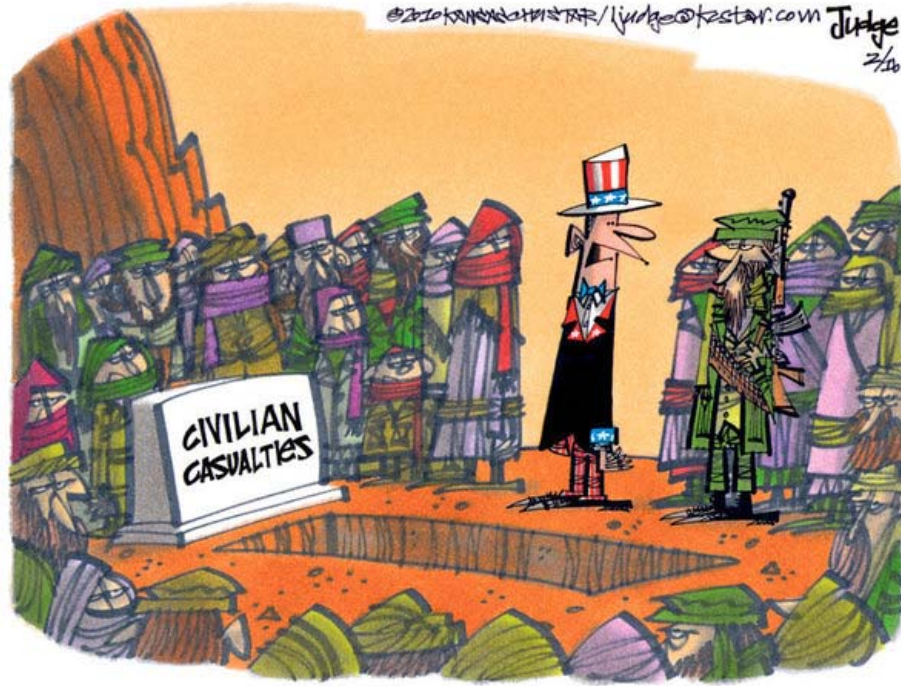


Military Resistance 8B19



"THEY'RE NECESSARY TO STAMP OUT RADICALISM."

The Fourth Tour

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance
Sent: February 28, 2010
Subject: The Fourth Tour

Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2010

Dennis Serdel, Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade, purple heart, Veterans For Peace 50 Michigan, Vietnam Veterans Against The War, United Auto Workers GM Retiree, in Perry, Michigan

The Fourth Tour

He's not dead, he's only sleeping

eight year old Adam said
at the viewing
His mother Sandra just half smiled
as Adam walked away
She can still hear the boom in the basement
only to find her husband dead
shooting himself in his heart
It was going to be his fourth
deployment, this time to Afghanistan
she had noticed the fear and silence
this time around but just gave him
his space to figure it out
Now she felt guilty, enough for herself
and the kids, it was not maybe, it was
not should have, she told herself as she stood
by the viewing, he's not dead he's only sleeping
rang through her head, she could have, she
should have, but she didn't, as she looked
at the miserable bastard lying there all innocent
and the torture that he caused

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Foreign Servicemember Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan; Nationality Not Announced

Feb. 27 AP & IJC Public Affairs Office

IJC reports a foreign servicemember died today as a result of small-arms fire in western Afghanistan.

Londonderry Marine, 21, Killed In Afghanistan

February 20, 2010 By Eric Parry, Eagle Tribune

LONDONDERRY — A 21-year-old Londonderry Marine was killed by enemy fire Wednesday in Afghanistan.

Pfc. Eric Currier was killed in Helmand Province. Currier's brother, Brent, 19, said Eric was shot in the chest by an enemy sniper.

He was the son of Holly Boudreau of Londonderry and Russell Currier Jr. of Methuen. He was the stepson of Kevin Boudreau of Londonderry.

Eric was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"He was bounding to the next barrier," said Brent, an Army private.

Brent, wearing military fatigues at the family's Londonderry home yesterday afternoon, said Eric joined the military in March and was deployed to Afghanistan on Jan. 6.

"He always wanted to do something respectful for the family," Brent said.

The brothers were like minded. Brent joined the Army just a few months after Eric enlisted in the Marines. Brent was sent home Thursday from training in California to be with his family. He was preparing to be deployed in June.

He said Eric was working as a carpenter until he decided to enlist last year.

"I haven't shed a tear because I knew he was happy to do what he was doing," Brent said of his brother.

