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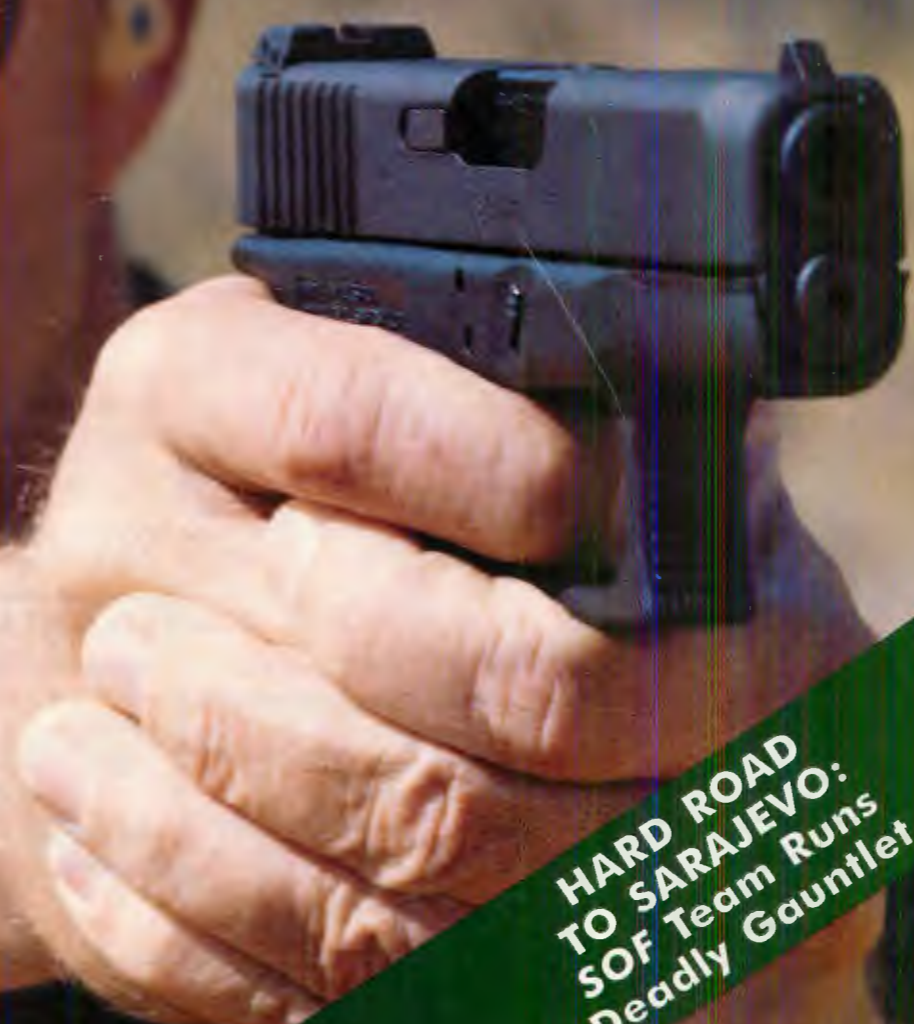
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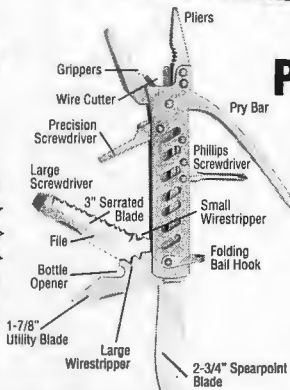
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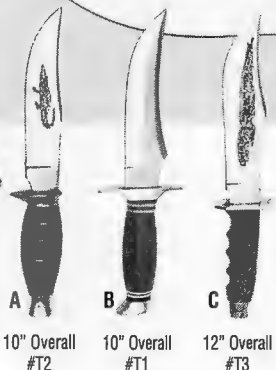
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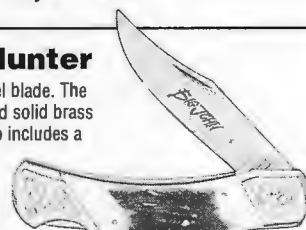


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Dishonoring Vets Won't Reelect Clinton

by Robert K. Brown

Twenty years after the dishonorable end of a war in which many Americans served with honor and distinction, hardcore Democrats are putting their money on the muddled mind of Bob McNamara and the like in a vain attempt to rewrite history and make reelectable our current draft-dodger in chief.

Democratic Party strategists are well aware that in the next election the man who went to Oxford instead of Vietnam will likely be in a one-on-one race against Bob Dole, a combat-wounded senator.

Dole's wound dates to World War II when he had his right arm shot up by a Nazi machine gun while leading an infantry charge. Since the American people won't allow the Democrats to rewrite World War II, either to make the Japanese appear as victims of American aggression or to make Dole's war wound his own fault (as last summer's "Doodlesbury" comic strips were trying hard to do), they have apparently seized on books like Robert S. McNamara's *In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam* to try to make us feel better about Clinton. Bill himself has already come out and said that he feels vindicated by McNamara's conclusion that Vietnam was a terrible mistake.

The book, written by a co-author, is logically reasoned but remarkably self-indulgent. When McNamara appeared on a talk show to promote the book, he

indulged in a lot of teary whimpering and made a most remarkable statement that leaves me wondering if the old man is senile. He said: "We lost because we didn't understand how to fight a guerrilla war ... We didn't know how to fight these ultranationalists."

McNamara shows that although the record is quite clear, after all these years he still doesn't know what happened during the Vietnam War. It is beyond dispute that we learned how to fight the guerrilla on his turf and broke the back of the Viet Cong by late 1967. By the end of 1968 most North Vietnamese units had been decimated as well. At the end of 1971 we had trained the South Vietnamese army and they were ready to finish the matter. Our defeat came at the hands of a Democratically controlled Congress that repeatedly refused to appropriate the money for critical resupply for our "allies."

Militarily, American fighting men kicked the hell out of the Vietnamese "ultranationalists." Our loss was purely political and came about because draft-dodgers like Bill Clinton and indecisive whiners like McNamara weren't committed to stopping the Nazis of S.E. Asia.

Trying to revise history to reelect a man whose lack of leadership has made America appear as a nation of sissies, only dishonors the memory of the 58,167 names on the Vietnam Memorial as well as the rest of us who stepped forward to do our duty when our country called. ✕

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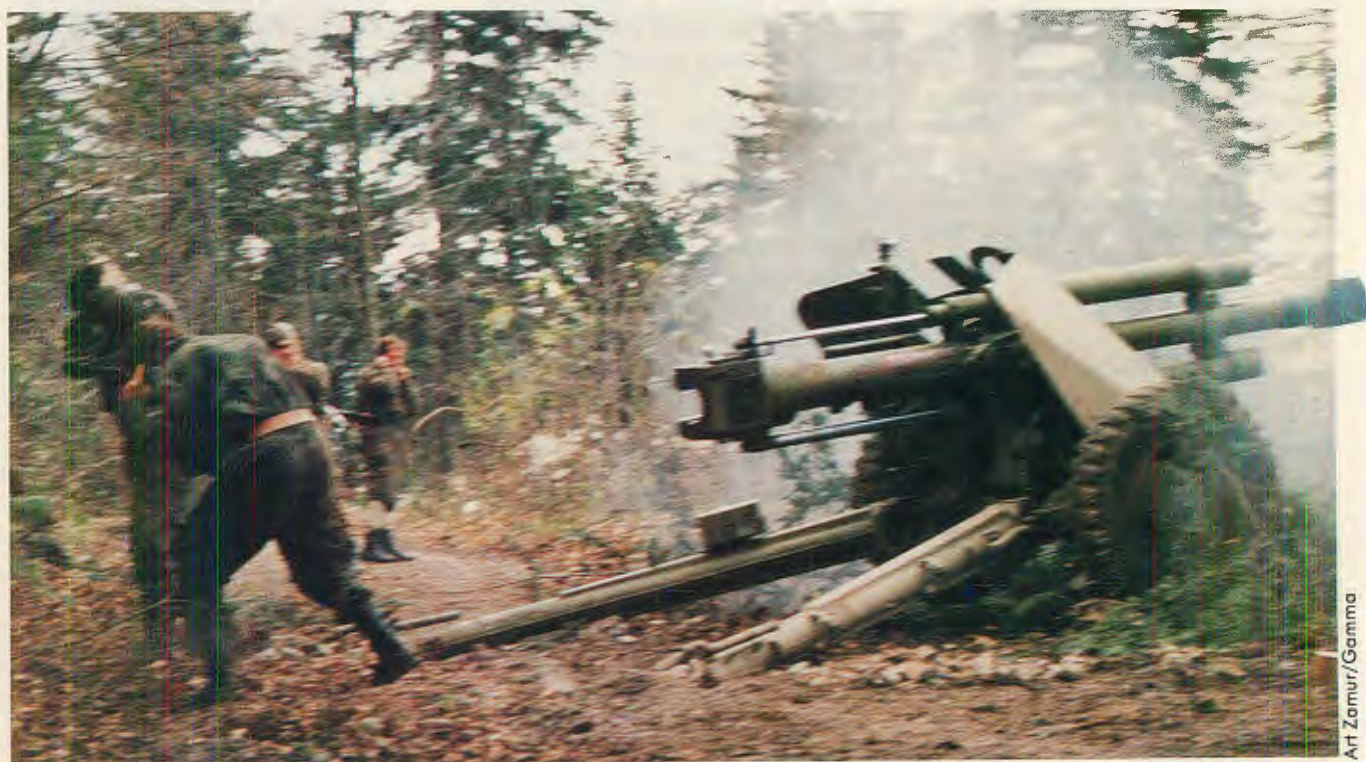
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In 1983, the Australian state of Victoria introduced a system of universal firearms registration. On 26 May 1995, Victoria's minister of police (equivalent to a U.S. state attorney general or Canadian provincial solicitor-general) had to admit the 12-year exercise had been a waste of time. At an annual meeting, police ministers of Australia's eight states conceded that *there had not been a single incident in the entire country in which gun registration had prevented a crime or helped solve one.*

The eight ministers de-

owner licensing and certification. It would appear the citizens of Victoria gave up on the mandatory registration scheme much earlier, however: The Victoria minister of police admitted that more than 73% of the guns in the state were still unregistered after 12 years.

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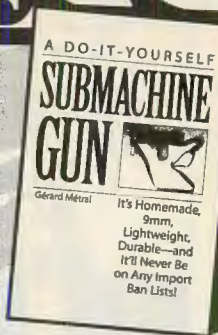
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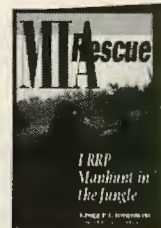


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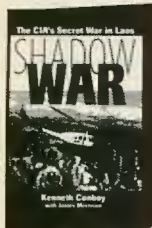


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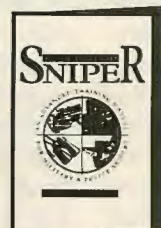
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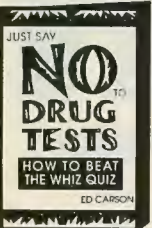
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In case somebody asks, you can tell them that in fiscal 1995 some \$211 million in tax revenues from guns, ammo and certain

archery equipment will be split by the states for wildlife restoration and hunter education. Since the excise taxes on guns and ammo were initiated, some \$4.5 billion have been poured into the national coffers by the shooting community, in support of wildlife habitat and restoration. Compare that with the tree-huggers' dedicated contribution: zip.

in the living room." However, they missed such obvious things as, "a reloading press screwed to the kitchen counter," "a crock of homebrew next to the stove," "more than one NRA sticker on his pickup," "more than one Buick sitting on blocks in front of the trailer-house," and "an old camouflage T-shirt stuffed in the hole in the screen door."

SOF GLAMOUR

Overleaf from an article on "perky nematodes" (worms), and opposite an editorial "You can help swing the vote on gun control" was a pithy, short piece in *Glamour*, "What No Woman Wants to See in a Man's Apartment." Well, of course *SOF* was on the list. We ranked below "horizontal mirrors by the bed" and "beer cans stacked on the mantlepiece," but above "weights

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Six years ago the Navy SEALs began using a scientific fighting system so powerful that today they're recognized as the most potent fighting force on the face of this earth.

Jerry Peterson, the creator of this system, became the first civilian ever to standardize and license a hand-to-hand fighting system to the U.S. Military. Here's how it happened and why it's important to you.

In 1989, Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC), the group which controls all SEAL activity, was looking for ways to standardize hand-to-hand combat techniques. After an exhaustive review, they had **rejected every single martial art form in the world.**

They found each completely unworkable in combat-oriented fighting situations where SEALs were in full gear, carrying 100# packs, and often knee-deep in water.

Amazing Scientific System

Then a SEAL NSWC officer (with black belts in 3 martial arts) saw Jerry Peterson's *scientific* fighting system. What he stumbled on wasn't martial arts. In fact it was unlike anything he'd ever seen before.

The SEAL officer watched in disbelief as a class of inexperienced students threw real punches for virtually an entire hour, **never repeating the same sequences.** In one session he witnessed more fighting than most martial arts students see in a year.

Later, two top brass at NSWC saw the officer demonstrating moves he'd learned. But intrigue turned to doubt when they learned the originator was an ex-Army enlisted man.

Still they met with Jerry, as much out of admiration for his Vietnam record as anything (he spent 15 months as lead point for Charlie Company, the 173rd Airborne — one of the most decorated units of the war). The SEAL officers, Vietnam vets themselves, figured Jerry at least ought to understand their needs.

But they were totally unprepared for what happened next. To prove his system, Jerry Peterson and a highly-decorated SEAL Officer (and at 240, 100 pounds heavier than Jerry) went toe-to-toe — but at half speed. To the Officer's amazement he was **instantly** disabled and dropped to his knees.

Only then did he realize — had he not been talked out of going full speed by others who knew the awesome power of Jerry Peterson's system, his false confidence in his martial arts training and in his sheer size advantage would have left him with an arm broken as easily as a match stick!

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Following a pilot program at Command headquarters all SEALs began receiving this

training. Still, hardheaded, cocky, non-believing SEALs, many with extensive martial arts backgrounds, constantly tested Jerry:

□ SEALs are the most proficient combat swimmers in the world. Yet 40-year old Jerry (who wasn't a particularly good swimmer) "drowned" SEAL after SEAL in training. His scientific principles (this isn't a graceful art form) apply on any terrain.

□ SEALs are trained to run 20 miles in soft sand. But Jerry (who really wasn't in great shape) had them gasping just 5 minutes into his first workouts while he participated effortlessly. He used breathing techniques others had never seen (techniques he can teach you in minutes).

□ Once, Jerry challenged an entire platoon to pin him against a wall. All thought it a joke. Yet he escaped — from the grasp of 14 of the most proficient fighting men in the world (then demonstrated it was no trick — simply physics, and easily learned).

Today all SEALs use these scientific techniques and many more. Since 1989, Navy SEAL platoons go through a minimum of 40 rigorous hours of Jerry Peterson's training prior to deployment.

His system was demonstrated to Navy Admirals, a 4-Star General, and Congressional leaders — as well as the Secretary of the Navy and the U.S. Secretary of Defense!

Jerry was even called in prior to Desert Storm to brief the military on using *Neural Offensive Linguistics™* (a cornerstone of his system, it defines a mind set which eliminates all defensive thinking, allowing anyone, even you, to make instantaneously correct decisions in the midst of any hostile environment).

Devastatingly Powerful

Yet if you expect to use Jerry Peterson's military techniques in civilian situations you're going to get yourself into trouble. Military confrontations are simply not the same as civilian.

What you need to know are methods even the military is not taught.

And now, in the most recent release of his system, Jerry reveals the specific techniques you must know to control any hostile civilian situation. It's called *Jerry Peterson's Hostile Control Systems*, and used correctly, this system can make you **undefeatable.**

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This is not a course to impress friends at your local Karate studio. It's a professional fighting system.

You won't see Jerry Peterson or his pro-

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No Navy SEAL has ever lost in hand-to-hand combat when correctly applying Jerry's system! And they never will because...

His System Is Undefeatable

One more thing. Cheap imitators may try to claim they've trained Navy SEALs, but let me explain what they've actually done.

SEAL platoons have discretionary funds they use to bring in all sorts of instructors. For example, they've hired the Evelyn Wood™ company to teach speed reading.

And that's the level these cheap imitators are working at. They've gone in at an 'Evelyn Wood' level and given their program to a platoon — maybe to just 1 or 2 men. But they're not the genuine thing.

Jerry Peterson is the sole creator of the official hand-to-hand combat fighting system used by the U.S. Navy SEALs today.

Want to call these imitator's bluff? Jerry's official Naval Special Warfare course number is K-431-0096. Under the Freedom of Information Act call the Government Information Office and verify for yourself that his course, *Special Combat Aggressive Reactionary System (SCARS)* exists. You won't get details about it because it's restricted.

But ask these Navy SEAL 'wanna-be' trainers what their official government course number is. You'll find they haven't got one!

In fact, if you're in a violent confrontation and all you have is these 'wanna-be' techniques, you might just be safer pulling out a book and trying to impress the assailant with your speed reading skills!

So now you decide. Do you want more 'disguised' martial arts from cheap imitators coming in at the level of Evelyn Wood instructors?

Or will you make the decision the Navy SEALs made — and go with Jerry Peterson, the genuine developer of the official U.S. Navy SEAL combat fighting system!

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3RD SFG'S AFRICAN CONNECTION

Now that the United States and South Africa both have presidents with socialist agendas, last year's lifting of an economic embargo against the besieged African nation will be followed next year by a suspension of the ban on U.S. military assistance.

During the last week of August, Colonel Boyatt, CO of the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, flew to South Africa with the commanding general of the U.S. Army's European command to meet with President Nelson Mandela's defense ministry — to arrange for joint

exercises between 3rd SFG and the South African Defense Force. Set to begin in 1996, this will probably be an annual training event, military sources tell *SOF*.

It is one more of several socialist/communist governments in Africa to receive specialized training from the 3rd SFG, which also played a crucial role in helping President Aristide consolidate his despotic grip on power in Haiti. Among the leftist African dictators to get aid and comfort from the 3rd Group is President Mugabe in Zimbabwe, who continually threatens to expropriate (i.e. steal) the lands and other property of white farmers — wealth that would be redistributed to Mugabe's relatives and political cronies. The 3rd SFG regularly trains Mugabe's Special Air Service and

other elite airborne units — the same goons who would carry out Mugabe's orders if a property confiscation order was issued.

— JLP

FEMA AT FORT BRAGG

Uncle Sam rarely misses the chance to crank out a press release proclaiming to the common rabble any good deeds being done with our tax dollars. So much more the mystery, then, over the hush-hush civilian convoy that rolled into Fort Bragg, in the middle of the night on 15-16 August.

The trucks were manned by personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Administration. Depending on who you ask, FEMA is supposed to provide for the survival of citizens

and/or the government in the event of a natural disaster or national emergency. The FEMA convoy headed for a remote part of the sprawling post, which was immediately put off-limits to military personnel, and set up a large antennae farm.

The immediate assumption was that a central communications command post was being set up to coordinate any relief required from the onslaught of Hurricane Felix, which was then spinning off the Carolina coast with all the purpose and direction of a U.N. relief mission. But why the middle-of-the-night secrecy? No press release, either, which we would expect if this were a do-gooder mission. We are left to wonder — and worry — at the real motives.

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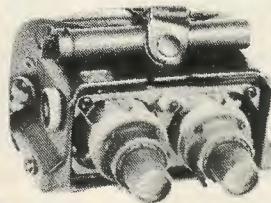
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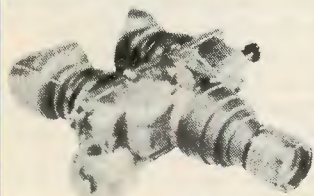
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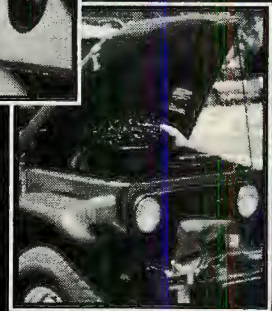
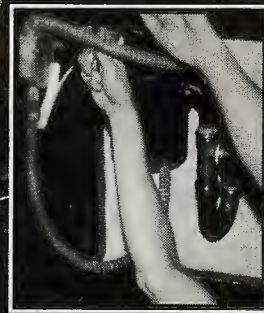
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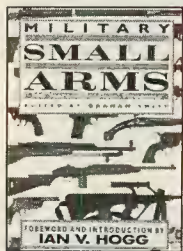
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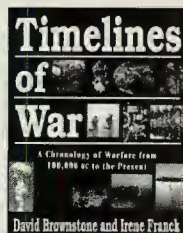
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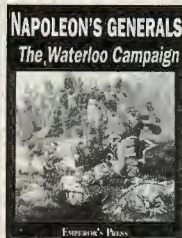
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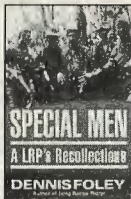
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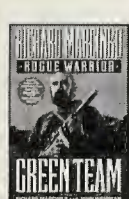
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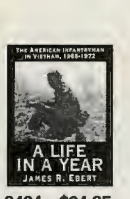
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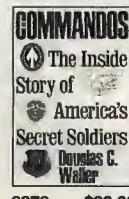
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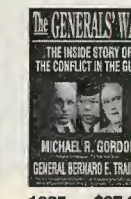
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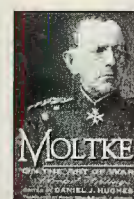
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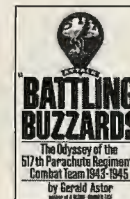
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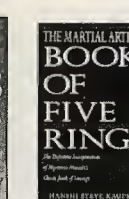
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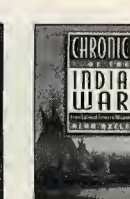
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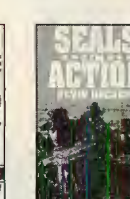
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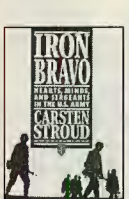
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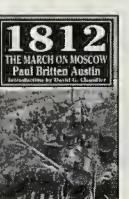
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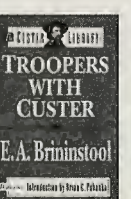
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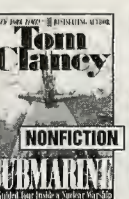
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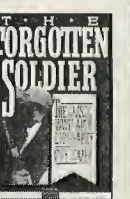
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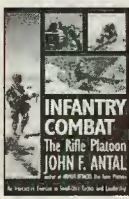
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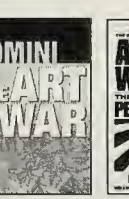
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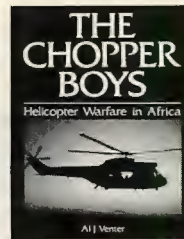
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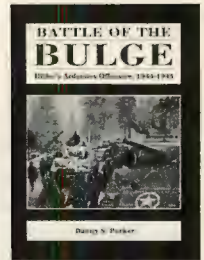
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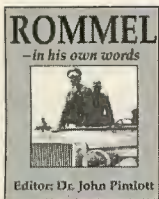
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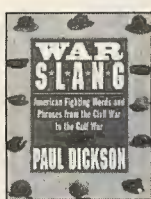
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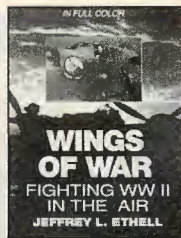
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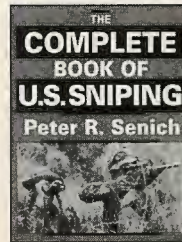
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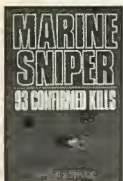
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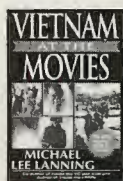
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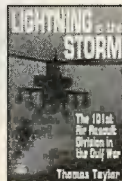
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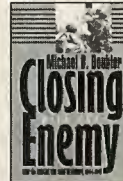
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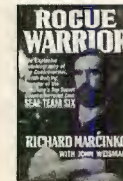
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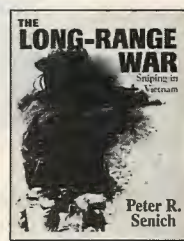


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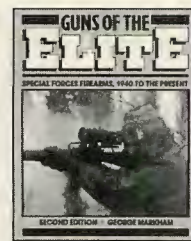


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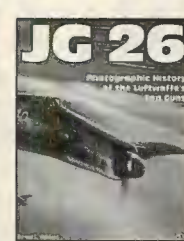
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The Longest Day

by Ben A. Van Etten

As chronicled in last month's issue, an urgent call to rescue a downed Air Force crew reached the author while he was piloting a routine Air America flight from Udorn, Thailand to Pakse, Laos. He spent the morning bailing out another rescuer who was shot down attempting to snatch the AF pilot and crew, all the while taking AAA from enemy troops. After successfully rescuing the rescuers, the author continued on to Pakse: This account wraps up the unforgettable afternoon of 18 March 1972.

