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## Islam and Terrorism

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“Indeed it is evident that Christianity must always exert a modifying influence on men’s passions, and protect them from the more violent forms of fanatical fever. But the Mohammedan religion increases, instead of lessening, the fury of intolerance. It was originally propagated by the sword. . . . Civilization is confronted with militant Mohammedanism” (Winston Churchill, *The Story of the Malakand Field Force* 1898).

“The persecution of Christians by Muslims has become a taboo subject in Western circles. Over thirteen centuries of religious discrimination and persecutions, causing the suffering, oppression, murder, and enslavement of countless millions has been buried under a thick whitewash of myths of ‘Islamic tolerance’ (Peter Hammond, *Slavery, Terrorism and Islam*. p. 210).

“In the first five centuries of Islam, Muslim forces killed Christians, kidnapped their children to raise them as Muslims, or compelled people at the point of the sword to convert to Islam. Up to 50% of all the Christians in the world were wiped out during the first three centuries of Islam” (Ibid. p. 197).

“In the 16th and 17th centuries, more Europeans were carried away south across the Mediterranean into Muslim slavery in North Africa, than Africans, purchased at Muslim slave markets, carried west across the Atlantic. Upon arrival in North Africa, infidel Christians were jeered and pelted with stones by children as they were marched to the auction block. Men were made galley slaves and women were made servants or paraded naked and sold as sex slaves. The whiter the skin, the higher the bid” (William J. Federer, *What Every American Needs To Know About The Qur’an*, 2013, p. 159).

“Islam is a religion based upon peace, goodwill, and the ethical treatment of all people on this planet” Dennis Kucinich in Lisa Graas, “Friend of CAIR, Dennis Kucinich Pontificates: ‘Islam is Peace.’” (NewsReal Blog, March 14, 2011).

Dennis Kucinich fails to distinguish between Dar al-Islam and Dar al-Harb. Islam is only a “religion based upon peace” in that territory under Islamic domination or Dar al-Islam (territory of peace). All other territory is considered Dar al-Harb (territory of war). The United States and indeed all Western nations are considered Dar al-Harb.

Following are the exploits of this “Religion of Peace.”

1. 627 A.D. All men (700-900) in the Jewish tribe Banu Qurayza were beheaded and their women and children enslaved (See Wikipedia “Banu Qurayza”).
2. 634 A.D. Muslim invasion of Persia and Syria resulted in thousands of Christians massacred.
3. 638 A.D. Muslims conquered Jerusalem.
4. 639-641 A.D. The Muslim conquest of Egypt saw the towns of Behnesa, Fayum, Nikiu, and Aboit all put to the sword.
5. 643 A.D. When Tripoli was captured, all Jews and Christians were forced to hand over all their women and children as slaves.
6. 698 A.D. Carthage was captured by Muslim forces, burned to the ground and most of its inhabitants slaughtered.
7. 711 A.D. Muslims invaded Spain and Portugal. “God alone knows the number of the slain.”

8. 712 A.D. Muslim armies invaded India, smashed statues, demolished temples, plundered the palaces, slaughtered vast numbers of Indian men, and enslaved their women and children. Will Durant in *The Story of Civilization* referred to this invasion as “probably the bloodiest story in history.” At Somnath, e.g., 50,000 Hindus were slaughtered at the command of Mahmud.

9. 731 A.D. Muslims captured Bordeaux and Duke Eudo’s army was butchered.

10. 732 A.D. Muslim forces finally defeated by Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours.

11. 846 A.D. Muslims sack Rome.

12. 923 A.D. Caliph Abd-Er-Rahman III destroyed Cordova, Zaragoza, and Merida with all adult males executed and all women and children enslaved.

13. 1011 A.D. Muslims kill 2,000 in Cordoba, Spain.

14. 1033 A.D. Muslims capture Fez, Morocco and slaughter 6,000 Jews.

15. 1055 A.D. Muslims capture Baghdad.

16. 1064 A.D. Muslims capture Ani, Armenia.

17. 1066 A.D. Muslims massacre 5,000 Jews in Granada, Spain.

18. 1191 A.D. Muslims enslave 3,000 in Silves, Portugal.

19. 1193 A.D. the Muslims burned to the ground the Buddhist’s famous library and overran Bihar.

20. 1351 A.D. Firuz Shah commanded all Hindus to be killed and all Hindu temples to be destroyed.

21. 1359 A.D. Muslims attack cities in Asia Minor.

22. 1382 A.D. Muslims capture Moscow.

23. 1383 A.D. Muslims (under Tamerlane) conquer Afghan city of Isfizar (“building a tower with bricks, mortar, and 2,000 prisoners cemented alive into it.” Federer, p. 115

24. 1386 A.D. Tamerlane destroys the city of Kartid.

