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UFO War in Antarctica: fact or fiction?

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According to John Kettler, a former US military contractor and scientist, there is an expanding UFO war that is now taking place in waters off Antarctica. Kettler cites unnamed "sensitive sources" to substantiate his claims that a US led coalition of naval forces is militarily engaging with hostile extraterrestrials. This UFO war is an extension of alleged naval battles off the coast of San Francisco earlier reported by Gordon Duff from [Veterans Today](#) who refers to his own unnamed "reliable" sources.



Is a secret UFO war happening in Antarctica?

There is little more than a collection of unnamed sources supporting such allegations, and there is good reason to conclude that Kettler's and Duff's claims are part of a psychological warfare operation that may be related to planning for a false flag alien event. There is one historical incident that casts light on whether or not Kettler's claims are part of a psychological warfare program being slowly unveiled to the world. There is new evidence that Admiral Richard Byrd's famed 1946/1947 naval expedition Operation High Jump did encounter and battle a mysterious UFO force in Antarctic waters.

According to John Kettler, who has written a series of articles claiming that the US Navy along with its allies are battling hostile extraterrestrials based in underwater locations in the Pacific:

The UFO War continues to expand, with heavy action in the Antarctic Ocean ... according to highly sensitive sources. Two submarines of the Chinese PLAN (Peoples Liberation Army Navy) have been slammed together, resulting in injuries, but no fatalities, to the submariners inside them.

Kettler goes on to claim:

Last night, 20 UFOs, traveling at 25,000 mph, left the Antarctic Ocean in a group and went to Guadalajara, Mexico. Another group of 15, flying at the same speed, went to Argentina. This morning, 12 more emerged and went to Chile. Duff made similar claims to a UFO war in the Pacific that he originally reported in September.

Now an Asian intelligence agency reports that a combined fleet operation between the US and China has been going on, a full combat operation against what we are told is a "highly

unfriendly extra-terrestrial threat." The verifications of the fleet operations have been many, there have been no confirmations from the US side though the ships have been seen by every vessel that makes it offshore. The true nature of both the threat and the extent of the multinational military force used is beyond any imaginable classification level.

Kettler also wrote an article titled, "UFO War Explodes Through Entire Pacific Ocean! Now A Coalition War!," where he claimed: UFO War in the Pacific has now become a five-nation coalition war through the Pacific Basin, per supersensitive terrestrial sources. Naval forces involved include the U.S. Navy (U.S.), PLAN (People's Liberation Army Navy) (China), JMSDF (Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force) (Japan), ROKN (Republic of Korea Navy) (South Korea) and ROCN (Republic of China Navy) (Republic of China/Taiwan)... Total is around 200 ships, including two U.S. aircraft carrier battle groups, many additional surface combatants (frigates through cruisers), numerous submarines and multiple URGs (underway replenishment groups) to keep all the warships fueled, munitioned, crews fed and supplied with multitudes of items. The UFO War is an unprecedented kind of coalition war—with all the headaches and political delicacies that entails.

Given that Kettler, along with Gordon Duff, only cite unnamed sources in support of an expanding UFO war in the Pacific and now Antarctica, it is tempting to dismiss their claims as part of some agenda to make the general public believe in hostile extraterrestrials attacking the US military and allies. There is one historical incident that does give circumstantial support for Kettler's and Duff's claims. In 1947, a US naval expedition did appear to engage in a UFO war – one where the US Navy apparently suffered significant casualties and had to withdraw.

An extraordinary 2006 Russian documentary was recently translated into English. It revealed new information about the US Navy Antarctica expedition of 1946/47 – Operation Highjump. The Naval expedition was headed by famed polar explorer Admiral Richard Byrd whose expedition ended after only 8 weeks with "many fatalities" according to initial news reports. Rather than deny the heavy casualty reports, Admiral Byrd revealed in a press interview in Chile that his Task Force had encountered a new enemy that "could fly from pole to pole at incredible speeds."

After the Soviet collapse in 1991, the KGB released previously classified files that cast light on Operation Highjump. A 2006

Russian documentary, recently translated, made public for the first time a 1947 secret Soviet intelligence report commissioned by Joseph Stalin of the Operation Highjump mission to Antarctica. The intelligence report, gathered from Soviet spies embedded in the US, revealed that the US Navy had sent the military expedition to find and destroy a hidden Nazi base. On the way, they encountered a mysterious UFO force that attacked the military expedition destroying several ships and a significant number of planes. Indeed, Operation Highjump had suffered "many casualties" as stated in initial press reports from Chile. While there is a possibility the report resulted from US disinformation fed to a known Soviet mole, the more likely explanation is that the report exposes the first known historical incident involving a battle between US naval forces and an unknown UFO force stationed near Antarctica.

In the Soviet intelligence report, never before known testimony by two US Navy servicemen with Operation Highjump was revealed. The most revealing was Lieutenant John Sayerson, a flying boat pilot, who is quoted as saying:

The thing shot vertically out of the water at tremendous velocity, as though pursued by the devil, and flew between the masts [of the ship] at such a high speed that the radio antenna oscillated back and forth in its turbulence. An aircraft [Martin flying-boat] from the Currituck that took off just a few moments later was struck with an unknown type of ray from the object, and almost instantly crashed into the sea near our vessel.... About ten miles away, the torpedo-boat Maddox burst into flames and began to sink... Having personally witnessed this attack by the object that flew out of the sea, all I can say is, it was frightening." [Our Real "War of the Worlds"]

There is a serious question mark over whether or not another USS Maddox served with Operation Highjump, and a further question arises over whether the US misled Soviet authorities with false intelligence in 1947. Despite these unresolved questions, there is a very real possibility that the 1947 Soviet report is substantially accurate. If so, then we have a historical precedent for the US Navy battling an unknown UFO force in Antarctic waters.

The lack of confirmed sources makes Kettler's and Duff's claims of an undeclared war between hostile extraterrestrial forces and a US led naval coalition in Antarctica and/or the Pacific, something to be seriously questioned, if not dismissed altogether. This is especially so given whistleblower testimony that a UFO false flag war has been planned for several decades. The likelihood that Kettler and Duff are unknowingly disseminating misinformation about hostile extraterrestrials as part of a false flag UFO scenario is high as I have written earlier.

The alleged 1947 UFO battle in Antarctica involving the US Navy either really happened or was US misinformation fed to the Soviets during the Stalin era, and later released to the general public in 1991. If the Soviet report is based on disinformation, then its release serves to promote international conditions for a future false flag UFO operation. If the Soviet report is substantially accurate, then the historical precedent of a 1947 UFO US Navy battle suggests that it would be unwise to simply dismiss Kettler's and Duff's claims as disinformation. In either case, great vigilance is required on the part of those investigating claims of battles between a US led alliance of naval powers, and hostile extraterrestrials based in undersea bases in Antarctica and/or the Pacific Ocean.

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[AI comment: This article is of interest only insofar as it re-hashes the 'UFO-NAZI' nonsense that some individuals believe in, which provided the impulse for Fredrick Töben to travel to Chile in 2004 and visit the former German settlement Colonia Dignidad.

This post World War Two established German settlement in Chile, so it is believed by some, became the food-base for the Antarctic 'hollow earth' settlement, and where the National Socialist revival is taking place!

When in 2010 Töben visited Gordon Duff and found he, too, believed in the UFO nonsense, then Adrian Salbuchi's predictions made sense.

Salbuchi stated that after the 9/11 insider-job there will most likely be a follow-up that will be labeled some kind of UFO War because in intensity it has to surpass the 9/11 catastrophe so as to further galvanize the peoples of the world into the global One World Order.

With interest we shall await further developments and see if this will become a fact or remain a fiction?

Dr Salla's article is designed to prepare the ground work for such a narrative, and there is some urgency in this quest because the generation of believers in this myth are octogenarians whose time on earth is rapidly fading.

As to Veterans Today's Duff - here's Anthony Lawson's comment:

'I wouldn't trust Duff and his motley crew an inch. I've just had another run in with him for posting an article under my name that I didn't even write.

[http://www.veteranstoday.com/2012/10/21/supresse d-internet-911-article-from-2010-surfaces/](http://www.veteranstoday.com/2012/10/21/supresse-d-internet-911-article-from-2010-surfaces/)

If you can be bothered, look at my disclaimer and his response. He is a dreadful liar.' -

lawson911@gmail.com

***** THE ENEMY WITHIN *****

Suppressed Internet:

9/11 Article from 2010 Surfaces

AUSSIE HERO, TRADES UNIONIST, EXPOSES 9/11 COVER-UP

Story and Video by Anthony Lawson and John Bursill



<http://www.veteranstoday.com/wpcontent/uploads/2012/10/kevin.jpg>

Listen to an overbearing gatekeeper, Jon Faine, attempt to rubbish the genuine concerns of Australian Trades Union President, Kevin Bracken, in an attempt to stifle any debate about the many anomalies in the official 9/11 story.

"Good on yer, Kev. You're a bonza bloke and a real credit to the old country. You're a Fair Dinkum Aussie and you've got my vote, any day."...Anthony Lawson

JOURNALIST TONY LAWSON'S VIDEO

YouTube - Veterans Today -

To many, the name Kevin Bracken is a new one as regards 9/11 Truth. The reality is that Kevin has been a champion of the 9/11 Truth cause since 2006 by disseminating information throughout the Victorian Union Movement and the Maritime Workers Union of Australia. He has distributed DVD's, shown films and shared information regularly with his associates and the people of Melbourne and he achieved motions calling for a new investigation from both the Victorian Trades Hall Council where he is the President and the Victorian branch of the Maritime Union of Australia of which he heads as Secretary. Kevin has also attended numerous conferences on 9/11 and has been the facilitator of such in Melbourne, Australia. Over the years Kevin and I have developed a close working relationship, both striving for the truth 9/11 to come out to bring end to the wars and to get our rights back that have been eroded since 9/11!

This is the motion passed on the 28th of March of 2008 at the VTHC:

"This meeting of the VTHC Executive Council calls for a thorough, independent inquiry into the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11. The events of that day have been used to start pre-emptive wars 'that will not end in our lifetime.' They have been used to attack civil liberties and legal principles that have been the cornerstone of civilized communities. There is an urgent need to reassess the way we view the world after September 11 and we call for a proper investigation into the events of that day."

On the 20th of October 2010 Kevin was asked to ring into ABC 774 Mornings with John Faine, although Faine disputes this. This was following an email that was sent to Faine by Kevin questioning 9/11 in the context of Australia's ongoing support of the Afghanistan occupation. After the recent Australian election it was demanded by the Australian Greens in a "balance of power" deal that the Australian involvement in the Afghan War be debated in Parliament in it's first sitting. This debate had been going on this week and it was the first time any such debate had happened since 9/11, which is simply outrageous.

This interview by Faine was possibly the most biased ever heard in Australia on radio broadcast by the taxpayer-funded Australian Broadcasting Corporation. This attack by Faine of Bracken's questioning the 9/11 events included a torrent of ad

hominem slurs and an absolute refusal to discuss any evidence that the events were anything but what we have been told by our governments. A reasonable explanation of what happened, with attached audio, can be found here. The story titled "Trades Hall president Kevin Bracken Stands by his 9/11 Conspiracy" has been reported all around the world and included a poll asking if Kevin's questions about 9/11 were "reasonable", which started off running at around 50/50 but has continued to move in his favour. At the time of this writing the poll results are 75% in favour of Bracken.

Kevin has received literally thousands of thank yous from around the world for his brave stance for 9/11 Truth! Standing his ground even after having been directly verbally bashed by the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard, who said he was "stupid and wrong", and having seen his own leadership comrades buckle at the knees in the face of unfounded ridicule. Rather than running for cover Kevin, with his chin in the air, has reiterated his position, defying any to debate him on the issue! As usual, all media "presstitutes" have refused, as there is obviously "no debate to have". It seems that the vast majority of the public disagree and would like to see such a debate but none of the so called "journalists" dare to tread such a path.

Interesting to note that John Faine is now complaining that the ABC has been swamped by 9/11 activists and it may take the ABC many weeks to deal with the massive amount of complaints and comments they have received. Many of these I know to be formal as I have received many courtesy copies of the complaints to the ABC accusing them of breaching their charter and broadcast policy.

The battle for 9/11 Truth is far from over and as long as the fools in power maintain their policy of occupation of Afghanistan they will remain exposed and at risk of criminal prosecution due to the lies of 9/11. Lets hope it comes soon or they realize and stop the bloodshed.

SUPPORT TRUTH, SUPPORT BUILDING "WHAT?"

YouTube - Veterans Today -

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Reproduced John Bursill's article, from the 9/11 truthout.org website <http://www.911truth.org/article>. <http://www.veteranstoday.com/2012/10/21/supresse-d-internet-911-article-from-2010-surfaces/>

Anthony Lawson - October 22, 2012 - 5:54 pm

This article is co-attributed to me but I did not post it, as the banner says I did.

I did not write the title and I did not write the article. John Bursill wrote it for another website, I assume. And the video I produced has not been suppressed, but has been available without hindrance on YouTube since it was uploaded on 27th of October, 2010 and hosted by many websites including: whatreallyhappened.com , rense.com/ **16,040 views**, <http://www.infowars.com/> and yes, with 1,586 views by <http://www.veteranstoday.com>

I have long been concerned about what VT claims are 'facts' and this proves that they have deliberately misrepresented the facts surrounding this video and the article.

It is one of the reasons that I withdrew from having my videos and articles posted on Veteran's Today about a year ago, another was when VT began hosting articles written by James Fetzer whose support for the absurd and damaging no-planes-in-New York-possibly-holograms theory degraded the tone of

VT. Gordon Duff also thinks that planes are like aluminium beer cans and cannot "slice through steel".