Once at Pakse we learned that a battalion of Thai soldiers had been under daily attack by artillery and about 30 wounded soldiers needed to be picked up. The wounded were located on the Bolovens Plateau and were on the move to an area safe enough for a helicopter pickup.

I was going to be the flight leader in "Hotel 70," with two other CH-34s following close behind. Two of our choppers would go in while the third bird remained high as a SAR aircraft in case one of us was shot down. Piece of cake, right?

Then into the room came the "customer," a CIA case officer named Jim Clark, call sign "Sword." We all looked at

each other with the same thought: Sword didn't have the greatest reputation for honesty. He'd tell a chopper crew whatever they wanted to hear so they would attempt the mission. This guy wanted to win a medal in a big way.

The plan called for Sword to ride in my bird, be dropped off at the pickup zone, sort out the wounded while we orbited overhead, and call me in when they were ready. We'd land one at a time. If the first aircraft didn't receive fire, the second would land and pick up more wounded. We'd continue making trips until all the wounded were picked up ... or until we started to receive fire.

On the Bolovens the NVA had artillery and some light armor. The Lao and Thai soldiers were not as heavily armed. All they had was limited air support when the weather permitted and, of course, Air America.

One of the real travesties associated with the communist takeover of this part of Laos, or for that matter anywhere the commies moved in and occupied, was that devel-

opment of the immense natural resources of the area would stop. The Boloven Plateau was a mountainous area about

class resort. Wild game abounded in the area, including tigers, wild gaur and elephants. However, control was retained by keeping the locals underdeveloped and progress at a minimum.

It didn't take long for us to get underway, and after 15 minutes of flight time we neared the landing zone. We remained high and looked for the proper signal panel to appear on the pad. A white "O" was put out and I could see about 30 soldiers standing around the LZ. The fact that they were not hidden from view meant that there probably hadn't been any recent enemy

contact.

I quickly dropped off Sword while the other two CH-34s remained high overhead. The landing caused a great deal of brown dust to kick up, which would definitely alert any enemy in the area that a chopper had landed.

In about five minutes Sword called to say they were ready for the first pickup — me. The litters with the wounded were lined up next to the pad where I landed, again creating a large cloud of dust. I kept the RPMs up and the aircraft light on the



On the move CH-34 pilot spent morning of 18 March 1972 taking AAA to save a shot-down pilot and afternoon extracting wounded Thai soldiers under artillery fire.

courtesy Ben A. Van Etten

40 miles square, ranging from 2,000 to 5,000 feet in elevation, that contained some of the most fertile land in Laos. Anything could grow there and could amount to about four crops a year. Even strawberries flourished in that area, a crop previously unknown to Southeast Asia.

Because of the higher elevation, the rivers on the plateau were clear and cold. There was a waterfall on the eastern edge we called "Niagara Falls." It was a beautiful setting and could have been developed into a world

struts, expecting incoming fire at any time. The wounded were being loaded when I heard the first explosion about 300 meters behind us.

I decided to wait about 10 seconds before taking off, giving Sword a chance to get in the chopper. I figured that if a second round was fired, it probably wouldn't hit us. There were several litters and walking wounded at the doorway when the second round impacted — right in the middle of the troops adjacent to the aircraft. Five feet to the left and we would have all been history.

I was looking down from the right seat at the loading procedures when the round exploded. The concussion and noise from the impact were instantaneous, but the resulting mass of bodies being thrown in all directions seemed to happen in slow motion ... reminding me of a spaghetti Western.

I hoped Sword had jumped aboard because we were getting out of there. We had a heavy load and because of the high elevation, it seemed to take forever for the CH-34 to gain airspeed. As we climbed out, another round went off just below us. They were trying to shoot us out of the air!

Sword made it into the aircraft, but had received a shrapnel wound. There was also a wounded soldier hanging on to the wheel strut. The back of his shirt was covered with blood and as we gained airspeed and altitude, I expected to watch his body drop hundreds of feet into the jungle.

Suddenly, the muscular arm of my flight mechanic, Jim Nakamoto, reached out of the aircraft cargo door, grabbed the soldier's shirt, and yanked him inside. Another life saved (we later learned that he recovered from his wounds).

By the time we arrived back at Pakse, the sun was setting. We inspected the aircraft for damage, but there were only a couple of small holes. No problem. The mission would be continued in the morning. This would give the Thais time to move to another location. Meanwhile, after a very eventful day, to say the least, we took off to suck down a few cool ones. ☒

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UNITED STATES

Gang members join services to gain military training in weapons, tactics and organization. Gang activities, such as drug trafficking and turf wars, occur on 50 bases and some ships.

President Clinton orders the CIA to concentrate on economic espionage and evaluate bargaining positions of rival nations. CIA reports are thought to be central to the success of recent automobile talks with Japan.

Congress will cut the military's ability to frock officers (the practice of pinning on the rank they are being promoted to before it actually becomes effective) over the next three years. The Army and Navy use the procedure to get around a budget-induced shortage of officers in some grades.

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RUSSIA

President Yeltsin issues a decree regarding the permanent posting of troops to Chechnya, a clear sign that Moscow will not negotiate independence of the region.

A total of 423 Russian soldiers committed suicide in 1994 (mostly over their harsh treatment), while about 2,500 others were murdered in criminal incidents.

Russian fighter plane forces British airliner to land at Moscow airport after confusion over a new London-to-Hong Kong route. Russian air defense units were not warned of the new air route by civilian authorities.

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SRI LANKA

Seven thousand government troops launch Operation Leap Forward against LTTE rebels. The offensive nets 30 square miles of rebel territory in a battle ending in savage hand-to-hand fighting. Newspapers report rebels bought Russian-made Strella missiles. Nearly 1,000 LTTE rebels launch simultaneous attacks on four front-line army posts but are stopped cold.

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SIERRA LEONE

Government troops kill 150 RUF rebels in the latest of a series of spectacular triumphs organized by the South African company Executive Outcomes. A surprise rebel counterattack is narrowly defeated.

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PHILIPPINES

Government launches a new study to define its sea borders and strengthen its claim on the Spratly Islands. Military conducts training exercise in Ulugan Bay on Palawan that includes U.S. SEAL team.

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BURMA

Cease-fire between government and Karenni rebels collapses over teak lumber industry dispute. Government troops move into Karenni territory to stop Thai timber smugglers: Karenni regard this as an invasion and an attempt to seize control of valuable timber resources.

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SUDAN

Former President Jimmy Carter meets with SPLA rebel leader Garang to seek a cease-fire, but government officials reject any such proposal.

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FRANCE

French warship rams Greenpeace flagship *Rainbow Warrior II* and storms ship with 150 commandos to prevent interference with French nuclear testing in the Pacific. Event occurs on the 10th anniversary of the sinking of the first *Rainbow Warrior* by French commandos. Greenpeace claims three of its protesters landed on Muraroa (site of the tests) and are hiding there, but the French navy finds the three on an island 120 miles to the north.

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BOSNIA

Bosnian Serbs claim to have received eight batteries of Russian-built SA-10 anti-aircraft missiles: 32 launchers and 128 missiles. About 90 U.S. logistics troops arrive in Split to support the U.N. forces in Bosnia.

Mysterious explosion in Pale destroys a government building. French newspaper blames explosion on a secret mission by Mirage-2000D aircraft that dropped a 2,000-pound laser-guided bomb in retaliation for a Serb shelling attack that killed two French officers the day before.

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TURKEY

Three thousand Turkish troops raid PKK bases inside Iraq and withdraw in a matter of days. Continued operations inside Iraq are necessary because two Iraqi Kurdish factions, which previously stopped the PKK, have been fighting each other instead. Turkish officials claim they have proof of Greek support for the PKK.

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THAILAND

Thai troops arrest 165 Cambodian soldiers who cross into Thai territory while pursuing Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

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COLOMBIA

Police conduct large scale crackdown on Cali drug cartel arresting Jose Santacruz, third most powerful Cartel leader; and Phanor Arizabaleta Arzayuz, sixth most powerful Cartel leader. They virtually annihilate the Ibage Cartel and destroy three tons of cocaine at a Cali-controlled airstrip.

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SOMALIA

A huge fire sweeps through Mogadishu market unchecked — the fire department has not functioned in a decade. Aidid holds a memorial service for 50 Somalis killed by U.S. helicopter gunships two years ago.

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GREAT BRITAIN

Doctors examine 300 Gulf War vets and find 25% suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder and 50% from minor problems such as asthma, rashes and irritable bowels — but determine there is no single Gulf War syndrome.

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IRAQ

General Sultan Hashim Ahmed is named as new defense minister. Ahmed commanded a corps during the Gulf War and led the Iraqi team to the cease-fire negotiations with General Schwarzkopf.

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AFGHANISTAN

The Taliban Student Militia which came out of nowhere to become a major force over the last year is in fact a creation of Pakistani intelligence which provided funding, weapons and a cadre of trained military officers — exiled Afghan officers from the Khalq faction.

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SOUTH AFRICA

White South Africans demand recognition as native Africans at a U.N. conference on indigenous peoples. The Boers insist that 300 years after their arrival, their culture is distinct and unique — they are an African tribe, not a European colony.

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Mental Trigger

by Gabriel Suarez

Pistol defense involves not only drawing, aiming and firing, but visual acquisition of the target and mental analysis that determines if there is a threat. As this visual acquisition and mental analysis precede shooting, they determine how fast we respond.

Target acquisition is a function of awareness and the perceived actions of a potential threat. Determination of threat depends on what that individual has

get/threat itself. If we encounter a threat that may have to be neutralized by gunfire, the signal to do so will be an unmistakable cue from the threat itself.

The department I work for recently purchased an interactive computer/video training system, complete with foul-mouthed criminals and simulated gunfire, which presents a big-screen video scenario involving possible deadly force situations. The officer, with a laser equipped

It is a good training tool, but expensive beyond individual means.

However, we can develop exercises to evolve the habit of looking at the target for visual determination of threat and, based on that finding, to shoot or not. Time spent on acquisition and analysis greatly affects the response time: Our goal in training is to obtain quickly the signal to fire from the target itself.

Enter the target assessment drill: This drill involves painting four different shapes on an IPSC humanoid target. The shapes should be substantially different to be distinguishable at a glance (square, circle, triangle, diamond, etc.). A cardboard stencil can facilitate spray painting these onto the target. Neutral colors work best, such as olive, black, gray and brown. These colors do not stand out and the shooter

Take four such targets to the shooting range and set them up at the distance of 5 to 7 yards, where most shoot-outs occur. Stand with back to the target array. A training partner will call out a color/shape combination and immediately signal to shoot. At his signal, face the targets, quickly scan them, locate the shape/color in question — draw and shoot that shape in the center.

No training partner? Get 16 business cards and draw one color/shape combination on each card. Place the 16 cards in a coffee can at your feet with your back to the same target array. Bring your timer to the firing line. Without peeking, retrieve a card and hold it until the shooting timer (programmed for delayed start) gives the beep. Then look at the card and see what shape and color are represented. Drop the card as you turn to face the targets. Scan the targets, locate the required shapes/colors and shoot them as you find them. As this becomes easier, move on to selecting two cards with two target indicators and repeat the drill.

Some targets may not have any of the shapes/colors you've selected: These represent non-involved individuals in the scenario and cannot be even nicked by a bullet. There are few worse feelings than knowing you've shot an uninvolved party



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It was Tommy guns, tear gas and truncheons as Cumberland, Maryland, police covered arrival of the "Bonus Army" on its march to Washington, D.C., in 1932. In the "old days" when police anticipated a firefight, they went in ready — and predisposed — to shoot. Today's law-enforcement officer is more likely to be involved in unannounced shoot-outs, but must hone his ability to quickly discern and engage — or not engage — sudden targets.

in his hands: We must "see" what our adversary is doing with, or holding in, his hands.

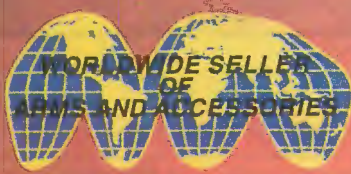
We must train so the cue triggering the killing response is neither a tone from a shooting timer nor a range master's whistle, but is provided by the tar-

pistol, interacts with screen images — sometimes "shooting" them. The computer tallies shots fired and reaction times.

This system makes the shooter look to the target and quickly analyze it for a cue or a reason to shoot — as on the street.

must work harder to distinguish them.

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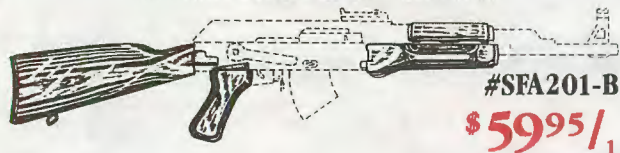
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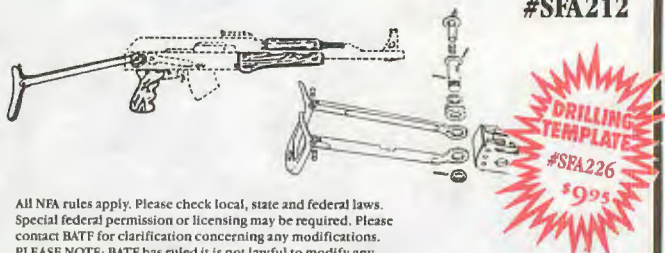
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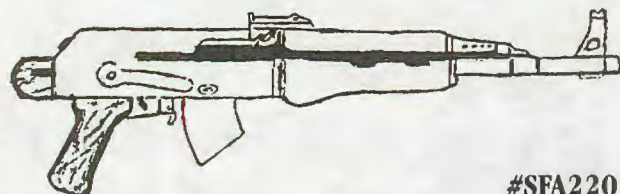


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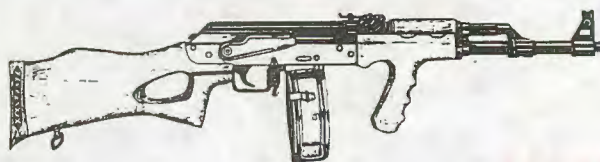


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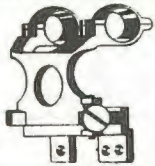


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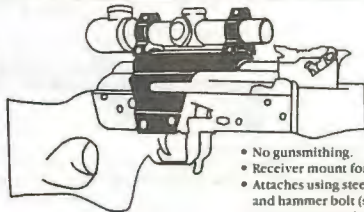
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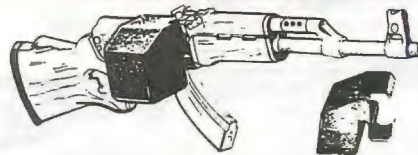
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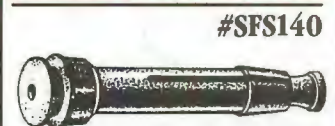
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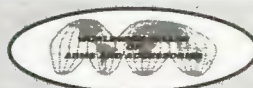
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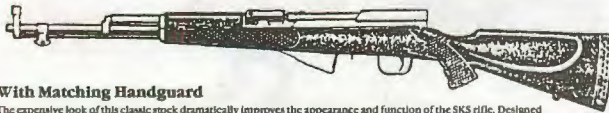
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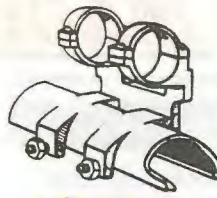
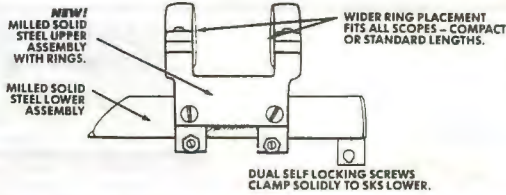
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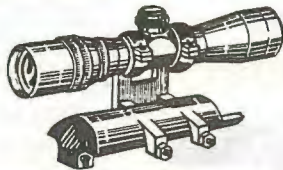
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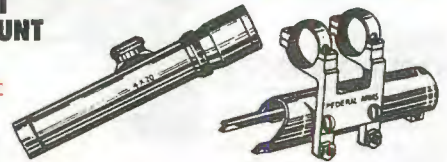
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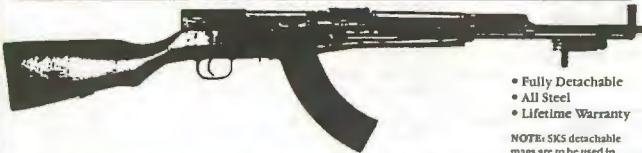
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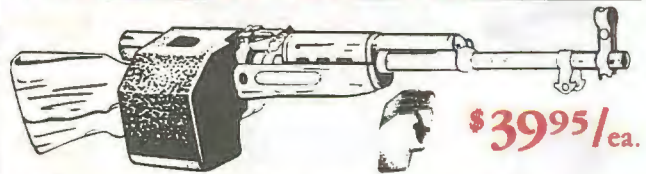
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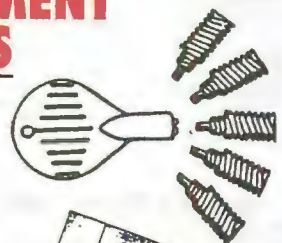
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- 5 Colors
- Adjustment Tool Included

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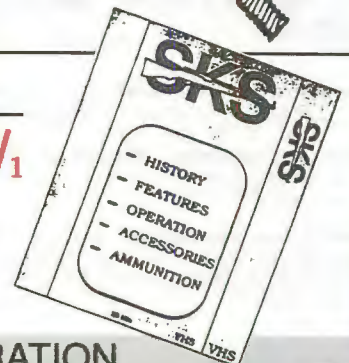
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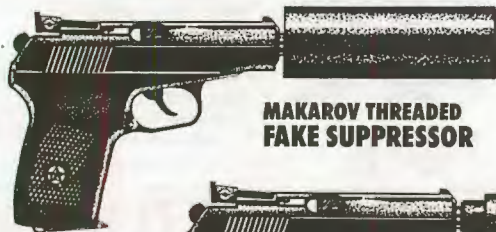


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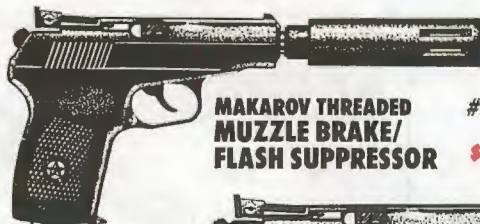
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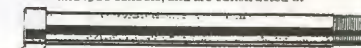
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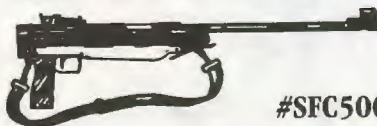
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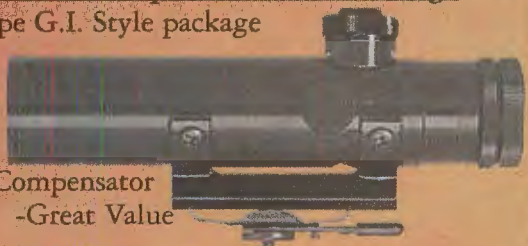
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The drill does not change except that this portion requires a partner to equip the targets behind your back. The targets are also staggered close and far — not lined up for inspection!

At the signal you turn and face the targets. You scan them as you did with the shape/color portion, but *you must scan the hands*. A target with a weapon is a hostile target and must be shot forthwith. You determine targets by looking and seeing what they have in their hands — just like in real life. You do not negotiate with an armed man.

Be careful not to aim at what the target is holding: Notice the weapon in the target's hand, but place defensive rounds in the vitals.

Not only must you locate and determine threat level, but you must prioritize the targets and shoot the ones most immediately capable of killing you. For example, a man with a knife at arm's length is more dangerous than a man with a pistol at seven yards.

The object of the drill is to focus on the adversary's hands and see what threat they hold. The hands and what they carry are what can kill you: It is the hands and what they carry that decide the adversary's fate. To complicate things you can do the drill on the move, in the dark, and with various weapons.

Do not become complacent and think you are ready because you can react to the first tone of the shooting timer. *Look at the targets — they will tell you when to shoot ... and when not to shoot.*

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SPECIAL GRAND JURY INDICTS CLINTON PALS

Two of President Bill Clinton's Whitewater business partners plus former crony Arkansas Governor Jim Guy Tucker have been indicted by a special grand jury on fraud and conspiracy charges. James B. McDougal, his former wife Susan McDougal and Governor Tucker were named in a 48-page indictment.

The *Associated Press* reported that adding to the significance of the charges is the fact that four of the counts against the McDougals relate to a \$300,000 loan made to

Mrs. McDougal by former municipal judge David Hale via his federally backed Capital Management Services; Hale had said Clinton, then governor, pressured him to make the loan. Clinton, in turn, has characterized the charge as "a bunch of bull."

In a paper issued with the indictments, special prosecutor Kenneth Starr noted that the indictments handed down do not charge President Clinton or Hillary Rodham Clinton with any criminal wrongdoing, nor are they mentioned in the 48-page document. The indictments accuse Tucker and the McDougals of lying

about the real purpose of the loans and using the money for their personal benefit. Said Governor Tucker, "I have not violated any law. I have not been part of a conspiracy between their captive witness, David Hale, or anyone else." The 21 counts include: wire, mail and bank fraud; fraudulent participation in loans; making or causing a false statement to a financial institution, and misapplying financial institution funds.

Thus far, the Whitewater investigation has netted some 15 persons, who stand either convicted or charged with crimes relating to the Whitewater affair.

NEWS FLASH

Response to the defense fund established to defray legal bills of President and Hillary Clinton has been disappointing. Sources cite inability to advertise the fund as the reason. Really? Do they consider the disastrous results of the mid-term election a result of lack of advertising?

CLINTONS INTERVIEWED FOR THIRD TIME

Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr has interviewed President Clinton for more than three hours and Hillary Rodham Clinton for two hours, under oath at

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the White House, concerning matters relating to the Whitewater investigation. The Clintons had earlier been interviewed by Starr, also by Starr's predecessor Robert Fiske.

At the request of counsel, the White House made no statement regarding the subjects covered in the latest interview by Starr. Obvious areas of interest to special investigators or Senate hearing probers would likely center on: whether money was improperly funneled to Clinton's gubernatorial campaigns, the death of former White House Deputy Counsel Vince Foster, and allegations of White House meddling or obstructing subsequent investigations.

SHIPS LEAVING A SINKING RAT?

The White House said it did not know why some

of President Clinton's biggest (former) financial backers in his home state of Arkansas were donating funds to the presidential campaigns of Republican Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The former backers are fairly outspoken about why, however: "Bill Clinton's election as president is the worst thing that ever happened to Tyson Foods and the state of Arkansas. It's brought us nothing but headaches and misery," Tyson Foods spokesman Archie Schaffer told the *Los Angeles Times*. The paper reported that Don Tyson of Tyson Foods Inc. and the Stephens banking family of Little Rock had given \$9,000 to the Dole presidential campaign through their political action committees. The AP also reported that

Tyson had given \$5,000 to the Gramm campaign. In a happier time, the Tyson and Stephens companies and their executives contributed more than \$150,000 to Clinton, and rounded up further tens of thousands of dollars from other businessmen.

MORE SHIPS?

