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*This guest editorial eloquently states how SOF views the ill-conceived BATF operation in Waco, Texas. It is written by John D. Dingell III:*

As the recent bloodshed unfolded in Waco, Texas, I was struck by the sad historical parallel to events 50 years ago in another country. On 27 February 1993, black-uniformed BATF men wearing 'coal scuttle' helmets and carrying German-made machine pistols attacked the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. Fifty years earlier, in January 1943, black-uniformed SS men wearing 'coal scuttle' helmets and carrying German-made machine pistols attacked the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, Poland.

The BATF men were searching for illegal weapons reported to be in the Branch Davidian compound by a paid informant. The SS men were searching for illegal weapons reported to be in the Warsaw ghetto by a paid informant. Reports from Texas indicate the Branch Davidians kept strictly to themselves and harmed no one outside their compound prior to the BATF assault. The Jews kept to themselves and harmed no one outside the Warsaw ghetto prior to the SS assault.

The U.S. news media luridly reported that the Branch Davidians practice reprehensible sexual activities involving young women and children, implying that they are an evil religious "cult." Julius Streicher and the Nazi news media relentlessly told the German populace that Jews practiced reprehensible sexual activities involving young women and children, implying that they were "subhumans."

The BATF invited the U.S. news media to document their assault to show the American public how dangerous the Branch Davidians are. The SS had propagandists document their assault to show the German public how dangerous the Jews were. Four BATF men were killed and 16 wounded in the initial assault on the Branch Davidian

compound, apparently because someone told the Branch Davidians about the impending assault. Eleven SS men were killed and unrecorded numbers wounded in the initial assault on the Warsaw ghetto, because sympathetic Poles in the Zgota organization told the Jews about the impending assault.

After the initial assault, the BATF magnanimously arranged a truce so children could be evacuated from the Branch Davidian compound (and they could remove their casualties). After their initial assault, the SS magnanimously arranged a truce so children could be evacuated from the Warsaw ghetto compound (and they could remove their casualties).

The BATF called up FBI and U.S. military units with armored vehicles to finish off the Branch Davidian compound after encountering fierce resistance in the initial assault. The SS called up *Waffen* SS military units with armored vehicles to finish off the Warsaw ghetto after encountering fierce resistance to their initial assault.

This historical analogy may seem specious, but it is quite valid when you consider that the BATF and the SS had the same opportunism motivating their actions:

1. The SS personnel stationed in the General Government of Poland were trying to improve their image with superiors in Berlin by staging a well-publicized attack upon a politically powerless group. Most of the SS personnel stationed in Poland had been sent there because they had fallen afoul in Nazi political infighting, not because they wanted to contend with an unrelentingly hostile population on a daily basis.

2. The BATF personnel in Waco were trying to improve their image with the U.S. public by staging a well-publicized attack upon an equally powerless group. Even before BATF was accused of racial and sexual

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With a "little" help from our friends: *SOF* readers will recognize the two semi-distinguished gentlemen sitting at the table, John Donovan and Robert K. Brown. Behind them is Donovan Demolitions' shooting team, posed at the last Las Vegas convention. With his shooting team behind him, you know that Donovan is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, since sponsoring a team takes some bucks.

And let it be known that John Donovan will put his money where his mouth is in defense of the First Amendment and friends, too. When the courts soaked *SOF* for more than the shysters would find if they stacked us 50 deep, *SOF* and the views we present would have been essentially out of business and off the newsstands — except for two "angels unaware" who dug into their own pockets and forked over cash they had earned a dollar at a time, so we could keep on publishing. One of those gents was John Donovan. The other was *SOF*'s own Col. Alex McColl. It's lucky that Donovan has been a hard and honest worker since he left the Army as a major, and that McColl is a bachelor who has been able to save his wages since he went to work for *SOF*, or you'd have to get all your news from "them." And there's one more group of supporters to thank: you, our readers. When we sent out a plea for financial aid to help pay lawyers that had, over seven years, drained us nearly dry, you responded with your hard-earned dollars, and we were able to keep the lawyers fighting. With your help, we won them all except the last one. Thanks to you, Donovan and McColl, we can continue to tell it like it is.

## NAM POW CONCLAVE SET FOR COLORADO

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keep up the heat.

## POLITICALLY INCORRECT G.I.s

The *Los Angeles Times* polled some 2,300 enlisted personnel, and three-fourths of those polled opposed admitting gays to the U.S. military.

In news from Washington, the ban on homosexuals in the military is being actively supported by The Military Coalition, a Washington-based alliance of military organizations. The Coalition is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to send your views to your senator, representative and the president, and as noted in the *Reserve Officer's Association Journal*, this is being facilitated by a 900-number. Simply dial 1-900-454-1776 and for \$4.65 on your telephone bill, you will be sent a packet that includes personalized letters pre-addressed to your representatives, which you can sign, postscript if you care to and mail. Even easier than a Ross Perot TV poll.

## EXPENSIVE? MAYBE, IT JUST DEPENDS ...

Writer Jim Brantley mentioned the Air Force's \$800 diaper in his story "Dereliction of Duty" in the January *SOF*. Sharp-eyed readers — legions of them — pointed out this obvious typo, suggesting we go to the local drugstore and check out a \$14.95 box of Depends. Well, just so you know where your tax dollars go in the pursuit of equal opportunity for female combat pilots, we'd like to state again that they do indeed cost \$800 each and are not simply Depends. They are made to USAF specs of a special, absorbent material with a capacity of 950cc.

In his 5 April 1992 testimony before the Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Military, Colonel Richard F. Jones, USAF, chief

of the flight medicine office at the Pentagon stated: "... in the TR-1, when the decision was made to use female pilots, the way we were able to correct for the fact that they had to fly for 12 hours with no toilet facilities was to develop a special garment called the Disposable Absorption Containment Trunk, DACT, for short. It's a big Depend/diaper-type arrangement with waterproofing on the outside that permits them to go the full duration of the mission. Each one of those apparatuses, each time they fly, costs us \$800."

## KALASHNIKOV ESTABLISHES FUND FOR GUNSHOT VICTIMS

Appearing at the IDEX arms show in Abu Dhabi recently, famed Russian arms designer Mikhail Timofeyevich Kalashnikov called on other arms inventors to join him in establishing a fund to assist those who have suffered bullet wounds. "This fund will also be established to assist young designers, constructors and inventors for them to develop weapons for sports and hunting, not war. This would help communication between nations, but I don't know whether other designers will support this idea. It will not be easy." *Jane's Defence Weekly* reports that publicizing the Kalashnikov fund may involve further travel for the designer, including attendance at other international exhibitions and conferences.

## AMNESTY FOR NICK ROWE'S ASSASSINS?

Communist assassins Donato Contiente and Juanito Itaas were sentenced to double life sentences for their assassination of Col. James "Nick" Rowe, the counterinsurgency expert and Vietnam War hero killed in suburban Quezon City in April 1989. A Philippine government commission has recommended giving amnesty to the two. U.S. officials have asked that no amnesty be given.

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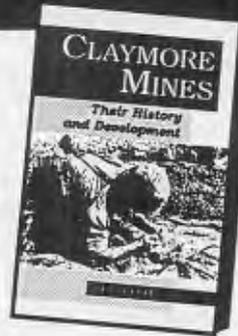
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## SLICK WILLIE WATCH

### POWER BEHIND THE GAS PUMP

Motoring through rural Arkansas, Bill and Hillary passed a crossroads gas station. Hillary remarked, "I used to date the boy whose daddy owns that station." Bill said, "Just think, if you'd a married him, your husband would be a pump jockey." "No," Hillary smiled wanly, "if I would have married him, he would now be president."

### MAMMA TOLD HER NOT TO?

Winner of this month's "We're Not Making This Up" award occurred when a three-star cooling his heels in the White House waiting to see the commander attempted to exchange pleasantries with a staff bimbo. She replied, "I don't talk to men in uniform," and stalked off. Weeellll 'scuse you, general. White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty maintains that Clinton is anything but hostile to the armed services, saying, "If there's a problem, it's a misconception."

### T-SHIRTS DON'T LIE ...

Oh, we wish that we'd invested in silk-screen, facsimile, bumper-sticker and Xerox stocks before the election. Here's a T-shirt we saw recently:

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### SECRET SERVICE SEIZES SENIOR SUDS SLINGER

A disgruntled old-timer in a Washington crowd pitched a bottle of beer at the president, over the heads of his Secret Service escort. They missed it, but not to worry: It was a draft beer, so Clinton just dodged it.

### RENO GAMBLING

Then Dade County, Florida, Attorney, now Clinton's new Attorney General Janet Reno was a guest speaker at the Coral Gables, Florida, B'nai B'rith meeting held at Hillel House on the University of Miami campus, in 1991. Speaking on what her office was doing to control crime [aside from plea bargaining away 97% of the criminal cases in Dade County and hiring a convicted drug dealer as a prosecutor], Reno was asked her position on gun control. Reno told the group that waiting periods were only a step, registration was only a step, and the prohibition of private ownership of firearms was the only solution to controlling crime.

### NO MILITARY BANDS?

Scuttlebutt around Washington has it that Clinton's "perceived" hostility toward the armed services is going to

result in no more military bands playing at official functions. Oh really? We heard it was the other way around — that the G.I. bands were refusing to play the new entrance anthem, "Inhale To The Chief."

### WE ARE NOT ALONE

You thought SOF and Rush Limbaugh were the only disgruntled conservatives pointing fingers and slinging cheap shots at Slick Willie? Ha! Our free-enterprise, free-press, free-thinking society is sprouting Willie Watchdogs faster than the Secret Service can check them out. Here's a couple we recommend:

*Slick Times*, P.O. Box 1710, Dept. SOF, Valley Center, CA 92082 (An illustrated newsletter in the tradition of *National Lampoon*, which pokes fun at the foibles of the current administration and includes a few random swipes at the folks from Arkansas in retribution for not keeping Slick Willie at home [e.g.: *What do you call a 300-pound woman from Arkansas? Anorexic.*])

*Slick Willie Wire*, KT Publishing, Dept. SOF, 12437 Seal Beach Blvd., Suite 121 Seal Beach, CA 90740 (A quarterly newsletter filled with Clinton clinkers, critiques and crossfire. For a sample copy, call 1-800-484-9945 Ext. 9473.) ✕

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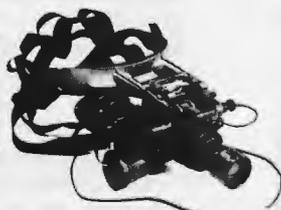
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## BLUES SEE RED OVER WHITE

As a 20-year police veteran and U.S. Army Military Police vet (1966-69) I, as well as a good number of detectives in my office, am real upset at Gid L. White's ("FLAK" *SOF* Apr.'93) commentary regarding police officers being buried with the U.S. flag placed on their coffins.

Believe me, the American police officer in this day and age is fighting an enemy just as deadly and destructive as any foreign aggressor. We police officers took an oath to defend the laws of this country and the Constitution just as any military enlistee does. And contrary to White's commentary, the American police officer gives his life for this country just as any serviceman does.

M.D. Addison  
Dallas, Texas

Master Sergeant White's letter almost made me puke! How dare he state that cops don't serve America and thus shouldn't be buried under the U.S. flag. Today's police are at war with druggies, wackos and violent criminals.

Each day a cop goes out, armed with revolver and baton, to defend decent Americans from scumbags packing Uzis and knives — we bruise, we bleed and we die; we battle on city streets, in rural towns, along interstate highways and even in foreign lands. Our "community support" includes video indictments, verbal taunts, physical

assaults, myriad complaints and hostile lawyers, judges, jurors and legislators.

The street cop protects and serves all Americans, not only those of their municipality or state, just as a soldier with the 2nd Infantry Division protects us by serving in Korea and just as the Florida guardsmen served us during the recent hurricane. Cops lay their lives on the line every day without parades, medals or ballads; the least their countrymen can do is honor their sacrifice with a flag. White's attack on police is outrageous.

Anthony M. Smith  
Philadelphia Housing Police  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Sergeant White's letter drew huge volumes of flak from active-duty and retired police veterans across the United States. These two letters are representative of the dozens received.*

## CUTTING-EDGE CARTRIDGE?

In the Kokalis article on the FN P90 Personal Defense Weapon ("FN's Amazing P90 Bullpup" *SOF* Mar.'93), the 5.7x28mm cartridge is referred to as "cutting edge" and "revolutionary."

*SOF* readers may be interested in knowing the 4th edition of *Cartridges of the World* describes a similar cartridge called the 5.7mm Johnson or .22 Spitfire. Designed in 1963 by Melvin M. Johnson (of Johnson rifle fame), it is essentially a .30-caliber carbine cartridge necked down to .22-caliber.

Ballistic data shows a 40-grain bullet with a muzzle velocity of 2850 fps. For further reference, the overall length of the .30-caliber carbine is 1.65 inches vs. the P90's 1.73 inches. No doubt the extra length contributes to its "reasonable lethality on soft targets." I hope the Saudis enjoy it.

Barry Fay  
Hubbell, Michigan

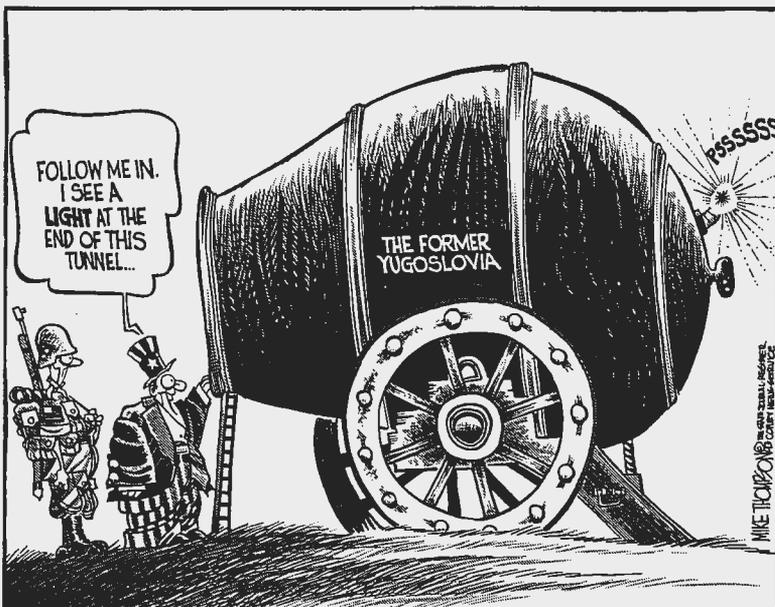
Technical Editor Peter G. Kokalis replies: *There are historical precedents, however tenuous, for all modern military small-arms cartridges. In his attempt at smarmy sarcasm, Fay fails to mention the 5.75mm Velo Dog cartridge first put on the market by the Galand arms factory of Paris in 1894. The more likely antecedents to the FN 5.7x28mm round are the Spanish CETME 4.6x36mm cartridge developed between 1964 and 1968 and the Swedish 4.5x26R round developed in 1978 for the Interdynamic MKR assault rifle. Neither were extended beyond the experimental stage.*

*The 5.7x28mm cartridge is unique because of both its case and bullet. The cartridge case's abrupt shoulder permits the gas pressure within the case that is pushing back on the case to be counteracted by gas pressure pushing forward on the sharp face of the shoulder, thus slightly delaying the bolt group's recoil stroke until gas pressures have dropped to safe levels. Furthermore, the sharply pointed, boattail projectile has a 10 caliber ogive and this unorthodox shape was selected primarily to reduce the drag coefficient, as lightweight bullets generally lose velocity rapidly. Apparently all of this was lost on Fay in his rush for one-upmanship.*

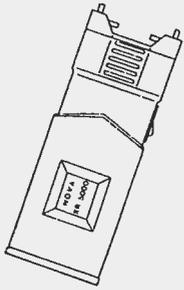
*Like almost all of Melvin Johnson's creations, the 5.7mm Johnson round was in the wrong place at the wrong time. It is today barely a footnote in the history of small-arms ammunition. I hope Fay enjoys it.*

## SOMALIA JUST LIKE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Your front cover picture on the April '93 edition really caught my eye. I figured that since both Marines had their trigger fingers inside the trigger guard, their Berettas were about to dispatch the object of their attention.



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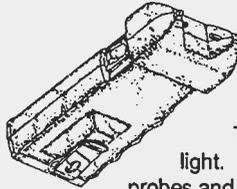
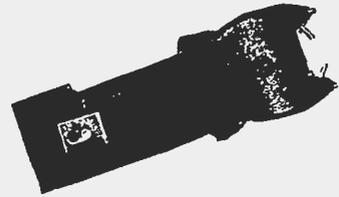
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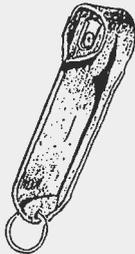


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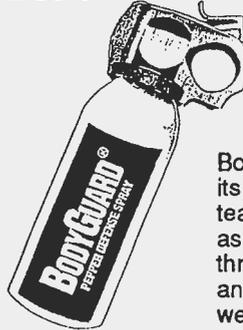
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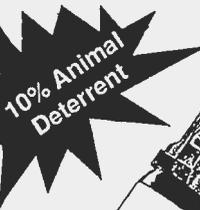
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As I pondered Marine firearms safety, I wondered how the liberal media would react if the Marines were wearing Los Angeles Police Department uniforms. Would it be time for another riot?

As I thought about this, I realized the solution to the problems in Somalia — make it more like L.A. Just look at the parallels:

Somalia has hungry people, so does L.A. Somalia has gangs with guns, so does L.A. All Somalia lacks is a do-gooder welfare system and a police department they can sue for brutality on innocent motorists who are minding their own business by driving 100mph while intoxicated.

Bruce Stanton  
Lemoore, California

### MARINES DO IT WRONG DUTCHIES GET IT RIGHT

The cover photo on the April '93 *SOF* shows Marines subduing a local using bad tactics. Both have their fingers on the trigger; the one on the right has his pistol safety off and in easy reach of the local. Compare this to the correct tactics employed by "Holland's Hard-Corps BBE": Finger off the trigger, one searches the suspect while the other covers him. It appears training is necessary in Close Quarter Combat (CQC). Hope to see some articles in the future on this topic.

Thomas Prest  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### TRAINING FOR COMBAT WITH BB GUNS

I wish to jump in on the ongoing "inadequate training" flap. In the reserve unit I am assigned to, we have several

inadequacies which are both insulting and life threatening. The worst is a "cost saving" idea initiated by a former commander of the program I am in. He instituted BB guns and a short range and promulgated them force-wide. The idea was to give "realistic" sight picture and "accuracy" without the expense of scarce ammo dollars. What garbage.

Needless to say, the military leadership in my unit and program are not what I would want to go to war with. I keep wanting to mail copies of Colonel Hackworth's book *About Face* to the goofs in charge. The problem is that they would read it and feel they are Hack himself, instead of the ticket punchers he writes about.

*Name withheld by request*

### KICK OUT THE SLACKERS: MALE AND FEMALE

I feel it is high time you received a few words from an enlisted sailor (P-250 pumps, damage control etc..) regarding the women in the military issue. It is amazing how Air Force and Army personnel find themselves in positions to give the Navy advise on shipboard damage control tasks.

It's a fact that a major fire aboard ship has to be controlled in minutes, or we all go swimming. The crew of the seagoing vessel is its lifeblood and its fire department. If a female crew member cannot physically fight a fire right then and there, the ship and crew will suffer. There is no time to reshuffle a thousand sailors in an emergency. Granted there are many overweight and out-of-shape male sailors who can't perform physically demanding jobs either. So kick them out too!

Let's get rid of all substandard

performers, and we can cut the budget while keeping the best personnel on active duty. Because if we continue to believe that our armed forces are just a job that is interrupted by war every once in a blue moon, I will leave and find a fighting force that has the support and backing of its people and is not concerned with limiting violence in the course of an armed confrontation with the enemy.

Mark O. Weidhase  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

### EAGLE-EYED EDITORS' READER

The caption for the two-page photo on pages 30-31 ("Aid, Attack & Restore Hope" *SOF* Apr.'93) describes a "Humvee-mounted Marine patrol in Mogadishu..." The description of the pictured weapons is accurate. However, the description of the vehicles is incorrect. This Marine patrol is jeep mounted. The two vehicles pictured are utility trucks, 1/4 ton, M151A2. Careful observance of the tail-end of the vehicles reveals the M151 tailpipe, bumperette, inter-vehicular trailer connection and fuelcan strap. The tires on these vehicles are not original issue M151, they look like tires from the M1008 1 1/4 ton cargo truck.

What's most surprising is that the Marines are still using the M151A2, as the Army declared them obsolete in 1991 and replaced them with the Humvee. We (the New Jersey Army National Guard) disposed of our M151s last year and now have Humvees, M880s, M1008s and M1009s.

I know this minor vehicle identification error will not cause you to fail your Soldier's Development Test. I just thought I'd bring it to your attention. *SOF's* articles are always well-researched (the best way, by being there) and most definitely have enlightened many people as to the capabilities of our military. Keep up the great work.

John J. Purpuro  
Hackensack, New Jersey

### COMPUTER ERROR

Howard Rourke's article on "Clinton's Surprises for Gun Owners" (*SOF* Mar. '93) should have said "Cray," rather than Craig, supercomputers would be processing firearms purchase applications. The Cray supercomputer was designed by Dr. Seymour Cray of Cray Research Inc. and costs about \$10 million.

John St. Clair  
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*I suppose you could honestly say this mistake was due to a computer error. ✕*

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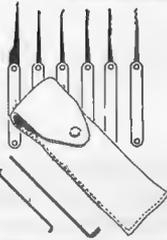
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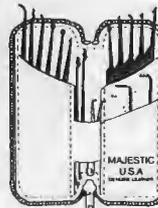
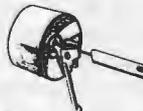
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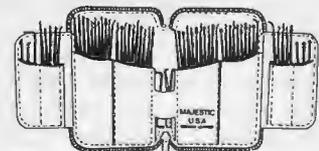
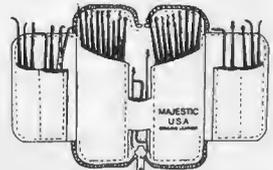


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# I WAS THERE

by Robert Howell

## Attempt To Kill Khadaffi

Machine-gun fire shattered the night, its staccato triggering the reaction that slowly brings one to a conscious state. I lay still, trying to focus on the shortest route to a bunker. From the sound of the gunfire, the NVA had breached the wire and were already in the compound.

But where was our return fire? Had VC sappers managed to eliminate our defensive positions? I could hear only the rapid, cracking slap of RPDs and the deep cough of Soviet 12.7mm heavy machine guns. I rolled and groped for my boots as the louder, closer bursts were matched by the drumming in my chest — and adrenalin rushed me toward awareness of where I really was.

I wasn't in a Marine base in Vietnam, as suggested to my subconscious by the sounds that tore apart the night, and it wasn't 1972. I was in my fiancée's apartment, in Tripoli, Libya, and it was May 1984 — and I was now wide awake.

More gunfire erupted nearby as I bolted to the living room that overlooked the street. Kneeling below window level, I cracked the wooden blinds and peered at the street two floors below.

This part of Tripoli was in chaos. The first brilliant rays of early sunlight illuminated the main boulevard, a scene reminiscent of the fall of Saigon. Blue uniformed and plainclothes police manned positions to strategically block every thoroughfare; they stopped and searched everyone. Pedestrians and vehicles were everywhere, all trying to escape the gunfire.

I watched and listened, trying to pinpoint the most intense fighting — and the direction that might offer escape should the battle engulf us. Massive exchanges of small-arms fire continued to punctuate the early morning stillness.

Libya in the 1980s was not a common place for Americans. But a job was a job, and as a helicopter maintenance instructor, one went where the contracts took him — this time it was North Africa. Having been there four years, and considering deteriorating relations between Khadaffi and the U.S. government, I had planned this very day to catch my freedom bird to England.

A knock at the door turned out to

be my fiancée's neighbor, a British secretary. "The Libyans sent us home from work right after we got there," she explained. "They said we would be safer here." "Here" was an apartment building used solely as residence for British secretaries — and the occasional clandestine visit by American and British technicians.

We discussed possible routes of escape. The firefight was now raging only a block away, and I could hear the deep *karump* of tank fire. Several volleys echoed through the streets. We had no clue what was going on — only later would we learn it was an attempted coup d'état against Colonel Muammar Khadaffi.

Khadaffi lived in a large military compound in the center of Tripoli named *Bab al Azaziyyah*, "Fort Apache" among expatriates. Built by a Swiss company as protection for the Libyan leader, its 15-foot concrete walls, remote controlled cameras, massive gates and sprawling interior were always patrolled by hundreds of heavily armed elite troops. Huge concrete blocks dotted the approaches, in addition to two checkpoints at which all vehicles were stopped. Each gate had a Soviet T-64 tank buried to the turret, its main gun facing any would-be intruder.

I later learned what transpired. The morning had started as most others, with Khadaffi's guard enjoying breakfast and then trekking to the parade field for morning formation. At roughly the same time, the base's garbage truck arrived and was waved through with a cursory inspection. Hidden inside the truck were heavily armed men.

At 0700, as retiring sentries and their replacements lined up on the quadrangle, machine-gun fire burst from surrounding positions manned by the rebels who had infiltrated in the garbage truck. The attackers, with the advantage of surprise, cover and initiative, decimated the exposed troops and took control of the parade field. They then began their fighting approach to Khadaffi's quarters.

Khadaffi's house looked like a normal white block building, but was actually a hardened, multilevel bunker. The floors below ground level, which contained living quarters and a parking garage, also contained several escape tunnels large enough for Khadaffi's

dark-green armored Cadillac. These tunnels exited several hundred meters outside the perimeter, but exact exits were unknown to the public — or the attackers.

As the rebels approached Khadaffi's residence, defenders arrived from barracks throughout the compound. Intense fighting ensued, and the attackers were pushed back. Unbeknown to them, Khadaffi left with the first gunfire and was on his way to Okba air base — where several jets waited on permanent standby for just this eventuality.

As the tide of battle turned, the outnumbered and outgunned rebels were driven out of the fort but fought a retrograde action toward downtown Tripoli and the harbor.

Two miles from the fort, they entered a large apartment complex to seek cover and disappear among the buildings. They weren't so lucky: They were quickly trapped in a multi-story apartment building just one block from where my fiancée and I crouched low, listening to the fight.

The attackers, knowing surrender would mean incredible torture and certain death for not only them but also their families, fought suicidally from the windows.

Within minutes, tanks arrived and surrounded the building. The area was cordoned off and no one was allowed to leave the building — not even innocent residents. After several volleys from the tanks, the building, with approximately 20 apartments, collapsed into a pile of rubble. The attackers, as well as the civilian residents, were dead. The attempted coup was over.

When the firing ceased, I decided to try to make it to the airport, 20 miles south of Tripoli. An American friend offered to drive me there.

After a short distance we were stopped at a newly created checkpoint, to be scrutinized by a contingent of secret police, regular police and army personnel. Though we were the center of attention and the searches were extensive, it appeared as if the civilian police, the secret police and the army were all watching each other more than suspect vehicles. No one knew who had attempted the coup, and I'm sure they suspected each other: Their weapons were pointed more in each

other's direction than ours. After we were allowed to proceed through more checkpoints, we made it to the main airport highway — only to be turned back. No cars were being allowed onto the 20-mile-long airport highway. We then tried circuitous routes through back streets, and in about an hour we arrived once again on the airport highway — this time only a mile from the airport.

We hit a final checkpoint, where military personnel demanded passports and tickets. After much scrutiny of the papers, the guard waved us onto the final stretch. We were again checked at the door of the airport. Inside, the airport was deserted. Only a few passengers, all white, could be seen. The only Libyans and Arabs we spotted were airline employees or airport officials. After saying goodbye, I proceeded to passport control and from there was taken into a small room and again questioned by the police.

Libyan officials, in one last bid to strut authority, gave passengers a rough body search before allowing us to board. As the last passenger entered the hot passenger compartment, a crewman quickly closed and locked the door behind him. The crew, all male, appeared almost as nervous as we were. The plane leapt forward as if shot from a cannon and was airborne. The pilot banked toward the Mediterranean and a few seconds later we were over blue water. The passengers cheered.

Leaving Libya a few weeks later, my fiancée was in Tripoli during the resulting reprisals.

Mass demonstrations were staged to blame the CIA, the British and the Sudanese for the attempt. Khadafi was shown on TV unharmed, blaming the attempt on the Moslem Brotherhood, a radical organization active in the Middle East. The National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL), however, claimed responsibility. Then reprisals began. Friends and relatives of the revolutionaries were arrested, interrogated (some on TV), and executed by hanging or shooting. Khadafi also used this opportunity to round up about 200 of his opponents.

