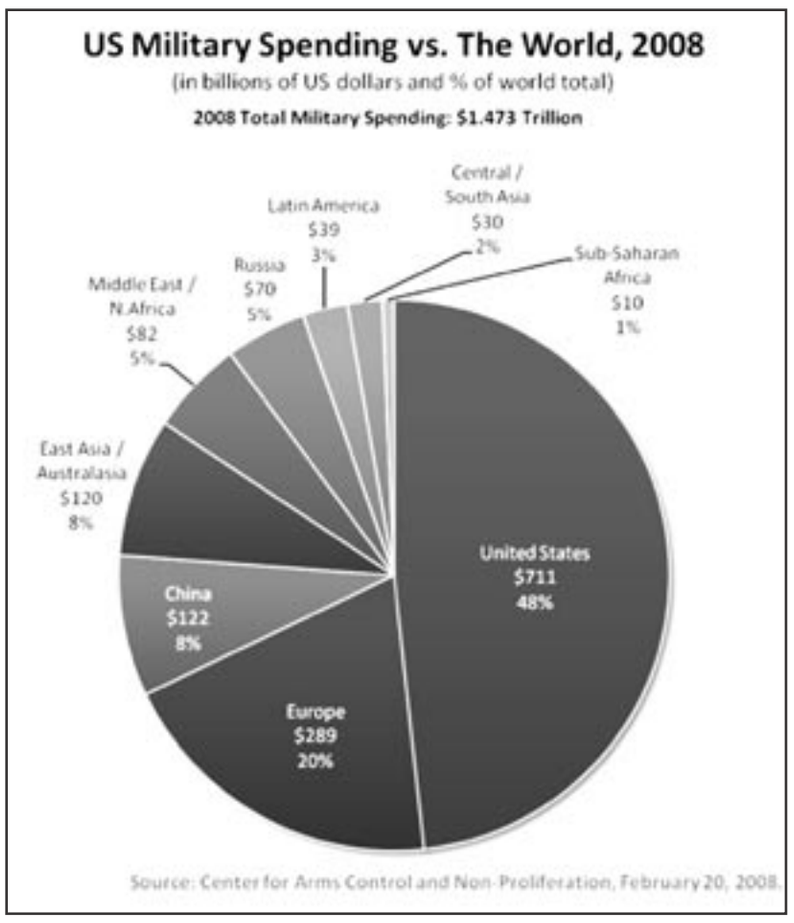

Japan Quits GWOT

Japanese refueling ships in the Indian Ocean.

As *The Creek* reported in a *Project Censored* award winning story in February 2008, the Japanese legislature has debated whether to accept the US theory of 9/11 as justification for the Global War on Terror (GWOT). Japanese legislator Yukihisa Fujita argued at the time that the attacks of 9/11 were an inside job intended to justify US agression in Afghanistan and beyond. At issue was the Japanese support of the GWOT and the American war in Afghanistan by using Japanese navy refueling ships in the Indian Ocean to refuel American war ships.

Fujita's party, the Democratic Party, won recent elections in September. New Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama has opposed the refueling mission, saying Japan should take humanitarian measures to help Afghanistan restore peace.

Japan's defense ministry announced in October that Japan will end its nearly 8-year-old refueling mission in support of US-led operations in Afghanistan.

Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said Japan would pull out its two naval ships from the Indian Ocean in January 2010; "The law will expire in January. We will solemnly withdraw based on the law,"

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It's enough to upgrade 191 million computers to Windows 7 operating system (priced at $119.99), or to buy 115 million iPhones at $199.99 (provided the recipient was willing to sign a two-year contract).

Or, apparently, it's enough to reward the employees of Goldman Sachs for a bonanza trading year, at a firm where average employee compensation was recently $622,000 — and likely to be greater this year.

The $23 billion figure could leave some American taxpayers woozy — the US government bailed out Goldman Sachs with a multi-billion payment last year, which the firm has since repaid.

But while Goldman is likely to pay its biggest bonuses ever to employees, the firm pays very little in taxes worldwide. In 2008, the company was said to have paid just $14 million in taxes worldwide, and paid $6 billion in 2007.

The firm's corporate tax rate? About 1 percent. According a prominent tax lawyer, "They have taken steps to ensure that a lot of their income is earned in lower-tax jurisdictions."

Sorkin says Goldman's CEO is trying to hold off criticism by making a big charitable donation.

"Now there's talk inside Goldman that it is considering making a huge charitable donation — perhaps more than $1 billion — as a way to help deflect the criticism," Sorkin says. "Such a donation would be a welcome gesture that would no doubt benefit many needy organizations. But it would most likely be seen for what it is: a one-time move to draw attention away from where most of the money is really going. A large charitable donation also raises questions about the company's fiduciary duty to its shareholders; it could be seen as giving away profits that ostensibly belong to them."

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More Lies, More Deceptions

By Paul Craig Roberts

The G-20 ministers declared their meeting in Pittsburgh a success, but as Rob Kall reports in OpEdNews.com, the meeting's main success was to turn Pittsburgh into "a ghost-town, emptied of workers and the usual pedestrians, but filled to overflowing with over 12,000 swat cops from all over the US."

This is "freedom and democracy" at work. The leaders of the G-20 countries, which account for 85% of the world's income, cannot meet in an American city without 12,000 cops outfitted like the emperor's storm troopers in Star Wars. And the US government complains about Iran.

The US government's complaints about Iran have reached a new level of shrillness. On September 25 Obama declared: "Iran is breaking rules that all nations must follow." The heads of America's British, French, and German puppet states added their two cents worth, giving the government of Iran three months to meet the "international community's demands" to give up its rights as a signatory to the non-proliferation treaty to nuclear energy. In case you don't know, the term "international community" is shorthand for the US, Israel, and Europe, a handful of arrogant and rich countries that oppress the rest of the world.

> "What does imperialism mean? It means the assertion of absolute force over others."
> Robert Lowe 1878

Who is breaking the rules? Iran or the United States?

Iran is insisting that the US government abide by the non-proliferation treaty that the US originated and pushed and that Iran signed. But the US government, which is currently engaged in three wars of aggression and has occupying troops in a number of other countries, insists that Iran, which is invading and occupying no country, cannot be trusted with nuclear energy capability, because the capability might in the future lead to nuclear weapon capability, like Israel's, India's, and Pakistan's — all non-signatories to the nuclear proliferation treaty, countries that, unlike Iran, have never submitted to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspections. Indeed, at this very moment the Israeli government is screaming and yelling "anti-Semite" to the suggestion that Israel submit to IAEA inspections. Iran has submitted to the IAEA inspections for years.

In keeping with its obligations under the treaty, on September 21 Iran disclosed to the IAEA that it is constructing another nuclear facility. The British Prime Minister Gordon Brown confused Iran's disclosure with "serial deception," and declared, "We will not let this matter rest."

What matter? Why does Gordon Brown think that Iran's disclosure to the IAEA is a deception? Does the moronic UK prime minister mean that Iran is claiming to be constructing a plant but is not, and thus by claiming one is deceiving the world?

Not to be outdone in idiocy, out of Obama's mouth jumped Orwellian doublespeak: "The Iranian government must now demonstrate through deeds its peaceful intentions or be held accountable to international standards and international law."

The incongruity blows the mind. Here is Obama, with troops engaged in wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan demanding that a peaceful nation at war with no one demonstrate "its peaceful intentions or be held accountable to international standards and international law."

It is the US government and its NATO puppet states, and militarist Israel, of course, that need to be held accountable to international law. Under international law the US, its NATO puppets, and Israel are war criminal governments. There is no doubt about it. The record is totally clear. The US, Israel, and the NATO puppet states have committed military aggression exactly as did Germany's Third Reich, and they have murdered large numbers of civilians. Following the Fuhrer's script, "the great democratic republics" have justified these acts of lawlessness with lies and deceptions.

Rudy Giuliani, the former US Attorney who framed high profile victims in order to gain name recognition for a political career, keynoted a rally against Iran in New York on September 25. According to Richard Silverstein at AlterNet, the rally was sponsored by an Israeli lobby group and an organization with connections to an Iranian terror organization (probably financed by the US government) that calls for the violent overthrow of the Iranian government.

The efforts to build pressure for acts of war against Iran continue despite the repeated declaration from the IAEA that there is no sign of an Iranian nuclear weapons program, and despite the reaffirmation by US intelligence agencies that Iran abandoned its nuclear weapons program years ago.

Meanwhile, the US and Israeli governments, who are so solicitous of international law and holding accountable countries that violate it, have moved to prevent the report of Judge Richard Goldstone from reaching the UN Security Council.

Why?

Judge Goldstone's report found Israel guilty of war crimes in its massive military assault against civilians and civilian infrastructure in Gaza.

The continuous efforts of the world's two militarist-aggressor states — the United States and Israel — to demonize Iran was addressed by Ahmadinejad in his speech to the UN General Assembly (September 23). Ahmadinejad spoke of the assault on human dignity and spiritual values by the selfish material interests of the US and its puppet states. Seeking hegemony "under the mantle of freedom," the US and its puppets use "the ugliest methods of intimidation and deceit" to disguise that they are "the first who violate" the fundamental principles that they espouse and apply to others.

Why, Ahmadinejad asked the UN General Assembly, do the countries of the world sit there while Israel murders and dispossesses the Palestinian people?

Why, asked Ahmadinejad, do the countries of the world sit there while the US, from thousands of miles away, sends troops to the Middle East, "spreading war, bloodshed, aggression, terror and intimidation in the whole region," while blaming the countries that are suffering the West's naked aggression?

Ahmadinejad told the General Assembly what most of the UN representatives already know, that "selfishness and insatiable greed have taken the place of such humanitarian concepts as love, sacrifice, dignity, and justice. . . . Lies have taken the place of honesty; hypocrisy has replaced integrity, and selfishness has taken the place of sacrifice. Deception in foreign affairs is called foresight and statesmanship, looting the wealth of other nations is called development efforts; occupation is said to be a gift that promotes freedom and democracy; and defenseless nations are subjected to repression in the name of defending human rights."

It could not be put any clearer. However, if Ahmadinejad's speech is reported by the US print and TV media, statements will be taken out of context and used to enrage the conservatives and Christian Zionists in order to unify them behind the Obama/Israeli assault on Iran.

America will not be satisfied until, like Rome, she has more enemies and more wars than she can survive.

