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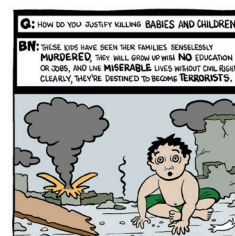
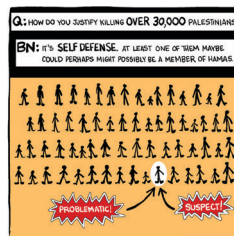
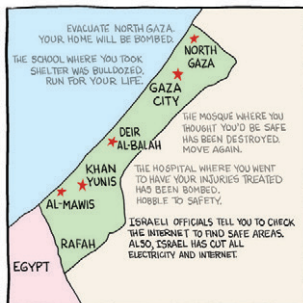
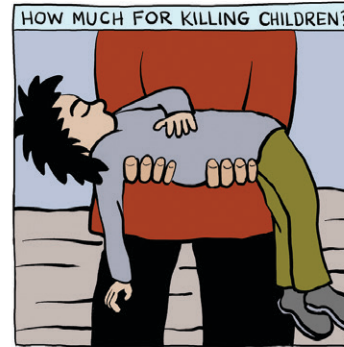
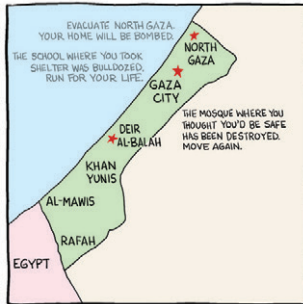
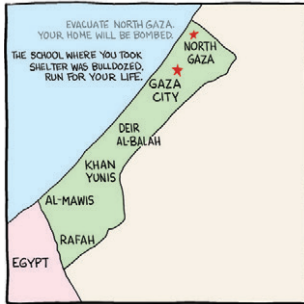
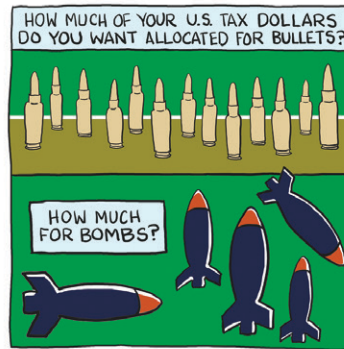
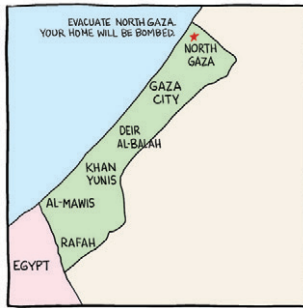
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SURVIVAL: GAZA

THE NEW GAME THAT'S ALL THE
RAGE

CAN YOU STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF
GENOCIDE?

CAMPER



Jennifer Camper

"There is no instance of a nation benefiting from prolonged warfare."
-SunTzu, The Art of War

"Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows."
-Martin Luther King, Jr

Students Arrested Over Campus Rally May Face Other Consequences.

by Sherry Edwards

Students who participated in the encampment at Columbia University may be barred from finishing the semester.

More than 108 Columbia University and Barnard College students were arrested for participating in pro-Palestinian demonstrations. The schools told the students that their IDs would soon stop working, and some would not be able to finish the semester. All of the students have been suspended. That means that some students will have to leave their student housing.

Suspension means students cannot go to dining halls, classrooms, or libraries. Some Barnard students were given 15 minutes to pack their things and be escorted out of their dorms. Police officials said the students had been given summonses for trespassing.

The students are demanding that Columbia divest from companies connected to Israel.

At the University of Southern California, there was an encampment demanding the University cut ties with Israel. (The university had a dining hall, until 2020, named after a Nazi, Rufus Von Kleinsmid, who was a leader in the eugenics movement). USC cancelled all speakers at commencement including the valedictorian. The University said: "To keep the focus on the graduates, we are redesigning the commencement program. Given the highly publicized circumstances surrounding our main stage, University leadership has decided it is best to release our outside speakers and honorees from attending this years ceremony." The speakers were to be Jon M. Chu, director of "Crazy Rich Asians", and legendary tennis player Billie Jean King. When the University decided to cancel the valedictorian's speech the University said "After careful consideration, we have decided our student valedictorian will not deliver a speech at commencement. While this is disappointing tradition must give way to safety."

Asna Tabassum, the valedictorian, is Muslim and pro-Palestinian. She has said that the University did not tell her what the security problems were. The security department has said that they were capable of handling any security issues. There had been no violence by the protesters but there had been several incidents of Zionists attacking the students.