25. 1387 A.D. Tamerlane massacres 70,000 in the Persian city of Ishfahan.

26. 1398 A.D. Tamerlane conquers Delhi, India and slaughters 100,000 people “leaving hundreds of ‘pyramids of skulls’” Federer, p. 116.

27. 1403 A.D. Tamerlane slaughtered the inhabitants and destroyed all the Christian churches in Tiflis, Georgia.

28. 1453 A.D. Mehmet II conquered Constantinople with tens of thousands of civilians slaughtered in the streets. Christianity’s greatest church the Hagia Sophia was overrun, with the Turks slaughtering the entire congregation—men, women, and children.

29. 1456 A.D. Muslims (Sultan Mehmet II) attack Hungary, but repulsed.

30. 1475 A.D. Muslims conquered Crimea, enslaved

150 young boys for pederasty reasons.

31. 1480 A.D. “Mehmet the Conqueror sent an Ottoman Turkish fleet to invade Rome under the command of Gedik Ahmet Pasa. The army reached the shore on 28 July 1480 and the city [of Otranto] was captured in two weeks on 11 August 1480. 800 Catholics were beheaded after refusing to convert to Islam. These 800 victims were canonized by Pope Francis on May 12, 2013” (Wikipedia “Otranto”).

32. 1526 A. D. The Turks conquered Budapest, enslaving 200,000 Hungarian Christians and taking them back to Turkey as slaves.

33. 1568 A.D. Following the Battle of Chitod, Moghul emperor Akbar ordered the 30,000 captured Hindus to be executed.

34. 1628 A.D. Shah Jahan (builder of the Taj Mahal) captured Hugh, a Portuguese enclave near Calcutta, had its 10,000 inhabitants “blown up with powder, drowned in water, or burned by fire.”

35. 1640 A.D. “Hundreds of English ships and over 3,000 British subjects were enslaved in Algiers and 1,500 in Tunis. In three centuries, over a million Europeans were enslaved by Muslim Barbary Pirates” (Federer, p. 160).

36. 1909 A.D. “Young Turks have pursued their nationalistic program by butchery. The Adana massacres of 1909 occurred within a year of the proclamation of the Young Turk Constitution” (Arnold Toynbee, *The Murderous Tyranny of the Turks* cited in Federer, p. 201).

37. 1913 A.D. Turkish army was “engaged in exterminating the Albanians because they had an un-Ottoman national Spirit of their own” (Arnold Toynbee, *The Murderous Tyranny of the Turks* cited in Federer, p. 201).

38. 1915 A.D. The Turks exterminated 1.5 million Christian Armenians (men, women, and children), 750,000 Syrians, and 1 million Greeks, Albanians, and other ethnic minorities, in addition to the previous 7 centuries of Turks systematically massacring millions of Greeks, Armenians, Kurds, Syrians, Serbs, and Bulgarians” (Federer, p. 199).

39. 1922 A.D. The Turks destroyed the city of Smyrna with its 300,000 Christian inhabitants. . . . The Turks shot, hacked, and burned them to death. US and British ships were in the Smyrna harbor and did nothing but witness the slaughter.

40. 1996 A.D. The Armed Islamic Group kidnapped and beheaded seven Trappist monks in Algeria.

41. 2001 A.D. 3,000 killed in the New York City World Trade Center’s Twin Towers destroyed on September 11, by Saudi Arabia Wahabi Muslim terrorists.

42. 2011 A.D. New Year’s Day Massacre in Alexandria, Egypt with 23 Coptic Christians murdered and 79

injured by Muslim terrorists.

43. 2011 A.D. “Christianity may have been nearly eradicated in Tunisia” (Charlotte Allen, “Before the Deluge” in *The Weekly Standard*, March 14, 2011, p. 29).

44. 2011 A.D. “On Friday night [March 11], twelve-year old Tamar Fogel came home to find both her parents, Ruth and Udi Fogel, two brothers Yoav (11) and Elad (four), and her three-month old sister Hadas murdered in their beds. They had had their throats cut and been stabbed through the heart. That’s not shocking: there is no shortage of young Muslim men who would enjoy slitting the throat of a three-month old baby, and then head home dreaming of the town square or soccer tournament to be named in their honor. Back in Gaza, the citizenry celebrated the news by cheering and passing out sweets. . . . The western media simply averted their eyes from their Palestinian house pets’ unfortunate effusions” (Mark Steyn, *National Review Online*, March 14, 2011).

45. 2011 A.D. “The spokesman of the Muslim Brothers, the 84-year old Sheikh Qaradawi, is one of the most influential and popular figures in the Muslim world. Originally Egyptian, he has long been in exile in Qatar, where he broadcasts on Al Jazeera. He advises Muslims not to make friends with Jews as this might diminish their desire to wage jihad against them. ‘O Allah, take this oppressive Jewish Zionist band of people,’ he preaches, ‘kill them down to the very last one’” (David Pryce Jones, *National Review*, March 21, 2001, 24).