Dr. Fetzer has never answered my repeated calls for him to provide a peer-reviewed paper, written by an expert who is qualified in the area of impact physics in support of his theory that laws proposed by Sir Isaac Newton would have prevented a plane weighing about 150 tons and travelling at a velocity of about 550 mph from entering the lattice-like construction of the WTC Tower walls, as depicted in many 9/11 videos, expending what I have calculated to be around 1,189,068 kilojoules of kinetic energy.

I do not want my output hosted by a website alongside the work of people who have such little understanding of physics, but who claim that they do and who are supported by that website's editorial team, without question.

People are always complaining about the mainstream media purposely not getting it right. What's the difference if the alternative media doesn't bother to get it right, or worse, deliberately distorts the facts, just as the MSM does? Let me tell you: There is no difference whatsoever.

Anthony Lawson

[derricksmithers - October 23, 2012 - 2:45 am](#)

Sir, I sometimes think back to being a child in the midst of a chaotic divorce when dealing with the 9/11 events. The kidnappings, the abusive mother. Surprising to even myself, I'm pretty well past it all and have great relationships with my parents. But the bitterness I sometimes harbor myself and see so much of in discussions of 9/11 are demonstrative of the harm this bag of deceptions has done. I've seen more failed bro-mances amidst the 9/11 truth movement, and not the gay kind.

Your work is top notch, in my opinion. But, I haven't yet met the perfect person. I suspect you're attitude is suffering from the overwhelming stress of sharing information that many find distasteful. Every day, common folks attempt to kill the messenger. What you and I and others are disseminating isn't limited to 9/11. It reveals the stories of our failures as individuals, the true nature of society and yet contains the truth and so will eventually lead to incomparable freedom.

For a moment, put a lid on 9/11 and imagine that the many crimes of those events ended on that day. Imagine that the criminals all retreated to a fictional island just a few miles off the coast of where the WTC once stood. From this perspective, these disappointing humans are now like their own country but don't permit excursions. Conversely, what remains outside of that island are just people; good, bad and otherwise.

Although I don't admit it often, I don't seek to punish the inhabitants of that island. As a Voluntarist, I neither seek to stand between them and those that do. But, my ultimate goal in spreading 9/11 awareness is for this group of people to be identified and for them and their secrets to be exposed. That's where my energy and exhaustive efforts need to be spent.

Sure, some of the common folk who like me don't reside on that island spend much of their time sharing and discussing 9/11. I strongly disagree with many of them on both their points and tactics. Thankfully, I'm a loner and tend not to get my identify entangled with others. Oddly, my approach has evolved into bringing people together. It's been more effective, although I still believe I'm going to solve and fix this damn thing myself! Not really. But, I'm more optimistic about the whole thing each day.

In the end, although some folks will make light of the bad guys or even wind up working with them for reasons unknown...the enemy remains the inhabitants of that island. Focus on that island and know that what trips you up today

(outlandish theories that aren't yours and really have nothing to do with you or what you're doing) will fall away tomorrow if you maintain that focus.

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[Markboughton - October 23, 2012 - 3:56 am](#)

Don't know much about physics but from what little I have read from Pilots for Truth they could not have been passenger jets.

I would be extremely interested to hear more of your theory sir, or information which you deem credible concerning the identification of these planes. I did swallow the story that planes could not have sliced through the buildings but whenever I watch the footage, of the first plane especially, I find myself wincing with the impact.

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[Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 4:59 pm](#)

They were almost certainly not flights AA11 and UA175, but Boeing 767 lookalikes, and they did not "slice" through anything. One of the most informative videos about the impacts is:

WTC PLANES THRU STEEL WTC CONSTRUCTION —
911TRUTHINATOR

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhKrirlTw8c&feature=email>

I hope this helps and don't forget what I wrote above about the massive amount of kinetic energy that had to be expended. The planes broke through the outer walls, while they disintegrated. Think about the impact on a semi-molecular level and remember that in the case of the Hezarkhani video you are looking at an image that is 1/1200th of the real-life size of the area. Just as you will not see every rock and crevice in a picture of a mountain, at that ratio, there is no way that this resolution can be compared to say the detail in this one: Liftoff for Apollo 11 NASA ROCKET

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygBxN5UiOaM>

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[Markboughton - October 24, 2012 - 1:39 am](#)

Mr Lawson

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Watched the video, plus another of yours featured there - 'The Absurdity etc' plus skimmed through your previous VT article of the same name. I intend to read it and your other articles more thoroughly some time soon, but am right now curious as to what you think actually brought the towers down?

I was impressed by Judy Wood's interview on One Step Beyond, particularly by the claim that a Cat. 3 Hurricane was sitting off Manhattan on that fateful morning as I lived in the Cairns area for many years and find it difficult to imagine that such an extreme weather event was ignored, unless it was being (gulp) somehow controlled, and the almost reverential tone of the the way her findings were presented, but must admit I am quite new to all of this and am now more confused than ever.

Where would you advise that I research next as I wish to encourage others to question what they have been fed by the MSM, but don't want to lead them on a wild goose chase that may add to their scepticism ?

Please forgive me if you have covered this in your previous articles or videos.

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[Gordon Duff - October 24, 2012 - 9:21 pm](#)

Interesting supposition.

Spent much time at DARPA?

Ever hear of Tesla?

[Gordon Duff - October 24, 2012 - 3:21 pm](#)

You couldn't go on without making an ass of yourself. You just aren't going to be allowed to dictate what others can and cannot read.

As for the article, if you note the header, you sent in the photo.

As for "suppression," i found it on page 50 after looking for one of my own pieces...and that was based on a very specific internet search on 9/11 and kevin bracken.

Or...are you also an "internet search guru."

As for 9/11, are you telling me that you ascribe now to the governments version or are you one of the magic pixie dust people?

I simply support freedom of speech, we don't edit what writers write here. You seem to have different ideas.

You should read your comment and note how you sound.

However...as usual..your video work is excellent.

You might also note that Jeff Rense is an editor at VT.

We don't seem to have disagreements on what is or isn't because I don't try to tell Jeff how to think.

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[Jackson - October 24, 2012 - 5:19 pm](#)

i did a google for "kevin bracken 911" and i stopped looking after 5 pages, but the first 5 pages came up with nothing else but this story.

i guess that makes me an internet search guru.

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[Markboughton - October 25, 2012 - 12:48 am](#)

re. Your comment about DARPA and Tesla Mr Duff.

What do you mean by 'pixie dust' then ? I took it as a swipe at Ms Wood.

And I wasn't suggesting that Mr Lawson guide me elsewhere, though I have lost what little faith I had in Mr Fetzer.

I like it here.

And what of all the others posting links here ? Please don't stop that as they have taken me to some amazing places.

All the best.

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[James Robertson - October 22, 2012 - 6:19 pm](#)

Mr. Lawson, thank you for all the excellent videos you have made. You have unquestionably made fine contributions to the cause of 911 truth. You disagree with Jim Fetzer. So what? The whole planes issue either way is marginal and extraneous. The important message is that the attack was conducted by Westerners and the US gov covered it up. The essential thing is that the true perpetrators of these crimes against humanity be punished. This whole debate is pure vanity and a waste of time in my opinion. Move on.

[Anthony Lawson - October 22, 2012 - 9:46 pm](#)

Thank you, but I cannot agree with "The whole planes issue either way is marginal and extraneous."

How can the identity and the origins of the weapons used in a mass murder be marginal and extraneous?

Seeking the truth and exposing liars is neither vanity nor a waste of time.

The truth is the only thing that matters.

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[James Robertson - October 22, 2012 - 10:35 pm](#)

You are completely right to state that the truth is the only thing that matters. The way that this will be achieved is by convincing a critical mass of people to demand an honest investigation of the events. Regardless of the quality of the research or the veracity of the claims made by citizen investigators, these findings will never be accepted by the

mass of the people and will never lead to the prosecution and imprisonment of the guilty.

Only an official government investigation will succeed in uncovering the truth in a way that it is accepted and displaces our current fictional reality. This issue isn't going to be solved by the highest quality researcher with the best theory. All of our energy therefore should be directed towards convincing the greatest number of people as possible that the official account cannot be true rather than attempting to present any particular alternative conclusions. Your "This is an orange" video is an excellent example of this, and this is the message we need to deliver over and over.

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[Charlotte NC Bill - October 23, 2012 - 9:25 am](#)

Amthony Lawson meet Gordon Duff....and the audio of Mossad agents in Urban Moving Systems vans being pulled over near the GWB...they ran...the van exploded...Another van of Mossad cretins in a van packed w/explosives was pulled over after running a checkpoint at the Holland Tunnel....Michael Harriri-Mossad Chief-bragged openly about pulling off 9-11 the day after....From Judge Hellerstein to Silverstein to Zakheim to Jerome Hauer the filthy hands of these dual-nationals are all over 9-11....We've just been water-boarding the wrong people.

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[Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 6:19 pm](#)

I've told you Chris whatever-your-name-is that all I'm interested in is seeing your script for the video you want me to make, so I've deleted your latest snide comment.

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[Chris - October 24, 2012 - 5:35 am](#)

You want the script? See Chris Bollyns work.TONS of evidence of Israeli involvement. His work is light years ahead of where you are. Which is to say dithering about and stunting the growth of 9/11 truth. Is that your purpose? The heavy deleting of comments lends credence to that theory.

[Chris - October 24, 2012 - 5:31 am](#)

My response to you made Anthony look really bad, hence his deleting it. And all I did was lay out some of the Israel evidence. Again, it speaks volumes that Anthony is acting like a CNN board mod and deleting comments and trying to control the narrative here. Ask yourselves why he is doing this. All I did was ask about Israels role in 9/11 and he gets extremely defensive, turns it around on me like I did something wrong and deletes comments left and right. Ask yourselves why he is conducting himself like this in the face of Israeli 9/11 evidence.

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[Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 3:58 pm](#)

You are someone who is prepared not to reject the no-planes-in-New York theory, which places you, in my mind as someone not really worth bothering about, because those who propose that theory have never been able to prove that the majority of the videos were faked, or that all of the eyewitnesses lied or that all of the plane debris had been planted.

And please don't mention holograms which would have required the projection of an absence of light into the clear blue sky of 9/11 so that the skylight would not shine through the images of impossible-to-project holograms.

But you've made some strange statements. I know of all those incidents, but could you stand up in a properly constituted court of law and prove what you've written about the "filthy hands of these dual-nationals are all over 9-11"?

That's the acid test.

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[Charlotte NC Bill - October 25, 2012 - 9:25 am](#)

Yes we could..Dimitri Khalezov would be an excellent witness..lie detector tests are admissible aren't they? ..I haven't sd anything "strange"...I don't believe it was a hologram..but you've been entirely too dismissive and derisive towards Fetzer...

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Chris - October 23, 2012 - 5:50 pm

Here's an idea, lets demand "smoking gun evidence" from the government instead of from 9/11 activists and researchers who only have what's publically available to them. Lets not scold those of us willing to speak about the evidence(however "circumstantial") and instead praise them for their bravery in telling it like it is. There is nothing "strange" about that.

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Chris - October 23, 2012 - 5:54 pm

Let the record show that Anthony Lawson is deleting comments from people who question why he's failed on the subject of Israeli involvement in 9/11. When one starts to delete comments it's usually a pretty big red flag. I'm screen grabbing these for posterity. Is Lawson another Fetzer? It appears so, even if they come at this from different angles.

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Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 9:02 pm

No, I did not delete your comment for the reason you state, so you are lying yet again.

I told you that all I was interested in was your script on what you think I should be doing with regard to making a video about Israel's involvement in 9/11 but you failed to deliver, and continued with your verbal abuse, which is why I deleted you comment.

You are a very snide person who accuses others of not doing what you have neither the wit nor the talent to do yourself.

Let the record show what I have done in the way of criticising Israel on all kinds of issues, while this small-minded person criticises what I haven't done.

<http://www.youtube.com/alawson911>

You are pathetic.

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Chris - October 24, 2012 - 5:17 am

No Anthony, the guy who gets super defensive and proceeds to delete comments is the pathetic one. Grow up Anthony, you're too damn old to act so childish. And cowardly.

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Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 8:53 pm

As for you denying that you lied when you claimed to have written only two derogatory comments about my approach to Israel's role in 9/11, you made nine separate ones on the following VT article...

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2012/10/17/mind-controllers-chant-anti-semite/>

... and the comment on this article makes 10. That is not counting the ones you have made on some of my videos, so I stand by my accusation that you are a liar.

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Chris - October 24, 2012 - 6:04 am

I stand by my accusation that you an overly sensitive hypocrite who needs to learn how to take constructive criticism and grow thicker skin. Your censoring only lends credence to this. You're also a liar(unlike myself). 2 times(key word Anthony). Once on your youtube video and once here on VT(admittedly on 2 different stories though). And "derogatory"? Check my initial comments before you got all defensive and started attacking me for talking about Israels role in 9/11. There was NOTHING derogatory about them.

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Frog - October 25, 2012 - 4:12 pm

I think a lot of people are missing the point re 9/11, we don't need to go into thermite or space weapons, just the fact that 9/11 was not done by 19 muslims and we are being lied to.

I follow what Eric Hufschmid has said all along, take a small amount of information from each site, and "Be like a smart fish, take the bait, not the hook"

I might lean towards Hufschmid/Lawson but I even look at Duke, but even he supports Govt story on 9/11, but has some interesting points to consider.

Don't use one source for your news, take a bit of everyone's info. and use the grey matter the lord gave you. This cancer called zionism has attached itself to our country, Australia, like every other western country.