There were encampments at colleges and universities all over the country. Yale, where more than 40 students were arrested and The University of Michigan where in addition to an encampment there was a demonstration at the Convocation Ceremony. Encampments were also established at MIT, Emerson College, University of North Carolina, Hobart, William Smith, Dartmouth, and Marshall Universities to name a few.

The First Amendment states:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press. Or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The first amendment is under attack. Government's role in shaping what is protected speech is being challenged. Free speech is too often controlled by political interests. Speech that is in opposition to the government is too often persecuted. We saw this during the Civil Rights Movement, the fight against apartheid, the Poor Peoples' Campaign, and the Viet Nam War protests of the 60s when thousands of students and other protesters were arrested and in many cases expelled from school. Free speech is the cornerstone of participatory democracy. To limit free speech is anathema to the American way of life. When colleges and universities ignore the first amendment they attack the very core of democracy. Protest is protected speech, but protest which goes against the status quo is denied free speech protections.

The protesters are deemed dangerous, lawless people who will create an unsafe environment. By labeling a protest as violent the government intends to turn the public against the protesters. The actions of the government and universities were to brutally attack the protesters physically and in propaganda. A call for peace was labeled un-American. Just as anyone calling for a ceasefire is labeled antisemitic. These words have been weaponized so that it includes any call for peace, any mention of apartheid or genocide. Any call for a free Palestine.

War Crimes Committed by Israel

1. Collective punishment
2. The crime of genocide
3. The crime of apartheid
4. Murder of civilians
5. Intentionally targeting civilians
6. Killing prisoners of war
7. Starvation
8. Sexual violence
9. Torture
10. Forced displacement

**When seven World Central Kitchen
workers were killed in an Israeli strike,
Netanyahu said
"It happens in war."**

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**Jose Andres of the World Central
Kitchen said
"It was a deliberate,
targeted attack."**

The Stolen Children of Ukraine

by Sherry Edwards

When Putin invaded Ukraine the Russian army stole Ukrainian children. Nothing can be more horrific than kidnapping children. The Associated Press on October 13, 2022 reported that the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin for war crimes, accusing him of personal responsibility for the abduction of children from Ukraine.

Putin signed a decree making it easier for Russian families to adopt and give citizenship to Ukrainian children and harder for Ukraine and surviving relatives to win them back.

Russia has a registry of suitable Russian families for Ukrainian children and pays them \$1000 for each child.

The Russians run summer camps for Ukrainian children that requires patriotic education classes. A hotline is run by the Russian government to pair Russian families with children from Dombas.

Hundreds of children were taken from Mariupol alone. They are forcibly disappeared by Russian troops.

Ukrainian officials claim nearly 8,000 children have been stolen.

Maria Lvova-Belova, a Russian children's rights ombudswoman, said the children cried at night and slept badly. At first the children sang the Ukrainian National Anthem and shouted Glory to Ukraine. But now, she said, their criticism has been transformed into a love for Russia.

Raising children in a war zone in another country or culture can be a marker of genocide, an attempt to erase the very identity of an enemy nation.

Background on Russian Invasion of Ukraine

by Sherry Edwards

Putin challenged Ukraine's right to exist, claiming it is part of Russia and the inhabitants are Russian. He claims there is no such thing as a Ukrainian culture and accused that Ukraine is governed by neo-Nazis.

1991 - soon after the fall of the Soviet Union, Ukraine declares independence

2004 - Pro-Russian candidate, Victor Yanukovich, is declared President of Ukraine, but is accused of vote rigging. The result was the Orange Revolution

2005 - Pro-Western former Prime Minister, Victor Yushchenko, is elected President

2008 - NATO promises Ukraine it will one day join NATO

2010 - Yanukovich wins presidential election and suspends talks with the EU and opts to revive economic ties with Moscow

Feb. 2014 - Parliament votes to remove Yanukovich. Within days armed men seized Parliament of Crimea and raised the Russian flag. Russia later annexes Crimea

April 2014 - Pro-Russian separatists in Donbas declare independence. Some 15,000 people have been killed since 2014 in fighting between the separatists and the Ukrainian army

2019 - Former comic actor Volodymyr Zelensky is elected president

Jan. 2021 - Zelensky appeals to let Ukraine join NATO

Spring 2021 - Russia begins massing troops near Ukrainian border ... says it's a training exercise

Nov. 2021 - Satellite images show the ongoing buildup of Russian forces near Ukraine with estimates of more than 100,000 troops

Dec. 17, 2021 - Russia demands that NATO pull troops from eastern Europe and bar Ukraine from ever joining NATO

Feb. 21, 2022 - Putin says Ukraine is an integral part of Russian history and that it has a puppet regime managed by foreign powers. Putin orders 'peacekeeping' force into two break away regions in eastern Ukraine

Feb. 24, 2022 - Putin authorizes 'special military operations' in Ukraine. Russia begins missile attacks striking Ukrainian cities including Kiev

Russia Ruins Ukraine Environment

by Sherry Edwards

Russia has inflicted long term destruction of nature in Ukraine. This is known as ecocide. One of many crimes that Russia has committed. Destruction of forests, killing of animals, and countless fields are now full of landmines. Almost one third of Ukraine's land is unsafe. This will last for generations.

