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“I wonder how the foreign policies of the United States would look if we wiped out the national boundaries of the world, at least in our minds, and thought of all children everywhere as our own.” Howard Zinn

The US NSS and its permanent war (Cold War, Drug War, War on Terror, Empire, Space War, War on China, Cyberwar) reach into countless US institutions, pervade the lives of the populace, and intrude into national sovereignty and individual lives around the world. Naturally the NSS is the subject of many of the newsletters in OMNI’s web site, such as: Afghanistan, Air War, CIA, Civilian Victims, Fear, Homeland Security, Imperialism, Militarism, Nuclear Weapons, Patriot Act, Pentagon, Secrecy, Surveillance, Torture, War Crimes (and all of the ways to stop or reduce these harms). Thus this newsletter on US NSS should be thought of as a door that opens into a thousand rooms of US DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL MCCARTHYISM.

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Timeline of NSA Domestic Spying

All of the evidence found in this timeline can also be found in the Summary of Evidence we submitted to the court in Jewel v. NSA. It is intended to recall all the credible accounts and information of the NSA's domestic spying program found in the media, congressional testimony, books, and court actions. For a short description of the people involved in the spying you can look at our Profiles page, which includes many of the key characters from the NSA Domestic Spying program. MORE

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Obama Expands Militarization of Police

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Obama Expands Militarization of Police
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Jun 5, 2012 – The US Air Force has announced that its top-secret X-37B spaceplane is expected to land back on Earth this month after over a year in orbit.

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The Warfare State and the Hardening of Everyday Life

Henry A. Giroux

Since 9/11, the war on terror and the campaign for homeland security have increasingly mimicked the tactics of the enemies they sought to crush. Violence and punishment as both a media spectacle and a bone-crushing reality have become prominent and influential forces shaping U.S. society. As the boundaries between “the realms of war and civil life have collapsed,” social relations and the public services needed to make them viable have been increasingly privatized and militarized. The logic of profitability works its magic in channeling the public funding of warfare and organized violence into universities, market-based service providers, Hollywood cinema, cable television, and deregulated contractors. The metaphysics of war and associated forms of violence now creep into every aspect of U.S. society.

As the preferred “instrument of statecraft,” war and its intensifying production of violence crosses borders, time, space, and places.2 The result is that the United States “has become a ‘culture of war’...engulfed in fear and violence [and trapped by a military metaphysics in which] homeland security matters far more than social security.”3 Seemingly without any measure of self-restraint, state-sponsored violence now flows and regroups effortlessly, contaminating both foreign and domestic policies. The criticism of the military-industrial complex, along with its lobbyists and merchants of death, that was raised by President Eisenhower seems to have been relegated to the trash can of history. Instead of being disparaged as a death machine engaged in the organized production of violence, the military-industrial complex is defended as a valuable jobs program and a measure of national pride and provides a powerful fulcrum for the permanent warfare state.

It gets worse. One consequence of the permanent warfare state is evident in the recent public revelations concerning war crimes committed by U.S. government forces. These include the indiscriminate killings of Afghan civilians by U.S. drone aircraft; the barbaric murder of Afghan children and peasant farmers by U.S. infantrymen infamously labeled as “the Kill Team”;4 disclosures concerning four U.S. marines urinating on dead Taliban fighters; and the uncovering of photographs showing “more than a dozen soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division’s Fourth Brigade Combat Team, along with some Afghan security forces, posing with the severed hands and legs of Taliban attackers in Zabul Province in 2010.”5 And, shocking even for those acquainted with standard military combat, there is the case of Army Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, who “walked off a small combat outpost in Kandahar province and slaughtered 17 villagers, most of them women and children, and later walked back to his base and turned himself in.”6 Mind-numbing violence, war crimes, and indiscriminate military attacks on civilians on the part of the U.S. government are far from new and date back to infamous acts such as the air attacks on civilians in Dresden along with the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the Second World War.7

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For over 65 years, the United States war machine has been on auto pilot. Since World War II, the world has believed that US foreign policy means well, and that America's motives in spreading democracy are honorable, even noble. In this startling and provocative book from William Blum, one of the United States' leading non-mainstream chroniclers of American foreign policy and author of the popular online newsletter, *Anti-Empire Reports*, demonstrates that nothing could be further from the truth. *America's Deadliest Export* is the in-depth exposé of the many contradictions surrounding the nature of US foreign policy.

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"With good cheer and humor Blum guides us toward understanding that our government does not mean well. Once we’ve grasped that, we’re far more capable of effectively doing good ourselves." - David Swanson, author of War is a Lie

William Blum

William Blum is one of the United States' leading non-mainstream experts on American foreign policy. He left the State Department in 1967, abandoning his aspiration of becoming a Foreign Service Officer because of his opposition to what the US was doing in Vietnam. He then became a founder and editor of the Washington Free Press, the first "alternative" newspaper in the capital. Blum has been a freelance journalist in the US, Europe, and South America. His stay in Chile in 1972-3, writing about the Allende government's "socialist experiment," and then its tragic overthrow in a CIA-designed coup, instilled in him a personal involvement and an even more heightened interest in what his government was doing in various corners of the world. He is the author of Killing Hope: US Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II, and the controversial bestseller Rogue State: A Guide to the World’s Only Superpower. He currently sends out a monthly Internet newsletter, the Anti-Empire Report.