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Saving Face in Afghanistan

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This past week there has been a lot of discussion and debate on the continuing war in Afghanistan. Lasting twice as long as World War II and with no end in sight, the war in Afghanistan has been one of the longest conflicts in which our country has ever been involved. The situation has only gotten worse with recent escalations.

The current debate is focused entirely on the question of troop levels. How many more troops should be sent over in order to pursue the war? The administration has already approved an additional 21,000 American service men and women to be deployed by November, which will increase our troop levels to 68,000. Will another 40,000 do the job? Or should we eventually build up the levels to 100,000 in addition to that? Why not 500,000 – just to be "safe"? And how will public support be brought back around to supporting this war again when 58 percent are now against it?

I get quite annoyed at this very narrow line of questioning. I have other questions. We overthrew the Taliban government in 2001 with less than 10,000 American troops. Why does it now seem that the more troops we send, the worse things get? If the Soviets bankrupted themselves in Afghanistan with troop levels of 100,000 and were eventually forced to leave in humiliating defeat, why are we determined to follow their example? Most importantly, what is there to be gained from all this? We've invested billions of dollars and thousands of precious lives – for what?

The truth is it is no coincidence that the more troops we send the worse things get. Things are getting worse precisely because we are sending more troops and escalating the violence. We are hoping that good leadership wins out in Afghanistan, but the pool of potential honest leaders from which to draw have been fleeing the violence, leaving a tremendous power vacuum behind. War does not quell bad leaders. It creates them. And the more war we visit on this country, the more bad leaders we will inadvertently create.

Another thing that war does is to create anger with its indiscriminate violence and injustice. How many innocent civilians have been harmed from clumsy bombings and mistakes that end up costing lives? People die from simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time in a war zone, but the killers never face consequences. Imagine the resentment and anger survivors must feel when a family member is killed and nothing is done about it. When there are no other jobs available because all the businesses have fled, what else is there to do, but join ranks with the resistance where there is a paycheck and also an opportunity for revenge? This is no justification for our enemies over there, but we have to accept that when we push people, they will push back.

The real question is why are we there at all? What do our efforts now have to do with the original authorization of the use of force? We are no longer dealing with anything or anyone involved in the attacks of 9/11. At this point we are only strengthening the resolve and the ranks of our enemies. We have nothing left to win. We are only there to save face, and in the end we will not even be able to do that.

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Economics and the Drug War

By Bart Frazier / FFF

It is becoming ever more apparent that the war on drugs has been lost. Doomed to fail from the moment of its inception, the war the US government has been waging has not been against drugs, but against people and the laws of economics. The results have been violence, corruption, and a militarized society.

A basic law of economics states that when there is less of something that people want, that item will become more expensive. Because drugs are illegal and their supply restricted, their price rises. As the price of drugs goes up, people who were previously on the fence about dealing drugs find dealing worth the risk. Higher profits always attract new suppliers, whether the market is legal or not. Intensifying the drug war makes it more profitable to be a drug dealer. The drug war creates drug lords and drug cartels.

The ironic thing about prices is that the street prices of drugs are the barometer by which the drug warriors gauge their effectiveness. If the street price goes up, they conclude that there are now fewer drugs on the streets and that they are "winning" the war. They might as well call "the drug war" a dealers' jobs program.

Criminals making incredible profits buy politicians, bureaucrats, and police. There is simply no way around it. As long as drugs are illegal, there are going to be government officials who are willing to help the drug dealers for a price. The drug war corrupts the government.

By making drugs illegal, the government precludes participants in the drug market from using the legal system. Disputes can no longer be settled in court. Competition among rival businesses is not settled by efficient marketing and a quality product, but by violence. It is the only recourse of competitors. Drug dealers can't go to the police to report theft, fraud, blackmail, or even murder, because they put themselves at risk by doing so. The drug war incites theft and violence.

The drug war also makes criminals out of good people who use drugs. Using illicit drugs is frowned on by most, but a person has the right to ingest anything he wants as long as he does not infringe on the rights of others in the process. The vast majority of the millions of people whom the government has incarcerated are people who have not violated the rights of others. They have simply put something in their bodies that the government doesn't approve of. The drug war criminalizes nonviolent activity.

The police state has swelled in large part because of the war on drugs. Every year, SWAT teams across the country kick down the doors of homes looking for drugs. Armed with tanks and military weapons, they inevitably end up killing people in the process. As a senior editor at *Reason* magazine, Radley Balko, states, it's "an epidemic of isolated incidences." The drug war militarizes society.

We have seen this all happen before. When the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment prohibited the sale of alcohol, the booze still flowed and organized crime took over where legitimate business was forbidden. As the booze flowed, so did the blood. Chicago was particularly hard hit by Prohibition, with Al Capone spreading murder and corruption throughout the city.

The economics of the drug market cannot be altered. The war on drugs produces violence in the streets, puts thugs in charge of a whole sector of the economy, and violates the rights of peaceful citizens. This has been going on for decades. If drugs were legalized, the drug trade would be disciplined by the market and not by violence. People would be free to use drugs, as is their right. And the police state would lose its primary excuse for bashing down people's doors and seizing their property. Why continue this madness? It is time to legalize drugs.

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Non-Violent Responses Must Be Considered To Prevent Aggression

By Sherwood Ross

People the world over must find non-violent ways to oppose American military force lest they suffer the fate of the Vietnamese and the Iraqis.

The Vietnamese lost four million civilians and the Iraqis to date have lost more than one million civilians as a result of US aggression. Such losses - mainly of unarmed women and children - are unacceptable, as is the horrific physical destruction inflicted on those nations. Viet Nam has yet to recover from Pentagon bombing and the spread of Agent Orange. And Iraq may be centuries recovering from the ravages of US radioactive ammunition fired there, euphemistically called "depleted uranium."

To this day, some Americans believe the US "lost" the Viet Nam war when the US in fact emerged physically undamaged with no civilian deaths while its military lost but a fraction of the combatants lost by the Vietnamese. Still, the losses suffered by American families were devastating and those by Vietnamese families more so. A non-violent response by other nations could spare the lives of US combatants as well.

Ominously, the Pentagon has spent over a trillion dollars in recent years on the refinement of deadlier killing instruments and the militarization of space from which it can control the planet with even greater authority than from its 1,000 foreign bases.

In an interview recorded in 2003 and published in "Imperial Ambitions" (Metropolitan Books), MIT philosopher Noam Chomsky says the US is arguing "the only way we can have security is by expanding into and ultimately owning space." And he further points out, "The militarization of space means, in effect, placing the entire world at risk of instant annihilation with no warning."

Referring to the doctrine of President George W. Bush, Chomsky said it means plainly "the United States will rule the world by force, and if there is any challenge to its domination - whether it is perceived in

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LBJ Aided And Abetted Israel's Uranium Enrichment Program

By Wayne Madsen / WMR

Archived CIA files, woefully incomplete because of the political selectivity involved with the Freedom of Information and National Archives and Records Administration Acts, do contain enough information that highlights the participation of the administration of President Lyndon Johnson in the illegal acquisition by Israel of enriched uranium from the United States for Israel's nuclear weapons program.

Apparently, the CIA got around the political problems associated with maintaining detailed records on Israel's nuclear proliferation by keeping open source articles on the Israeli espionage activities.

Map of Israel's nuclear weapons facilities

One of the archived documents is a *Washington Post* article written by Charles Babcock, dated June 5, 1986, titled "US an Intelligence Target of the Israelis, Officials Say."

The article details the operations of Mossad operative Raphael ("Rafi") Eitan in illegally procuring 200 pounds of enriched uranium — enough uranium for six nuclear fission bombs — from a company called NUMEC — Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation — in Apollo, Pennsylvania in September 1968. Eitan and three other Mossad operatives traveled to NUMEC's plant and arranged with its owner, an American Zionist nuclear scientist named Zalman M. Shapiro, to have the enriched uranium shipped to Israel clandestinely. Shapiro denied the charges that he gave the uranium to the Israelis and the FBI closed the case, code named "Operation Divert," without charges ever being filed.

The Post article, however, mentions a declassified FBI document that identifies "Raphael Eitan, chemist, Ministry of Defense, Israel, born 11/23/26 in Israel," as part of the four-man Mossad team that went to the NUMEC facility in September 1968. The actual visit was on September 10, 1968 and it was approved by the Atomic Energy Commission. The team also included Avraham Hermoni, the scientific counselor at the Israeli embassy in Washington, and two officials of Israel's Department of Electronics, which was part of the Israeli Ministry of Science and Development. The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* identified the other two Israelis as Ephraim Beigon and Abraham Bendor, aka Avraham Shalom. Bendor later became the head of Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence service. In addition, Ephraim Lahav, the science minister-counsellor at the Israeli embassy in Washington, made several trips to NUMEC in the 1960s. One of NUMEC's metallurgists was Bernard Cinai, aka Baruch Cinai, an Israeli citizen. NUMEC's illegal nuclear proliferation network extended from Israel and the United States to Britain, France, Japan, Spain, Belgium, and Germany. NUMEC and Israel ran a front operation called Isotopes and Radiation Enterprises (ISORAD). Some NUMEC engineers ended up working for Westinghouse Electric and were interviewed by FBI agents about the missing uranium.

Federal law enforcement sources told *The Post* that Hermoni attended a meeting at Shapiro's house in November 1968 at which 11 American scientists were present. In June 1969, FBI counter-intelligence agents witnessed Shapiro meeting with another Israeli embassy science attache at Pittsburgh airport. Shapiro's home and work phones were tapped by FBI agents, and he was trailed by FBI agents at every move. Attorney General Ramsey Clark authorized electronic surveillance of Shapiro based on the evidence compiled of his dealings with Mossad. Shapiro used an encrypted telephone provided by Mossad to communicate with Mossad agents in New York.

The only sanction taken against NUMEC was a $930,000 fine it received from the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) for losing the enriched uranium. However, it was clear that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, who usually held ultimate sway over domestic espionage matters, wanted to indict Shapiro, who later became the head of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Zionist Organization of America, but was overruled by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Johnson and Nixon White Houses. However, there is also evidence of a strange turn-around in Hoover's feelings about NUMEC and Shapiro. The AEC sent a letter to Hoover in the late 1960s asking whether Shapiro should register as a foreign agent. The FBI director replied that Shapiro was not required to do so. However, after the Justice Department ordered the FBI to back down from its investigation of Israeli nuclear smuggling and the role NUMEC played in it in 1972, Hoover reportedly became very offended at the FBI being called off the case. Hoover died suddenly after his rift with the Justice Department.