Brent said Eric was well aware of the dangers he faced when he enlisted and when he was deployed.

The family was told of Eric's death Wednesday night. His parents traveled to Delaware yesterday to retrieve his body, accompanied by with Eric's wife, Kaila.

Kaila and Eric were married in September in North Carolina, where they recently purchased a home in Holly Ridge.

Friends and family members yesterday recalled Eric as likeable, a person they all admired and learned something from.

When he was deployed, Brent said, Eric was promoted to be the person to lead other soldiers and give commands. The job suited him, Brent said, because of the way he taught the people around him.

"Eric taught people to be a better person every day," said Chris Healy, a family friend who looked up to Eric.

Brent said his older brother was like a father figure to him and his six other siblings, who range in age from 7 to 23. He was always there to talk to about anything.

"He would do anything for his family," said Dilan Currier, 17.

The last time the family saw Eric was at Christmas, just days before his deployment.

He was a little quieter than usual, Brent said, but was happy to be going to Afghanistan. "He felt the people there needed him for a good reason," Brent said.

When he was home on leave, family members said, Eric enjoyed hunting and fishing. His grandfather, Russ Currier Sr., said yesterday he started taking Eric on fishing trips when he was just 3 years old. "He loved to be outdoors," his grandfather said.

Family members said Eric was a skilled hunter and almost always came home with a kill.

Brent said he and his older siblings grew up in Methuen, but the family moved to Londonderry about eight years ago.

Eric was a 2007 graduate of Londonderry High School's adult education program.

Principal Jason Parent said Eric was well respected as a student. "He had a lot of friends and the faculty all thought very highly of him," Parent said.

Soldier Promised Family 'He Would Not Be A Hero'



Sgt. Adam J. Ray (Photo: INFORUM)

February 13, 2010 By Nancy C. Rodriguez, Louisville Courier-Journal

Sgt. Adam J. Ray called his mother last weekend from Afghanistan to let her know he was doing OK, and that his unit was heading back to their home base after a mission.

That is the last time his family heard from the 23-year-old, who the Defense Department said died Feb. 9 in southern Afghanistan from wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device.

"He just called and said his unit was on its way back, and that he loved us all, and promised he would not be a hero," said Donna Ray, from the family's home in North Dakota. "But he was a hero."

The son of a military family, whose father is now a Christian minister, Adam lived in Louisville with his family for a decade. His father, Jim, grew up in Okolona, and the family has several relatives — including aunts, uncles and cousins and paternal grandparents, John and Doris Ray — who still live in the Louisville area, Donna Ray said. Adam's maternal grandparents, Bobby and Marilyn Sumner, live in Tampa, Fla., where he was born.

Of Louisville, Donna Ray said, "We consider it home." Adam attended Overdale Elementary School in Hillview and was home schooled before attending Oak Hill Academy, a Christian school in West Point, Miss.

His mother noted that the family maintains strong ties to Okolona Christian Church, where her son's funeral will be held. Details of the funeral and burial are still being finalized with arrangements being handled by the Arch L. Heady & Son Funeral Home on Preston Highway. A Feb. 24 memorial service also is scheduled at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., where Adam was based, Donna Ray said.

Adam was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Prior to serving in Afghanistan; he served a year-long tour of duty at Camp Casey, South Korea. During his service, he received several military honors including, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal-Army Service Ribbon. Donna Ray said the family learned this week her son also will receive a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation medal.

Defense Department said Ray, who enlisted in April 2005, was on his first combat deployment and had been in Afghanistan since July. The Army promoted him posthumously to sergeant from his previous rank of specialist. It was not clear whether the incident in which Adam was killed was related to the joint Afghan-U.S. offensive to retake control of the city of Marjah from the Taliban.

A young man with a ready smile, Adam liked listening to Bob Dylan and Charlie Daniels, his mother said. He had recently taken up guitar, and was planning to travel with his Army buddies when their tour was over.

Donna Ray said the family has been receiving phone calls and words of support from members of the military family in the wake of her son's death. "Everybody has reached out for us in unbelievable ways. It has been so comforting. We can't begin to say enough," she said.

Ray said her son always wanted to make his family proud. He also had a funny side, and she recalled how he would often kid his family by pretending he was a University of Kentucky Wildcat fan when he knew many of them supported the University of Louisville Cardinals.

"He didn't believe in hurting anyone. He was always protecting people," she said. "He went out of his way to do things for people.... He was very thoughtful and very loyal."