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derricksmithers - October 26, 2012 - 7:39 am

Some of you here might recall this single, brief video report of an enormous hologram in China...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sBCDThW__4

I've seen photos of the river where these elements were "projected" and viewed the satellite map of the area. The scale of this was incredible and it was reportedly seen from all directions. Best of all was the trees that appeared to be growing right out of the water's depth. Am I seeing things, or do these "trees" cast their shadows on the river? Me thinks they do, so are we underestimating the current state of this technology?

Oh, and what exactly are they projecting? I see buildings, construction cranes, forest. I wonder if this too is merely a 3D rendering?

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Chris - October 22, 2012 - 5:36 pm

The planes were swapped and not the "original" ones. SPC almost certainly controlled the planes that hit the towers. Fetzer is a controlled op. I cannot say if he's being paid directly by Zakheim and company. But I can suggest it.

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Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 6:57 am

Which Chris are you?

There is a Chris who is forever berating me for not exposing the true perpetrators of 9/11, in my videos, when no one has produced any smoking-gun/irrefutable evidence that Israel did it, even though there is plenty of circumstantial evidence to suggest that this was the case, and not Arabs with box cutters and no technology to speak of, to do what had to be done with the planes and to the buildings; to shut down NORAD and launch a massive cover-up campaign in the mainstream media, when any strange circumstances came to light, like the Five Dancing Israelis who admitted on Israeli TV that they were in New York "to document the event."

Your final sentence is well formed and could be applied to the Israel-did-it theory. I cannot say, and back up my accusation with any beyond-a-reasonable-doubt proof that Israel did it. But I can suggest it.

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Chris - October 23, 2012 - 7:22 am

I'm the same Chris that is "forever berating you", meaning I mentioned to you twice online that I find the lack of evidence of Israeli involvement in 9/11 contained in your work to be unfortunate. Your videos are fine and expose important issues as I said before but the "no smoking gun evidence" line is a cop-out. So O'Keefe, Bollyn, Sabrosky, Hart and many others can rightly state the obvious about Israeli involvement in 9/11 and you can't even include the mountains of circumstantial evidence in a video?

Most of your work is very good stuff, I said that before. But you're wrong to stop short on 9/11. Sorry if saying so is "berating" you. You say you can suggest it. Then do it. Suggest it in your next video. Include the evidence about Zakheim, Jerome Hauer, ICTS and Suter and the boys. Or is that not "smoking gun" enough to even warrant mention in your work? That's my whole point. That "circumstantial evidence" is still evidence and its worth mentioning. Learn how to take constructive criticism. My initial comment that started this exchange was not even a direct criticism of you, it was praise for others yet you felt the need to get defensive and automatically attack me. Check your youtube vid, the convo is still there.

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[Anthony Lawson - October 23, 2012 - 3:43 pm](#)

I thought as much, but you have written more than two derogatory comments about me, so don't lie, because there are too many people doing that already. Now, consider the following:

There are those that do and there are those who don't do, but criticise those who do for not doing enough.

I am one of the former, you are one of the latter.

If you are unable to make a video, do the next best thing: Do the research, find the documents and the images you might want to include, and write a script for the video you envisage.

I will see if it can be made into a video in which all you have written is verifiable beyond a reasonable doubt.

And from now on, keep your opinions about how much I don't do to yourself, until you've proved that what you propose can be done. Nothing else that you write will be of any interest to me, whatsoever.

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[Chris - October 23, 2012 - 5:52 pm:](#)

Please restore my comment,. It's very Orwellian (and telling to be honest) of you to delete my comments like this. Thanks.

[Chris - October 24, 2012 - 5:18 am:](#)

Anthony, you deleted a comment that was on topic and direct. It speaks volumes that you felt the need to do so. I guess I was right about you and Israel/9-11. You're a coward or worse.

Gordon Duff of Veterans Today in his own words. He admits to writing 40% false information and that at least 30% of the information on Veterans Today is false as well - http://12160.info/video/gordon-duff-of-veteran-s-today-admits-to-writing-40-false?xq_source=activity



Gordon Duff & Fredrick Töben on 21 January 2011 when Töben visited Duff at his home near Detroit, USA. Duff was honest enough to admit that his aim is to make Israel the dominant power in the Middle East, while Töben wishes Iran to assume this role because that is the ancient Persian empire's natural and historical role. Duff asked Töben to work with him but Töben declined - Duff offered Töben his help in 'rehabilitating yourself, but that would mean you need to apologize for your Holocaust denial activities'. Töben politely declined to recant his views, and so Revisionist Dr Ingrid Rimland-Zündel came on board VT's team.

Thus endeth this BATTLE-OF-THE-WILLS saga, for the time being...

Modern Israeli history

Who holds the land – Why Israel obstructs reconciliation

22 September 2012

***Fortress Israel: The Inside Story of the Military Elite Who Run the Country—
And Why They Can't Make Peace.***

By Patrick Tyler, Farrar, Straus and Giroux;

563 pages; \$35. Portobello; £25. Buy Amazon.com, Amazon.co.uk

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU'S fixation with Iran's nuclear programme has had one positive side-effect—for the Israeli prime minister, at least. While Iran occupies centre-stage, fewer people badger him about the long-stalled Israel-Palestine peace process. Meanwhile, more homes are being built in Israeli settlements deep within the Palestinian West Bank, placed there deliberately to thwart the possibility of a two-state solution.

This hard-nosed observation is one reason why Patrick Tyler's readable and informative new history of Israel is so timely. Mr Tyler, a respected American journalist, sets out to document Israeli intransigence about peacemaking all the way back to the earliest days of the Jewish state. The world needs to be reminded of the unresolved conflict and to recall Israel's contribution to the impasse. The author acknowledges at the start that the Arab states have been responsible for the legacy of hatred and incitement against Israel, but says that his main aim is "to explain with realism and fairness how the martial

impulse in Israeli society and among its ruling elite has undermined opportunities for reconciliation."

Mr Tyler lays out his argument in detail. In 1982, he writes, "The martial impulse that impelled [Menachem] Begin, [Ariel] Sharon and the army into Lebanon ignored all the warnings from history—that military power could not rearrange the complex political order of Lebanon...The foundations of peace and coexistence with Israel could arise only from a settlement of the Palestinian question." He goes on to depict the helplessness of the then prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, as Israel's military might proved incapable of staving off a wave of suicide bombings following the Oslo accords of 1993. He describes how a hawkish Israeli general fell into a "psychological trap—the belief that people cannot change, that peace is therefore impossible, and that the only thing that works is a lethal and effective prophylactic of separation and overwhelming force."

The author puts Israel's nuclear bomb in its proper place—at the centre of the national narrative. Because so little has been said and written publicly about it over the years, some historians have tended to overlook or downplay its importance. "Israel has only two alternatives," Mr Tyler quotes David Ben-Gurion (pictured), the founding father, lecturing President Eisenhower in 1960. "Either Israel remains free and independent or Israel will be exterminated just as Hitler exterminated the Jews in Germany." Neither leader spoke explicitly of the Israeli bomb then being secretly built in Dimona. But, as Mr Tyler observes, "[Ben-Gurion] was really making the case for Israel's becoming a nuclear power."

The hero of the book is Moshe Sharett, Israel's second prime minister, who died in 1965, a bitter and frustrated man. (His son and grandson, as well as the Moshe Sharett Heritage Society, rank high in Mr Tyler's list of acknowledgments.) As foreign minister from 1948 and also prime minister in 1954 and 1955, Sharett tried to curb the brutal reprisals policy that Ben-Gurion and the army pursued against Palestinian infiltrators (some of them hostile marauders, many unarmed refugees). He largely failed. As Sharett documented in his meticulous journals, "military ambition too often trumped moral aspiration."

Mr Tyler holds up Sharett as the yardstick against which subsequent policymakers are measured. Every peace overture, every admonition against disproportionate military force, is attributed to Sharett's vision and inspiration. The third prime minister, Levi Eshkol, who was reluctant to go to war in 1967, had his cautious strategy "overrun in the same manner that Ben-Gurion had overrun Sharett". Moshe Dayan (who led the overrunners) proposed a pullback from the Suez Canal four years later: "This was the wisdom that Sharett had tried to impart to his colleagues before he died." When Peace Now, a doveish grass roots Israeli movement was created, Mr Tyler writes, "the spirit of Moshe Sharett had found a new voice in a new generation of officers."

But Mr Tyler's references to Sharett become increasingly artificial as time passes and circumstances in Israel change. They also show how difficult—and how fruitless—it is to try to define a volatile nation by a single conceptual mould. Mr Tyler divides Israelis into sabras and non-sabras (technically only Jews born in Israel are sabras) and uses this as shorthand for militarists and moderates. However, his depiction of Eshkol, prime minister from 1963 to 1969 and defence minister for much of that period, as "the non-sabra prime minister who had never served in the army" ignores the fact that Eshkol was a member of the high command of the Haganah, a Jewish paramilitary organisation, before the founding of Israel and was responsible for arms acquisition. Just as misleading is his description of Shimon Peres, a kibbutznik who became the longtime director of the defence ministry when Israel built the bomb, as a man "who lacked any connection to the land or to military service."

Mr Tyler's depiction of Ben-Gurion as a militarist above all ignores the subtlety of his thinking. During the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948 Ben-Gurion forbade the army to conquer the West Bank. In a speech to the new state's parliament the following year he pointed out that a Jewish state that extended to the West Bank could not be a democratic state because of the large Arab population there. "We want a Jewish state, even if not in the whole country We... do not want to launch further war against the Arabs." After the 1967 war Ben-Gurion favoured returning all or almost all the territory Israel had conquered.

Israeli society, including its military elite, is much more complex and nuanced than Mr Tyler's central theory outlines. Even he admits that he was surprised to find so many retired officers advocating a more diplomatic approach and growing deeply concerned that the military establishment was becoming too hardline. He records too—he is much too good a reporter to blur the facts—that many of the peace initiatives attempted over the years were led by sabra army men, among them leading generals, such as Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Ami Ayalon.

Most of the army brass, past and present, are solidly opposed to a unilateral Israeli strike against the Iranian bomb-in-the-making. It is Mr Netanyahu and several of his unmilitary ministers who are all for bombing. The main "martial impetus" in Israeli policy which militates against moderation and peace is not the early "sabra militarism" that Mr Tyler excoriates, but a single-minded drive to settle the land. Leading this movement are the nationalist-Orthodox activists of Gush Emunim ("Block of the Faithful", an extra-parliamentary messianic group which sprang up after the 1967 war, committed to establishing Jewish settlements in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights). This new focus of power at the heart of Israeli politics and society is hardly mentioned in the book.

<http://www.economist.com/node/21563272>

You Should Know These Basic Facts

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Question: Which country alone in the Middle East has nuclear weapons? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East refuses to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and bars international inspections? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East seized the sovereign territory of other nations by military force and continues to occupy it in defiance of United Nations Security Council resolutions? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East routinely violates the international borders of another sovereign state with warplanes and artillery and naval gunfire? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What American ally in the Middle East has for years sent assassins into other countries to kill its political enemies (a practice sometimes called exporting terrorism)? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: In which country in the Middle East have high-ranking military officers admitted publicly that unarmed prisoners of war were executed? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country in the Middle East refuses to prosecute its soldiers who have acknowledged executing prisoners of war? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country in the Middle East created millions of refugees and refuses to allow them to return to their homes, farms and businesses? - **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country in the Middle East refuses to pay compensation to people whose land, bank accounts and businesses it confiscated? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: In what country in the Middle East was a high-ranking United Nations diplomat assassinated? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: In what country in the Middle East did the man who ordered the assassination of a high-ranking U.N. diplomat become prime minister? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country in the Middle East blew up an American diplomatic facility in Egypt and attacked a U.S. ship, the USS Liberty, in international waters, killing 34 and wounding 171 American sailors? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country in the Middle East employed a spy, Jonathan Pollard, to steal classified documents from USA and then gave some of them to the Soviet Union? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country at first denied any official connection to Pollard, then voted to make him a citizen and has continuously demanded that the American president grant Pollard a full pardon? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What Middle East country allows American Jewish murderers to flee to its country to escape punishment in the United States and refuses to extradite them once in their custody? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What Middle East country preaches against hate yet builds a shrine and a memorial for a murderer who killed 29 Palestinians while they prayed in their Mosque? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country on Planet Earth has the second most powerful lobby in the United States, according to a recent Fortune magazine survey of Washington insiders? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East deliberately targeted a civilian U.N. Refugee Camp in Qana , Lebanon and killed 103 innocent men, women, and especially children? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East is in defiance of 69 United Nations Security Council resolutions and has been protected from 29 more by U.S. vetoes? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East receives more than one-third of all U.S. aid to the world yet is the 16th richest country in the world? – **Answer:** Israel.

Question: Which country in the Middle East receives U.S. weapons for free and then sells the technology to the Republic of China even at the objections of the U.S.? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East routinely insults the American people by having its Prime Minister address the United States Congress and lecturing them like children on why they have no right to reduce foreign aid? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East had its Prime Minister announce to his staff not to worry about what the United States says because "We control America?" – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: What country in the Middle East was cited by Amnesty International for demolishing more than 4000 innocent Palestinian homes as a means of ethnic cleansing? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East has just recently used a weapon of mass destruction, a one-ton smart bomb, dropping it in the center of a highly populated area killing 15 civilians including 9 children? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East routinely kills young Palestinian children for no reason other than throwing stones at armored vehicles, bulldozers, or tanks? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East signed the Oslo Accords promising to halt any new Jewish Settlement construction, but instead, has built more than 270 new settlements since the signing? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East has assassinated more than 100 political officials of its opponent in the last 2 years while killing hundreds of civilians in the process, including dozens of children? – **Answer:** Israel.