The FBI tried to interview Navy Admiral Hyman Rickover, the father of the US nuclear submarine, over his dealings with NUMEC and his awarding the firm lucrative Navy contracts. Rickover refused any interviews with FBI agents over his association with the firm. The Navy's contracts with NUMEC saw the transfer of weapons-grade uranium from Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee to the Apollo plant ostensibly for the production of fuel rods for US nuclear submarines.

In 1974, after the Israeli penetration of America's nuclear weapons program had reached critical mass, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force General George "Scratchy" Brown, stated to a Duke University audience that Jews had too much control over America's banks, newspapers and elected officials and that Israel was a "burden" to the Department of Defense. One nettlesome individual Brown had to deal with was Israeli Colonel Yosef Langotsky, the assistant army attache at the Israeli embassy in Washington. Langotsky was known to the FBI as a Mossad spy, and he often was caught in secure areas of the Pentagon trying to recruit agents, most of them American Jewish employees of the Defense Department, into serving Israeli intelligence. Langotsky was eventually refused access to the Pentagon and he was recalled by the Tel Aviv authorities in 1979. Brown's comments about Jews were: "they own, you know, the banks in this country. The newspapers. Just look at where the Jewish money is." President Gerald Ford refused to fire Brown, although Ford was under immense pressure to do so, and Brown continued to serve into President Jimmy Carter's administration. Carter also resisted Jewish pressure to fire Brown. Brown retired on June 21, 1978 and died some six months later in December 1978 from a fast-acting form of cancer.

An investigation of Israeli nuclear proliferation by Representative Morris Udall's (D-AZ) House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs yielded little success. In December 1978, Shapiro told Udall under oath, "Let me state emphatically that I have never participated in any theft or diversion of special nuclear material." Udall, who ran for President in 1976, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease the year following his investigation of Israel's nuclear materials smuggling from the United States. The disease forced Udall to resign from Congress in 1991 and he died in 1998.


Dimona nuclear weapons complex in the Negev

It was after Representative John Murtha (D-PA) asked for an investigation of the radioactive pollution caused by NUMEC, Atlantic Richfield, and Babcok & Wilson Co. at the Apollo plutonium and uranium plant in 2002, that the corporate media began investigating Murtha's connections with lobbyists. Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD), whose sister served as executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), edged out Murtha for House Majority Leader after the Democrats took over control of the House in 2006. Murtha

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Middle East, given the nuclear arms it possesses," ElBaradei was quoted as saying.

Israel is widely assumed to have nuclear capabilities, although it refuses to confirm or deny the allegation.

"This [possession of nuclear arms] was the cause for some proper measures to gain access to its [Israel's] power plants ... and the US president has done some positive measures for the inspections to happen," said ElBaradei.


Israel is the only country in the Middle East with Nuclear weapons or the means to deliver them.

ElBaradei arrived in Iran October 3rd for talks with Iranian officials over Tehran's nuclear program.

Leaders of the United States, France and Britain have condemned Iran's alleged deception to the international community involving covert activities in its new underground nuclear site.

Last month, Iran confirmed that it is building a new nuclear fuel enrichment plant near its northwestern city of Qom. In reaction, the IAEA asked Tehran to provide detailed information and access to the new nuclear facility as soon as possible.

ElBaradei said the UN nuclear watchdog would inspect Iran's new uranium plant near Qom on October 25.

The 9/11 Commission Rejects Own Report as Based on Government Lies

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enough probable cause to believe that military and aviation officials violated the law by making false statements to Congress and to the commission..."

What does Farmer's book tell us? Farmer offers no solutions, only a total and full rejection of what was told and his own ideas concerning the total failure of honesty on the part of the government, a government with something to hide.

Farmer never tells us what. Nobody speaking out more than Farmer has could keep a job in the public sector. What were Farmer's omissions? There are some. Now that we know that intelligence given the 9/11 Commission wasn't just lies from our own government but based on testimony coerced through torture from informants forced to back up a cover story now proven false, a pattern emerges.

We know that, immediately after 9/11, many more potential suspects and informants were flown directly to Saudi Arabia by Presidential order than were ever detained and questioned. We will never know what they could have said. Their testimony would have been vital to any real investigation were they not put beyond the reach of even Congress and the FBI.

Putting aside all other questions about recent evidence of CIA involvement with bin Laden prior to 9/11 or altered physical evidence involving the Pentagon attack, failure to call to account the systematic perjury committed by dozens of top government officials, now exposed as a certainty, is an offense to every American.

What do we know? We know for certain that the conjecture about 9/11 still stands. We know we were lied to, not in a minor way, but systematically, as part of a plot covering up government involvement at nearly every level — perhaps gross negligence, perhaps something with darker intent.

Are we willing to live with another lie to go with the Warren Report, Iran Contra and so many others? Has the sacrifice of thousands more Americans killed, wounded, or irreparably damaged by a war knowingly built on the same lies from the same liars who misled the 9/11 Commission pushed us beyond willingness to confront the truth?

Have we determined yet where the lies have begun and ended? There is no evidence of this, only evidence to the contrary. The lies live on and the truth will never be sought. The courage for that task has not been found.

Can anyone call himself an American if he doesn't demand, even with the last drop of his blood, that the truth be found?

How long have we watered the Tree of Deceit with the blood of patriots?

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Unanswered Questions Haunt Family of Oklahoma City Bombing First Responder

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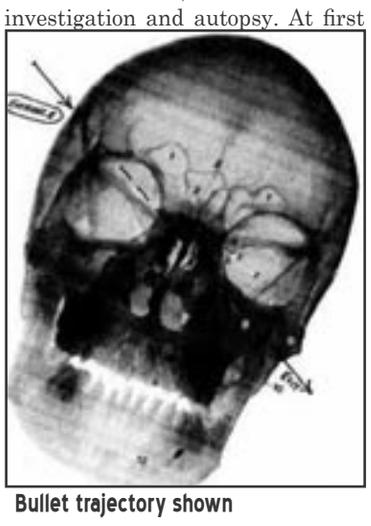
had witnessed things during his response to the bombing which did not agree with the "official version" of events touted by the national media and law enforcement at that time. Yeakey was in the process of collecting evidence which supported and documented the inconsistencies he witnessed the morning of the bombing at the scene itself.

Far from being suicidal, Yeakey was in the process of achieving some major life goals. He had just been offered a job with the FBI in Dallas and was planning on taking the job and moving there with his sister and brother-in-law. Yeakey, a military veteran who had served in Saudi Arabia, was also a seven year veteran of the OKC Police Department and had just been promoted to Sergeant in the OKCPD. Just prior to his death he had been awarded the Key to the Oklahoma City for his heroism during the bombing. Additionally, Yeakey and had reconciled with his ex-wife. Despite all of this, Yeakey was living under constant scrutiny for his refusal to go along with official versions of events and because of his refusal to change his story about what he saw the day of the bombing, causing him to suffer great persecution from his brothers in law enforcement.

Although he was looking forward to his new job with the FBI, Yeakey is described by his family as a man who was also living in great fear at this time and who was preoccupied with the harassment to which he was being subjected on a daily basis. When Yeakey showed up at his oldest sister's home one evening, he was physically ill. When she attempted to take him to the emergency room, Yeakey would not allow this because, he told her, "they can find me there." Yeakey never told her who "they" were in an attempt to protect her. Yeakey left his sister's house that evening and was found dead the next day in a remote field in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Immediately after his family was notified of Terrance Yeakey's death they insisted that they did not believe Yeakey had killed himself. Their conclusion was based on the manner of death, Yeakey's personality, his recent statements about the future, and the lack of investigation and autopsy. At first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they tried to get answers. Why wasn't there a proper investigation? Where was the weapon he used


Officer Yeakey at the OKC bombing

to shoot himself? Why wasn't an autopsy allowed? As they asked questions in the following days, they would sometimes be approached by others in the police department who told them, in no uncertain terms but off the record, that Yeakey had been murdered. As a result of their inquiries they were harassed and followed by Oklahoma City police and others. Unmarked cars sat in front of their homes for hours, and this stalking was caught on video by the family. Shortly after his death, Yeakey's ex-wife had her home broken into and a balloon was left in her house. Written on the balloon in black marker were the words, "we know where you are." This harassment and surveillance had a chilling effect on the surviving Yeakey family and on their inquiries into Terrance's death, which were in effect shut down... until now, fourteen years after the fact.

Yeakey's 92-year-old grandmother, Mary Kuykendalla, says that it is important that she knows who killed her grandson and she implores anyone who can help her, "From my heart I want something to happen to show he had no right to be killed. His life was taken away for nothing."

His oldest sister, Vikki Yeakey, speaking out again after all of these years, states that she knew as soon as she was told by the OKCPD that Yeakey had committed suicide that it was untrue, "I screamed out, 'He didn't take his life. Someone murdered him.'" Yet, detectives told her that she was crazy and that she watched too much television. "I had just seen him the night before. He was mentally fine...I wanted answers that night." But, she says, they rushed her through the paperwork all the while telling her she was "crazy." She asks, "Who was he running from? Who was he trying to protect? I am doing this interview to reach out to the world, to anyone that can help."

Another sister, Leshawn Hargrove says, "He was an awesome older brother. He was always all about his work. He was serious about being a cop." When she received news of his death she says she dropped the phone and "began to sob." She felt nauseated. She needed to get to her family. Later OKCPD would approach her and say "sorry for your loss," but soon after, she says, the family was told that they needed to "keep our mouths shut," and were continuously told that the death was a suicide. She feels that her brother's death deserves answers and an investigation that were never provided, "I want justice for his life. He needs to have his story told. I wish I had him back."

When Yeakey's mother received a call notifying her of the death, she was told by the OKCPD not to drive anywhere and that a car would come to pick her up. This was around 10 PM, but by 1 AM the promised transportation had not arrived. In fact, they never showed up for Yeakey's grieving mother, "No one ever came." Yeakey's mother says that for the last fourteen years she has been "going over and over something I don't believe to be true. I believe it to be murder. I don't know who did it. [That's] why we need answers...you need to put your child to rest, and, without knowing what happened, [we can't]…I vowed I will never give up. I need answers. If there's ANYONE who could help, I would appreciate it."

The family says that the death of Yeakey is a taboo subject in Oklahoma City. There is a saying "if you don't want the Terry Yeakey done to you...keep your mouth shut."