Rep. Billy Tauzin of Louisiana switched to the Republican Party on 6 August, becoming the fifth Democrat in Congress to abandon the Democratic Party since the November elections turned out to be so disastrous for the Clinton camp. Tauzin's move also gives Republicans a majority in Louisiana's seven-member House delegation. Asked about rumors he will seek the Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Bennett Johnson, who is retiring, Tauzin said,

"This is not about if I'm better off politically or whether I'll run for another seat next year," noting that conservatives are unwelcome in the Democratic Party. The devastating results of the last election, which gave Republicans a majority in both houses of Congress, was widely seen as a mid-term referendum on the Clinton administration — and the virtually unprecedented number of defections by sitting Democrats as an indicator of how these men predict Clinton/Democratic future fortunes. In addition, six Democrats have announced their retirement, including Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., who in announcing his decision not to run for re-election to the Senate noted that this could lead to a decision to run for president as an independent. ✕

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Napoleon (or somebody) alleged that an army travels on its stomach. Che alleged that the most important equipment a guerrilla has is his boots. Che was right on this one: I've marched hungry and I've marched in bum boots — and I'll go with the hungry any time I have a choice, because you can eat bugs if you have to, but just try wearing them. Among the better boots to chase Gs (or bugs for your dinner) in are Super Stalker Boots available from U.S. Cavalry. They're made with waterproof full-grain leather and 1000 Denier Cordura® nylon with a breathable Gore-Tex® liner that sheds moisture yet lets perspiration vapor escape. These 9-inch wonders feature an ankle stabilizer with a built-in flex-notch and dual-density polyurethane sole with supportive fiberglass shank. U.S. Cav offers a large variety of survival, outdoor, military and police gear, tools and merchandise and their 100-page full-color catalog is free to SOF readers: U.S. Cavalry, Dept. SOF, 2855 Centennial Ave., Radcliffe, KY 40160-9000; phone: 800-333-5102; fax: 502-352-0266.

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Amazing New Video Reveals “Unfair” Fighting Secrets That Can Defeat Even The “Top 10%” Of World-Class Streetfighters!

— By Dr. Russell Horine, President of TRS —

Dear Friend,

If you would like to learn fighting secrets that give you an “unfair” *advantage* over even the most elite streetfighters in the world, then this message will absolutely change your life forever!

Even if you never get in a fight the rest of your life, what you are about to learn is critical if you (and your family) want to *live without fear* in today’s mean streets. The truth is, no matter how skilled at self-defense you are... no matter how many belts in karate or kung-fu you’ve earned... and no matter how many fights you’ve won in the street or in the ring over the years...

You Are Not Prepared For The Extreme Violence Of The “New” Criminals Out There!

Forget about how amazing all those computers and new cars and space shuttles are — when it comes to the horror and bloodshed at the street-level of our society, we’ve gone back to the Stone Age. *There are barely a handful of men in the entire world who know how to win a fight in today’s streets...* and if you care at all about learning the secrets they have to share, this will be the most important letter you ever read.

Until now only a very small group of people had ever seen this letter. In our organization, it was labeled **Top Secret** — reading it meant you were on the “short list” of some very special and highly-qualified people.

Let me tell you what this is all about.

I had a chat with a man connected with the FBI last week that chilled my blood. He said a lot of *top-level agents* wanted the new reports about street criminals — the kind of slime you’re likely to meet in a restaurant parking lot, prowling around your bedroom at night,

or maybe face-to-face in broad daylight in the middle of town — sealed and kept from the public (you and me)... because if details of the methods these new criminals use ever got out...

It Would Cause A Major Panic Among Civilians!

I don’t agree that this stuff should be kept a secret... even though it scares the hell out of my friends and family to hear about it. Do you know what a “**thrill kill**” is? That’s *official terminology* for when gangs go into a killing spree at random, just to see the look on their victim’s face. They especially delight in terrorizing young families, before offing them all in cold blood. The world hasn’t seen violence like this since the Middle Ages.

A good friend of mine was jumped outside his gym (he’s *not* a small guy) and beaten senseless by three strangers. They didn’t rob him, didn’t say a word (except to laugh). They just snuck up and almost pounded the life out of him for fifteen minutes. For no reason at all.

And it’s not just civilians who are getting hurt. I know of two *experienced street fighters* who used to frequent a bus station in Los Angeles where you could challenge other fighters and “street test” your skills. These two guys have long military histories and love to mix it up... but they can’t go to Los Angeles anymore. The old “art” of street-fighting has been completely replaced by no-rules *gang* fighting — ten guys against one, and if the victim dies, so much the better. They all carry blood-stained weapons. They *enjoy* inflicting pain. They don’t care about you, and they don’t care about your loved ones. Worse yet, they don’t even care about themselves. Their lives have no future tense.

Even a few years ago, there was a “code of honor” among street fighters.

That’s all history now.

I think it was the head of U.S. Crime Statistics who said in the Wall Street Journal last month that the new crop of young criminals (ages 16 to 24) are more vicious, more ready to kill for no reason, and more ruthless than any other generation in America’s history. These jerks are something like ten times more likely to kill during a simple robbery than older crooks. And, a very high percentage of them are misusing *steroids*, which makes them completely immune to fear and pain. There’s no way to frighten them to avoid a fight. Your only real choice is to run or injure.

So What’s This Got To Do With You?

Maybe you think you know a little about defending yourself. Maybe you’re a big, bad, mean mother and you haven’t had anyone look cross-eyed at you for a long time.

Well, maybe. But let me tell you something:

Bigger, Badder And Meaner Men Than You Are Being Sent To The Hospital And The Graveyard Every Day... Because They Aren’t Prepared For Today’s Extreme And Unexpected Violence!

As of right now, the next time you leave the safety of your house you are facing *serious bad news...* unless you understand the secrets of *defeating* sudden, extreme violence! This is not hype. There are no rules out there anymore. No more fair fights. No room for you to screw up when the chips are down. You make a mistake in a fight in today’s streets, friend...

And You Are Dead!

These secrets I’m talking about are almost *laughably* easy to master... once

you learn what they are. Not one street fighter in a thousand even has a clue these secrets exist, despite the mega-violence out there that makes them crucial to survival. You can well imagine the advantage that gives you: Just *knowing* these secrets will put you in an entirely new category of fighter, no matter what your previous experience is...

Mastering Them Can Make You Virtually Undefeatable In Face-To-Face Combat!

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But even a professional like Paul now understands there must be a NEW LEVEL of self-defense skills for civilians like you and me — people who are at-risk on the streets every day. A whole new set of advanced skills that can instantly cancel-out the ultra-violence of street crime today.

To the few fighters who understand these "upper level" fighting secrets, they are everything. Knowing them is the difference between walking in cold fear... and having the absolute confidence you can quickly "injure to degree" anyone who messes with you or your loved ones — even if they are armed with a knife, club or other hand-held weapon!

That means you choose how bad off your attacker will be when the fight is over (usually within a few seconds). For you, it also means:

- Having better intuition than the meanest "street rat" out there... so you can actually smell trouble before

it happens (just like a "geiger counter" picks up even a trace of atomic radiation)...

- Being able to release at will the Stone Age monster that lives deep inside every man's soul... and meet any attack with devastating "over the top" counter-violence that cannot be defended against...
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I Actually Considered Censoring Them Out!

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tools withheld that can help them survive when attacked. I don't want my family put at risk, and I'm sure you don't want yours threatened unnecessarily either.

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- How to quickly force any violent attacker (even someone twice your size) into complete and utter submission... and have him begging for mercy!
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- How to "blur-out" a weapon used against you so you can easily focus on the target you want... without getting "stung"!
- Why the stupid "standard" martial art advice about knife fighting will get you seriously injured (and lose the fight)... and the only true way to counter and win a knife attack!
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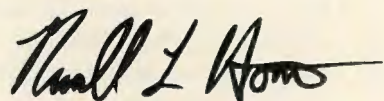
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On the second day of the Waco hearings, executives of the Treasury Department admitted that their internal investigative report on that fiery fiasco was only "about 70% accurate." Former Treasury Secretary Bentsen, in office at the time, testified the next day that he would put the figure higher, "about 80%." This is the report cited by the president and other leading democrats as making the Waco hearings unnecessary.

It is indicative of this administration that a report with 20-30% inaccuracies, lies and omissions is deemed acceptable by its officials. Since 100% honesty and accuracy is neither demanded, nor even expected, the phrase "close enough for government work" takes on a particularly disgraceful meaning under the Clinton regime.

Eugene A. Barron
Longmont, Colorado

DISTURBING QUESTIONS

The article "Question 46" by James L. Pate in the September issue is very disturbing to me. Though it clears up the purpose of the survey, it raises grave concerns about the 84% of respondents who favor direct military involvement in domestic law enforcement. This is a concept that, to me at least, brings to mind images of a totali-

tarian police state. And that is an eventuality I am not prepared to accept.

In the same vein, the short piece in "Bulletin Board" about the proposed militia ban in Michigan hits especially close to home for me. For the past 18 years I have been involved with the Civil War Skirmish Association, a group of men and women who stage competitive shooting matches using Civil War-type weapons. Since we also wear Civil War-type military dress at these matches, we could fall under the heading of "impersonation of military personnel."

M.E. Pine
Lebanon, Missouri

TRAITOROUS MARINES

I'm wondering in regard to the 26.34% of Marines who said they would fire on U.S. citizens and the 23.66% who said they would swear allegiance to the United Nations: If these Marines were told that the politicians and the United Nations were trying to get rid of the Constitution and the citizens took up arms, would they still answer the same? If their answer is yes, then those Marines are traitors.

The United Nations is against everything the U.S. Constitution stands for and we couldn't possibly have had any more wars



without the United Nations than we had with it. Our government should get America out of the United Nations.

Stuart McCaw
Aberdeen, Ohio

SICKENING STATS

As a sergeant in the Marine Corps I was not only shocked, but outraged and saddened by the results of Lieutenant Commander Cunningham's survey. Though with 174,000 Marines in the

Corps, extrapolating any meaningful conclusions is impossible based on the opinions of only 300 Marines. But for discussion's sake, let's say that it is a reliable representation of the Corps as a whole.

The Corps exists because the nation wanted it, and my life's aspiration has always been to be a Marine. But the military, especially the Marine Corps, should be the last source that would yield Cunningham's sickening



stats. Are our young men really that weak and lacking in the basic principles we are supposedly sworn to uphold to the death? We are not here for the commander-in-chief to toy with. I personally am not here to hand out food to people thousands of miles away from our own starving Americans. We are here to protect freedom.

I would never take up arms against my own people in order to disarm law-abiding citizens. I can not even fathom doing so. As for loyalty to the United Nations, well, the United Nations is a nutless bureaucracy that carries no weight with its title and serves the sole purpose of wasting money and the lives of troopers from all nations. And did I mention that I've already sworn my allegiance to the United States of America and her Corps of Marines?

Sorry, U.N., two is enough for me.

I can see using the military to clean up our country, to bring America to her feet and off her knees. But we may be too dangerous to use if the case is as shown. As for my Corps, well, Marines, we had better square ourselves away or be responsible for destroying our most precious national treasure. Oh, I forgot, at least 26.34% of you don't give a shit.

Sgt. B.E.M.
United States
Marine Corps

ARMED & ELDERLY

The painting in the September "Parting Shot" took me back over three decades when I had a short meeting with the archetypical little old lady. I was a Navy lieutenant flying out of NAS Patuxent River, Maryland,

and decided to drive to Triangle, Virginia, to visit Evaluators Ltd., which had exclusive right to Berns-Martin holsters. At that time, Evaluators was being run by Mrs. Flora M. van Orden, the widow of a distinguished general in the Marine Corps. She was the grandmotherly type: gray bun, dark clothing, wire-frame glasses, etc. She also had a collection of "sea stories" worthy of any Marine.

One of her accounts was when, as a new bride, she accompanied her husband to Haiti. During one of the many civil disturbances there she found herself alone with her driver in her horse-drawn carriage besieged by locals. "I had a grenade hidden in my handkerchief and when those barbarians started to paw at me through the window, I primly unfolded my

hankie and let them see what I had in store for them. Boy, you should have seen them scatter," she related.

She then showed me the holsters in stock and demonstrated the Berns-Martin "Triple-Draw" model for the 2-inch S&W Model 36 I carried on flights and otherwise. While demonstrating the holster at the small firing range at the back of Evaluators, Mrs. van Orden suddenly whipped out her Model 36, fell into a combat stance and promptly quintuply perforated the silhouette downrange. "That's how it's done, sonny," she told a surprised Navy lieutenant, who, until meeting this little old lady, thought he was damned good with a handgun.

Jean-Pierre Maldonado
Harleysville,
Pennsylvania

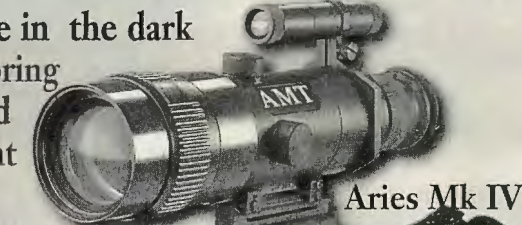
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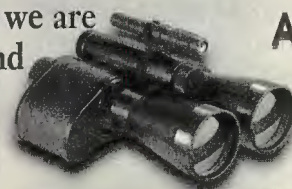


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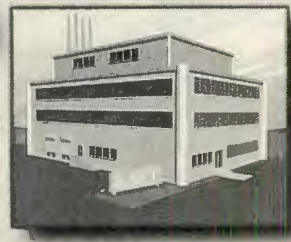


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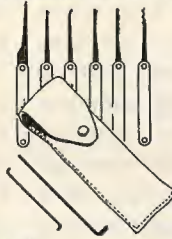
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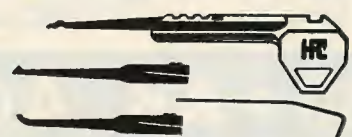


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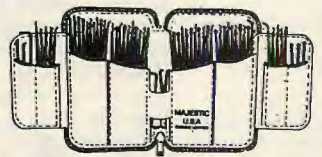


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John E.Hume
Dunellen,
New Jersey

PSEUDO-NAZIS, PSEUDO-MILITIAS

Last year you published an article about pseudo-Nazis in Germany. It was well written and very amusing. I was left with the good feeling that all can't be wrong with the world if what is supposed to pass as the national socialist German worker's party can only attract people who are scarcely able to goose-step and chew gum at the same time: pathetic creatures at best whose main accomplishments consist of acts of vandalism and beating up a few people in unfair fights.

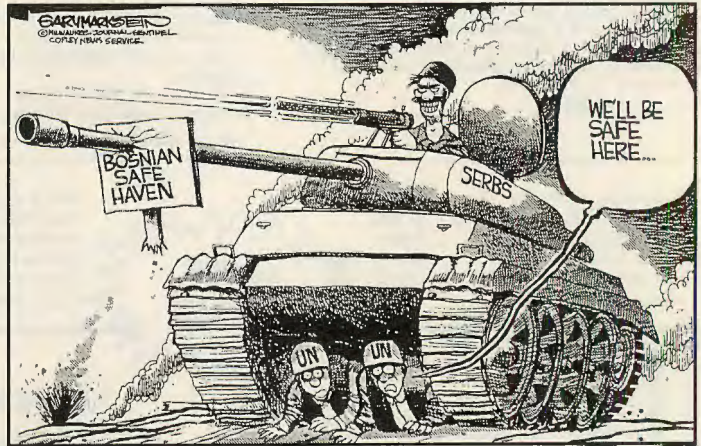
Then you publish the articles about some of these people who fancy themselves militia: Mark and Linda and so forth. Hmm ... I could be mistaken but I sure see some simi-

larities here. These crazies who are paranoid about the U.N. "taking over" America (like what the hell would they do with it even if they could) seem to have missed the point. The U.N. "Farces" in what used to be Yugoslavia can't even drive to the newsstand for a smut book without getting their asses kicked.

Ben Dover
Nebraska

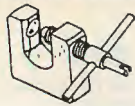
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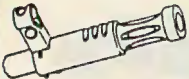
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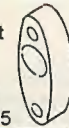
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Parabellum pistol was first introduced to the American public by *Soldier Of Fortune* more than 11 years ago ("Plastic Perfection," Oct. '84). Since that time more than 4,500 U.S. local law enforcement and federal agencies have adopted or authorized the Glock as a duty weapon. By any standards that's an astounding number. Glock pistols represent more than 50% of all new law enforcement handgun sales in this country. Law enforcement agencies and military units from more than two dozen other nations have also adopted the Glock. Hundreds of thousands have been sold



The incredible shrinking Glock, from top to bottom: original Model 17, Model 19 and Model 26 are all chambered for the 9mm Parabellum cartridge.

in the United States and worldwide.

The Glock series commenced with the Model 17, a pistol of service-sidearm size, chambered for the 9mm Parabellum cartridge, that was developed for the Austrian army trials and subsequently adopted by them. In 1988, a compact version of this pistol, the Model 19, appeared and quickly became quite popular in the United States. In May 1990 Glock made available two pistols chambered for the .40 S&W cartridge: the standard-size Model 22 and the compact Model 23. Their external dimensions duplicated exactly those of the Model 17 and Model 19, respectively. That same year, but in July, saw the introduction of the Glock Model 20 chambered for the 10mm Auto cartridge (already little more than a footnote in the history of handgun ammunition). In December 1990, Glock added the Model 21 to their line. Chambered for the .45 ACP cartridge, it has become a popular model, especially in competition pistol circles.

For several years now there have been persistent rumors that an ultra-compact Glock pistol was under development. And, in fact, a caliber .380 ACP Glock — the Model 25 — was recently presented to the European market. There are no plans to market this pistol in the United States, principally because its size and caliber preclude meeting the requirements imposed by the BATF's import "factoring" system.

However, there are now actually two baby Glock models available in the United States. Just announced by Glock Inc. (Dept. SOF, 6000 Highlands Parkway, Smyrna, GA 30082; phone: 404-432-1202, fax: 404-433-8719) are the Model 26, chambered for the 9mm Parabellum round, and the Model 27, chambered for .40 S&W cartridge.

SOF's test specimens of

the production series G26 and G27 (as they are called in the Glock catalog) have an overall length of 6.3 inches (actually the distance from the muzzle to the rear of the slide, a height (with sights and magazine in place) of 4.2 inches and a width of 1.2 inches. This is fully an inch shorter in length than the original Model 17 and 1.2 inches less in height. The barrel length is 3.5 inches. The weight, empty and without a magazine, is only 19.7 ounces. The G26 and G27 are, although thicker, no larger in length and height than either the Walther PPK or SIG-Sauer P230 .380 ACP pocket pistols. And the new Glocks come very close to the envelope of S&W's "J" frame revolvers.

As a consequence of the ban on magazines of greater capacity than 10 rounds, this is, in my opinion, exactly the envelope designers should strive for with handguns chambered for the 9mm Parabellum and .40 S&W cartridges. Large, difficult-to-conceal, service sidearms on the other hand should be dedicated to the more effective .45 ACP round. And, hopefully, Sarah Brady and Bill Clinton have unwittingly directed those firing in defense of their lives to concentrate on making the hit, rather than hosing down the general area with a large-capacity "wondernine."

Polymers And Politics

Since first imported to the United States, the Glock pistol has received a great deal of publicity concerning its

Modus Operandi

All models of the Glock pistols are short-recoil-operated, with the barrel locked to the slide by a single lug, which recesses into the ejection port in the manner of the SIG-Sauer series. During the recoil stroke, the barrel moves rearward approximately 3mm until the bullet leaves the barrel and pressures drop to a safe level. At this time the barrel drops downward, separating from the slide and terminating any further motion. The slide's continued rearward movement and counter-recoil cycle are those of the Browning types.

Hammerless and striker-fired, the Glock's trigger and firing pin mechanisms are innovative and mostly unique. There is no manually-operated safety or de-cocking lever. A so-called "Safe Action" trigger system, patterned after that encountered on the Sauer Behorden ("Authority") Model 1930 caliber 7.65mm pocket pistol, constitutes the first fail-safe. A wide, serrated outer trigger encompasses a small, spring-loaded inner trigger, both fabricated from polymer. The outer trigger cannot be actuated, such as by contact with a holster, unless the inner trigger is depressed first. Thus the trigger can be pulled only from the center, not the edges.



Glock Models 26 and 27 provide the same high levels of reliability, hit probability and accuracy potential as the larger versions in the Glock series.

A spring-loaded firing-pin safety in the slide blocks forward movement of the striker, and is raised and deactivated by a projection on the sheet-metal trigger bar as the trigger is pulled to its final rearward position.

When the trigger is in the forward position, the firing pin's spring remains lightly compressed. As the trigger is pulled 10mm through its first stage (with a pull weight of approximately 2.2 pounds) its full compression is almost complete. Removal of the finger from the trigger at this time will return the firing pin spring to its partially compressed, "relaxed"

and completely safe state. Continued pressure at this point will 1) draw the firing pin fully rearward and its spring into complete compression; and then 2) draw the T-shaped end of the trigger bar to its final rearward position in the trigger housing's stepped safety notch; so that 3) it is free to drop downward away from both the "connector" (sear) and a projection at the end of the striker to release the firing pin and fire the round.

The firing pin is rectangular in cross-section with a chisel-shaped tip. Although primers are left with an instantly identifiable indentation, the striker's unorthodox configuration produces less drag on the primer (diminishing the possibility of firing pin breakage) and concentrates its momentum onto a smaller area to ensure positive ignition. Fluted firing pin cups, which permit the Glock pistol to be fired underwater, are available to legitimate government agencies only. A stamped, sheet-metal ejector is permanently attached to the polymer trigger housing.

Further explanation of the connector is required. This sheet-metal component also serves as a disconnecter. When the slide moves forward in counter-recoil, a hump above the rail on the right side pushes the connector away from the trigger bar to prevent another round from being fired until the trigger is released and the trigger bar moves forward.

The angle between the connector's upper face and its bottom face determines the trigger pull weight of the second stage. An angle of 90 degrees will produce the standard pull weight of 5.5 pounds. A pull weight of 8 pounds is achieved by increasing the angle to 105 degrees (stamped with a "+"). A pull weight of 3.5 pounds, available only with the Long Slide Target Model 17, is obtained when the angle is reduced to 75 degrees (stamped with a "-"). At the request of the New York State Police, a small polymer and steel component was designed to increase the trigger pull weight. There are now two versions, both of which should be installed only with the 5.5-pound connector. The original version will produce a trigger pull of 7.5 to 8 pounds. The so-called New York "+" component will provide a pull weight of 10 to 11 pounds. If the pistol is to be stored for any length of time, the trigger should remain in the retracted position to remove all tension on the firing pin spring.

— P.G.K.

Model 26 And 27 Specifications



Glock Model 27 caliber .40 S&W pistol, completely disassembled.

high-impact polymer frame, which can withstand heat up to 400 degrees F. While many perceived this aspect of the design to be unique, it was not the first of its type, as Heckler & Koch's P9S pistol, which featured a frame consisting of a plastic trigger-guard/front-strap and a sheet-metal receiver, was introduced in the 1960s. Furthermore, the H&K VP70 machine pistol and VP70Z semiauto pistol equivalent, from this same time frame, had frames made entirely of plastic, although they were reinforced with steel at appropriate points. Because of its polymer frame, anti-gun politicians and their sympathetic media myrmidons contended that the Glock was invisible when passed through an X-ray screen. This was not true, as by weight the Glock pistol is 83% steel. It cannot pass through properly monitored metal detectors without notice.

Four steel guide rails (each about 0.4-inch in length) for the slide have been integrated into the injection-molded frame in pairs at the rear of the frame and above, and in front of the trigger guard. To meet BATF regulations, a steel plate carrying the serial number has been embedded into the frame in front of the trigger guard. The trigger guard is recurved and serrated. The grip-to-frame angle (that angle prescribed by a line perpendicular with the bore's axis and the front leading edge of the grip's front strap) of the entire Glock series is about 22 degrees, somewhat steeper than most competing designs. There is a non-slip, stippled surface and an incipient thumb rest (which adds

Caliber:	G26: 9mm Parabellum; G27: .40 S&W.
Operation:	Short recoil, barrel locks with single lug into ejection port, semiautomatic, hammerless, Safe Action double-trigger system with two additional internal automatic safeties.
Feed mechanism:	10-round (Model 26) and 9-round (Model 27), staggered-column, detachable box-type magazines with removable floorplate; polymer construction with steel liners, reinforcing plates and indicator holes.
Barrel:	Hexagonal rifling with a right-hand twist of one turn in 9.84 inches (250mm) for both 9mm Parabellum and .40 S&W.
Barrel length:	3.5 inches.
Overall length:	6.3 inches (the distance from the muzzle to the rear of the slide).
Height:	4.2 inches (with sights and magazine in place).
Width:	1.2 inches.
Weight, empty:	19.7 ounces; magazines: less than 2 ounces.
Sights:	Fixed polymer front sight with white dot; polymer adjustable rear sight. Optional self-luminous tritium front and rear sights.
Sight radius:	5.4 inches.
Metal finish:	Tennifer process — non-glare matte; 99% salt-water corrosion resistant; meets or exceeds stainless steel specifications.
Price:	\$609, complete with two magazines, magazine loader, cleaning rod, nylon bristle bore brush, rear sight adjustment tool and storage box; \$60 extra for self-luminous tritium sights.
Manufacturer:	Glock GmbH, Produkte aus Kunststoffe, Metallwaren und Holz, Dept. SOF, A2232 Deutsch-Wagram, Hausfeldstrasse 17, Austria.
Importer:	Glock Inc., Dept. SOF, 6000 Highlands Parkway, Smyrna, GA 30082; phone: 404-432-1202; fax: 313-341-2706.
T&E summary:	Long awaited ultra-compact versions. High-impact polymer frame and new recoil spring system reduce perceived recoil. Three safety systems eliminate the need for a manual thumb safety. Hammerless design eliminates need for hammer-drop lever. Highest possible level of reliability. Hit probability and accuracy potential also at high levels. Recommended without reservations of any kind for all law enforcement and self-defense applications — especially deep concealment.

points to the total required for acceptance under the BATF's import factoring system) on each side of the grip, and the rear strap is grooved and checkered. There are two finger grooves on the front strap to help secure the firing grip, as the abbreviated frame will not accommodate the little finger of a normal-sized hand.