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Question: Which country in the Middle East regularly violates the Geneva Convention by imposing collective punishment on entire towns, villages, and camps, for the acts of a few, and even goes as far as demolishing entire villages while people are still in their homes? – **Answer:** Israel.

Israel President opens new Jewish museum in Moscow

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Israeli President Shimon Peres on Thursday opened a major new Jewish museum in Moscow housed in a converted 1920s bus garage which aims to tell the story of Jews in Russia from Tsarist times through the horror of the Holocaust to the present day.



Israel President Shimon Peres at the inauguration of the new Jewish Museum Thursday in Moscow.

Peres and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov opened the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Centre which is based around Moscow's stunning Bakhmetevsky Bus Garage, designed in 1926 by constructivist architect Konstantin Melnikov.

"There is no museum like this," Peres said at the opening ceremony. "This is great historical evidence of the greatness of man but also his weaknesses."

President Vladimir Putin hoped the new museum would become "a place for dialogue and agreement between peoples," said a statement read at the ceremony by Lavrov.

Putin was to meet his Israeli counterpart on the same day.

"Any attempt to review the contribution of our country to WWII victory or to deny the Holocaust is not just a cynical lie but a forgetting of history," Putin's statement added.

The building was handed over by the Russian authorities to Moscow's Jewish community in 1999 after it stopped being used as a bus depot.

Its redevelopment as a museum has been designed by Ralph Appelbaum Associates.

Before it was turned into the Jewish museum, the building also served up to last year as the temporary home of the Garazh modern art exhibition centre of Chelsea football club owner Roman Abramovich's partner Darya Zhukova. The galleries aim to evoke the lives of Jews in Russia since the late 19th century using historic exhibits, letters and also 13 hours of video testimony recorded with Russian Jews living all over the world.

High-tech multi-media rooms aim to recreate the sights, sound and even smells of the past, the Creation, the Giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, the Holy Temples, life in the Diaspora. By contrast, a memorial gallery offers complete silence where visitors can remember the tumultuous history of Jews in Russia.

It is designed to bring together different cultural traditions through the prism of Jewish culture, to develop ideas of tolerance and harmony. It will be the biggest Jewish museum in the world, with an area of 17,000 square meters, while the area of exposition dedicated to history of Jewish people is 4,500 square meter. Works began in 2007.

Jews were repressed in Tsarist times when starting in the late 18th century they were largely forced to live in an area of the western Russian empire known as the "Pale" where many lived in impoverished towns known as shtetls.

Hitler's armies in World War II then occupied most of today's Belarus, Ukraine as well as western Russia, leaving Soviet Jews exposed to the full brunt of the Nazi killing regime. Heavily targeted during the 1930s purges, Jews suffered even after World War II in the USSR under Stalin's rule, especially when the purported discovery of a so-called "doctors' plot" against him unleashed a wave on anti-Semitic hysteria.

Nonetheless Jews have over centuries made a huge contribution to Russian culture, ranging from the writer Sholem Aleichem, the Vitebsk-born artist Marc Chagall or the poet Osip Mandelstam who died in the Stalin camps.

Russia's Chief Rabbi Berel Lazar has invited former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to visit the new museum.

"Jews feel confident and comfortable in today's Russia. I am happy that it has become possible largely due to the political process which I began," Gorbachev was quoted by the press service for the Federation of Jewish Communities during a meeting with Lazar.

Alexander Boroda, President of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia, said that the reawakening of Jewish life in the region has crowded Moscow's five synagogues, and that more will be established, along with Jewish schools.

The Moscow museum is in addition to the new and large cultural center and Holocaust museum opened recently in the Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Named the Menorah Center, it includes seven buildings and houses thousands of artifacts plus a community center, hotel, kosher restaurant, and art galleries. The seven-tower, twenty-

story museum and center multiplex, covering 54,000 sq.m, is not only the largest Chabad center but also the largest Jewish center in the world.

<http://www.eju.org/news/israel/israel-president-opens-new-jewish-museum-moscow>

Israel's Peres receives honorary professorship in Moscow

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Israeli President Shimon Peres received an honorary professorship during his state visit to Moscow Wednesday, as he welcomed the news of US President Barack Obama's election to a second term in office, insisting that "everything that he has promised, he has also delivered".

As he received the recognition from the government-backed Russian Academy of Science, he paid tribute to his American counterpart, for whom he said he had the "utmost respect" as he challenged Obama's critics on his policy towards Israel, insisting "President Obama has proven his commitment to the security of the state of Israel".

Acknowledging the tribute, which according to a statement by his office has previously been attributed to "an exclusive number of world leaders who have made an outstanding contribution to the world", he insisted that "the award is for the State of Israel which I represent and whose people sent me here".



Israeli President Shimon Peres and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

Peres is currently on a visit to Russia at the instigation of its president Vladimir Putin and used the opportunity of his first return visit since Putin travelled to Israel for the inauguration of a Red Army tribute in Netanya to pay tribute to "the Russian people on behalf of the Jewish people and the State of Israel for their vital part in the victory over Nazi Germany during the Second World War".

Looking ahead to his scheduled one-on-one meeting with his Russian counterpart Thursday, Peres said the two leaders would discuss "further strengthening the strategic relations between Israel and Russia". "We will also discuss the major issues of the day; first and foremost preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon and developments in the region," he added.

Prior to the working meeting between the two leaders at the Kremlin, both statesmen will be attending the inauguration ceremony of the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Centre in Moscow, following which they will be participating in a joint press conference. The Israeli President, whose role is largely ceremonial, is also scheduled to meet with representatives of the Jewish community in Russia, at a planned event with hundreds of invited guests, including community leaders, rabbis and youth during the course of his visit.

In 1941, the then-Soviet Union was home to an estimated 4.855 million Jews, approximately 30% of world Jewry, although most of this number was centred in Belarus and the Ukraine. Although much of the Soviet Union's Jewish community was killed during the Holocaust, residents living in

what is now Russian territory were largely spared as they played a large role in the Soviet war effort. However, under communist rule, Jews were subject to intensive state repression, which saw the community shrink. Despite this, Russia today still claims one of the world's largest Jewish communities, with an estimated 200,000 residing in Moscow

and a further 100,000 in St Petersburg, with other smaller communities constituted approximately a further 1,000 in total.

<http://www.eju.org/news/europe/israel%E2%80%99s-peres-receives-honorary-professorship-moscow>

*****So, what's new? *****

How Britain tortured Nazi PoWs:

The horrifying interrogation methods that belie our proud boast that we fought a clean war

By [Ian Cobain](#), 22:34 GMT, 26 October 2012

The German SS officer was fighting to save himself from the gallows for a terrible war crime and might say anything to escape the noose. But Fritz Knöchlein was not lying in 1946 when he claimed that, in captivity in London, he had been tortured by British soldiers to force a confession out of him. Tortured by British soldiers? In captivity? In London? The idea seems incredible.

Britain has a reputation as a nation that prides itself on its love of fair play and respect for the rule of law. We claim the moral high ground when it comes to human rights. We were among the first to sign the 1929 Geneva Convention on the humane treatment of prisoners of war.



Tainted: Bindfolded German soldiers may have been forced into untrue admissions, it has been revealed.

Surely, you would think, the British avoid torture? But you would be wrong, as my research into what has gone on behind closed doors for decades shows.

It was in 2005 during my work as an investigative reporter that I came across a veiled mention of a World War II detention centre known as the London Cage. It took a number of Freedom Of Information requests to the Foreign Office before government files were reluctantly handed over.

From these, a sinister world unfolded — of a torture centre that the British military operated throughout the Forties, in complete secrecy, in the heart of one of the most exclusive neighbourhoods in the capital.

Thousands of Germans passed through the unit that became known as the London Cage, where they were beaten, deprived of sleep and forced to assume stress positions for days at a time.



Out in the open: Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Scotland revealed some secrets in his controversial book about interrogating German officers, 'The London Cage'

Some were told they were to be murdered and their bodies quietly buried. Others were threatened with unnecessary surgery carried out by people with no medical qualifications. Guards boasted that they were 'the English Gestapo'.

The London Cage was part of a network of nine 'cages' around Britain run by the Prisoner of War Interrogation Section (PWIS), which came under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Military Intelligence.

Three, at Doncaster, Kempton Park and Lingfield, were at hastily converted racecourses. Another was at the ground of Preston North End Football Club. Most were benignly run.

But prisoners thought to possess valuable information were whisked off to a top-secret unit in a row of grandiose Victorian villas in Kensington Palace Gardens, then (as now) one of the smartest locations in London.



Feared: Col Robin 'Tin Eye' Stephens was prepared to seek his own rough justice

Today, the tree-lined street a stone's throw from Kensington Palace is home to ambassadors and billionaires, sultans and princes. Houses change hands for £50 million and more.

Yet it was here, seven decades ago, in five interrogation rooms, in cells and in the guardroom in numbers six, seven and eight Kensington Palace Gardens, that nine officers, assisted by a dozen NCOs, used whatever methods they thought necessary to squeeze information from suspects.

Of course, it is crucial to put these events into context. When the gloves first came off at Britain's interrogation centres — the summer of 1940 — German forces were racing across France and the Low Countries, and Britain was fighting for its very survival. The stakes could not have been higher.

In the following years, large parts of Britain's cities were left in ruins, hundreds of thousands of service personnel and civilians died, and barely a day passed without evidence emerging of a new Nazi atrocity. Little wonder, perhaps, that it was felt acceptable for German prisoners to suffer in British interrogation centres.

And it should also be said that whatever went on within their walls, it paled into insignificance compared with the horrors the Nazis visited on millions of prisoners.

So, how can we be sure about the methods used at the London Cage? Because the man who ran it admitted as much

— and was hushed up for half-a-century by an establishment fearful of the shame his story would bring on a Britain that had been fighting for honesty, decency and the rule of law.

That man was Colonel Alexander Scotland, an accepted master in techniques of interrogation. After the war, he wrote a candid account of his activities in his memoirs, in which he recalled how he would muse, on arriving at the Cage each morning: 'Abandon all hope ye who enter here.'

Because, he said, before going into detail: 'If any German had any information we wanted, it was invariably extracted from him in the long run.'

As was customary, before publication Scotland submitted his manuscript to the War Office for clearance in 1954. Pandemonium erupted. All four copies were seized. All those who knew of its contents were silenced with threats of prosecution under the Official Secrets Act.

What caused the greatest consternation was his admission that the horrors had continued after the war, when interrogators switched from extracting military intelligence to securing convictions for war crimes.

Of 3,573 prisoners who passed through Kensington Palace Gardens, more than 1,000 were persuaded to sign a confession or give a witness statement for use in war crimes prosecutions.

Fritz Knöchlein, a former lieutenant colonel in the Waffen SS, was one such case. He was suspected of ordering the machine-gunning of 124 British soldiers who surrendered at Le Paradis in northern France during the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940. His defence was that he was not even there.

At his trial, he claimed he had been tortured in the London Cage after the war. He was deprived of sleep for four days and nights after arriving in October 1946 and forced to walk in a tight circle for four hours while being kicked by a guard at each turn.

He was made to clean stairs and lavatories with a tiny rag, for days at a time, while buckets of water were poured over him. If he dared to rest, he was cudgelled. He was also forced to run in circles in the grounds of the house while carrying heavy logs and barrels. When he complained, the treatment simply got worse.

Nor was he the only one. He said men were repeatedly beaten about the face and had hair ripped from their heads. A fellow inmate begged to be killed because he couldn't take any more brutality.

All Knöchlein's accusations were ignored, however. He was found guilty and hanged.

Suspects in another high-profile war crime — the shooting of 50 RAF officers who broke out from a prison camp, Stalag Luft III, in what became known as the Great Escape — also passed through the Cage.

Of the 21 accused, 14 were hanged after a war-crimes trial in Hamburg. Many confessed only after being interrogated by Scotland and his men. In court, they protested that they had been starved, whipped and systematically beaten. Some said they had been menaced with red-hot pokers and 'threatened with electrical devices'.

Scotland, of course, denied allegations of torture, going into the witness box at one trial after another to say his accusers were lying.

It was all the more surprising, then, that a few years later he was willing to come clean about the techniques he employed at the London Cage.



Flashback: The prisoners in the dock are Nazi leaders Hermann Goering and Rudolph Hess - it is unknown how they might have been treated in prison

In his memoirs, he disclosed that a number of men were forced to incriminate themselves. A general was sentenced to death in 1946 after signing a confession at the Cage while, in Scotland's words, 'acutely depressed after the various examinations'.

A naval officer was convicted on the basis of a confession that Scotland said he had signed only after being 'subject to certain degrading duties'.

Scotland also acknowledged that one of the men accused of the 'Great Escape' murders went to the gallows even though he had confessed after he had — in Scotland's own words — been 'worked on psychologically'. At his trial, the man insisted he had been 'worked on' physically as well.

Others did not share Scotland's eagerness to boast about what had gone on in Kensington Park Gardens. An MI5 legal adviser who read his manuscript concluded that Scotland and fellow interrogators had been guilty of a 'clear breach' of the Geneva Convention.

They could have faced war-crimes charges themselves for forcing prisoners to stand to attention for more than 24 hours at a time; forcing them to kneel while they were beaten about the head; threatening to have them shot; threatening one prisoner with an unnecessary appendix operation to be performed on him by another inmate with no medical qualifications.

Appalled by the embarrassment his manuscript would cause if it ever came out, the War Office and the Foreign Office both declared that it would never see the light of day.

Two years later, however, they were forced to strike a deal with him after he threatened to publish his book abroad. He was told he would never be allowed to recover his original manuscript, but agreement was given to a rewritten version in which every line of incriminating material had been expunged.