Donna Ray said her son, the third of five siblings, was dedicated to his family, which includes his 7-year-old nephew, Christopher, and his two older sisters, Betsy, 29, and Amanda, 26, and his two younger brothers, Zachary, 19, and Seth, 16. He had a tattoo

done on his chest of a four-leaf clover that was meant to represent his mother and father, and four siblings, she said.

“Adam knew this could happen,” Donna Ray, said of her son's death. “He planned for it last time he was home. He wanted to make sure his brothers and sisters were taken care of.... He loved them, and he loved God. He never stopped loving God and he never stopped loving his family.”

Donna Ray said her son never questioned his decision to enter the military. “He died not regretting doing what he was doing,” Donna Ray said. “He loved the Army. He hated the war because there was so much evil and sadness. But he faced it. He was not in the least bit regretting it.”

Ray would have celebrated his 24th birthday on March 9.

Family Calls Fallen Marine ‘Our Hero’



Lance Cpl. Noah Miles Pier, 25, of Charlotte.

February 19, 2010 by April Bethea, Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- Lance Cpl. Noah Pier always wanted to be a Marine, and his family said they'll miss his “laughter and love of life.”

Pier “was our son, brother, grandson, uncle and cousin. He believed in what he was fighting for and he died for your freedom,” the family said in a statement late Thursday.

Pier, 25, of Charlotte, died Tuesday while serving overseas in Afghanistan in the ongoing combat offensive in Helmand province, the Department of Defense said this week. He was a machine gunner assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Pier, who joined the Marine Corps in 2007, had served one previous tour in Iraq and deployed to Afghanistan in November.

Here is the full text of his family's statement: "Lance Cpl. Noah Miles Pier was our son, brother, grandson, uncle and cousin. He believed in what he was fighting for and he died for your freedom. Noah proudly served his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The oldest of 10 siblings and the first grandson on both sides of the family, Noah always wanted to be a Marine.

"Noah was such a happy man and he loved to laugh. He greatly anticipated coming home from Afghanistan to marry his childhood sweetheart, Rachel Black. His laughter and love of life will be sorely missed.

"Noah will be escorted home to Charlotte by family member GySgt. Michael L. Kiernan, U.S.M.C. "Noah will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Charlotte services are pending.

"We truly appreciate the outpouring of support from our friends and neighbors in the Charlotte-area. "Lance Cpl. Noah Miles Pier, our hero."

Michigan Marine Was A 'Really Hard Worker,' His Mom Says

Feb. 18, 2010 BY ZLATI MEYER and ERIC D. LAWRENCE, FREE PRESS STAFF WRITERS

The mother of a metro Detroit Marine said she talked to her son a few days before he died Saturday in Afghanistan during a major offensive against the Taliban.

Sheila Turbett of Redford Township said her son, Cpl. Jacob Turbett, had called her at work to say he and his fellow Marines in Afghanistan were waiting to go into the Taliban stronghold of Marjah. The invasion was repeatedly delayed, he told her, possibly because of weather.

His mother said he was killed by a single gunshot.

"I was really shocked, obviously," she said.

Visitation for Turbett, who would have turned 22 next month, will be noon-9 p.m. Monday at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road in Canton, where services are set for 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Turbett is to be buried March 9 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

The slain corporal, whose unit was based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., came from a military family, according to Sheila Turbett. One of his grandfathers, two of his uncles and a cousin were in the Marines and another uncle was in the Navy. His sister, Jaime Turbett, enlisted in the Navy and started boot camp on Feb. 3, just 10 days before he was killed.

Turbett, a 2007 graduate of Canton High School, did Civil Air Patrol in high school for a couple of years. "He was actually looking forward to going over there and fighting for his country," Sheila Turbett said of her son's tour of duty in Afghanistan.

He previously completed tours of duty in Bangladesh and Iraq and had been stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Turbett, a Redondo Beach, Calif., native, had hoped to make the military a permanent part of his life.

"He was well-liked. He was a great worker, a really hard worker," his mother said.

"He was planning on finishing up his tour of duty, finish up his four years and then ... go to school and then go back into the military to try to get into flying."

In his spare time, Turbett -- Jake to his friends, Jakey to his mom -- enjoyed playing video games, learning about airplanes and squirrel hunting.

"He was a quiet boy, kind of, but he was a jokester," Sheila Turbett recalled. "He'd keep egging you on. He wouldn't stop. He liked to see you laugh. He was a big family guy."

In addition to his mother and other family members, Turbett is survived by his wife, Crystal.