The locking block, which engages a 45-degree camming surface on the barrel's lower lug, appears to be the only investment-cast component on any model of the Glock pistols. It has been shortened and relieved to ac-

cept a new recoil spring/guide rod system on the Models 26 and 27. It's retained in the frame by the same steel axis pin that holds the trigger and slide stop. The trigger housing is attached to the frame by means of a polymer pin. A spring-loaded, sheet-metal pressing serves as the slide stop, which is protected from accidental manipulation by a raised guard molded into the frame. The slide lock, operated by a single bent flat spring (shorter and with a different configuration on the Models 26 and 27), engages a step on the front of the barrel's



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Unique factory cutaway shows the Glock's spring-loaded firing-pin safety blocking the striker's forward movement.



The first step in separating the slide from the frame is to retract the slide about an 1/8-inch in the manner shown.

locking lug to prevent the slide and frame groups from parting company during the counter-recoil stroke. The magazine catch-release, another polymer component — located where it belongs, on the left side of the frame, directly to the rear of the trigger guard — is held in place by an uncoiled piece of spring steel. Both interior surfaces of the magazine-well's mouth have a beveled contour to assist in the insertion of magazines.

Distinctively rectangular in configuration, the slide is milled from bar stock using CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machinery. Model 26 and 27 slides only are beveled at the front end. Three hardening processes are employed on both the slide and barrel. The final tenifer finish,

ish, 0.04mm to 0.05mm in thickness, produces a patented 69 Rockwell Cone hardness (just below a diamond) by means of a nitride bath at 500 degrees Celsius. Scratches, which are in this instance no more than deposits from another object, can usually be removed with a cloth and solvent. This matte, non-glare finish is 99% salt-water corrosion resistant and meets or exceeds stainless steel specifications. It's also 80% more corrosion resistant than any hard-chrome finish.

Milled into both the top and right side of the slide, the Glock's large ejection port enhances functional reliability. A large claw extractor, fitted to the slide at the rear of the ejection port on the right side, main-

tains its tension from a spring-loaded plunger, which together with the firing pin assembly are held in place by a polymer backing plate. The cocking serrations on all Glock pistols are cut deeply and provide an excellent purchase when the slide is retracted.

As a further condescension to the BATF's import factoring system, the Glock Models 26 and 27 are equipped with polymer adjustable rear sights. The white-outline, open-square-notch rear sight rides on an elliptical cam and will move up to its maximum elevation point and then back down as the adjustment screw is turned clockwise. There is a windage adjustment screw to the right of the elevation screw, both on the right side of the rear sight's base. The white-dot front sight is also a polymer component, which will wear down during repeated practice of the drawstroke. In my opinion, both of these sights should be replaced by steel, fixed combat sights as provided by either Wayne Novak or Richard Heinie. The sight radius is 5.4 inches.

Glock's hammer-forged barrels are innovative. Called "hexagonal," the rifling lies somewhere between conventional land-and-groove and H&K's "polygonal" bores. The rifling's hexagonal profile (in cross-section a series

Disassembly Procedures

While somewhat different from the norm, there is nothing complex about the Glock's disassembly procedures. First, remove the magazine and any round in the chamber. Then, and only then, pull the trigger. Wrap the four fingers of the right hand over the slide, from the right side with the thumb wrapped around the rear of the frame, and retract the slide about an 1/8-inch (any more than that and the trigger will move forward to prevent separation of the slide and frame). Pull the slide lock downward with the thumb and index finger of the left hand. While the slide lock is down, push the slide forward and off the frame. Push the guide rod forward and remove the rod and recoil spring assembly. Push the barrel forward, lift up and pull it back out of the slide. No further disassembly is recommended. The additional reinforcing cross pin through the frame, directly in back of the locking block, which was introduced with the .40 S&W Glock Models 22 and 23 is present on both the Models 26 and 27. It provides additional support for the locking block and prevents it from driving back and down to damage the polymer frame. Those qualified for detailed disassembly of the Glock series must remember that this locking block pin must be removed first and re-installed before the slide stop lever, since the slide stop lever spring rests on this cross pin.

Do not attempt to manipulate the trigger system after the slide has been removed or you may damage the inner trigger's spring. Reassemble in the reverse order. To disassemble the magazine, merely squeeze the side walls at the base, and with a punch depress the projection on the polymer follower-spring-backing-plate and slide off the floorplate.

— P.G.K.

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"Show time!"

Those two words launched the deadliest publicity stunt in our nation's law enforcement history, a reckless Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attack on a heavily armed religious retreat outside Waco, Texas. Unfortunately, "show time" also describes this summer's Capitol Hill hearings, ostensibly aimed at figuring out why so much could go so wrong and kill so many; how an administration supposedly dedicated to human rights would allow its police agencies to use military machinery to wage war on innocent civilians, most of them women and children.

If Waco has become a symbol of government out of control, the July hearings on that tragic topic further demonstrated the Republican majority's lack of command presence in Congress. The 10 days of testimony, held jointly by two House of Representatives subcommittees, were simply one more federal government operation gone miserably awry; one more example of self-serving public servants trying to put a happy face on a sad case, not admit mistakes, declare victory (remember "Peace With Honor?") and look good on television while doing it.

Like the ATF's hopes for media glory in Waco, the House hearings did not turn out like the Republicans planned.

Skillful Spin Control

Ably led by a stalwart GOP foe, U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer (the anti-gun New York Democrat who skillfully rallied the outnumbered party faithful to defend the Clinton administration), the minority liberals bamboozled the fumbling, ill-prepared Republicans. The GOP buffoons lamely attempted scintillating sound bites, most directed less at homing in on oversight responsibilities than in chalking up cheap points for the next presidential election. If the Waco hearings were supposed to launch Republican aspirations to unseat President Clinton, they lifted off like a lead balloon.

"The Republicans ... simply blew it," wrote Samuel Francis, a nationally syndicated conservative columnist. "The hearings accomplished nothing. Why did this happen? It happened for essentially one simple reason. The Republicans ... didn't much

care that some 80 innocent people were slaughtered by the federal government or its bungling, nor that the agencies involved in the massacre were and remain out of control, nor that the swollen bureaucracy of the federal police exercises a degree of power unrecognized by the Constitution...

"For all the trumpet-blowing about equal rights for all, the federal police regiments know full well that there are some people on the fringes of

manders in the Waco debacle.

In a city where government perjuries bloom as freely as cherry blossoms in the spring, Department of Justice spokesman Carl Stern later confirmed that government investigators are considering indictments against Chojnacki and Sarabyn for lying under oath. Soon after the botched raid of 28 February 1993, Chojnacki and Sarabyn told investigators from the Department of Treasury, of which ATF is a part, that

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Waco Hearings Leave Many Questions, Find Few Answers

American society to whom [they] can do pretty much anything they want," Francis concluded. "That is the real lesson of Waco and Randy Weaver, a lesson no Republican and no Democrat has ever learned or even shown much interest in learning..."

Indeed, "the politician-questioners seemed hopelessly ignorant of their subject matter," columnist Lewellyn H. Rockwell Jr. wrote in *The Washington Times*. "Perhaps they didn't have the time or incentive to become experts in this subject. But it takes an expert to outwit bureaucrats defending their turf, which is their full-time job.

The hearings were not totally lacking in merit, however. Lewis C. Merletti, deputy director of the Treasury Department's review team that wrote the Waco report, testified during the House hearings that felony charges could be considered against Phil Chojnacki and Chuck Sarabyn, the ATF's two raid com-

undercover agent Robert Rodriguez failed to properly notify them that religious sect leader David Koresh, sought on weapons charges, knew a raid was imminent.

Lawman Liars

In emotional sworn testimony, both at a criminal trial of 11 Koresh followers last year and during congressional hearings in the latter half of July, Rodriguez called Chojnacki and Sarabyn what no congressman dared: liars. Rodriguez said he was very explicit in warning Sarabyn that Koresh and others at Mount Carmel, home of the Seventh-day Adventist sect known as Branch Davidians, knew lawmen were about to strike.

"Chuck, they know, Chuck," Rodriguez told Sarabyn by phone less than an hour before the raid, Rodriguez testified at the hearing. "They know. They know we're coming." Rodriguez then explained to Sarabyn that Koresh had been warned

by a follower, who had been informed by a television news cameraman asking directions to Mount Carmel. Sarabyn then asked if the undercover agent had seen any guns (he had not) and what Koresh was wearing, and that was the end of the conversation, Rodriguez testified. Chojnacki and Sarabyn later told Texas Rangers David Maxwell and Coy Smith that they had no indication at all that Koresh was aware of the imminent raid, and that Rodriguez was to blame for the raid's stupendous failure. They later testified that what Rodriguez said was "too vague" to suggest they should call off the raid.

"These two men know what I told them," an emotional Rodriguez blurted out at the hearings, glaring down at the witness table at the two men. "They knew exactly what I meant. They lied to the public..."

After almost a year on paid administrative leave, Chojnacki and Sarabyn were fired, accused in the Treasury investigation report of lying and unfairly trying to divert blame for the disaster to Rodriguez. In a still-mysterious and unexplained move two months later, the pair were reinstated with ATF, awarded back pay and their attorneys' fees. Government sources continue to insist that the only leverage Chojnacki and Sarabyn had to win back their jobs was their agreement to remain silent about which top-level Washington official, after Rodriguez' warning had been received, gave the final go-ahead for the raid.

Although a log entry shows Chojnacki used his cellular telephone to call someone in the Treasury Department in the moments before the ill-fated raid began, Chojnacki testified at the hearing that he now does not remember making the call. It's a good bet that the prospect of prison time on a perjury conviction will jog his memory a bit. Chojnacki's supposedly poor recall is about as credible as Sarabyn's answer about who, if anyone, had a copy of the arrest and search warrants during the raid.

Under questioning by U.S. Rep.

Ed Bryant of Tennessee, one of the few Republicans with enough testicular fortitude to ask probing questions or make informed follow-up, Sarabyn offered this dog-ate-my-homework explanation:

Bryant: "I do understand now, for the first time, that you did not intend to knock on that door ... and ... serve the warrant. You planned to kick the door down."

Sarabyn: "They always announce when they're going through the



In a 19 April press conference, Attorney General Janet Reno took responsibility for the decision to fire tear gas into the Davidian compound near Waco. She may be the only fed who cares about the outcome, but was she the only one responsible?

smashed door."

Bryant: "Do you know what happened to those warrants?"

Sarabyn: "What happened to those warrants? They probably got shot up. They were sitting on the seat of the truck, and then they got new ones after that."

Right, Chuck. It was one of the few times during the hearings, in which 94 witnesses were called to

give more than 100 hours of testimony, that Republican and Democrat antagonists agreed wholeheartedly on something: Chuck Sarabyn and Phil Chojnacki should be fired permanently from federal employment.

Comedic Relief

There were a few merciful moments of comic relief in the hearings. U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee, a Texas Democrat and Seventh-day Adventist who took pains to distance herself from her fellow religionists, the Branch Davidians, referred to the law forbidding the involvement of the U.S. military in civilian law enforcement as "the Posse 'Kamikaze' Act." She meant Posse Comitatus Act, although given the grand scale of ATF's blunder, her term is more accurately descriptive.

No doubt, though, Jackson-Lee said exactly what she meant, although it may have been a Freudian slip, when greeting two Texas Rangers who testified. Visually surveying the Texas-sized stature typical of Rangers, she demurred, then noted that "You gentlemen look like you're well fed and well-endowed."

Not batting an eyelash, the Rangers nodded solemnly.

To her credit, at least Jackson-Lee's questions had entertainment, if not probative, value. For the most part, spectators at the hearings "heard slow-

pitch questions that seemed to have been written by 22-year old political groupies who would otherwise have been answering constituent mail," columnist Rockwell observed. "The format was predestined to frustrate." Chairman Bill McCollum ... allowed just five minutes of questioning per committee member. The politicians' interpretation: five minutes of television time; better look my best; better not

stir up trouble; better be respectful if I want to have a future in this town.

"But five minutes gives the advantage to liars, even when rigorously questioned," Rockwell wrote. "To get to the truth you need lengthy, systematic and knowledgeable questioning. When it's bureaucrats you're dealing with, better plan on hours and days."

The Republicans allowed themselves to be backed into the five-minute rule by persistent barrages from Democrats, led by Schumer, who daily insisted that the hearings had been "hijacked" by the National Rifle Association of America, and that the hearings were "politically motivated." And what congressional hearings, pray tell, are *not* politically motivated? Not a single Republican had the gumption or brains to ask. Nor did McCollum, nor his hearing co-chairman, New Hampshire Republican Bill Zeff, nor any other member defend the NRA's right to due process, like any other political advocacy group. The Republicans allowed the Democrats to marginalize the NRA, as if an organization that represents 3.5-million voters is some kind of fringe terrorist group on the order of Abu Nidal. The gov-loving, Clintonista news media feasted on the political carnage.

Some old-line liberals, however, were true to the cause of civil liberty, recognizing the evil hypocrisy of the Demo(n)crats and refusing to follow the neo-liberal herd to the apparently greener grasses of police state socialism. Most notable was a former *Washington Post* columnist, Nicholas von Hoffman, who opined from that august pinnacle of social enlightenment that "in an unlooked-for change of costume, President Clinton turned up the other day wearing his chief of police hat to tell us in so many words that, if there was ever a bunch fit for roasting alive, it was the reprehensible Branch Davidians ... [who] ... were looked down upon as trailer-trash religionists, offshoots of the reprehensible snake-handling branch of fundamentalist Christianity..."

"The school of theological law enforcement ... has it that the members of the Branch Davidian congregation were mesmerized, hypnotized and soul-sucked by the charismatically criminal Koresh," von Hoffman wrote. "This Panhandle Moses took

over a religion to slake his vile appetites and those dumb idiots in the pews let 'im. Anyone who takes the Bible word for word ought to be made a ward of the government..."

"Anyone with misgivings about the events on that God-forsaken, arid spot of Texas prairie is dismissed as a conspiracy theorist. The hoity toity use quasi-medical terms like 'paranoid' to discredit their opponents," he wrote. "It is supposed to endow a case-closed, medico-scientific certainty to their political opinions. But often, the conspiracy one chooses to believe in has more to do with social class, ethnic and religious affiliation than with whether or not

reau of Investigation's arguments, for instance, are specious: We were afraid of a suicide pact, *but we didn't think they'd try to kill themselves*. We called out a Dallas hospital burn unit on standby, *but we didn't have fire trucks on standby because we didn't expect a fire*. We were in charge, *but we're not responsible for what happened*. We made no mistakes, *and we've taken corrective measures to make sure nothing like this ever happens again*. Which way is it?

The biggest blunder by Republicans was allowing the testimony of 14-year-old Kiri Jewell, who claimed to have been taken by Koresh as a sexual partner at age 10. Again,



Phillip Chojnacki, former BATF SAC in Houston, testifies before the recent joint House subcommittee's hearings on the Waco tragedy. At left is Chuck Sarabyn, who was in charge of raid. Both were fired, then reinstated with back pay and legal fees. Will they now be tried for perjury?

anyone is hatching a plot..."

GOP Drops The Ball

The main reason the Democrats were successful at putting a pro-government spin on the hearings is because the Republicans allowed it. The purpose of the hearings was not to debate the social acceptability of Koresh's sexual practices, which have been a non-jurisdictional red herring throughout this sad saga, but to evaluate the government's conduct, determine who the decision-makers were and assign blame. The Federal Bu-

Koresh's sexual practices were not a proper topic for a federal government law enforcement oversight hearing. And the Republicans never had the guts to question her questionable testimony. One daily newspaper journalist, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard of the *London Sunday Telegraph*, did, and his inquiry raises serious doubt about Jewell's credibility.

Kiri Jewell "had not been a resident in the compound — despite press reports to the contrary," Evans-Pritchard reported. "She was living with her mother and grandmother in

California for most of the years in question," although her sworn testimony gave the distinct impression that she was a longtime resident at Mount Carmel. Her father, David Jewell, who throughout her testimony stroked the small of her back with two fingers in a most intimate way, "is a man of questionable character. He abandoned Kiri in Jamaica when she was an infant, has had a series of unstable marriages and was arrested in 1988 for failure to pay child support."

The allegation of sexual abuse arose in a custody battle between Jewell and his former wife, who subsequently died in the inferno at Mount Carmel. That context makes the allegation at least questionable. Also, a 14-year-old reading a prepared text to a congressional committee raises the question of who prepared said text. Was it her father, who has been shamelessly shopping his daughter's sordid tale around the lucrative TV talk show circuit, or was it someone in the Justice Department? Nobody bothered to ask. But when Kiri Jewell raised her hand and took the oath on the first day of the hearings, the Republicans might just as well as raised the white flag in the battle for truth.

A Jury Would Be Grand

However desirable and just they might be, perjury convictions against Chojnacki and Sarabyn are mighty small game for such a big, expensive hunt. The House hearings were like going on African safari and coming home with a couple of jack rabbits. There are many above them in the federal food chain that deserve grand jury scrutiny, including former ATFers Dan Hartnett, Dan Conroy and Steve Higgins; FBI agents Dick Rogers and Larry Potts, all the way up to Attorney General Janet Reno. Her survival



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Picture of an honest cop: BATF Special Agent Robert Rodriguez, undercover man at the Davidian compound, testifies at recent joint House subcommittee hearings that he told Chuck Sarabyn the raid had been compromised. William Buford of BATF's Little Rock, Arkansas, office look on.

of Waco is no less amazing than the few hapless souls who stumbled burnt and beaten from the raging fire.

Although Reno skated quite skillfully around the polite little trip-ups tossed at her in the hearing, some legal experts still believe she has legal culpability for her decision to end the 51-day standoff, despite warnings from several hearing witnesses who testified that the Justice Department was told such precipitous action would likely initiate a tragedy.

"Overwhelming evidence that the Davidians started the fires in which 21 children perished does not preclude a finding that federal officials were also responsible for the deaths," Paul N. Savot, a law professor and former prosecutor from Walnut Creek, California, said in a letter published in *The New York Times*. "The law of causation regards A's conduct as the legal cause of B's death if (1) B would not have died but for A's conduct

and (2) B's death was reasonably foreseeable by A...

"If it was reasonably foreseeable that a gas attack on the compound would result in mass suicide, as the evidence suggests, Ms. Reno's failure to appreciate that risk to the children would constitute negligence and justify a verdict of guilty on 21 counts of involuntary manslaughter," Savot concluded.

At this writing, in the opinion of this writer, Waco hearings in the U.S. Senate seem an uncertainty, at best. The man who would make that decision, an erstwhile churchman from Utah, Orrin Hatch, may have sold his soul to the FBI. So, barring new revelations about Waco, these

may be the last words I write about the subject for some time.

The very first lines I wrote about Waco, appearing in these pages two-and-a-half years ago, were a quote from American statesman, scientist and philosopher Benjamin Franklin, whose wisdom and integrity have been seldom seen since then, but are sorely needed now. Succinctly summing up the Waco tragedy, and our inability as a nation to come to terms with it, his prescient words still ring true in Waco's horrible aftermath. As such, I offer them again, as a fitting epitaph:

"The absent are never without fault, nor the present without excuse."

Former staffer James L. Pate was at the Waco compound during the siege, at the subsequent trials of surviving Davidians, and at the recent House hearings in Washington. His Waco coverage earned him the Mencken award. ✕

HARD ROAD TO SARAJEVO

Serbs employ all manner and caliber of guns in their attempt to strangle Sarajevo. Large caliber machine guns and 20mm rapid fire cannons are among the most feared due to their accuracy and high rate of fire.

Art Zomur/Gamma

SOF Team Runs Murderous Gauntlet So Firefighters Can Breathe Easy

by John Hogan

Photos by Mark H. Milstein

Most of the artillery explosions and white-hot arcs of large caliber tracer bullets were a few kilometers behind us on the Sarajevo skyline. Stuck in the suburbs of the city, we'd been lying for many hours, uncomfortably bound in flak jackets, in a sandbagged truck bed and were numb to the much closer AK-47 fire.

As long as no bullets pinged into the steel of our truck, no one in our party seemed too concerned about the random combat. Basically all 12 of us in the truck were tired enough and wet enough that we could give a fuck less about who got greased as long as it wasn't us. That all changed suddenly when a Serbian .50 caliber

opened up on us. It was a 50 caliber — Ma Deuce — and it was coming at us in large orange tracers that looked to be as big as footballs.

The rounds were huge, hot and coming irretrievably toward our soft-skinned truck and softer-skinned bodies. No one said "Hail Mary" or "Holy Shit" until later. Instead of words, all of the available air was being used: It was full of knees and elbows scrambling to shove ourselves deeper into the truck bed. In fact no one said anything for a long time, not even Bob Brown, who only moments before had been amusing himself by dictating a play by play of the action into a tape recorder. All we could do

during the long split second was to listen to the rude belch of the big machine gun and count the huge tracers going overhead. There was one, two, three, four and five, and since the tracers were loaded as every fifth round in the machine gun belt, we had just had 20 to 25 big ones directed at us. Any one of those rounds could remove a head or an arm or a leg — most of us had seen it done in other places.

I judged that the gun position was about 500 meters out. The only reason we weren't exposed was that there was an earth berm between us. Unfortunately, we were unarmed; a Springfield Armory Super Match



Low speed, high drag: SOF team hunkers in back of big white Leyland truck as it negotiates "Sniper Alley."



Twenty Scott Air-Paks are loaded on truck prior to long haul over Mount Igman and into Sarajevo.



Major destruction was encountered along most of the route into Sarajevo with bridges and other infrastructure just now being rebuilt.

M1A had been left behind in Sarajevo. If we had it, we might have gone into the night looking for Ma Deuce. The weather was perfect for it.

The silence was broken by John Jordan, who was laughing. He was laughing not like "ha-ha, this is humorous," he was laughing like "ha-ha, I'm overjoyed because we skated on this one." He said, "The fucker knows we are here but he can't quite get low enough to get us. His gun is mounted in a concrete bunker and unless he takes it off the mount and moves out of the bunker he can't get to us."

That was not particularly comforting, since we were blocked in by a gaggle of other trucks and the Serb might in fact decide that we were worth the trouble, but then again it was raining. Certainly shooting up a white truck that looked like it belonged to the United Nations was not worth getting wet over. But if the Serb had known that the 13 men in the truck were Americans and Canadians who had just smuggled in some critical items right under their very noses they probably would have devoted a lot more effort toward killing us. If they had known that John Jordan was with us, the Serbs might well have sent a commando unit after us or at the very least called in an air strike. Jordan has killed some Serb soldiers and has done considerable damage to the Serb cause in other ways. It was Jordan's fault that all of us were sitting ducks at the base of Mount Igman.

Real-Life John Wayne

John Jordan is close to being a real-life John Wayne; now 38, he served seven years in the U.S. Marines and looks the part. He's 6 feet 4 inches, about 250 pounds, and has the look of an aging Irish boxer, which, on balance, is what he is when he isn't working heavy construction in Rhode Island or serving as chief of a group of volunteer firefighters trying to save lives in the blown-up and bullet-riddled streets of Sarajevo.

In 1992 after seeing television coverage of Sarajevo firefighters being fired on by snipers, Jordan resolved to do something about it. After getting permission from the Bosnian mission to the United Nations, he began hauling men and equipment into

Sarajevo to help them. Working in Sarajevo over the past few years, Jordan's helped save the lives of a number of civilians and U.N. workers. For a time he and his volunteer firefighters and paramedics enjoyed the protection and help of the United Nations but, according to Jordan, after U.N. forces failed one too many times to protect him and his people, he began shooting back at the Serbs. He says his team has had to eliminate six Serb snipers so far, and that fact has angered the Serbs and alienated the muckamucks at U.N. headquarters.