World War II Victory Day June 1946; Marshall of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, salutes the crowds in Parliament Square during the Victory Day Parade

A heavily censored version of The London Cage duly appeared in the bookshops in 1957.

But officials at the War Office, and their successors at the Ministry of Defence, remained troubled.

Years later, in September 1979, Scotland's publishers wrote to the Ministry of Defence out of the blue asking for a copy of the original manuscript by the now dead colonel for their archives. The request triggered fresh panic as civil servants sought reasons to deny the request. But in the end they quietly deposited a copy in what is now the National Archives at Kew, where it went unnoticed — until I found it a quarter of a century later.

Is there more to tell about the London Cage? Almost certainly. Even now, some of the MoD's files on it remain beyond reach. Scotland, his interrogators, technicians and typists, and the towering guardsmen left the building in January 1949. The villas were unoccupied for several years.

Eventually, numbers six and seven were leased to the Soviet Union, which was looking for a new embassy building. Today, they house the chancery of the Russian embassy.

Number eight — where it is thought the worst excesses were carried out — remained empty. It was too large to be a family home in the post-war years and in too poor a state of repair to be converted to offices. By 1955, the building had fallen into such disrepair it was sold to a developer, who knocked it down and built a block of three luxury flats. One that went on the market in 2006 was valued at £13.5 million.

The Cage was not, however, Britain's only secret interrogation centre during and after World War II. MI5 also operated an interrogation centre, code-named Camp 020, at Latchmere House, a Victorian mansion near Ham Common in South-West London, whose 30 rooms were turned into cells with hidden microphones.



Horror: Liverpool after the Blitz - but were the real perpetrators brought to justice?

The first of the German spies who arrived in Britain in September 1940 were taken there. Vital information about a coming German invasion was extracted at great speed. This indicates the use of extreme methods, but these were desperate days demanding desperate measures. In charge was Colonel Robin Stephens, known as 'Tin Eye', because of the monocle fixed to his right eye.

It was not a term of affection. The object of interrogation, Stephens told his officers, was simple: 'Truth in the shortest possible time.' A top secret memo spoke of 'special methods', but did not elaborate.

He arranged for an additional 92-cell block to be added to Latchmere House, plus a punishment room — known chillingly as Cell 13 — which was completely bare, with smooth walls and a linoleum floor.

Close to 500 people passed through the gates of Camp 020. Principal among them were German spies, many of whom were 'turned' and persuaded — or maybe forced — to work for MI5. Its first inmates were members of the British Union of Fascists. Some were held in cells brightly lit 24 hours a day, others in cells kept in total darkness.

Several prisoners were subjected to mock executions and were knocked about by the guards. Some were apparently left naked for months at a time.

Camp 020 had a resident medical officer, Harold Dearden, a psychiatrist who dreamed up regimes of starvation and of sleep and sensory deprivation intended to break the will of its inmates. He experimented in techniques of torment that left few marks — methods that could be denied by the torturers and that civil servants and government ministers could disown.

These techniques surfaced again after the war in a British interrogation facility at Bad Nenndorf, a German spa town, in one of the internment camps for those considered a threat to the Allied occupation.

In the four years after the war, 95,000 people were interned in the British zone of Allied-occupied Germany. Some were interrogated by what was now termed the Intelligence Division.

In charge of Bad Nenndorf was 'Tin Eye' Stephens, on attachment from MI5, and drawing on his Camp 020 experiences. An inmate recalled him yelling questions at prisoners and then punching them.

Over the next two years, 372 men and 44 women would pass through his hands. One German inmate recalled being told by a British intelligence officer: 'We are not bound by any rules or regulations. We do not care a damn whether you leave this place on a stretcher or in a hearse.'

He was made to sleep on a wet floor in a temperature of minus 20 degrees for three days. Four of his toes had to be amputated due to frostbite.

A doctor in a nearby hospital complained about the number of detainees brought to him filthy, confused and suffering from multiple injuries and frostbite. Many were painfully emaciated after months of starvation. A number died.

The regime was intended to weaken, humiliate and intimidate prisoners.

With complaints soaring, a British court of inquiry was convened to investigate what had been going at Bad Nenndorf. It concluded that former inmates' allegations of physical assault were substantially correct. Stephens and four other officers were arrested while Bad Nenndorf was abruptly closed. But there was a quandary for the Labour government. The political fallout could be deeply damaging. There were other similar interrogation centres in Germany.

From the very top, there were urgent moves to hush things up. Stephens' court martial for ill-treatment of prisoners was heard behind closed doors. He did not deny any of the horrors. His defence was that he had no idea the prisoners for whom he was responsible were being beaten, whipped, frozen, deprived of sleep and starved to death.

This was the very defence that had been offered — unsuccessfully — by Nazi concentration camp commandants at war-crimes trials. But he was acquitted.

The suspicion remains that he got off because, if cruelties did occur at Bad Nenndorf, they had been authorised by government ministers.

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2223831/How-Britain-tortured-Nazi-PoWs-The-horrifying-interrogation-methods-belie-proud-boast-fought-clean-war.html#ixzz2AZA6conR>

US can't produce documents for \$7 billion Iraq money it spent since 2003

A recent US government investigation has found that American army cannot present authentic documents for billions of dollars of Iraqi money it claims it has spent during occupation of the oil-rich Arab state.

The total amount of funds unaccounted for has now reached about \$7 billion, and American officials are worried that the Iraqi government would demand all or a portion of the money back, *Foreign Policy* magazine reported on Friday.

According to the report, which was released by the office of the Special Inspector General for Iraqi Reconstruction (SIGIR), the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) cannot produce about \$1 billion of receipts for fuel and other supplies it bought in Iraq through the UN-created Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) since 2003.

The DFI funds were the result of Iraqi oil and gas sales or was left over from the "oil-for-food" program.



US soldiers in Iraq (file photo)

SIGIR discovered that the receiving report, which documents that the goods or services were actually delivered to the intended recipients, was missing for 95 percent of the Corps transactions. "Missing receiving reports involved commodities vulnerable to fraud and theft, such as fuel, televisions, and vehicles. SIGIR has not concluded that fraud or theft occurred, but the absence of receiving reports raises questions," the report stated.

It added, "Instead of using the required receiving reports to document fuel deliveries in Iraq, USACE officials told us that they maintained a fuel delivery log book. However, the log book is missing. In the absence of receiving reports and the fuel delivery log book, USACE has no evidence that shows whether fuel products paid for with DFI funds were received." SIGIR also pointed that USACE did not have enough trucks equipped with meters to establish how much fuel was being transported to more than 100 sites across Iraq.

The agency further highlighted that it is impossible to determine the status of all the DFI contracts as the Corps failed to complete necessary financial audits.

"Without these audits, USACE cannot close out these contracts and task orders and assess whether the contractor owes the US money, whether the US owes the contractor money, and ultimately, whether the US needs to return unused DFI funds to the [government of Iraq]," the report said.

SIGIR is due to release a final report on the US government's handling of billions of dollars of Iraqi money in January.

MP/MA <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/269011.html>

Major Banks, Governmental Officials and Their Comrade Capitalists Targets of Spire Law Group, LLP's Racketeering and Money Laundering Lawsuit Seeking Return of \$43 Trillion to the United States Treasury



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NEW YORK, Oct. 25, 2012 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Spire Law Group, LLP's national home owners' lawsuit, pending in the venue where the "Banksters" control their \$43 trillion racketeering scheme (New York) - known as the largest money laundering and racketeering lawsuit in United States History and identifying \$43 trillion (\$43,000,000,000,000.00) of laundered money by the "Banksters" and their U.S. racketeering partners and joint venturers - now pinpoints the identities of the key racketeering partners of the "Banksters" located in the highest offices of government and acting for their own self-interests.

In connection with the federal lawsuit now impending in the United States District Court in Brooklyn, New York (Case No. 12-cv-04269-JBW-RML) - involving, among other things, a request that the District Court enjoin all mortgage foreclosures by the Banksters nationwide, unless and until the entire \$43 trillion is repaid to a court-appointed receiver - Plaintiffs now establish the location of the \$43 trillion (\$43,000,000,000,000.00) of laundered money in a

racketeering enterprise participated in by the following individuals (without limitation): Attorney General Holder acting in his individual capacity, Assistant Attorney General Tony West, the brother in law of Defendant California Attorney General Kamala Harris (both acting in their individual capacities), Jon Corzine (former New Jersey Governor), Robert Rubin (former Treasury Secretary and Bankster), Timothy Geitner, Treasury Secretary (acting in his individual capacity), Vikram Pandit (recently resigned and disgraced Chairman of the Board of Citigroup), Valerie Jarrett (a Senior White House Advisor), Anita Dunn (a former "communications director" for the Obama Administration), Robert Bauer (husband of Anita Dunn and Chief Legal Counsel for the Obama Re-election Campaign), as well as the "Banksters" themselves, and their affiliates and conduits. The lawsuit alleges serial violations of the United States Patriot Act, the Policy of Embargo Against Iran and Countries Hostile to the Foreign Policy of the United States, and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (commonly known as the RICO statute) and other State and Federal laws.

In the District Court lawsuit, Spire Law Group, LLP -- on behalf of home owner across the Country and New York taxpayers, as well as under other taxpayer recompense laws -- has expanded its mass tort action into federal court in Brooklyn, New York, seeking to halt all foreclosures nationwide pending the return of the \$43 trillion (\$43,000,000,000,000.00) by the

"Banksters" and their co-conspirators, seeking an audit of the Fed and audits of all the "bailout programs" by an independent receiver such as Neil Barofsky, former Inspector General of the TARP program who has stated that none of the TARP money and other "bailout money" advanced from the Treasury has ever been repaid despite protestations to the contrary by the Defendants as well as similar protestations by President Obama and the Obama Administration both publicly on national television and more privately to the United States Congress. Because the Obama Administration has failed to pursue any of the "Banksters" criminally, and indeed is actively borrowing monies for Mr. Obama's campaign from these same "Banksters" to finance its political aspirations, the national group of plaintiff home owners has been forced to now expand its lawsuit to include racketeering, money laundering and intentional violations of the Iranian Nations Sanctions and Embargo Act by the national banks included among the "Bankster" Defendants.

The complaint - which has now been fully served on thousands of the "Banksters and their Co-Conspirators" - makes it irrefutable that the epicenter of this laundering and racketeering enterprise has been and continues to be Wall Street and continues to involve the very "Banksters" located there who have repeatedly asked in the past to be "bailed out" and to be "bailed out" in the future.

The Havens for the money laundering schemes - and certain of the names and places of these entities - are located in such venues as Switzerland, the Isle of Man, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Cypress and entities controlled by governments adverse to the interests of the United States Sanctions and Embargo Act against Iran, and are also identified in both the United Nations and the U.S. Senate's recent reports on international money laundering. Many of these entities have already been personally served with summons and process of the complaint during the last six months. It is now beyond dispute that, while the Obama Administration was publicly encouraging loan modifications for home owners by "Banksters", it was privately ratifying the formation of these shell companies in violation of the United States Patriot Act, and State and Federal law. The case further alleges that through these obscure foreign companies, Bank of America, J.P. Morgan, Wells Fargo Bank, Citibank, Citigroup, One West Bank, and numerous other federally chartered banks stole trillions of dollars of home owners' and taxpayers' money during the last decade and then laundered it through offshore companies.

This District Court Complaint - maintained by Spire Law Group, LLP -- is the only lawsuit in the world listing as Defendants the Banksters, let alone serving all of such Banksters with legal process and therefore forcing them to finally answer the charges in court. Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, nor the Office of the Attorney General, nor any State Attorney General has sued the Banksters and thereby legally chased them worldwide to recover-back the \$43 trillion (\$43,000,000,000,000.00) and other lawful damages, injunctive relief and other legal remedies.

James N. Fiedler, Managing Partner of Spire Law Group, LLP, stated: "It is hard for me to believe as a 47-year lawyer that our nation's guardians have been unwilling to stop this theft. Spire Law Group, LLP stands for the elimination of corruption and implementation of lawful strategies, and that is what we're doing here. Spire Law Group, LLP's charter is to not allow such corruption to go unanswered."

Comments were requested from the Attorney Generals' offices in NY, CA, NV, NH, OH, MA and the White House, but no comment was provided.

About Spire Law Group

Spire Law Group, LLP is a national law firm whose motto is "the public should be protected -- at all costs -- from corruption in whatever form it presents itself." The Firm is comprised of lawyers nationally with more than 250-years of experience in a span of matters ranging from representing large corporations and wealthy individuals, to also representing the masses. The Firm is at the front lines litigating against government officials, banks, defunct loan pools, and now the very offshore entities where the corruption was enabled and perpetrated.

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<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/major-banks-governmental-officials-and-their-comrade-capitalists-targets-of-spire-law-group-ltps-racketeering-and-money-laundering-lawsuit-seeking-return-of-43-trillion-to-the-united-states-treasury-2012-10-25>

Now [following the original CNBC link](#) takes you to a blank page, even though some of the comments on that original article remain (UPDATE: comments have been erased as well).

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Here the story takes a dark turn! It turns out that [Kevin Krim, the father of the two children stabbed to death, allegedly by the Nanny](#), is [SVP and General Manager, CNBC Digital!](#)

And shortly after the murder of the children, CNBC pulled down the story regarding the lawsuit against the banks! How long will the story remain at Marketwatch before it is "Orwellized?" Are the children of the executives at Marketwatch even now in danger?

As a side note, the official story regarding the murders is that the nanny stabbed the children, then tried to slash her own throat. Suicide by cutting one's own throat is extremely rare, less than one percent of all suicides, and is primarily committed by men with military experience. Women committing suicide by slashing their own throat is almost unheard of!