In Green Square (Khadafi's copy of Moscow's Red Square), corpses of the revolutionaries, along with those of their friends and relatives, were put on display and left to the mercy of the crowd. Many were tied behind cars and trucks and dragged through the streets.

Finally, after a few tense weeks, everything quieted down and returned to normal.

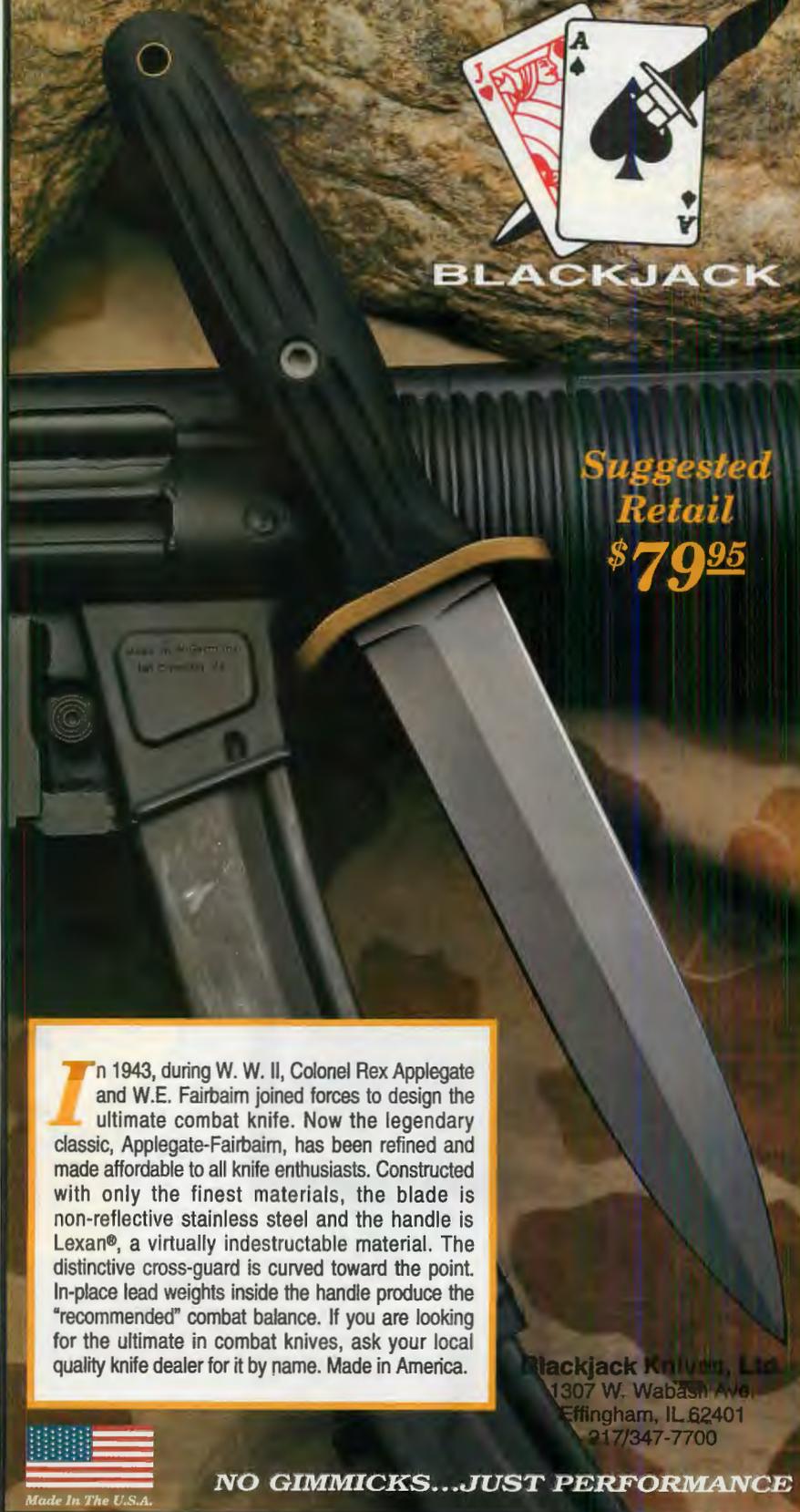
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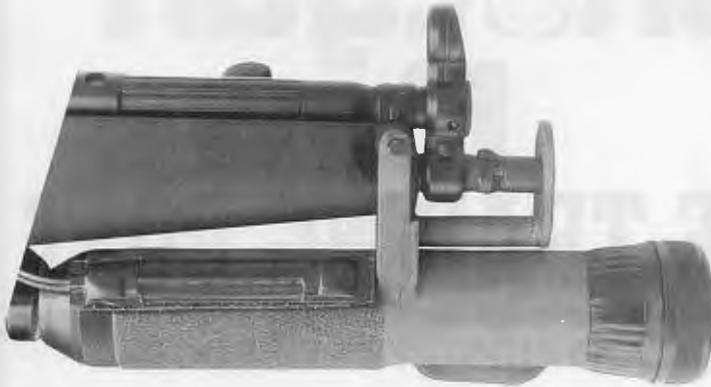
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## Lights, Stocks And Two-Shot Bursts



High-risk entries into darkened environments require powerful illumination attached to shoulder-mounted weapons, such as this FORCE Tactical Lighting System fixed to an MP5.

No other submachine gun dominates the law enforcement and special operations arenas to the extent Heckler & Koch's MP5 does. It will continue to reign supreme for a long time to come. Not the least of the many reasons for its immense popularity is that it is a complete weapons system. Factory and aftermarket accessories for the MP5 are close to boundless. There are so many, in fact, that it is sometimes difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. Here are a few MP5 accessories worth considering.

### Let There Be Light

Goblins like to move at night, and not necessarily only when the moon is full. There is no more important accessory you can hang on your MP5, shotgun or rifle — whether you are defending your home or making a living clearing vermin out of crack houses — than a light. And it should be powerful — very powerful.

Lights on shoulder-mounted weapons or used in conjunction with a handgun employing the so-called "Harries Flashlight Technique" are most definitely not aiming devices. They do not replace the weapon's sights. They are not employed in the Rambo manner of the now highly fashionable laser toys that armed amateurs tape or glue onto everything from pocket pistols to assault rifles.

These lights are used to illuminate the target and permit proper target

discrimination, to prevent popping a family member or fellow officer. They backlight the weapon's sights and permit their proper use. If powerful enough, they can also be used to momentarily blind your opponent.

Common sense is required in their tactical application. They should be turned on only long enough to identify a potential target — fire, if required — then turn the light off and move. In the presence of potential danger, these devices should never be used as searchlights to visually clear an area. They will only serve to compromise the mission and draw fire if used indiscriminately.

Attempting to determine a flashlight's "power" can be confusing, as there are at least three different units of measurement in use.

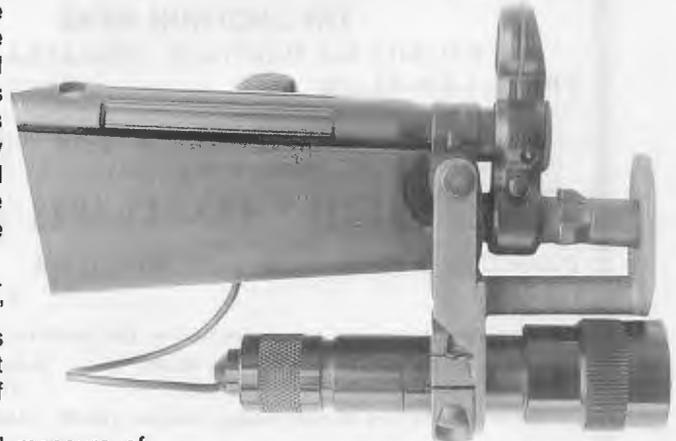
The most meaningful measure of the power of a flashlight for comparison purposes is the total amount of light it produces, which includes both the focused and wide-angle portions of the beam produced by the flashlight. This is measured by an instrument called an "integrating sphere" and given in "lumens." This is a much better measurement for comparison purposes than "candlepower" because, as commonly used, candlepower is merely a measurement of the intensity of the hottest spot in the beam. This can be misleadingly high for flashlights having either larger reflectors or irregularly focused beams with "hot spots."

Another measurement of light power sometimes applied to flashlights is the "candela." One candela equals approximately 1,000 mean spherical candlepower (msc).

Unfortunately, some manufacturers use one unit of measurement and others another, so their products

cannot be compared. In the absence of sophisticated laboratory equipment, you can get a fairly good idea of their relative brightness by going into a dark room and alternately turning each flashlight on while you look at the reflected light on the opposite wall. You can definitely tell which flashlight is more powerful this way.

Using this crude means of comparison, I can tell you with no small degree of certainty that the most powerful light I have ever attached to any of my MP5s, or to any other shoulder-mounted firearm, is the FORCE Tactical Lighting System produced by Sage International Ltd. (Dept. SOF, 630 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342; phone: 313-333-7811), which manufactures a wide range of highly specialized security



There may be instances where a smaller, more compact light is desirable. To this end, Sage International also manufactures a FORCE Reduced-Size Tactical Light Mount that accepts the superb Model 650 SURE-FIRE Tactical Light.

products for law enforcement and special operations groups. Designed at the request of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the FORCE unit throws out a minimum of 15,300 msc at 15 feet, lighting up the average room like an arc light raid in Vietnam.

There's never a free lunch, and the FORCE Tactical Lighting System is large (11 inches long) and heavy (18 ounces). But so what? It wasn't developed for humping 30 clicks in the bush. In its intended urban applications — high-risk entries into darkened environments — the user (either transported by vehicle to the site or already *in situ* at his own domicile) will



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The FORCE's carbon steel housing mounts under the MP5's handguard and is held in place by the handguard's pushpin and by a bracket surrounding the muzzle. It can be instantly attached or removed. There is an abrasive gripping surface around the rear bottom half of the housing. The flashlight is not dedicated to the housing. There is a momentary-pressure switch that can be Velcro-mounted to either the right or left side of the housing. Using NiCad batteries, but also accepting normal "D"-cells (with a bulb change), the unit is equipped with a 120-volt AC charger. An infrared (IR) filter is available as an optional accessory for clandestine operations.

The FORCE Tactical Lighting

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than 60 lumens (or about 11,500 msc) when equipped with lithium batteries. Most law-enforcement personnel that carry the Model 650 SURE-FIRE use NiCad batteries for training and fresh lithium batteries — with their almost indefinite shelf life — for the street.

The FORCE Reduced-Size Light Mount costs \$49 for shotguns, \$59 for the M16 series and \$69 for the MP5 mount. I can recommend all of Sage International's security products without reservations of any kind, as well as all models of the SURE-FIRE flashlights.

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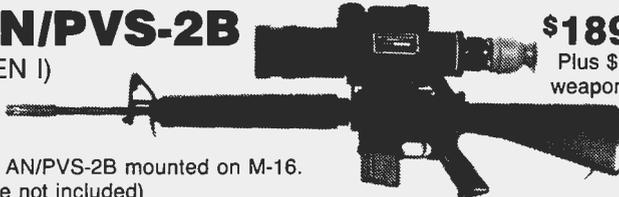
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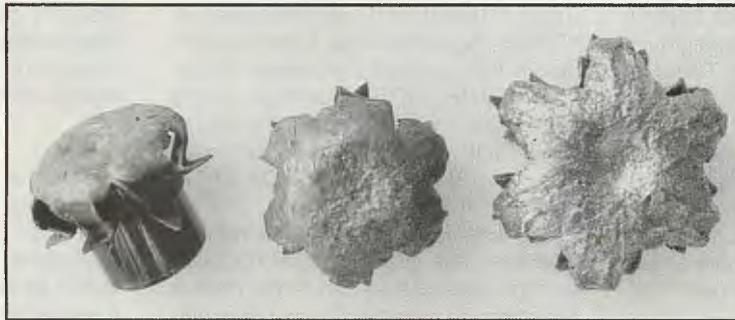
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Until recently, most semiautomatic pistols used by American law enforcement agencies and military units have been chambered for the 9mm Parabellum and .45 ACP cartridges. The renaissance in law enforcement wound ballistic research initiated by the



There are several requisites for pistol ammunition to have potential for physiologically incapacitating an aggressor: It must reliably penetrate to a depth to disrupt major organs and arteries; it must reliably expand to a dimension that leaves a large, permanent wound channel; it must stay in one piece so it can effectively cut tissue at the outer radius of the wound channel. Photo: Peter G. Kokalis

FBI's 1987 Wound Ballistic Workshop led to the development of two additional cartridges intended for law enforcement use: the subsonic 10mm and .40 S&W. The .40 S&W appears to be a superior cartridge for law enforcement use and has experienced greater acceptance

by law enforcement agencies. The .40 S&W attempts to combine the compact dimensions and relatively large magazine capacity of a 9mm pistol with the greater incapacitation potential of the larger .45 ACP bullet. The .40 S&W has been adopted by several American law enforcement agencies including the California Highway Patrol.

Interestingly, even though the U.S. military has adopted the 9mm Parabellum as its

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The critical factor in assessing the wounding effectiveness of handgun bullets, from the perspective of military and law enforcement personnel as well as civilians who depend on firearms to protect themselves, is the ability of the bullet to reliably penetrate approximately 12 inches of soft tissue, the minimum depth necessary to ensure disruption of the major organs and blood vessels in the torso from any angle and despite intermediate obstacles. Bullets which penetrate beyond 18 inches are wasting tissue disruption potential, which could be used to make a larger hole in the ideal 12- to 15-inch range of penetration required for handgun bullets intended for law enforcement and military special

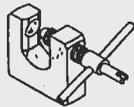
operations use.

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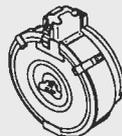
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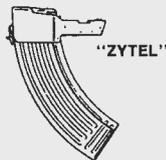


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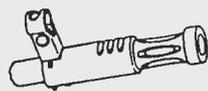
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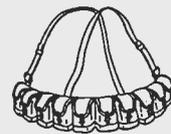


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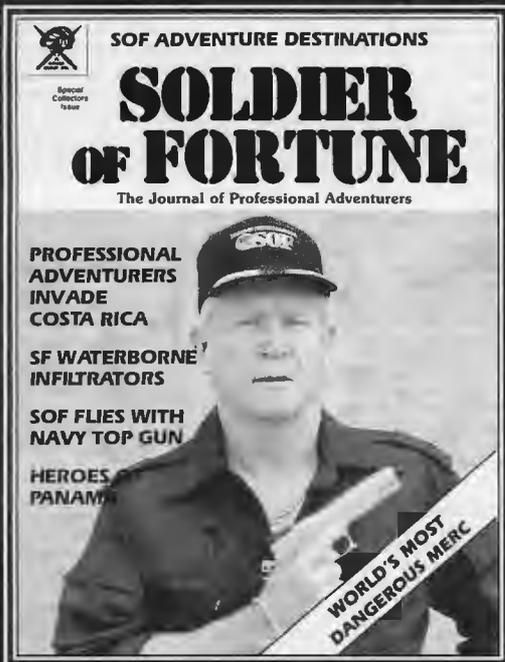
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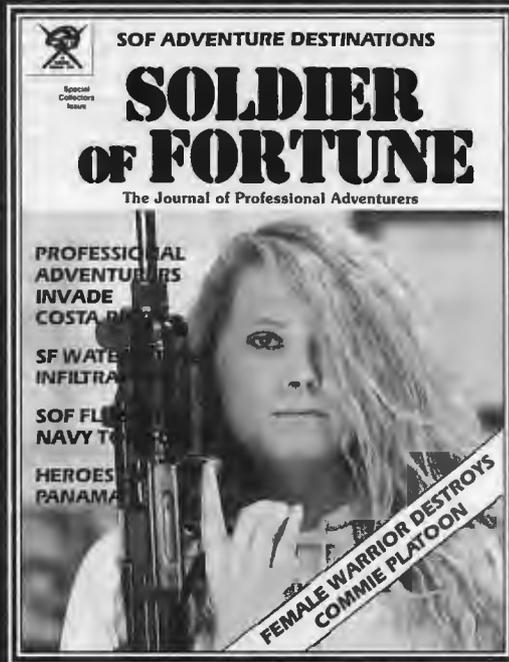
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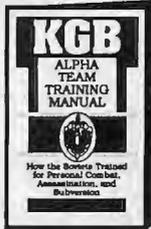


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# CLINTON: “REPUBLICANS FORCED THE ISSUE”

by James Brantley

**W**hen a young man asked Clinton during a “town hall” meeting in Southfield, Michigan, on 10 February 1993 why he decided to address the issue of gays in the military so early in his administration, and Clinton snapped back with, “It was the Republicans who forced the issue.” I almost fell backward out of my chair.

This statement came out of nowhere.

During White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos’ daily press briefings the last week of January, he announced the impending release of Clinton’s directive which would lift the ban on gays in the military. On Tuesday 26 January, Stephanopoulos emphasized Clinton’s right to lift the ban without the consent of Congress and said Clinton would act swiftly to lift it. Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Clinton would announce his decision the following Wednesday. Neither of them made any mention of “Republicans forcing the issue.”

Wednesday arrived, but there was no announcement lifting the ban. Stephanopoulos did acknowledge that the White House switchboard had been swamped with calls opposing lifting the ban, that Les Aspin had been sent to discuss the matter with congressional leaders and that Clinton himself was working the phones. White House aides claimed Clinton wanted to get on with lifting the ban and would probably announce it on Thursday. Again no blame was laid on the Republicans for forcing the issue, and the major resistance to lifting the ban was coming from Clinton’s own party. Sen. Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was seen on news reports every day expressing his opposition to lifting the ban.

On Thursday 28 January, Myers said Clinton would announce the lifting of the ban that day. But that very day, Clinton was working to keep the Democratic leadership of the House and Senate from passing veto-proof legislation making the ban

on gays a law. At the end of the week, Clinton finally relented and agreed to wait six months before lifting the ban.

So, standing there in front of the American people at a town hall meeting, Clinton said, “It was the Republicans who forced the issue.” I knew then how Clinton had picked up the name “Slick Willie.” America had bought itself a slick-talking, likable snake oil salesman as president, who had plenty of rap but little substance.

Clinton scares me. Not just because of his silver-tongued shifting of blame, but because he made the wrong decision at the wrong time, even when he was getting advice from all the experts not to lift the ban on gays. He ignored the leaders of the armed forces, the opinions of the troops themselves and the leadership of his own party. He wasn’t even swayed by a record number of phone calls opposing the ban that tied up White House and congressional switchboards. He still intends to lift the ban on 15 July.

If Clinton is going to just ignore all the expert advice of military and political leaders on this issue, is he going to do the same when it comes time to decide to commit troops or use nuclear weapons? What about the economy and health care? Will he listen to the experts or simply go his own way?

I have heard Clinton mention “restructuring the military” numerous times and endlessly repeat that he was elected to “bring about change.” Clinton’s fast move to open the military to homosexuals made me realize that he isn’t just talking about downsizing and the “physical” restructuring of the armed forces when he says restructuring. He’s also talking about the “social” restructuring of the armed forces, so they can be used as leading-edge examples to speed radical social change in mainstream society. Clinton believes that if he can gain acceptance of gays in the military, they’ll gain wider acceptance in society at large. What will Clinton direct next? Women in combat?

Although Clinton might lift the ban, Congress can pass a bill making the ban

law. The Constitution is clear on the role of Congress in making laws to regulate the armed forces. If the bill is passed with a two-thirds majority, it’s veto proof. The Senate has enough votes now, and more than half of the congressmen polled have expressed support for making the ban law.

A *Los Angeles Times* poll taken of military people in February revealed 74% opposed lifting the ban on gays. Other recent polls show the general public’s opinion has shifted, and a majority are now also opposed to gays in the military. The numbers against would probably be still higher if pollsters would ask people if they would mind working and *living* with gays, or minded if their children accepted a job where one of the conditions of employment was that they live in the same quarters with gays.

One of the arguments currently in vogue with homosexual rights groups is that the military finds homosexuals acceptable in wartime because figures show homosexuals are discharged at lower rates in wartime. What these people ignore is the fact that you don’t stop departure of a troopship to sort out the real homosexuals from soldiers who are just claiming homosexuality to avoid going to war.

The single thing I find most amusing about this whole debate is the fact that the homosexual rights movement is so totally focused on gaining the right for homosexuals to serve in the military, they have forgotten that gaining the right means they will also be obligated to serve. Homosexuality would no longer be considered an exemption in the event of a wartime situation, where the draft had to be started again. When homosexuals begin receiving their draft notices, those notices should read: “Congratulations, the joke’s on you.”

*James Brantley is a 20-year USAF veteran who served nearly a decade in the Asian theater. He authored last month’s feature “Gays in the Military” and will continue to monitor the issue in the coming months. ✕*

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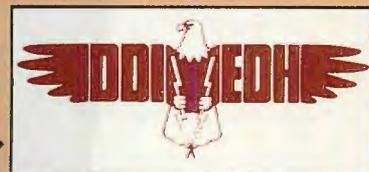
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Heckler & Koch's OHWS prototype includes a caliber .45 ACP semiauto pistol with sound/flash suppressor and Laser Aiming Module (LAM). When equipped with an infrared filter, the LAM must be used in conjunction with special operator-viewing goggles.



Photo: courtesy Heckler & Koch

**M**idst all of the military and political ambiguities that arose in the aftermath of Operation Desert Storm, there arose one clear winner. The U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM — the umbrella organization for the Navy SEALs, Army Rangers and Special Forces, Air Force Special Operations and several other unspecified clandestine operations groups) clearly walked out of the desert with increased leverage. Its exploits were leaked just enough to magnify an already considerable mystique and provide it with an

even more powerful procurement carte blanche than ever before. In short, they get to play with whatever toys they put on their Christmas list.

On 28 August 1991, USSOCOM awarded both Colt and Heckler & Koch with Phase I development contracts for the so-called Special Operations Forces (SOF) Offensive Handgun Weapon System (OHWS). Promoted primarily by the SEALs, the contracts came out of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Crane, Indiana. One year later, both firms

submitted 30 prototypes to NSWC for testing and evaluation. Final selection is scheduled for 1996.

In general, the OHWS consists of a caliber .45 ACP semiautomatic pistol with very specific attributes, a detachable flash-and-sound suppressor and a Laser Aiming Module (LAM). Minimum sound-level reduction of the suppressor was specified at 30 dB (decibels), coupled with a 75% reduction in the flash signature.

Heckler & Koch's OHWS is to a large extent based upon their USP (Universal

# HOT ROD HYBRID HANDGUNS

## First Look At H&K, Colt .45 Prototypes For Covert Ops

by Peter G. Kokalis

Self-Loading Pistol), scheduled for release in the United States no later than midsummer 1993 and initially chambered for the .40 S&W cartridge. Designed to go head-to-head against Glock, with a suggested retail price of \$624, the USP has a polymer frame and is a double-action type, but can be carried "cocked and locked."

The H&K OHWS operates by means of short-recoil with breech locking, based on a linkless modified Browning system (ejection port barrel-locking block). However, even with its polymer frame, this is a large, heavy package. Weight of the pistol, with an empty magazine, is 42.5 ounces. By the time you add the sound suppressor, the LAM and 12 rounds of .45 ACP ball, you're holding 5 pounds in your trembling hands. Remember, the M16 rifle, as originally fielded, weighed only 6.3 pounds.

The six-groove barrel has a left-hand (specified) twist of one turn in 16 inches (standard for this caliber) with an overall length of 5.87 inches without the muzzle's thread protector. Overall length of the OHWS without the suppressor is 9.65 inches. Add the "can" and you're out to 15.71 inches. Height is 5.9 inches, and at its widest point this pistol measures 1.38 inches.

### H&K Attributes

Other salient features include a salt-spray resistant finish on the one-piece machined steel slide and other components. There is a spring-loaded, mechanical recoil-reduction system that is reported to reduce perceived recoil by as much as 30%. With the staggered-column, detachable box-type magazine fully loaded and a round in the chamber, the total capacity is 13 rounds.

Both single- and double-action modes are provided in the OHWS; the ambidextrous manual safety lever permits carrying in "condition one" (round in the chamber, hammer cocked and safety on). A separate

decocking lever has been provided to silently lower the cocked hammer. Both the magazine release-catch, which is ambidextrous, and the slide release lever are located in conventional positions that permit manipulation without adjustment of the firing grip.

The H&K OHWS is designed to fire a minimum of 30,000 rounds of +P ammunition, with or without the sound suppressor, without any parts failure or replacement. The slide and frame were designed for a minimum of 60,000 rounds. These are project requirements.

Very little is known about the sound suppressor. It was designed by Heckler & Koch GmbH of Oberndorf, Germany. They are not regarded as leaders in this field. There is a slide lock on the weapon to permit single-shot operation with the sound suppressor.

The iron sights employ a three-dot system with either white or self-luminous tritium dots. The LAM, powered by two "AA" batteries and mounted to rails on the frame in front of the trigger guard, provides the operator with visible or infrared laser aiming dots alone or in conjunction with a visible or infrared (IR) illuminator. It was developed by Insight Technology Inc. of Manchester, New Hampshire.

I am opposed to the employment of visible laser-aiming devices on small arms. Operators invariably seek out the dot and

instinctively react to place it on the target with no regard for the proper shooting stance or training, which has mandated that they bring the handgun up to eye level in the Weaver position.

### Laser Impairment

Under stress, we do what we have trained to do. If we shoot correctly in daylight, but become accustomed to sloppy techniques that will nevertheless result in hits when a laser is employed in subdued light, then under the intense stress of contact with the enemy we will be forced to decide between two alternative firing techniques. That's bad, bad, bad. There simply isn't time for decision making like

Colt's entry in the SOF OHWS spook contest is an unusual amalgam of systems, mounting the All American 2000 slide and barrel onto the Double Eagle frame. Its single most important salient feature is its sound suppressor, developed by C. Reed Knight, Jr.



Photo: courtesy Colt's Manufacturing Co. Inc.

this in a combat environment. However, IR laser beams and the night-vision goggles required to employ them do have some valid applications for clandestine operations.

Colt's entry in this spook contest is an

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# SHOT DOWN BY SOUTHCOM

## U.S. Chopper Crews Risk All — Win No Honor

by Greg Walker  
Photos courtesy author

**A tragic and violent** incident on 2 January 1991 received little media attention or military recognition — Marxist guerrillas of the Faribundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) brought down a U.S. Huey assault helicopter with small-arms fire. The gunship carried two crewmen and Lieutenant Colonel David H. Pickett, commander of the 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, based in Honduras.

According to U.S. Army aviation crews who served in El Salvador at the time, FMLN guerrillas executed Pickett and his crew chief, Private First Class Ernest G. Dawson Jr., minutes after their helicopter auto-rotated down outside the little village of La Estancia.

While the UH-1H was airborne, ground fire wounded the senior pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Daniel S. Scott; he died of these wounds sometime during or after the crash. The ensuing killings occurred about 20km northeast of San Miguel, only a few clicks from the Honduran border.

Pickett and his crew were returning to Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras from a staff visit to American flight and ground crews stationed in El Salvador.

Apparently pursuing a shortcut route, the Huey had flown from San Miguel toward San Francisco Gotera, then moved northeast toward the town of Corinto. By this approach they could reduce flight time and slip inside the established "Green Three" route into Honduras, leading directly to Soto Cano.

"The doctor who performed the autopsies had access to the debriefing. He told us it appeared the crew chief was shot first," recalled a CWO 2 known here as Bob Bailey. "Pickett apparently made the decision to run for it and was peppered with AK-47 fire at close range." (*Editor's Note: Some Salvador veteran aviation crewmen providing information on this and related incidents*



Charred remains of U.S. Huey helicopter shot down by Marxist FMLN rebels over El Salvador in January 1991. Two of three crew members survived the crash but were brutally executed on the ground after capture.  
Photo: *El Diario de Hoy* (San Salvador)

*requested anonymity for security reasons; where noted, such sources are identified here by noms de guerre).*

An aviation accident investigation team from Fort Rucker, Alabama, flew to El Salvador to evaluate the incident, per Army regulations. According to Bailey, this team's report "was never released to the aircrews in El Salvador. This was fairly unusual, as all crash reports are circulated among the pilots so we can learn why a crash took place."

Pickett's helicopter had been armed with two M60 machine guns, but these were most likely strapped to its floor rather than mounted. At the time, policy for armed airframes flying in Honduras called for positioning the guns in this manner. Since Pickett was stationed in Honduras at the time of the shoot-down, it is likely these guns were so secured out of habit. Despite El Salvador's

## ANOTHER CRASH-DOWN, ONE MORE LETDOWN

On 15 July 1987, a UH-1H Iroquois helicopter under the operational command of the U.S. MilGroup suffered a mechanical failure and — according to a report filed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, by the accident investigation team — a pilot error during its attempted emergency landing.