In June 2023, the Russian army destroyed the Kakhovka dam. It caused one of the worst manmade environmental disasters in Ukrainian history.

The Russian attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure has resulted in heavy pollution of land and water.



Don/Joe/as in John doe's internal reflection



Don/Joe/as in John doe's internal reflection

“joe vs. joe's verses”

a short story by
Marcus Blackwell

joe, he hurries into the bar, streets fast on his heels.
i understand his hurry, it's still daylight.
and i see it around his eyes, as he passes me: not fatigue but weariness.
there's a difference, so they tell me. when you don't know better, it's easier
to mistake one for the other.
at the end of the bar, he sits carefully staring at his folded hands. staring
at my own hands, I'm searching for things. guitars I've played. hours
flooded into dead end jobs. the colors of my childhood home. names
of all the girls I've kissed. dad's face before the war. mom on her way to
church.
none of it means anything.
all of it means everything.
on the TV, the president is on, lips moving.
I dont understand the words anymore and wonder if anyone does. even
joe.
especially joe.

while there's a weak wash of daylight left, I slither home.
on my tv, the president, he has vanished. and daylight, it has vanished,
too.
the evening news is only showing distant lands when bad things happen,
as if bad things only and always happen in distant lands, as if good things
never happen, could never happen. never news of a fat payday and all of
the bills of the daylight world paid off forever, for good. for everyone and
everything.

before bed, i look in my hands, can't find dad's face but see mom's
prayers. they're silly, empty. evaporated, is the name of the last girl I
kissed. why I ever played guitar in the first place, I'll never know. I wish I
had a dead end job.
this is life during wartime, joe would say. only joe would say that, if joe
had spoke to me today.
but he didnt today. he hurried into the bar, the streets fast on his heels,
the daylight even faster than that.
and my hands, maybe they're bigger than joe's. around his eyes, i saw it.
fatigue, it is not the same as weariness.
but sometimes, the eyes are quicker than the hands.
or so they tell me.

“Peace is the only battle worth waging.”
- Albert Camus



Patrick Wesley Bryan

A clock for an unsteady table starts as it is disturbed and stops as the wind
hits the wind chimes or when the sky's overcrowded with birds, hits the
floor and becomes no more clock anymore only pieces. The whole thing is
truly absurd, but the feathers all kept giving directions and the walls were
all papered with words and the lips were all steadily moving with conversa-
tions I once overheard and the pomegranate stayed on the shelf didn't fall
with the seeds it knew how to spill where the moisture was forbidden and
the ghost were all fathered by names and the legions of tiny dead soldiers
all died when the angels came to warn of forgetting what they knew would
soon be proof, and though they nearly died of loneliness, the angels didn't
kill them, it wasn't death, it was truth.

-Sculpture (above) and Poem by Patrick Wesley Bryan

Wars Without End

By M. Swetzoff

“If we believe absurdities, we shall commit atrocities.” — Voltaire

How can it be, you might ask, that after thousands of years of lessons, humanity cannot learn that war doesn't work?

The 20th century gave us the most well-documented and catastrophic wars yet fought. The evidence is all there.

War only consumes. It is the ultimate negative.

There is no real “winning”. The “victories” are hollow, but the exhausted populations are beyond caring. As long as it stops. Ending? That's a whole other thing.

Wars never truly end. They go dormant until the oppressed, or “losers”, birth another generation to become oppressors in turn. The victims turn victimizers, in a cycle fueled by traumas, loss, grief, and rage that seeks an outlet that seemingly can only be found through more violence.

In *THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES*, the 1946 film by William Wyler, three vets return home only to face a changed world. Their loved ones have no idea what they have been through and the men have no way to explain. Today, we celebrate WW2 veterans as “The Greatest Generation”, but we can see that, at the time, the vets received the same treatment of war veterans throughout time: confusion, hostility, and indifference. Confusion; because they come home changed. Hostility; because not everyone is on board with the war to begin with (this was true in WW2 and the film does not shy away from it). Indifference; because it is easy. And of course these responses are fueled by the collective guilt of a society that put these young people into a horror show and now doesn't know what to do with them.