While the corporate-owned media is proclaiming the "rush to judgement" guilt of the nanny (who has survived but cannot yet speak) she has not actually been charged yet, nor is there any apparent motive for the nanny to have done such a thing.

<http://whatreallyhappened.com/>

Russian MP: 'Let me knock down Hitler's home'

Tony Paterson, Friday, 9 November 2012

A Russian MP has waded into a heated political dispute over the future of Adolf Hitler's birthplace by offering to buy up and demolish the Austrian town house in which the Nazi leader was born.

Frantz Klintsevich, a member of the ruling United Russia Party, said in an interview with Izvestia, a Moscow paper, that he planned to raise €2m (£1.6m) to buy and destroy the former public house, Gasthaus zum Pommer, in the town of Braunau am Inn. "If I were to receive financial help, I'd buy the house and destroy it demonstratively," he said.

He admitted he had so far failed to get financial backing from Russia's oligarchs although some members of the Communist Party had given verbal support. Vadim Solovyov, a Communist member of the Duma, told Izvestia: "Everything connected

with fascism should be wiped off the face of the earth. No one should know that place existed."

Hitler was born in the house in 1889. He spent his first two weeks in it before his parents moved. It has since become an unwanted tourist attraction for the town.

Braunau's mayor provoked a row with anti-Nazi groups with a plan to turn the house into luxury flats in order to "de-stigmatise" his town. However, the Green Party wants to turn it into a Holocaust memorial, while historians want it to be an educational "House of Responsibility".

Austria's interior ministry has rented the house from its owner, Gerlinde Pommer since 1972.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/russian-mp-let-me-knock-down-hitlershome8298521.html>

President Obama and Elie Wiesel writing book

Posted on November 2, 2012 by Laura Rozen

Holocaust survivor, writer and philanthropist Elie Wiesel is writing a book with President Barack Obama, he tells Ofer Aderet in an [interview published in Haaretz](#) Friday:

Wiesel, who celebrated his 84th birthday on September 30, looks and sounds well and says he is up to his neck in work – despite the open-heart surgery he underwent a year ago. [...] Much of his time is devoted to writing ...

He did, however, agree to disclose an interesting project that will resume after the presidential elections in the United States. "[President Barack] Obama and I decided to write a book together, a book of two friends," he says.

Wiesel became friends with Obama in 2009, a few months after the Democratic candidate was elected. Obama's staff

invited Wiesel to join the president on a visit to the site of Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany. Wiesel had first arrived at the camp at the end of World War II, with his father and other prisoners, following a death march from Auschwitz. His mother and his younger sister were murdered there, while Wiesel and his father, who did forced labor there, survived; his father died at Buchenwald. Only Wiesel and two of his sisters were still alive at the liberation.

When Obama concluded his remarks at Buchenwald, he whispered to Wiesel, "The last word has to be yours here." Choking with tears, Wiesel made an impromptu speech in which he said to Obama, "Mr. President, we have such high hopes for you, because you, with your moral vision of history, will be able and compelled to change this world into a better place ... You are our last hope."

Since then, he adds, the two have become good friends and he is occasionally invited to dinner by the president: "We talk about philosophy, contemplation, thought, but never about politics. He is a thinking person, a person with depth and intellectual curiosity."

<http://backchannel.almonitor.com/index.php/2012/11/2955/president-obama-and-elie-wieselwritingbook/#ixzz2BqwOxmVN>

Banned Speech at the Hyatt: Pamela Geller, "Truth is the New Hate Speech"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLzIQ7WrvfQ&feature=related>

Sudan calls Israel its number one enemy

PressTV, 08 November 2012

Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir has called Israel the country's number one enemy and repeated Khartoum's assertion that Tel Aviv carried out an October airstrike on an arms factory in the Sudanese capital.

"Israel is our enemy, our number one enemy, and we will continue calling Israel our enemy," he said in Riyadh where he has received medical treatment, AFP reported on Thursday.

On October 24, Sudan's Minister of Information Ahmed Bilal Osman said that four Israeli warplanes attacked the factory, killing at least two people.

Hundreds of Sudanese staged a demonstration in Khartoum on the same day to condemn the strike.

Sudan has also asked the United Nations Security Council to condemn Israel for violating the country's sovereignty and

bombing the factory, but the 15-member council has so far failed to take any action.

The Tel Aviv regime has refused to comment on the incident. Israeli Minister for Military Affairs Ehud Barak has said that there is "nothing I can say about this subject."

On October 26, the Sudanese president said that "the reckless behavior is a manifestation of Israel's concerns and nervousness about the political and social upheavals in the region and about the progress in Sudan."

He added that "such aggressive acts by the Zionist entity could never force Khartoum to change its policies."

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<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/11/08/271170/sudan-israel-our-number-one-enemy/>

Hollande vows security for Jews in homage with Netanyahu

President Francois Hollande vowed Thursday to wipe out anti-Semitism and ensure the security of Jews as he and Israeli Premier Benjamin Netanyahu paid homage to three children and a rabbi killed by an Islamist gunman in a school in Toulouse, southwestern France – 02 November 2012

"France will hunt down terrorism ...by all possible means," Hollande said during the emotional service at the Ohr Torah school, where the four, 3-year-old Gabriel Sandler, 5-year-old Arie Sandler, 8-year-old Myriam Monsonogo and Jonathan Sandler, the father of the two boys, were shot dead by Al-Qaeda inspired killer Mohamed Merah on March 19. "My country will not be weak in fighting terrorism," he said.

Pledging to "eradicate" anti-Semitism, Hollande promised all-out measures to ensure the security of Jews. "Safeguarding their safety, their integrity and their dignity is a national cause ... It is not only the affair of Jews but of all French people."

"Let us learn the lessons of this ordeal for humanity, for mankind," he said, adding: "We shall never forget."

Netanyahu, speaking in French and then in Hebrew, hailed Hollande's "determined and clear message" to stamp out anti-Semitism.

He compared the killing at the Jewish school to the crimes of the Nazis. "In 2012, in Toulouse, an assassin who was animated by the same hatred killed three Jewish children. If he had the chance, he would have killed every Jewish child exactly like the Nazis did," he said.

"But the difference is that today the Jewish people has its own country, the State of Israel, it has an army and the means to defend themselves against those who want to erase them from the map," he warned. "Am Israel Chai, the People of Israel will live," he concluded. "Everybody should hear this clearly in Toulouse, Burgas, Mumbai and Buenos Aires," he added, in a reference to places of anti-Israeli attacks.

"Nothing justifies the killing of children. Nothing justifies the killing of Jews," he said, at the service attended by pupils and their parents, France's chief rabbi Gilles Bernheim and Eva Sandler, whose Franco-Israeli husband Jonathan and their two children were among Merah's victims.

The Israeli Prime Minister recalled that Merah had also slain three French paratroopers "both Muslims and Christians.

"The barbaric hatred of these killers not only threatens Jews but also all civilisation," he said.

Merah had shot dead the three soldiers in attacks in Toulouse and nearby Montauban before carrying out the slaughter at the Jewish school. He was later killed in a police siege. His attacks had prompted France's terror alert system to be raised to the highest level in the region.

School principal Yaacov Monsenego, who lost his eight-year-old daughter Miriam in the attack, broke down as he addressed the gathering. "My life as a husband, as a father, as the principal of a school is turned upside down," he said. "The attack plunged us into darkness," he said.

Sandler's widow told the gathering it was "unthinkable in the 21st century that Jewish children can be killed.

Last week French police unveiled a damning report that exposed several holes in an investigation of the gunman before his shooting spree.



Photo: Francois Hollande vows security for Jews in homage with Benjamin Netanyahu

Hollande on Thursday admitted shortcomings but pledged that "the truth will be made known. "We owe it to the families (of victims) and the French people."

France is home to between 500,000 and 600,000 Jews. After the ceremony, Netanyahu met members of Toulouse's Jewish community. The city is home to an estimated 200,000 Jews.

On Wednesday, the two leaders discussed Middle East peace and Iran's nuclear ambitions in their first face-to-face meeting, which one top Israeli official said "went off very well".

Since taking office five months ago, Hollande has only spoken to Netanyahu by telephone but met Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas twice.

<http://www.eju.org/news/europe/hollande-vows-security-jews-homage-netanyahu>

From our Archive - 1997

Auschwitz diaries combat classroom revisionist rhetoric

By LESLEY PEARL, Bulletin Staff, Friday, April 11, 1997

"Show me a gas chamber."

It is the mantra of Holocaust deniers. On college campuses, television talk shows and the Internet, "revisionists" point to the absence of gas chambers after World War II as evidence they did not exist.

Revisionism in the classroom takes a more subtle form, but it is potentially just as dangerous, said Ephraim Kaye, director of seminars for educators from abroad at Yad Vashem in Israel.

"At a certain point in time your students will say, 'Was it really so bad? Were so many people killed?'" Kaye said. "It's not so much denial as disbelief.

"You have to know how to answer this."

Yad Vashem educators Kaye, Shulamit Imber and Richelle Bud Caplan spoke to both Jewish and secular educators about teaching the Holocaust. The workshops they led were sponsored by the S.F.-based Holocaust Center of Northern California.

Before instructing them on how to combat deniers' rhetoric, Kaye first addressed the problems inherent in proving the Holocaust occurred.

"How do we know 6 million Jews died in the Holocaust?" Kaye said. "German records? There were none for the six death camps. They never wrote it down. The Nazis weren't idiots."

According to Kaye, in 1942, when the Axis powers were at the height of their strength, SS Unit 1005 "was trying to erase what they were doing."

No gas chambers or crematoria were left standing.

Only one film of actual killings -- four minutes long and housed in the Yad Vashem archives -- exists. Fewer than 200 photographs remain that show Jews actually being killed.

Most survivors never saw their next of kin killed. "They just disappeared to the east for 'work' or 'special treatment,'" Kaye said.

Even the remains of the bodies of 33,000 Jews shot into a pit at Babi Yar are gone. The gases released by the bodies created an ecological disaster. They were dug up, the bones crushed and then burned.

At Birkenau, "there are no crematoria, no gas chambers, no clothes. Nothing," Kaye said. "Nothing of

the effects of 2 million killed there. It's as if they evaporated into thin air."

All of this provides fodder for deniers who claim less than a million Jews died during World War II, that there was no "Final Solution," that Jewish deaths were casualties of war and that the Holocaust is Zionist propaganda for Israel to secure dollars.

Kaye suggests teachers turn to primary sources -- German, Russian, Jewish and Polish documents, as well as transcripts of the Nuremberg trials -- "to teach our children history."

Jewish documents of proof include "The Scroll of Auschwitz."

Three diaries with entries written in Polish, German, French and Russian, these accounts written prior to gassing were buried with the hope someone would find them. The diaries detail what was seen, heard and smelled, and actual numbers of Jews burned in the crematoria during a three-week period.

"This is Dante's hell on earth. This is a 'no-no' for less than 12th-graders," Kaye advised.

Polish sources document numbers of Jews who rode trains into the country, ultimately to their deaths. Russian archives hold 65,000 pages of testimony from Russian investigative committees.

While liberating towns after the war, investigators asked residents, "Who was killed? Who collaborated? And how?" All of this was written down.

German documents are most incriminating -- among them, the Einsatzgruppen Reports. Just a few lines long, the 195 reports list date, location and number murdered.

Consider number 101: "Oct. 2, 1941. Report of massacre at Babi Yar. Thirty-three thousand, seven hundred and seventy-one Jews in Kiev executed."

"Why did they write the exact number? Why not round it off to 34,000 or 33,770? Because it was a total solution. The Nazis intended to make each Jew a victim. They all counted," Kaye said.

Similarly, train documents list more than 4 million Jews who were transported on between 16,000 and 18,000 trains to their deaths.

In addition, Nazi archives hold blueprints for the gas chambers and crematoria made by the German company Topf Und Söhne.

So proud of its three-muffler system -- a patented single coal source to fuel three ovens -- Topf Und Sohne stamped its name and logo on its creations. The company also supplied a document stating that four crematoria could burn 4,756 bodies in 24 hours, and a gas chamber could kill 6,000 to 8,000 people within five to eight minutes.

Completed in 1943, "this was the pinnacle of the Nazi destruction process," Kaye said.

"We can't cough up a gas chamber, but we have everything to show us how it was built and who built it," Kaye said. "We will never know the exact number and every name of everyone lost."

"But this is the most we've known since the Nuremberg trials. We've been closing the gap slowly since then."

<http://www.iweekly.com/article/full/5476/auschwitz-diaries-combat-classroom-revisionist-rhetoric/>

[F Töben's discussion with J Pressac in April 1997 confirmed that such plans did not exist – but Pressac stated it would have been possible for the firm to develop such facilities, which they never did! Cremation facilities, yes, but not homicidal gassing facilities – ed. AI]

The Holocaust as a unique event in history

The Australian National University, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM (EST)

Event Details

The Holocaust is a watershed event in the history of the 20th century for both Jews and non-Jews. It forces us as human beings to look at ourselves and ask the eternal question: how was this humanly possible?



Mr Ephraim Kaye

The universal dimensions of this particular story can and do speak to us all. This presentation will address not only these

universal aspects but explore the "unprecedented" nature of this historical event.

Mr Ephraim Kaye has a first and second degree in Modern Jewish History and the History of the Holocaust from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. From 1978 to 2000 he taught courses on the Holocaust at several different Israeli colleges in Jerusalem. Since 1980 Mr Kaye has been involved in Holocaust research and education. In 1988, he joined the educational staff at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and since 1994 has been Director of International Seminars for Educators at The International School for Holocaust Studies. He has developed many curriculum units and authored several books, including *The Responsa From the Kovno Ghetto* (1983) and *One Man's Journey – Teaching the Holocaust* published in *Working to Make a Difference* (2003) edited by Samuel Totten.