SOF has long supported Jordan's Global Operation Fire and Rescue Services (GOFRS), and when Jordan found out that Bob Brown was planning a trip to Bosnia and Croatia, he asked for help that the United Nations would not give — getting some equipment to Bosnian firefighters in Sarajevo. Scott Air, the company that manufactures the backpack breathing apparatus used by firefighters while they are inside burning buildings, agreed to donate 20 Air-Paks to the Sarajevo Fire Department and Jordan was looking for a way to get them in. *SOF* agreed to pay the cost of freighting the Air-Paks on DHL and Jordan's airfare into Zagreb, Croatia. Jordan was to bring along enough U.S. volunteer firemen, who paid their own way, to help hump the Air-Paks over the mountain and into Sarajevo.

D.H. Hell

Initially, everything went smoothly without much planning until the Zagreb DHL office notified Jordan that even though the Air-Paks had arrived, they would not be released to him. DHL manager Milan Percic told Jordan, "This is not America, this is our country. In Croatia you must follow our procedures. If you fill out papers and pay customs duties maybe you



Head honcho of GOFRS, John Jordan, and his beloved M1A have made the Serb "hit" list for their work in aiding the Bosnians.

can have your shipment in two or three weeks."

Jordan produced his documentation proving that it was humanitarian aid merely being transported across Croatia to Bosnia and then on to Sarajevo, but Mr. Percic, full of himself with his authority and, according to Jordan, not willing to be intimidated by America or Americans, wouldn't budge. In fact, he became even nastier, refusing to reveal the

procedural secrets of navigating Croatian customs, or to help in any other way.

Unless some way could be figured out to spring the \$45,000 in Air-Paks, the entire mission would have to be scrubbed. No one could wait two weeks, and besides, everyone knew from watching CNN that after taking Srebrenica and Zepa the Serbs would probably increase pressure on Sarajevo, and we might not ever be able to get the Air-Paks in. Jordan notified Brown, who was waiting in Split, the assembly point for the war in Bosnia. One of Brown's team, who had a few connections, flew up to Zagreb. After he and an old friend, who is highly placed in the Croatian equivalent of the CIA, shared coffee with Jordan, both DHL and Croatian Customs got a call notifying them that it would be a good idea if they arranged for Jordan to take immediate delivery of the Air-Paks.

When Jordan returned to the DHL office, Mr. Percic was extraordinarily helpful, and was suddenly anxious to immediately sort out all the details. "This guy," commented Jordan, "acts like somebody really rang his bell. His attitude has completely changed."

After the Air-Paks were released, there was the problem of how to transport them and eight firemen to the bus station in downtown Zagreb. Jordan, in the style of John Wayne, solved the problem. Within a few minutes, two blonde U.S. Air Force nurses appeared in a Humvee ambulance. Jordan put his arm around the senior nurse and told her what he'd like to do if her husband and his wife wouldn't find out, then all of the firefighters and gear were loaded.

That still left the problem of how to get the Air-Paks from Split to the jump off point on the



SOF honcho Bob Brown looks satisfied after his latest mission to bring in Scott Air-Paks (yellow canister) to Sarajevo went off without anyone getting killed.

forward slope of Mount Igman above Sarajevo. Jordan's luck held however, when Bob Barrett arrived at the Split airport from England. Barrett, a firefighter with the Essex, England, Fire Department, runs an international aid organization in his off hours called Fireman's Relief Aid.

20mm Close Call

Barrett's organization is known in Croatia and Bosnia for doing something firemen routinely do in their work — take chances in tough places. In late 1992, everywhere in Bosnia was dangerous and difficult to get to, so Fireman's Relief got the aid into places where most similar organizations feared to go. At the start of 1994, many organizations were filling warehouses in the tamer areas of Bosnia but not many were going into Sarajevo. That city, left with perhaps 150,000 inhabitants, was wholly dependent on airlifted aid, and nothing came in over the road or when the airport was closed.

Since that time, Barrett has personally driven numerous tons of supplies down Mount Igman and into Sarajevo. On one trip down Mount Igman a 20mm round passed between Barrett and his assistant driver, and destroyed the engine block of his truck.

Within an hour or so after arriving, Barrett was able to borrow a large British Leland-manufactured 2 1/2-ton truck from one of the NGOs hauling shampoo and soap up to the refugee centers in Tuzla. The beast was ex-British army of the exact type still being used by British U.N. forces. It was painted white just like Brit army, it was left-side steering for use outside the United Kingdom, it had a hole in the roof for access to a long absent machine-gun mount, and for good measure there was a large British Union Jack decal pasted on the middle of the dashboard. Fortunately, the tires looked pretty fair and there were no bullet holes in it — yet.

That evening everyone packed very carefully. There was not enough room for more than the essentials we would need if we got caught on the mountain or had to stay in Sarajevo for a while longer than expected. What that meant was two canteens, poncho and poncho liner, spare socks and skivvies, flashlight, lots of batteries, plenty of rope to lash on the items we might have to hump and a variety of aged U.S. government rations collectively known by the generic name of "Ham and Motherfuckers," all of it stuffed into a medium Alice rucksack.

Around 0900 the next morning 13 men dressed in blue GOFRS uniforms loaded the Scott Air-Paks, one medium Alice rucksack per man, plus web gear and four large plastic boxes of medicine on board the big white

keep us alive until he got around to working on us. Toward that end he distributed plastic bottles of Saline or Ringers solution to most of us along with the appropriate IV lines and needles. All of us needed to be equipped to start an IV on ourselves or someone else, Rodriguez said, in case the whole truckload of us got our day ruined by a direct hit.

Passing into Bosnia was routine and uneventful: The big Leyland was waved through by the Croatian border police and on the other side by the Bosnian Croatian border police, who wear identical uniforms and pretend to be unrelated. The fact is that part of Bosnia is controlled by the Croatian government in Zagreb, but for the sake of appearances they pretend to be controlled by the Bosnian Muslim government in Sarajevo.

Where's The War?

The Croatian controlled part of Bosnia, which is designated on the maps as the region of Herzegovina, is prosperous and growing. Hardly any sign of the war is visible. Most of the damage that was done has been repaired, and recently sleepy villages are boasting new gas stations, convenience stores and hotels probably funded by

war profiteering or official corruption. The dividing line between Croatian Bosnia and Muslim Bosnia is the Neretva River passing through the center of the city of Mostar. West Mostar, the Croatian part, vaguely resembles Paris, but the eastern part, the Muslim side, more closely resembles fire-bombed Dresden. For a year the Serbs rained artillery on the whole city with the East catching the brunt of it, and then both the Croatians and Serbs bombarded East Mostar for about nine months while the Muslims lived underground.

As soon as we crossed the American Bailey bridge over the river, everyone knew that the war had begun for us. The people were gaunt and gray, and the Austro-Hungarian ar-



Firemen of the Sarajevo FD try on the new equipment graciously donated by the Scott company in the United States.

Leyland. The medicines — about \$10,000 worth — were collected by Doc Rodriguez, a Special Forces medic who worked with Bob Brown off and on going back to 1969. Brown, who met the doc at his Special Forces team camp A-334 at Tong Le Chon, had worked with Rodriguez at other places in Asia, as well as in Central and South America. Rodriguez's specialty is trauma, and he is an expert in field anesthesiology.

"I can put you out in a shell hole," said the doc, "fast enough for the surgeon to filet you and then bring you out of it fast enough to catch the medevac."

Doc said he had enough medicine to completely treat 40 gunshot wounds and enough IV solutions to

chitecture was full of artillery holes. Following the Neretva River north toward Sarajevo, every bridge had been blown by the Muslims to keep the Serbs, and for a time the Croats, from crossing to attack East Mostar. The road detoured over temporary bridges, and at one point we had to wait for traffic to clear a single lane bridge protected by a lone Malaysian soldier. As we waited, a civilian car slowed down to a crawl and the driver, his face contorted with what can only be described as sincere hatred, spat at us and flipped us the middle finger salute. Clearly he had us mistaken for the United Nations, an organization that had only recently abandoned thousands of his countrymen — men, women and children — to be slaughtered in ditches along the roads leading from Zepa and Srebrenica. A number of the young women were reported to have committed suicide rather than be captured by Serbs. The United Nations had simply walked away from these cities that they had so staunchly declared as “safe areas.”

At Jablenica, a ragged Muslim in civilian clothes armed with an RPD squad automatic weapon jumped into a banged-up Fiat police car and followed us through the city. I thought for a moment that he was there to give us trouble, but upon reflection he was probably seeing to it that the U.N. people were not murdered in his jurisdiction.

The closer we got to Sarajevo the more obvious war damage became in the otherwise placid green rural landscape. Here and there a few houses showed hits from heavy machine guns or perhaps from a tank main gun. In every town and village there were skinny men of all ages outfitted in well-worn camouflage who seemed to be going somewhere.

Barrett's organization maintained a transfer point at Tarcin on the reverse slope of Mount Igman, some

30 kilometers from Sarajevo. A team of Sarajevo firemen was supposed to be waiting at Tarcin to help carry the medicine and Air-Paks over the mountain. Both for reasons of operational security and flexibility, Jordan had given the Sarajevo fire chief a fairly broad window. He and his men were supposed to show up each day for three consecutive days between 1300 and 1800. It was day two and they had not shown up either day for some reason. In addition we no longer had the third day to play with.

It was Thursday and we had been given fairly dependable information that the Croats intended to kick off a major offensive on Monday. In the Balkans, intelligence information is usually low grade, but if the

Velcro closures tight on the flak vests and the few that had them strapped on helmets. Getting hit was becoming a stronger possibility. Doc Rodriguez double-checked the paramedics and made certain everyone understood that the main objective was to stop the bleeding and start the intravenous solution pushing in to replace the lost blood; the rest could hopefully be sorted out at a hospital.

Breakdown Ridge

The checkpoint controlling access to the Mount Igman road held us for a few minutes; it was probably more to see if they could extract a bottle of



Above: Todd Bayless points to the window shattered by a sniper bullet on the disabled fire truck he was “driving,” and (left) U.N. volunteer fireman Richard Collins shows GOFRS personnel the body armor that's saved him four times from Serb sniper fire.

offensive did happen, the Serbs would be certain to make things tougher on Sarajevo — which might include increasing the barrage on the city and laying in some concentrated artillery on Mount Igman. If that happened we would probably be trapped in wonderful Sarajevo for a few weeks or perhaps even a few months.

The trick was either to scrub the mission and go home, or try to get in and get out of Sarajevo by Monday. There was no way that we could go in on foot and meet that schedule, so it was decided by Jordan that we should drive the big white Leyland down the mountain and take our chances with everything that could go wrong, including the infamous 20mm that had nearly killed Barrett.

Everyone solemnly pulled the

Scotch from us in exchange for passage rather than for any sort of official document check. As we drove through that gate and another one a few kilometers up the road, the guards shook their heads and stared at us until we passed over the hill. I knew they were asking themselves how long this bunch of gringos might stay alive trying to run a highly visible white truck over Mount Igman almost under the muzzles of the Serb guns.

The Igman road wound upward through a forest of pine and aspen trees that looks much like Colorado or Wyoming. The track used to be a logging road and even after it was widened remains too narrow to allow large vehicles to pass. Several times

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FREE SPEECH FIREFIGHT

Will The Last Firebase Fall To U.S. Park Service?

Text & Photos by Steve Hirsch



Finding a park ranger

on a hot July morning turned out to be a good thing. I was looking for booths where POW/MIA groups sell T-shirts, hand out information and supposedly create a “flea market” atmosphere near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and I was having serious trouble finding them. Even after locating five of the seven vendors clustered together near the Lincoln Memorial, there was no way to tell if I was anywhere near the other two.

Fortunately, the park ranger was able to help out. She told me I was heading in the right direction and that although I couldn't see any sign of them, they were near the trees up ahead. So much for the throngs of sellers and customers choking traffic at the Wall.

The vendors I was looking for are part of a group of POW/MIA (and other) organizations locked in a legal battle with the federal government over an Interior Department move to ban the sale of T-shirts in District of

Columbia area parks — including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The department's ban was issued because the government claimed these booths and the resulting commercialism were turning our national parks into flea markets.

The government's regulation is aimed ostensibly at preventing commercial — as opposed to non-profit — vendors from turning national parks within the nation's capital into shopping malls. Organizations challenging the rule in court claim it is

an overbroad and unconstitutional restriction on their First Amendment rights and an illegal infringement on their fund-raising activities. The case is now awaiting decision, but an appeal is expected regardless of the outcome. In the meantime, a court order allows the shirt sales to continue pending a ruling.

The outcome of the court case is crucial to POW/MIA groups. It will determine whether activities that serve as an important means to disseminate their message and raise funds are protected by the First Amendment, as they claim, or can be barred from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial by the U.S. Park Service. Beyond the surface First Amendment question, some Vietnam veteran activists see the regulation as part of a government campaign to crush the POW/MIA movement. Sales of newspapers, leaflets and pamphlets have been allowed in the parks since 1976. The category grew to include message-bearing T-shirts, bumper stickers, buttons and posters sold in connection with demonstrations. However, construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial changed everything. One-day demonstrations — and T-shirt sales — became a continuous affair at the Wall.

Fearing it was getting out of con-



The Park Service claims the ban is necessary because T-shirt sales cause "discordant commercialism" and create a "flea market" atmosphere in the Washington area.

trol, the Park Service proposed banning T-shirt sales in the park. Ironically, the publicity surrounding the proposal alerted commercial vendors to the prospect of selling shirts in the park if they claimed to have a political message. Applications for demonstration permits took off. The ensuing explosion of T-shirt sales, in-

cluding sales by commercial vendors with little or no connection to demonstrations, was used as evidence of the problem.

According to Interior's Assistant Solicitor Rick Robbins, the purpose of the parks is to make sure people can express and exchange views. At the same time, though, he says, a balance has to be maintained.

Point, Counterpoint

Arguments on both sides are straightforward. The groups suing the government claim the ban violates the First Amendment because the shirts are a protected form of speech. Such protection does not disappear just because the shirts are being sold. Further, they claim, the government cannot transform national parks into a non-public area for the purpose of barring protected speech at those locations.

The Park Service claims the ban is necessary because T-shirt sales cause "discordant commercialism" and create a "flea market" atmosphere in the Washington area. In one of its court filings, the government cites physical damage to parks "attributable to T-shirt activities."

There are arguably less restrictive alternatives to a complete ban on the plaintiffs' expressive activities that would protect the defendants' legitimate interests. The plaintiffs suggest restricting sales to non-profit organizations. However, the Interior Department argues limiting sales to non-profit organizations would unreasonably discriminate against other groups and individuals, yet still would not lessen physical

and aesthetic harm to the parks.

Limiting items for sale to those with religious, political, philosophical or ideological messages has also been rejected. The government does not want to be in the position of grant-



Retired Col. Earl Hopper Sr. (left), whose oldest son has been listed MIA since 1968, and Patricia Skelly (right) agree it's not the T-shirts per se that bother the government, but the message they carry.

ing access to park land on the basis of the "quality or sincerity of a person's message or belief."

How about confining T-shirt sales to areas away from the National Mall, regulating signs and display tables and rotating permits in case the number of applicants exceeds the number of sites? A ban on structures for sales would likely create a mobile "and potentially even more intrusive commercialization" of park land. Limiting sales activities to certain areas would not be acceptable, the government argues, because it could not designate enough land to handle the expected number of applicants.

The plaintiffs further assert a system similar to the current concession arrangement could be used to control the commercialism claimed to be associated with T-shirt sales. The Park Service maintains its own concessions on park land, but does so under protections specifically geared against excessive commercialism. However, the concessions are allowed because the Park Service is required by law to provide certain services for visitors and are maintained under carefully designed safeguards that prevent the kind of interference with aesthetic values and damage to park land caused by the T-shirt vendors.

Finally, the Interior Department maintains it is not banning a form of

speech, only restricting how it is conveyed. The department, agreeing that T-shirts and their messages are protected by the First Amendment, claims the act of selling the shirts is not protected by the Constitution — people are free to wear the shirts, give them away or sell them outside the parks.

Whether the sale of shirts and fund-raising activities are protected cuts to the core of the case for POW/MIA groups relying on those sales to keep their operations going. The Last Firebase Veterans Archives Project, based in Kinston, North Carolina, for example, derives almost all of its revenue from the shirt sales, according to its executive director, Ted Sampley.

Sampley's group and the other plaintiffs have countered that the government cannot legitimately distinguish between the shirts and their sale as means of expression, citing past decisions including a ruling referring to sales of message-bearing merchandise. Interior Department's application of the regulation to sales and fund-raising by the groups would, they claim, "have a devastating impact [on their] ability to disseminate their political, religious, charitable and educational messages."

Strange Bedfellows

The American Civil Liberties Union has weighed in on the case, saying the regulations "throw out the constitutional baby with the commercial bath water." The regulations, the ACLU contends, violate the First Amendment because they arbitrarily allow some types of communication and outlaw others that create no greater harm and apply to park areas where no harm from sales has been demonstrated.

The ACLU claims the regulations "needlessly trample free speech." According to the civil liberties group, the regulations would not only ban T-shirt sales, but would also prohibit the sale of an American flag on the Fourth of July, POW/MIA bracelets and the like, activities which have not caused the harm claimed by the Park Service.

According to the ACLU, the government's distinction between the T-shirts and their sale is absurd. "It is precisely the same as if the government conceded that the contents of *The Washington Post* were protected

speech, but then asserted that the sale of the *The Washington Post* was not speech and could be banned with impunity," a spokesman for the group said.

The ACLU also commented on less restrictive measures not chosen by the Park Service. They did not endorse distinguishing between non-profit and other groups, but said alternatives such as restricting sales within a certain distance of national monuments and restricting use of tables and structures would have likely resolved the problems cited in the proposal. However, the Interior Department may have other reasons for the ban. Some of the groups involved see the regulation as a shot to the heart of the POW/MIA movement and its efforts to continue to provide information on those missing in Vietnam and other wars.

For The Last Firebase's Sampley,



the regulation is "part of an overall movement to not only vilify the POW/MIA activists and veterans activists, but to destroy our ability to raise funds." Sampley sees an attempt by people in the government who are offended that a "small handful of rag-tag veterans and POW activists and POW/MIA family members can raise enough money by selling T-shirts in front of the Lincoln Memorial to finance an entire campaign which criticizes the U.S. government for its failed POW/MIA policies."

Sampley characterizes his group as the bad boys and girls of the POW movement. "We're the ones that chain ourselves to the White House fence ... we've blocked Pennsylvania Avenue three times," he said. But he dismisses allegations that the Wall is

being turned into a shopping mall as "wrong, absolutely wrong."

According to Sampley the same organizations have been set up at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial since it was established. Sampley suggested that the government might have a legitimate case were it not for the government approved concessions selling under Park Service permission. The government doesn't want "activists raising money on federal land and criticizing the government."

Simple enforcement of the old rules, allowing truly political shirt sales, would be acceptable to



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Sampley, a move he said would also keep the number of vendors down. Sampley is not alone. Patricia B. Skelly and retired Colonel Earl P. Hopper Sr., chairman and vice chairman of Task Force Omega in Glendale, Arizona, expressed similar sentiments. The two talked about the case while manning the Americans For Freedom Always booth, another plaintiff in the suit.

The two leave little room for doubt as to their feelings about the importance of POW/MIA issues. On the front of their Task Force Omega business card is a description of POWs as "The PROUD ... The BRAVE ... The ABANDONED!" Hopper's oldest son, in fact, has been missing since 1968.

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Although poised at the pointed end of the policy bayonet in President Clinton's charge toward greater civilian disarmament, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is definitely dull — and conceivably crooked — where accountability for its own weapons is concerned. In essence, ATF wants to control privately held guns though it can't even control its own. According to an internal investigation, ATF regularly violates its own inventory policies and fails to punish violators.

A sampling of only a few of ATF's almost two dozen regional divisions revealed that ATF has lost track of hundreds of weapons,

procedures and responsible managers had done nothing about it."

This will be of great interest to the thousands of ATF-licensed firearms dealers who are routinely badgered out of business through intimidation or harassment for failure to document the disposition of even a single firearm. (Under President Clinton, ATF implemented a campaign to coerce law-abiding gun dealers into surrendering their Federal Firearms Licenses, or FFLs, often based on local zoning ordinances over which ATF has no jurisdiction, or through bureau threats against landlords.)

numbers that could make them valuable to a collector: an Interdynamic MG MP9, numbered MPP01, and an M66 (sic) French weapon numbered N0006.

● ATF's Philadelphia division seemed to have a particularly bad problem with missing weapons. Two Smith & Wesson revolvers, a Remington 700 rifle, a Thompson M1A1 submachine gun, a German MP44 assault rifle, a German MP40 submachine gun (serial number 666), a Soviet SUS (sic)

ATF'S DIRTY LITTLE

including machine guns, firearms with no serial numbers, at least one silencer and valuable collectibles, according to a Treasury Department audit. The lost or stolen firearms were due in large part to ATF management's practice of simply "writing off" weapons that could not be accounted for. Also blamed is a loosely controlled inventory system that lumps guns in with computers, filing cabinets, office furniture and other bureau property.

"Considering the rising public concern over the proliferation of firearms in the United States and the ATF's role in controlling the illegal use of firearms, it is imperative that ATF exercise diligence in controlling and accounting for the firearms in its possession," states the audit report, compiled by the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General. "This, however, has not been the case.

"ATF does not have an effective program to account for and control the firearms used in its operations," the report said. "ATF officials have accepted the practice of 'writing off' hundreds of firearms that could not be accounted for during annual physical inventories. One of the more striking aspects of ATF firearms accountability" — or lack of it — "was the number of instances in which individuals had not followed established

The goal of the Treasury Department audit was to "evaluate ATF's effectiveness in controlling firearms in its possession," the report said. "We conducted this audit, in part, because we had previously identified serious firearms control problems at the U.S. Customs Service, which subsequently became the subject of a congressional hearing."

If Treasury Department agencies are this lax about keeping track of their own guns, it has to make an intelligent taxpayer wonder about just how well the cabinet-level agency keeps track of our money. In auditing only three of ATF's 23 law enforcement divisions nationwide, investigators learned that 73 confiscated guns retained for ATF use could not be accounted for, and the report said the bureau may have almost 700 such firearms "not under proper inventory control."

"Collector" Guns Missing

In addition, an appendix in the report lists 30 weapons that have disappeared, more than half of them from the Firearms Technology Branch (FTB.) Of particular note among the Treasury Department audit findings:

● Among the weapons lost by the FTB are three pistols with no serial numbers, one of these a Tech 9; two M14 rifles and two other military-type "assault weapons" with serial

submachine gun (serial number 6666) and a Soviet-made, full-auto AK-47 vanished from ATF's Philadelphia weapons locker.

● A silencer disappeared from ATF's Tactical Operations Branch, audit investigators reported. ATF's Miami division could not account for three Smith & Wesson revolvers and two Remington 870 shotguns.

In the audit's executive digest, Treasury Department investigators noted parenthetically that of the 30 missing firearms referred to above, ATF provided documentation "to support the disposition of nine of these firearms." But it went on to add, "It is likely that more firearms are missing at ATF locations we did not sample. Also, ATF has a large number of firearms which are not included in its inventory database. We found 73 such firearms, and the total may be as much as 673."

The audit report stated that ATF owns about 13,000 guns, and also maintains custody of an unspecified "large number of seized firearms," many of them confiscated from law-abiding citizens who were never charged with any crime. Yet, the audit findings suggest, the guns may face a greater chance of falling into the wrong hands after being seized by the federal gun police because of sloppy record-keeping and lax custody procedures.

"ATF does not have effective control over its firearms and cannot fully account for them," the audit states.

"A number of firearms were missing. Some were physically on hand, but had been written off as inventory shortages and others were physically on hand, but not recorded."

No Guns? No Paper? No Problem!

Just as disturbing as the slipshod accountability for guns under its control was ATF's reluctance to take corrective

erty into the ITEMS database.