FUTILE EXERCISE: ALL HOME NOW



U.S. Marines from Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines during an operation in the town of Marjah, in Nad Ali district of Helmand province February 16, 2010.
REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic



U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment patrol through a mostly abandoned area of Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province Feb. 24, 2010. (AP Photo/David Guttenfelder)

PAKISTAN WAR REPORTS

Soldier From Lawrence Killed In Pakistan Bombing

February 04, 2010 By KENNETH HART, The Independent

A soldier from Lawrence County was among the casualties in a roadside bomb in Pakistan on Wednesday.

Matthew Sluss-Tiller, a 1993 graduate of Lawrence County High School, was one of three American troops who died in the blast, which occurred outside a girls' school near in northwestern Pakistan. Three students also died in the blast.

Various news organizations reported that Sluss-Tiller and his fellow soldiers were part of a small unit that trains Pakistani Frontier Troops responsible for security near the country's border with Afghanistan. Their deaths were the first known U.S. military fatalities in Pakistan's lawless tribal regions near the Afghan border.

Journalists traveling with the American convoy said the blast hit the vehicle in which the soldiers were riding, an indication that the soldiers were targeted.

Brenda Thornbury, an art teacher at LCHS, said Sluss-Tiller was one of her students in high school, and that the two remained friends even after he graduated.

She said Sluss-Tiller would always stop by her classroom to visit whenever he came to the school to see his mother, Jane Blankenship, a special-needs teacher.

On Thursday, Thornbury recalled Sluss-Tiller as a “wonderful, well-mannered and respectful” young man who expressed a desire to be in the military all throughout high school. “He was always eager to do whatever he needed to do to serve his country,” she said. Sluss-Tiller also was deeply religious and had a strong faith in God, she said.

Thornbury said she learned of Sluss-Tiller’s death Wednesday night, and that the news hit her hard.

“It just doesn’t seem real,” she said.

She also said Sluss-Tiller’s death was a major topic of conversation among the adults at the high school on Thursday.

Thornbury said she hadn’t spoken to Sluss-Tiller since his mother retired several years ago and moved to North Carolina to be closer to her son, his wife, Melissa, and the couple’s 3-year-old daughter, Hannah.

“She wanted to be able to baby-sit and help take care of her grandchild,” she said.

Sluss-Tiller and his wife were high school sweethearts, Thornbury said, although she said she didn’t know Melissa Sluss-Tiller very well.

Matthew Sluss-Tiller was based out of Fort Bragg. His wife works as a counselor at the base.

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

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

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TROOP NEWS

**NOT ANOTHER DAY
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



Feb. 9, 2010: A wounded U.S. Marine walks with U.S. Navy medical workers into a field hospital following a medevac mission shortly after he was wounded in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan. The Marine sustained shrapnel injuries to the left side of his body, face and eye when an improvised explosive device detonated below him while he was on a foot patrol. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

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

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

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies.

-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War

I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.

-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace

“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”

Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787

**Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples' liberty's teeth.
-- George Washington**

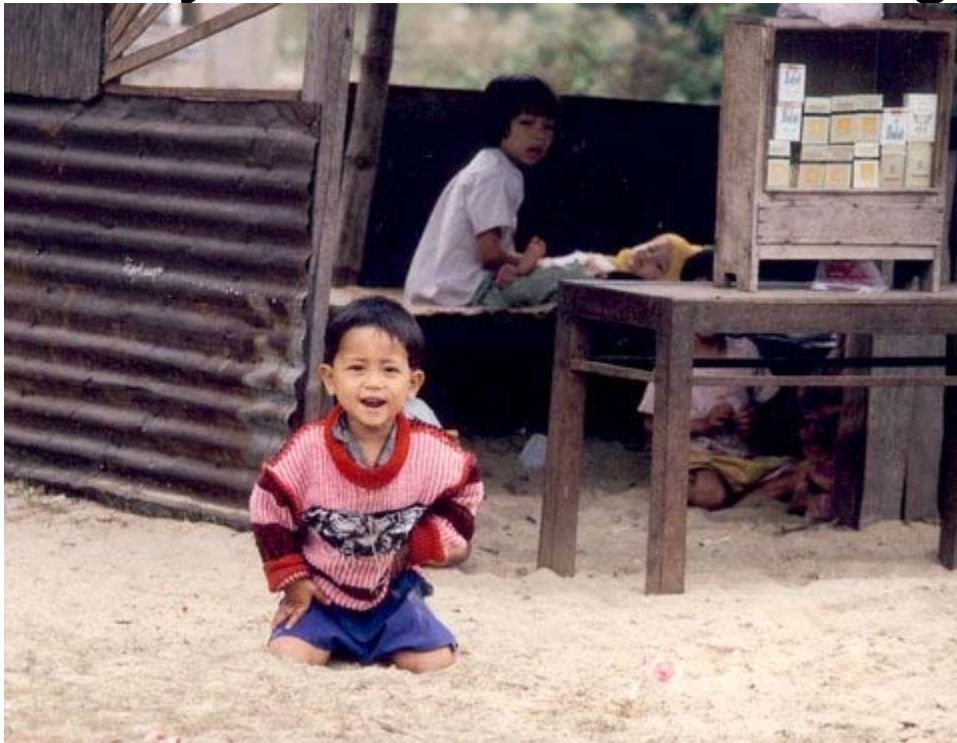
The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”