Yeakey's is not the only suspicious death which has occurred as a result of the attempt to find answers about the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, and it is not the only one to be called a suicide, the strange and grisly death of Kenneth Trentadue being another. The suspicious death of Kenneth Trentadue at the Oklahoma City Federal Transfer Center in August 1995 would be ruled a suicide despite the opinion of the medical examiner. After examining the body of his brother, it became clear to attorney Jesse Trentadue that Kenneth had been tortured and murdered. Jesse had received chilling information from Timothy McVeigh (convicted and executed for his role in the 1995 bombing) that his brother's murder was related to the bombing and its subsequent (mis)investigation. Subsequently, Jesse began a quest to determine why exactly his brother had died, leading him to file many Freedom of Information Act Requests about the bombing and related matters. After filing a wrongful death lawsuit the Trentadue family was rewarded $1.1 million for emotional distress caused by the authorities' mishandling of the death. On September 28, 2009, attorney Jesse Trentadue made national news when portions of surveillance tapes of the bombing were begrudgingly released by the FBI under the orders of a federal judge.

Like Jesse Trentadue and those who lost family members in the Oklahoma City bombing, the surviving family of Terrance Yeakey also seeks answers which they feel will help them achieve closure, justice, and peace of mind.

Wendy S. Painting lives in Rochester, New York. She is working on her PhD and writing a book on the Oklahoma City Bombing.

Anthrax Attack Spawned in Military Bioweapons Lab

Battelle Memorial Laboratories, which manages the labs at Jefferson and Dougway, the only sites capable of making the weaponized anthrax used in the 2001 attacks, now has the $750 million contract to manage and operate the new National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) biolab facilities at Ft. Detrick, with primary responsibility to analyze and respond to future bio-attacks.

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evidence did the FBI conclude that none of the laboratories it investigated were in any way the sources of the powder used in the 2001 anthrax attacks, except the US Army Laboratory at Fort Detrick, Maryland? Please include in your answer why laboratories that have been publicly identified as having the equipment and personnel to make anthrax powder, such as the US Army's Dugway Proving Grounds in Dugway, Utah and the Battelle Memorial Institute in Jefferson, Ohio, were excluded as possible sources."

Seven months went by before the FBI responded. Its response read:

"Initially, the spores contained in the envelopes could only be identified as Bacillus Anthracis (Anthrax). They were then sent to an expert, who "strain typed" the spores as the Ames strain. Once the strain type was identified, the FBI began to look at what facilities had access to the Ames strain. At the same time, science experts began to develop the ability to identify morphological variances contained in the mailed anthrax. Over the next six years, new scientific developments allowed experts from the FBI Laboratory and other nationally recognized scientific experts to advance microbial science. This advancement allowed the FBI to positively link specific morphs found in the mailed anthrax to morphs in a single flask at USAMRIID. Using records associated with the flask, the FBI was able to track the transfer of sub samples from the flask located at USAMRIID to two other facilities. Using various methods, the FBI investigated the two facilities that received samples from the parent flask and eliminated individuals from those facilities as suspects because, even if a laboratory facility had the equipment and personnel to make anthrax powder, this powder would not match the spores in the mailed envelopes if *that lab had never received a transfer of anthrax from the parent flask*." (Emphasis added).

On its face, the FBI's response is absurd. The response literally says that after identifying "two facilities" that received samples of anthrax from the USAMRIID (Bruce Ivins') flask, these facilities were excluded as possible sources of the attack anthrax because they "never received" anthrax from said flask.

One of the purposes of this article is to make clear why Nadler's question is the "most central" question to be asked about Amerithrax. This will serve to put in perspective Robert Mueller's professed inability to answer the question on Sept. 16, 2008, the period of seven months it took for the FBI to fashion a response, and the disingenuousness of the response.

The FBI's response is not only absurd; it is, to the extent it states anything at all, demonstrably false. Only a few months ago, Bruce Ivins' "Reference Material Receipt Record" with respect to the anthrax designated RMR-1029 was posted on the internet. The original copy of said record is in the custody of the FBI. Said record documents that during the summer of 2001, Bruce Ivins sent samples of RMR-1029 to both Battelle and Dugway. Practically all of the science underlying Amerithrax now being reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences is about matching the genetic fingerprint of the attack anthrax to that of RMR-1029. Given that both Battelle and Dugway had RMR-1029, Battelle and Dugway are no less incriminated than Bruce Ivins by the science underlying Amerithrax.

That the FBI has engaged in a cover-up in its Amerithrax investigation is readily apparent. This article addresses the urgent matter of what it is that is being covered up.

So far, Congress has failed in its oversight role with respect to Amerithrax. An important example of this failure is the absence of any reaction on the part of Congressman Nadler or any other member of Congress to the miserable FBI response highlighted in this article.

BRIEF HISTORY RELEVANT TO THE ANTHRAX ATTACKS

At the Senate Judiciary Committee "Amerithrax oversight" hearing mentioned above, Chairman Patrick Leahy (himself a target of one of the anthrax letters) made specific reference to an article entitled "US Germ Warfare Research Pushes Treaty Limits" that appeared in the *New York Times* on September 4, 2001.

Excerpts from said article follow:

"Over the past several years, the United States has embarked on a program of secret research on biological weapons that, some officials say, tests the limits of the global treaty banning such weapons . . .

"The projects, which have not been previously disclosed, were begun under President Clinton and have been embraced by the Bush administration, which intends to expand them . . .

"Administration officials said the need to keep such projects secret was a significant reason behind President Bush's recent rejection of a draft agreement to strengthen the germ-weapons treaty, which has been signed by 143 nations . . .

"Among the facilities likely to be open to inspection under the draft agreement would [have been] the West Jefferson, Ohio, laboratory of the Battelle Memorial Institute, a military contractor that has been selected to create the genetically altered anthrax . . .

"Several officials who served in senior posts in the Clinton administration acknowledged that the secretive efforts were so poorly coordinated that even the White House was unaware of their full scope . . .

MAINSTREAM MEDIA REPORT THE TRUTH BEFORE COVER-UP PREVAILS

Baltimore Sun, December 12, 2001

"Anthrax matches Army spores: Organisms made at a military laboratory in Utah are genetically identical to those mailed to members of Congress" by Scott Shane:

"For nearly a decade, US Army scientists at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah have made small quantities of weapons-grade anthrax that is virtually identical to the powdery spores used in the mail attacks that have killed five people, government sources say. . . Anthrax is also grown at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick . . . [b]ut that medical program uses a wet aerosol fog of anthrax rather than the dry powder used in the attacks . . ."

Washington Post, December 16, 2001

"Capitol Hill Anthrax Matches Army's Stocks: 5 Labs Can Trace Spores to Ft. Detrick"

by Rick Weiss and Susan Schmidt:

"The FBI's investigation into the anthrax attacks is increasingly focusing on whether US government bioweapons research programs, including one conducted by the CIA, may have been the source of deadly anthrax powder sent through the mail, according to sources with knowledge of the probe. The results of the genetic tests strengthen that possibility. The FBI is focusing on a contractor that worked with the CIA, one source said. . . The scientists are still planning to do genetic testing on anthrax bacteria from the Defense Research Establishment Suffield, a Canadian military research facility, the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio."

Miami Herald (Knight Ridder), December 21, 2001

"Anthrax investigators focusing on strain from military facility" by David Kidwell:

"Federal anthrax researchers are attempting to match the strain that killed a Boca Raton man and four others to a weaponized strain secretly manufactured at a US military facility in the Utah desert, according to sources familiar with the probe. Agents are examining lab workers and researchers who had access to the weaponized, powdered anthrax grown at the US Army's Dugway Proving Grounds and later supplied to Battelle Memorial Institute, a military research company based in Columbus, Ohio . . . It is clear that a strong theory has emerged that the refined powder used in the anthrax attacks bears striking similarities to US military grade anthrax manufactured only at Dugway . . ."

Nevertheless, on December 21, 2001 (the same day that the above-cited *Miami Herald* article was published), The Dispatch in Columbus, Ohio reported that FBI Director Robert Mueller had assured Ohio Republican Senator Mike DeWine that "no one with or formerly with Battelle is a suspect."

To summarize, Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI) was not only doing the lab work in its own labs in West Jefferson, Ohio for the CIA's weaponization project, it was also doing the lab work at the Army's Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah for the DIA's anthrax weaponization project.

Battelle has a "national security division" offering the services of a team of "engineers, chemists, microbiologists, and aerosol scientists supported by state-of-the-art laboratories to conduct research in the fields of bioaerosol science and technology." On its Web site, Battelle called this research group "one-of-a-kind." Battelle also makes one of the world's most advanced medicinal powders. Battelle's pharmaceutical division, BattellePharma, in Columbus, has developed electrostatically charged aerosols for inhalation. BattellePharma's Web site boasted that the company's new "electrohydrodynamic" aerosol "reliably delivers more than 80% of the drug to the lungs in a soft (isokinetic) cloud of uniformly sized particles." Other powders, boasted the Web site, only achieve 20% or less.

THE COVER-UP

In order to cover up the evident connection between our secret anthrax weaponization projects and the attack anthrax, it would be necessary to negate the fact that the attack anthrax (particularly in the letters to the Senators) was weaponized.

This aspect of the cover-up is described in "Anthrax Powder: State of the Art?" by Gary Matsumoto, that appeared in the November, 2003 edition (Vol 32) of *Science Magazine*:

"Early in the investigation, the consensus among biodefense specialists working for the government and the military [was that] . . . the powder mailed to the Senate . . . was a diabolical advance in biological weapons technology . . ."

Of course, once the DOJ/FBI arrived at its formulation that Bruce Ivins was the lone culprit, it became that much more necessary to portray the attack anthrax as other than "weapons-grade." Richard Spertzel, quoted in the above-cited *Science Magazine* article, was not only a chief UNSCOM inspector, he also worked at Fort Detrick for 18 years, and served as Deputy Commander of USAMRIID. On August 5, 2008 (one week after the death of Bruce Ivins), the *Wall Street Journal* published an op-ed by Mr. Spertzel entitled "Bruce Ivins Wasn't the Anthrax Culprit." Excerpts follow:

"Let's start with the anthrax in the letters to Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy. The spores could not have been produced at USAMRIID, where Ivins worked, without many other people being aware of it. Furthermore, the equipment to make such a product does not exist at the Institute. Information released by the FBI over the past seven years indicates a product of exceptional quality. The product contained essentially pure spores. The particle size was 1.5 to 3 microns in diameter . . . What's more, they were also tailored to make them potentially more dangerous. According to an FBI news release from November 2001, the particles were coated by a 'product not seen previously to be used in this fashion before.' Apparently, the spores were coated with a polyglass which tightly bound hydrophilic silica to each particle. That's what was briefed (according to one of my former weapons inspectors at UNSCOM) by the FBI to the German Foreign Ministry at the time . . . The multiple disciplines and technologies required to make the anthrax in this case do not exist at USAMRIID. Inhalation studies are conducted at the Institute, but they are done using liquid preparations, not powdered products. The FBI spent between 12 and 18 months trying "to reverse engineer" (make a replica of) the anthrax in the letters sent to Messrs. Daschle and Leahy without success, according to FBI news releases."