"Neither responsible LE [law enforcement] staff nor the Seized Property Section staff had submitted documentation to enter these firearms into ITEMS," the summary said. "Again, this was contrary to written ATF guidelines. Since this represented all converted [i.e. confiscated] firearms in ...

track [ATF-owned] firearms by serial number." In addition, ITEMS tracks ATF guns only to the division level, not to an individual agent or specific location, and "records could be and were changed or deleted without detection due to the absence of audit trails in ITEMS." The system lacks "online capability and requires excessive paper input" and is prone to errors and deliberate falsifications.

SECRET

BY JAMES L. PATE

measures, and its refusal to even acknowledge that any problem exists, the report indicates.

For instance, ATF Director John W. Magaw balked at a suggestion that instances of missing firearms should be turned over to Internal Affairs. ATF also initially rejected a recommendation by the Department of Treasury's Office of Inspector General to assign full responsibility for accountability and control of all bureau firearms to the people in ATF who handle almost all of those firearms, the Office of Law Enforcement. Nor did ATF want to set up a new firearms accountability inventory that would supposedly correct the deficiencies of the existing system, stated the audit report, which was completed last year.

In fact, the ATF denied the audit's finding that ATF "lacks effective firearms control," the report states. "...Our audit work clearly identified serious accountability problems and some fundamental management weaknesses which contributed to the problems we identified." Gently chiding the ATF leadership for its failure to acknowledge that a problem exists, the report cautioned that "... unless management recognizes the unique sensitivity of fully accounting for firearms as opposed to other property, these [corrective] actions will not be effective."

A major accounting deficiency noted was ATF's method of tracking bureau property; Inventory Tracking Equipment and Management System, or ITEMS. Management routinely failed to enter seized firearms prop-

three offices, it is likely that this condition existed in the remaining 20 LE divisions as well...

"Contrary to ATF guidelines, ATF personnel had been regularly adjusting for overages and shortages identified during annual firearms inventory taking without documentation, explanation or investigation. Following the FY 1991 annual inventory, ATF had 152 shortages and 159 overages (all undocumented and unexplained) representing a total of 311 firearms that could not be reconciled. The 152 shortages were subsequently removed from ITEMS without any investigation to determine what became of them."

The audit report blames "three fundamental type of problems that plagued ATF's firearms accountability program: inventory control system deficiencies, performance deficiencies by ATF staff and managers, and underlying management deficiencies."

Bad Implementation Of Bad System

Each problem area was separately addressed in individual chapters in the 89-page report. In brief, the following deficiencies were noted in each of the three problem areas:

SYSTEM DEFICIENCIES: While ATF has gone to great expense to forward-trace weapons and computerize ownership of privately held firearms — this in apparent violation of the 1968 Gun Control Act — its internal accountability for guns, ITEMS, is antiquated and "could not

PERFORMANCE DEFICIENCIES: Many weapons, both ATF-owned and seized firearms, were sometimes not entered into the ITEMS books, either because conflicting paperwork could not be reconciled, or simply because field personnel did not bother to keep up. Seized guns were often not advertised in the legally mandated 120-day time limit, and other firearms supposed to be returned to private owners simply fell through the bureaucratic cracks. ATF's law enforcement field staff did not follow bureau policies and guidelines when conducting firearms inventories, the report stated. For instance, so-called physical inspections routinely omitted the physical examination and documentation of a particular weapon, "as required by ATF policy... Without such physical examination, ATF did not have adequate accountability over firearms and the risk of undetected thefts, loss or unauthorized use of firearms was increased."

UNDERLYING MANAGEMENT DEFICIENCIES: Foremost among the findings in this chapter was that "personnel [are] not held accountable for their actions," or lack of action. "One of the more striking aspects of ATF firearms accountability was the number of instances in which individuals had not followed established procedures and responsible managers had done nothing about it." Also noted was that "known problems [are] not corrected" and that "firearms accountability needs higher priority."

The audit report was adamant that wide-ranging, fundamental changes must be made or the problems will not disappear and may,

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Robust, reliable and carrying the lowest possible price tag, the Russian SKS carbines imported by Century International Arms Inc. represent one of the best firearms bargains available today.

The Wall Street Journal referred to it as the "assault gun" that escaped the Crime bill ban and cited a single incident involving "skinheads" to demonstrate it was now the criminals' "weapon of choice." Recently, Michael C. McCort, a lieutenant in the Phoenix Police Department's gang-enforcement unit, wrote, in an *Arizona Republic* guest column, that the police task force seized about 50 firearms in a gang-infested neighborhood, including "an SKS assault rifle."

By definition, an *assault rifle* is a lightweight infantry rifle, chambered for an intermediate-size

Ssamosarjadnyi Karabin Simonov

Pseudo-Assault Rifle

BORIS' BEST BUY

Text & Photos by Peter G. Kokalis

Worth Every Ruble



As a consequence of the SKS carbine's weight — heavy by today's standards — and the intermediate-size cartridge for which it is chambered, perceived recoil and muzzle jump are inconsequential.

cartridge, with *selective-fire capability*. At 8.5 pounds, empty, the SKS is not "lightweight" by today's standards. It is chambered for the intermediate-size M43 7.62x39mm round. However, it is not and never was anything but a semi-automatic-only firearm. It is therefore, most certainly not an assault rifle, except to the mainstream media and many police desk jockeys who have a different agenda than gun owners with regard to the Second Amendment.

Century International Arms Inc. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 714, St. Albans, VT 05478; phone: 800-527-1252; fax: 802-527-

0470) has imported a substantial number of SKS carbines from Russia. Originally manufactured in the early 1950s, these firearms were refurbished in a Russian arsenal prior to export to the United States. They are available with either hardwood stocks for \$110 or with laminate stocks for \$130, and come complete with a cleaning kit, sling, oiler, one stripper clip and folding bayonet. With the exception of a small handful of these carbines that still carried their original salt-blued finish, the majority were either reblued or painted with black-baked enamel. These are "shooters," not museum-grade collector pieces and their prices reflect this. *Soldier Of Fortune* was recently sent two Russian SKS carbines, one with a laminated stock and the other with a hardwood stock, originally manufactured in 1950 and 1952, respectively, for test and evaluation.

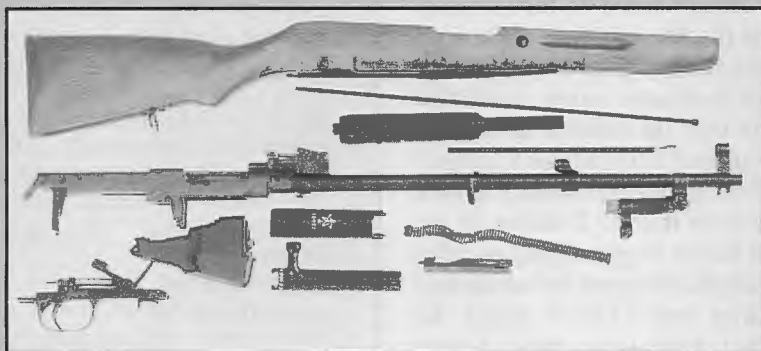
As Russian-made SKS carbines are on the BATF's curio and relic list, they can be sold with the bayonet. It is illegal to sell Chinese SKS carbines with the bayonet. Don't look for any logic in that apparent dichotomy. There isn't any. Russian SKS carbines were manufactured with blade-type bayonets, while the Chinese version was equipped with a cruciform-type bayonet.

Although literally millions were manufactured, its lifespan as an item of standard issue was brief. Designed by Sergei Gavrilovich Simonov, the Russian SKS-45 (*Ssamosarjadnyi Karabin Simonov*— Self-loading Carbine Simonov, 1945) was within a few short years overshadowed by Kalashnikov's AK47.

The first production series rifle for the 7.62x39mm cartridge, the SKS is nothing more than a scaled-down version of Simonov's World War II PTRS 14.5mm antitank rifle. Russian production ceased during the mid-1950s (I have a hardbound Russian language manual on the SKS that was printed in 1963), but the SKS was manufactured well after that time in East Germany, Yugoslavia (M59/66 with integral grenade launcher), North Korea, North Vietnam and the People's Republic of China (PRC). Known as the Type 56 Carbine in the PRC, it was one of the first Soviet weapons systems produced in mainland China. Their total production likely

Russian SKS Specifications

Caliber:	7.62x39mm.
Operation:	Gas — no regulator, locked breech with tilting bolt, semiautomatic only.
Feed mechanism:	Integral 10-round, staggered-column magazine, loaded by means of 10-round stripper clip or with individual rounds.
Barrel:	Four grooves with a right-hand twist of one turn in 9.45 inches (240 mm), chrome-lined chamber and bore.
Barrel length:	20.4 inches (518 mm).
Overall length:	40.2 inches (1,021 mm).
Weight, empty:	8.5 pounds.
Sights:	Front post adjustable for windage and elevation zero, protected by hood; sliding tangent-type rear sight with open U-notch adjustable for range in 100-meter increments from 100 to 1,000 meters with 300-meter battle-sight setting.
Finish:	Metal surfaces, except for some bolt group components, either salt-blued or black-baked enamel.
Furniture:	Stained and varnished hardwood or laminate buttstock and handguard.
Price:	\$110 with hardwood stock; \$130 with laminate stock.
Manufacturer:	Various Soviet arsenals.
Importer:	Century International Arms Inc. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 714, St. Albans, VT 05478; phone: 800-527-1252; fax: 802-527-0470).
T&E summary:	Compact, reliable and cost-effective; heavy by today's standards.

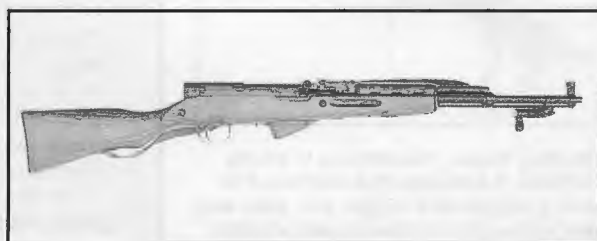


Russian SKS, fieldstripped.

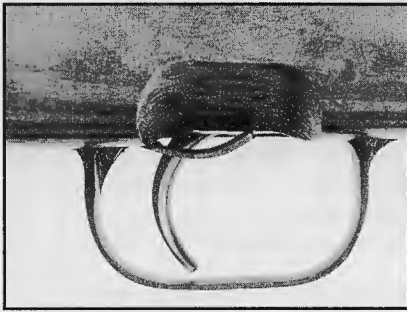
exceeded that of all other countries combined.

Overall length of the SKS is 40.2 inches (1,021 mm). Barrel length is 20.4 inches (518 mm) with four-groove broached rifling and a right-hand twist of one turn in 9.45 inches (240 mm). Bores and chambers are chrome-lined. Chrome-lining is a common attribute of East bloc small arms. While it eases

maintenance chores, it's not very cost-effective in a semiautomatic-only weapon where overheating is not a serious consideration. And don't think



Russian SKS carbines were always equipped with blade-type folding bayonets.



The safety is located conveniently behind the trigger on the right side. When rotated up to the *safe* position, the safety lever blocks all trigger movement.

it precludes maintenance entirely. Most 7.62x39mm ball ammunition imported to the United States is corrosive. I have examined chrome-lined PPSH41 submachine-gun barrels that looked like sewer pipes because corrosive ammunition was fired in them without subsequent cleaning.

A heavy, reinforcing cross bolt passes through the stock just ahead of the magazine, under the chamber. A smaller cross pin (there are two on Chinese Type 56 Carbines) reinforces the front end of the stock. A conventional sling swivel is attached to the underside of the buttstock. The fixed, front sling loop is part of the gas block and is located on the left side.

Both the SKS and Kalashnikov series have been criticized for their supposedly inadequate length-of-pull (the distance from the buttplate to the front center surface of the trigger). Length-of-pull of our test specimens was only a little more than 12.5 inches. In the United States, length-of-pull on rifles and shotguns designed for adults usually varies from 13 to 14 inches. Although I have long arms, I have



The SKS trigger mechanism is overly complex. It consists of a hammer and spring, trigger and trigger bar, sear and sear spring, disconnect and a safety sear which prevents the hammer from striking the firing pin until the action is completely locked.

personally never encountered a problem obtaining a proper cheek weld with any SKS or Kalashnikov. In my opinion, the importance of a military rifle's length-of-pull is somewhat overplayed (unless you are quite small in stature, in which case the shorter the length-of-pull the better).

The cleaning rod is stored under the barrel, partially in the stock, in the European manner. The stamped sheet-metal, unchecked buttplate contains a spring-loaded trap that stores the usual SKS/Kalashnikov-type cleaning kit. The two-piece steel case houses a nylon bristle brush, jag tip for the cleaning rod and a drift punch (often mistaken for a spare firing pin). The case itself serves as a handle for the cleaning rod. When



The SKS is most conveniently loaded by means of a 10-round stripper clip which is inserted into the charger guide machined into the top forward end of the bolt carrier.

Modus Operandi

As previously stated, the SKS is semiautomatic only. It is gas-operated and locked by a tilting block. There is no gas regulator. Its bolt mechanism strongly resembles that of the world's first assault rifle, the German World-War-II MP44/StG45, which was used with great effect against the Soviet hordes on the Eastern Front.

Its rather conventional method of operation is as follows. Upon firing and after the bullet passes the gas port (which at about 0.136-inch in diameter is quite large — that of the M1 Garand, for example, is only 0.081-inch), in this instance located only 3 inches from the muzzle, a portion of the gases are diverted and directed against the head of the three-ring piston. The piston drives a short, spring-loaded tappet under the rear sight base back against the bolt carrier.

After the bolt carrier has moved rearward about 1/4-inch, a cam on its inner stop contacts a projection on top of the bolt, lifting the rear of the bolt out of its seat in the box-shaped receiver. The bolt and its carrier now travel rearward as a unit. The large and more than adequate extractor claw withdraws the empty case from the chamber and holds it to the bolt face until it strikes the fixed ejector and is expelled. All rearward movement ceases when the end of the bolt carrier strikes the inner wall of the receiver.

As the recoil spring drives the bolt and carrier forward, the bolt strips a round from the integral 10-round magazine. When the cartridge has been chambered, the extractor snaps in place over the cartridge groove and all forward movement of the bolt terminates. The bolt carrier continues to move forward a short distance, camming the rear of the bolt into its seat in the receiver. The firing pin is not retracted (and thus free to fly forward during the counter-recoil stroke), and U.S.-manufactured commercial ammunition with primers more sensitive than milspec should be avoided or the weapon may fire out of battery. The bolt, as it seats, forces the trigger mechanism's safety sear down.

The SKS trigger mechanism is overly complex. It consists of a hammer and spring, trigger and trigger bar, sear and sear spring, disconnect and a safety sear which prevents the hammer from striking the firing pin until the action is completely locked. Trigger pull weight on both of *SOF's* test specimens was about 5.25 pounds, but extremely spongy. Avoid tampering with the SKS trigger mechanism to reduce the pull weight or more likely than not you'll end up with an unregistered machine gun. SKS trigger work should be performed by trained armorers only.

The safety is located conveniently behind the trigger on the right side. When rotated up to the *safe* position, the safety lever blocks all trigger movement.

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A Cartridge For The Cold War

Attributed to designers N.M. Elizarov and B.V. Semin, Soviet historians contend that work on the M43 (Model 1943) 7.62x39mm cartridge began in 1939. Others have stated that it was derived from the German 7.92x33mm Kurz Patrone (short cartridge) developed for the world's first assault rifle produced in mass quantities, the World War II MP43/44 (StG44). This latter scenario appears unlikely, as the Soviets would have required specimens of 7.92x33mm Kurz ammunition at least a year or two prior to their adoption of the 7.62x39mm round in 1943 — well before the MP43 was fielded on the *Osten* Front. Whatever the case, the Soviet M43 cartridge is a true intermediate-size assault rifle round.

More than two dozen countries have manufactured ammunition in this caliber. In addition to ball ammunition, it has been produced with hollow point, tracer, API (Armor-Piercing Incendiary), and IT (Incendiary Tracer) projectiles.

Special purpose loads include heavy subsonic ball (for sound suppressors), practice blanks, short-range loads and drill rounds. Ball ammunition will be encountered in two configurations. Most prevalent is a 123-grain boat-tail bullet which usually consists of a copper-washed steel jacket, lead and antimony sleeve, and a mild steel core (Soviet Type PS). Steel core ammunition in this caliber can no longer be imported to the United States. Yugoslavia's M67 ball ammunition, as well as that of several other countries, uses a flat-based bullet of approximately the same weight, with a copper-alloy jacket and lead core. Muzzle velocity of both types is between 2,330 and 2,400 fps. The flat-base bullet provides considerably greater lethality than the boat-tail projectile.

The first 7.62x39mm ammunition to be imported to the United States in significant quantity was Finnish Lapua — now more than a decade ago. It sold for close to 50 cents per round. With the influx of immense quantities of Chinese 7.62x39mm ball, the price spiraled downward rapidly. About three or four years ago, when purchased by the case, Chinese ball could be found at gun shows throughout the country for about 6.5 cents per round. Yugoslavian and East German 7.62x39mm ball was also imported during this time frame.

The anti-gun Clinton administration diminished the availability, and hence increased the price, dramatically when they banned the importation of firearms and ammunition from the People's Republic of China. At the same time, the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina precluded further importation of Yugoslavian ammunition to the United States. Also, both the East German "04" and "05" code ammunition factories were closed and remaining stocks were either absorbed by the U.S. market or disassembled for fertilizer.

Russian ball and hollow point 7.62x39mm ammunition began to appear in the United States several years ago. The Clinton administration has now banned importation of all Russian firearms and ammunition also. Enough Russian hollow point ammo remains available to probably last another two years before it will be completely absorbed by U.S. shooters. However, the bullet is poorly designed and in essence is a frangible-type, as it fragments into many small pieces when it strikes living tissue. It is, therefore, useless for either hunting or self-defense.

More recently both Bulgarian (factory "10") ball and Romanian soft point and ball have been imported. This is current-manufacture ammunition with 1994 headstamp markings in both instances. Czechoslovakian 7.62x39mm ball ammunition manufactured by the Sellier & Bellot factory (formerly headstamp code "bxn") at Vlasim is also imported at the present time and although steel-cased and Berdan-primed like the others described above, it is not competitively priced. Navy Arms recently imported some Egyptian ball of good quality.

While rumors circulate that Chinese and Russian ammunition may soon be approved for importation once more to the United States, Chinese ball, in case lots, now sells for about 14.5 cents per round, more than twice the price of just a few years ago.

Another alternative is to purchase Boxer-primed ammunition in this caliber and then reload the fired cases. Federal (American Eagle), Winchester and Remington all produce 7.62x39mm ammo with either soft point or hollow point bullets that sells for about 32.5 cents per round. Keng's Firearms Specialty (Dept. SOF, 875 Wharton Drive, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30336; phone: 800-848-4671) imports high-quality Finnish Lapua 7.62x39mm ammunition with Boxer-primed brass cases that sells for about 31 cents per round.

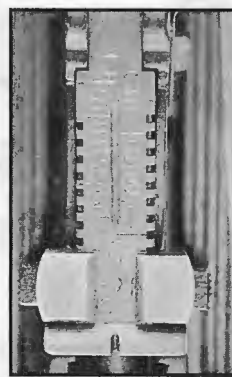
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slipped on the rod and fitted to the muzzle, the case's cap doubles as a cleaning-rod bore guide.

The front sight is an adjustable (for both windage and elevation) post-type, protected by a substantial hood. The open U-notched, sliding tangent-type rear sight is adjustable for range in 100-meter increments from 100 to 1,000 meters.

A second 300-meter position (marked with a Cyrillic "P") directly behind the 100-meter setting is the battle-sight position, used in combat for all ranges out to 300 meters.

The SKS is most conveniently loaded by retracting the cocking handle until the bolt is locked rearward by the spring-loaded hold-open device (which is activated by the magazine follower), and placing a 10-round stripper clip into the charger guide machined into the top forward end of the bolt carrier. Push down with the thumb until all the cartridges are loaded into the magazine. After removing the stripper clip, pull back on the retracting handle and release it smartly. The bolt and carrier will



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Feeding On Leftist Fears

Southern Poverty Law Center Bashes Militias, Banks Millions

by *SOF* Staff

At a time when significant numbers of Americans are demonstrably fearful of their government, and the government's criminal malfeasance seems bent on validating the wildest prognostications of the fearful far right, oil on our national waters would be helpful. But the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is pouring gas on the fire, and it appears they are doing it as a simple expedient in their campaign to stash \$100 million in the bank so the organization can live off the interest and not have to be bothered with further fund-raising. That's odd, as fund-raising is what this "charity" does best.

Although run by white men and having a history of troubled relations with its own black employees,

the open wallet with inflammatory half-truths, those who would lead them have no more wholesome impact on the national scene than the sociopaths they portend to fight.

The blood was barely dry on the streets of Oklahoma City when on 17 May the SPLC sent gimme letters nationwide emblazoned, "EMERGENCY UPDATE ON MILITIA TERRORISTS," although there was no militia involvement in that atrocity. The solicitations asked potential donors to send \$150 or more because "we must expand our militia task force."

"We need your help now with the most generous special gift you

can make to help us expand our Militia Task Force,"

Charity For Funds And Profit

The SPLC took in an average of \$41,602 a day in their 1994 budget year, according to their most recent audited financial statement. But they spent only 32% of their income — \$13,403 a day — on actual programs (unless you buy their premise that some fund-raising spending should fall under "programs," because fund-raising is *actually a form of public education.*)

The *Advertiser* story chronicled the center's drive to raise funds based on fears of the "militia movement." On Pearl Harbor day 1994, Dees addressed his donors list: "...our budget for 1995 was already set up when we uncovered the white supremacist ties to militias. That's why we need your special support now." With this he enclosed a letter he had sent to Attorney General Janet Reno in October warning her of militias. On 19 April, early news reports linked bombing suspects with militia groups. On 27 April Dees testified before a Senate committee on terrorism in the United States, and then mailed copies of his testimony to donors, not soliciting funds, but thanking donors who "have given the center the strength and resources to be in the vanguard of those seeking to expose and stop hate group violence."

In its 17 May fund-raising letter, the SPLC stated, "It is crucial that you renew your support for 1995 now ... we must do all in our power to help prevent more bombings and loss of life. These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary commitment. Send the most generous renewal gift possible..." The same day they sent out another gimme letter appar-



SPLC has won a number of court cases to help victims of racial injustice since its founding in 1971 in Montgomery, Alabama. But the organization's recent demeanor has raised the question as to whether fund raising at the expense of truth may well have become their *raison d'être*. With more than \$60 million in the bank at this writing and a reported charity take of \$15.2 million in 1994, the SPLC has seen far less "poverty" than its name would imply. As if taking a leaf from fringe-right fear peddlers, they aim to swell their coffers by the abject pandering of paranoia based on half-truths.

In a stressful time when fear-mongering is the last thing this country needs, it is shameful when tragedies are exploited to make a buck. When people already suspicious of their neighbors are led down the path of

the SPLC's Morris Dees wrote in the letter. "I know you have been very generous with your annual renewal support, but times like these call for an extra effort on all our parts ... The strain on our budget is the greatest in our 25-year history." This, of course, was written as the center sat upon nearly \$60 million in cash reserves, the largest in their history. After Oklahoma City, the SPLC produced at least three different types of "militia" mailings — "disenchanted loners" doesn't open wallets as fast as the vision of cammied legions marching toward a nursery near you.

Their artful pandering to the fear they foster aside, the response among their tried-and-true liberal donors is best described as mixed. An article in *The Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser* quoted frequent donor Harvey Aronson, who gave some \$1,000 to the center, but quit giving last year when he learned about the millions in cash reserves, "It's almost like

ently targeting a different reader; in the postscript Dees noted, "You may have seen us on television programs talking about the militia threat. This exposure has brought numerous threats of violence to our staff and property. This requires expending funds to increase our security. Please send us as generous a gift as possible." Yeah right. Well, we suppose if we were sitting on \$60 mil we'd probably worry about "security" too, although we'd be more afraid that the good-hearted folks who'd supported what they believed was a

York-based oversight organization, said that little of the center's fundraising budget could be classified as a "public education" or "program" expense.

By adding the "public education" fund-raising to the 32% spent on actual programs, the SPLC claimed to spend 47% on programs. But even that is below the 50% the Council of Better Business Bureaus requires.

The Charities Information Bureau and the Missouri-based American Institute of Philanthropy believe 60%

of charities' solicited funds must go to actual programs. Discounting the amount spent on "educational solicitation," the SPLC would be left with just about half that percentage. Yet with such creative accounting techniques as lumping that with the percentage of the take salted away to cash reserves, they have more recently claimed that "74%" of donor contribu-

tions are "allocated for program services."