-- Lenin; What Is To Be Done

It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.

**-- Larry Christensen,
Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

The Myth of Collateral Damage



Photograph taken by Mike Hastie Vietnam 1971

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance

Sent: February 23, 2010
Subject: The Myth of Collateral Damage

The Myth of Collateral Damage

**I read in the news today,
where NATO planes
(which are U.S. planes)
killed 27 more civilians,
and wounded 12 others.**

**This happened in the
latest U.S. invasion in
Marjah, Afghanistan.**

**The U.S. Government
tries to convince the
American people that
they can go into a large
area and kill the so called
bad guys, and have minimal
effect on civilian population.**

**The U.S. Government is
moving mass quantities of
civilians off of their ancestral
land, and they expect minimal
casualties like it was some kind
of casual affair.**

**As I watch the nightly news,
U.S. military leaders are deeply
sorry and a full investigation is
under way. I also heard a reporter
from the Wall Street Journal talk
about the frustration the U.S. military
is having over their own “ Rules of
Engagement.” Many who are on the
ground are deeply concerned that they
cannot fire at the bad guys, because
they hide behind civilians and use
them as human shields.**

**This reporter said that many U.S.
soldiers felt like they had to fight with
one arm behind their backs.**

**As a Vietnam veteran, it is important
for me to say: Where In The Hell Have
I Heard This Before?**

**My unit in Vietnam fired on innocent
civilians with our 155mm Howitzers.
They did this because it was called a
“Free-Fire Zone.”**

**The manufacture of lies never stops.
The American people are put to sleep
once again with the unfortunate reality of**

so called, “ Collateral Damage.”

In Vietnam, this phrase was used to cover up the reality of murdering innocent civilians on purpose.

The only difference now is there are two generations of Americans who have never heard these lies before.

Before these wars are done, the accumulative death toll in Afghanistan and Iraq will be a holocaust--just like Vietnam.

The truth is like a bounty hunter, it scares you to death.

Lying Is The Most Powerful Weapon In War.

Mike Hastie

U.S. Army Medic

Vietnam 1970-71

February 22, 2010

Long ago, someone pulled that, “one hand tied beyond the back” line on me. My response was, “If we killed three million Vietnamese, poisoned five million acres of their cropland, destroyed 20% of their forests, reduced their cities to rubble and crippled their ancient culture with one hand tied behind our backs, then with two hands we would have wiped them off of the face of the earth.”

Rico Vicino

Vietnam Veteran

“The greatest crime since World War II has been U.S. foreign policy.”

Ramsey Clark

former U.S. Attorney General

under President Lyndon Johnson

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: (hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie

U.S. Army Medic

Vietnam 1970-71

December 13, 2004

Out Of Afghanistan Demonstration: Berlin February 20, 2010



"Not a Euro, Not A Man For Quisling In Afghanistan"



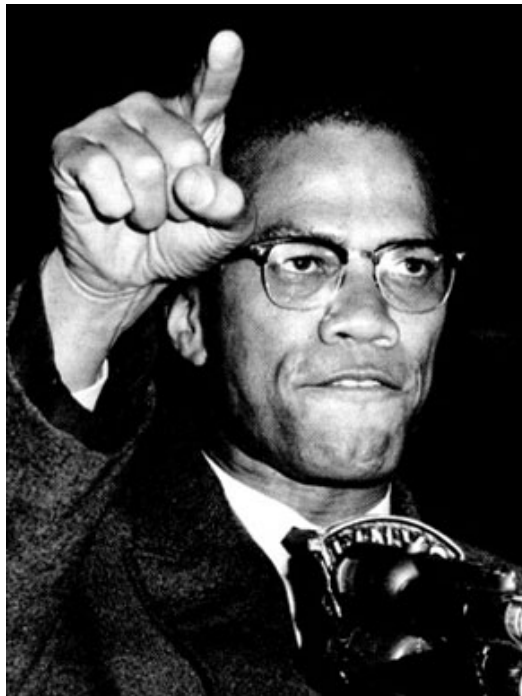
Die Linke [The Left] was one of the sponsoring organizations. It may be concluded that German socialists are less stodgy than their U.S. counterparts. How refreshing. T