The *New York Times* has played a role in promoting the DOJ/FBI cover-up. For example, on January 4, 2009, the Times published on its front page an article by Scott Shane which Shane introduced as the product of "the deepest look so far at the [Amerithrax] investigation." Excerpts follow:

"*The Times* review found that the FBI had disproved the assertion, widespread among scientists who believe Dr. Ivins was innocent, that the anthrax might have come from military and intelligence research programs in Utah or Ohio. By 2004, secret scientific testing established that the mailed anthrax had been grown somewhere near Fort Detrick . . . By early 2004, FBI scientists had discovered that out of 60 domestic and foreign water samples, only water from Frederick, Maryland, had the same chemical signature as the water used to grow the mailed anthrax."

About two months later, this nonsense about water testing establishing that the attack anthrax was grown near Fort Detrick had to be retracted on the *New York Times* website as follows:

"Postscript: February 28, 2009 (by Scott Shane)

"A front-page article on January 4 about Bruce E. Ivins, the late Army scientist who the Federal Bureau of Investigation says was responsible for the anthrax letter attacks of 2001, reported that FBI scientists had concluded in 2004 that out of 60 domestic and foreign water samples, only water from near Fort Detrick, Maryland, where Dr. Ivins worked, had the same chemical signature as the water that had been used to grow the mailed anthrax. That information, provided by a former senior law enforcement official who did not want to be named in the article, suggested that the anthrax could not have come from military and intelligence research programs in Utah and Ohio, as some defenders of Dr. Ivins's innocence had speculated. . .

"On Tuesday at an American Society for Microbiology conference in Baltimore, an FBI scientist, Jason D. Bannan, said the water research ultimately was inconclusive about where the anthrax was grown. An FBI spokeswoman, Ann Todd, said on Wednesday that the bureau 'stands by the statements' of Dr. Bannan."

Another passage in this same *New York Times* article that warrants retractions is as follows:

"Though a public debate had raged for years over whether the mailed anthrax had been 'weaponized' with sophisticated chemical additives, the FBI had concluded early on that it was not. Dr. Ezzell agreed, as did Jeff Mohr, an expert on anthrax and other pathogens at the Army's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. Without giving an opinion of Dr. Ivins's guilt or innocence, both Dr. Ezzell and Dr. Mohr said they believed that any experienced microbiologist could have grown and dried the anthrax using equipment Dr. Ivins had in his laboratory."

Previous statements by Drs. Mohr and Ezzell contradicted the view attributed to them in the *NY Times* article. Dr. Mohr was interviewed for a recently released documentary entitled "Anthrax War", (which documentary was co-produced by Congressman Nadler's brother, Eric Nadler). In the documentary, Dr. Mohr is heard to plainly say that Dugway weaponizes anthrax.

Dr. Ezzell gave his original account of the attack anthrax to Marilyn Thompson, which account was reported in her book, *The Killer Strain* (HarperCollins: 2003):

"The FBI called Ezzell on October 15 [2001] to alert him that evidence would be brought from the Daschle crime scene straight to USAMRIID for testing. . . [A]s Ezzell worked, he noticed a bit of white powder tucked into one of the letter's folds. Almost as soon as he saw it, the powder dispersed, spreading invisibly through the safety cabinet. After years of researching anthrax, he had never seen the bacteria in its weaponized form — . . . a material that could blanket a city or annihilate an enemy. This was a powder so virulent that normal laboratory rules did not apply. Both he and his team could be at risk despite their precautions. . . 'After all these years of looking, here it is. This is the real thing, in the right form,' he recalled. . . To protect himself, Ezzell started antibiotics to guard against infection. He also took another precaution. Ezzell went to a sink and mixed a solution of diluted bleach. Bracing himself, he lifted it to his nose and took a deep snort. The pain that surged through his sinuses almost knocked him to the ground . . ."

There is one other book that reports observations of the attack anthrax made during the first examinations of the Daschle anthrax. *The Demon in the Freezer* by Richard Preston (Oct. 2002, Random House) also reveals the seeds of the cover-up:

"October 16, 2001

On the morning of the 16th, the day after it was delivered to USAMRIID, the powder in the letter mailed to Senator Daschle was being studied by John Ezzell, the civilian microbiologist who accepted it from the agents of the FBI's Hazardous Materials Response Unit [HMRU]. But, Jahrling wanted Tom Geisbert to get the sample under an electron microscope… The view was wall-to-wall anthrax spores. . . .The material seemed to be absolutely pure spores. . . [USAMRMC Chief] General Parker and Peter Jahrling went by the office of the USAMRIID Commander, Colonel Ed Eitzen, then the three men went upstairs to the scope room, where Tom Geisbert was staring at the anthrax. 'It's okay, I used to run an electron microscopy lab,' Parker said. Parker sat down at the scope and looked. Pure spores. That was all he needed to see. He went out into the hallway and started issuing instructions to Eitzen and Jahrling in a rapid fire way: 'We're going to put USAMRIID into emergency operations . . .'

"October 17, 2001

. . . Major General John Parker went to the US Senate, where he met with a caucus of the Senate leadership and their staff. He told them that he looked at the anthrax himself in the microscope and that it was essentially pure spores. He would later say, 'The letter was a missile …

"October 18, 2001

. . . [During an Interagency Conference Call with individuals from National Security Council, FBI, CDC, and Army] Peter Jahrling replied that USAMRIID's data indicated that the Daschle anthrax was ten times more concentrated and potent than any form of anthrax that had been made by the old American bio-warfare program at Fort Detrick in the 1960s. He said that the anthrax consisted of pure spores, and that it was 'highly aerogenic' . . . The spores of anthrax went straight through the paper of the Daschle envelope and other anthrax envelopes full of ultra-fine powder that were mailed, though they had been sealed tightly with tape."

CONCLUSION

In 1961, in his "Farewell Address," President Eisenhower warned of the emerging power of the "military-industrial complex." In the ensuing almost fifty years, that warning has gone unheeded, and we have been engaged in what Gore Vidal calls "perpetual war." Our military and so-called "national security" expenditures exceed the total of what the entire rest of the world spends.

We export more weapons by far than any other country. We maintain at least 750 military bases around the world. We are what Martin Luther King called the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world." So much of what we now do in the name of national security (including our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan) actually undermines our security, not only by multiplying our enemies, bankrupting our treasury, and instigating international arms races, but by perpetuating massive delusion.

The insanity of our course is exemplified in the system surrounding the anthrax letters of 2001. This, the only bio-attack in our history, is an officially acknowledged "inside job," one that we know originated from our own so-called "biodefense" program. No, the anthrax letters were not the work of a "lone nut." They were the work of our military-industrial-intelligence complex, a complex of revolving participants that manufactures weapons and war for power and profit.

The decision in early 2001 to unilaterally reject inspections and verification as a part of international bioweapons arms control (precisely to avoid inspections of our own secret weaponization projects) was the choice to pursue arms race over arms control. The anthrax letters that soon followed served and fulfilled two purposes. As a "false flag operation," with language in the letters that read "Death to America, Death to Israel, Allah is Great," the anthrax attacks played a major role in the run-up to the Iraq war. As a stimulator of fear of bio-threat, the anthrax attacks served as the pretext for a massive expansion of our so-called biodefense program, with expenditures on this program quickly becoming twenty times what they were before the attacks.

I am a longtime resident of Frederick, Maryland, home of Fort Detrick. Fort Detrick has been headquarters for our biowarfare/biodefense programs ever since their inception in 1943. The plan is to make Detrick the site of a National Inter-agency Biodefense Campus (NIBC). Construction of two of the NIBC's facilities is already completed, one an NIH facility called the Integrated Research Facility (IRF), the other a Homeland Security (DHS) facility called the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC). Both NIH and DHS have already entered into contracts worth $750 million with the same private company for the management and operation of these facilities – the name of that company is Battelle. DHS is also entrusted with constructing the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), a 500,000 square foot facility, which will have within its walls more BSL-4 laboratory space than three times the total amount of BSL-4 space in the entire country as of 2004. All indications are that DHS will be contracting with Battelle to manage and operate this facility as well.

Just the week before this article was written, there were three separate Congressional committees conducting hearings about the massive proliferation of high-security bio-laboratories being built across the country. In the first such hearings that took place back in October, 2007, Keith Rhodes of the GAO testified: "High-risk labs have health risks for individual lab workers as well as the surrounding community . . . [E]ven labs within sophisticated biological research programs, including those most extensively regulated, have had and will continue to have safety failures." Only massive delusion can explain how in all of these hearings, no one except the GAO is seriously questioning the need for, the rationale behind this proliferation. The multitude of government-sponsored advisory panels, like the National Research Council committee that just issued a 161-page report, practically all appear to begin with the assumption that this proliferation is essential to national security. Only massive delusion can explain how we could assume that the necessary response to the only bioattack in our history is to massively expand the program that itself generated that attack.

Author's note: This article is an abridged version of a memorandum submitted on Oct. 2 to the office of Congressman Rush Holt, who has introduced the "Anthrax Investigation Act" that would establish a national commission to investigate the anthrax attacks. The entire memorandum can be accessed at the RCFP website at RockCreekFreePress.com

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Book Review

Mike Palecek is an Iowa writer and political activist

If you shot an alien creature and nobody knew but you... Would it really have happened? What if it wasn't an alien? What if it wasn't you?

Small towns. Prejudice. Dirty politics. Crazy people that make more sense than the sane ones. Distorted reality.

Oh, of course. It was written by Mike Palecek.

Speak English
By Mike Palecek
314 pages.
Release: November 2009
www.newamericandream.net

Review by Joan Wile

Speak English, by Michael Palecek, speaks the truth, and in English.

Combination road story, sci-fi mystery, philosophical consideration, and political castigation of just about everything, Mr. Palecek's book is a must-read for all who seek justice, peace, accountability of elected officials, and penetration of the myths that cloud our political vista.