Light refreshments will be served from 9am. The lecture will commence at 9.30am.

Presented by the Embassy of Israel, Canberra and The Australian National University.

Fredrick Töben reports:

About 25 individuals, and a crying baby, listened intently to what Mr Kaye had to say within the half-hour he gave himself

in which to present his views as to why the 'Holocaust' is unique.

He began by screening a four-minute clip. The actual black and white pictures are grainy and without sound but Kaye's narrative informs the audience that this is a 35mm camera film clip made by a German serving in the navy filming destroyed Russian planes at an airfield in Latvia in August 1941. The camera then pans to a truck arriving from which a number of men are jumping off and running towards a large pit where they are shot.

He says that this killing action at Liepāja is no different to what has happened elsewhere since the end of World War Two. However, this is 'the only piece of film that we know about it that we see the shooting of Jews'.

He invites his audience to the website of www.yadvashem.com where there is more material available on this issue.

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What makes this visual evidence so unique? Kaye continues with the Wannsee Conference document and tries to suggest that this is the evidence that proves the argument that a systematic state extermination by Germans of European Jewry happened.

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He summed up the argument by introducing a new emphasis on Kinderjuden – Jewish children murdered by the Germans. In the German language the term 'Kinderjuden' is foreign and it should be 'Jüdische Kinder'. Kaye's introduction of this concept would follow the propaganda pattern established at the end of World War One when Germans were accused of having murdered Belgian children – bayoneting and hacking off hands, etc.

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The talk confirms what Graff, Mattogno, Kues, Rudolf, Butz and Faurisson have maintained – the 'Holocaust' narrative is now focusing on the Einsatzgruppen activity in Eastern Europe because the homicidal gassing story, in particular at Auschwitz and Treblinka detention centres, cannot be sustained any longer. Although the gassing story is still told at Auschwitz, it must be remembered that Robert Jan van Pelt and Deborah Dwork in their ***Auschwitz: From 1270 to the present***, at pages 363-64 clearly decommission Auschwitz-Stanmmlager Krema I when they write that the mortuary was made to look like a gas chamber for the purpose of symbolically representing what happened at Auschwitz-Birkenau Krema II.

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Question time: Throughout his presentation Kaye continued to display the Wannsee Conference document listing about 11 million Jews in Europe –

I ask: 'I'm a little puzzled about this document because in 1991 Professor Yehuda Bauer came to Melbourne and he addressed this matter that the Wannsee Conference was the beginning of the Holocaust ...that he rejected. Have you since 1991. Your point-of-view is almost contradicting Yehuda Bauer's point that the conference was hardly a genocide conference?'

Ephraim Kaye: 'It's not for me to contradict my mentor – I didn't contextualise the document. This is a document from January 1942...the actual systematic destruction - let me quote Christopher Browning, one of the major Holocaust historians..written several books, one *The Final Solution*. He said something very profound, that the Nazis had to navigate in places where no-one had ever been before. This wasn't a precedent for them, this wasn't something localised, this wasn't just the Jews in Germany. This was what was to be a Gesamtlösung, a total, complete solution involving European Jewry. Now if we contextualise it with the invasion ... the Einsatzgruppen, they went into operations. By the way, the

Nuremberg War Crimes trials we actually have a document there from 17 June 1941 just 5 days before the invasion with a hint of the Einsatzgruppen ... Einsatzgruppen director Heydrich was invited to Berlin for a reason. What was their mission? He told them... **it was the will and the wish of the Führer that the Jews be exterminated.** How was that to be done exactly? Well ...usually shooting was involved ... By the time the Wannsee Conference takes place – the original meeting on December 7, but since the Japanese attacked the United States, the original was put off until January. By the time the meeting takes place between 7-8 hundred thousand Jews had been murdered in the occupied countries – and these figures come from Raul Hilberg's *The Destruction of European Jewry*... By the time they reach this meeting at Wannsee, this was not a meeting to decide on the final solution....but to bring the bureaucratic apparatus under the control of the SS. This was a co-ordination meeting...'

I did not raise the matter of Hilberg admitting at the 1985 Toronto Zündel trial that the two written Hitler Orders Hilberg mentions in his book did NOT exist. A subsequent edition of his book deleted any reference to a written Hitler Order. The myth was then created that the Germans knew what Hitler wanted them to do to the Jews, in effect the alleged extermination process was begun by a wink and a nudge.

There was no need for an order to commence the killing of Jews. Anyone who knows how a government bureaucracy functions knows that it does NOT function without an order from the top down, especially when it concerns what is alleged by those who propagate the Holocaust-Shoah narrative.

After presentation the meeting of Kaye and Töben:

I asked about being legally prevented from asking questions about the details of the Holocaust narrative.

Kaye: 'Questioning is kosher. No problem. In Judaism we try to ask questions. People who say it never existed – that's not a question, that's a statement. People who come and say that's Jewish propaganda...'

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... and so, making statements is offensive if such challenge the truth-content of statements made by those who believe in the 'Holocaust'. Such an attitude condones lying and is exactly what happened in the Soviet Union where individuals were shot or imprisoned if their questioning activity could be labelled 'antisemitic' or 'revisionist'.

Now individuals questioning and making statements about 'Holocaust' lies are labelled 'haters', 'Holocaust deniers, anti-Semites, racists, Nazis. ... and the 'Holocaust' guilt industry continues to flourish while individuals, especially Germans, let themselves be lulled into this thoughtless rubbish without having been illuminated for TRUTH-content... and so endeth the myth of the unique Holocaust....

Richard Krege reports

On 7 November 2012, Mr Ephraim Kaye gave a 30 minute talk titled: 'The Holocaust as a unique event in History' at the ANU Law department and was sponsored by the Israeli embassy.

Kaye used two pieces of evidence to "prove" the uniqueness of the Holocaust; the Wannsee Conference

list and an Einsatzgruppen report. All are misleading and deceptive in the context and manner in which Kaye presents them.

Kaye fraudulently attempts inductively to reason from these historical items to "prove" not just the conventional view of the Holocaust but the "uniqueness" of it.

Starting with the Wannsee Conference, it has been thoroughly debunked as the administrative "starting point" of the Holocaust and was actually an informal monthly meeting to discuss the resettlement of European Jewry. The agenda for this meeting was the territorial final solution of the Jewish problem, the key word to note here is territorial which is never mentioned in the general public discourse as this gives the whole meeting a totally different context to the conventionally contrived genocidal meaning.

At this meeting discussion revolved around the Madagascar plan and also resettlement to the East. The Wannsee Conference list, which shows the number of Jews in each European nation, was tallied for logistical purposes, no different to Roosevelt's use of the US Census Bureau when organising the rounding up of all Americans of Japanese background, as he did.

All this has been confirmed by no less than Israeli Historian Yehuda Bauer who stated in 1992: "*The public still repeats, time after time, the silly story that extermination of the Jews was arrived at in Wannsee.*" He further added about the "conference"; "*And all this converged in the decisive demand of Hitler to resettle the Jews in the framework of an international agreement.*" In addition the German parliamentary magazine, *Das Parlament*, published in Jan 3, 1992 stated: "*An unbiased study of the minutes (of the Wannsee-Conference) establishes that those who met there had not concluded anything that could be evaluated as an intellectual, or ordered, initiation of the crime. Unfortunately historical science was not able to satisfy the need for a precise picture regarding the*

Wannsee matter, its representatives were unable to produce a logical alternative to the false Wannsee image. ... Eventually it seems that they have at least successfully shattered the popular erroneous picture [that the extermination of the Jews was mapped out at Wannsee]. However, altered versions, still quite remote from the truth, of this image could recently be found in the press again, stating that on January 20, 1942, the participants of the Wannsee-Conference had concluded 'coordinating measures for the murder of 11 million Jews from European countries'."

In regards to the Einsatzgruppen lists much has been written as to the veracity of the numbers in these reports, as well as the veracity of the reports themselves. For example noted Holocaust historian Christopher Browning wrote in his book, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, that the Einsatzgruppen figures sent back to Himmler were exaggerated by overzealous eager to please their boss. Also most reports refer to executions of partisans caught undertaking sabotage, assassinations or other illegal acts, not to Jews. The fact that a large proportion of these partisans, sympathetic to communism, were Jews however has been twisted by Holocaustians to "prove" the genocidal nature of the Einsatzgruppen. They were shot first and foremost because they committed an illegal act under the terms of the Hague convention of 1907, not because they were Jews.

Interestingly, Kaye's talk highlights a noticeable move in the Holocaust industry away from the previous focus on the Eastern camps and more to the shootings in the East. Is this a subtle acknowledgement that decades of Revisionist work undercutting the numbers and nature of these "death camps" has been bearing fruit?

In one respect Kaye is right, the Holocaust is unique in it being the only historical event for which detractors can be legally persecuted and shut down. Let's hope real freedom of expression eventually prevails and this particular unique Holocaust is lost.

Britain's crackdown on Web comments sparks debate on free speech

Henry Chu, Los Angeles Times, November 11, 2012

CHORLEY, England -- Everyone agrees that his "jokes" making fun of two kidnapped girls crossed the line. Matthew Woods swiftly became an object of contempt after he posted the crude and offensive comments on his Facebook page.

But did he deserve to be locked up for them?

A judge thought so, and ordered the 19-year-old to spend 12 weeks in jail, essentially for overstepping the bounds of good taste. Woods now sits behind bars -- and also in the middle of a growing clash in Britain between freedom of expression, societal mores and the digital revolution.

Woods is one of several people whose use of social media has landed them on the wrong side of the law. They've been arrested, tried in court or otherwise subjected to public censure for posting distasteful opinions or malicious statements online, remarks that would've earned them little

more than disapproving looks if they'd said the same thing over a pint in their corner pub.

One man angry about the war in Afghanistan was ordered to perform 240 hours of community service for declaring on Facebook that "all soldiers should die and go to hell." Police also went knocking on the door of a 17-year-old boy who tweeted an insulting message to Olympic diver Tom Daley, saying that he had let down his dead father by failing to win a gold medal. He was arrested, but released and given a warning.

While deploring such sentiments, civil liberties groups and prosecutors alike have registered alarm over the rash of arrests and investigations, concerned about an erosion of free expression here in one of the world's oldest -- and most raucous -- democracies. "We are seeing a criminalization of speech that wasn't there before," said Kirsty Hughes, chief

executive of the London-based nonprofit group Index on Censorship. "It's seriously worrying."

The source of the controversy is a 2003 communications law that, among other things, makes it a crime to send messages deemed "grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character" through a public electronic network.

Critics note that provision actually comes from an older version of the law from the 1930s and was aimed at protecting telephone operators from abuse. The 2003 act kept that passage, but it was in a world before Facebook, Twitter or other online social networking sites, at a time when the phrase "going viral" hadn't yet gone, well, viral.

Yet the law continues to govern a completely new media landscape encompassing the Internet and its offshoots, an anachronistic situation that critics say should be urgently addressed but probably won't be, given the current government's focus on reviving the British economy.

"The recent spate of arrests shows us that the law is having unintended consequences," said Damian Tambini, an expert on media policy at the London School of Economics. The communications act needs revision, he said, "but legislative reform will not happen for at least two years."

Beyond the law, some observers also detect something deeper at work in British society, what Hughes calls "the beginning of a culture of people thinking they have a right not to be offended."

The trend is evident not just online, they say. Recently a man was sentenced to four months in jail for wearing a T-shirt in public on which he'd written "One less pig" after two policewomen were killed in an ambush in a nearby city. The statute cited was a different one: a breach of public order.

Such punishments can seem shocking to Americans, for whom freedom of speech -- even (or especially) odious and hurtful speech -- is enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Britain has no written constitution, though it boasts its own long, proud tradition of free expression as embodied in the popular tourist attraction Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park, where anyone can get on a soapbox and release his or her inner orator.

The Digital Age has complicated matters.

In a world where mass communication is available not just to licensed broadcasters but anyone with an Internet connection, musings that might originally have been intended for private consumption can reach an audience of millions in the blink of an eye. And words that would quickly disappear into thin air when spoken aloud, even in a public place, can remain alive forever and endlessly shared.

"There are issues with new technology, obviously: We're all publishers now, we're all citizen journalists and all the rest of it. And things going viral and being retweeted and reposted is a whole set of technological and social challenges," said Hughes. "But I think we certainly shouldn't overreact. ... If we try to patrol, through law and regulation, every tweet and every Facebook post, we're shutting down the potential the Web is giving us."

That hasn't stopped Britons from complaining to authorities about offensive electronic messages and material, from the trivial to the truly outrageous. Last year, police were called out to investigate nearly 2,500 such cases, the BBC reported recently. Some police officials have complained that this is not a good use of their time.

The chief prosecutor for England and Wales, Keir Starmer, appears to agree. His office is now consulting police, attorneys and academics to come up with guidelines on what kinds of cases should merit investigation and prosecution under the 2003 law.

One possible marker is whether the messages are actually harassing or threatening, rather than simply distasteful.

"The law prohibits grossly offensive messages, and we've got to work within the law as it is," Starmer told the BBC. But "if there are a lot of prosecutions, it would have a chilling effect on free speech, and I think that's a very important consideration."

Matthew Woods had no inkling that his upsetting comments about the two kidnapped young girls would bring both public opprobrium and judicial punishment down on his head in such heavy measure. In what he said was a drunken state, the unemployed teen sat at his computer in Chorley, an old mining town in northern England, and tapped out tasteless jokes that he'd found on the Web. "Who in their right mind would abduct a ginger kid?" he wrote about one of the kidnap victims, a redheaded tyke. Other comments posted on his Facebook page included repulsive sexual references.