We're going to talk about WW1 here. It's not a war that we study much in this country. Our role was seemingly much smaller than it was in WW2, although, in fact, it was vital to Germany's defeat. The US entered the war in 1917 and was involved for only 576 days or 37% of the overall duration of the conflict. In that time, 53,504 men died directly in the fighting; another 63,100 died from accidents and disease (the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918 started in the trenches). The war had been ongoing since 1914 with millions of deaths. Germany had exhausted its resources. American soldiers tipped the scales enough that surrender became Germany's only option. Everyone should study WW1. It set up both the 20th and 21st centuries in ways that play out still. It's right there as an example of the cycles and knock on effects of war.

First, a little background, very simplistic.

There was no one cause of “The War to End All Wars.” It was a slow motion trainwreck with elements of family dysfunction (Kaiser Wilhelm II was cousin to both the Czar of Russia and the King of England); treaties that set off a chain of war declarations that doomed everybody; vast, aging empires with internal struggles amongst distinct ethnic groups that wanted independence...and mental illness (check out the *BEHIND THE BASTARDS* podcast for an in-depth and bleakly funny dive into Kaiser Wilhelm's psyche). Oh, and the summer of 1914 was HOT. It broke records. And with no air conditioning and wearing the kinds of clothes one wore in 1914...people were in a funk. Sleepless. Possibly not coming into the office, where the telegraph machine was frantically trying to get attention. Phones rang in empty offices as diplomats struggled to stop the falling dominos. This history is fascinating, and horrifying, and you should pick up *THE GUNS OF AUGUST* by Barbara Tuchman and get reading.

In four years the war went from traditional cavalry charges on horseback to tanks. From observational balloons to airplanes. The ingenuity that man has to injure his fellows created the first use of poison gas and flame-throwers against human beings. Never had so much explosive stuff been thrown at men, let alone trapped men - trapped in trenches that barely moved in four years. Shrapnel created devastating wounds. A man would be standing right next to you and then - gone in a mist of blood. Utterly obliterated. The refinement of the machine gun meant that the old tactics of throwing a lot of men at a situation simply resulted in a lot of dead men. And the problem was that the men in charge kept doing exactly that. It was WASTE. One, two generations of men either died or were so damaged with PTSD, which was only just being recognized as a real thing, which they called “shell shock”, for ultimately, what?

Look up the statistics on this war. Yes, the numbers in WW2 are sickening. But WW1 opened up the possibility in the minds of the governments and the public that this much destruction of human potential was acceptable. It was just how things are in modern warfare.

There are two main threads I want to tease out from the very complex history of WW1. I said it set up the next hundred or so years. A few takeaways:

1. The Treaty of Versailles demanded unrealistic reparations from Germany and imposed demilitarization on a country that was just getting started as a major military power. So, insulted, humiliated, very broke with millions of fresh young men without jobs who needed to do things, the treaty practically ensured that Germany would eventually re-arm. Persuading a new generation of young men (and women) that Germany had been treated unjustly was easy because although it may not have been unjust, the Treaty was unrealistic, and could easily be manipulated by Hitler et al to seem unjust.
2. Hitler fought in WW1. Who knows what that did to someone whose mental scaffolding was...made of warped wood.
3. Mechanized war needs a lot of OIL. And GAS. And none of the major powers had access to oil locally.
4. Generational PTSD is no joke.

Let's focus on items 3 and 4.

Item 3:

OIL. Within a matter of months, the major powers of Europe were thinking about a vital resource of mechanized war that none of them had direct access to. Until the internal combustion engine came along oil was mostly used to distill other products, like kerosene. Over the course of the war motorized transport developed to replace horse and mule drawn supply trains, although these poor creatures were still used and millions died horrible deaths. Airplanes and tanks required oil-based products.

Where was the oil? Yes, yes, of course, it was in what we now call The Middle East. It wasn't called that then. If you look at the map above it is titled "Eastern Turkey in Asia, Syria and Western Persia." And this area at the time was part of the Ottoman Empire, allied with Germany. This map is now called The Sykes-Picot Agreement map. And it is the map that changed the Middle East. It was an enclosure in the French ambassador Paul Cambon's letter to Sir Edward Grey, dated 9th May 1916. Seven days later the two would sign the Sykes-Picot Agreement, a secret agreement between the UK and France outlining, according to the lines on the map, how they would carve up the Middle East should the Ottoman Empire be defeated in the First World War.