The Huey crashed into Lake Ilopango, near El Salvador's capital city of San Salvador; on board were Special Forces medics en route to the National Training Center (NTC) at La Unión to conduct a medevac mission. Accidental gunfire there had severely wounded an SF adviser in the neck; he required immediate evacuation. The aircraft and its crew were assigned to Joint Task Force Bravo, stationed at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras. This task force predated the 228th Aviation Regiment's service in El Salvador.

Originally many in El Salvador believed the aircraft had been struck by an FMLN shoulder-fired, Soviet-made SA-7 or SA-14 antiaircraft missile. This is the first time both mechanical and pilot error have been confirmed as cause of the crash (by CWO 2 "Bob Bailey," a pilot who read the circulated report and whose best friend was one of the downed Huey's aircrew).

Seven Americans were killed in the crash: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Lujan from California's NTC; Lt. Col. James Basile, deputy commander of U.S. MilGroup El Salvador; First Lieutenant Gregory Paredes, a pilot; Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Raybon, a pilot; the crew chief, Specialist 4 Douglas Adams; doorgunner Spec. 4 Craig Lee and an SF medic from Panama, Sergeant First Class Lynn Keen. It was subsequent to this incident that authorities determined a need for an ongoing airborne support unit in El Salvador, which became B Company of the 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment.

One severely injured survivor was SF medic Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Grace. Both Keen and Grace had worked at the National Military Hospital in San Salvador where they assisted in treating wounded Salvadoran soldiers. Keen was posthumously awarded a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), the peacetime equivalent of the Bronze Star.

Keen's award was a continuation of the awards policy dictated by the U.S. Southern Command after Sgt. 1st Class Greg Fronius was killed in action in March 1987. Fronius (who was armed) died rallying Salvadoran troops under attack at the 4th Brigade's headquarters at El Paraiso. The sergeant was confronted by three FMLN sappers who shot him, then he was struck by enemy mortar fragments.

Sixty-four ESAF troops were killed during this attack, with another 79 wounded; only seven guerrillas were reported killed. Fronius is credited with stalling the enemy assault, as guerrillas overran the compound after ESAF officers abandoned their troops. His battalion commander put Fronius in for a posthumous Bronze Star with "V"-device; the proposal was bitterly fought over in Panama between Southern Command staff officers and MilGroup/Special Forces commanders.

In the end, Fronius was awarded the MSM and a Purple Heart. An MSM for the above action? This represents the awards policy meted out to U.S. military personnel fighting in El Salvador, a policy shrouded in shame, deceit and dishonor.

—G. W.

risky environment, no doorgunner flew with the colonel's aircrew.

"They wanted to cover it up," confirmed one flyer, known here as CWO 1 Jim Miller, "But it was definitely shot down." It was commonly known among those serving in-country that Pickett's aircraft had taken ground fire from a confirmed concentration of FMLN forces and indeed had crashed almost on top of the guerrillas after being hit.

After the tragedy, Army aviation crews began flying in tandem so as to cover and, if necessary, recover one another if forced or shot down during flight. All American helos flying in El Salvador were ordered to fly with mounted guns carrying live rounds in the chambers; B Company, 4/228th, was selected to provide air and ground crews in support of the U.S. MilGroup operations in El Salvador.

Doorgunners from the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama were assigned to B Company in force after the executions. Crews from

B Company had flown the body-recovery mission to Pickett's crash site, where they came under intense ground fire from FMLN guerrillas; the U.S. gunners returned fire and completed their mission.

It was found that Pfc. Dawson was killed with a single bullet to the back of his head. Pickett had apparently witnessed this murder and attempted to flee. The autopsy report states the colonel was hit with some 15 to 20 rounds, including at least one which passed through his hand and then struck his face. According to Bailey, who spoke with the doctor conducting Pickett's autopsy, the conclusion was that the colonel tried to cover his face with his hand even as guerrillas fired point-blank at him.

After the deaths of Pickett, Dawson and Scott, the 4/228th renamed several facilities at Soto Cano for the dead aviators. For example, the former Camp Blackjack (home to the 228th) is now known as Camp Pickett. A marble memorial has been erected at Soto Cano to commemorate all those American aircrews who died serving in El Salvador or Honduras.

It is not known what awards or decorations were authorized for Pickett's crew by U.S. Southern Command, but Purple Hearts are known to have been given posthumously. No circulation of the accident report is known to have been authorized or made — circumstances of the shoot-down were immediately put under wraps other than to acknowledge the crewmen were executed upon landing.

Strong protests were raised by the United States to officials of the FMLN; promises were made by the guerrillas to identify and turn over those responsible for the executions to the U.S. Embassy. It is unknown if this indeed took place; one story is that the FMLN identified several guerrillas responsible but also reported they had been killed in combat and/or executed rather than being turned over to U.S. authorities.

### Forward Deployed

The presence of a forward-deployed U.S. assault helicopter unit at Soto Cano Air Base bears further explanation as to how a conventional military presence/asset supported MilGroup operations in El Salvador. Here's how it was explained to *Soldier Of*



Sent to medevac a wounded adviser in La Unión, this U.S.-crewed Huey crashed into Lake Ilopango killing seven of eight military personnel on board. Mechanical malfunction and ensuing pilot error were blamed for the accident. The dead included the deputy MilGroup commander, a senior adviser from U.S. National Training Center and a senior Special Forces medic.

*Fortune* by those who served there: Bravo Company commonly sees half of its assigned personnel forward-deployed to El Salvador. These personnel include flight and ground crews. The company rotates three armed Hueys and their crews through El Salvador roughly every 45 days (temporary duty), with a rotation for administrative purposes.

Doorgunners from the 193rd provide protection for both airframes and crews via mounted M60 machine guns. The normal tour of duty for these doorgunners is 180 days.

The 4/228th is directly responsible for armed aerial support of U.S. MilGroup El Salvador operations. As this

## SALVO VETS WIN TAX BREAK ON HOSTILE FIRE PAY

Since *Soldier Of Fortune's* articles on the untold war in El Salvador began appearing, many positive developments have turned up concerning the issue of appropriate and proper recognition for U.S. veterans of this conflict.

For starters, the U.S. House Armed Services Committee has begun lending strong congressional support. The initial connection was made through Major Andy Messing, a retired Special Forces officer currently working with the National Defense Council Foundation in Washington, D.C.

A Vietnam veteran and highly regarded expert in special operations, Messing made more than 50 trips to El Salvador during the war years, half of these in conjunction with congressional delegations concerned with conduct of the war and U.S. involvement. Through Messing, the Veterans of Special Operations (VSO) organization has been given direct support by California's Rep. Robert Dornan; as a Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee, Dornan is fully aware of the reality of the war in El Salvador for American service personnel.

Additionally, SOF was pleased to receive confirmation regarding a February 1991 military tax exemption, as described in a U.S. MilGroup El Salvador memorandum signed by Colonel Mark Hamilton, former MilGroup commander. According to the memo, "Section 112 of the U.S. Tax Code provides for the exemption from taxation of all compensation received for active service ... for any month during any part of which member [U.S. military personnel] served in a combat zone."

Going further, the memo offers that "the Commerce Clearing House — Standard Federal Tax Report ... stipulates that 'a member of the Armed Forces who performs service in an area not designated as a combat zone, which service is in direct support of military operations in a combat zone and is performed under conditions that qualify the member for Hostile Fire Pay, is deemed to have served in such combat zone. Accordingly, he is entitled to the combat pay exclusion for the period of service ...'"

Finally, Hamilton's memo states, "the Department of Defense Pay & Entitlements Manual ... 'Special Pay-Duty Subject to Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger' designates El Salvador, total land area only, including inland waters, as an area of hostile fire or imminent danger." In short, the Department of Defense has acknowledged through both the U.S. Tax Code and its own pay manual that El Salvador is indeed a combat zone for U.S. military personnel.

— G. W.



American choppers now fly in tandem formations after a lone Huey was brought down in January 1991. "Our crew flew in to recover their bodies," remembered one pilot, "and the ground fire was something else. Our doorgunners got a workout that day, but we accomplished the mission."

mander (normally a first lieutenant) will report to MilGroup to receive the upcoming mission sheet. Visiting the embassy is a daily job for this officer, who gathers the mail and visits with MilGroup personnel responsible for U.S. operations in-country.

On the night before an assigned mission, crews hold a meeting to discuss flight routes, times and reports of guerrilla actions in the areas to be overflowed. Crews then report to Ilopango Air Base just outside San Salvador 24 hours prior to an actual launch.

The unit's intelligence NCO is dropped off at the Salvadoran *Estrado Mayor* (joint chiefs of staff), where he checks on recent guerrilla activities and ESAF (El Salvadoran Armed Forces) combat operations in vicinities of the flight routes. It is then his responsibility to advise crews at the air base of any critical information or combat intelligence which may affect the mission.

Each flight crew uses a complex assessment matrix, which projects the level of mission danger to be expected. At their safe house in San Salvador, a chart is maintained detailing specific instances of U.S. and ESAF helicopters taking ground fire, along with the coordinates of such FMLN firepower. Ordnance fired at the aircraft in such incidents is also recorded. The pilots decide whether to launch, cancel or delay a mission depending upon the current intelligence update and how it fits the mission matrix.

A trailer is maintained at the air base equipped with HF, VHF and FM radio systems. One of three crews monitors these systems while the other two fly the assigned missions. Prearranged code words are devised to describe specific situations projected to possibly occur, such as a chopper being forced down due to mechanical difficulties, or onboard passengers being wounded by ground fire.

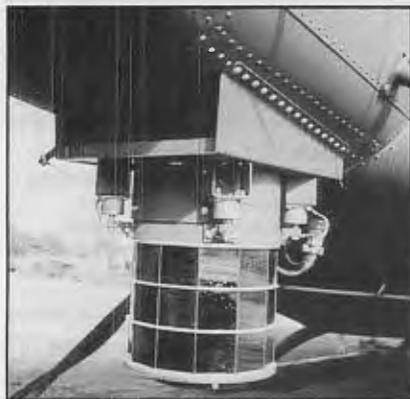
Whenever a chopper is on the ground anywhere in-country, its crew is required to make a commo check every 15 minutes. If a check is missed, then the op-center begins sending up red flares alerting the MilGroup commander and local ESAF forces in the area that a bird may be in serious trouble.

### Kevlar Floor Mats & Engine Armor

Flying such missions demands a specific tactical profile: U.S. choppers fly at 4,000 feet AGL (above ground level) to avoid small-arms fire. Once over the planned LZ, the tandem Hueys make a steep descent to minimize exposure to unfriendly fire. At roughly 1,000 feet AGL, the senior pilot of the pair will order, "gun up!" — meaning doorgunners must be fully locked and loaded, their M60s prepared to engage FMLN targets of opportunity. Gunners are on full alert until the birds have safely touched down.

Hueys assigned to fly in El Salvador are equipped with AN/ALQ 144 infrared jammers meant to confuse the array of SA-7, SA-14 and Redeye antiaircraft missile systems possessed by the FMLN. These jammers were installed after Pickett's helicopter was shot down. "We're flying the only such Hueys in the Army's inventory to be so specifically equipped," Miller told

includes foreign internal defense in the low-intensity conflict



AN/ALQ 144 infrared jammer was fitted to army aviation helos flying in direct support of MilGroup operations in El Salvador. Such equipment came in response to the January 1991 shoot-down of an American Huey by FMLN small-arms fire. Other improvements included Kevlar floor mats and engine armor.

environment, aircrews so assigned are in direct support of U.S. special operations assisting the Salvadoran government and its military. Crews consist of a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and doorgunner. They and their support/repair personnel are quartered in a safe house located in San Salvador, where they commute to the military airfield in an embassy-provided van.

Two days before a mission is to be flown, the aviation detachment com-



Aircrew from B Company, 4/228th, relaxing between missions. Calling themselves "Danger Pigs," Huey crews flew countless taskings in support of Salvadoran war effort. Note: UH-1H choppers are known by their crews as "pigs" (a loving term). Black Hawk flyers also call Hueys pigs (a disparaging name). As the only Huey crews carrying out combat missions, the units so assigned adopted the term "Danger Pigs" in order to flaunt their duty in the faces of Black Hawk crews working in relatively safe Honduras. Here doorgunner Cory Brua holds AN/PVS-6 night-vision goggles mounted to flight helmet. Such gear permitted U.S. night operations when FMLN forces attacked ESAF bases.



Salvadoran "Llama" prepares to lift fully armed SF advisers into Chalatenango area, long considered a guerrilla stronghold. Note: This photo was taken in 1980, long before American airlift or M16 weaponry were formally authorized or admitted to.

ered by the raiding party was a printed flyer of a UH-1H Iroquois, complete with an explanation on how to shoot the aircraft down. "All of the helicopters assigned to fly in El Salvador have been damaged by ground fire," Miller noted. Aircrews were authorized for Hostile Fire Pay and, for a time, were awarded Air Medals for their services. One such award was made to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ken Shirley, currently assigned to an aviation unit stateside.

Another individual received a Purple Heart and Air Medal for wounds incurred when a round went through his helicopter's windshield and lodged in the overhead circuit breaker box. The

SOF. Other safeguards include Kevlar floor-matting to protect gunship crews from incoming fire, along with specially designed and mounted engine armor.

According to Bailey, who flew the "friendly" skies of El Salvador during 1990-91, "the CIA and Salvadoran intelligence services busted an FMLN safe house in San Salvador where they found a number of such weapons." In addition, "the Agency discovered a plan where the FMLN was actively preparing to shoot down an American helicopter within the confines of San Salvador using a shoulder-launched missile."

What made this discovery especially shocking to U.S. crews was the location of the guerrillas' cache ... less than four blocks from the pilots' own safe house. Among documents recov-

shards of glass cut him to the extent he required stitches.

This practice was brought to a halt in 1990 by the U.S. Southern Command, which ordered such recommendations downgraded to Army Commendation Medals, a blasé peacetime decoration commonly viewed in the ranks as an "attaboy" award.

"Immediately [after these incidents], all recommendations for Air Medals were downgraded to Army Commendation Medals. We researched the requirements for receiving an Air Medal and found such awards were authorized for an act of valor under combat/imminent-danger conditions, involving flight operations in such an environment for an extended — normally six months — amount of time. Those aircrews and doorgunners put it all on the line in El Salvador and got nothing for it," Bailey said.

### No Honor From SouthCom

Aircrews from B Company 4/228th continue to support the U.S. military mission in El Salvador in conjunction with the United Nations' cease-fire settlement. Still, those conventional aviation-assault helicopter crews who risked SA-7 SAMs and faced terrorist attacks or guerrilla executions are being denied formal and appropriate recognition by the Army's Southern Command.

"It's a travesty of the entire system," Miller stated bitterly. Even those 193rd doorgunners have been denied proper recognition as SouthCom squashes all attempts to see them awarded recommended aircrew wings.

A high-ranking Army Awards & Decorations officer in Alexandria, Virginia, agrees. Major Michael Wawrzyniak described an awards program fraught with abuse and wrongfully placed recognition: "We've seen Combat Infantryman Badges [CIBs] awarded to Desert Storm soldiers who never fired a shot at the enemy. Indeed, they never saw the enemy during the entire Gulf War."

The major described the Army's requirements for the CIB as changing with every conflict to meet that conflict's unique parameters. "Today, you really have to ask pointed questions when you see someone wearing a CIB," Wawrzyniak continued. "Folks who shouldn't be wearing the award are, and those who have truly earned it, are not."

### Chasing Badges?

A formal study's recommendation that Special Forces advisers be given full combat recognition for their efforts in El Salvador was prepared by SouthCom's then-commanding general, Major General David Barato, who had agreed to support such combat awards while meeting with the MilGroup commander in March 1992; Barato's proposal was derailed. "Colonel Stanley Dodson, SWC chief of staff, decided it would look like SF was chasing badges," confided a Special Operations Command officer at Fort Bragg.

Even so, General Wickham, Chief of Staff of the Army,

scribbled notes on a memorandum in 1987 to the effect that



Army aviation-support personnel change engine after precautionary landing near Limpa River. Such temporary duty personnel kept U.S. assault helicopters flying, despite hits from enemy small arms and everyday mechanical problems.

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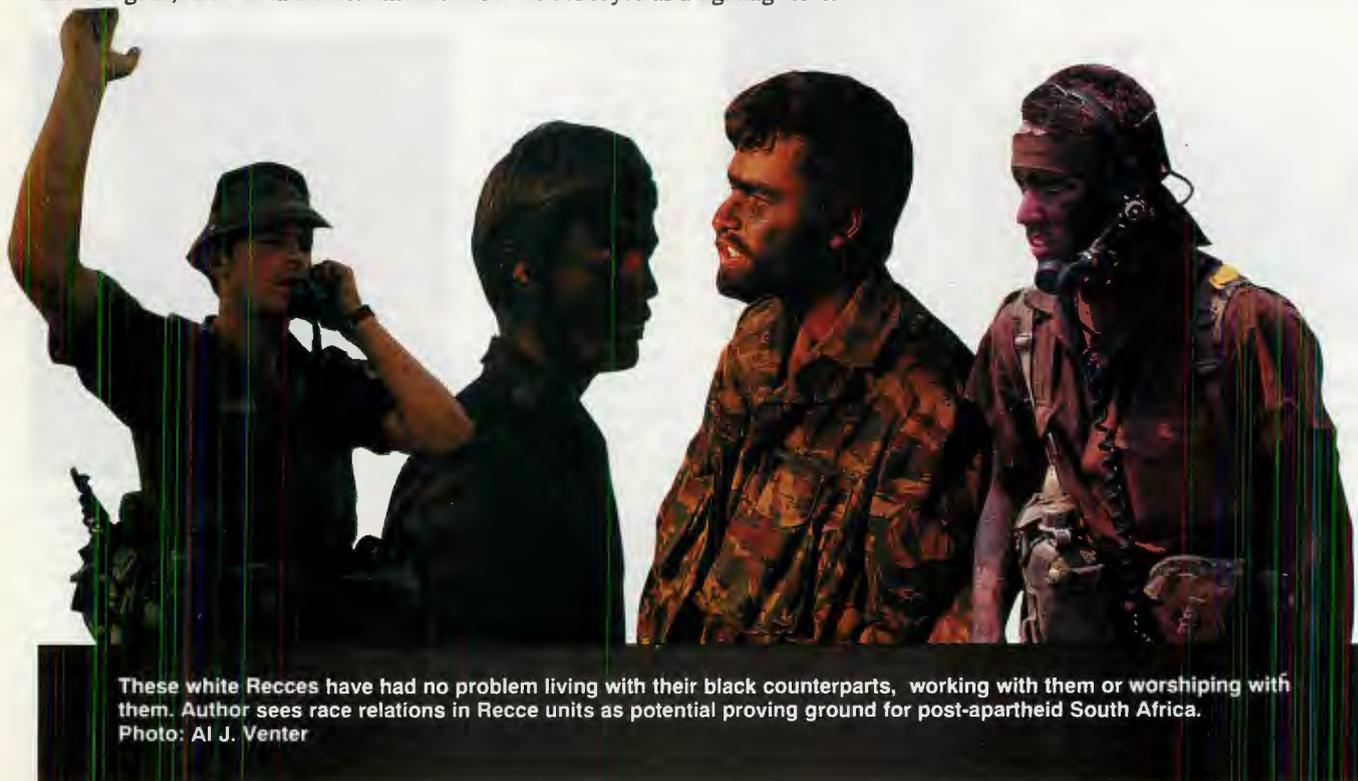
# SOUTH AFRICA'S “SEALS”

## Recces Able and Well-Armed Despite International Embargo

by Larry Bailey

**Unlike their U.S. Special Forces** and SEAL counterparts, South Africa's Reconnaissance Regiment troopers truly specialize in strategic and tactical reconnaissance. And though they are extraordinarily proficient in the use of small arms and have conducted some of the “hairiest” operations in modern warfare, the “Recces” are far more valuable to the South African Defense Forces (SADF) as eyes and ears. They think nothing of sending out a two-man team to patrol a couple hundred clicks into enemy territory to set up an observation post (OP) to monitor enemy installations, movements, or lines of communications.

As an example, during the bloody 1987 Angolan battle of Cuito Cuanavale, during which the back of the Soviet/Cuban-led MPLA army was broken, the Recces were instrumental in assisting the rebel Unita forces. On one occasion, the MPLA's elite 47th Regiment was observed trying to cross the Lomba River by a Recce team. The call for fire was answered by the South Africans' feared 155mm G5 and G6 guns, and within a short time the 47th was destroyed as a fighting force.



These white Recces have had no problem living with their black counterparts, working with them or worshipping with them. Author sees race relations in Recce units as potential proving ground for post-apartheid South Africa.  
Photo: Al J. Venter



**Trainees at Hell's Gate near end of 25-klick forced march. Recces routinely operate not only far from logistical support, but from transportation as well. Photo: Larry Bailey**

Similarly, a Recce team spotted artillery for the daily three-shell blasting of the Cuito Cuanavale airport runway and the daily two-shell trashing of the road to the airport. This was a rather clever way to deny the airfield to the MPLA without having to seize and hold it. The three shells made the runway unusable, while the two shells closed the road along which repair crews had to travel. Ergo, for the daily price of five 155mm shells, the enemy was denied access to his own airfield.

While much of these units' activities remains shrouded in secrecy, there is an increasing tendency to "open up" about their capabilities and past operations. In line with this new openness, I became the first foreign beneficiary of the SADF's tentative new policy of allowing access to previously restricted defense information, organizations and installations.

### **Right Tour At Right Time**

My trip was the result of a fortuitous combination of circumstances; the executive director of the National Defense Council, Major Andy Messing (retired SF), inquired at the South African Embassy about the possibility of my conducting a visit to the South African special operations units. Discussions with the defense attaches revealed that the SADF were indeed interested in having a former SEAL officer

visit those units, as they were highly desirous of reestablishing counterpart contacts with the West after two decades of isolation. My visit was viewed as a potential icebreaker, and, if the South Africans' forthrightness and openness would have any effect on events, an opening to the West might well be in the offing.

I was met at Jan Smuts International in Johannesburg by my escort officer, South African navy Captain Jan Fourie, who proved to be a demanding taskmaster for the next two weeks. I was collected Monday morning by Jan and taken to army headquarters in Pretoria, where I was briefed by the director, reconnaissance regiments and by selected staff members. During the afternoon I visited the Recces' logistics warehouse, where I was shown an exhibit of weaponry, communications equipment and field gear developed by the Recces during the period of South

Africa's ostracism from the family of nations. Suffice it to say that necessity and ingenuity have worked to equip the Recces in a manner that would be the envy of many a Western nation's special ops establishment.

From radios to rifles to rucks to chow

**Recces have been well-supplied with a variety of surreptitiously purchased and SA-produced weapons. Below are Soviet-made Dragunov sniper rifle, top, and an Austrian-made Steyr SSG sniper rifle. Photo: Larry Bailey**





of other nations) has worked to make the South African navy almost totally self-sufficient. It is learning, as are the Recces, that it is not a second-rate maritime of its counterparts in other countries.

1 Recce exhibited the same levels of professional competence as did 4 Recce, although their Area of Operations (AO) is different. Located on the impressive promontory above Durban known as "The Bluff," the unit has the near-total isolation sought by all special units but attained by few. A highlight of my visit there was an equipment display where I first got a close look at the Recce rucksack. From pistols to flashlights to web gear to motorcycles, 1 Recce's bag of tricks looked very similar to those I have seen exhibited at countless SEAL and special forces demonstrations. It was eminently clear that 1 Recce has learned some valuable lessons in how to equip oneself for combat; it also became increasingly clear that I was visiting what may well be the world's most capable combat force.

to sleeping bags, the South Africans have state-of-the-art gear. I was particularly impressed with their LRRP-type ruck, which enables the Recce patrol members to carry over 200 pounds of supplies and equipment in relative comfort. (It must be pointed out, though, that back problems are a common ailment among the Recces: 200-kilometer patrols with that kind of load finally get to even the strongest.)

The following day Jan and I flew to Cape Town, in the environs of which we spent the next two days visiting 4th Reconnaissance Regiment (4 Recce, as it is called) and the navy's diving school.

4 Recce is best described as "an Army SEAL team." While they are trained to perform the LRRP and direct-action missions conducted by the other two regiments, they also have a maritime responsibility. With oxygen-rebreathing scuba and rubber boats as part of their inventory, they didn't have to tell me exactly what they did. Rumor has it that, during a time of certain hostilities, a Soviet freighter in a certain Angolan harbor, along with some MPLA gunboats, found their resting places alongside their piers, courtesy of a certain Recce. Having spent the better part of two days in the company of 4 Recce's officers and top enlisted, I am convinced that the regiment would compare most favorably with my own SEAL teams.

### Combat Diving School

The South African navy's diving school, while not special operations oriented, is a very impressive institution. It is here that South Africa's explosive ordnance disposal personnel are trained. Despite the economic blockade imposed by the rest of the world, the school has managed to procure top-of-the-line diving gear and associated auxiliary equipment. Compared to U.S. diving schools (SEAL diving excepted, of course), this one is far tougher from a

**Most of Recces' adversaries are equipped with inferior Soviet-manufactured equipment. Here a team examines abandoned PT-76 light amphibious tank. Photo: Al J. Venter**

physical standpoint. I saw a couple of evolutions that would even do Hell Week justice.

Then on to Durban, home of the navy's Strike Flotilla and of the 1st Reconnaissance Regiment (1 Recce). The Strike Flotilla is aptly named; while I was not made privy to details, it is clear that numerous direct-action missions conducted by the Recce regiments were directly supported by the Israeli-built gunboats comprising the flotilla. Operating far beyond their organic fuel ranges, these crafts are supported at sea by one of the South African navy's two large logistic-support vessels. It was clear that the "pariah" status accorded South Africa by the rest of the world (save Israel, Taiwan, and a couple

### Hell's Gate

On my first Saturday in this phenomenally beautiful country, I flew in a Puma helicopter from The Bluff to the Recce training base in a place aptly named Hell's Gate. Located some 200km east of Durban, the base is a former test range for South Africa's guided missile program. Offering more isolation than any I saw during my trip, Hell's Gate is to Recce what Basic UDT/SEAL (BUD/S) training is to SEALs. For weeks on end the students learn to live with the ruck, marching hundreds of kilometers on training evolutions.

There are no barracks for the students here; every night is spent in a hole in a defensive lay-up site in the bush. Even religious services are held outdoors in a bush chapel of extraordinary tranquility; I attended chapel here on Sunday morning and found it to be a moving experience. South African men tend to be more religious than our own; each Recce regiment had its own chapel and chaplain, and grace

**As elite units anywhere, Recces tend to wear/use uniforms and LBE that works — no matter which enemy they took it from. Note variety evident in this briefing. Photo: Al J. Venter**





Except for lack of a satellite link, author found the Recce's communications to be state-of-the-art.  
Photo: Al J. Venter

was said before each meal in which I participated.

As a fairly big guy myself (6'1" — 225 pounds), I couldn't help noticing the size of the Recce trainees; of the 42 remaining in the class, fully 30 of them were at least as tall as I was and of appropriate musculature. I suggested to the Recce officers that maybe Darwin's "Law of Natural Selection" was in effect here, effectively making heavy-ruck patrolling a big man's game. I also noticed, contrary to what I had been led to expect, that white and black soldiers, officer and enlisted alike, lived together. This phenomenon was even more observable at my next stop, Phalaborwa (pronounced "Palaborwa"), home of the much-feared (if you're an enemy, that is) 5 Recce.

Shortly after the chapel-in-the-woods service on Sunday morning, a Cessna 210 piloted by a gent named Kobus landed on the dirt strip at Hell's Gate. Turned out that Kobus was a South African air force reservist who was satisfying part of his reserve obligation by ferrying Jan and me to Phalaborwa in his own plane. An engineer by profession, he clearly enjoyed getting the SADF to pay for his avgas while he overflew the veld of Natal.

### Lions & Tigers & 5 Recce

Unhappily for those on the veld, however, the drought that has wrought havoc in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, and other parts of East Africa has had a disastrous effect there as well. The entire landscape is brown, and from the sky much of it looks like desert, except that here and there one sees Zulu *kraala* and small herds of cattle.

## Fear And Hoping in South Africa

Hope and fear are the two emotions most prevalent in South Africa today. At the moment, however, it seems that fear holds the edge, although it is not the pervasive fear that comes from threats to life and property. Rather, it is the fear of the unknown that results from the constantly changing circumstances of the political debate. It seems that as soon as a course of negotiation is laid out, some new and unexpected factor complicates matters. And, of course, modern South Africa being what it is, that factor is not long in coming, as evinced by the opening of a campaign of terror by the Azanian People's Liberation Army, which has already resulted in the deaths of several innocent whites.