The House Negro And The Field Negro:

“The Slavemaster Took Tom And Dressed Him Well, And Fed Him Well -- Gave Him A Long Coat And A Top Hat And Made All The Other Slaves Look Up To Him”

“Then He Used Tom To Control Them”

“The Same Strategy That Was Used In Those Days Is Used Today, By The Same White Man”



Malcolm X, Message To The Grassroots, 10 Nov, 1963 in Detroit, MI:

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/malcolmxgrassroots.htm>

[Excerpts]

First, what is a revolution?

Sometimes I'm inclined to believe that many of our people are using this word "revolution" loosely, without taking careful consideration what this word actually means, and what its historic characteristics are.

When you study the historic nature of revolutions, the motive of a revolution, the objective of a revolution, and the result of a revolution, and the methods used in a revolution, you may change words. You may devise another program. You may change your goal and you may change your mind.

A revolution is bloody. Revolution is hostile. Revolution knows no compromise. Revolution overturns and destroys everything that gets in its way. And you, sitting around here like a knot on the wall, saying, "I'm going to love these folks no matter how much they hate me."

No, you need a revolution.

Whoever heard of a revolution where they lock arms, as Reverend Cleage was pointing out beautifully, singing "We Shall Overcome"?

Just tell me.

You don't do that in a revolution.

You don't do any singing; you're too busy swinging.

To understand this, you have to go back to what young brother here referred to as the house Negro and the field Negro -- back during slavery.

There was two kinds of slaves.

There was the house Negro and the field Negro.

The house Negroes - they lived in the house with master, they dressed pretty good, they ate good 'cause they ate his food -- what he left.

They lived in the attic or the basement, but still they lived near the master; and they loved their master more than the master loved himself.

They would give their life to save the master's house quicker than the master would.

The house Negro, if the master said, "We got a good house here," the house Negro would say, "Yeah, we got a good house here."

Whenever the master said “we,” he said “we.”

That’s how you can tell a house Negro.

If the master’s house caught on fire, the house Negro would fight harder to put the blaze out than the master would.

If the master got sick, the house Negro would say, “What’s the matter, boss, we sick?” We sick! He identified himself with his master more than his master identified with himself.

And if you came to the house Negro and said, “Let’s run away, let’s escape, let’s separate,” the house Negro would look at you and say, “Man, you crazy. What you mean, separate? Where is there a better house than this? Where can I wear better clothes than this? Where can I eat better food than this?”

That was that house Negro. In those days he was called a “house nigger.”

And that’s what we call him today, because we’ve still got some house niggers running around here.

This modern house Negro loves his master.

On that same plantation, there was the field Negro.

The field Negro -- those were the masses. There were always more Negroes in the field than there was Negroes in the house. The Negro in the field caught hell.

He ate leftovers.

In the house they ate high up on the hog. The Negro in the field didn’t get nothing but what was left of the insides of the hog. They call ‘em “chitt’lin” nowadays. In those days they called them what they were: guts. That’s what you were -- a gut-eater. And some of you all still gut-eaters.

The field Negro was beaten from morning to night. He lived in a shack, in a hut; He wore old, castoff clothes.

He hated his master. I say he hated his master. He was intelligent.

That house Negro loved his master. But that field Negro -- remember, they were in the majority, and they hated the master.

When the house caught on fire, he didn’t try and put it out; that field Negro prayed for a wind, for a breeze.

When the master got sick, the field Negro prayed that he’d die. If someone come to the field Negro and said, “Let’s separate, let’s run,” he didn’t say “Where we going?” He’d say, “Any place is better than here.”

You've got field Negroes in America today. I'm a field Negro. The masses are the field Negroes.

When they see this man's house on fire, you don't hear these little Negroes talking about "our government is in trouble."

They say, "The government is in trouble." Imagine a Negro: "Our government"!