"Carving Up" this region gave these countries priority access to oil, as well as a footprint on the Mediterranean, which meant they could also transport the stuff. These "carvings" were created by men who had no concern for the complexities of the region where rival religions, ideologies, nationalisms, and ambitions had evolved from civilizations more ancient than any in Europe.

Reading suggestion: A PEACE TO END ALL PEACE, by David Fromkin.

Item 4:

Everyone involved in WW1, soldier, nurse, doctor, ambulance driver, policy maker, the men who took care of the millions of horses, donkeys and mules, the journalists, the civilians - nobody came away the same as they had been before. All of that trauma goes somewhere. It went into wives, children, husbands, the fabric of society at large, all warped by the intensity of experiences people did not yet have words for.

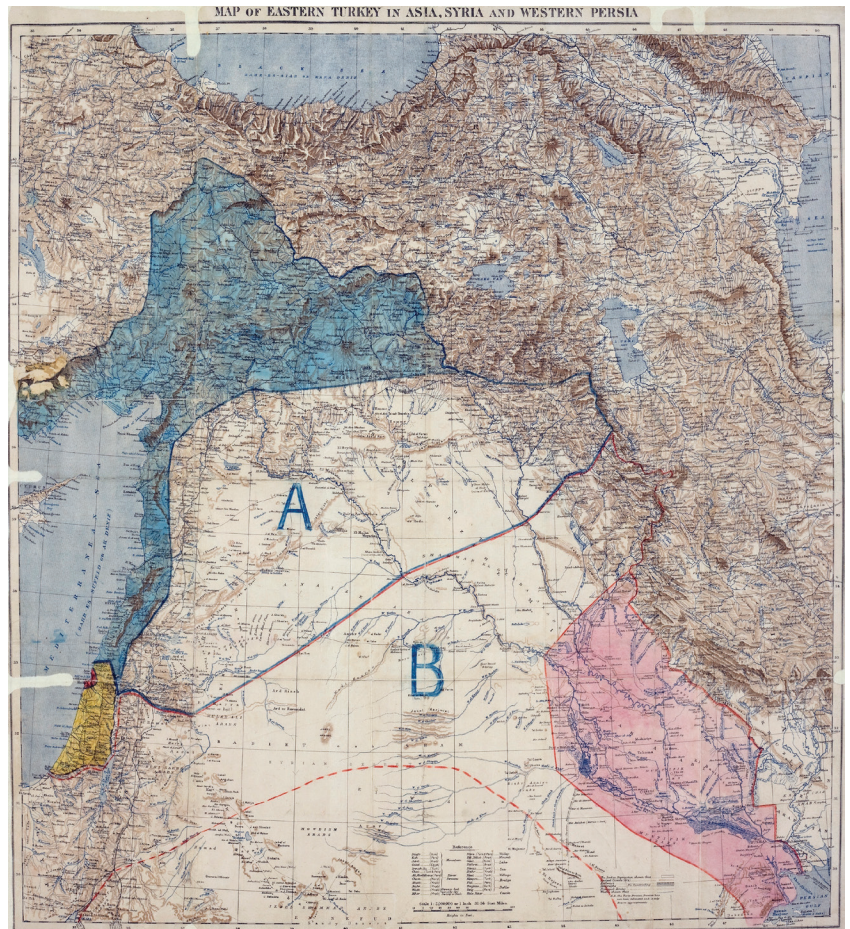
The physical and mental burdens of this war were unique because of the amount of time soldiers, doctors and nurses were exposed to conditions that didn't change, except for the worse. In time, the pointlessness, the physical miseries, the cruelty, the overwhelming and constant sounds, caused a kind of despair that some men could never overcome. Men wrote about losing their faith - in everything. Men wrote about degradation, of being filthy physically but also spiritually. And then there was the problem of the body, once dead. Or rather, the lack of one. Men were sometimes vaporized by shells. Or their bodies blown apart and scattered, sometimes in the dangerous "No-Man's Land" between the German and Allied lines. Or the bodies and/or body parts were sucked into the devilish mud of certain battlefields which never dried out. If your belief system and funeral rites depend on having a body to be resurrected, then do you NOT get resurrected if there is no body? What does that mean for your soul?

Reading suggestion: THE GREAT WAR AND MODERN MEMORY, by Paul Fussell.