Another recent example is the alleged "dirty tricks" campaign planned by the South African military against the African National Congress. Even though this "plot" was still under investigation, and although there was no evidence to confirm that any action had been undertaken, Nelson Mandela wasted no time in implicating the white government. It must be said that Mandela's "statesman" image has suffered as a result, at least in the eyes of those who are evenhanded in their judgments on the political process in South Africa. Rather than try to cool the emotions of his followers and advocate waiting until the investigation was complete, Mandela was quick to point the finger of blame at President F.W. de Klerk.

A key issue to be resolved in the political deliberations between the various participants in the peace process is that of future indemnity for persons alleged to have committed crimes in defense of past and present white governments. It is clear that such crimes have taken place. What is equally clear is that the ANC is also guilty of criminal acts. What is not clear is how the ANC can demand that retribution be wrought only against supporters of apartheid. The de Klerk government continues to pursue a "let-by-gones-be-by-gones" policy, as demonstrated by its release of several hundred perpetrators of so-called "political crimes." One of the more celebrated cases involved the release of one Ronnie McBride, who detonated a bomb in a popular nightclub in Durban, killing three young women and maiming several other patrons. Released at the same time was the white man who randomly murdered eight blacks in downtown Pretoria. Most South Africans seem to believe that neither should have been released.

— L. B.

After being met at the Phalaborwa airport by the CO of 5 Recce, Jan and I were carried to regimental headquarters for a quick brief-in. Then we transloaded into a

Toyota 4x4 and drove to the home of Jack, a former Recce officer who is now a park ranger in the world famous Kruger National Park, an expanse of territory larger than many countries. After a fascinating tour of Jack's area of responsibility during which we saw a pride of lions that would keep us awake that night, we were eager participants in a *braai*, or barbecue, on Jack's veranda. After delaying bedtime as long as possible in deference to the lions, we finally drove to our overnight abode, a tiny structure and tent in which four of us passed a very wakeful night. (Nice kitty —!)

Next day back to Phalaborwa for the usual indoctrination briefing and equipment display, which once again pointed up the ingenuity of the South Africans in overcoming the effects of the international embargo. Included in the equipment display was a selection of crew-served weapons captured by 5 Recce in Angola; attending these armaments were black NCO's wearing an infinite variety of camouflage and regular uniforms, mostly of Eastern Bloc origin. *SOF* militaria collectors would have gone bananas over uniforms, insignia and equipment displayed by 5 Recce.

As I went from one event to another at 5 Recce, I gradually became aware that I was not seeing what I had been conditioned to expect, a rigidly segregated social structure. After all, weren't the South Africans fighting to preserve apartheid? Wrong again. 5 Recce was without doubt the most fascinating social organism I have ever seen, starting with the ethnic groups represented — there were 15, representing every country and most tribal groups (including white) in southern Africa. Then consider the languages spoken — 35, including Afrikaans. And while most of the officers were white, the great majority of NCOs, including the operations sergeant major, were black. Inquiry revealed that 5 Recce's personnel had been recruited from Angola, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique and other countries, in addition to South Africa.

The logic of this heterogeneity is made evident when one considers the difficulty white soldiers have in infiltrating black-populated territory. As the CO told me, only black soldiers can effectively fight a black enemy. It follows that only contented and fairly treated black soldiers could be expected to fight soldiers of their own race.

### Role Models For A New RSA

That 5 Recce was well and truly integrated as a fighting unit was clear; what was equally clear was the effort command had made in ensuring harmonious relations. As an example, a regimental church was developed to minister to the needs of the various Christian denominations rep-

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# POLICE BRUT



**Item:** On 20 July 1992, Sergeant Peter Viola and four other New York City police officers were summoned to the home of Annie Dodds, a politically prominent black woman in Brooklyn, to settle a domestic dispute. It was one of those routinely dangerous, noncriminal confrontations that the police have learned to abhor.

Mrs. Dodds' two sons, Harold Dodds, 34, and Tyrese Daniels, 28, were engaged in a violent argument. Although the police could not then know it, both brothers had extensive criminal records. Daniels, in particular, had been charged several times with assaulting police officers.

As the five cops worked patiently to soothe tempers, Daniels suddenly turned on his brother and hit him over the head with a metal pipe he had been brandishing. In the ensuing melee, all five cops were injured, one suffering a fractured shoulder. Mrs. Dodds also suffered a few scratches. Nevertheless, she went to the Brooklyn district attorney, Charles Hynes, and complained of Sgt. Viola's behavior. Viola was subsequently charged with felonious assault and is now awaiting trial.

**Item:** In January 1992, Scott Baldwin, a 210-pound running back at the University of Nebraska, underwent a "psychotic episode," jumping out of a friend's car and running naked through the streets of Omaha. Coming across a woman walking her dog, Baldwin smashed her head into a parked car, nearly killing her. He was charged with assault, but acquitted by reason of insanity.

## Bad Rap For Blue Knights?

by William Tucker

The coach of the Nebraska football team, Tom Osborne, then took Baldwin into his home for several months. But on 5 September, the evening of Nebraska's first game of the season, Baldwin again turned up in Omaha — this time trying to break through the glass door of a stranger's apartment. Two female police officers were dispatched to the scene. When they tried to handcuff Baldwin, he wrestled one to the ground and attempted to grab her gun. The other officer drew her gun, held it to Baldwin's head and threatened him. When Baldwin kept fighting, she lowered the gun and shot him in the ribs, paralyzing him for life.

Nebraska's only black legislator, state Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, blamed the police for sending two women to the scene and called the shooting "avoidable and therefore unjustified."

**Item:** On 7 October 1992, Jerry Haaf, a 30-year veteran of the

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Photo: AP/Wide World

Minneapolis Police Department assigned to traffic duty, stopped at a pizza shop at 0200 for a cup of coffee. While he was sitting at a table filling out reports, two young black males, in full view of several witnesses, walked up behind him and shot him through the heart. Despite an episode like this and despite a general rise in crime and gang violence, Minneapolis' liberal city administration continues to insist that police behavior is the city's major problem. Says Mayor Donald Fraser, "I've never met a black family in Minneapolis that hasn't been abused by the police."

*Item:* On 16 September 1992, three off-duty New York City police officers became embroiled in an argument with 18-year-old Ywanus Mohamed as they were entering a subway station. During the argument, Mohamed pulled a box-cutting razor knife and slashed Officer John Coughlin in the face, cutting him so badly he nearly died. The wounds required 500 stitches. Officers Thomas Cea and Patrick O'Neill subdued Mohamed, but after they had him handcuffed they allegedly continued punching him and broke his jaw. Mohamed and officers Cea and O'Neill have all equally been charged with felony assault.

*Item:* Again in New York City, a riot erupted, and the entire city spent the summer of 1992 on edge after an undercover police officer named Michael O'Keefe killed 23-year-old Kiko Garcia, a suspected drug dealer, in a street confrontation in Washington Heights. A grand jury eventually exonerated the officer, but Mayor David Dinkins used the occasion to push for removal of the

Few incidents in recent times have received the notoriety of the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles, which was captured on video by George Holliday and led to trial of the officers involved.

remaining six police officials from the city's twelve-member police-review board and turn it into a completely civilian body.

*Item:* And again in Brooklyn, on 19 August 1991 in the Crown Heights section, a young Orthodox Jew named Yankel Rosenbaum was set upon by a mob of black teenagers yelling "Get the Jew." One of them stabbed him, but before he died he identified his killer as Lemrick Nelson, Jr. The police also found a knife in Nelson's possession with bloodstains on it that matched Rosenbaum's, and two detectives testified that Nelson had confessed. But on 30 October 1991, in a verdict that seemed a mirror image of the Rodney King case, the jury (made up of six blacks, four Hispanics, and two whites) acquitted Nelson of all charges. Evidently the reason was that the jurors did not believe the testimony of the police officers on the scene and concluded they had framed Nelson. *The New York Times*, which had scarcely been able to contain its outrage over the white and Hispanic jury that had acquitted the police officers in the Rodney King case, now blamed not the jury but the police department — for the crime of having "lost all credibility with the neighborhoods it serves." For good measure, the *Times* also attacked the policemen's union for having "forfeited public faith" through its "callous arrogance." And the moral it drew from the occasion was that the city needed "a more independent board to review complaints of police misconduct."

## A Pleasant Theory

In advancing the bizarre suggestion that the police, rather than the criminals, are the real problem confronting us and that the solution therefore lies in civilian oversight, Mayor Dinkins, District Attorney Hynes, Sen. Chambers, Mayor Fraser, *The New York Times* and the many other politicians and media pundits who agree with them have a good deal of support from the academic world. For example, according to David Bayley, professor of criminology at the State University of New York, Albany, and the leading American authority on foreign police forces: "We're way behind the rest of the English-speaking world on this issue. England, Canada, Australia and New Zealand all have strong systems. The best civilian review board in North America is in Ontario. Their police department has completely lost sovereignty with respect to internal punishments."

Yet that did not prevent Toronto from erupting in riots last June after a 22-year-old black youth was shot to death by an undercover police officer. Nor is there any evidence that civilian review boards do any better in this country in defusing the tensions between minority communities and the police.

Sam Walker, a professor of criminology at the University of Nebraska who specializes in civilian review boards, has just completed a survey in which he found that 35 of the nation's largest cities now have such boards. Walker argues that they act as an outlet to deflect police-civilian confrontations and prevent violence and frustration from building up within poor and minority communities:

"The experience is that when the procedure for filing complaints is made more open to the public, the number of complaints rises. San Francisco has a very open system and has lots of complaints, while Los Angeles has no complaint procedure and is not even talking about one. San Francisco also didn't have riots. The Mayor of Omaha recently changed the system so that complaints could be filed at city hall, rather than at the police stations. The number of complaints immediately doubled. In my judgment, the number of complaints a city has about police brutality is a reflection of public confidence in the police," he said.

Yet public opinion, led by local anti-police activists, is likely to conclude the opposite. First, the number of complaints filed is seen as evidence that police brutality is "widespread." Second, since only a very small number of complaints ever lead to disci-

plinary action (just as a very small number of criminal complaints ever lead to jail sentences), the vast number that fall apart or are not resolved will usually be taken as proof that "the system isn't working."

### How Valid The Complaints?

The truth, however, is that most complaints are either frivolous or unjustified. This is borne out by the experience of the old New York City board, which the Vera Institute for Justice, a nonpartisan organization, found to be prejudiced neither for nor against civilians or police officers.

In 1990, the board's annual report showed a total of 2,376 complaints for "excessive force," 1,140 for "abuse of authority," 1,618 for "discourtesy," and 420 for "ethnic slurs." Among the 2,376 complaints for excessive force (presumably the most serious charge), injuries were documented in 267 cases. These involved 71 bruises, 92 lacerations requiring stitches, 30 fractures, 22 swellings and 41 "other." In the 2,286 cases that were pursued, 566 were dropped because the complainant became uncooperative, 234 were dropped because the complainant withdrew the charge and 1,405 were closed with less than full investigation, usually because the complainants became unavailable. Only 81 cases resulted in a finding against the police.

To understand why there is such an overload of frivolous cases, it is first necessary to realize that the vast majority of complaints do not involve serious charges. In 80% of the New York cases, the complainant did not even seek punishment or further investigation, but only wanted to confront the officer.

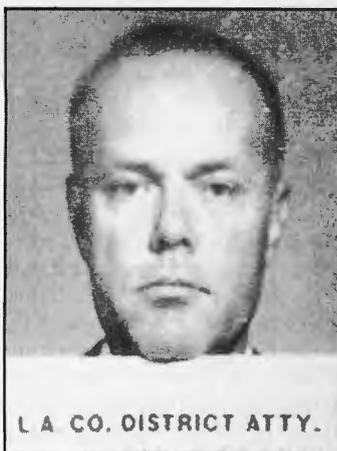
Furthermore, the serious complaints are often the work of criminals who are seeking some leverage in the charges against them. "They file a complaint as soon as they are arrested and hope to use it as a trade-off in bargaining their case," says Robert M. Morgenthau, the district attorney of Manhattan. Drug dealers, in particular, have become adept at using the complaint system as a bargaining tool. In the 34th Precinct (Washington Heights), which led all New York City precincts for homicides in 1991, arresting officers now routinely hand drug suspects the civilian-complaint form as an ironic gesture in "community relations."

When Walker was asked to point to a system that works, he replied: "That's a question I've been asked a hundred times and I don't know the answer. I was talking to a reporter from *The Detroit News*, and he told me that Detroit has a strong civilian review board and few complaints about police brutality. Maybe the system works there. I'm going to have to go up and see."

Detroit, of course, is a city where, as one columnist wrote recently, "the wheels have fallen off Western civilization."

### The Numbers Tell The Story

There are people who contend that to downgrade the problem of police brutality is to adopt a white perspective and to manifest insensitivity or worse to the black condition. No doubt there is some truth to this charge. After all, as Mayor Fraser points out, law-abiding blacks are more likely to be harassed by cops than are their white counterparts, so that for the former, police misconduct is indeed something to worry about. But a cursory glance at the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports makes it clear why focusing on



Current symbol of police brutality, the four arrest photos on these pages picture police officers charged in the Rodney King incident. Clockwise from top left: Sergeant Stacey C. Koon, Officer Theodore J. Briseno, Officer Laurence Powell, Officer Timothy E. Wind. Photos: AP/Wide World

police misbehavior is so perversely misplaced an emphasis.

Since 1986, the incidence of all crimes per 100,000 population is only up 6%, and some property crimes (pocket-pickings, purse-snatchings, and motor-vehicle accessory thefts) have actually shown a slight decline. But these small decreases in property crimes have been more than offset by a huge increase in personal and violent crimes.

The rate of violent crime is up 29% overall and 24% in per-capita terms. Murder rates are up 23% and 18% per capita. Robbery rates have risen 33% in real terms and 28% in per-capita terms. This includes an absolute increase of 50% for bank robberies, 38% for street robberies, 27% for convenience-store robberies, 16% for residential robberies, and 11% for gas-station robberies. Aggravated assault is also up 28% in absolute terms and 23% per capita.

Does all this mean that America is becoming a far more violent society? Not entirely. What is unique about this crime wave is that it has been confined almost completely to black juveniles. The lines for "white" and "other" (Hispanic, Oriental, American Indian, etc.) are almost perfectly flat over the same period. But the arrest rates for blacks has gone nearly vertical.

What is more, violent blacks are getting younger and younger. In an analysis of the Uniform Crime Reports, James Alan Fox, dean of the Northeastern University College of Criminal Justice, found that crime rates were up the steepest for the youngest groups. Arrest rates for murder climbed 121% for 17-year-olds, 158% for 16-year-olds and 217% for 15-year-olds. Even 12-year-olds were up 100%.

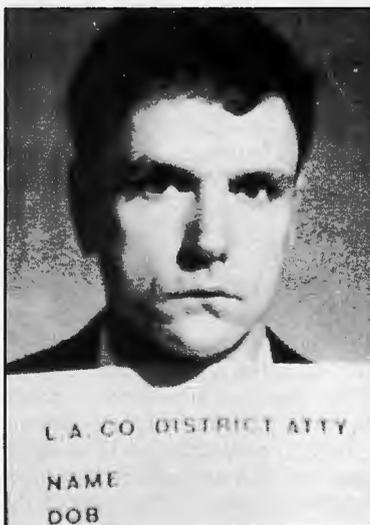
### Tale Of Two Cities

This unprecedented crime wave among young blacks has hit the cities hardest. Minneapolis, for example, has 40% of Minnesota's crime and only 8% of the state's population. In New York, 85% of the state's record 2,200 crimes in 1990 were in New York City (less than half the state's population). And within New York City, 70% of the murders were concentrated in a few neighborhoods — Washington Heights, Harlem, East Harlem, the South Bronx, East New York, and Bedford-Stuyvesant. Brooklyn's 75th Precinct (East New York), a drug-infested wasteland with a population of 160,000, had more murders than Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany combined (total population 880,000).

The reasons for the upsurge in inner-city violence are by now familiar. The most obvious is the introduction of crack cocaine, which has transformed drug addiction from a messy, disease-ridden, needle-passing subculture to a cleaner, inhaling-based "mainstream" habit among major portions of the underclass population. Once again, the arrest statistics reflect this change. While juvenile arrests for marijuana and other drugs are down or level since 1985, arrests for cocaine have soared during the same period. And once again, this increase has been concentrated entirely among blacks.

Beyond that, there is the disintegration of normal social life in many black ghettos.

What is most striking is the loss of the mediating institutions of society — the churches, stores, schools, voluntary organizations, commercial activities and ordinary street life that once formed a buffer between criminals and law-abiding citizens. On the streets surrounding the Robert Taylor Homes, a dreaded housing project on the South Side of Chicago, there is little sign of life except for a few graffiti-



scarred playgrounds and scattered rows of desolate — though still inhabited — homes. Among the ruined buildings are an abandoned factory and a burnt-out YMCA. Across nearly 20-square blocks, the only commercial advertising is a ubiquitous billboard on the back of bus stop benches, advertising: "Beepers. Call 633-9610." Beepers, of course, are the standard equipment of the drug trade.

Most forbidding of all, however, is the collapse of history's oldest bulwark against crime and violent behavior — the nuclear family.

The majority of black males in ghetto areas no longer have any real adult role to play, either at home or in society. Their role as breadwinner — however poorly it may have been played in the past — has now been usurped by the welfare system. In projects like the Robert Taylor Homes, where more than 90% of the households involve only women and children, adult men have all but disappeared.

### No "Family Values"

Over half of all black children born in this country are now born to unwed mothers, and in many poor areas the figure exceeds 80%. Some of these women may supplement their welfare grant with some kind of furtive arrangement with a new man. But family units built around stable marriages are essentially unknown.

Nationwide, 25% of black men between the ages of 15 and 35 are entangled in the criminal justice system — as prison inmates, defendants, parolees or probationers. In cities like Washington D.C., the number approaches 40%. Homicide is now the most common cause of death for black men between the ages of 20 and 35, and one in every 22 black men can expect to be murdered.

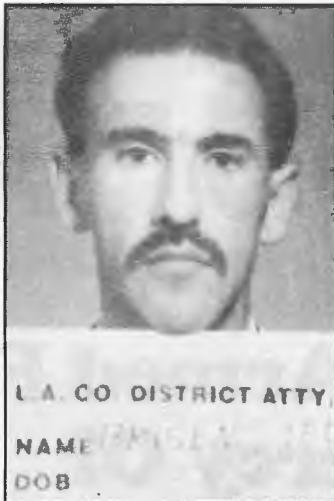
From the time they reach physical maturity until the time they disappear into the netherworld of dereliction and homelessness, these young black men lead lives of stupefying violence. In this unrelenting free-for-all, there are no qualms about killing someone for a pair of sneakers or sunglasses or because the other person is wearing the wrong colors or looks the wrong way. Listen to the voices of Sidewinder and Bopete, two 14-year-olds, as recorded in a California youth-detention center by Léon Bing for her chronicle of Los Angeles gang life, "Do or Die":

[Bopete:] "Sometimes I think about not goin' back to bangin' when I get outta here. I play in sports a lot here, and I ..."

Sidewinder's laugh interrupts. "Sound like a regular ol' teenager, don't he? I sound like that, too, after the drive-by. I got shot twice in the leg, 'cause they was shootin' at the car, and when that happen I didn't want to bang no more, either. Makin' promises to God, all like that. But when it heal up ..." He is silent for a moment; maybe he's thinking about a freedom he won't taste for a while. Then, "I tell you somethin' — I don't feel connected to any other kids in this city or in this country or in this world. I only feel comfortable in my 'hood. That's the only thing I'm connected to, that's my family. One big family — that's about it."

"In my 'hood, in the jungle, it ain't like a gang. It's more like a nation, everybody all together as one. Other kids, as long as they ain't my enemies, I can be cool with 'em." Bopete lapses into silence. "I'll tell you, though — if I didn't have no worst enemy to fight with, I'd probably find somebody."

"Ye-eeeeeeeh," Sidewinder picks it up. "I'd find somebody."



'Cause if they ain't nobody to fight, it ain't no gangs. It ain't no life. I don't know ... it ain't no ..."

"It ain't no fun."

"Yeah! Ain't no fun just sittin' there. Anybody can just sit around, just drink, smoke a little Thai. But that ain't fun like shootin' guns and stabbin' people. That's fun."

One thing remains clear: To concentrate on police "harassment" and "brutality" is to divert attention from the real problem that faces our society, which is the terrible upsurge of violent crime over the past five years. Worse yet, this focus creates a climate and leads to policies which can only have the effect of making it harder for the police to do their job and perhaps also of making them less willing to do it.

### Igniting Violence

In Los Angeles last May, the police department hesitated to mount a show of force when the Rodney King verdict was handed down because officials feared they would be blamed for igniting violence. "It would have been seen as provocative," said Willie Williams, who succeeded Daryl Gates as Los Angeles police chief in June. As it was, there were many reports of police passivity in the face of looting and arson, and order was not restored until three days later when 9,000 National Guardsmen and federal troops hit the streets.

In Minneapolis (which not only has a civilian review board but also an organization in which members of the major drug gangs work together with the police in trying to establish domestic tranquility), the cops are feeling anxious and inhibited. Says Jerry Larson, a veteran detective and vice president of the city's Police Federation (the policemen's union): "The mayor told us for years that gangs here wouldn't be a problem. We warned him they would and now we've got a problem. You can't handle these gangs without getting proactive, and having all this constant criticism from the political establishment makes us real leery about doing our jobs. It'll be like New York, where the police just drive by things. I know some New York coppers and they say, 'The hell with it. If those people aren't killing each other, we're not getting out of our cars.'"

In New York City itself, as though to confirm Larson's observation, Officer Todd Jamison declared in response to charges of police brutality after an arrest that left one of his colleagues injured, "There are certain things where we have the power of discretion, we can turn our heads and say, why get involved?" An



even more striking comment was made by Officer O'Keefe. When asked why he had not drawn his gun sooner in his mortal struggle with Garcia in Washington Heights, O'Keefe replied: "The truth is, in the current climate, a cop is more worried about getting in trouble than getting killed."

A poignant incident that occurred in Chicago drives the point home. When the Chicago Bulls won the National Basketball Association championship in June 1992, thousands of

the city's residents — nearly all of them black — celebrated by rampaging through the downtown stores, breaking windows, looting and turning over parked cars. (*The New York Times* reported that, of the 100 people injured during the riots, 94

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# RON DELLUMS - LOOSE

## U. S. Armed Forces At Mercy Of Berkeley Radical

by James Brantley



Photo: Army Times

*Imagine you are* a government investigator whose job it is to investigate the background of people applying for a security clearance. You are asked to check the background of an individual who is to have access to all of America's most closely guarded military secrets. You are amazed to learn that this individual had obtained a classified military report, released it to the public, and had other government documents delivered to a Marxist head of state. You find that he has traveled to Cuba, calls Fidel Castro a "dear friend," and was a supporter of Maurice Bishop, the late Marxist dictator of Grenada.

Further investigation reveals that he both attended and sponsored activities of front organizations that were financed by the Soviet KGB. Additionally, you find that he has sent tributes to the newspaper of the Communist Party U.S.A. and has a history of supporting radical groups such as the Black Panthers. Eldridge Cleaver, a former leader of the Black Panther Party, is on record as saying that this individual, "is a pliable tool in the hands of the Marxist-Leninist puppet masters of Berkeley," and that he is "a Third World worshiper." The individual himself has been quoted many times as saying, "I am pleased to call myself a radical."

In regard to the economic system of the United States, the individual has said: "... this is the oppressive, monopoly capitalist structure at work ..." Apparently this individual has a problem with the United States gathering the intelligence it needs to defend itself, because he is on record as saying: "We should totally dismantle every intelligence agency in this country piece by piece, nail by nail and brick by brick." Lie detector tests show that a drug dealer's claim to have delivered drugs to this individual at his place of work are true. Common logic would tell us that this is an individual we wouldn't want within a hundred yards of a military base, much less in possession of America's most closely guarded military secrets.

But it turns out we don't have a choice. The subject individual is Rep. Ron Dellums, the radical congressman from the 8th District of California, which encompasses Berkeley and Oakland. Berkeley is sometimes called "The People's Republic of Berkeley," because of its radical politics. Both the radical Black Panther Party and the

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Symbionese Liberation Army were born in Dellums' district. Berkeley has had self-described socialists as mayors since 1977, and the combination of a leftist Berkeley and largely black Oakland has given Dellums an unbreakable lock on his congressional seat since 1970. Although Dellums runs on the Democratic ticket, he describes himself as a socialist.

When Bill Clinton was in the streets of London demonstrating against his country's war in Vietnam, Dellums was in the streets of America demonstrating against the war in Vietnam. Before he was even sworn in for his first term as a congressman, Dellums went to Stockholm to address the communist-front World Conference on Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, which hosted representatives of the Viet Cong and Khmer Rouge. One of his first acts after being sworn into the House of Representatives was to hold his own "private hearings" on American "war crimes" in Vietnam.

## Ad Hoc Sunshine Rule?

In 1972 Dellums entered a classified report on Vietnam into the Congressional Record, destroying its secrecy. Dellums has been active as a member of various communist-front organizations such as the World Peace Council and the World Youth Festival, which were almost wholly funded by the former Soviet Union. In 1978 Dellums co-hosted the meeting of the World Peace Council and was a sponsor of the World Youth Festival in Havana. In 1985 he was a sponsor of the World Peace Council in Copenhagen.

If you run an oppressive communist dictatorship anywhere in the Third World, you have a man in Washington, and that man is Ron Dellums. In 1977 Dellums traveled to Havana for meetings with Fidel Castro. Calling Castro "his dear friend," Dellums said, "Mr. Castro is a brilliant man with a visionary look at the world." Dellums also maintained close contact with Maurice Bishop, the Marxist dictator of Grenada. When President Bush sought \$60 million in aid for the anti-communist rebels in Angola, Dellums called the request "morally indefensible," even though the Soviet Union had already sent 3,000 advisers and billions in arms, and Fidel had sent 50,000 combat troops to help the communist rulers of Angola fend off anti-communist rebels.

Dellums had no problem with that, his problem was with "anti-communist assistance." Dellums has come out on the side of the Marxist rebels in El Salvador and supported the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. He attempted to stop military construction projects in Honduras that were designed to protect Hondurans from Nicaraguan incursions. He filed a lawsuit to determine whether U.S. support for the Nicaraguan contras violated the Neutrality Act and sought a congressional inquiry into the Grenada invasion. When the showdown with Iraq arrived, he filed a lawsuit against Bush in an attempt to stop him from going to war.

Dellums' public dealings were bad enough, but what kind of damage was he doing out of public view? The invasion of Grenada and a raid by El Salvadoran government security forces on a guerrilla safe house have turned up documents concerning Dellums' covert activities. Among the documents captured by American forces in Grenada was the Grenadan Politburo meeting minutes for 15 December 1982. The minutes read in part: *Ron Dellums: His assistant Barbara Lee, is here presently, and has brought with her a report on the International Airport that was done by Ron Dellums. They have requested that we look at the document and suggest any changes we deem necessary — they will be willing to make any changes. Comrade Layne was assigned the task. This is in-*

Washington to report the subversion and turned the leaflet over to him so it could be investigated.

## Representing Whom?

Carlotta Scott, Dellums' longtime administrative assistant, leads me to believe that Dellums' congressional office is little better than a hack office for the distribution of propaganda supporting any Third World Marxist dictator or other dictators who support Dellums' own radical views. In a letter to Maurice Bishop, Scott wrote, "*I feel that now I will be able to convey, in a more comprehensive manner, the thoughts and directives of the PRG [People's Revolutionary Government of Grenada].*"

Scott, who was also romantically involved with Bishop, wrote in another letter to Bishop: *My Dearest, she began, Ron, as a political thinker, is the best around, and Fidel will verify that in no uncertain terms. If you doubt that we are on your side, ask Fidel Castro and he will reassure you. When matched against the best of them, Ron always comes out ahead, even with Fidel. Ron had a long talk with Barb [Barbara Lee] and me when we got to Havana and cried when he realized that we had been shouldering Grenada along all this time. Like I said, he's really hooked on you and Grenada and doesn't want anything to happen to building the Revo [revolution] and making it strong. He re-*

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credible! Here we have a U.S. congressman, who is preparing a congressional report on Grenada, allowing the very communist government that constitutes a threat to the best interests of the United States to edit his report as they see fit.