Angry responses streamed in almost immediately after he pressed the "send" button. Public vitriol escalated to the point that a mob of about 50 people reportedly gathered outside Woods' house, causing police to take him into custody for his own safety. His lawyer, David Edwards, said that Woods was suddenly cast as "Public Enemy No. 2," behind the suspected kidnapper of one of the missing girls. Barely 48 hours later, Woods pleaded guilty in court, hoping for leniency. But the magistrate called Woods' action a "despicable crime" and handed down the 12-week jail sentence.

"It's pretty much the maximum that the court guidelines allow. It surprised me no end," Edwards said. He agrees that Woods' comments were appalling. But he noted that the two people who complained to authorities had actively sought out Woods' Facebook page when they'd heard of the "jokes," then called police afterward. "There should be a huge distinction drawn between that and directing the comments personally to anybody," Edwards said.

Whether Woods would be subject to prosecution under the new guidelines being drawn up by Starmer's office remains to be seen.

"The threshold for prosecution has to be high," Starmer told the BBC. "We live in a democracy. ... People have the right to be offensive; they have the right to be insulting. And that has to be protected."

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Not fair: indigenous identity back in court

BY: JULIE HARE, HIGHER EDUCATION EDITOR,

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SHANE Mortimer was wearing a possum-skin coat when he conducted a welcome-to-country ceremony at Parliament House in late August. But in the eyes of former National

Capital Authority chairman Don Aitkin, he looked "about as Aboriginal as I do".

Professor Aitkin, who is also a former vice-chancellor of the University of Canberra, wrote as much on his blog the next day.

Now he is the subject of a \$6 million damages claim for "racist" comments that echoes the case of Andrew Bolt, who last year lost in the Federal Court over comments made about "light-skinned" Aborigines.

Mr Mortimer said he considered Professor Aitkin's comments offensive. "His slur on me reflects on all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. I was addressing a national forum (on road safety) and a cyber slur is international," Mr Mortimer said.

"I just don't understand why anyone with his power and authority would do this."

Among Professor Aitkin's other comments were that Mr Mortimer's "constant references to his 'ancestors' make me scratch my head".

And, in a reference that has been subsequently removed from the blog, the authenticity of the possum coat came into question. "(Mr Mortimer) is wearing a great cloak that looks like possum skins, but it is too regular in its markings," he wrote.



Ngambri elder Shane Mortimer, wearing his customary possum-skin coat, in Canberra yesterday with his dog Heidi-Ho. Picture: Ray Strange Source: *The Australian*

Professor Aitkin last night described the legal claim as "preposterous". "I am a supporter of the Aboriginal people in their struggle for respect," he said. "I've been a proponent for restoration for Aboriginal people since I can remember. I was a member of the ACT conciliation council while it existed for 10 years."

Professor Aitkin denied there were any similarities between this and the Bolt case. "That's stupid. I'm an academic, I'm an emeritus professor of the University of Canberra. I'm really distressed he feels this way," he said. But he refused to retract his statements, saying: "There is nothing offensive in saying that Shane Mortimer doesn't look Aboriginal because looking Aboriginal isn't one of the criteria. The criteria are, do you claim to be, and are you accepted by others as one."

Human rights and cultural heritage law expert Lucas Lixinski, from the University of NSW, said Mr Mortimer had every right to be offended by the comments. "The author of the blog appears very well meaning, but there is a very naive understanding of what indigeneity is," Dr Lixinski said. "The unintended consequence of that posture is to be borderline paternalistic and condescending in the sense that he seems to assume that he is in a position to speak for indigenous people and what indigenous peoples' claims and aspirations are or should be."

Bolt said he was concerned by the lawsuit's similarity to the case against him.

"I wish I could comment," he said. "The scandal is that in Australia now, it's too dangerous to describe what's in front of your face. I wish Professor Aitkin all the best and hope others will learn that the laws against free speech are now a menace, even to academics."

But Stephen Hagan, editor of the National Indigenous Times and a "long-time activist", said Professor Aitkin had to be brought to account for his comments. "It's past paternalism, it's actually racist," he said. "There is an assumption that unless you are a full-blood Aborigine, as in very black, and you're on a cliff face and standing on one leg with a spear or a boomerang looking off into the far distant horizon you are not an indigenous Australian. That view is not correct, as was proven in the Andrew Bolt case."

Mr Mortimer said he first sought the advice of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and met with National Discrimination Commissioner Helen Szoke.

He later made the decision to pursue the case in court instead of through conciliation.

Mr Mortimer said Professor Aitkin could have picked up the phone and apologised, but that had not happened. Mr Mortimer's damages claim included personal damages of \$500,000 and \$5.5 million to be paid to the Agriculture Arts Residency Kenmore, of which he was chairman. He said \$5.5m equated to \$10 for each indigenous person counted in the last census.

In a blog dated October 18, Professor Aitkin wrote: "I have discovered that an Aboriginal elder had taken exception to something I wrote."

Further down, he wrote: "I am exceedingly sorry that Shane Mortimer feels that I have insulted him and his Aboriginality."

Additional reporting: Pia Akerman

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/indigenous/not-fair-indigenous-identity-back-in-court/story-fn9hm1pm-1226514765175>

Mutual love of leadership cost Petraeus ultimate prize

Paul Sheehan, *Sydney Morning Herald* columnist, November 12, 2012

After Paula Broadwell co-wrote a biography of the most feted American general of the past 50 years, David Petraeus, a telling sentence appeared in her author's profile: "She spent much of the past year in Afghanistan as an embedded author".
Pause.

She also wrote about her "passion for leadership".

In the biography's prologue she wrote: "I took full advantage of his open-door policy ..."

Pause.

She then titled the book *All In: The Education of General David Petraeus*.

Pause.

She also lists herself as a "model/demonstrator" for KRISS.

KRISS makes machineguns.

This all-in, embedded-author, open-access, weapon-enhanced, passion-for-leadership might have been worth no more than a tap on the shoulder by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, except that Broadwell became too pushy.



Illustration: michaelmucci.com

Having gone all-in with Petraeus and become his mistress, she gained access to his private Gmail account. Ominously, media reports in the US say, she used this access to acquire email addresses and send anonymous critiques to several people on the general's private email account.

Pause.

This was folly. Petraeus was not only a four-star general who had commanded US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, he was director of the CIA.

The FBI takes an interest in anonymous emails that can be traced to the private email of the chief gatekeeper of national security. The emails led to Broadwell. Petraeus became compromised.

He waited until after the presidential election, then resigned on Friday after sending a self-admonishing, sackcloth-and-ashes resignation letter to CIA staff, which referred to his "extremely poor judgment". His letter gave the real reason he was falling on his sword: he had gone all-in with his embedded biographer as they shared a passion for leadership.

A quiet warning would have been the better and fairer outcome, but it appears Broadwell's transgressions precluded a discreet continuance of business as usual. She had been investigated for having improper access to potentially classified information.

Such a waste. No American general has had such a storied career, or been mentioned so often as having presidential potential, since Dwight Eisenhower, the Allied forces commander in World War II. Eisenhower duly became

president in 1952, in a landslide, and was re-elected by another landslide in 1956. Presidential politics have never been as stable since.

Some things don't change. Generals are not made of granite. It was well known in Washington circles - but never made public - that Eisenhower had a long-running affair with his attractive army driver, Kay Summersby, during the war. The famous moment when the affair caught the light was when she adjusted his collar and scarf in public. Such a simple gesture, but not one of a chauffeur towards a general.

The affair did not become public until 1975, six years after Eisenhower's death, when Summersby wrote a memoir, *Past Forgetting: My Love Affair with Dwight D. Eisenhower*. By then she was dying of cancer, would not survive the year, and it was safely 15 years after the end of Eisenhower's presidency. Summersby confirmed that Eisenhower had considered divorcing his wife and that their affair had ended when the war ended.

Divorce and remarriage would have generated considerably more scandal 60 years ago, and Eisenhower was already being groomed for the greatest prize the US can offer. While this affair never became fodder for the media, in the modern, omnivorous media age, news of the Petraeus affair became a pulp e-novel within 72 hours.

The back story is far more compelling than the biography, which Broadwell co-wrote with a *Washington Post* reporter, Vernon Loeb. He provided the writing, she provided the access.

In the book, Broadwell describes her first meeting with Petraeus, in 2006. He had given a lecture at Harvard University and she had introduced herself afterwards and told him about her research into leadership. He offered to help.

In 2010, after Petraeus was given command of the US forces in Afghanistan, Broadwell leveraged her Harvard master's thesis into a book proposal. Penguin bought. Petraeus agreed to co-operate. She went to Afghanistan six times.

It was a long way from North Dakota, where at high school she was state student council president and an all-state basketball player. She got into West Point, the US military academy, and graduated with honours. (Twenty years earlier, Petraeus graduated from West Point and married the commandant's daughter.)

Broadwell later gained masters' degrees from the University of Denver and Harvard. She graduated at the top of her class at West Point in physical fitness and remains a fitness demon. Earlier this year, on a book promotion tour, she appeared on the *The Daily Show* and challenged the host, Jon Stewart, to a push-up contest. She won easily.

Now 40, Broadwell lists herself as a research associate at Harvard's centre for public leadership and a doctoral candidate in the department of war studies at King's College, London. She is married to Dr Scott Broadwell, a radiologist, and they live in Charlotte, North Carolina, with their two sons. In her Twitter biography she describes herself as: "Author ... National Security Analyst; Army Vet; Women's Rights Activist; Runner/Skier/Surfer; Wife; Mom!"

The reference to women's rights refers in part to Broadwell's opposition to the Pentagon's "combat exclusion policy", which limits combat roles for women. "We are facing a brass ceiling", she said in an interview this year.

"[You need] combat experience to qualify to lead divisions and regional commands. Without that [women] could never

become chief of staff of the army, or chairman of the joint chiefs of staff ... In today's warfare, where there really are no front lines, where women are serving everywhere that men are ... there should be no more barriers because we have already proven ourselves."

This cause may be another casualty of the Petraeus affair.

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/politics/mutual-love-of-leadership-cost-petraeus-ultimate-prize-20121111-296bc.html#ixzz2BzBoSIJm>

Google hit with \$200,000 damages bill over Mokbel shots

Dan Oakes, November 12, 2012 - 11:43AM

A Melbourne man who won a defamation case against search engine giant Google has been awarded \$200,000 in damages. Milorad Trkulja, also known as Michael, sued the multinational over images of him alongside a well-known underworld figure that appeared in its search results.

A six-person Supreme Court jury found last month that Mr Trkulja had been defamed by the images, which he first contacted Google about removing in 2009.

The images were posted after Mr Trkulja was shot in the back by an unknown gunman while eating with his elderly mother at a St Albans restaurant in June 2004.

When Mr Trkulja's name was typed into Google's image search, photos had appeared of him alongside gangland figure Tony Mokbel.

Google search results also linked to a page on a now defunct website, Melbourne Crime, which had published photos labelled with his name.

Mr Trkulja said he had never initially intended to sue Google but had been galvanised into action after his request for the content to be removed from its searches in 2009 was not granted.

Supreme Court Justice David Beach this morning said in awarding the damages that the case was about "vindication and 'nailing the lie'".

Mr Trkulja, an elder at a Serbian Orthodox Church in Springvale, also won \$225,000 in damages from Yahoo earlier this year over the same matter.

Google's lawyers argued the search engine was not the publisher of the material and was only indexing the link to the website and the images in its results.

The company used the "innocent dissemination" defence, arguing it was providing links to the content without knowing that the material was defamatory.

However, the jury found Google's defence of the images broke down because it did not take any steps to remove the images from its searches once Mr Trkulja's lawyers contacted the company. The jury found the search engine was not liable for the search results themselves, as Mr Trkulja had incorrectly filled out a form for reporting offensive material by not including the URL of the content to which he objected.

The website that hosted the image has since been taken down and the images or the article are no longer indexed by Google's search engine.

A Google spokesman said in response to the ruling: "Google's search results are a reflection of the content and information that is available on the web. The sites in Google's search results are controlled by those sites' webmasters, not by Google."

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Hollywoodism geared up to incite Iranophobia: Analyst The anti-Iran Hollywood movie *Argo* has been ironically filmed in Israel

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The recent Hollywood movie *Argo* once again unmask the US' elaborate scheme to employ every medium in its propaganda apparatus to incite Iranophobia across the globe, a senior political analyst says.

"*Argo* is an arrant instance of Hollywoodism. In point of fact, it is yet another attempt to foment Iranophobia not only in the USA but across the world as well," Iranian author and Middle East expert Dr. Ismail Salami wrote on Press TV website in a recent article.

The thriller, ironically filmed in Israel, has been directed by US filmmaker Ben Affleck. It is based loosely on the historical account by a former CIA agent Tony Mendez about the rescue of six American diplomats during the takeover of the US Embassy in Tehran after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

On November 4, 1979, a group of revolutionary Iranian university students took over the US Embassy which they believed had turned into a den of espionage which aimed to overthrow the nascent Islamic Republic establishment.

"In recent years, Iranophobia has come to encompass a wider scope of media including cinema which is incontestably

capable of exercising a more powerful effect on manipulating the audience," the article said.

*Slamming the "false façade" of *Argo*, Salami argued, "The movie attempts to describe Iranians as over-emotional, irrational, insane, and diabolical while at the same time, the CIA agents are represented as heroically patriotic. *Argo* is replete with historical inaccuracies and distortions."*

The analyst also lashed out at *Argo*'s director for portraying a "stereotyped and caricatured view" of the Iranian society and noted that Affleck has consciously sought to ridicule "the very customs and traditions" of Iran. ASH/SS/AZ

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/11/11/271593/hollywood-hellbent-on-iranophobia/>