This is the war that shaped consciousness in new ways because the scope of it was so vast. Those that survived came home scrambled. They had gotten a deep look behind the curtain of civilization and they brought that understanding - or confusion - into every sphere of life. There was, and still is, really, no way to make sense of WW1 and the barbarism of the experience and the stupidity of those in charge who prolonged it in the face of stalemate. Watch: PATHS OF GLORY. Read: ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

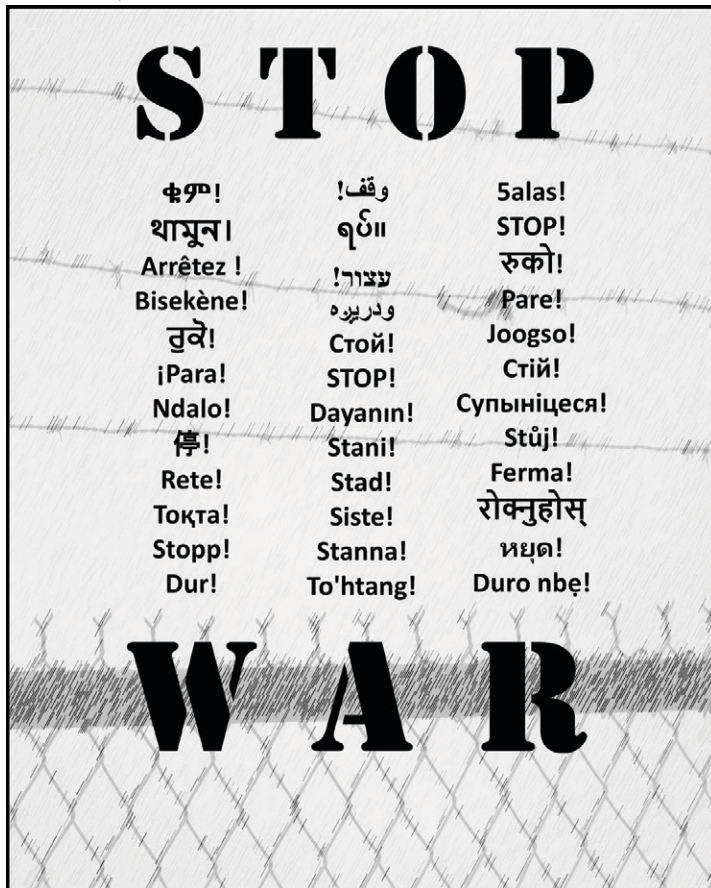
And the way we know this is because of the art produced during and after the war. Dada: the first protest art movement and the original punk movement. The Cabaret Voltaire's performances of sound poetry defiantly dismantled language since language, in the form of propaganda, was what had led Europe into this disastrous war. The Dadaists understood that familiar words could not encompass the scale of psychic turmoil the war created. Hugo Ball, poet and co-founder with Emmy Hennings, of The Cabaret Voltaire, Dada's birthplace said: "Every word that is spoken and sung here says at least one thing: that **this humiliating age has not succeeded in winning our respect.**"

Dada led to Surrealism; it led to almost all what we think of as "modern" movements in one form or another. The art reflects the turmoil and the search for meaning, for "making sense of" that haunted everyone, non-artists alike. Dada brought artists out of the studio and the gallery and the refined "art world" into the totally unrefined reality of displacement, loss of identity, and unimaginable loss that war spreads like a disease. Artists had a new role to play in society and we are still its conscience.





Dillyn Levester Caruso



Laura Slygh

These humanitarian aid organizations are highly rated.

Please consider giving a donation.

World Central Kitchen (wck.org)

Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org)

CARE (care.org)

Save the Children (savethechildren.org)

UNICEF (unicefusa.org)

International Rescue Committee (rescue.org)

We don't open our mouths.

We don't raise our voices against the vampire greed.

We embrace claws as smooth hands.

We mistake a monstrous megalomaniac for a savior.

We stand together frozen in paralysis as the world writhes.

The Earth has begun to shake us off.

People have become the date that didn't know it wasn't going well.

People have become the date that insisted on his pleasure without a kiss.

And the Earth is finished with our not hearing the love song.