I'm sure that this Marxist government felt Barbara Lee was a trustworthy messenger because they had dealings with her in the past. In May 1980 she received a letter from Grenada, bearing the stamp of the Grenadan prime minister's office. The envelope contained a leaflet condemning communism in Grenada. She promptly contacted the Grenadan ambassador in

*ally admires you as a person and even more so as a leader with courage and foresight, pride and integrity. Believe me, he doesn't make that kind of statement often about anyone. The only other person that I know of that he expresses such admiration for is Fidel. I've known and worked with Ron for many years, and the last time I heard him say something like that was in 1977 after a meeting with Fidel.*

When Salvadoran government security forces raided a Marxist guerrilla safe house, they captured a pile of documents that included the diary of a man named Farid



In 1977 Dellums traveled to Cuba for meetings with Fidel Castro, calling him his "dear friend" and stating that Castro was "a brilliant man with a visionary look at the world." You bet: And Ron Dellums is "the fairest guy you will ever confront," (his statement 27 January 1988, after fellow Democrats picked him to chair the Armed Services Committee). Photo: AP/Wide World

Handel. Handel is a Marxist and the brother of the head of the Salvadoran communist party, Shafiq Handel. In the diary, Farid Handel writes of his trip to Washington, D.C., to set up CISPES (Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador). Handel wrote: "*Maurice Jackson, president of the Washington, D.C., branch of the U.S. communist party, played an important role in arranging an interview with Congressman Ronald Dellums.*" Handel goes on to indicate that the meeting with Dellums and his staff occurred that very day. Handel says: "*At the end of the meeting they asked me to write down [a statement] for which right there in the offices of Dellums they provided me with a typewriter. They explained that they needed it to translate into English in order to make a report for all the black congressmen [the Black Caucus].*"

Handel continued by describing Dellums' help on another day: "*The offices of Congressman Dellums were converted into our offices. Everything was done there. The meeting with the Black Caucus took place in the liver of the monster — nothing less than the meeting room of the Foreign Relations Committee.*"

Such dealings with the enemy would be bad enough, but how has Dellums behaved in his personal life? In 1983, former House doorkeeper Robert Yesh said that he had sold cocaine to Dellums twice on the House floor. Although Yesh passed two lie detector tests that verified his statements, Dellums was never prosecuted. Dellums has been a friend and political ally of California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown since their days as students at San Francisco State University. When Willie Brown needed someone in Wash-

ington to work for the California Assembly Office of Research, he hired Dellums' wife Leola "Rosco" Dellums at a yearly salary of \$47,085. Mrs. Dellums works out of her home, and her duties are to collect newsletters, legislation and copies of testimony given to Congress and mail them to the Office of Research in Sacramento every week or so.

The *San Jose Mercury News* was curious about Mrs. Dellums' duties. In a 24 May 1987 article titled "Legislative Mail Work Earns \$47,085 A Year For Dellums' Wife," they interviewed several officials in the California Assembly. One official was quoted as saying, "I don't know what she does. She certainly doesn't do anything for the delegation [California Congressional Delegation]."

Another official who specializes in California government affairs in Washington was quoted as saying, "I don't see what worth she has." The *Mercury News* noted that people who perform similar work for other states are professionals who also do lobbying and policy analysis, in addition to the mailings — and their normal salary falls in the \$25,000 to \$32,000 range. Mrs. Dellums is either an extremely capable and gifted employee whose services are of great value to the people of California, or she was put on the payroll



When in 1982 U.S. officials were concerned over Cubans building an "international airport" that would handle intercontinental bombers for Maurice Bishop (pictured) in tiny Grenada, guess who was tasked with preparing the congressional report. That alone would raise eyebrows, but the Grenadan Politburo minutes for 15 December 1982 noted that Dellums' assistant Barbara Lee "is here presently, and has brought with her a report on the International Airport that was done by Ron Dellums. They have requested that we look at the document and suggest any changes we deem necessary — they will be willing to make any changes. Comrade Layne was assigned the task ..."

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as part of a political buddy deal. Which seems more likely? Further, there is the House banking scandal. Only two current members of Congress had more overdrafts in the House bank than Ron Dellums. Between 1 July 1988 and 3 October 1991, Dellums had a whopping 851 overdrafts. That's just about one overdraft for every business day during that period.

## Hatred For The USA

Logic would tell us that if burdened with someone who held a pathological hatred of the United States and its interests, the Democratic leaders of the House would shuffle him off somewhere where he could do little harm and keep a close watch on him. Hardly. Dellums has been a longtime member of the House Armed Services Committee, where he has consistently voted against every military budget since he has been in Congress.

Alarm bells should have started ringing when the Democratic leadership of the House allowed Dellums to become chairman of the Research and Development Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee that has jurisdiction over the nuclear arms that Dellums so vigorously opposes. After becoming chairman of this subcommittee, Dellums acted quickly to deny funds that the Pentagon had requested for short-range nuclear missiles that were to be deployed in Europe. The full Armed Services Committee later overruled Dellums and restored funding. But they won't be able to do that again, because Dellums has just been made the chairman of that very committee.

To understand the power that has come into Dellums' hands, you have to understand the purpose of the Armed Services Committee and the powers of the chairman. The Armed Services Committee holds the purse strings of the military. If the committee doesn't approve a funding bill for a certain weapons system, it won't get passed on for a vote by the full House. But it isn't even necessary to allow the full committee to mull over a bill, because the committee chairman is responsible for scheduling bills in to committee. Simply refusing to schedule a bill in to committee may be sufficient to kill it. Because the chairman schedules meetings, he can affect the vote on a given bill by scheduling meetings when opponents or proponents are unavoidably absent.

## Bully Pulpit

Dellums made it clear what we have to look forward to after he was confirmed as the chairman on 27 January 1993. He said, "I have access, and I plan to use it. I have a bully pulpit, and I plan to use it." Nothing about the security of the United States, nothing about having the best armed forces in the world, but plenty about his "bully pulpit" to further his agenda. Dellums is a self-described pacifist and says he wants a strong emphasis on diplomacy over force

and still deeper cuts in defense spending. He also advocates women in combat and gays in the military. Dellums hasn't wasted any time. He has already told President Clinton not to use military force without congressional authorization. Dellums argues that congressional war-making authority in the Constitution should apply not just to declarations of war or significant military actions, but to lesser deployments as well. In a letter to Clinton he said, "Full congressional involvement in each use of force is required by the Constitution."

Dellums also does not trust the military to investigate and resolve sexual ha-



Eldridge Cleaver, onetime leader of the Black Panther Party who now holds more mainstream views, described Ron Dellums as "a pliable tool in the hands of the Marxist-Leninist puppet masters of Berkeley." Photo: AP/Wide World

arrassment or discrimination charges. He is so enamored of Marxist ideology, he figures what is needed are civilian political commissars to ferret out any vestige of racism, sexism or homophobia in the military. To that end, Dellums has announced that he plans to introduce legislation in 1993 to create a military civil rights commission that will be outside the military chain of command. Dellums said, "The new commission is needed because the military's equal-opportunity specialists and inspector generals are unwilling or unable to pursue cases energetically."

Dellums attained the lofty chair of the House Armed Services Committee when former Chairman Les Aspin was tapped by Clinton for the job of Secretary of Defense. I have been told by reliable sources that one of the reasons Clinton picked Les Aspin for Secretary of Defense was so Dellums would move up to chair the Armed Services Committee and promote Clinton's "social agenda" in the military.

Although Dellums' seniority on the committee made him eligible for the chairman's seat, the Democratic leader-

ship of the House could have still denied him the position if they thought such a move was advisable in light of his record. Obviously, House Speaker Tom Foley and the other Democratic leaders of the House were unconcerned about Dellums' loyalty, ability to keep secrets, reflexively anti-defense/anti-American record and his cavorting with Marxist dictators. They voted 198 to 10 to confirm him as the new chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

### Dems Knew Better

It wasn't that the Democratic leadership of the House hadn't been aware of Dellums' dealings — they were acutely aware. So aware in fact that in 1982, Edward Boland, the House Intelligence Committee Chairman, doctored a committee report in an attempt to conceal Dellums', and several other House Democrats' (among them Patricia Schroeder's) connections to the communist-front World Peace Council.

The national press never came out and said, "Hey, here's the record of the person that the Democratic leadership is considering for the most important defense post in Congress, and look at the district he represents." The closest the press came to alerting the public that something was seriously amiss, was in articles like "Pentagon's Nemesis" by Charles Fenyvesi in the 16 November 1992 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

Fenyvesi noted that Ron Dellums has earned a reputation as one of the most strident Pentagon baiters during his 22 years in Congress. Fenyvesi also observes that "since Dellums is one of the House's prominent black members, rejecting him as chairman could prove more embarrassing for the leadership [Democratic] than having him run [chair the committee]." Fenyvesi probably hit the nail on the head with the racial angle, but he should have also pointed out that it doesn't really matter what color the chairman of this vital committee is as long as they have displayed a basic loyalty to the United States. Has Dellums?

At best, you would think that the Democratic leadership of the House would shy away from putting an avowed pacifist in charge of a committee that is responsible for funding the military, no matter what his record was. But Dellums is not just a pacifist, he is the most radical person in Congress. If you compared Dellums' record to Jane Fonda's, the comparison would make her look like a member of the John Birch Society. House Speaker Tom Foley ignored Dellums' pacifism and record of virulent anti-Americanism and backed him for the post anyway. By this single act, Foley and the Democratic leadership have put someone in a position to do inestimable harm to the nation's defense well into the next century.

This cynical act behind the backs of an unaware American public is going to come

back to haunt the Democrats. Once again we go looking for the "new Democrats" and find "business as usual." Dellums has a solid lock on his district, so there is little danger of him ever being voted out of office. But if he does happen to have a stroke or get struck by lightning, Miss Smiley Face herself, Patricia Schroeder, is next in line for the chairman's job.

It is true that communism has dropped the reins in the former Soviet Union, and for now relations among the superpowers are less dangerous than they have been. However, the political situation in the former Soviet Union still has not resolved itself, and communism still holds sway in Cuba, China, Laos, Vietnam, North Korea, Angola and is a virulent subversive revolutionary force in numerous Third World countries. Such countries and movements now have a powerful friend in the U.S. Congress who is on the same ideological wavelength.

### Can America Afford This?

No one would argue that there isn't room for cutbacks in our military forces. But what form will they take, and what actions will Dellums take to hinder the use of force in another national crisis? There is no doubt that Congress will take action to remove Dellums from the chairman's seat if he does obvious harm to national security. But how much irreparable harm will he do before Congress acts? America's most sensitive military documents will be going to Dellums' office for perusal by himself and his staff — people who, if judged by their previous actions, couldn't get cleared to serve hot dogs in the Capitol snack concession.

There is something greatly askew in this country when we have a draft dodger as president, and someone who would be branded as little more than a traitor by any civilized society holding the purse strings of our military forces.

Various polls and surveys show that a majority of Americans harbor a high degree of disdain and contempt for our people in Congress. I suppose that we shouldn't be surprised an institution that would fail to take action against another congressman for the buggery of a pageboy or turn its head when Barney Frank is found to have a homosexual prostitution ring operating from his apartment, would appoint someone like Dellums to such a critical post. Anyone who is as concerned about the Dellums issue, and as concerned about America as I am, should send a copy of this article to their representative in Congress, and ask him/her exactly what their position is on Dellums.

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# GUN GESTAPO'S

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms agents violate Waco, Texas, religious cult, leaving four agents dead**

Photos: KWTX/Sygma



*“The absent are never without fault, nor the present without excuse.”*

Benjamin Franklin — American statesman, scientist and philosopher

**B**ureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Director Stephen Higgins was somewhere safe and comfortable, possibly still home in bed, on 28 February, when 100 of his agents marched dutifully off into what will be recorded as one of the worst disasters in federal law enforcement history. That’s the Sunday morning when the ATF tried to storm “Ranch Apocalypse,” a sprawling, heavily defended compound belonging to the Branch Davidians, a bizarre doomsday religious cult based some 10 miles east of Waco, Texas.

As critiqued by the experts, the raid plan seemed to reflect the fantasy of some naive, Ramboesque scriptwriter more than the levelheaded analysis of a professional law enforcement tactician. Higgins bears ultimate responsibility for the plan, one which he approved on the recommendation of Phil Chojnacki, senior agent in the ATF’s Houston office.

One hundred ATF agents tried to force their way into a compound the size of a city block, comprising tens of thousands of square feet in floor space on several levels above and below ground, overshadowed by a watchtower with unrestricted fields of fire and a view for miles in all directions.

The feds were forced to retreat into siege mode after four young agents were killed and 16 more wounded. An unconfirmed number of cult members were also killed and wounded, including the reported death of a 2-year-old girl. The ATF had been trying to search for alleged illegal weapons and execute warrants for the arrest of 33-year-old David Koresh, a self-proclaimed messiah.

Most military and law-enforcement special operations experts interviewed since the raid on Koresh’s headquarters have faulted ATF for a plan tactically and logistically flawed from inception through execution. ATF claims it suffered heavy casualties because of strict rules of engagement that prohibit shooting without a definite target. This is contradicted by broadcast video showing agents exercising poor fire control, firing over vehicles with little or no sight picture, with two rounds per second being expended.

ATF’s main defense of the raid was that it was based on surprise and that it failed because cult members were tipped off at the last minute. But evidence indicates the ATF’s cover was blown well before the raid — and the ATF leadership knew it, but ordered ill-prepared and uninformed agents in anyway.

Besides, the cult’s 77-acre Ranch Apocalypse (formerly named Mount Carmel) is in “a location where surprise simply could not work,” noted Professor Tony Cooper, an expert on terrorism and conflict resolution at the University of Texas at Dallas who consults to federal law enforcement agencies.

“This was foreseeably a military-style operation,” Cooper told

# DAY OF INFAMY

**Constitution and common sense in disastrous raid on  
and 16 wounded**  
by James L. Pate



**Lethal entry: Moments after furious assault begins, ATF agents breach window leading to cult's weapons cache — agents Robert Williams, Conway LeBleu and Todd McKeehan never emerge alive. Unidentified partner remains under hail of gunfire on rooftop, takes round in leg, said by SOF source to be friendly fire.**

*The Dallas Morning News.* "The ATF is a civilian law enforcement agency. They underestimated the risk ... [But] what is incomprehensible to me is that they knew these people had ... weapons and ... thought these weapons would not be fired ... The time for negotiation was before bullets started flying."

The ATF's entire plan for striking Koresh was predicated on receiving a covert signal from within the compound that all cult ordnance would be locked up when the assault began, a federal law enforcement official told *Soldier Of Fortune*. There was no contingency plan in place for the loss of surprise, nor one for heavy armed resistance.

As a policy matter, former Waco District Attorney Vic Fezell condemned the ATF's "storm trooper tactics" as "a vulgar display of power on the part of the feds." Fezell unsuccessfully prosecuted seven cult members for attempted murder in 1988. But those warrants — including seven arrests and the seizure of weapons, along with a criminal charge more serious than the ATF's initial allegations — had been served without trouble by Sheriff Jack Harwell and his deputies.

"We treated them like human beings, rather than storm-troop-

ing the place," Fezell told the *Houston Chronicle*. "They were extremely polite ... They're protective of what's theirs ... They view their land as Muslims do Mecca and Jews view Jerusalem."

At this writing in early April, the multimillion-dollar siege resulting from the ATF's blunder — the costliest search warrant service in history — remained unresolved. Desperate to keep talks with cult leaders open, the FBI at one point called in Sheriff Harwell to get stalled talks moving again because Koresh apparently trusted Harwell from their past dealings.

Higgins, meanwhile, kept insisting that neither he nor Chojnacki or anyone else in ATF was at fault in any way for an operation in which ATF agents suffered 20% casualties. No wonder he would want to evade any question implying a leadership failure costing the lives of four heroic young lawmen who faithfully answered duty's call.

Several ATF agents involved in the raid who were interviewed by *The New York Times* said Chojnacki and others running the assault from helicopters circling above ordered the raiding party to move in without telling them that the aircraft had already taken heavy gunfire from the cult's compound, with one round whis-



Photo: Waco Tribune-Herald/Sygnia

Retreating ATF agents commandeered Waco news media vehicles to medevac wounded. Four agents and undetermined number of cult members died in assault on Branch Davidian compound; ensuing siege dragged on as *SOF* went to press.

ting right past Chojnacki's head. Kathy Schroeder, a cult member whose husband died in the shoot-out, said after her surrender that cult members had returned fire on the aircraft after being fired upon first from above.

Chojnacki and others not only misled their own agents in the operation, but apparently lied to the state of Texas in order to obtain the use of National Guard aircraft. Texas Gov. Ann Richards said the ATF agents in charge of the investigation told state officials they suspected the cult was involved in drug trafficking, one condition meeting Texas requirements on lending state-controlled aircraft to federal law enforcement agencies.

ATF spokesmen went on record right after the raid, saying there was no suspicion of illegal drug activity by cult members. But in late March, when criticism of the raid grew louder by the day and Richards had revealed the ATF's deception of state officials, ATF spokesman David Troy suddenly alleged that the cult was operating a methamphetamine lab, "evidence" which he claimed surfaced "late" in the investigation.

An ATF source told *SOF* on 29 March that the drug lab allegation "was made up ... out of whole cloth ... a complete fabrication" to avoid further criticism by Texas officials.

The Waco fiasco is just the largest and latest in a growing list of stupendous blunders and calculated deceptions by Higgins during his 10-year reign over ATF. Management crises include well-publicized lawsuits filed by agents alleging blatant racial and sexual discrimination on the job. But nothing has delivered to ATF a day of reckoning like the Ranch Apocalypse raid, a tragedy that will play a major role in determining ATF's future.

### Touching The Untouchables

The same agency made famous by crime-buster Eliot Ness during the Chicago gang wars of the Roaring '20s suffered its bloodiest day ever. Fanatic followers of Koresh, an alleged cradle-robbing adulterer and rock guitarist-cum-religious kook, reached out and irrevocably touched "The Untouchables."

"I'm absolutely convinced that what we did was right," Higgins told CBS News' *Face The Nation*. "We had a plan ... we had trained. The most competent people in this country were doing that raid. We had everything — the intelligence. What we had was someone who eliminated the element of surprise ... Our agents walked into an ambush ... but we did what had to be done ... so we have no apologies for that ..."

A highly placed federal law enforcement official with inside knowledge has told *SOF* that information channeled through the Justice Department indicates ATF undercover agents infiltrated Koresh's compound up to two months prior to 28 February, remaining there until two hours before the shoot-out. He stated an informant contacted ATF just prior to the raid, reporting the situation "normal," apparently meaning all firearms were stored in the cult's gun locker, to which Koresh was believed to possess the only key.

ATF warrants for Koresh, which remained sealed at press time, were based in part on a man and a woman's reported observance of an M2 .50-caliber machine gun in the cult's possession. According to *SOF*'s federal source, a computer check run on all known Branch Davidians revealed one male cultist had legally purchased a .50-caliber machine gun within the past two years from a Class III dealer in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The gun dealer reportedly told authorities the buyer was legitimate and had paid a \$200 transfer tax required to purchase a Class III weapon.

In an emotional explanation the day after the raid, one eerily reminiscent of official excuses after the U.S. debacle at Cuba's Bay of Pigs, ATF operations commander Ted Royster defended the Ranch Apocalypse disaster thusly: "We had our plan down, we had our diversion down. But they

were waiting on us."

Royster oversaw the operation from a command helicopter hovering over the compound, one of three which circled within earshot for almost five minutes before insertion, perhaps confirming any suspicion by cult members that a raid was imminent. His chopper was one of two hit by gunfire and forced to land.

As head of the ATF's regional office in Dallas, which controls operations in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, Royster has participated in many of ATF's high-profile raids. And like the Waco debacle, others haven't exactly been the public relations bonanzas that Royster and ATF might have hoped.

### The Lawmaster Raid

When heavily armed ATF agents smashed their way into the Tulsa home of John Lawmaster in December 1991, doing extensive damage to the house and personal property of a private citizen with no criminal record, Royster sat watching outside at the curb in a government vehicle with tinted windows.

The raid that trashed Lawmaster's house and shredded his constitutional rights was a warning beacon along the policy road that led ATF to Waco. In both cases, the news media was mysteriously tipped off in time to be there with cameras rolling. Both times it blew up in ATF's face. Waco is the culmination of a failed enforcement policy which first prominently manifested itself on John Lawmaster's doorstep.

In both Tulsa and Waco, the ATF chose heavy-handed, SWAT-type confrontation over a more conventional, direct method in which a suspect is approached quietly and respectfully, then firmly advised that a legal warrant must be answered. Neither Lawmaster nor Koresh were questioned prior to warrant service. Such thinking conveys a thought process contrary to the doctrine of presumed innocence.

The bureau's No. 2 man, Dan Hartnett, displayed mystifying logic at a Waco press conference when he explained how the ATF "made no other attempts to execute the warrant" for Koresh because "we knew there were firearms in there ... possibly explo-

Armor-piercing cartridges ATF agents expended in Waco could be those believed made for FBI SWAT team by Guilford Engineering Associates Inc., of Guilford, Conn. Reportedly made in 9mm and .45 ACP, Guilford round (right) believed based upon Aberdeen experimental prototype (left) designed to defeat body armor.



sive material inside. We didn't want ... a barricade type of thing."

Had this guy been watching CNN? Harnett's logic eluded Lawmaster.

"What would I have done if they'd sent two guys in gray suits to my door and knocked?" asked Lawmaster, a gun dealer never charged with a crime by ATF, "... said, 'Wait, let me go hide my machine guns?' Of course I would've let them in. What else could I do?"

Instead, ATF used Lawmaster's ex-wife to trick him into leaving home so they could knock his doors off the hinges for the 6 o'clock news.

"If they'd have sent two agents in suits up to knock on the front door of that place in Texas and say they had search warrants, it would have looked so much better," Lawmaster said. "Even if the people inside had shot the two agents, the ATF would be ahead of the game right now ..."

Director Higgins sees it another way: "If it's justifiable to shoot a law enforcement officer because you're somehow protecting your home against somebody who's serving a lawful warrant, then God help us," he told the CBS News show *48 Hours*.

What Higgins and the ATF apparently have yet to grasp is that Lawmaster and other critics aren't questioning so much ATF's right to serve a warrant — although this is an issue in some cases. The questions are *how* ATF serves warrants, followed by *why* they choose to do it this way, and is this method *necessary*?

Certain to be debated in court — provided, of course, potential defendants survive to go to trial — is who discharged the first

member who surrendered. On 23 March, Branch used a jailhouse pay phone to call a radio station and say it was the ATF who fired the first shots, wounding Koresh and killing his 2-year-old daughter. This matches information from FBI and Texas Ranger sources whose investigations indicate ATF fired first.

One reliable federal source stated that when the ATF's pair of long-bed pickups and cattle trailers drove up to the front door of Ranch Apocalypse, Koresh came out to meet them, whereupon an agent began firing a suppressed MP5 SD submachine gun at the cult leader from the passenger side of the leading pickup, prompting return fire from the compound while Koresh retreated inside. Gunfire killed the ATF agent chosen to "take out" Koresh, the source noted.

It is known ATF agent Steve Willis was killed by gunfire as he exited a vehicle outside the compound. One federal law enforcement source told *SOF* Willis was the agent assigned to shoot Koresh "if necessary." Although TV crews near the scene believed cult members fired first, reporters kept some distance away from the action would not have heard a silenced MP5 SD, while the cattle trailer would likely have blocked their view of an agent firing at the front door.

ATF agents confirmed that Koresh opened his door before the shooting started, but they claimed he ignored their shouts to freeze, smiled and closed the door just before the gunfight began. An ATF source said agent Dan Curtis, who wore a red baseball cap during the raid, told other agents he also wounded Koresh when he fired through a window. (Curtis owns one of the bullet-riddled pickup trucks hooked to livestock trailers in front of the compound.) Koresh later told the news media he was wounded in the abdomen and the arm; *SOF*'s ATF source said Koresh called 911 just after being wounded in an attempt to stop the shooting.

But the issue of who shot first is only one in a considerable list of contradictions. One, for instance, involves the use of stun grenades as a diversion when the raid started. Reporters who witnessed the assault said such grenades were used, but with little apparent affect. ATF spokesman Hartnett said they had not been used. Tear gas or CS grenades, which would have flushed people from the building, were not used.

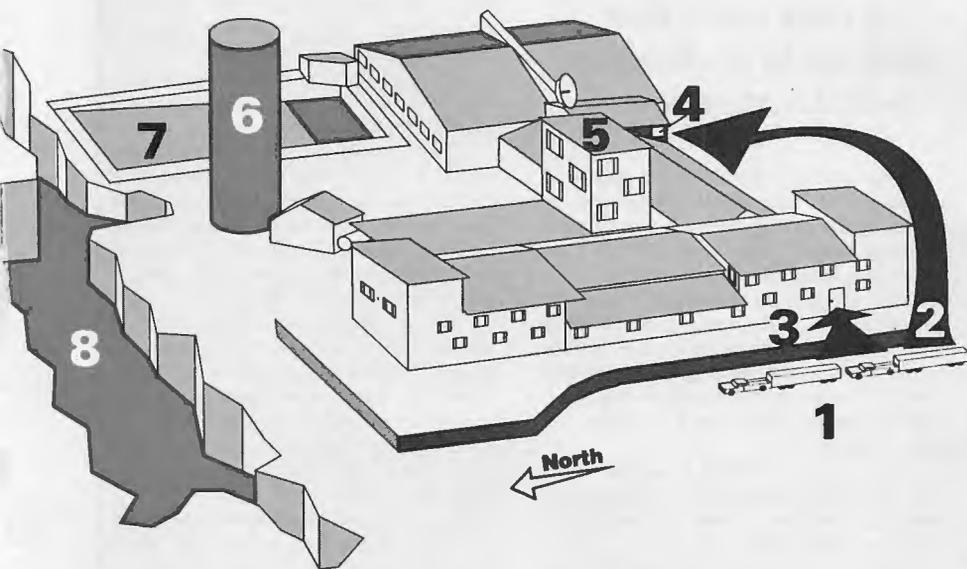
ATF spokesmen also said agents suspected the area around the compound had been booby-trapped. But after evading officers at two roadblocks and penetrating an outer security perimeter, the author and freelance photographer Russell Rice crept to within 500 yards of the compound — over a ridgeline the ATF implied was rigged with trip wires. An abundance of fresh cow manure reassured us that the presence of explosives was unlikely. Two cult sympathizers ultimately penetrated all government perimeters and were admitted to the compound.

### The Timing

If the ATF wanted to surprise cult members, why did they schedule the raid for late morning? Why not strike before sunrise? ATF

responses to these and other questions only begat more questions. The most consistent aspect was a firm resolve by the bureau to deny any culpability. Damage control became a priority, diverting blame a primary strategy.

At a 3 March press conference in Waco, spokesman Hartnett claimed the probe had been ongoing for "approximately nine months," or since May 1992 ATF now claims it had been investigating the cult for eight months at the time of the Ranch Apocalypse raid — coincidentally the same amount of time as had the local newspaper. The *Waco Tribune-Herald* began its seven-part feature series about Koresh, "The Sinful Messiah," one day be-



(1) Two long-bed pickups pulling cattle trailers move up driveway by fence on compound's west side: ATF team from second trailer sprints around southwest corner (2) while remaining agents assault compound entrance after gunfire exchange by front door (3); group climbs two ladders to single window (4), through which three ATF agents gain entry to Koresh's living quarters and a weapons locker — all three men killed. Cult watchtower (5) provided unrestricted fields of fire and 360-degree view. Water tower (6) could aid cult survival in long standoff. Swimming pool (7) under construction, as was underground shelter (8) believed to contain more weaponry. *SOF* graphic: Krissie Anderson

round that started the Waco firefight. The ATF's version, that cult members shot first, is attested to by newspaper reporters who witnessed the shoot-out from about 300 yards away.

In phone calls to Texas news outlets and to CNN, Koresh claimed an agent fired the first shot as Koresh opened the compound door to ask why the ATF was there. This is given some credence by one *SOF* law enforcement source who said an ATF agent had an accidental discharge getting out of one of two goose-necked cattle trailers used to transport and conceal agents — that he wounded himself in the leg and cried out, "I'm hit!"

A slightly different version was told by Brad Branch, a cult

# ATF's BLOODY SUNDAY

When Waco Tribune-Herald reporters Tommy Witherspoon and Mark Masferrer pulled into the driveway of a large ranch home across the road from Ranch Apocalypse at about 0830 on 28 February, a man identifying himself as a federal agent ran outside and told them to leave. The feds, they reported, had apparently taken over the home and another nearby ranch house as observation posts for an impending raid.

Three Texas Army National Guard helicopters — two OH-58 Kiowas and a UH-60A Black Hawk — could be heard for several minutes circling in the distance over a ridge north of the Branch Davidian compound. Then at about 0955, reporters noted a transmission over their police scanners: "There's no guns in the windows. Tell them it's a go," the Tribune-Herald recounted.