D For Deceitful

Upon reviewing the fiscal 1993 records of the SPLC, the American Institute of Philanthropy gave the center a "D" rating on a scale of "A" through "F," citing the center's humongous cash reserves for the low rating.

But of the money that *does* go for programs, just what do these "programs" entail? A recent solicitation mailing (or was it "educational") noted that "... we have built the most extensive computerized files on militias and hate groups in existence. They include over 11,000 photographs, records of over 61,000 hate activities, reports on 14,000 individuals who have committed hate acts or are affiliated with hate groups, and intelligence on over 3,200 hate groups

and militia organizations."

Laird Wilcox, author of *Nazis, Communists, Klansmen and Others On the Fringe* and publisher of the annual *Guide to the American Right*, has been tracking extreme groups for 25 years and notes, "... SPLC's analysis is seriously flawed in their statements about numbers of hate groups... 3,200 is an outrageous inflation ... the figure is probably closer to 100."

The SPLC's consistent mixing of the term "militia" with "hate group" leaves little doubt they equate the terms. This is ignorant at best, slanderous at worst. Although claiming they "have no interest in stopping groups with unpopular views or interfering with legitimate shooting clubs," such indiscriminate smear tactics belie any worthwhile work the SPLC may have earlier done in furthering the cause of civil rights.

If they take umbrage with citizens aping the military with "private armies," doesn't it likewise chill one's bones that this loose-cannon private FBI/ATF is investigating and compiling records (of unknown accuracy) on U.S. citizens? To what use might these questionable records be put? If they are compiled from public records such as police reports, for instance, we'd have no problem with that. But if they are investigated/compiled by the same mental giants who automatically lump "militia/hate group" in the same phrase, there could be some frightening scenarios.

Are You A Hateful Terrorist?

Just suppose H.R. 896 *The Omnibus Counter-Terrorism Act of 1995*, introduced by Rep. Charles Schumer et al, becomes law. That's a frightening enough thought by itself, as it would allow the president to declare anyone he chooses to be a "terrorist." It then provides for *in camera* (secret) trials for said designated terrorist and *ex parte* submission of evidence (i.e., defendant has no chance to dispute evidence submitted against him). The accused is in general stripped of his constitutional rights. H.R. 896, of course, does not apply to *U.S. citizens*, but Title 8, U.S. Code Section 1481(a)(9) (enacted 1961) already states that "...a person who is a national of the United States ... shall lose his nationality"

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AP/Wide World

Morris Dees, the Southern Poverty Law Center's second most effective fund raising tool, greets reporters after winning a \$12 million judgement for a family whose father was killed by skinheads in Portland, Oregon.

worthwhile, needy cause might find out about our obscene nest egg.

Charity oversight organizations and former employees of the center also question the SPLC's fund-raising tactics, noting the millions salted away could well be put to work by other charities. In 1993, the American Institute of Philanthropy ranked the SPLC as the fourth least needy charity in America: Their millions in "reserve" earned them \$2.1 million in interest revenue in 1994, but this money in the bank could be spent at any time the center needed it.

According to its own financial records, the SPLC fails to meet the standards of watchdog groups, who in the past have said the center misleads donors and doesn't spend enough money on programs, the *Advertiser* reported. The National Charities Information Bureau, a New

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Spend two weeks on a closely guided tour of North Korea, and your surrealism sensors can overload and burn out.

Orwell's Nightmare Vision Is Kim Il Sung's North Korea

Text & Photos by Don Kirk

A partnership of Pavlov and Orwell could not be more thorough. More than a year after the elder Kim's death, the late Great Leader looms far larger than life in every sterile museum, every saccharine theatrical performance, every showcase school or store or factory you'll ever see as you jump in and out of the bus on orders from your ever-present guide.

After several days of total immersion, the data-starved mind begins to wonder, do North Korean authorities, whoever they actually may be, *really* have it all wrong — or are we all wrong in the way we see them?

The adulation afforded Kim the Younger is no less smothering — or hysterically funny or frightening or silly, depending on the circumstances, the time, the place. You're more likely to appreciate the humor in the first flush of morning as you walk briskly past slogans, exhibits, billboards and displays. By late afternoon, you long for the



Portraits of power (clockwise, left): *Great Leader Kim Il Sung* in front of Korean Revolutionary Museum; honored before crowd of 70,000 by placard holders in Kim Il Sung Stadium; in billboard posters all over Pyongyang, (lower right, and top left, facing page); honored in stage extravaganza.



The relentless, pervasive, totally inescapable efforts at thought control never rest, and apparently know no limits. Most focus on the personality of the late Great Leader Kim Il Sung — who is, if possible, even more venerated in death than he was in life — and on his son and heir apparent, Kim Jong Il.

touring to come to a quiet close, as you grow increasingly uncomfortable with museum fa-

tigue or the numbing overdose of propaganda.

Off at 0800, you gaze with bemusement at the grainy shots of Kim Jong Il at the national film studios. The signs on the wall, in Hangul, the Korean lettering system, add to the fun. "Dear Comrade Kim Jong Il, distinguished master of literature and art," says one. "Dear Leader Kim Jong Il, guide in the renaissance of the 20th century," says another.

SUNG NEVER GETS

You're beginning to get bored after stops at "factories" which are emporiums of embroidery and knickknacks, and you're hardly in the mood to hop out again when the bus stops at an unlikely, small building off the main street. Your mood lightens, though, as your guide introduces the house as "the place where Kim Jong Il took part in construction to build a new road." Could the "Dear Leader," in his youth, have really rolled up his sleeves and put in a few days of hard labor?

Man Of The People

Yes, indeed. Could the pictures lie? There he is, in open-necked white shirt and proletarian cap, smiling among the workers. There he is at the foot of a crane. There he is stopping by some nearby houses. Why, there's the little food stand he visited, and if all that isn't enough to prove this good-hearted fellow, only slightly roly-poly at that

When the old lady discovered who she was talking to, she asked, "How can the son of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung work?" To which the dear fellow replied, "I am also the son of the working people." Can anyone argue after seeing, under glass, the *actual raincoat* the future Dear Leader wore when it rained one day on the job?

Although you smile at this nonsense, you find less humor in some of the performances, museums and shrines also on the itinerary — all dedicated to the theme of national power radiating from the dynasty of Kim and Kim.

The beginning of this political succession

Top right: Deification of Dear Leader Kim Jong Il (standing left) begins in prevalent painting of Sung and Sung against background of Mount Paektu, where Jong Il was supposedly born during "anti-Japanese struggle" (he is believed actually born in Khararovsk, USSR); **lower right:** in popular pose in front of roaring North Korean industry; **lower left:** on wall of showcase kindergarten, above cabin where legend says he was born.



age, to be a man of the people, the clincher is the story of his encounter with a little old lady scrounging stray pieces of coal.

"Dear Comrade Kim Jong Il asked her if she was short of coal," my guide tells me, and she answered, "It's necessary for the people in the countryside." With that, Kim Jong Il, clearly a Dear Leader even in his youth, asked his co-workers to help the lady.

was the first state on the Korean Peninsula, ruled by someone named Tangun, the offspring, according to mythology, of a bear and a tiger. Wait a minute. This guy *really lived* you are assured when you visit an enormous latter-day version of the tomb, a huge granite block, nine stories high, set on a rise 289 steps up from your van. His

Korean worker smashes U.S. "aggressors" on war poster displayed in Korean Revolutionary Museum.



bones and those of his wife are there, your guide promises, though not open to public view. Kim Il Sung ordered a search for the bones, long rumored to be in the area, and they were duly found. No sooner had scientific tests verified their authenticity, says the guide, than the GL (Great Leader) ordered construction of the tomb, unveiled by his son and heir, the Dear Leader, last year.

The closer one gets to the present, the more skewed the history. Down the road from Kaesong is the truce village of Panmunjom. A North Korean officer, in Korean, points to a photograph of U.N. staff cars flying white identification flags — and says they were “flags of surrender.” A leaflet shows the “vanquished U.S. general” signing what a pamphlet in English calls the “armistice agreement” — and what North Koreans say was the American “surrender.” Another leaflet shows GIs with their hands over their heads — and the caption, “The U.S. imperialist aggressors suffered an ignominious defeat in the three-year war.”

Show A Little Respect

Many monuments and museums have to do with the two great wars waged and, of course, won by Kim Il Sung. Your hosts seem to *know*, without breathing a quotable word of admission, that Kim Il Sung’s guerrillas did not quite single-handedly drive the Japanese from the Korean Peninsula. But that technicality did not stop the GL from ordering construction of one of the world’s great monuments, a pantheon of “heroes of the anti-Japanese struggle,” 121 of them honored in bronze busts set at intervals up 500 steps on a rise overlooking the entire capital, dominated by red granite national flags, each measuring 22 meters by 11 meters. Just who really brought about the Japanese surrender is a question never answered — or, for that matter, raised.

There is no doubt, though, about who won the liberation war, beginning with the display in the “Fatherland Victorious Liberation Museum.” The outcome was never in doubt — though the guide engages in some

fancy semantic footwork to explain the “strategic retreat” before the Red Chinese came to the North’s rescue.

It’s polite to accept the verbiage without questions, or at least serious ones, as I learned when the guide sat me down for a coffee break and asked if I had any. The talk got off to a bad start when I noted that some allege Kim Il Sung started the war, not the other way around. I knew the guide would regard that idea as preposterous, but I wasn’t prepared for the admonition, “Please talk about the Great Leader with respect.” Before I could go on, I had to stop referring to the GL by his name alone and call him “Great Leader Comrade...” Likewise for his son. By then, the break was over.

Candor Is Contraband

Luxuries not afforded even tourists are normal questions, normal conversation or normal answers. There is scant precedent in recent world history for the degree of thought control imposed here: Its tentacles reach everywhere. At school performances grieving schoolgirls manage their saddest looks as they sing dolefully, “Our Great Leader Kim Il Sung Will be With us Forever.” In Kim Il Sung Stadium, 50,000 teenagers, girls in white tights, boys in white pants and jackets, jump, twist and turn in unison while loudspeakers belt out ditties like, “The Whole Life of the Great Leader is Only for the People and the Fatherland” and placard-holders filling half the stadium form slogans and scenes to match the lyrics.

Seek respite in the Great Study Hall of the People, an imposing 10-story structure overlooking vast Kim Il Sung Square, and you wonder who is really studying there. The guide says the structure can hold 30 million volumes and is already 60% full — an achievement about equal to holdings of the British Museum and Library of Congress combined. You see computers at the desks of each section and watch books popping out on conveyer belts — very impressive until someone notices the same book popping out each time for each new group of visitors.

In the reading rooms you find everyone poring over — right — books by the GL and his son. You needn’t ask why the desktops are slightly inclined. “The Great Leader ordered the desks raised for convenience of the

readers,” your guide advises, in case you wondered, which you did not.

From the sixth floor of the library, you get a commanding view not only of Kim Il Sung Square, where Marx and Engels watch benevolently from huge portraits, but also much of the rest of the city. Look left, and there’s Mansu Hill, with the two most colossal buildings in the city, the National Assembly Hall and the Korean



Unfinished business: the Pueblo, U.S. electronic-eavesdropping ship captured off east coast of North Korea on 23 January 1968. The crew was freed the following December and the ship put on display at Wonsan, flying North Korean flag. Bullet holes made by attacking North Korean forces have been outlined in red.

Revolutionary Museum. These rest behind an enormous bronze statue of Kim Il Sung, between more national flags in rose granite, before which rows of mourners offer flowers and tears in constant sorrow over his passing.

The columned masses of marble and granite and glass look similar, but their operating hours are different: The

School kids are lined up to mourn the Great Leader's death on 8 July 1994, in front of stone flag at Korean Revolutionary Museum. Flag displays Workers Party symbol of hammer, sickle and pen.



National Assembly hasn't met for more than a year. No one knows when it will convene again. "Will Kim Jong Il soon be presiding?" you ask. "I hope so," responds your guide. Do not, however, photograph the GL, looming above in white limestone. "Some foreign photographers took pictures and wrote not such good things," says the guide. "We do not allow any more." So there.

Reunification At Any Cost

The Korean Revolutionary Museum, by contrast, is open 24 hours a day for those who might want to bow before Kim Il Sung on the outside and then wander in and absorb details of the revolution he led — and Kim Jong Il is perpetuating. Paradoxes abound. One room shows a photograph of the GL and Jimmy Carter meeting in June 1994 and a document signed by the GL on 7 July, the day before he died, about the summit slated with South Korea's President Kim Young Sam. On another wall, over the GL's signature, a slogan proclaims, "We must achieve national reunification at any cost in our era."

The whole show seems to reach an apotheosis in the final room on the museum tour when a woman, obviously a great trouper, breaks down and weeps as she tells visitors about everything the GL did in the final days of his life. This sob story has a real point: "Our people will turn their sorrow into strength and courage and fulfill his teachings for national reunification," intones the woman, her voice rising, for about the 20th time that day. "This is the struggle of socialist construction under the leadership of Dear Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il."

Wherever you go, on billboards and posters, inside and outside, you see portraits of the Great Leader and the Dear Leader, who is now increasingly identified also as "Great Leader." Who knows, however, if the Dear Leader is really in charge since he never appears in public. You

scrutinize his pictures in the papers to see if they're fakes superimposed on scenes of ceremonies — in this Never-Never Land, you never know what's real. You only see crowds in front of the Revolutionary Museum. People waiting for trams or walking to work along nearly empty avenues can't add up to a city of more than two

million. And the stores — off-limits unless you hurry in without permission, your guide tailing you and telling you to hurry back to the bus — don't appear to stock enough supplies for a village.

You're never sure where reality ends and fantasy begins. Foreigners speculate if commuters jumping in and out of rickety subway trains are real — or for the benefit of tour groups. You have to assume the high school with its fancy Japanese computers, and the kindergarten with the shiniest tots and snazziest toys you've ever seen, are for show. But what about the women crowding the textile counter at the Number One Department Store? Doesn't anybody *buy* anything around here?

The final questions are: Who is staging this extravagant show — and how long can it last? You don't get a real clue while you're here. A few things, though, are just as they look: real. Someone obviously built this amazing city with its soaring monuments and spacious parks and boulevards. Someone built those 18 tunnels on the road to Kaesong and the 22 tunnels on the road to the port of Wonsan on the east coast. Someone built the west sea barrage to form a huge breakwater and inland lake for ships, for drinking, for irrigation. Someone built those apartment buildings rising around the city. It wasn't done with Russian and Chinese aid — they haven't helped for years.

This physical evidence is there, all built by North Ko-



Students at showcase school to which foreigners are invited put on show. Note sad demeanor: They're singing song grieving death of Kim Il Sung, who will be "Forever in our Hearts," etc.

reans from the ashes of a city devastated during the Korean War. You have to factor in those realities when pondering the meaning of the religion of Kimilsungism (a term appearing in daily propaganda) — and its efficacy as an opiate for the North Korean masses.

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ONE SHOT, ONE KILL — ONE TICKET, TWO BILLS

Rifle Raffle To Benefit Hathcock



courtesy Archie Mayer

The rifle to be given away at the 15 December drawing is a custom-built reproduction of Hathcock's Remington .308 with Redfield sniper scope, except with a wooden stock.

Calling Marine Gunnery Sergeant Carlos Norman Hathcock II a “good shot” is like saying Bill Clinton is an occasional fibber. As arguably the best Marine sniper ever to lay cross hairs on an enemy target, Hathcock was not just a good shot, he was a devastating one.

Carlos first came into the lime-light after winning the Wimbledon Long Range 1,000-Yard Championship in 1965, earning the unofficial, but nonetheless accurate, designation as the “best shot in America.” As such, it wasn't long before he found himself in Vietnam. And once there he wasted no time in racking up 93 confirmed kills, and at least double that number unconfirmed, during his two tours as a sniper.

His exploits are legendary: He pioneered the use of the M2 .50 caliber machine gun as a sniping instrument, recording a kill at 2,500 yards; alone, he crawled on his belly for three days across open terrain deep in enemy territory to bag an NVA general protected inside his headquarters by rings of security. Personifying the sniper motto, “One Shot, One Kill” and taunting the enemy by brashly wearing a white feather in his bush hat, he forced the NVA to place a bounty — equal to three years' pay for a middle-class worker in Saigon — on the man they called *Long Tra'ng* (White Feather).

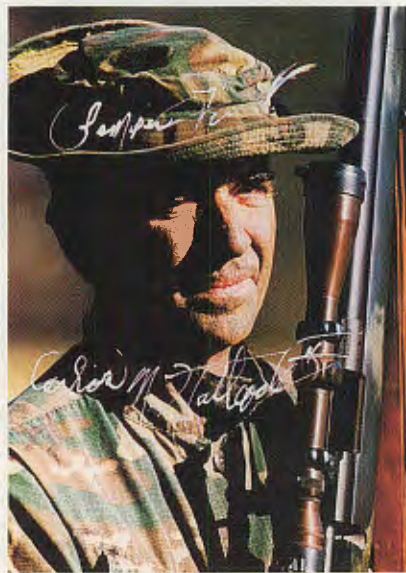
“The thing that made Carlos so good was his ability to integrate himself into his environment,” according to NRA Secretary Edward

J. Land Jr., formerly Hathcock's CO in Vietnam. “To be able to get in and get out without being caught or captured or getting shot yourself was difficult. He developed the fieldcraft aspect to an extremely high level. All of us developed an

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edge, but he was just superior in that area.”

Hathcock often traveled alone into the jungle, not wanting to put anyone else in harm's way. Frequently, though, he had bouts of diz-



courtesy Jo Hathcock

Carlos Hathcock, shown here wearing trademark white feather, holds a Model 700 Remington .308 sniper rifle mounting a Redfield sniper scope, the same as he used with such deadly accuracy in Vietnam. Being a good Marine, he turned the original rifle back to the unit armorer.

ziness and trembling and his vision would become blurry for no apparent reason. On Hathcock's second tour a mine detonated under an Amtrac he was riding atop, knocking him and seven fellow Marines unconscious; he was the first one to regain consciousness and proceeded to pull his comrades, one by one, from the burning vehicle, saving all seven at a cost of terrible injury to himself — he suffered second and third degree burns over 90% of his body. He now began his hardest battle: the fight for his own life.

After recuperating, he became one of the founders of the Marine Corps Scout/Sniper School. However, the shaking and dizziness he had felt in the jungle grew worse and during a series of hospital tests Hathcock was diagnosed as having “demyelinating disease”: multiple sclerosis. As the disease progressed, he was transferred — two months short of his 20 years — to the Disabled Retired List.

The disability check from the government allows a meager existence for a man who is thought by many to merit the Medal of Honor for his heroic rescue of seven fellow Marines. Additionally, Hathcock's MS has advanced to the point where his legs cannot always support his weight. He constantly fights off other illnesses and routinely makes trips to the hospital to recharge his batteries.

So, in recognition of the rotten hand dealt Hathcock by the Depart-

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FREE SPEECH

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It's not the T-shirts per se that bother the government, according to Hopper, but "the message that the T-shirt carries. Everyone that buys a T-shirt, a bracelet, a pin, is part of public awareness. It's making that individual or those people aware of the fact that our government abandoned prisoners of war after World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and they don't like for that to be constantly bantered about by the American people. They like to hide it." Skelly agreed that one reason the government wants to close down all of the booths is that the funds generated keep POW/MIA and veterans issues alive.

Hopper conceded that parks should not be turned into shopping bazaars. He was glad they cleared out all the cheap vendors there for profit: "We're not here for that. Everything that we take in here goes right back into the issue. We have no paid employees. We do not draw an expense account or anything like that."

It is not certain which way the suit will go, but even if the government loses the case, Hopper doesn't sound like someone who thinks Washington will stop causing problems for the POW/MIA movement: "Well, you know the government," he said as tourists milled around the Wall and looked in on the booths. "If they don't like something, they continue to harass you. It seems like they've got certain bureaucrats up there designated [harasser] number one, two and three."

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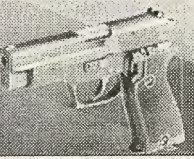
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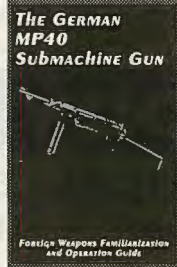
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ing, first drop the magazine by pushing the magazine catch/release to the rear and clear the weapon. Then, while pressing down on the receiver cover, rotate the receiver cover retaining pin by its lever to the vertical position and withdraw as far as possible to the right. Remove the receiver cover and pull the unitized recoil spring and guide rod out of the rear of the bolt carrier. Pull the retracting handle fully to the rear and lift the bolt carrier and bolt out of the receiver. Rotate the gas cylinder catch to the uppermost position and lift the rear of the handguard to remove the gas cylinder and piston. Withdraw the tappet and multiple-strand spring from the rear sight base. Depress the catch behind the trigger guard (with the safety on) and pull the trigger housing group down and out of the stock. Withdraw the magazine assembly from the stock. Separate the stock from the barreled action. No further disassembly is required. After cleaning and lubrication, reassemble in the reverse order. The trigger housing is often difficult to reinstall on the SKS and you must press down on both its catch and the

housing itself with vigor.

Standard Chinese ball ammunition (headstamped "71 83") was employed during *SOF's* test and evaluation of the Russian SKS. This ammunition has a dark brown lacquered steel case (Berdan-primed). The boat-tail FMJ projectile weighs 122 grains, nominal, and has a lead and antimony sleeve with a mild steel core. Nominal diameter of the bullet is 0.310-inch.

Average velocity of this ammunition, 10 feet from the muzzle, as measured by a PACT MKIV Championship Timer/Chronograph, was about 2,350 fps. Manufactured by Practical Applied Computer Technology Inc. (Dept. *SOF*, P.O. Box 531525, Grand Prairie, TX 75053; phone: 800-722-8462), the PACT MKIV costs under \$300, complete with MK5 Professional Skyscreens.

When fired from the bench, using the issue iron sights, our best group at 100 yards was about 2 inches. However, more often than not, group size varied from 4 to 6 inches. It appears to me that the accuracy potential of the SKS, as well as that of the entire Russian rifle series from the Model

1891 Mosin-Nagant through the Kalashnikov, is diminished by the lack of match-grade ammunition, at least in the United States.

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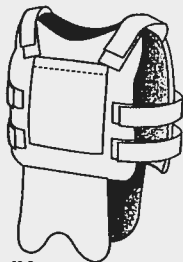
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in fact, get worse.

"ATF is the only federal agency whose mission focuses upon firearms 'per se' " the report stated. "As such, and particularly with the increased public attention upon gun-related crime, it is imperative that ATF take very seriously all aspects of firearms management. ATF is, in effect, the government standard bearer for firearms-related issues and should lead by example..."

ATF's response to criticisms raised in the Treasury Department audit report is typical of ATF's flippant dismissal of critics from any and all quarters, including Congress.

"While it is conceded that the audit will be extremely useful in helping the bureau refine its firearms accountability procedures," said a headquarters memo from director Magaw's office to one of the audit directors, "we disagree that the bureau lacks effective firearms

control and therefore is unable to fully account for the approximately 13,000 weapons in its inventory..."

Give or take a few hundred guns, right? In dismissing all but three of 15 specific recommendations by the auditors to correct the many problems cited, the ATF response memo simply summed up with an "if-it-ain't broke-don't-fix-it" argument.

"A recurrence of the deficiencies disclosed during the audit can be avoided if responsible supervisors and managers ensure adherence to the accountability and inventory controls which already exist. Therefore ... all ATF personnel with firearms responsibilities will be enjoined to strictly comply with existing policies on firearms accountability and control, and will be informed that appropriate action will be taken for noncompliance.

"Your audit has identified some firearms accountability and procedural errors which can be easily and promptly corrected and is therefore appreciated."

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ment of the Navy, Gunny's friends have joined forces with the Virginia Gun Collectors Association to help out. Together they have organized a rifle giveaway to benefit the man who still humbly says he was "just a Marine doing my job."

"Originally," said Hathcock's friend and VGCA organizer, Archie Mayer, "people just wanted to give money; one guy just laid down \$100 for Carlos." But the raffle has generated such an enthusiastic response that VGCA is awaiting a second shipment of 50,000 raffle tickets to distribute to gun shops across the country. Mayer estimates that 600-650 tickets are being sold each day.