The Earth hears the voice saying,

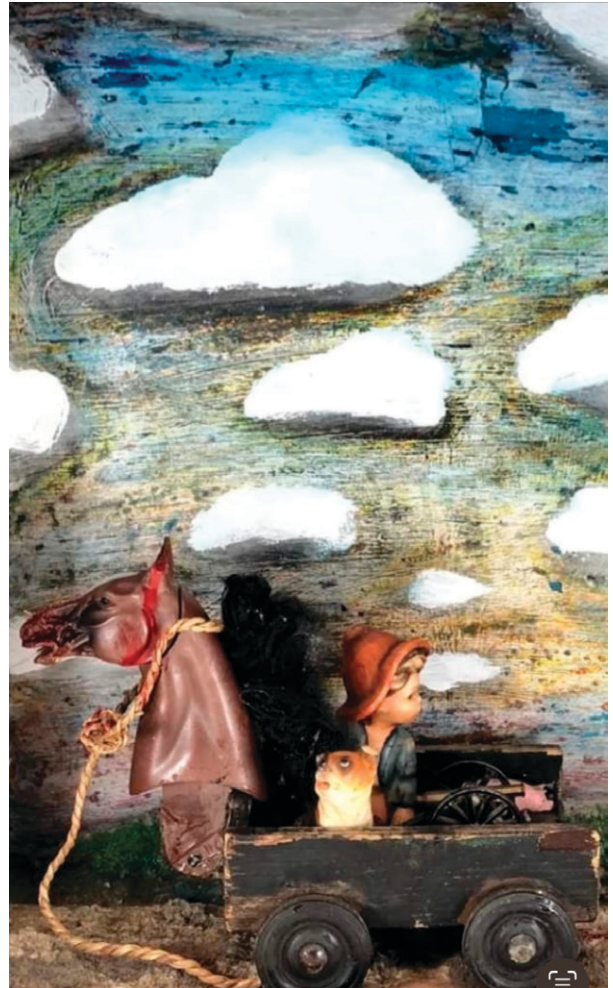
"I will lead you into darkness."

"I will make you rip out their throats."

"I will make you think it was action taken from the goodness of your heart."

And the Earth knows we are already lost.

-Poem by Patrick Wesley Bryan



Robert Gallicchio

If I Were Palestinian

By Sharon Maurer

Life would be so hard. I'm sure I'd be either dead or locked up. But only because I, like many, must fight for my life.

I listen to a ground reporter named Bisan. She roams through out Gaza stating what has happened in any place she is in. She has run for cover countless times that I have seen her reporting. She seems fearless though I know she is not. I have seen her shed tears for the children of her reports who have been kidnapped by Israeli soldiers and many other kids who have both disappeared and been openly taken.

Ever since I watched a roundtable discussion by Netanyahu and his yes men, I knew Gaza had no chance of survival. The comments around the table went something like this: We will flatten Gaza; there will be no more Palestinians because we will kill them all; they are the lowlife I hate; they are despicable humans and not fit for life ... and so on and on! So their feelings for Palestinians got very clear for me. Had I not heard this report on my own on national TV network, the depth of my own understanding would have remained shallow. I am usually an optimist and believe in the innate goodness of people. This roundtable discussion changed that attitude in a flash. Netanyahu is an evil person with no good in his soul. Make no mistake...that's why Israel (Netanyahu) can target innocent civilians and children, hospitals, aid workers, and everyone else! This is why he can target 7 World Central Kitchen workers and bomb their jeeps killing all 7 of them. They were only delivering FOOD for gods sake!! That's what one would do for a starving population and Gazans are in or very near the catastrophic level of starvation. Why? Because Netanyahu cut off food and medical supplies many months ago. Because he wanted to starve the entire population of Gaza.

There are other questions I have to ask because I simply have to know HOW people can be so damned cruel?

For example: first Netanyahu told Palestinians to go South for safety. Guess what? He then bombed the Southern enclaves exactly where the Palestinians were told to go! Then Palestinians moved to the North and Netanyahu has been threatening a northern offensive since then. What is oh so obvious to me, if not everyone else, is Israel's intention to complete its operation of genocide on Palestinians. If you have seen video of bombed out Gaza, you would have the same sense of dread as I that until every Palestinian is dead or buried, this insanity will not stop!

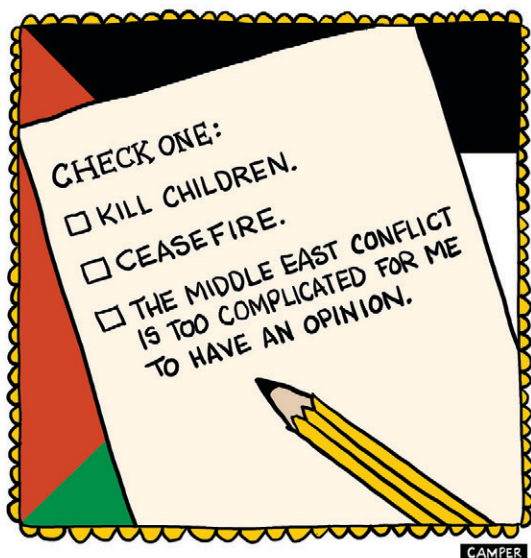
And for what? Why? Is this racism with the deepest of hates? How can a person just look at another person and hate them with a depth unseen in any other way? That that person wants the perceived enemy off the face of this earth. I don't even think the hate that is sometimes evident in America towards People of Color is on the same level, though, hate is hate. But I'm talking about the eradication of an entire population of people.