The helicopters quickly popped over the ridgeline north of the compound, swooping low near the rambling, multi-story frame structure as two long-bed pickup trucks pulling canvas-covered gooseneck livestock trailers roared past the cult's unmanned guard shack up to the compound's driveway.

"The shooting started before the agents ever got out of the trailers," Witherspoon noted, adding it was "a steady barrage" that turned into a full-bore, 45-minute firefight. According to local reports, one cult member who later surrendered claimed the compound was being hit from above by machine gun rounds, i.e., from the air. This has been denied by federal authorities, yet one highly placed federal source has informed *Soldier Of Fortune* about half of ATF casualties in the raid apparently resulted from "friendly fire."

About 100 ATF agents in dark blue jump suits and tactical gear "leaped out of the cattle trucks, throwing concussion grenades and screaming 'Come out!'" the Tribune-Herald reported the next day.

The first agent killed was Steve Willis, age 32, of Houston, shot as he exited an ATF vehicle accompanying the trailers. Federal law enforcement sources told SOF the firefight started when an agent believed to be Willis shot cult leader David Koresh. Another source recalled agent Dan Curtis telling others he had also wounded Koresh.

As entry teams sprinted for their assigned breach points and other agents crouched behind vehicles to return fire, the rapid-action volleys became intense; thousands of rounds whizzed overhead, ricocheting off vehicles and the surface of a pond some 150 yards away.

Most of the press contingent dove for cover about 300 yards back, some lying prone in the wet grass, others crouching in a ditch, a cold rain pelting down. Inside, according to cult members who subsequently came out, 20 to 30 children crawled under their dormitory beds as bullets ripped through the walls above them.

Agent Bill Buford of the ATF's Little Rock, Arkansas, office commanded the entry team taking the heaviest casualties. Three of its

members were wounded, including Buford, while three more were killed: Todd McKeegan, age 28; Conway C. LeBleu, 30; and Robert J. "Robb" Williams, 28. The three dead agents entered through an upstairs window reported to be in the vicinity of Koresh's bedroom and weapons locker. Buford and other team members used a different entry.

"I saw Robb huddled behind ... an abandoned safe," Buford told the Reuter news agency. "I saw him fall back once, as if he had been pushed by a bullet, and then I saw him look up and over it. And I saw him get hit. I sort of knew he wouldn't get up.

**"At first, I didn't realize I'd been shot," Buford continued. "I felt no pain, just a hard impact to my leg. It took me a few minutes to understand what happened."**

Video coverage by KWTX-TV appeared repeatedly on nationwide broadcasts, in particular the rooftop entry scene of slain agents McKeegan, LeBleu and Williams. One agent who remained on the rooftop as the doomed trio entered to meet their fate was seen struggling as rounds impacted around him. A federal official told SOF a fifth unidentified agent climbing to the rooftop with this team shot himself in the foot, then retreated back down a ladder to ground level.

The cult was suffering casualties of its own: At least three adult cult members—possibly more than a dozen—were killed and many more wounded.

Outside, the three helicopters had withdrawn after coming under fire. Two were hit, including the command-and-control aircraft carrying Ted Royster, top-ranking ATF agent in the Dallas region. One helicopter made a forced landing on a nearby ranch, auto-rotating to the ground.

A bullet flattened a tire on one press vehicle while the windshield of another was shattered by gunfire. As bullets churned up geysers of dirt around them, KWTX reporter John McLemore and his cameraman Dan Mulloney were urged by federal agents to pull back.

"The first five minutes was just a job," Mulloney told *The Dallas Morning News*. "Then we started seeing people get hit and we heard bullets start hitting around us. I figured I was going to get shot. I started thinking of my kids ..."

The staccato bursts of high-velocity weapons fire continued, starting and stopping several times as agents maneuvered for better position while cult

shooters inside repeatedly bore down with virtually unrestricted overlapping fields of fire, notably from the compound watchtower.

"People were being hit," McLemore told the Dallas newspaper. "You could hear people screaming with the agony, the pain of it."

"Hey! TV man! Call for an ambulance!" McLemore recalled one federal agent yelling at him. The reporter sprinted several yards across open ground to his white Jeep Cherokee, jumped in and grabbed the radio as a bullet ricocheted off the door. More rounds hit the truck. "I got scared," he said.

Buford and others who'd gone inside were pinned down by intermittent gunfire for the next two hours. All this time, ATF agent Ken Chisolm had used his body to cover that of Buford, protecting his buddy from further wounds.

"I remember telling Ken, 'Hey, they don't give the Congressional Medal of Honor out here.' But Ken wouldn't leave me ... I've been in some well-planned ambushes," the decorated Vietnam combat veteran said, "but never anything as deadly [as the Ranch Apocalypse raid.] We were taking fire from everywhere, even through the walls."

One ambulance soon arrived, "not nearly enough," McLemore noted. He and Mulloney helped load wounded agents onto their truck: a leg-wound victim in the back, a shoulder wound in the back seat, an agent with a chest wound draped across the hood.

"One of the female ATF agents told reporters that she hadn't expected the Branch Davidians to put up such a fierce fight," the Waco paper reported. Agents streamed down the compound's driveway, some limping alone, others being helped by buddies. "They all looked stunned," McLemore said.

The morning shoot-out was followed by more than two hours of tense negotiations as the ATF parleyed for a cease-fire to recover wounded and dead agents still inside the compound. This was accomplished by unarmed volunteer agents. A few stray shots were fired during the afternoon.

At 1700, the last serious exchange of gunfire occurred. ATF agent Charles Meyer stated in an affidavit that he and other agents patrolling a perimeter around the compound came upon three armed men, apparently cult members. Meyer said the agents identified themselves and ordered the three to freeze. The trio instead opened fire on the agents, who returned fire.

One cult member was killed instantly while another, severely wounded, made it back inside the compound. The third cult member, a 28-year-old Jamaican national identified as Delroy Nash,

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Photo: Rod Aydelotte/Waco Tribune-Herald

Launching raid on Branch Davidian cult, ATF agents sprint around compound's southwest corner. Agents said to have trained with armor for months at Fort Hood, yet livestock transport was used for assault.

fore the raid, after giving 24 hours' notice to the ATF as agreed to a month earlier when the series was being completed.

But in January, when the ATF flew estranged cult member Marc Breault from Australia to California to be interviewed about the cult, he was told ATF had only been involved about four months, since October. A computer programmer, Breault left the cult in 1989 disturbed by Koresh's sexual exploitation of female devotees barely past puberty.

No matter how long ATF had been investigating Koresh and his cult, a question still remained about whether the search and arrest warrants were based on reliable information, a major flaw in the Lawmaster case. A memo from the FBI's San Antonio office dated just five days prior to the raid noted that "ATF intends to execute a warrant on 3/1" at Ranch Apocalypse — "... to date no information has been developed to verify the allegations."

So if the raid had been scheduled for 1 March, why was it moved up a day? Royster, denied on Monday, 1 March, that the timing had been changed as a result of the *Tribune-Herald* series. On Tuesday, Jack Killorin, an ATF spokesman in Washington, conceded the raid had been moved up one day after agents learned the series was starting in Saturday's newspaper. But the change "did not affect readiness," Killorin insisted, adding the raid "was planned and drilled for months before it was carried out. We knew it was an armed and dangerous encampment ..."

But if they knew that, why did they go in "outgunned," as one

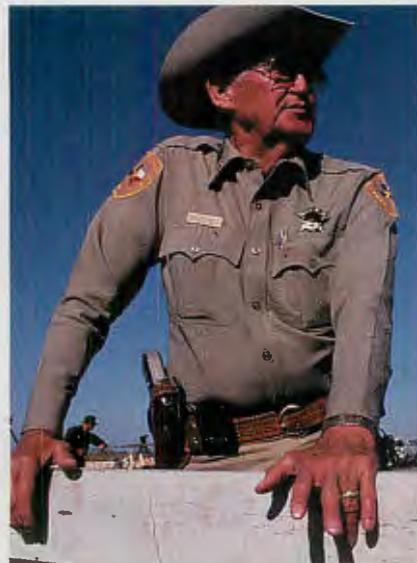


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Constable Dewey Howze, one of many area lawmen manning roadblocks around crisis locale — local authorities knew cult leader Koresh and disciples, but were not consulted on serving federal warrant.

ATF spokesman said immediately after the raid? Had the ATF really planned for enough firepower to reasonably be able to defend itself and successfully conclude such a raid, however ill-advised? Had anyone conducted a risk-benefit assessment of the mission goal? And did ATF brass hats change the plan at the last minute, leaving its agents hopelessly vulnerable?

ATF agents wore soft body armor, which is not rated to stop bullets from the types of weapons ATF knew were inside. Competent SWAT teams routinely forego soft body armor in favor of the hard versions, made with steel or ceramic plates.

Since the standoff began, some within the law enforcement community have heard that the scores of assaulting ATF agents had but 40 rounds left among them when they backed off from the compound after the initial gunplay.

Another example of poor planning was the lack of ambulances on standby, forcing

agents to commandeered news vehicles to transport the wounded and dying. Most ATF vehicles were disabled in the 45-minute morning firefight. Usual procedures for SWAT-style operations call for presence of an armed medic as forced entries are made, with additional medical support standing by to treat all wounded.

"I want to once and for all, unequivocally state — the raid plan was submitted, resources and equipment for that raid ... were submitted," asserted Dan Conroy, a deputy assistant director for ATF. "It was granted 100 percent by headquarters."

This does not square with an ATF source who talked to *SOF*. The source said the original raid plan practiced at Fort Hood included the use of armor, such as M113 APCs, Bradley fighting vehicles and M1 tanks that ultimately became necessary. While some H&K MP5 submachine guns and M16s were issued, many agents trying to provide suppressing fire outside the

compound were limited to 9mm pistols — a severe limitation, given the number and caliber of rounds coming at them.

"As far as the weapons [chosen for ATF agents] ... we were aware there were a substantial number of children in there," Conroy said. "Weapons of a higher velocity ... capable of going through multiple walls would have been entirely inappropriate..."

If agents couldn't

take enough firepower to defend themselves, and if innocent children might get injured anyway, how advisable was it to undertake such a raid, under the circumstances?

"Once you know you have children in there, you don't go storming in," observed Frank Bolz Jr., a former hostage negotiator with 28 years at the New York Police Department. "When all this is over and they bring that dead child out ... startling photographs of that child's face will overshadow the deaths of heroic agents."

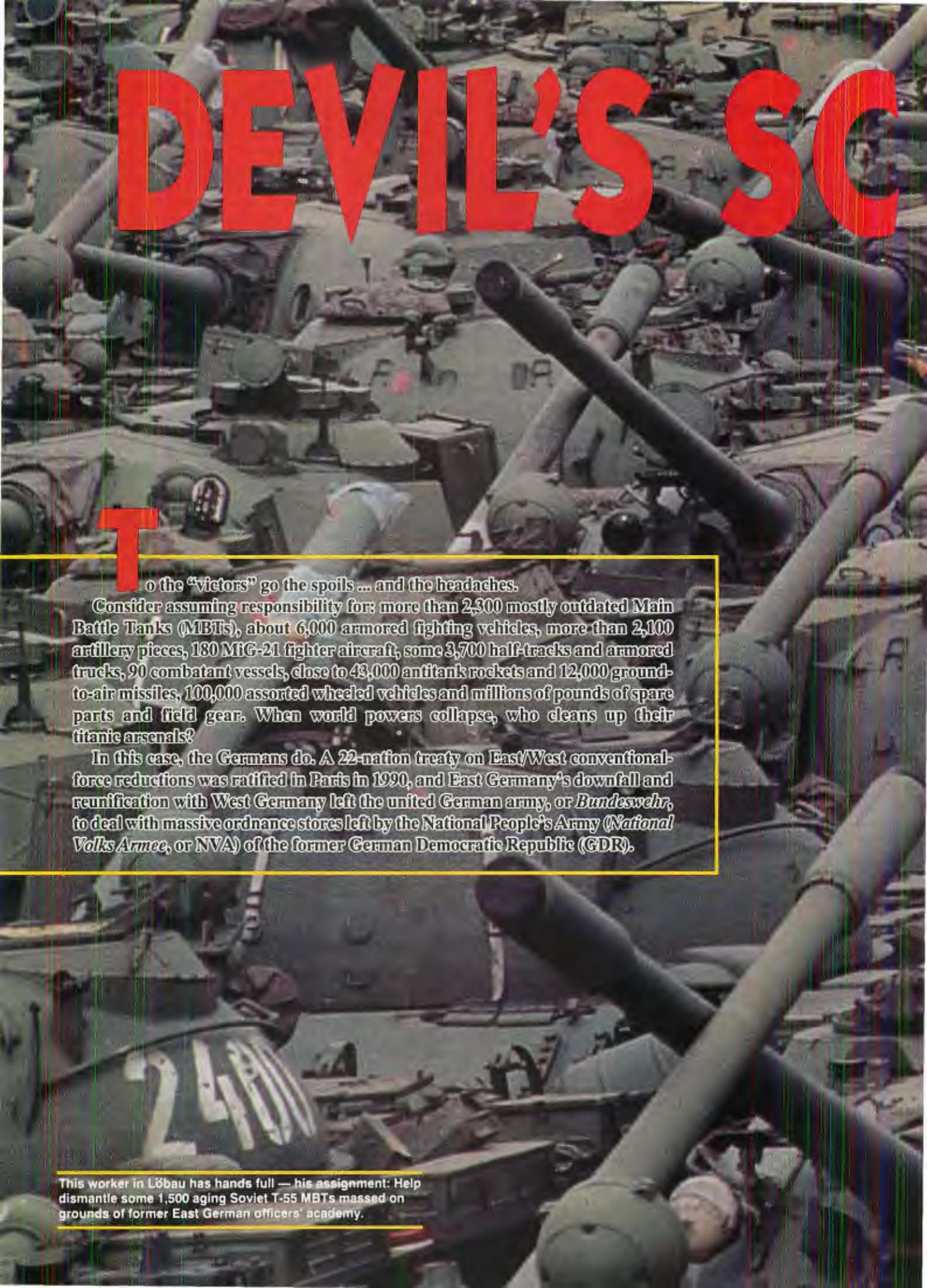


Photo: Russell Rice

Scouting for signs of wounded cult member who fled assault, Huey crew searches nearby fields on 3 March. Unidentified body of male cult member was found the next day in a wooded area some 350 yards from compound. He was believed dead of gunshot wounds.

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# DEVIL'S SCO

A large pile of military equipment, including tanks and artillery, with a worker in the foreground. The scene is filled with various types of tanks, some with long barrels, and other military hardware. A worker in a white shirt and dark pants is visible in the lower right, working on one of the tanks. The background is a dense field of similar equipment, suggesting a large-scale dismantling or storage operation.

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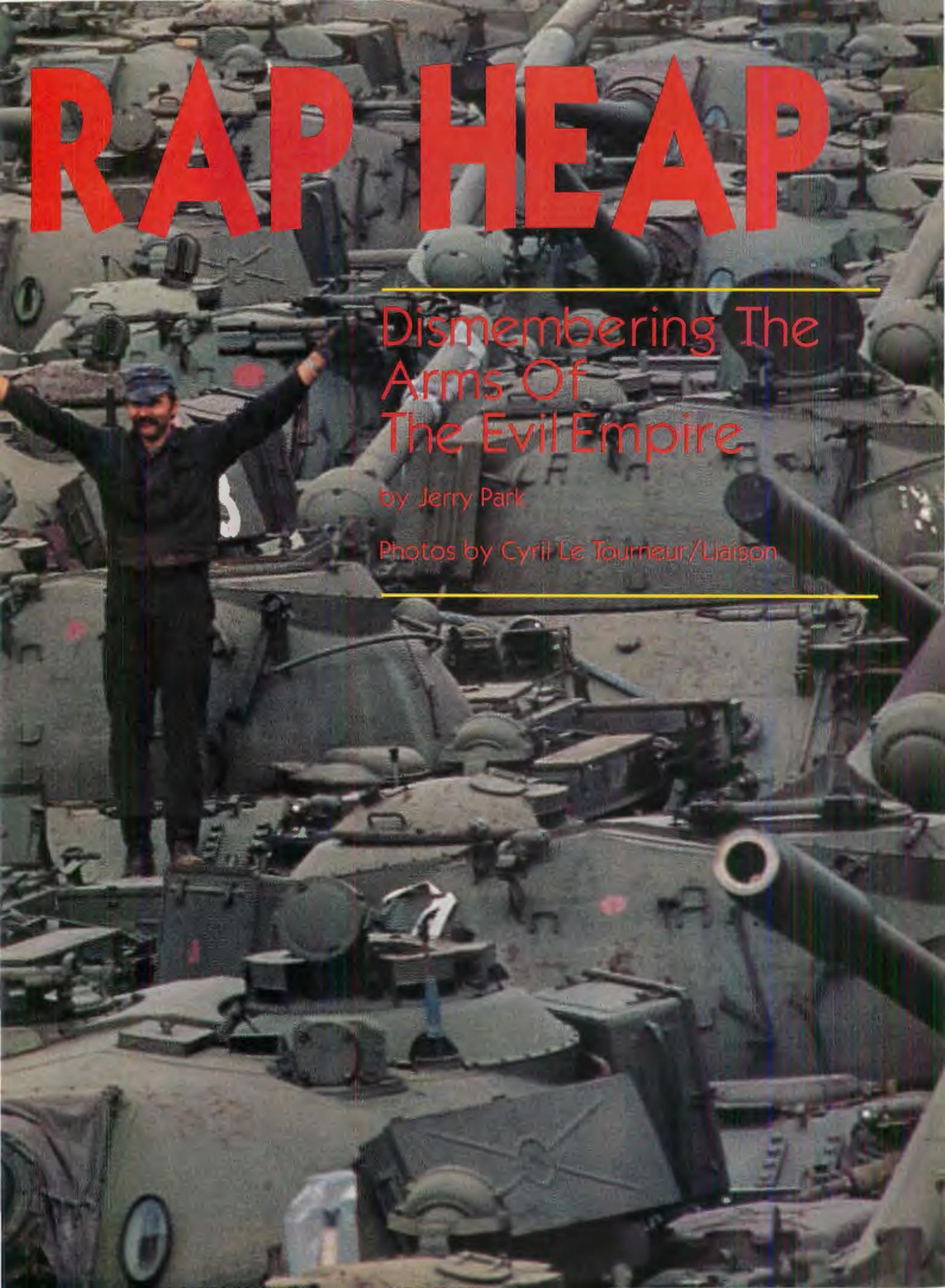
o the "victors" go the spoils ... and the headaches.

Consider assuming responsibility for: more than 2,300 mostly outdated Main Battle Tanks (MBTs), about 6,000 armored fighting vehicles, more than 2,100 artillery pieces, 180 MiG-21 fighter aircraft, some 3,700 half-tracks and armored trucks, 90 combatant vessels, close to 43,000 antitank rockets and 12,000 ground-to-air missiles, 100,000 assorted wheeled vehicles and millions of pounds of spare parts and field gear. When world powers collapse, who cleans up their titanic arsenals?

In this case, the Germans do. A 22-nation treaty on East/West conventional-force reductions was ratified in Paris in 1990, and East Germany's downfall and reunification with West Germany left the united German army, or *Bundeswehr*, to deal with massive ordnance stores left by the National People's Army (*National Volks Armee*, or NVA) of the former German Democratic Republic (GDR).

This worker in Löbau has hands full — his assignment: Help dismantle some 1,500 aging Soviet T-55 MBTs massed on grounds of former East German officers' academy.

# RAP HEAP



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## Dismembering The Arms Of The Evil Empire

by Jerry Park

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**About-face:** Once a major producer of combloc ammo, massive Spreewerke AG factory now recycles AK rifle munitions into fertilizer at Lübben, 80km south of Berlin. Mechanical-biochemical process isolates harmful ingredients from gunpowder, leaves organic substance for farm use. Method *not* lucrative — only 50 kilos fertilizer from 1 ton gunpowder. Under consideration: sizable facility to treat vast GDR reserves of large-caliber munitions, grenades and shells discarded under multinational agreement.

"All facilities and installations taken over from the NVA were packed with matériel, if only they could be guarded. The quantity, storage condition and stock records ... gave cause for alarm," wrote Lieutenant General Werner von Scheven in a paper on merging two formerly hostile German armies. "What is more, Western security and environmental protection requirements are not met for the most part."

Furthermore, there's a deadline to meet. The force reduction treaty requires signatory nations to destroy or discard portions of their non-nuclear arms matériel within a 40-month period, conforming with designated weaponry levels under supervision and inspections of an international commission.

Colonel Joseph von Radowitz is overseer for arms treaty implementation at Germany's Ministry of Defense. "By the end of this year we will have destroyed the 25 percent called for in the treaty," he told *Soldier Of Fortune*. The bulk of this downsizing effort is set for 1994, when

**Dresden worker breaks during MiG-21 tear-down. About 300 man-hours labor are involved in scrapping each jet.**



60% of excess arms are scheduled for elimination, with a leftover 15% to be dealt with by mid-November 1995. "Germany will fulfill its requirement," von Radowitz stressed.

As of January, Bundeswehr manpower stood at just over 401,000 troops. Along with whopping former East German matériel stores, the army alone gained some 3,300 installations and 900 garrisons. Many bases have been permanently shut down, while others are among more than 50 demolition or storage sites established throughout eastern Germany.

**MiG-21 fuselages are broken down inside Dresden air base by workers who once repaired such archetypes of the East Bloc's strike force; rough cost to demolish 180 Fishbed fighters is more than \$3 million.**



Additionally, paramilitary civil defense units, or "factory workers' " militias (*Betriebskampf Gruppen*) were organized along military lines under some 35 generals. These groups were armed with everything from assault rifles to mortars and anti-aircraft guns; this explains why no less than 1.2 million handguns and 300,000 tons of small-arms ammo were commandeered by the Bundeswehr. To put this in perspective, the Bundeswehr's 1st German Corps, with about the same number of men as made up the NVA, has only 125,000 handguns and 50,000 tons of ammo — respectively one-tenth and one-

sixth of what was once held by the communists.

"In this field we received two surprises — firstly, the unexpectedly high stocks. Secondly, the excellent level of maintenance, which contrasted most markedly with the depressing appearance of the dilapidated living accommodation," noted Major General Hans-Konrad Bromeis in a briefing he delivered at the U.S. Army War College.

Bromeis continued: "A particularly important aspect of this is the colossal stockpiling of spare parts encountered at

all levels of command. Under the planned economy, there was no continuous supply of spare parts. Sometimes a great many of one item would be available, at other times a different one."

Newly uncovered Soviet Bloc materials reveal massive NVA stockpiles were not solely defensive in nature. Prearrangements for a potential invasion of West Germany included already-printed cash for communist occupying forces to distribute, street signs made up with new names to post in Western cities, heavy equipment built to adapt Western railways to accept Eastern rolling stock, along with a glut of assault armor stored in immense underground structures.

Soviet and NVA troops also rehearsed for the invasion by conducting simulated urban warfare in a mock-up Western town built near Berlin. Documents reveal a plan to initially invade West Berlin with some 32,000 communist troops that would face

110 of the more modern Soviet T-72 MBTs were given to the armies of Sweden, Canada and Finland.

Additionally, more than 1,300 Armored Combat Vehicles (ACVs) have been eliminated during the first 16 months of force reductions, including some 350 transferred to other NATO armies; as of May another 4,660 remain to be disposed of by late 1995. That's not counting the 70,000 non-combat wheeled vehicles also waiting to be sold or scrapped.

Germany has been allowed a strength ceiling of around 2,700 artillery pieces under the force reduction treaties, yet the Bundeswehr held more than 4,350 big guns early this year. A treaty obligation to discard just over 1,700 remaining artillery pieces was projected for May. Most of this hardware sat unused for decades in East Germany, symbolizing the Cold War prospect of an all-out confrontation on the NATO/Warsaw Pact border.

uted surplus East Bloc matériel to support the Gulf War effort and the Kurdish relief appeal. "We shipped to the Gulf 2,000 trucks of all kinds, some 2,000 other items of equipment, such as tents, generators, water purifying systems" and "more than 22,000 smaller supply items [such as] beds and blankets."

Capitalist free enterprise is also playing a role in the military build-down; the German Ministry of Defense has been negotiating with civilian companies to help meet the conventional arms treaty requirements. One interesting example of this cooperation involves dealing with the immense stocks of combloc small-arms ammo, which were most often stored by the NVA under conditions not up to Bundeswehr regulations. The military is exploring a peacetime transformation process of recycling this matériel rather than destroying it.

Eighty kilometers south of Berlin, the giant Spreewerke AG factory at Lübben is home to a small operation that breaks down countless small-arms rounds into organic fertilizer. The site was once a major munitions producer for Kalashnikov rifle rounds — ammo production was halted in August 1990. After orders were issued to discard AK ammo, it was determined that merely burning the powder was not environmentally sound; this reflects the "Green" movement's influence in Germany.

A Berlin firm has perfected a radical process where gunpowder undergoes a mechanical-biochemical treatment, removing harmful materials like nitrite or nitrogen; a mud-like organic substance remains afterward to be used as a mulch for farming. The alteration process is performed by some 150 workers but is not cost effective — just 50 kilograms of fertilizer are drawn from 1 ton of gunpowder.

Each day on average, six older Soviet BTR-40, -50 and -60 series armored personnel carriers are demolished by workers at Rockensussra, a village in the state of Thuringia. Here 1,840 APCs have been marked for demolition. Most of these reconnaissance and troop convoy vehicles were never used.

"One could never be certain of being able to find at the moment it was needed somewhere in the supply chain, any item which had not been stockpiled," Maj. Gen. Bromeis noted. "Consequently, every level of command hoarded whatever was available at the time, regardless of whether it was required or not, since at worst it would be used as barter."

"The results of these procedures are now plain for all to see. Spare parts stores are full to bursting with small and large spare parts of all kinds, and only a fraction of them can ever be used."

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On average, six outmoded Soviet APCs per day are torn down in Rockensussra; vehicles like this BTR-60 were never used by the East German National Peoples Army. For decades, surplus armor sat awaiting use in all-out East/West conflict.

around 12,000 Western forces and local authorities; however, such schemes would not transpire.

At Charlottenhof, a village just 4km from the Polish border, T-55 MBTs are destroyed at a rate of approximately two per day. Each scrapping of a T-55 costs around \$20,000. As of this past January, the Bundeswehr had just over 2,850 MBTs to destroy by mid-November 1995.

Destruction of MBTs is not the only solution: 157 tanks were transferred to other NATO countries, specifically Belgium, Denmark, Turkey and the United States. A small number of tanks were donated to museums and a few have been used at test sites and for training. Also,

About 30 workers at a Dresden aerodrome demolition site handle scrapping of some 180 MiG-21 — NATO code name Fishbed — fighters, once the vanguard of the communist strike force. The workers here used to repair these Soviet jets; now they take them apart. Scrapping each MiG-21 involves at least 300 man-hours of work and costs about \$75,000.

Overall projected outlay for MiG teardowns: more than \$3 million. Just five of the fighters have been preserved for German museums. No attack helicopters are required to be scrapped, as the Bundeswehr stands within treaty limitations covering choppers.

Bromeis noted how Germany contrib-

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**The collapse of the Evil Empire** has been an incredible boon to military small-arms collectors in the United States. Six years ago, a Czech CZ Model 52 pistol in new condition, complete with holster, cleaning rod and spare magazine, would cost you about \$1,500 — if you could locate one.

Today, FFL holders can obtain an arsenal-refinished CZ Model 52 from Century International Arms Inc. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 714, St. Albans, VT 05478; phone: 800-258-8879) for only \$129.87, complete with issue holster, lanyard, cleaning rod and two magazines. Although seriously flawed in several important areas, the CZ Model 52 is one of the most fascinating and unusual military pistols ever fielded.

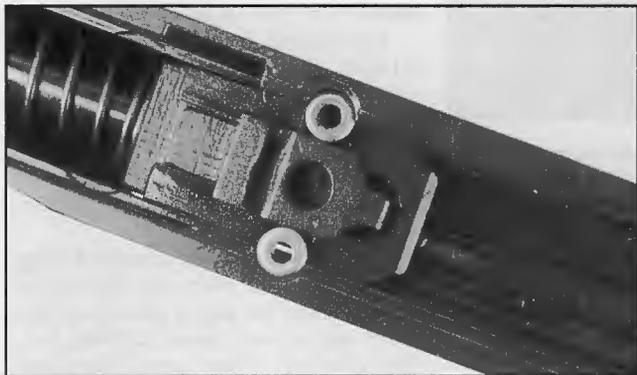
After World War II the Ceska Zbrojovka arsenal in Strakonice, Bohemia, remained the principal supplier of pistols in Czechoslovakia. By 1947 they had developed three different prototypes for the 9mm Parabellum envelope. Two were conventional short-recoil designs that copied the Browning method of operation. The third, called the CZ482, employed a roller-locked breech mechanism reminiscent of that found on the German MG42 machine gun. This latter pistol was chosen for further development and in modified form was tested in 1949 as the CZ491.