Just as the slavemaster of that day used Tom, the house Negro, to keep the field Negroes in check, the same old slavemaster today has Negroes who are nothing but modern Uncle Toms, 20th century Uncle Toms, to keep you and me in check, keep us under control, keep us passive and peaceful and nonviolent.

That's Tom making you nonviolent.

It's like when you go to the dentist, and the man's going to take your tooth. You're going to fight him when he starts pulling.

So he squirts some stuff in your jaw called novocaine, to make you think they're not doing anything to you. So you sit there and 'cause you've got all of that novocaine in your jaw, you suffer peacefully. Blood running all down your jaw, and you don't know what's happening.

'Cause someone has taught you to suffer -- peacefully.

There's nothing in our book, the Quran -- you call it "Ko-ran" -- that teaches us to suffer peacefully.

Our religion teaches us to be intelligent.

Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery.

That's a good religion. In fact, that's that old-time religion.

That's the one that Ma and Pa used to talk about: an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, and a head for a head, and a life for a life: That's a good religion.

And doesn't nobody resent that kind of religion being taught but a wolf, who intends to make you his meal.

The slavemaster took Tom and dressed him well, and fed him well, and even gave him a little education -- a little education; gave him a long coat and a top hat and made all the other slaves look up to him.

Then he used Tom to control them.

The same strategy that was used in those days is used today, by the same white man.

He takes a Negro, a so-called Negro, and make him prominent, build him up, publicize him, make him a celebrity.



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DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

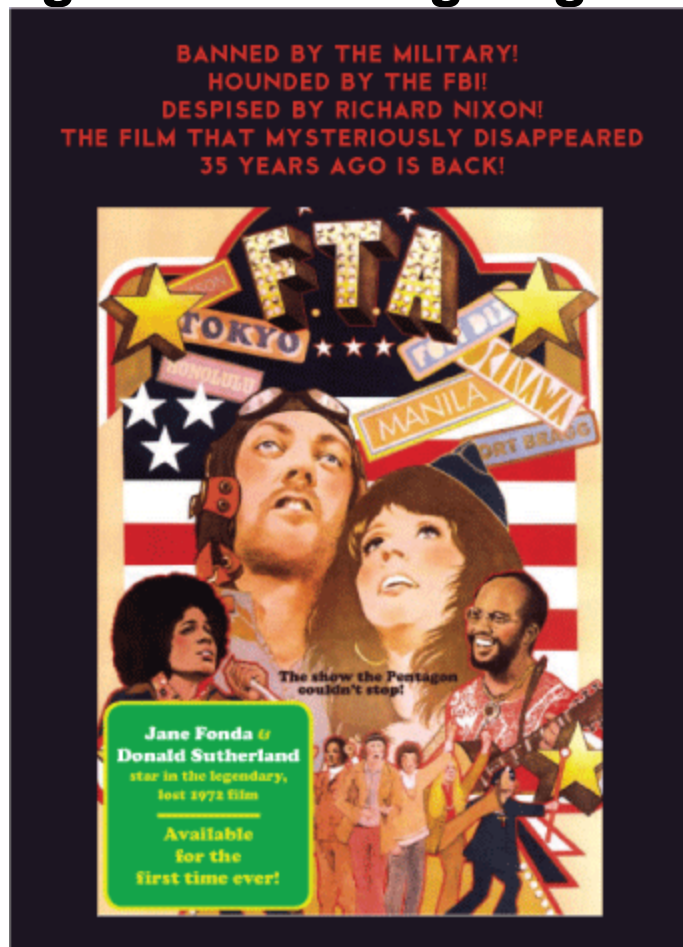
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FTA:

Ultra-Rare! F.T.A. (aka FREE THE ARMY aka FUN, TRAVEL, ADVENTURE), 1972, Displaced Films, 97 min. Dir. Francine Parker.

F.T.A. was originally released by American-International but pulled from distribution after only one week, with rumors of pressure from the Pentagon.

– Phil Hall, Film Threat

About The Film:

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February 22, 2009 By Dennis Lim, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

A time capsule of the anti-Vietnam War movement, "FTA" is also a vivid flashback to a world-famous movie star's stint as a political radical. At the peak of her celebrity, which coincided with the dawning of her political consciousness, Jane Fonda abdicated her Hollywood throne and remade herself as the face of the anti-establishment.

With government agents and the news media watching her every move, she led a vaudeville troupe on a tour of U.S. military bases in 1971 -- a trip chronicled in this fascinating documentary, largely unseen since its brief, abortive release and finally available on DVD this week.