With unique and dazzling style, Mr. Palecek takes us with him on a cross-country book tour during which we encounter many of the gutsy anti-establishment heroes and heroines of our times.

This account is book-ended by an intriguing tale of country boys engaging with aliens and flying saucers.

The seeming disparity between the extra-terrestrial yarn and the contemplative trek across the United States is resolved, finally, in a surprising twist which leaves the reader awestruck yet satisfied.

The author is obsessed with his beliefs that the 9/11 tragedy was caused by George Bush and his cronies, and that President Kennedy's assassination did not occur as the official investigation findings claim.

He is also heartbroken about Paul Wellstone's death in an airplane crash and suspicious that it, too, was a politically-motivated killing.

One comes to believe, while reading the book, that these are not necessarily crackpot conspiracy theories but rather enigmas deserving of much deeper probing.

Speak English contains many varied elements — poetry combined with funny yokel dialogue, for instance; inspiring quotes from eminent writers and statespeople; questions upon questions with startling answers.

Just as the book's protagonist encounters many adventures on his book tour, we, the readers, encounter twists and turns from paragraph to paragraph and page to page that make our perusal of his book one big adventure. It is difficult to adequately describe its immense sweep and broad diversity of style and subject.

This is a page-turner. Curl up in a comfortable chair with a healthy dose of cynicism and open-mindedness for an enlightening and entertaining trip through America's (no-)heartland and the author's unique, inquiring sensibility.

Joan Wile, author, Grandmothers Against the War; Getting Off Our Fannies and Standing Up for Peace *(Citadel Press, '08)*

History's Lessons

Italian Dictator Mussolini Was MI5 Agent During WWI

Documents reveal Italian dictator got start in politics in 1917 with help of £100 weekly wage from MI5

By Tom Kington / The Guardian

History remembers Benito Mussolini as a founder member of the original Axis of Evil, the Italian dictator who ruled his country with fear and forged a disastrous alliance with Nazi Germany. But a previously unknown area of Il Duce's CV has come to light: his brief career as a British agent.

Archived documents have revealed that Mussolini got his start in politics in 1917 with the help of a £100 weekly wage from MI5.

Benito Mussolini was paid £100 a week by MI5 to keep Italy in the First World War.

For the British intelligence agency, it must have seemed like a good investment. Mussolini, then a 34-year-old journalist, was not just willing to ensure Italy continued to fight alongside the allies in the First World War by publishing propaganda in his paper. He was also willing to send in the boys to "persuade" peace protesters to stay at home.

Mussolini's payments were authorized by Sir Samuel Hoare, an MP and MI5's man in Rome, who ran a staff of 100 British intelligence officers in Italy at the time.

Cambridge historian Peter Martland, who discovered details of the deal struck with the future dictator, said: "Britain's least

Mussolini and Hitler, 1936

reliable ally in the war at the time was Italy after revolutionary Russia's pullout from the conflict. Mussolini was paid £100 a week from the autumn of 1917 for at least a year to keep up the pro-war campaigning — equivalent to about £6,000 a week today."

Hoare, later to become Lord Templewood, mentioned the recruitment in memoirs in 1954, but Martland stumbled on details of the payments for the first time while scouring Hoare's papers.

As well as keeping the presses rolling at *Il Popolo d'Italia*, the newspaper he edited, Mussolini also told Hoare he would send Italian army veterans to beat up peace protesters in Milan, a dry run for his fascist blackshirt units.

"The last thing Britain wanted were pro-peace strikes bringing the factories in Milan to a halt. It was a lot of money to pay a man who was a journalist at the time, but compared to the £4m Britain was spending on the war every day, it was petty cash," said Martland.

"I have no evidence to prove it, but I suspect that Mussolini, who was a noted womanizer, also spent a good deal of the money on his mistresses."

After the armistice, Mussolini began his rise to power, assisted by electoral fraud and blackshirt violence, establishing a fascist dictatorship by the mid-1920s.

His colonial ambitions in Africa brought him into contact with his old paymaster again in 1935. Now the British foreign secretary, Hoare signed the Hoare-Laval pact, which gave Italy control over Abyssinia.

"There is no reason to believe the two men were friends, although Hoare did have an enduring love affair with Italy," said Martland, whose research is included in Christopher Andrew's history of MI5, *Defence of the Realm*, which was published last week.

The unpopularity of the Hoare-Laval pact in Britain forced Hoare to resign. Mussolini, meanwhile, built on his new colonial clout to ally with Hitler, entering the Second World War in 1940, this time to fight against the allies.

Deposed following the allied invasion of Italy in 1943, Mussolini was killed with his mistress, Clara Petacci, by Italian partisans while fleeing Italy in an attempt to reach Switzerland two years later.

Martland said: "Mussolini ended his life hung upside down in Milan, but history has not been kind to Hoare either, condemned as an appeaser of fascism alongside Neville Chamberlain."

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Mussolini and his mistress, 28 April, 1945

Tidbits from the CIA's Very Own Copies of *Counter Spy*

By Wayne Madsen / WMR

Although the CIA abhorred the circulation of *Counter Spy*, the magazine started in 1973 by renegade CIA agent Philip Agee, the agency's archives are replete with hundreds of copies of pages snipped from the controversial magazine, published until 1984. The impetus for the 1981 Intelligence Identities Protection Act, which later came to the forefront in the controversy over the Bush White House's "outing" of the covert identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame, was attributed to the alleged disclosures of CIA agents' identities in *Counter Spy*.

Counter Spy from April/May 1979 contains a reference to a CIA agent who was instrumental in setting up a training program for centralized police forces around the world. He was Byron Engle, who trained police in Japan after World War II and, more interestingly, established a police advisory board in Turkey. Engle used the State Department to launder CIA funds for the police training program. The "State Department" program resulted in none other than FBI director J. Edgar Hoover complaining that the State Department training program was "just one more CIA cover."

In 1961, after Joao Goulart, a progressive and pro-unionist, was elected president of Brazil, Engel and his assistant, CIA officer Lauren J. ("Jack") Goin, oversaw the steady stream of CIA and US Agency for International Development (USAID) official cover agents into Brazil. Goin had worked with Engel in setting up the CIA's police advisory team in Turkey and Goin helped establish a similar CIA training advisory team in Indonesia.

The CIA destabilization force in Brazil was reacting to Goulart's battle with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) over its demand that Goulart emaciate Brazil's financial strength and comply with the demands of global bankers. The US began to cut off Goulart's government from financial assistance while at the same time boosting aid to conservative state governors in Guanabara and Sao Paulo.

After Goulart redistributed privately-held land to the poor and nationalized oil refineries, the Brazilian military and its CIA overseers struck. Goulart was overthrown in a military coup on April 1, 1964, which, for Brazilians is as ever etched in their memories as is September 11, 1973 for Chileans, the day the CIA helped engineer the coup against populist President Salvador Allende.

Goulart was replaced by General Humberto Castello Branco, a veteran of the Allied invasion of Italy in 1945 and the Rome roommate of a US Army Lieut. Colonel named Vernon Walters, who would later become the CIA's top coup master and Deputy Director of the CIA under Richard Nixon. In 1964, as the coup plans in Brazil got underway, Walters was, conveniently, the US military attache in Brazil.

Three US banks used as CIA money launderers — First National City Bank, the Bank of Chicago, and the Royal Bank of Canada — were discovered to have illegally pumped $20 million into Brazil to fund the election campaigns of anti-Goulart political candidates.

After the coup against Goulart, the CIA ensured the expansion of "death squads" in Brazil. Torture of political opponents of the regime also became widespread.

In what now appears to be a precursor for recent torture techniques employed in Guantanamo Bay, Abu Ghraib, and other American gulags, *Counter Spy* describes what are now familiar torture techniques taught to Latin American special forces and intelligence agents at Fort Gulick, Canal Zone's School of the Americas and the Special Wafare School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina as early as 1961:

"A common torture routine consisted of a preliminary beating by a flat wooden paddle with holes drilled through it called a palmatoria. This would be followed by a more concentrated application of electric wires to the genitals designed to elicit information from the victim. If this method failed, the prisoner was subjected to another round with the palmatoria -- often for six hours at a time. Today, Brazil's terror technology has advanced beyond the electric prod and the wooden paddle. Testimony from political prisoners verified by the Brazilian Congress of Lawyers lists among the newest innovations a refrigerated cubicle called as geladeira. Nude prisoners are boxed in a geladeira for several days at a time, receiving frequent dousing of ice-cold water. All the time, loudspeakers emit deafening sounds. One prisoner described this as a 'machine to drive people crazy.'"

In a case of poetic justice, one of those targeted for harassment and imprisonment by the Brazilian junta and the CIA was the head of the Greater Sao Paulo metal, mechanical, and electrical workers' union, one Luis Inacio Lula da Silva, the current President of Brazil who managed to wrest the 2016 Summer Olympics for Brazil even after the personal intercession before the International Olympic Committee on behalf of Chicago of one-time CIA operative and Business International Corporation front man, Barack Obama.

As the late Paul Harvey used to say, ". . . and now you know . . . the rest of the story."

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Honduran People Resist Coup

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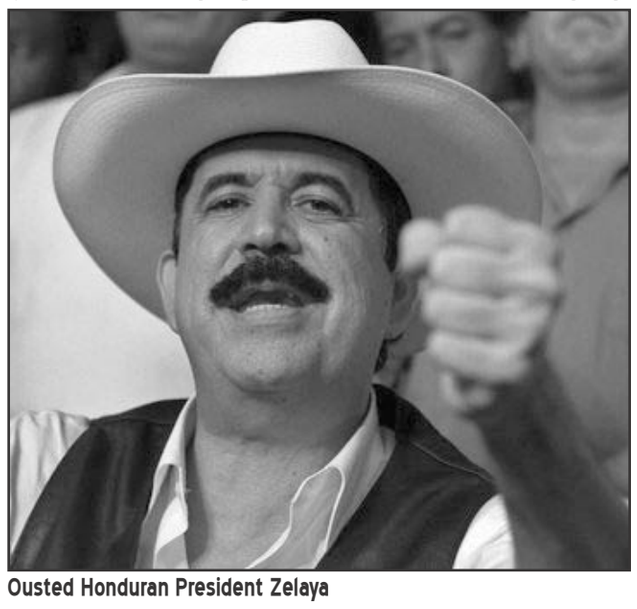
March 24 - Zelaya announces a plan to hold a non-binding referendum on June 28. This referendum would ask voters if they would like to hold another referendum alongside November's presidential elections on whether to revise the constitution to allow a president to run for a second term.