In 1950, Czechoslovakia's Russian masters pulled in the reins on independent arms development, and the 9x19mm cartridge was rejected with the requirement for commonality with Warsaw Pact arms and munitions. Furthermore, the CZ491 proved to be less than satisfactory during tests conducted during that time frame.

### Exaggerated Striving For Originality

Conversion of this design to the combloc caliber 7.62x25mm bottleneck cartridge resulted in the CZ513. During trials held in 1952, it was concluded that although the CZ513 was not as reliable as the Tokarev pistol and was considerably more complex (and thus more difficult to disassemble) and sensitive to adverse environments, it more than equaled the Soviet pistol in accuracy.

On 17 June 1952 the pistol was adopted for Czech military service as the CZ Model 52 (or Vz52 for *vizor*, or model, of 1952). This in spite of the fact that the military test board criti-



CZ Model 52's roller-locked breech system locks the barrel and slide together by means of two opposed vertical rollers held in recesses in the slide by the locking wedge, a sleeve-like piece that encircles the barrel ahead of the barrel lug.

cized it as an "exaggerated striving for originality" that belonged in a technical museum, as all modern pistols were superior to it.

Tests conducted in the Soviet Union were also unfavorable. A proposed Tokarev-type pistol was never produced, but manufacture of the CZ Model 52 at the Uherskybrod ordnance factory ended after just a few years in the mid-1950s when the Model 52 was superseded by the Model 61 Skorpio machine pistol (caliber 7.65mm/.32 ACP). CZ Model 52 pistols were retained as

substitute standard until they were completely withdrawn from service, subsequent to the adoption of the CZ Model 83 pistol — chambered for the 9x18mm Makarov cartridge and also manufactured by Agrozet kp, Uherskybrod.

The CZ Model 52 is not the only handgun to employ roller locking. In 1970, Heckler & Koch introduced the P9S, a roller-locked, delayed-blowback pistol. Initially chambered for the 9mm Parabellum cartridge and subsequently for the .45 ACP round, the P9S barrel does not move during the slide's recoil stroke.

The CZ Model 52's slide and barrel are locked together by two opposed vertical rollers held in recesses in the slide by a locking wedge (or roller cam), which is a sleeve-like piece that encircles the barrel ahead of the barrel lug and through which the barrel

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passes. Upon firing, the barrel and slide move rearward about 5mm before a narrowed tongue on the locking wedge lines up with the roller bearings and their locking slots in the barrel lug. The rollers are then cammed into the cutout portions of the barrel lug by the edges of the roller recesses in the slide. The barrel's rearward movement then ceases while the slide continues to travel back to complete the recoil stroke.

During the counter-recoil stroke, the rollers are cammed par-

tially out of their position in the cutouts of the barrel lug and into their recesses in the slide. The wide central portion of the locking wedge holds them in the battery position, i.e., half in the slide and half in the barrel-lug cutouts.

I can think of but one advantage to this complex system for a handgun. As the barrel merely reciprocates back and forth without tilting downward to unlock, the hole in the front of the slide — through which the barrel protrudes — can be somewhat closer tolerance than the front-barrel bearing on Browning-type systems. This should maximize the pistol's accuracy potential.

The CZ Model 52 has several other features which were unusual during the 1950s. There is a firing-pin safety mounted in the slide's feed rib. A spring-loaded steel plunger protrudes through

mer. Thirty years later, similar systems resurfaced as U.S. firearms manufacturers sought to shield themselves from product liability lawsuits. Trigger pull weights are usually a fairly crisp 5.5 pounds to 6 pounds in spite of this mechanism.

Far more unusual is the CZ Model 52's manual safety mechanism, which features a three-position safety lever. When the safety lever, mounted on the left side of the frame, is rotated downward to expose a red dot, the pistol can be fired if the hammer (a serrated "ring"-type) is cocked and the chamber loaded. Rotate the lever upward until the red dot is covered and the hammer, if cocked, will remain so while the trigger bar becomes blocked and the hammer's rebound notch is held; this will prevent its dislodgement if the weapon is dropped onto a hard surface. In this position, the hammer can be cocked and the slide manually reciprocated.

If you continue to rotate the safety lever upward, the hammer will fall forward without striking the firing pin and subsequently, when released, the safety lever will (or should, as sometimes it does not) spring back downward to the standard "safe" position. The hammer must then be manually cocked when the operator is ready to fire the weapon, as this is not a double-action mechanism. This can be done with the safety lever in either the "fire" position or the lower "safe" position. The CZ Model 52 can be fired with the magazine removed.

Although even to this day the CZ Model 52 remains a modernistic, racy-looking package, with the exceptions noted above it is in most other regards quite conventional and often disappointing.

Overall length is 8.25 inches. The four-groove barrel, which is 4.8 inches in length, has a right-hand twist of one turn in 12.2 inches (305mm). At its widest point — the grip panels — the CZ Model 52 measures 1.15 inches in thickness. In height the pistol measures 5.6 inches. The weight, empty, is 33.75 ounces.

Originally, the steel components of the CZ Model 52 were provided with a light gray phosphate ("parkerized") finish. The alphanumeric serial number appears on top of the slide, on

the left side of the frame and on the barrel (where visible through the ejection port). On the frame, it is invariably followed by "rid" — apparently the manufacturer's code for the Uherskybrod ordnance factory.

The last two digits of the date of manufacture (1954 on all the specimens I have examined), preceded by two crossed swords, is found on the right side of the frame. All of the specimens imported by Century International Arms Inc. have been refinished by means of a black-oxide process (salt bluing)

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a hole in the feed rib to seat in a semicircular notch near the rear end of the inertia-type firing pin, which is not spring-loaded. When the slide and barrel move to the rear, the plunger is disengaged from the sear arm and is forced downward by its spring to both lock the firing pin and force it rearward away from the primer. When the trigger is pulled fully to the rear and the sear is rotated, the sear arm pushes the firing-pin safety upward and permits the firing pin to move forward when struck by the ham-

right over the original phosphate finish.

Refinishing by means of an oxidation process has resulted in considerable rust "bleeding" from components that were not separated when they were dropped into the bluing tank. The last two digits of the date of their arsenal refurbishing are marked on the right side of the frame (above the trigger), preceded by the arsenal code (usually "voz"). In some instances these pistols were rebuilt more than once, in which case both dates will be marked (e.g., "79" and "91"). Almost all of these rebuilt CZ Model 52 pistols are encountered with a series of pin-punch pricks on the slide rib and sometimes on the frame's slide-locking block. The subject of much speculation among collectors, the actual significance of these marks is unknown.

The sights are simple and adequate, consisting of a fixed front blade and an open U-notch rear, adjusted for windage zero at the factory by drifting in its dovetail and staking in place.

The grip-to-frame angle (as measured from the front leading edge of the grip portion of the frame to a line drawn perpendicular to the bore's axis) is a rather steep 11 degrees (as compared to 17 degrees for the Colt M1911A1).

The horizontally ribbed (maroon or black) plastic grip panels are held in place by an odd spring clip. There is a hinged lanyard ring at the heel of the frame. The magazine catch/release is just in front of the lanyard. The supposed justification for this location is that it inhibits accidental release of the magazine. In any event, CZ Model 52 magazines do not fall freely away when the catch/release is pressed back; they must be withdrawn by hand.

The slide-stop lever, a spring-loaded, sheet-metal bar on the left side of the frame, is pressed upward to hold the slide to the rear after the last shot has been fired by a step on the magazine follower. There is no provision for a manual slide lock.

The eight-round, single-line, detachable box-type magazine is of all steel construction. There are four large diagonal cartridge indicator slots on each side of the magazine body. The magazine floorplate is easily removable and is held in place by the bottom end of the follower spring.

### Difficult Disassembly

Disassembly and subsequent re-assembly of the CZ Model 52 can be difficult. Remove the magazine and clear the weapon by jacking the slide. Pull down on the two slide-dismounting catches — located one on each side above the front of the trigger guard. The recoil spring will then push the slide group forward about one-eighth of an inch. Just lift the slide group off the frame. That was easy enough, but now the fun starts.

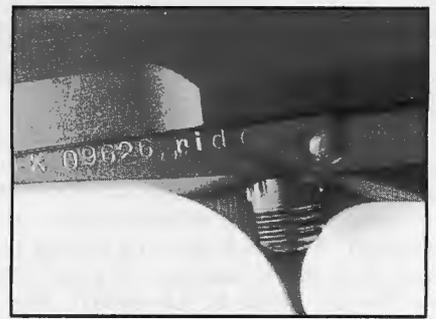


Frame-mounted, three-position safety lever permits the hammer to be safely dropped with a loaded chamber. Horizontally ribbed plastic grip panels are held in place by an odd spring clip.

Turn the slide upside down and insert a punch in the center hole of the locking wedge. Press the barrel assembly forward against the recoil spring about three-quarters of an inch, until the rear of the square shoulder on the barrel lines up with the dismounting cuts in the slide. Lift the rear end of the barrel assembly up through these cuts and carefully move it and the recoil spring to the rear and out of the slide. Unless this is done under control, the barrel assembly may fly into the sun-set, or worse yet, into your eyeball.

To remove the grip panels, gently pry off

the spring clip with a small screwdriver. You can also use a small screwdriver blade to push the end of the follower spring upward far enough to slide the floorplate off the magazine body. With a small punch, push the firing pin safety plunger toward the top of the slide as far as it will go, turn the slide with the muzzle-end



Located one on each side above the front of the trigger guard, the slide dismounting catches, when pulled downward, permit the slide group to be removed from the frame.

up, and the firing pin will fall out the rear. The firing pin safety and its spring can then be removed as well. No further disassembly is recommended.

Reassembly is as follows: Re-install the firing pin and its safety plunger with spring. Install the recoil spring around the barrel and position the spring against its seat in the front of the slide. Press the barrel forward and down, against the pressure of the recoil spring, until it partially enters the slide and the muzzle protrudes somewhat from the front of the slide. This is easier said than done.

Using the punch, push the locking wedge forward until the entire barrel assembly enters the slide — ease it back. Place the assembled slide group on the frame, with the rear end of the slide about a quarter-inch forward of the rear end of the frame. Press the slide onto the frame as far as possible. Draw the slide toward the rear until the slide dismounting catches snap into position. Even this procedure can prove peevish if the slide and frame are not perfectly aligned.

Until recently, ammunition for this pistol was not easy to obtain. Over the last few years, though, substantial quantities of caliber 7.62x25mm were imported from both China and Yugoslavia. At present the former Yugoslavia is an uncertain source for future importation.

The 7.62x25mm cartridge traces its origin to the 7.63mm Mauser (.30 Mauser) bottleneck round as chambered in the Mauser Model 1896 (C96) "Broomhandle" pistol, with which both the Russians and Chinese were much enamored. This in turn was a more powerful adaptation of the 7.65mm Borchardt round for which original Model 1896 prototypes were chambered. Until the advent of the .357 Magnum, the 7.63 Mauser cartridge was the world's highest-velocity handgun round, stepping out of the barrel at 1,410 feet per second (fps). When the Soviets adopted the Tokarev pistol, they chambered it for the 7.62x25mm cartridge, which is dimensionally similar to the 7.63mm Mauser round and, in some weapons, interchangeable.

### 150 fps Velocity Spread

*Soldier Of Fortune* fired three different lots of this rimless, bottleneck cartridge through the CZ Model 52 pistol. Czech Model 48 7.62x25mm cartridges are supposedly about 20% more powerful (whatever that means) than Soviet Type P ammunition in this caliber.

All of the Czech Model 48 ammunition that we fired dated from the early 1950s and was headstamped either "52 [cross-in-circle] \*1" (or "2" or "3") or "52 bxn \* 2" although "aym" and "PS" are additional Czech factory codes encountered in this caliber. The brass case is single-hole, Berdan-primed with a purple annulus. The bullet, propelled by 10.3 grains of a square-cut sheet flake powder, is a roundnose (RN), Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) type that weighs 85.5 grains and measures 16.45mm (0.648-inch) in length. It is steel-cored and thus can no longer be imported to the United States.

While safe enough to shoot in a locked-breech firearm, I have damaged both an unlocked-breech blowback Russian PPS43 and

## CZECH CZ MODEL 52 SPECIFICATIONS

- Caliber:** ..... 7.62x25mm.  
**Operation:** ..... Locked-breech, short-recoil, roller-locked, semiautomatic; single-action trigger system with provision for dropping the hammer, firing-pin safety.
- Weight, empty:** ..... 33.75 ounces.  
**Overall length:** ..... 8.25 inches.  
**Height:** ..... 5.6 inches.  
**Width:** ..... 1.15 inches.  
**Barrel:** ..... Four-groove, right-hand twist of one turn in 12.2 inches (305mm).  
**Barrel length:** ..... 4.8 inches.  
**Finish:** ..... Originally gray phosphate, refinished by black-oxide process.  
**Grip panels:** ..... Horizontally ribbed, maroon or black plastic; retained by spring clip.  
**Magazine:** ..... 8-round capacity; single-column, detachable box-type; all-steel construction with removable floorplate; four large diagonal cartridge-indicator slots on each side of the body.  
**Sights:** ..... Fixed front blade; open U-notch rear.  
**Price:** ..... \$129.87 (to FFL holders) complete with issue holster, lanyard, cleaning rod and two magazines.  
**Manufacturer:** ..... Uherskybrod ordnance factory, Czechoslovakia. No longer in production.  
**Importer:** ..... Century International Arms Inc., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 714, St. Albans, VT 05478; phone: 800-258-8879.  
**T&E Summary:** ..... Intriguing design, but unnecessarily complex. Neither the pistol nor its cartridge can be recommended for combat. Excellent accuracy, but devoid of essential human engineering. Reasonably priced and of considerable interest to collectors of combloc militaria.



a Yugoslav M49/57 submachine gun when ammunition carrying these headstamps fired out-of-battery and ruptured at the side next to the head. It left the muzzle of our CZ Model 52 at an average velocity of 1,520 fps, with a wildly erratic standard deviation of 48 fps (the extreme spread was almost 150 fps, with a low velocity of 1,450 fps and a high of close to 1,600 fps!).

Recently imported Yugoslav 7.62x25mm ammunition is non-corrosive, with reloadable Boxer-primed brass cases. It carries the distinctive orange-red primer annulus characteristic of all modern Yugoslav military small-arms ammunition. The headstamp on the lot we fired was "nny [Cyrillic] 7.62 TT" and it was imported by Navy Arms Co. (Dept. SOF, 689 Bergen Blvd., Ridgefield, NJ 07657; phone: 201-945-2500).



Still a modernistic, racy-looking package, CZ Model 52 was designed with little regard for human engineering. It is now available at an attractive price, complete with issue holster, lanyard, cleaning rod and two magazines. Pistol on the left is an original issue with phosphate finish. Model on the right represents those currently available and has been rebuilt and refinished.

While the Yugoslav bullet also weighs 85.5 grains, it is lead-cored and measures only 13.85mm (0.545-inch) in length. Propelled by 6.0 grains of a spherical flattened-ball powder, the average velocity at 8 feet from the CZ Model 52's muzzle was 1,330 fps. Czech Model 48 ammunition is more than 20% higher in velocity than this Yugoslav ammunition. However, Yugoslav small-arms ammunition produced for the U.S. marketplace is traditionally down-loaded at the request of its importers for reasons of product liability.

Most Chinese caliber 7.62x25mm ammunition is manufactured at Factory 11, which is located at Mudanjiang, Heilongjiang province, in northern China. It is very close to the Czech Model 48 ammunition in velocity. The lot we fired was manufactured in 1984 (headstamped "11 84"). Typical of Chinese production, it has a two-hole, Berdan-primed, copper-washed steel case into which the bullet has been staked at the case mouth. Primer annulus and case-mouth sealant are both red. The bullets we fired were steel-cored, although currently manufactured Chinese 7.62x25mm ammunition features a lead-cored bullet to meet U.S. import regulations. With a length of 13.95mm (0.549-inch), this bullet is almost identical in configuration to the Yugoslav ball. Driven by 8.5 grains of an IMR-type, extruded-tubular kernel propellant, the average velocity was 1,490 fps with a standard deviation of only 19 fps.

Although tens of thousands have met their Maker by the 85.5-grain 7.62mm bullet as spewed out of Russian burp guns, it would not be my choice for a self-defense round in a handgun. Traveling at ultra-high velocity, this small FMJ bullet neither mushrooms nor fragments. Instead it merely over-penetrates, pushing through more than 50 inches of soft tissue and leaving only a .30 caliber-size wound track in its wake.

### Don't Write Home To Mama

*Soldier Of Fortune's* test and evaluation of the CZ Model 52 pistol was not exactly a satisfactory experience. Most irritating of all was a consistent and very unpleasant trigger backlash that eventually affected the test personnel's hit probability. The CZ Model 52's designers obviously had no concept of human engineering. In addition to the grip-to-frame angle, which is far too steep, there are entirely too many sharp edges on this pistol that abrade the operator's hands during manipulation of the controls.

Those firing the Model 52 from the Weaver position will also find that the thumb of the firing hand will all too often rotate the safety lever to the "safe" position during firing sequences. Considerable force is required to retract the slide. The slide on our test specimen would frequently fail to hold-open after the last shot

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How much did ATF know about its target? *SOF* has learned that the mockup at Fort Hood was crude, based not on an actual floor plan, but on limited information from the undercover agent and ex-cult members like Breault, who became a major source for both the ATF and the *Tribune-Herald*.

### Threat Assessment

The ATF raiding party "only got what they had been warned about in advance," Breault told the *Tribune-Herald* in an interview quoted in its 1 March issue. "Vernon [Howell, who renamed himself David Koresh] just did what he's been saying he would do for years. You've seen the pictures of the compound. He designed it that way. It's clear all the way around. There's no way anyone can approach without being seen ... no way."

ATF spokesman Conroy was asked what was inside an upper level window through which three agents crawled before being shot to death. "We have no knowledge of what was inside that window," Conroy responded. If this were the case, why was this spot chosen for entry? Nationwide media has reported this window leads into an area that includes Koresh's private quarters and a weapons locker. Two days after Conroy's statement, Higgins was more informative.

"We had one of our people who got into the armory ... during the raid," Higgins said in a televised interview. "He's a former Special Forces individual [with] tremendous law enforcement experience. He said he'd never seen more arms in a room than he saw in that room that day."

Exactly what kind of arms? Were there any machine guns?

"I don't want to tell you exactly what he saw," Higgins remarked, declining eight requests in five minutes that he be more specific. "He saw automatic weapons ... and a lot of other things ..."

If ATF didn't already know what weapons to expect, they should have read the Saturday and Sunday papers in Waco. The first two installments of "The Sinful Messiah" listed AR15s, AK-47s, Galils, UZIs,

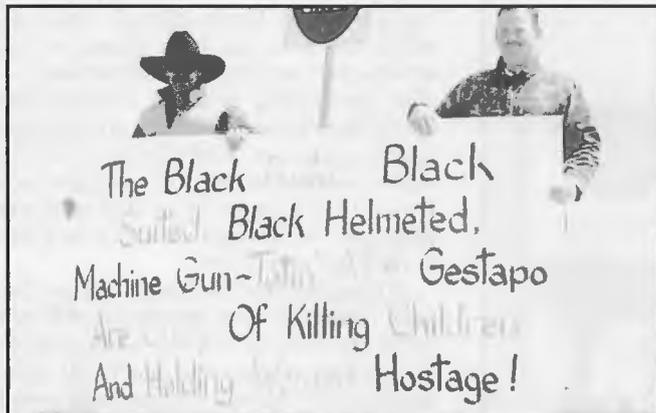
9mm pistols and at least one .50-caliber weapon. ATF claims the cult has an M2 .50-caliber machine gun. *SOF* confirmed that a cult member did buy a semiautomatic Barrett light .50, while information conveyed through a Justice Department source listed AR15s, Ruger Mini-14s and AKs within the cult's arsenal.

The ATF knew, federal sources told *SOF*, that the cult had bought 75 assault rifles, 300 to 400 magazines and almost 3 tons of ammunition in recent months — all of it purchased legally.

One federal law enforcement official told *SOF* the ammo used by ATF agents in their Heckler & Koch MP5 submachine guns is known as the "9mm Cyclone" round, specifically designed to cut through body armor. Two separate federal sources stated such a round was removed from an ATF agent wounded on the cult compound's roof and that many, if not most, ATF casualties at Ranch Apocalypse resulted from "friendly fire."

What has happened to the rounds removed from wounded agents? What is chain of custody for such evidence? The ATF isn't saying.

The agent wounded on the roof was apparently hit by a round fired by one of the three agents who'd gone in the window, the source said. A stairwell near the window was left unsecured by the entering agents, who were subsequently fired on by cult members who crept up the



Roadblocks keep media and citizens far from action; protesters converge by area roadways to decry ATF's "storm trooper" tactics.

Photo: Rick Bowmer/Wide World

stairs behind them. The agents' return fire penetrated the wall next to the window, wounding the agent on the roof outside.

The 9mm Cyclone is described by an *SOF* source as a hollow steel cylinder, sharpened at its leading edge, and designed to slice through body armor like a "flying cookie cutter." The length of its serrated body is encased in a copper jacket and a Teflon tip has been added to facilitate feeding. According to the source, the bullet is loaded to extremely high, supersonic velocities for deep penetration. It is believed to have been developed at Aber-

deen Proving Ground and later produced in substantial quantities for FBI SWAT teams by an engineering firm in Connecticut. That company now denies any involvement with the project, but each of the rounds, which are supplied in generic white boxes, is headstamped with the manufacturer's initials.

The secret ammo remains available only to law-enforcement special operations teams and the military. Ordnance experts contacted by *SOF* said the only 9mm FMJ ammo that compares to the so-called Cyclone is possibly the Swedish FFV9 round, which will penetrate 71 layers of Kevlar. Use of such ammunition contradicts ATF statements about its supposed concern for the safety of children and other non-combatants in the cult compound.

The federal source noted that ATF receives samples of all ammunition manufactured or imported to the United States. These specimens go to the ATF's firearms technology branch, directed by Ed Owens, who in turn reports directly to Director Higgins.

### Poor Commo Security

Given ATF's claim that its mission was tipped off to the cult, communications security is sure to be a key factor in any official after-action analysis of the Ranch Apocalypse raid.

In telephone interviews, Koresh said he had long known the true identity of one informant, who lived in a dilapidated house near the compound but wore new clothes and drove a late-model car. Koresh said he knew a raid was coming when the agent departed abruptly Sunday morning. The scores of ATF agents clad in SWAT gear and milling about hotel lobbies across Waco earlier that morning might also have aroused citizen curiosity.

The Waco paper reported hearing police scanner traffic about the raid up to one hour before it took place. A former law enforcement authority confirmed that ATF's communications immediately before and after the raid were not secure. One agent — call sign "ATF 188" — used a cellular phone the morning after the raid to call Motorola Inc. and order 15 additional radio transceivers. Apparently individual agents on different ATF teams could not talk to each other, a tactical situation that in Grenada led to a tragic comedy of errors.

Using a programmable scanner, the *SOF* source was able to monitor several ATF and local law-enforcement communications. "There was a lot of excited talk" after the raid noted the source, himself a former law enforcement officer. "They couldn't find the head of the IRS team — kept asking about 'the short guy' with IRS. Apparently there was some concern he'd been wounded or killed and they had somehow overlooked his body."

The Internal Revenue Service apparently was involved to a limited extent be-

cause of allegations of money-laundering by the cult, which routinely paid cash for large bills from Waco merchants. The IRS warrant was referred to by agents as the "little warrant," while the ATF warrant was called the "big warrant." Monitoring frequencies in the ranges of 151-153 MHz, 157-159 MHz and 454-460 MHz, a listener could hear cellular phone discussions by such people as ATF 188, local lawmen and other ATF agents.

Those discussions included unsecured talk about regular ATF searches of mail and United Parcel Service packages addressed to the compound, the shipment of night-vision equipment and what were believed to be "grenades" to the compound, plans to "restrict the media as much as possible" and calls for more radio equipment.

"We have no indication of that whatso-



Photo: Rick Bowmer/Wide World

Also besieged: Waco-area residents endure shattered community image, constant media blitz and disruption of normal activities. During standoff's second week, these ATF agents ride shotgun on farm pickup; anyone working near cult compound was obligated to official escort.

ever," ATF spokesman Conroy said when asked about unsecured radio and phone transmissions. By Tuesday morning, much of the unsecured traffic had stopped, apparently because the communications net had been taken over by the more security-conscious FBI.

ATF maintains that security was compromised by a phone call to the compound, moments after an undercover agent inside had phoned waiting ATF agents, saying this Sunday morning looked routine and that men, woman and children would be separated for prayer services. But Hartnett said there was no wiretap on the line and conceded that the departing undercover agent "did not realize it was a tipoff."

### Koresh Easy To Nab

Despite the relative ease with which McLennan County authorities had arrested Koresh and six followers in 1988, the ATF was forced to choose the raid option because Koresh had "not left ... in months," Hartnett stated at one press conference. "I don't have the exact time he started stay-

ing in the compound ... we tried to get him out at different times."

This claim rings hollow in the face of numerous witnesses who saw Koresh and other cult members in Waco as late as six days prior to the firefight:

- "I know Jesus with a 9mm is not particularly enticing, but I don't like to see federal agents lying, either," said Waco resident Margaret Jones, a longtime friend of Koresh. "To say he never leaves that place is ridiculous ... But I guess they are just trying to cover themselves because they are going to be in big trouble ..."

- The *Tribune-Herald*, which had been in frequent contact with the cult for several months before the shoot-out for preparation of its series, confirmed Koresh had been in Waco as recently as 22 February, six days before the raid, when he went to an auto repair shop.

- A music lover, songwriter and aspiring rock 'n' roll star, Koresh — he legally ditched his real name, **V E R N O N W A Y N E** Howell, to further his faltering musical career — was a regular at the Chelsea Street Pub in Waco, where he'd been seen twice in the six weeks preceding 28 February. Ac-

companied by a man and woman, Koresh visited the pub "once a week for lunch from late January to mid-February," manager Brent Moore said, adding that Koresh, who always carried a cellular phone, ordered bean-and-cheese nachos and iced tea on his last visit.

- Angela McDaniels, manager of a Waco night spot, recalled Koresh and several friends spending about two hours there one January night this year listening to music and drinking beer. (While Koresh was strict about what individual members could eat or wear each day, he was allowed, as the supposed reincarnation of Jesus, to consume alcohol, smoke pot, eat meat and have virtually any — and as many — of the women in the cult.) Several of McDaniels's employees acquainted with Koresh recognized him, she noted.

- A Waco businessman who did not want to be named said he had known Koresh as a customer for about five years, the *Tribune-Herald* reported. He produced a sales slip indicating Koresh had been in his shop as recently as 5 January.

- A Waco doctor who said he has had

Koresh and 25 other cult members as patients for the past three years last saw Koresh in December, treating him for stress-related back pain. "He is a very gentle man," the doctor said, also requesting anonymity. "He is very intelligent and articulate. They made him sound like a ruthless killer and that's just absurd."

Some reports indicate ATF Director Higgins and the raid planners, believing their force could overwhelm cult members, may have ordered their agents on a raid in which they knew their element of surprise had been lost.

An eyewitness at the ATF's staging area told the *Los Angeles Times* that ATF agents were casually preparing to head out to Ranch Apocalypse when one agent began shouting. "He yelled it," the witness recalled. "He said, 'We gotta' move. He's been tipped off. He's nervous and he's reading his Bible and he's shaking.' They just grabbed their gear and left."

A radio transmission monitored just before the raid kicked off also suggests ATF might have suspected trouble because its mission had been compromised: "There's no guns in the window. Tell them it's a go." (Blackout curtains in compound windows prevented agents from seeing a host of waiting shooters.)

Asked repeatedly at a Waco press conference if agents knew beforehand that the cult had been tipped off, ATF spokesman Conroy was adamant. ATF "had no indication whatsoever that there was any warning" of the raid, he said. "Everything was to the contrary. Our undercover personnel [said] they were operating as usual."

"There's no way that our people, from the team members through the leadership, would have allowed that to have happened, had they known it," Higgins told *Face The Nation*.