In the disc's only extra, a 20-minute interview, Fonda recounts how the project came about. She and Donald Sutherland, her costar in 1971's "Klute" (which won her an Oscar), were approached by Howard Levy, a doctor who had become an antiwar cause célèbre for refusing to train Green Beret medics.

He proposed that they put on a corrective to Bob Hope's gung-ho USO shows, giving voice not just to the growing peace movement but to antiwar sentiment within the ranks of the military.

The FTA troupe staged its first shows in the U.S., with Fonda and Sutherland (who had just played the irreverent Hawkeye in Robert Altman's "MASH") headlining a company that included Peter Boyle and Howard Hesseman. (The all-purpose acronym is short for "Free the Army" and a more profane variation.)

When it came time to embark on the two-week Pacific Rim tour, Fonda assembled a more politically correct lineup that stressed racial and gender parity -- equal numbers of black and white, and male and female, performers, including singer Holly Near and comedian Paul Mooney.

Fonda, Sutherland and company stopped off in Hawaii, the Philippines, Okinawa and Japan (where they were initially refused entry).

Denied permission to perform on U.S. bases, they set up shop in nearby coffeehouses and other venues, although military officials apparently tried to minimize attendance by publicizing incorrect show times.

All told, the troupe played 21 shows, which were attended by some 64,000 servicemen and women. Many of the male GIs, as Fonda ruefully concedes in the interview, must have been anticipating the Space Age sex kitten from "Barbarella" and not the righteous radical who took the stage in jeans, no makeup and a raised fist.

The show mixes protest songs with broad and bawdy skits, taking potshots at military chauvinism and top-brass privilege. But what it lacks in finesse, it makes up for with a raucous energy.

Directed by Francine Parker (who died in 2007), the documentary alternates between the song-and-dance routines and behind-the-scenes footage of soldiers talking candidly to the troupe members about their frustration and anger at the ongoing war and the American presence in the region.

As fate would have it, "FTA" opened the same week in July 1972 that news broke of Fonda's trip to Hanoi, where she made radio broadcasts for the North Vietnamese regime and was photographed sitting on an anti-aircraft gun.

Within a week, the distributor (youth-flick specialist American-International Pictures) had pulled the movie from theaters.

Fonda's career went into partial eclipse, and she remains to this day a favorite target of the right, but she recovered to win a second Oscar for the 1978 war-veteran drama "Coming Home."

For years she quietly has distanced herself from her radical past, which might explain why "FTA," which she co-produced, has been out of circulation for more than three decades.

Its recent reemergence points to a change of heart and owes much to the efforts of filmmaker David Zeiger, who used footage from "FTA" in "Sir! No Sir!," a 2005 documentary about antiwar resistance within the military.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS

Iceland's Bankers Flee The Country, Driven Out By "Angry Verbal Attacks And The Red Paint Daubed On Their Homes And Cars" [Very Late Report, But Wonderful News]

5 October 2009 AFP

REYKJAVIK (AFP) - A year after Iceland's stunning economic collapse, most of the directors of its failed banks have fled abroad, tired of angry verbal attacks and the red paint daubed on their homes and cars.

A year ago, the small North Atlantic nation saw its oversized financial sector crumble amid the global credit crisis, as the government took over the three biggest banks and the stock market suspended all financial shares.

With the country on the brink of bankruptcy, Icelanders took to the streets to vent their fury over having lost their savings and their jobs -- while inflation soared and the currency plunged -- all because of the actions of what they saw as a few overly-aggressive and out-of-control bankers.

According to Iceland's special prosecutor investigating the collapse of the banks, 50 to 60 people from the banks' top layers of management have been taken in for questioning so far -- but no charges have been pressed to date.

Birgitta Jonsdottir, a frontline protester turned MP, is surprised the bankers' personal wealth has not been frozen.

"It would have been very normal to freeze their assets," she said, predicting a return of last year's weekly protests and describing the situation as a "ticking bomb."

A group called "Skapofsi", or "Rage" in English, has taken it upon itself to remind the former heroes that they are no longer welcome in Iceland, splashing red paint on their houses and cars.

In interviews AFP conducted with bankers ahead of the one-year anniversary, most requested anonymity and were hesitant to describe the effect the financial and economic collapse has had on their personal lives.

They refused to discuss the threats they are subjected to, the risk of lawsuits they face and their fears that their new employers will be inundated with angry emails if anyone finds out where they are working.

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