May 20 - the leader of the legislature and the congress claimed that the referendum was a stunt to allow Zelaya to seek re-election.

June 24 - four days before the planned referendum, Zelaya dismisses the country's army chief Romeo Vazquez because he refused to mobilize army forces to help distribute referendum ballot boxes, a task usually done by the army during elections.

June 25 - The Supreme Court orders Vasquez reinstated. Zelaya leads a group of



Ousted Honduran President Zelaya

supporters to storm a military base to take the ballots by force and vows to move ahead with the vote.

June 28 - On the day of the referendum vote, soldiers stage a coup by arresting Zelaya in an early morning raid on his house and expelling him in his pajamas on a plane to Costa Rica. The Honduran Congress names Roberto Micheletti interim president. The Honduran Supreme Court says it ordered the army to remove Zelaya. The Micheletti government imposes a curfew on the Honduran people.

June 30 - The United Nations General Assembly calls on its member states to recognize only the Zelaya government and no other. Zelaya vows to return to Honduras.

July 1 - the Organization of American States (OAS) gives Honduras 72 hours to reinstate Zelaya

July 5 - Zelaya makes an attempt to return to Honduras from Washington, DC in a private plane, accompanied by the presidents of Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Paraguay. However, the de facto government denied landing permission in the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa's Toncontin airport. The aircraft landed in Managua, El Salvador instead.

July 7 - Zelaya meets with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Washington, DC. Both Micheletti and Zelaya accept Costa Rican President Oscar Arias as a mediator to try to solve the crisis.

July 9 - Micheletti leaves Costa Rica after holding talks with Arias, the mediator, but he does not meet Zelaya face to face to discuss the crisis. Delegations from the two rival sides are left to continue the discussions.

July 10 - Arias announces that the two sides have agreed to continue talks. Zelaya plans to return to Honduras.

July 11 - Around 1,000 Hondurans march to Tegucigalpa airport to remember the clashes and victims from July 5, in a protest attended by Zelaya's wife, Xiomara.

July 12 - Honduras' interim government lifts the curfew.

July 20 - Arias' proposals fail to get support, the government of Micheletti refuses the return of Zelaya at the head of a government of national unity.

July 15 - a curfew was once again imposed in Honduras.

July 17 - Zelaya says he will return to Honduras if there was no agreement in San Jose, Costa Rica.

July 18 - talks resume in San Jose. During the talks, Arias makes a seven-point proposal to end the crisis. This proposal includes Zelaya's return to power, a point that was rejected by Micheletti's team. No agreement was reached, but the two sides agreed to resume their talks a day later.

July 19 - amid failed negotiations, Arias asked for 72 hours of additional talks with each side.

July 20 - the EU suspended all aid to Honduras. Micheletti restated his government's position that it would not accept Zelaya.

July 23 - the 72-hour deadline expired, and Zelaya began a caravan trip from Managua, Nicagagua to Esteli in northern Nicaragua near the Honduras border.

July 24 - Zelaya arrived in the border town Las Manos and briefly crossed into Honduras for a couple of hours, hoping to meet with his family and asking to speak with senior military officers. He retreated to the Nicaraguan town of Ocotal after his demand was refused.

July 25 - Zelaya returned to Las Manos, but did not cross the border. He set up camp instead in the nearby town of El Paraiso, Nicaragua.

July 26 - the post-coup government ordered a 12-hour curfew in the Honduras border area, saying it would last as long as Zelaya remains in the area.

August 4 - Zelaya, seeking support in Mexico, backs a peace plan that would return him to power.

August 10 - Obama reaffirms US support for Zelaya following a North American summit meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico.

August 11 - A large demonstration in support of Zelaya in Tegucigalpa.

August 25 - An OAS mission leaves Honduras without an agreement on ending the crisis.

September 3 - A new meeting between Zelaya and Clinton in Washington. The United States decides to suspend economic aid.

September 10 - Washington withholds visas for Micheletti and dozens of his aides.

September 21 - Zelaya makes a surprise return to Honduras and takes refuge in the Brazilian embassy. He calls on Hondurans to march on the capital to press for his reinstatement.

October 2 - US Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) an outspoken supporter of the coup, lead a congressional delegation that included several fellow Republicans (over objections of Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman John Kerry). The delegation met with leaders of coup government, including acting President Roberto Micheletti.

October 15 - Talks between representatives of the coup regime and the constitutional government of President Manuel Zelaya reached consensus on eight of nine points. But, coup leaders once again balked at the reinstatement of Zelaya, which the resistance and many neighboring nations have demanded.

Meanwhile, Zelaya remains in the Brazilian embassy while the last days of the president's term of office tick down.

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Central America

The Lying Game: How We Are Prepared For Another War Of Aggression

John Pilger compares the current drum-beating for war against Iran, based on a fake "nuclear threat", with the manufacture of a sense of false crisis that led to invasion of Iraq and the deaths of 1.3 million people.

By John Pilger

In 2001, the *Observer* in London published a series of reports that claimed an "Iraqi connection" to al Qaeda, even describing the base in Iraq where the training of terrorists took place and a facility where anthrax was being manufactured as a weapon of mass destruction. It was all false. Supplied by US intelligence and Iraqi exiles, planted stories in the British and US media helped George Bush and Tony Blair to launch an illegal invasion which caused, according to the most recent study, 1.3 million deaths.

Something similar is happening over Iran: the same syncopation of government and media "revelations", the same manufacture of a sense of crisis. "Showdown looms with Iran over secret nuclear plant", declared the *Guardian* on 26 September. "Showdown" is the theme. High noon. The clock ticking. Good versus evil. Add a smooth new US president who has "put paid to the Bush years". An immediate echo is the notorious *Guardian* front page of 22 May 2007: "Iran's secret plan for summer offensive to force US out of Iraq". Based on unsubstantiated claims by the Pentagon, the writer Simon Tisdall presented as fact an Iranian "plan" to wage war on, and defeat, US forces in Iraq by September of that year – a demonstrable falsehood for which there has been no retraction.

The official jargon for this kind of propaganda is "psy-ops", the military term for psychological operations. In the Pentagon and Whitehall, it has become a critical component of a diplomatic and military campaign to blockade, isolate and weaken Iran by hyping its "nuclear threat": a phrase now used incessantly by Barack Obama and Gordon Brown, and parroted by the BBC and other broadcasters as objective news. And it is fake.

On 16 September, *Newsweek* disclosed that the major US intelligence agencies had reported to the White House that Iran's "nuclear status" had not changed since the National Intelligence Estimate of November 2007, which stated with "high confidence" that Iran had halted in 2003 the program it was alleged to have developed. The International Atomic Energy Agency has backed this, time and again.

The current propaganda-as-news derives from Obama's announcement that the US is scrapping missiles stationed on Russia's border. This serves to cover the fact that the number of US missile sites is actually expanding in Europe and the "redundant" missiles are being redeployed on ships. The game is to mollify Russia into joining, or not obstructing, the US campaign against Iran. "President Bush was right," said Obama, "that Iran's ballistic missile program poses a significant threat [to Europe and the US]." That Iran would contemplate a suicidal attack on the US is preposterous. The threat, as ever, is one-way, with the world's superpower virtually ensconced on Iran's borders.

Iran's crime is its independence. Having thrown out America's favorite tyrant, Shah Reza Pahlavi, Iran remains the only resource-rich Muslim state beyond US control. As only Israel has a "right to exist" in the Middle East, the US goal is to cripple the Islamic Republic. This will allow Israel to divide and dominate the region on Washington's behalf, undeterred by a confident neighbor. If any country in the world has been handed urgent cause to develop a nuclear "deterrence", it is Iran.

As one of the original signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iran has been a consistent advocate of a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East. In contrast, Israel has never agreed to an IAEA inspection, and its nuclear weapons plant at Dimona remains an open secret. Armed with as many as 200 active nuclear warheads, Israel "deplores" UN resolutions calling on it to sign the NPT, just as it deplored the recent UN report charging it with crimes against humanity in Gaza, just as it maintains a world record for violations of international law. It gets away with this because great power grants it immunity.

Obama's "showdown" with Iran has another agenda. On both sides of the Atlantic the media have been tasked with preparing the public for endless war. The US/Nato commander General Stanley McChrystal says 500,000 troops will be required in Afghanistan over five years, according to America's NBC. The goal is control of the "strategic prize" of the gas and oilfields of the Caspian Sea, central Asia, the Gulf and Iran – in other words, Eurasia. But the war is opposed by 69 per cent of the British public, 57 per cent of the US public and almost every other human being. Convincing "us" that Iran is the new demon will not be easy. McChrystal's spurious claim that Iran "is reportedly training fighters for certain Taliban groups" is as desperate as Brown's pathetic echo of "a line in the sand".

During the Bush years, according to the great whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, a military coup took place in the US, and the Pentagon is now ascendant in every area of American foreign policy. A measure of its control is the number of wars of aggression being waged simultaneously and the adoption of a "first-strike" doctrine that has lowered the threshold on nuclear weapons, together with the blurring of the distinction between nuclear and conventional weapons.

All this mocks Obama's media rhetoric about "a world without nuclear weapons". In fact, he is the Pentagon's most important acquisition. His acquiescence with its demand that he keep on Bush's secretary of "defence" and arch war-maker, Robert Gates, is unique in US history. He has proved his worth with escalated wars from south Asia to the Horn of Africa. Like Bush's America, Obama's America is run by some very dangerous people. We have a right to be warned. When will those paid to keep the record straight do their job?

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Don Harkins at 2006 Chicago 9/11 Truth Confrence

In Memoriam

Don Harkins (1963 -2009)

Don founded The Idaho Observer in January 1997 …"To expose corruption in government, the court system and to restore our nation to its original republican form of government."

Don was an inspiration to many including us here at the *Rock Creek Free Press*; in fact Don was one of the inspirations for the creation of *the Creek*. I met Don at a 9/11 truth conference in Chigago in June of 2006. I was thinking about starting a newspaper myself so I had a lot of questions for Don. He was very generous with his advice and encouragement. After seeing Don's example of the *Idaho Observer* I was determined that I would create a "resistance" newspaper here in Washington.

Don died on September 19 at his home in Spirit Lake, Idaho after a brief illness of acute myeloid leukemia. He is survived by his wife Ingri Cassel-Harkins.