46. 2011 A.D. “In the village of Sole, just outside of Cairo, local Muslims decided they now had the freedom to burn down the town’s Coptic Church (the Church of the Two Martyrs). After torching the sacred place, the Muslims promised to build a mosque on that very spot. When Christians peacefully protested the church burning, 13 were killed and 150 wounded by Muslims who attacked with firearms, stones, and Molotov cocktails” (Paul Cooper, *NewReal Blog*, March 20, 2011).

47. 2011 A.D. “Muslims in Ethiopia have torched 69 Christian churches, a Bible school, and an orphanage beginning March 2, 2011. . . with roughly 10,000 displaced Christians while the media, including the White House and the US State Department, has said nothing” (Lisa Graas, *NewsReal Blog*, March 25, 2011).

48. “The problem is so serious that in February 2012, *Newsweek* magazine’s cover bore the title, ‘The War on Christians.’ The article explains that in recent years the violent oppression of Christian minorities has become the norm in Muslim-majority nations stretching from West Africa and the Middle East to South Asia and Oceania.” (Erwin W. Lutzer, *The Cross in the Shadow of the Cres-*

*cent*, p. 139).

49. “In July 2012, a Muslim convert to Christianity was beheaded in Tunisia, and the grisly murder was shown on Egyptian TV.” *Ibid*

50. May 26, 2013, “I’ve seen this before. A Muslim terrorist slays a non-Muslim citizen in the West, and the Muslim community rush to dissociate themselves and their faith from the horror. . . . Michael Adebolajo—the accused Woolwich killer who was seen on a video at the scene of the murder talking to the camera while displaying his bloody hands and a meat cleaver—was [radical Muslim cleric] Omar Bakri’s student a decade ago, before his group was banned [in England]. ‘A quiet man, very shy, asking lots of questions about Islam,’ Bakri recalled last week. The teacher was impressed to see in the grisly video how far his shy disciple had come, ‘standing firm, courageous, brave. Not running away.’ . . . Bakri also told the press: ‘The Prophet said an infidel and his killer will not meet in Hell. That’s a beautiful saying. May God reward Adebolajo for his actions. . . . I don’t see it as a crime as far as Islam is concerned.’” (Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *The Wall Street Journal*, May 28, 2013, p. A 15).

“Lee Rigby, the British soldier who was beheaded in UK’s Woolwich by two Islamist radicals was identified by them as a soldier for wearing a t-shirt with the name of the charity that helps soldiers in need. Now, the charity ‘Help for Heroes’ (H4H) has become the unexpected focus of attention. ‘Since Wednesday afternoon, H4H has received almost \$600,000 in money and pledges from the British public and donations continue to come in,’ said officials from the charity.” (Kounteya Sinha, *The Times of India/UK*, May 26, 2013).

51. “More Christians have been martyred in the last 100 years than in the previous 1900 years of church history. . . . One estimate is that ‘the current rate [2012] is 159,000 martyrs per year.’” (*Ibid.*, p. 168. See Justin D. Long, “More Martyrs Now Than Then?” Available at <http://jmm.aaa.net.au/articles/2904.htm>).

52. “According to Voice of the Martyrs, an organization that reports on the persecution of Christians worldwide, notices like this [leave or be killed] have been appearing on the doors of Christian homes and churches in Muslim countries. . . . In these places [Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Somalia] Christians are systematically jailed and killed. ‘The scale of persecution of Christians by Muslims has caused the death of thousands, including pastors, and the destruction of hundreds, even thousands, of churches.’” (Lutzer, p. 163).

53. “The Muslim Brotherhood has dozens of front organizations through which they operate. We’ve al-

ready referred to one of the best known, which is CAIR. Other prominent groups are the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and the Muslim Student Association (MSA).” (Lutzer, p. 181, 182).

54. “The motto of the Muslim Brotherhood is explicit as well: ‘Allah is our objective, the Prophet is our leader, the Quran is our law, jihad is our way, and dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope.’” (Lutzer, p. 179).

55. “In their investigation of the Muslim Brotherhood archives, seized in 2004, the FBI was able to determine that ‘the groups’ sole objectives are to implement Islamic law in America in furtherance of reestablishing the global caliphate.’ Such goals, of course, would require the replacement of the US Constitution with Sharia.” (Lutzer, p. 183. Also, see Shariah: The Threat to America—An Exercise in Competitive Analysis Report of Team BII. Washington, D.C.: The Center for Security Policy, 2010).

56. “Just hours after the two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing were identified as Muslims, Representative Peter T. King of New York, the Republican chairman of the House Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, called for an ‘increased surveillance’ of Islamic communities in the United States.” (Suhaib Webb, *The New York Times*, April 24, 2013).