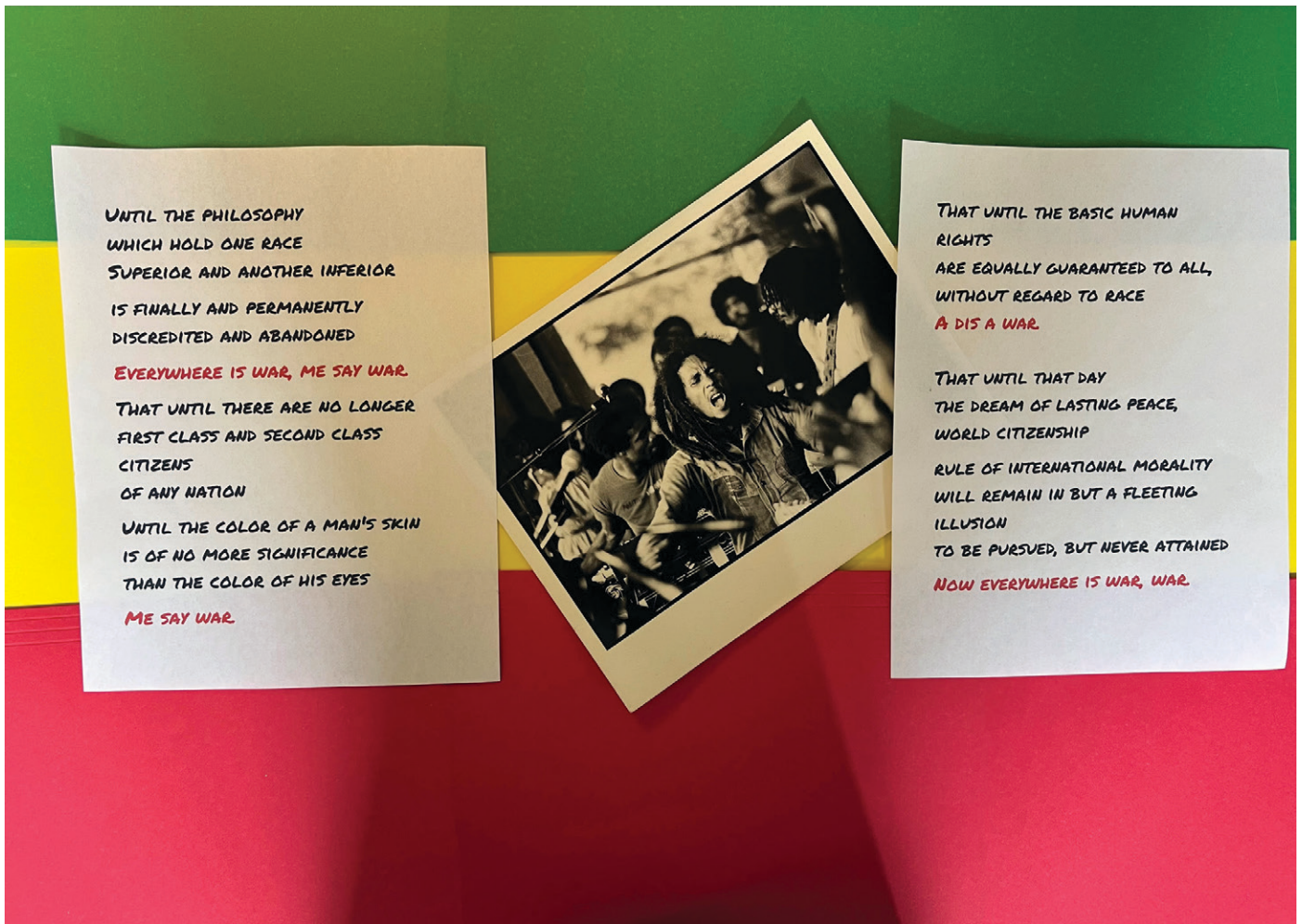
Netanyahu has practically accomplished what he wanted: Palestinian genocide. He has leveled Gaza and to date has been responsible for the killing of 40,000 Palestinians. And he has done so with the help and my tax dollars from the United States. It is well past time for this war on the Palestinian people to end.

STOP THE GENOCIDE NOW!

"For 16 years, Israel's illegal blockade has made Gaza the world's biggest open-air prison - the international community must act now to prevent it becoming a giant graveyard."

-Agnes Callamard, Amnesty International Secretary General





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