Matt Sullivan - editor

DON HARKINS

There are those who,
when confronted with the ills of the world,
pretend not to see.
Don was not one of them.
There are those who,
when seeing a problem,
prefer not to get involved.
Don was not one of them.
There are those who, not understanding,
make no effort to understand.
Don was not one of them.
There are those who,
involved with their own persuits,
grant no time to the common good.
Don was not one of them.
But,
There are those who,
Will stand and be counted.
Will use every means at their disposal . . .
To promote freedom, justice, & liberty.
To promote good over evil.
To enlighten the citizenry.
To ensure civil responsibility.
To preserve our society.
Don WAS one of them.
The definition of a patriot, after all, is:
"One who sets aside his personal
agendae for the good of his country".
He will be missed.

Godspeed Don Harkins!

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LBJ Aided And Abetted Israel's Uranium Enrichment Program

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was also targeted in the FBI "Abscam" investigation, which used a convicted con-man named Melvin Weinberg to target a number of Democrats, including Senator Harrison Williams (D-NJ), who believed they were dealing with an Arab sheikh who was actually an impostor. Many, including federal judges, believed the Abscam investigation had a certain "odor" about it and was a case of prosecutorial misconduct.

Israel's illegal acquisition of US nuclear technology was aided and abetted by President Lyndon B. Johnson and his CIA director Richard Helms. The chief of the CIA's Science and Technology directorate, Carl Duckett, planned to draft a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) in 1969 detailing Israel's development of an atomic bomb in 1968. Duckett told *the Post* that Johnson told Helms not to publish the NIE. According to *the Post*, Duckett said Johnson told Helms "Don't tell anyone else, even Dean Rusk and Robert McNamara." Rusk and McNamara were Johnson's Secretaries of State and Defense, respectively. The CIA reportedly had secretly placed "sniffing" devices at Dimona that provided intelligence that proved Israel was developing nuclear weapons. The CIA also kept a wary eye on the smaller Israeli nuclear research facility at Nahal Soreq on the Mediterranean coast, although the site was often used by Israeli propagandists to show to the world that Israel's nuclear ambitions were purely peaceful. Soreq NRC was a branch of Shapiro's and the Israeli government's ISORAD. Duckett and his team had asked the AEC in 1969 to estimate how many nuclear bombs Israel could make if it possessed all the missing uranium from NUMEC.

Ever since the Johnson administration, every US president has followed a policy of "don't ask, don't tell" when it comes to Israel's nuclear weapons. An acknowledgement by the United States of Israel's nuclear arsenal would not only spur demands for Israel to open its program to international inspection but also focus on the covert methods by which Israel obtained the materials for its nuclear program. However, on a few occasions, US intelligence and military documents have pointed to Israel's nuclear weapons program. *The Post* article cites a CIA document that was "inadvertently" made public in 1974. The document states: "We believe Israel already had produced nuclear weapons. Our judgment is based on Israeli acquisition of large quantities of uranium, partly by clandestine means."

One of the reasons that Israel is preventing Israeli nuclear scientist Mordechai Vanunu from emigrating from Israel is the knowledge the scientist undoubtedly possesses of Israel's clandestine nuclear technology acquisition program, including its work with apartheid South Africa and Taiwan in developing nuclear weapons outside the framework of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Vanunu was kidnapped by Mossad agents in Rome and tried and sentenced him in a secret tribunal in Israel for providing photographs of Israeli's Dimona nuclear weapons site to the *Sunday Times* of London. Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had claimed the facility was a "textile factory." Vanunu, who worked

at Dimona, was sentenced to 18 years in solitary confinement. Vanunu now leads a Kafkaesque existence in Israel and although he converted to Christianity from Judaism in 1985, Vanunu, a native of Morocco, is prevented from leaving Israel for Australia or the United States.

A longtime CIA operative told WMR that, ideally, the United States should offer to swap convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard for Vanunu. Ironically, Pollard's Israeli control officer during his espionage for Israel while working for US Naval Intelligence, was Eitan, who later became the head of an Israeli government owned chemical company. Eitan now leads the Gil pensioners' party in the Israeli Knesset. The failure to offer Pollard for Vanunu by successive US administrations points to the power that Israel has over the US decision-making process. In this case, what is good for America is not good for Israel and the loyalty of the Israel Lobby in Washington genuflects to what is good for Israel.

During Pollard's espionage for Israel in the 1980s, the FBI identified California businessman Richard K. Smyth in a scheme to ship 810 "krytrons," electronic triggers for nuclear weapons, to Israel. Smyth fled the United States after his federal indictment in May 1985. Babcock & Wilson Company, which took over the Apollo plant from NUMEC, continued to report the loss of enriched uranium.

Shapiro eventually went to work for Westinghouse's nuclear fuel division and he served as a consultant to the CIA.

With the revelations about the cooperation between the Turkish "Deep State" and Israeli in nuclear proliferation networks brought to light by former FBI translator Sibel Edmonds, as well as what is known about the CIA brass plate counter-proliferation operations of Brewster Jennings and Associates and Valerie Plame Wilson, there is no reason to believe that Israel has stopped its aggressive acquisition of nuclear materials and technology from the United States and other countries. Shapiro's and the Israeli government's ISORAD later inked a fuel contract with a Turkish entity called Global Fluids International SA. ISORAD has also developed links with the Chinese and Indian nuclear programs. *The Post* article maintained in the CIA archives quotes John Davitt, the head of the Justice Department's internal security section until 1980, as saying that Israeli intelligence was "more active than anyone but the KGB . . . They were targeted on the United States about half the time and on Arab countries about half the time."

Documented evidence that individuals with AIPAC, the Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA), and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), as well as successive "science advisers" at the Israeli embassy in Washington and the Israeli Consulate General in New York have been involved in espionage activities in the United States indicates that not much has changed since Davitt identified the Israeli intelligence threat during his time at the Justice Department.

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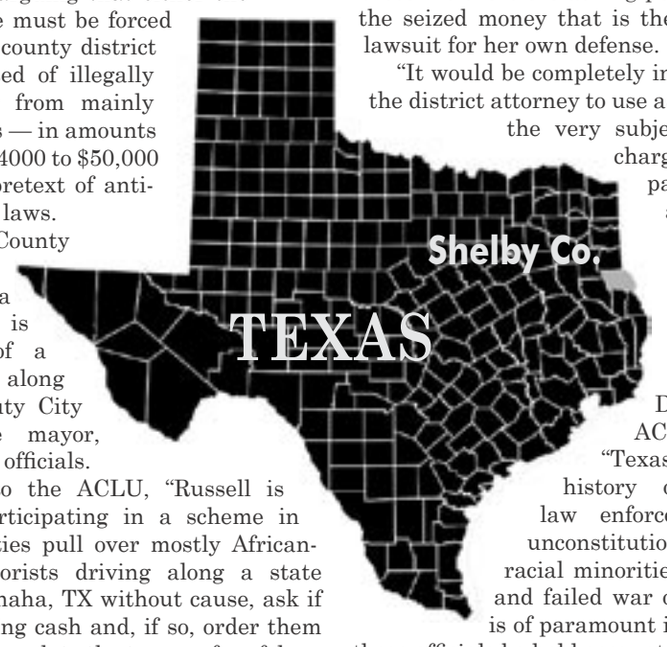
Texas DA Tries To Use Illegally Seized Assets For Her Own Legal Defense

By Muriel Kane / RawStory

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a brief with the Texas Attorney General's office, on October 2, arguing that either the county or state must be forced to represent a county district attorney accused of illegally seizing money from mainly black motorists — in amounts ranging from $4000 to $50,000 — under the pretext of anti-drug forfeiture laws.



Shelby County District Attorney Lynda K. Russell is the subject of a federal lawsuit along with the Deputy City Marshall, the mayor, and other local officials.

According to the ACLU, "Russell is accused of participating in a scheme in which authorities pull over mostly African-American motorists driving along a state highway in Tenaha, TX without cause, ask if they are carrying cash and, if so, order them to sign over the cash to the town or face felony charges of money laundering or other serious crimes."

Reports of similar cases are common throughout Texas, but legislation to tighten up the asset forfeiture laws has been stalled in the state legislature.

Shelby County has refused to represent Russell because she is a state employee, and the state Attorney General has also refused. Russell is therefore asking permission to use the seized money that is the subject of the lawsuit for her own defense.

"It would be completely inappropriate for the district attorney to use assets, which are the very subject of litigation charging her with participating in allegedly illegal activity, to defend herself against these charges," said Lisa Graybill, Legal Director at the ACLU of Texas. "Texas has a long history of having its law enforcement officials unconstitutionally target racial minorities in the flawed and failed war on drugs and it is of paramount importance that those officials be held accountable."

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Non-Violent Responses Must Be Considered To Prevent Aggression

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the distance, invented, imagined, or whatever — then the United States will have the right to destroy that challenge before it becomes a threat." This, he said, is "preventive war."

And this doctrine is being needlessly carried forward in Afghanistan by President Obama, who is widening the conflict into Pakistan.

In response to the menace of the US military-industrial complex, non-violent soul force needs to be considered. Satyagraha needs to be brought to bear in international conflicts just as it was used by Mahatma Gandhi in India and by the Reverend Martin Luther King in the US.

Nations faced with illegal physical assault by the US — here Iran is an example as the US has even threatened to use nuclear weapons against it — could announce they will not fire back or oppose invasion. If this seems like a lot to ask, consider the alternative: the futility of stopping US "bunker busters" and "daisy cutters" or missiles fired from offshore warships (as columnist George Will has recommended in Afghanistan).

It should be obvious that the best way to fight fire is not with fire but with water. And the best way to oppose violence is not with more violence but with non-violence. While each situation is different, a nation facing illegal assault might consider the following steps:

Declare before the United Nations and to the media that it will not use force against any invader. In such cases, an invader that comes in shooting will betray its criminal intent before the world.

Request that the invader submit its grievance to international arbitration.

Request that spokespersons for religious groups and other public figures take up vigils on the rooftops or inside likely targets of attacks. Prominent clergy and leaders from other countries could be invited to participate.

Nations opposed to the aggression could be urged to shut down their ports and airports to people from the aggressor state. Its citizens could organize sympathy rallies and marches.

A global boycott could be launched against the exports of the aggressor nation.

The aggressor nation could be stripped of its veto if it is a member of the UN Security Council, a body created to prevent wars.

Surely, there are other, and probably more effective, steps that could be considered, but these suggestions are made to convey the idea of how soul force might be put to work in a global setting.

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