PENTAGON/NSS CYBER THREAT, FEAR, EMPIRE.....WAR?
By Dick Bennett


Here’s the first paragraph—but any passage, like so many from the Pentagon or White House on foreign policy, is difficult not to interrupt, so deceptive it is: “The Defense Department is establishing a series of cyber-teams tasked with carrying out offensive operations to combat the threat of an electronic assault on the United States that could cause major damage and disruption to the country’s vital infrastructure, a senior military official said.”

The “Defense” Department? The General Keith Alexander doubletalks himself into what we all should know by now: It’s the old, and at least factually and linguistically honest War Department. The entire report shows how utterly offensive is a “good offense” of “offensive operations”! Against what? Against “major damage and disruption to the country’s vital infrastructure” Specifically (par. 2)? To “combat the threat of electronic assault.” Threatening what? The “electric grid and other essential systems.”

How “defend”? The Pentagon is already on the case with its U.S Cyber Command (backed up by Commands covering the entire globe, each with its acronym—Cencom, Afcom). What is Cybcom doing (this report recounts a hearing before the fearful, cheerleading Senate Armed Services Committee in a country drastically reducing early child-care education and other vital services but expanding Cybcom and the other coms)? Cybcom is forming 13 cyber-teams “for the mission of guarding the nation in cyberspace.” Guarding? The General means attacking, “attack foes.” “He described them as ‘defend-the-nation- teams but stressed their role would be offensive. In comments to reporters after the hearing, Alexander likened the teams’ duties to knocking an incoming missile out of the sky before it hits a target”; i.e., like Star Wars, including missile defense for “first strike.” He also said the teams would work outside the United States, but he did not say where.” But that’s only the beginning. “Alexander also said another 27 Cyber-teams are being established to support the military’s war-fighting commands while others will protect the ** computer systems and data.” Let us see
now. That makes 40 cyber-teams plus Pentagon.

What will this cost? The Senators apparently asked no question about the cost of super-cyber security. What will each team cost? That depends upon the number in the team, ranks, travel, equipment. Can it be done for $100,000 minimum, times 40 or $4,000,000? Or have I wildly underestimated? What do you think? And keep in mind that another article reported that the goal of Cybcom is 100 teams.

And what’s omitted from the AP report? He does not mention the Pentagon “teams” surely already and for decades protecting its computers and data, so Cybcom is another layer of security, like the Top Top Secret agencies established after 9/11. And is then Cybcom like nuclear bomb overkill? If Cybcom is needed in addition to all the already existing cyber security, another strong doubt arises when we recall nuclear retaliatory doctrine. To the consideration--“While foreign leaders are deterred from launching cyber attacks on the United States because they know such a strike could be traced to its source and would generate a robust response.”-- General Alexander revealed that Cybcom’s concern is not low-level harassment “by other states,” but “tools developed by other nations [winding] up in the hands of extremist groups or even individuals who could do significant harm,” similar to the danger of suitcase-size nuclear weapons. That is, we’re back to another phase of the War on Terror, of permanent war, in which the enemy is potentially everybody, and no amount of US bases around the world—in every city over 10,000? 1000?—will be enough, and the only people happy is the Corporate-Military-Congressional Complex.

What’s left to ask? I have been discussing only the first 7 paragraphs, which inspire these and more as yet unstated questions, so legally questionable is this enterprise. For example, the AP report did not confront the legality of the preemptive attacks on “foes.” Because of the constant violation of international laws by the US (over 40 illegal interventions and invasions since 1945, now drones attacking in several countries without invitation) have the Pentagon and the mainstream news media become so sure of public acceptance of aggression that attacks on other countries that have not attacked you, which are expressly forbidden by the United Nations Charter and Nuremberg Principles, do not matter to them?

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**Drones Over the Homeland: From Border Security to National Security**
Tom Barry, Truthout, May 19, 2013: Public attention and Congressional review, writes Barry, should focus on the increasing militarization of border control, especially in the management of the border drone program. [=low-intensity warfare. --Dick]

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"In the police you see the dirty work of Empire at close quarters. The wretched prisoners huddling in stinking cages of the lock-ups, the grey cowed faces of the long-term convicts, the scarred buttocks of the men who had been flogged with bamboos." -- George Orwell, Shooting An Elephant and Other Essays

"... the dreary wall of the Vietnamese Surete that seemed to smell of urine and injustice." -- Graham Greene, The Quiet American

As the U.S. expands the war in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Obama administration has placed a premium on police training programs. The stated aim is to provide security to the population so as to enable local forces to gradually take over from the military in completing the pacification process. A similar strategy has been pursued by the United States in Iraq. In both, American-backed forces have been implicated in sectarian violence, death squad activity, and torture. At the same time, the weaponry and equipment that the U.S. provided has frequently found its way into the hands of insurgents, many of whom have infiltrated the state security apparatus, contributing to the long drawn-out nature of both conflicts.