"It's a great opportunity to show Carlos that he's still remembered by many and to give him support during this difficult period," says Land. "Carlos is the most courageous Marine I've ever known. Because of the nature of sniping and turn of events, he never received anywhere near the recognition that he rightly deserves."

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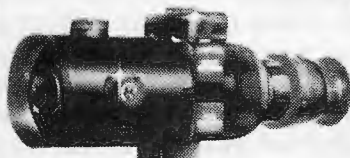
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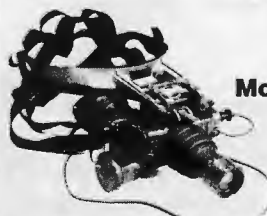
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HARD ROAD

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going up the reverse slope we had to stop and allow a French VAB armored vehicle or a Bosnian truck to pass us going the opposite direction. At one point we surprised three French Foreign legionnaires on sentry duty at the start of a rough path cut in the bank of the main road. Our French speakers dismounted and asked them if we were going the right way. The Frenchmen shifted back and forth and one of them reached for the hand grenade he carried in his load bearing harness. At that point I remembered that Serbs pretending to be legionnaires had killed two French officers only a few days before, prompting the French to send a Mirage-dropped smart bomb to Serb HQ in Pale. Could it be that these guys were Serbs? I looked over the side of the truck for my escape route. The Frenchman with the hand grenade turned his back on us so we couldn't see what he was doing and I prepared to unass the truck. But instead of pulling the pin

and throwing the grenade, he simply hung it on the harness of one of his comrades.

Shortly after dark we crested Mount Igman and started down the other side. Barrett was now driving at a faster pace with his lights switched off most of the time. He was switching them on only for the blink of an eye or two so that Serb gunners would be allowed the least amount of time to get fixed on us. At about the same time we began to get a few glimpses of the lights in the Serbian positions surrounding a mostly blacked out Sarajevo, the truck came to a sudden halt. The French armored car had stopped suddenly and there was some fairly excited chattering going on in the dark. Jordan must have sensed something was wrong because he said suddenly, "Be quiet! No one speak any English!" and then he pulled out his big K-Bar knife and slipped over the side of the truck into the night.

One of our number, who is by nature a nonstop talker fully capable of carrying on both sides of a conversation, dropped his voice a few decibels, but continued to ramble on. Doc Rodriguez quietly told the guy to shut up, and when he did not we began seriously contemplating shutting him up and quickly. The tension held until Jordan came back over the end of the truck. "I thought we'd taken a wrong turn and it was the Serbs up there. I had my knife out just to make sure. By the way, if something happens and we have to run for it, run uphill. They expect you to run downhill and that is the direction they will be shooting."

Jordan went on to relate that the holdup was caused because two trucks had just been shot up ahead of us about an hour before on a stretch of the road wryly named Breakdown Ridge. Six people had died and the wrecks were still burning. It had been the 20mm gun that had gotten them. The French claimed to have knocked that gun position out as part of their mandate to protect convoys, but Jordan said that very same gun had been responsible for knocking as many as 20 trucks off the mountain in the past two months. No one even bothered to take the bodies out. The first French or British U.N. vehicle that was large enough for the task simply pushed the shot-up vehicles, dead, wounded

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and all, tumbling over the edge of the road. They explained it simply by saying that if the road was blocked more people would die. It was necessary to pass that stretch at maximum speed.

Jordan tried to convince the commander of the French VAB armored vehicle that he should allow our white truck to get in between his two white U.N. armored vehicles to travel the most dangerous stretch down the mountain. He refused, and not too politely: According to Jordan it was the French equivalent of "...tough shit, there isn't enough armor here even for me if the Serbs start firing." To be fair about it, Bob Barrett, a taxpaying subject of Her Majesty, had earlier made the same request to a pair of British armored vehicles going down the mountain and got a similar response.

As soon as the next French VAB came past us on the way down, Barrett yelled back to us that this was it, we were on the way. Jordan, again John Wayning it, elected to stand up in the bed of the truck so he could see where the tracers were coming from, if they opened up on us. I don't know what

good that does when you can't do anything about someone launching 20 mike mike at you, but Jordan looked like he was doing the right thing anyway.

Obviously nervous about having us so close on his tail, the French armored vehicle driver tried to outrun us, but Barrett was the better driver and kept the big white truck close enough to the back of the VAB for us to note that the Protection Force part of the black-lettered U.N. license plate was painted white. To our right and down the hill we noted where the two earlier shot up trucks had landed when they were pushed over the side of Breakdown Ridge.

Last Stretch

It was pitch black and after midnight when we came off the Mount Igman road and found our way to a firehouse in the Sarajevo suburbs where we would obtain clearance to carry our medicines and Air-Paks through a tunnel that the Bosnians had dug under the tarmac of the Sarajevo International Airport. The reason that the Bosnians had to go under instead of over the airport

tarmac and into Sarajevo is that the French refused to let them do so. The French controlled the airport and they had a deal with the Serbs to only let in certain types of aid; the rest the Bosnians brought in and out through the tunnel. As might be expected, the tunnel that supplied food, weapons, ammunition and fuel in, and wounded out of, Sarajevo was a pretty busy thoroughfare.

Shortly after we arrived, Jordan phoned for permission for us to pass through the tunnel and was notified that his presence was immediately required in Sarajevo. He was told that a police car would take him to the tunnel entrance.

The rest of us bedded down for the night. Paul Fanshaw, an SOF staffer and former legionnaire, quickly found a place to sleep inside piles of truck tires erected as an artillery barrier in front of the firehouse doors. Brown and I unrolled our ponchos nearby, preferring to stay outside, even in the drizzling rain, rather than be caught inside a building if the Serbs put in some artillery.

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Barrett decided to go for it rather than wait for permission to come. We would simply present ourselves at the airstrip checkpoint. Winding through the suburbs of Sarajevo during broad daylight as we approached the road across the airstrip was both educational — and dangerous. Few of the houses along the way were inhabited, and most were badly shot up. It was clear that incoming artillery and mortar fire were a way of life here. Perhaps the most devastated area was near the entrance of the tunnel, the only route the Bosnians could use to resupply their troops in the city. Most of the houses there put one in mind of the photos of Hiroshima after the bomb. As we passed within 25 yards of the tunnel opening near the road, I noted that in an attempt to cave in the entrance, the Serbs had been rain-

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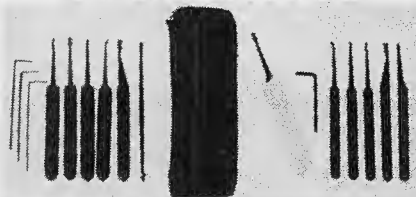
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At the first French checkpoint, as we pulled onto the tarmac, we were protected by a high earthen berm, but as soon as we cleared that berm we would be out in the open and vulnerable to anything the Serbs wanted to throw at us for about 200 meters. The French soldier had a very quick look at our passports and motioned us forward.

We all hugged the bottom of the truck for the fast dash, past the wreckage of a shot-up jet transport plane and into the open. There was silence as all of us listened for incoming, but there was only the wind passing over the white truck body.

Going past the second French checkpoint on the outside of the strip was easy, and the Bosnian checkpoint passed us quickly on as we entered a city of buildings turned into steel skeletons by a three-year volley of large caliber, high velocity projectiles. After passing a number of civilians walking peacefully down the famous Sniper Alley, the big white Leyland pulled into the headquarters of the Sarajevo Fire Department and we off-loaded the medicine and the 20 Scott Air-Paks. John Jordan was there to meet us, covered in mud from his trip through the tunnel and carrying his M1A.

Everyone at the fire station, as well as Barrett, Brown and the rest of us, was elated that we had gotten through in *tout suite* time without our equipment or personnel getting ventilated. The Sarajevo firemen were also feeling lucky that Jordan, with help from *SOF*, had managed to bring in the breathing apparatuses that would allow them to save a good number of lives.

Not Over Yet

Barrett was feeling so good about being allowed by the French to drive across the tarmac at the airport he said he thought he would take the truck back across to the other side to get the food and clothes destined for the firemen and their families. One fireman had already told Jordan that he and his family were hungry.

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Operating without this knowledge, Barrett loaded everything he could into the white Leyland and decided that since it had been so easy on the first crossing, it wouldn't be a bad idea to tow across a large red fire truck that wasn't quite running at the moment, but was nonetheless badly needed in Sarajevo.

Todd Bayless, a Canadian firefighter, was steering the big, red fire truck as Peter Dietz, another Canadian firefighter, rode in the Leyland with Barrett driving. They must have been quite a sight to the bystanders as they drove as fast as possible, which was slow at best, into the killing zone of the airport tarmac. Certainly no one tried to stop them, and there was probably more than one bet about whether they would make it.

Almost as soon as they left the protection of the berms and drove into the clear killing zone, a Serb sniper opened up on them from nearby. Using what was probably a Yugoslav SVD semiautomatic sniper rifle, the Serb began firing at the big white truck, and by the time he had finished seven boat-tailed 7.9mm Russian bullets had gone into the soft-skinned trucks.

Four bullets hit the white truck and three were found in the red one. Shortly before driving past the protective berm Peter Dietz held an extra protective vest with a steel plate up alongside his face. It was a good thing that he did, and it was a good thing that he didn't move much after he held it up. One of the bullets struck the edge of the armor plate on the front of the British-made flak vest. If he would have coughed at the wrong moment or scratched his scrotum, the sniper's bullets would have missed the edge of the plate, passed easily through the Kevlar fabric and the result would have been Peter's head

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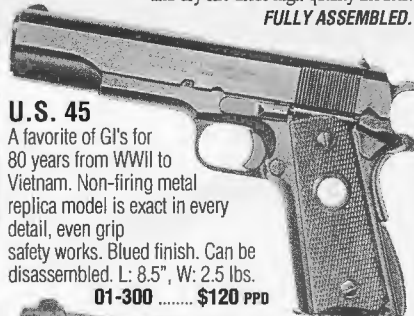
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looking something like a watermelon dropped on the sidewalk.

The bullets all entered the cab from slightly above and one of the others passed through the thin metal of the Leyland's cab. One of those bullets fragmented as it passed through the cab and one of the fragments entered Bob Barrett's leg. The third and fourth bullets passed through the bed of the truck, one of them entering about center, and the other hitting an accessory box in the rear and going on to neatly sever the wires from the rear taillight.

Todd Bayless was totally helpless. He saw it coming at him, but he couldn't speed up or slow down or even swerve as he watched the sniper's bullets hit the white truck towing him, and then he heard window glass shattering all around him. But when he looked up he was uninjured.

Clearly the sniper had been waiting for them.

John Hogan is a Vietnam vet with extensive experience in Bosnia and Croatia. His chronicle of our recent mission to Sarajevo continues next issue. ✕

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of six small arcs connected by flat surfaces) provides a better gas seal, more consistent velocities, superior accuracy and ease of maintenance. Both Glock's 9mm Parabellum and .40 S&W barrels have a right hand twist of one turn in 9.84 inches (250mm). Never shoot cast lead bullets in any Glock pistol as they will leave an ever-growing lead smear on the hexagonal rifling that could result in a potentially dangerous increase in pressure.

Under the barrel is a new recoil spring system, which is responsible to no small degree for diminishing the recoil that would normally be associated with handguns of this size, especially when chambered for the .40 S&W cartridge. It cannot be disassembled as the inner polymer guide rod is now capped at both ends. It thus retains not only the single-coil spring which rides on its outer surface, but a new larger-diameter guide rod made of sheet-metal tubing with an additional single-coil spring, also

of greater diameter than the inner spring.

Glock magazines are of the single-position-feed, staggered-column, detachable box type. Model 26 magazines hold 10 rounds, while those of the Model 27 hold 9 rounds. The Model 26 will accept all of the Model 17 and 19 9mm Parabellum magazines. All Model 22 and 23 .40 S&W magazines can be employed in the Model 27. Glock magazine bodies, followers and floorplates are fabricated from polymer. The magazine bodies have steel liners and reinforcement plates with indicator holes starting with round No. 4 up to the capacity of the magazine.

Ten Thousand Rounds Later...

The following parts are unique to the Glock Models 26 and 27: the slide, frame, barrel, recoil spring system, locking block and slide lock spring. Including those exceptions, these ultra-compact versions feature about 80% parts interchangeability with the other pistols in the Glock series.

Both the Glock Model 26 and Model 27 are issued with two magazines, a polymer magazine loader and

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cleaning rod, rear sight adjustment tool and a nylon bristle bore brush. The polymer storage box has been designed for armory stacking and retention with a steel rod or chain. Suggested retail price is \$609 for either Model 26 or 27 with polymer sights. Add \$60 for factory-installed Meproflight self luminous sights. Glock recently lowered its price for spare magazines to \$25 each.

There can be no question about any Glock pistol's level of reliability or durability. The Glock design has successfully passed rigorous milspec tests throughout the world, involving hundreds of thousands of rounds. SOF's test and evaluation of the Models 26 and 27 did no more than confirm impressions already built from the tens of thousands of rounds I have personally fired through all of the previous models of the Glock series. There were no stoppages attributable to the pistols themselves during the course of the more than 1,000 rounds fired to date through each of our test specimens.

The polymer frame's inherent elasticity dampens felt recoil considerably and the new recoil spring/guide

rod system is also of great benefit in this regard. As the barrel's axis on all Glock pistols lies close to the hand, the recoil momentum is perceived as an almost straight rearward thrust with much less muzzle climb than that of other pistols in these two calibers that approximate this envelope. Felt recoil of the .40 S&W Model 27 is only slightly greater than that of the 9mm Model 26.

Target re-acquisition times between shots are minimal, as the front sight barely leaves the point of aim if a strong Weaver hold is employed. Both the Models 26 and 27 point instinctively and come on target with great speed. With their clean and constant trigger system, the hit probability is high. There is, of course, no hammer bite to distract the shooter. The accuracy potential is more than adequate for gunfighting. These are after all, not target or plinking pistols. Most engagements with a handgun take place at distances under 21 feet.


Ammunition manufactured by Federal, Winchester, Hornady and Black Hills was used during our test and evaluation of these pistols. Penetra-

tion is the most important single factor in evaluating handgun ammunition to be used in deadly encounters. A minimum of approximately 12 inches of penetration in living tissue is required and up to 18 inches is desirable. Providing that range of penetration is maintained, the bullet that makes the biggest hole will do the most damage. On that basis alone, the .40 S&W round is superior to the 9mm Parabellum. In both cases the heaviest expanding hollow point bullet moving at subsonic velocity is the best choice. If we drive a hollow point handgun bullet at too high a velocity, it will inevitably over-expand and under-penetrate. If you continue to push the velocity parameter, the bullet will become frangible and break up after only very shallow penetration. Gratefully, in recent years most ammunition manufacturers have come to understand these concepts.


Best choice for the 9mm Parabellum is still a 147-grain JHP subsonic load as manufactured by either Winchester, Hornady, Black Hills or Remington. I prefer Black Hills (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 3090, Rapid City, SD 57709; phone: 800-568-

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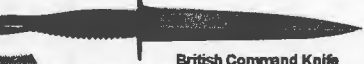
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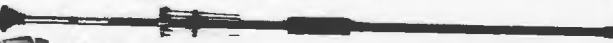
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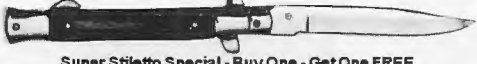
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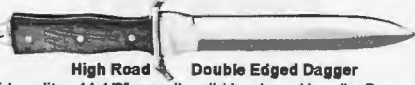
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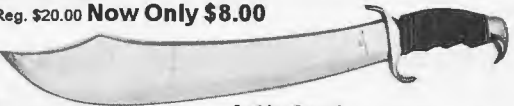
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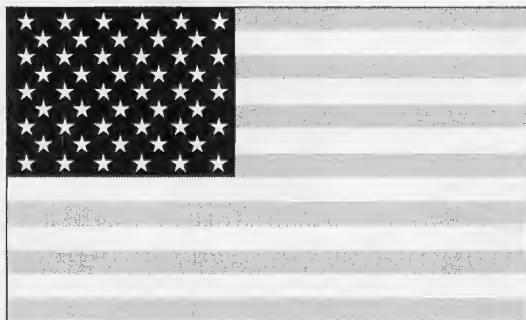
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Right now there's not much out there in the way of holsters for the Glock Models 26 and 27. Glock's polymer version of the so-called "Yaqui Slide" type belt holster will accommodate these pistols. However, I prefer the slick little Gun Mate belt pack holster made by Michaels of Oregon (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 13010, Portland, OR 97213; phone: 503-255-6890). Much smaller than a fanny pack, it attaches to your belt and can be worn either strongside or in the crossdraw position. The handgun is held in a rear compartment sealed by a Velcro-type flap. The front compartment can be used for a wallet, handcuffs or other items. Both compartments are sealed by a double-pull zipper. A small front pocket with a Velcro-type flap will hold keys and other small items. Three sizes are available and the baby Glocks will slide into the original and smallest Gun Mate which is 7.75 inches wide. Don't expect a "par" time drawstroke from this rig, but it provides excellent concealment.

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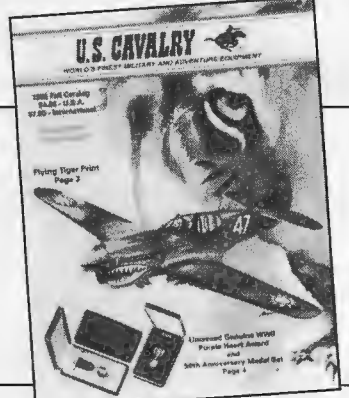
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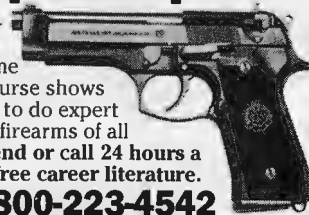
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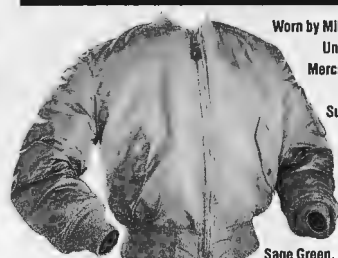
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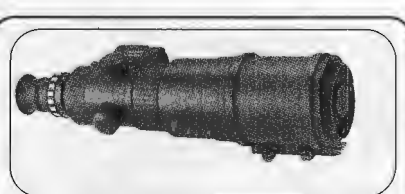
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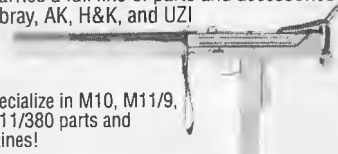
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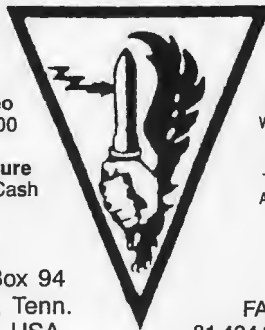


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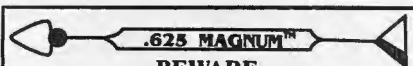
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for sundry acts athwart government wishes. The bottom line is that if H.R. 896 passes, it can apply to whomever the government wants.

This scenario may not frighten you, since it only applies to terrorists, but *what would it take for you to appear in SPLC's files as a terrorist?* In an interview with *SOF*, Laird Wilcox said, "Morris Dees and the Southern Poverty Law Center have made a holy cause out of fighting racism and the KKK. In itself this is laudatory because racism should be opposed and the KKK is and always has been an abomination.

"What has happened to Dees and the SPLC, however, is what often happens to fanatic, single-minded idealists. They tend to define themselves in terms of their enemies, i.e. 'anti-Klan,' and their crusade develops a kind of 'overdrive' where the end easily justifies the means, just as it does for all extremist groups.

"The SPLC tends to view their critics and the groups they hate as essentially subhuman (although they would deny that), and their campaign against them acquires the character of 'total warfare,' where any distortion, fabri-

cation or sleazy legal tactic is justified in terms of the struggle.

"The SPLC knows that bonafide 'links' between the militias and 'hate groups' are few and far between, and they know that the perpetrators of the Oklahoma bombing have no ties whatsoever to any militia organization. But in fund-raising letters and media appearances they simply lie about it because it raises money and helps to cause immense mischief for people they hate."

The terms "militia," "terrorist," and "hate group" are bandied about with such ease that it might be helpful to know what these folks would use as an example of "terrorist." Charles L. Dees, brother of Morris Dees, is publisher of *The Police Marksman*, distributed by the "Police Marksmanship Association." The July-August 1995 issue had a special section on "Terrorism In The U.S.," which borrowed extensively from SPLC material. One sidebar had this to say:

"...Many groups are currently the focus of politicians and the mass media, and are generically being labeled as 'domestic terrorists.' These groups included, but are not limited to ... John Birch Society and other assorted tax protesters."

John Birchers, terrorists? The folks

who have spent the past 40 years flogging "Support Your Local Police" bumper stickers? "That's absolute bullshit," according to Wilcox. Are we to believe that to Morris Dees "militia" is synonymous with "hate group," and to his brother Charles Leslie Dees, "John Bircher" is synonymous with "domestic terrorist"?

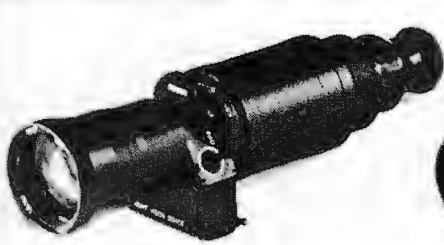
To continue our scary scenario, suppose *another* sociopath bombs *another* public building and, lacking leads, the feds avail themselves of the SPLC's "list of 14,000" hate groupies, or whatever they are now compiling on "militias/hate groups." You could find yourself suddenly a designated "terrorist," subject to arrest, trial without jury, asset forfeiture, detention, even deportation, and the worst thing you ever did was run around in cammies waving the flag.

Now, *that's* scary.

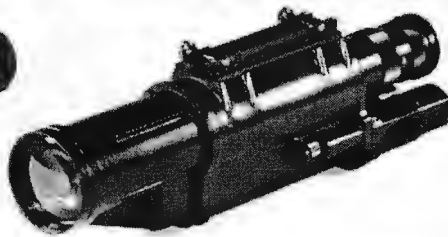
But in any case, jousting this new windmill must be paying off for the Poverty Center, as they are procuring new sucker lists and soliciting strangers. How wide are they ranging on this lucrative new bandwagon? Well, even *SOF* staffers have received cold solicitation letters. We just hope that making a buck is all they're up to. ☾

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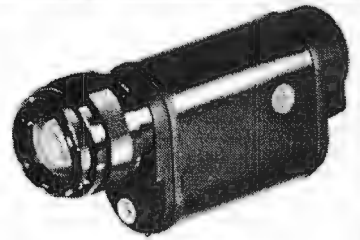
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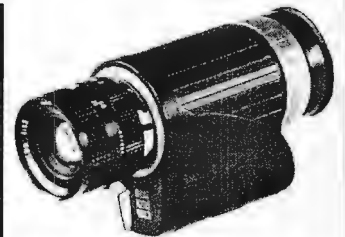


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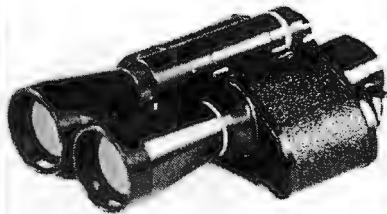


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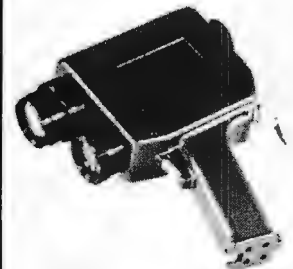


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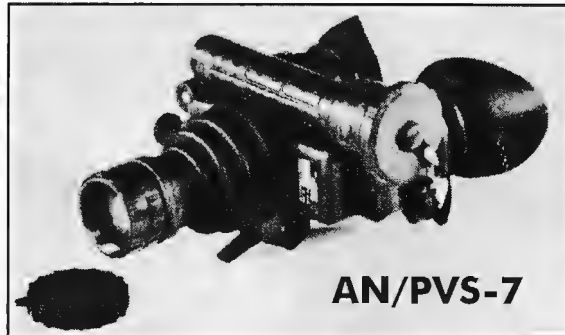
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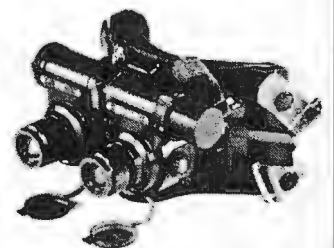
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