### Killing The Messenger

As criticism of the raid's failure grew louder while each day dragged by with the siege unresolved, the ATF quietly began a public relations counteroffensive. Down in Waco, the bureau's press flacks discreetly stoked a "shoot the messenger" campaign.

The Sunday raid had come the day after the seven-part series of investigative stories on Koresh and his personality cult began running in the *Waco Tribune-Herald*. While some conservative Texans blamed the newspaper for increasing tensions within the cult, one ATF agent wounded in the raid came right out and said it was all the paper's fault. Agent John T. Risenhoover sued the paper in mid-March, seeking damages for his wounds.

While the ATF publicly discounted rumors that a *Tribune-Herald* reporter called the compound with word of an impending ATF raid, its agents in private kept the talk in circulation, prompting Editor Bob Lott to issue a vigorous denial.

In a note to readers published two days after the failed raid, Lott revealed that the newspaper's investigation of the cult had been underway for eight months. He noted that he had declined an ATF request to delay publication of the series, but had subsequently held it off another month for other reasons.

Life at Ranch Apocalypse, Lott wrote, "was a dangerous and sinister thing the public should know about. We're not just talking about the stockpiling of weapons, but ... sexual exploitation of young girls and other abuses of children in the name of religion. Local authorities knew about the situation and, as best we could tell, had done next to nothing ..."

"The ATF suggested to us in private that they were going to do something, but couldn't say what, or really when ... After several days of careful consideration, we decided it was time to let the public know of this menace in our community ... As the ATF requested, we let them know Friday, the day before our first story was going to be published Saturday. In our reporting Saturday and Sunday, we carefully avoided even a hint of our knowledge that ATF might be involved."

In a telephone interview with CNN after the firefight, Koresh denied that a telephone tip had provided advance warning. "I knew they were coming," he said. "I knew they were coming before they knew they were coming." Former cult members told the Waco paper Koresh had long predicted a shoot-out with law enforcement authorities.

Comparing by paraphrased reference the ATF raid on his cult's compound to the crucifixion of Christ, Koresh told *The Dallas Morning News* that the ATF had "gone and done it again, not knowing what they do."

As a 24-year SWAT team member, Sergeant Emmett Dupas of the New Orleans Police Department had to agree with Koresh's conclusion, if not his logic: "It sounds like they didn't even know what they were up against. They should have, if they had [an undercover agent] inside."

Saying he feared more bloodshed before the siege ended, Dr. David Charters, director of the Center for Conflict Studies at Canada's University of New Brunswick, observed that Koresh should have been taken alone, or in a small group, away from his refuge. Negotiations after a shoot-out are far tougher than in a situation such as a terrorist hijacking, he noted.

"This is almost a reverse situation. It's the [ATF] who want something from these people ... The only thing the cult can concede is surrender."

The ATF painted itself into a corner, too. The raid's total failure places great pressure on the bureau to make its case in court. The ATF has a reputation for claiming to focus on "career criminals" while going all out to get niggling gun charges on otherwise law-abiding citizens. This

remains to be seen in the Waco case, but endangering the lives of innocent bystanders, including children, casts ATF enforcement tactics in a dark, ugly light.

The Clinton administration, which has embraced gun control advocates, may stand solidly behind ATF, even behind Higgins and Hartnett as individuals. But anyone, gun owner or not, who cherishes the Constitution — especially the right to "reasonable" searches and seizures — must be outraged by the Gestapo-type tyranny and Keystone Kommando tactics which have flourished under these inept, power-hungry bureaucrats.

Those who hold our Constitution dear can only hope that rampant anti-gun sentiment doesn't cloud the issue and divert scrutiny away from questions about ATF's competency and on-the-street law enforcement, thus allowing Higgins and Hartnett to slip off the hook.

Higgins, Hartnett, Chojnacki, Royster — all of whom had a hand in planning this disastrous travesty of a warrant service — must be called to account for gross ineptitude and callous disregard for the safety of innocent citizens and ill-prepared agents. All should be grilled under the white-hot spotlight of a thorough congressional investigation.

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## BLOODY SUNDAY

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surrendered. Nash, who has an eighth-grade education, was captured carrying a .22-caliber pistol and 99 rounds of ammunition.

Charged with attempted murder of a federal agent and with using a gun to commit a violent crime, Nash was held in the McLennan County jail without bond.

Other adult cult members subsequently surrendered; more than two dozen children had been released by press time. Although the adult Branch Davidians were not immediately charged with crimes, they were jailed as material witnesses, appearing at court hearings in orange prison jump suits, handcuffs and leg chains.

*As this issue of SOF went to press, the standoff continued. Look for follow-up analysis next month by retired Army Col. Charlie Beckwith, founder of the elite Delta Force and a noted authority on raids and assault planning.*

— J. P.

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## STORM TROOPERS

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harassment of its own agents on the CBS program *60 Minutes* in early February, they had the worst reputation in U.S. federal law enforcement (with the sole exception of their Explosives branch, which has done some very professional work).

The Waco incident is a clear example of how little respect the U.S. government has for its own Constitution. The BATF not only trampled the politically incorrect Second Amendment, they also made a mockery of the First and Fourth Amendments as well.

The news media in this country has vigorously defended all manner of perverts and sociopaths to maintain the sanctity of the press freedoms in the First Amendment, but they disparage other American constitutional freedoms as meaningless obstacles to achieving greater collective good. The current hue and cry on editorial pages for more gun control and reporters' application of the term "cult" to the Branch Davidians are good examples of this disparagement.

Our elected representatives should resist the news media's self-serving propaganda, but just now they seem to have very little spirit of resistance. It is worth remembering that the Nazis came to power in Germany because they promised to end the anarchy of the relatively free Weimar Republic by instituting draconian controls on crime, guns, minorities and eccentric religions. Their contemporaries in German politics gradually acquiesced to the Nazi program in order to achieve the "greater collective good."

Even if you don't care about the American public's rights to keep and bear arms, I would hope that the American public has some sympathy for freedom of religion and protection against unreasonable searches. The unprovoked assault on a religious compound, centered on a church, should prompt an investigation of BATF enforcement tactics and the Treasury Department bureaucratic politics that instigated the Waco incident, not the continuing unsubstantiated disparagement of the Branch Davidians.

Fifty years may have passed since the Allied forces crushed the Nazis, but their totalitarian philosophy of *ordnung* continues to reappear under new guises, in different places.

How far will it develop in America?✕

# HYBRID HANDGUNS

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unusual amalgam of systems. In essence, they have mounted the All American 2000 slide and barrel onto the Double Eagle (Model O) frame.

Developed by C. Reed Knight Jr., the All American 2000 — a short-recoil, locked-breech system — has a rotating barrel with six locking lugs that engage recesses in the breech face. When the slide and barrel move rearward together at the beginning of the recoil stroke, another lug on the underside of the barrel moves in an angled slot in a cam block beneath it in the frame. This camming action rotates the barrel 30 degrees, freeing the locking lugs from the slide. Barrel movement stops while the slide travels rearward to complete its recoil cycle. The six-groove barrel has the conventional rate of twist for this caliber. Systems of this general type were employed as early as 1907 in the Austrian Roth-Steyr pistol, subsequently in the 1911 Steyr-Hahn and most recently in the French MAB P-15 9mm pistol.

## Double Eagle, Double-Action

The Double Eagle's double-action mechanism operates as follows: When the hammer is resting on the safety stop, pulling the trigger forces a spring-loaded drawbar forward, so that its rear lug engages a

hook on the underside of the hammer to rotate it to the cocked position. Near the end of the trigger's movement, the drawbar's lug pushes a plunger lever up, to force the firing-pin lock up and free the striker, while also driving the sear clear of the hammer. Final trigger movement cams the drawbar's lug out of engagement with the hammer hook to release the hammer. After ignition, the rearward-traveling slide depresses the drawbar and cocks the hammer. Subsequent shots are fired single-action. There is a decocking lever on the left side of the frame immediately below the slide stop lever. The Colt Double Eagle was not a commercial success and it is no longer in production.

Colt's OHWS has a 4.8-inch barrel with an overall length of 9.8 inches. The height is 6.24 inches. With an empty magazine, this pistol weighs 3.5 pounds. Add another 10 ounces for 10 rounds of ammo. There is a slide lock for use with the sound suppressor, along with a rail on the underside of the detachable muzzle-brake/suppressor interface for attaching the LAM. The important controls are ambidextrous.

The 10-round magazine is a long single-column, detachable box-type. Strange? Not to those experienced with transporting handguns through the surf zone (an environment of special interest to the SEALs).

Experience has indicated that single-column magazines and two-position-feed, staggered-column magazines all operate in a fairly satisfactory manner in the surf

zone. But, two-position-feed, staggered-column magazines are employed only on submachine guns and assault rifles such as the UZI, MP5, M16 and AK. In these shoulder-mounted weapons, a larger bolt or bolt-carrier diameter is available to strip rounds from this type of magazine, which has almost twice as wide a separation between the feed lips.

Single-position-feed, staggered-column magazines — encountered on World War II SMGs such as the Sten, MP40 and the M3/A1 "grease gun" — were never noted for their reliability. When of only pistol capacity (no more than 16 rounds) they will usually operate without initiating stoppages under more or less normal conditions. However, tests have indicated that when wet sand enters even pistol-capacity magazines of this type, e.g., the Beretta M9 magazine, it will invariably result in malfunctions.

## Superior Suppressor

But, the Colt entry's single most important salient feature, in my opinion, is its sound suppressor. It was also designed by C. Reed Knight Jr. and his staff. Knight's Armament Co. is, without doubt, at the apogee of modern sound-suppressor technology. Weighing 13 ounces, this baffle-system sound suppressor provides the specified 30 dB reduction in sound-pressure level when its environment cells are dry. However, in order to obtain the highest level of sound reduction, the envi-

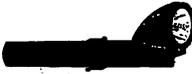
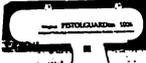
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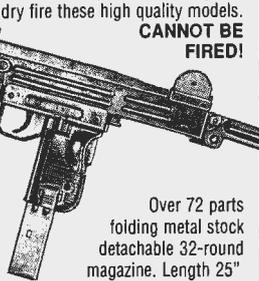
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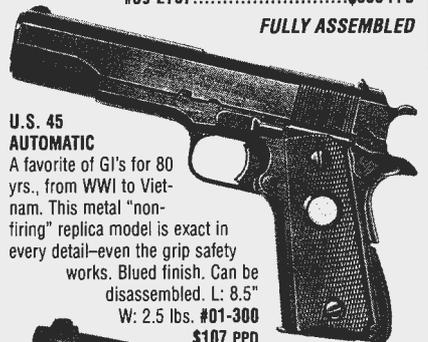
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At this time, the outcome of this project is uncertain, as the selection process is still ongoing. In my opinion Colt's entry is somewhat stigmatized by the unpopular Double Eagle image. If the selection were mine to make (and it most assuredly is not), I'd attach the Knight suppressor to the Heckler & Koch pistol and leave the LAM on the toy shelf. ☒

## FULL AUTO

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combat recognition for SF soldiers would have to be examined and, if necessary, rewritten. An example noted by Wickham concerned the active role of SF advisers in El Salvador's civil war. "They [Department of Defense] are going to have to do it sooner or later," remarked one SouthCom officer, "They might as well start with El Salvador."

In October 1992, General Colin Powell authorized the fourth awarding of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) to the U.S. MilGroup El Salvador. This award period covered 1 January 1990 through 16 January 1992, with those members of the armed forces who were "present at the time and participated in the unit's achievements" only having to have served 30 days in-country. Previous time requirements for the first three JMUA citations reflected 60-day tours and hostile-fire/imminent-danger pay. ... Times, as they say, have changed.

*Soldier Of Fortune's* ongoing investigation into this issue demonstrates that not only did SF personnel play an active and dangerous role in El Salvador's 12-year civil war, so did hundreds of conventional military personnel representing the Army's medical, artillery and aviation branches.

In addition, U.S. Marines, sailors and airmen supported U.S.-Salvador military operations and programs from their bases in Honduras and Panama. Some flew AC-130H Spectre gunships to "hot spots" where surrounded SF troopers served alongside the ESAF. Others manned island-based electronic intercept sites in the Gulf of Fonseca.

Navy SEALs conducted numerous coastal operations against FMLN guerrillas. These included mining Nicaragua's Corinto harbor and using the LST *Sphinx*, a plan said to have been authored by NASA astronaut Captain William Shepherd, himself a former SEAL.

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U.S. Salvador vets, it must be understood such acknowledgments credit and enhance a broad spectrum of conventional military personnel, not just special operations advisers.

## New Appeals To Washington

To date, President Clinton has been formally requested by the Veterans of Special Operations (VSO) association to support the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Resolution No. 427, petitioning the Department of Defense to award an AFEM to El Salvador vets who meet the following criteria:

- The individual must have been assigned to the U.S. MilGroup in El Salvador sometime between January 1979 and December 1991.

- The individual must have been so assigned for 60 days or more.

- The individual must have been entitled to draw "imminent danger" pay during this assignment.

In a letter received in early February, White House staff acknowledged receipt of the VSO information package sent to the president's personal attention. It is being forwarded to "the appropriate federal agency for review."

In a written response received on 23 February, Col. Kenneth A. Deutsch repeated almost word for word the text of his letter sent from the Officer & Enlisted Personnel Management office dated 10 December 1992 under the Bush administration. Essentially, the colonel's position is that no such recognition is due Salvador veterans.

In light of Deutsch's recurrent response to the VSO petitions, it would seem the DoD is set up to deny, reject and obscure. This issue was grid-locked under President Bush and apparently Clinton's interest is in providing the same response from military spokespersons such as Deutsch.

Clinton's new Defense Secretary, Les Aspin, along with chairman Sen. Sam Nunn of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Ron Dellums, the House Armed Services Committee chairman who succeeded Aspin at that post, have all been asked to reverse the Bush administration's policy of silence where veterans of Central America's longest war are concerned. *Soldier Of Fortune* will keep you updated as Salvo veterans continue their quest for formal combat recognition. In the meantime, keep the faith.

Anyone advocating formal combat recognition of U.S. military personnel who served in El Salvador can voice their support in a personal letter to the Honorable Sam Nunn, Senate Russell Building 228, Washington DC 20501-6050.

Veterans who served in El Salvador or in support of the U.S. MilGroup there, along with those who can provide photos, stories or documents pertaining to such service, are invited to contact Greg Walker, Coordinator — Veterans of Special Op-

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## CZ MODEL 52

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was fired. When it did hold-open, it would sometimes fly forward when the magazine was removed. After 250 rounds the trigger axis pin started to back out of the frame. The ejection path was violent, usually more than 20 feet to the right.

In its favor, the accuracy was excellent and the Chinese ball provided 1- to 1.5-inch groups at 7 meters when fired off-hand from the Weaver position and when the operator could momentarily ignore the trigger backlash. The Czech ammo had hard primers and sometimes required a second strike from the firing pin before it would ignite. There were no other stoppages. The Yugoslav ammo had a noticeably lighter recoil impulse than either the Czech or Chinese ammunition.

Unlike the popular gun press, which waxes ecstatic over everything shuffled in

its direction, we cannot recommend the CZ Model 52 pistol or its cartridge for serious social purposes. As sometimes happens with wire, 1952 was a bad year for the Czech small-arms industry, which has an exceptionally long history of innovation and quality. Other conspicuous failures that year included the caliber 7.62x45mm Vz52 rifle and the Vz52 LMG. All three of these weapons compromised reliability for unnecessary complexity. However, what was a combat boondoggle often becomes a collector's bonanza, and the CZ Model 52 represents an excellent bargain for those who collect relics of the Evil Empire.✕

## COMBAT WEAPONCRAFT

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central nervous system (i.e., brain and upper spinal column), when using handgun bullets.

Many adversaries are incapacitated due to complex psychological, rather than simple physiological, reasons. These people are incapacitated because they psychologically *decide* to stop, they are not physiologically *forced* to stop. While the degree and rapidity of any physiological incapacitation produced by a given

bullet is predictable, based on what anatomic structures the bullet disrupts and the severity of the tissue damage, psychological incapacitation is an extremely erratic, highly variable and completely unpredictable individual human response. Psychological incapacitation is completely independent of any inherent characteristics of a specific bullet and is totally unrelated to the potential for any given bullet to cause physiological incapacitation.

While almost every bullet will have sufficient penetration for the majority of frontal shots, lightweight deforming handgun bullets, such as .380 ACP JHPs, .38 special +P+ 110gr and +P 125gr JHPs, 9mm 115gr and 115gr +P+ JHPs, .357 Magnum 110gr and 125gr JHPs, .45 ACP 185gr and 185gr +P JHPs, and all pre-fragmented ammunition such as Glaser and MagSafe, exhibit insufficient penetration depth and cannot consistently reach the major organs and blood vessels in the torso, especially from transverse and oblique angles. In addition, lightweight deforming bullets cannot consistently defeat commonly encountered intermediate obstacles. This is inadequate performance for law enforcement and military special operations use.

Conversely, the non-deforming FMJ bullets typically used by the military, as well as deforming JHP/JSP bullets

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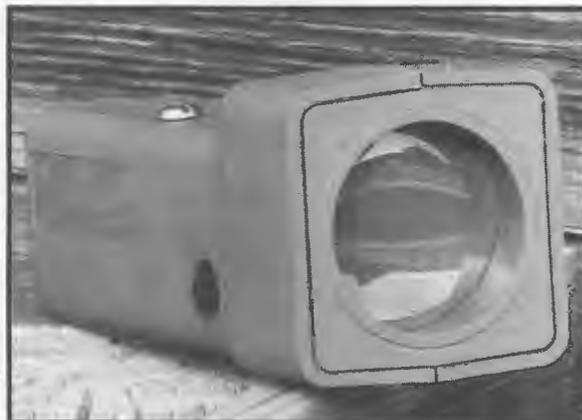
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which fail to expand properly, offer more than sufficient penetration, but produce limited tissue disruption due to their smaller diameter and non-deformed shape. This is also less than ideal performance for law enforcement and military special operations use.

Numerous articles have discussed how the poor performance of both shallow penetrating handgun bullets and supposedly expanding JHP/JSP handgun bullets, which fail to upset properly in actual use, jeopardize the lives of law enforcement officers and military personnel. These articles strongly urge law enforcement agencies and military units to choose more effective ammunition to prevent fatalities due to inadequate bullet performance.

Besides increasing officer safety, changing to more effective ammunition would also reduce law enforcement agency liability. If a law enforcement officer were killed or wounded while using agency- or department-issued ammunition, which legitimate law enforcement publications and scientifically accepted wound-ballistics literature had reported to be ineffective, the agency or department could be considered negligent during any resultant civil litigation.

The ideal handgun bullet for law enforcement and military special operations use is that which offers the greatest potential for physiologically incapacitating an aggressor. To achieve that goal, it must reliably penetrate approximately 12 to 15 inches and have consistent expansion without fragmentation, core/jacket separation or significant weight loss.

In order to determine which of the available calibers and loads meet the above qualifications for an effective handgun round, precise comparative tests were made using accepted techniques and materials.

The results of these tests indicate that the pistol ammunition which has the greatest potential for physiologically incapacitating an aggressor is the .45 ACP 230gr JHP (Federal 45D, Federal P45HS1 "Hydra-Shok" and Winchester SXT S45A "Black Talon"), followed by the .40 S&W 180gr JHP (Federal 40SWA, Federal P40HS1 "Hydra-Shok," Hornady #9136 "XTP," Winchester RA40180HP and Winchester SXT S40SW "Black Talon") and then the 9mm 147gr JHP (Federal 9MS, Federal P9HS2 "Hydra-Shok," Fiocchi, Winchester RA9147HP, Winchester X9MMST147 and Winchester SXT S9MM "Black Talon"). Further research is necessary to analyze the terminal performance of these bullets after penetrating common intermediate obstacles.

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## POLICE BRUTALITY

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were police officers.)

Picking up a pattern which had been established in the Los Angeles riot a month before, the mobs singled out Korean-owned businesses for attack. Park Jung, the 32-year-old owner of a men's clothing store on the West Side, found more than 100 people trying to break through his storefront. When he appealed for help to several police officers who were standing idly by, they refused, advising him to "take care of your life and go home." He left and his store was destroyed.

"What else could I do?" Mr. Park said. "I hate America. I'm going back to Korea."

But those of us who are staying here in

America will have greater and greater cause to rue the fact that the police are being morally disarmed and demoralized by a climate of opinion that seems to regard them as a bigger threat to society than the criminals they have to confront — and by whom they are being increasingly outgunned. For many years, criminologists have tried to dismiss swings in the crime rate with the bland assertion that they represent shifts in the crime-prone population of young males.

But the current outburst has occurred during a trough in the population cycle. As Dean Fox points out: "What we've seen in the past few years is nothing compared with what we'll see in the next decade and on into the next century. Right now, we have the fewest 18- to 24-year-olds we've had since 1965, but next year they will start to go back up."

In other words, the worst is yet to come, and if the police continue to be incapacitated by a fixation on their occasional misbehavior, we — and most especially the young blacks among us — will have even less protection against violent crime in the future than we do today.

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## RECCES

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resented by 5 Recce. This church incorporated Catholicism, Anglicanism, Presbyterianism, and who knows what other branches of the faith into its services. It was surely a testament to ecumenism I never expected to find.

The irony of the 5 Recce situation is noteworthy when one considers the present state of affairs in South Africa. Even before apartheid was consigned to the scrap heap it deserved, 5 Recce and other SADF formations had rejected it as being incompatible with their missions. It occurred to me during my visit that maybe 5 Recce and similar units could serve as societal role models for "the new South Africa." By that I mean that a transitional government could actually point to the 5 Recce as an example of how citizens of the new RSA should treat those of other races and tribes.

Unfortunately, however, the mere mention of 5 Recce causes political flags to go up, as it has been accused of conducting a variety of heinous activities against South Africans of all races. The most notable accusations were levied against 5 Recce

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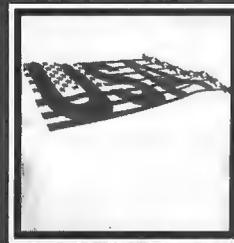


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Nonetheless, common sense would indicate that if convicted murderers and other terrorists can be forgiven and freed from prison, a military unit, however feared, should be permitted to make its contribution to a lasting peace in South Africa. To disband the reconnaissance regiments (as is being done with the predominantly black 32nd Battalion) would be folly in the extreme, given its potential to serve as a bellwether for a future South Africa.

The officers of 5 Recce, to a man, insisted that political change in South Africa was both good and inexorable. They unanimously expressed a desire to serve a new government as professionally as they have served the old, and I believe that any new government would lose a formidable ally, both militarily and socially, were 5 Recce to be disbanded. The goodwill evident in the relations within the unit should be the regiment's contribution to a new era of race relations in the country. A sad commentary on the opposite tack is what happened in Zimbabwe when it was made clear that the Selous Scouts, the Rhodesian SAS and other special units were not welcome in the new defense structure of Rhodesia-Zimbabwe.

What happened? Simply that some of the best military men in the world went south to join the SADF, and the notorious North Korean-trained 5th Battalion became the preeminent special forces-type organization in Zimbabwe. That unit's murderous bent was made manifest in the Matabeleland massacres in the early 1980s, events that created lasting hatred toward the Shona tribe on the part of the Matabele.

Why should not even an ANC-dominated government extend the hand of friendship to the elite units of the SADF? As someone smarter than I once said, "The best way to remove an enemy is to make him your friend." I believe that the reconnaissance regiments would gladly serve new masters, given equitable treatment by those masters. After all, professional military men have long understood that their loyalties are to the institutions from which they sprang. That those institutions are changing will not affect the loyalty of the Recces. They should be saved.

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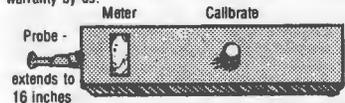
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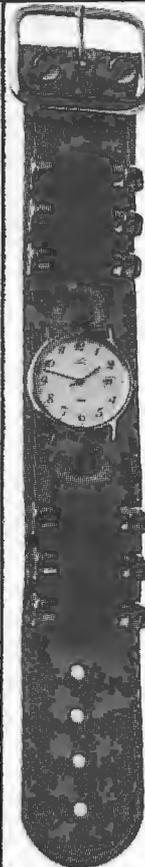
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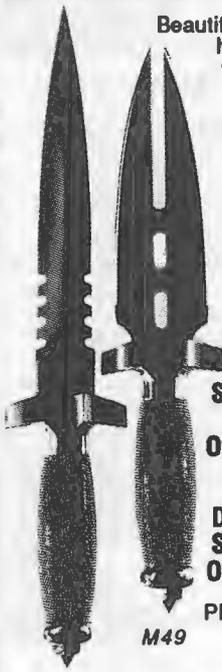
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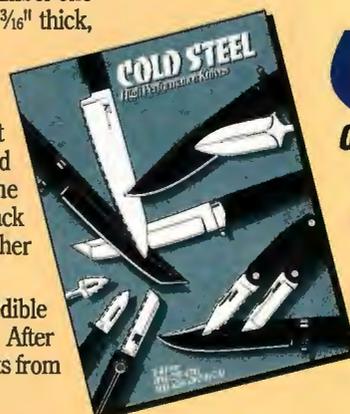
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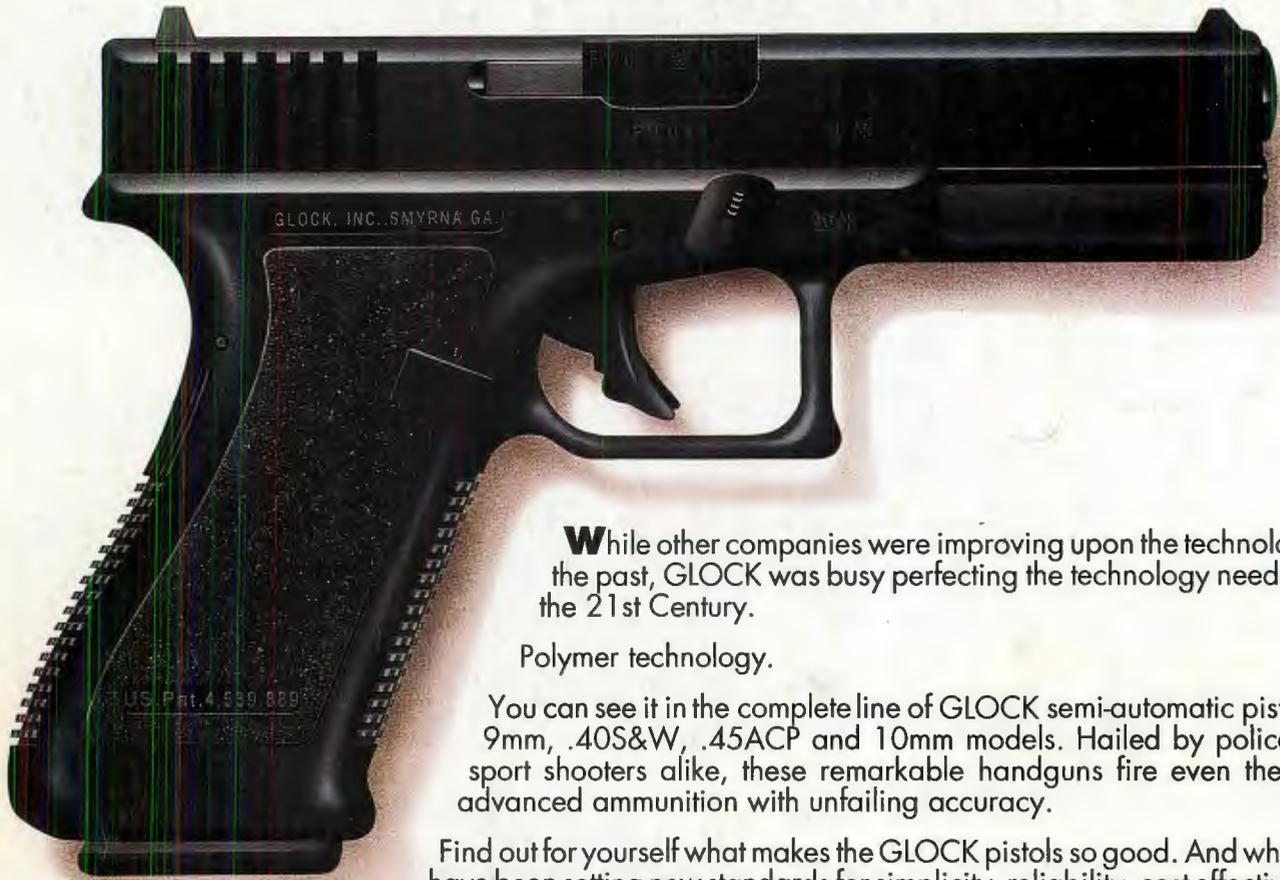
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