Ignored in mainstream media commentary and "think tank" analyses is the fact that the destructive consequences of American strategy in the Middle-East and Central Asia today are consistent with practices honed over more than a century in the poor nations of the periphery.

Police training has been central to American attempts to expand its reach from the conquest of the Philippines at the dawn of the 20th century through the Cold War era to today. Presented to the public in both the target country and the United States as humanitarian initiatives designed to strengthen democratic development and public security, these programs achieved neither, but were critical to securing the power base of local elites amenable to U.S. economic and political interests and contributed to massive human rights violations. They helped to facilitate the rise of powerful anti-democratic forces, which operated above the law, contributing to endemic violence, state terrorism and corruption.

Quite consistently across time and space, American policy-makers have supported police suppression of radical and nationalist movements as a cost-effective and covert means precluding costly military intervention which was more likely to arouse public opposition.
During the mid 1960s, the Director of United States Agency of International Development (USAID) David Bell commented in congressional testimony that "the police are a most sensitive point of contact between the government and people, close to the focal points of unrest, and more acceptable than the army as keepers of order over long periods of time. The police are frequently better trained and equipped than the military to deal with minor forms of violence, conspiracy and subversion." Robert W. Komer who served as a National Security Council advisor to President John F. Kennedy further stressed that the police were "more valuable than Special Forces in our global counter-insurgency efforts" and particularly useful in fighting urban insurrections. "We get more from the police in terms of preventative medicine than from any single U.S. program," he said. "They are cost effective, while not going for fancy military hardware. They provide the first line of defense against demonstrations, riots and local insurrections. Only when the situation gets out of hand (as in South Vietnam) does the military have to be called in." These remarks illuminate the underlying geo-strategic imperatives shaping the growth of the programs and the mobilization of police for political and military ends, which accounted for widespread human rights abuses.

This article, drawing on declassified U.S. government archives, examines some of the landmark instances in the historical development of American police training programs to highlight the origins of current policies in the killing fields of Afghanistan and Iraq. Over years, as U.S. imperial attention has shifted from one region to another, police training and financing has remained an unobserved constant, evolving with new strategies and weapons innovations but always retaining the same strategic goals and tactical elements. Staffed by military and police officers who valued order and discipline over the protection of civil liberties, the programs were designed to empower pro-U.S. regimes committed to free-market capitalist development and helped to create elaborate intelligence networks, which facilitated the suppression of dissident groups in a more surgical way. The United States in effect helped to modernize intelligence gathering and political policing operations in its far-flung empire, thus magnifying their impact. They further helped to militarize the police and fostered, through rigorous ideological conditioning, the dehumanization of political adversaries. The result was a reign of torture and terror as part of police practice in countries subject to U.S. influence, the devolution of police forces into brutal oppressors of the indigenous population, and the growth of corruption levels pushing regimes towards kleptocracy.

In his trilogy on the American empire, Chalmers Johnson demonstrates how the United States has historically projected its global power through a variety of means, including economic blackmail and the manipulation of financial institutions, covert operations, arms sales, and most importantly, through the development of a global network of military bases whose scale dwarfs all previous empires, including Rome. This article seeks to add another important structural dimension of U.S. power, namely the training of police and paramilitary units under the guise of humanitarian assistance, which preceded and continued through the era of global military bases.

"Breaking Up Bands of Political Plotters": Colonial Policing and State Terror in the Philippines

Policing America’s Empire
"In this stunning book, McCoy reveals how empire shapes the intertwined destinies of all involved in its creation. Written with deft strokes, this is an instant classic of historical writing." —Lloyd Gardner, author of The Long Road to Baghdad: A History of U.S. Foreign Policy from the 1970s to the Present

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At the dawn of the twentieth century, the U.S. Army swiftly occupied Manila and then plunged into a decade-long pacification campaign with striking parallels to today’s war in Iraq. Armed with cutting-edge technology from America’s first information revolution, the U.S. colonial regime created the most modern police and intelligence units anywhere under the American flag. In Policing America’s Empire Alfred W. McCoy shows how this imperial panopticon slowly crushed the Filipino revolutionary movement with a lethal mix of firepower, surveillance, and incriminating information. Even after Washington freed its colony and won global power in 1945, it would intervene in the Philippines periodically for the next half-century—using the country as a laboratory for counterinsurgency and rearming local security forces for repression. In trying to create a democracy in the Philippines, the United States unleashed profoundly undemocratic forces that persist to the present day.

But security techniques bred in the tropical hothouse of colonial rule were not contained, McCoy shows, at this remote periphery of American power. Migrating homeward through both personnel and policies, these innovations helped shape a new federal security apparatus during World War I. Once established under the pressures of wartime mobilization, this distinctively American system of public-private surveillance persisted in various forms for the next fifty years, as an omnipresent, sub rosa matrix that honeycombed U.S. society with active informers, secretive civilian organizations, and government counterintelligence agencies. In each succeeding global crisis, this covert nexus expanded its domestic operations, producing new contraventions of civil liberties—from the harassment of labor activists and ethnic communities during World War I, to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, all the way to the secret blacklisting of suspected communists during the Cold War.

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