“There were likely twice as many martyrs in the twentieth century than in the previous nineteen centuries of Christian history combined. The great majority of these twentieth century martyrs gave their lives for Christ at the hands of communism.” (George Weigel, “All War, All The Time,” in *First Things*, April 2011, 29, 30).

**Editor’s Note:** It appears that Islamists have now replaced the Communist thugs as the world’s executioners. Even liberal TV host Bill Maher had this to say about the situation: “There’s only one faith, for example, that kills you or wants to kill you if you draw a bad cartoon of the prophet. There’s only one faith that kills you or wants to kill you if you renounce the faith. An ex-Muslim is a very dangerous thing. Talk to Salman Rushdie after the show about Christian versus Islam” *World* magazine, May 18, 2013, p. 4.

Also, from Dr. Deepak Das: “Sir, I am a Bengali Hindu from India. I notice that you have published an article citing examples of Islamic terrorism on humanity. But you

failed to recognize the Hindu holocaust which caused more than 600 millions of Hindu’s lives over 1300 years by the Muslim barbarians. If you include those horrific facts of Islamic brutalities on innocent Hindus, I think your account will be complete and it will be enriched by impartial judgment. Today, not only Jews and Christians are suffering but Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Jain are also suffering this Islamic terrorism. This deadly cult, totalitarian Arab Imperialism will destroy the whole world if not stopped at the proper time. Now is the time when the West, i.e., America, Israel, and Europe have been afflicted by the sizzling flame of the unholy alliance between Muslim-Marxists. We should fight together to finish this ideology which will destroy the whole world eventually. The M-M combination is more deadly and dangerous than Nazism for human existence” (May 17, 2013).

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# Christian Martyrs to Islam

by Charlotte Allen

On May 12, Pope Francis officially canonized more than 800 male Catholic residents of the southern Italian port of Otranto, who in 1480 were beheaded en masse for refusing to convert to Islam after their city was invaded and captured by a Turkish Muslim fleet. The making of the new saints was a vivid reminder of something that many people, including historians, prefer to gloss over: the pattern over the centuries of Islamic persecution of Christians that continues to this day in many Muslim majority lands.

In a 2006 lecture at the University of Regensburg, Pope Benedict XVI quoted a remark about Islam made by the 14th century Byzantine emperor Manuel II Palaiologos: “There you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as [the Prophet Muhammad’s] command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.” Benedict’s medieval quotation about forced conversions (the same issue at stake in the Otranto beheadings) reportedly provoked a fatwa against Benedict in Pakistan, church burnings and bombings in the West Bank and Gaza, threats of jihad from al Qaeda, and the murder of a nun in Somalia.

Benedict’s quotation also provoked tuts-tuts from Catholic intellectuals: The liberal Catholic magazine *Commonweal* pronounced the pope’s remarks “ill-conceived.” Benedict eventually apologized, saying the text did not “in any way” express his “personal thought.”

Meanwhile, secular historians have argued that the Otranto victims weren’t really martyrs in the sense of dying for their faith. They were political prisoners executed for rebelling against their new masters. The same academic fate has befallen the ninth-century martyrs of Cordoba, 48 men and women publicly decapitated when most of Spain was under Muslim rule.

The Cordoban emirate of that era, called Al-Andalus, has been lavishly praised by modern historians as a model of tolerant coexistence, in which Muslims, Christians, and Jews lived peacefully while the arts and letters flourished. This even though the Christians, the vast majority of the population, had seen their churches destroyed, were required to pay an annual poll tax as infidels, and as non-Muslim *djimmis* were treated (along with Jews) as second class citizens under Shariah law.

In Cordoba, Christians were under relentless social pressure to change religions, or at the very least to accommodate quietly to reality. So most historians these days describe the Cordoban martyrs either as secular nationalist revolutionaries or as suicide seekers who deliberately

insulted the Prophet Muhammad in their personal quests for heavenly glory or expiation for their sins.

In truth, the crimes for which the Cordoban martyrs were executed—typically they were accused of blasphemy and apostasy for converting to Christianity—bear a striking resemblance to the “crimes” against Shariah for which Christians are becoming martyrs or near-martyrs today in Muslim lands.

In the new book *Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians*, Pal Marshall, Lela Gilbert, and Nina Shea chronicle the brutal treatment of Christians by communists governments, as in China and North Korea. But the book’s overwhelming focus is on Islamic regimes, which either officially or unofficially through government sanctioned mob violence campaigns to exterminate or drive into exile those who regard Jesus Christ as their savior.

The stories are hair-raising. The book recounts how the Arab Spring in Egypt has generated a wave of Coptic-Christian church-burnings and (among other violent deaths) the gang-murder of a 17-year-old boy in 2011 because he had a cross tattooed on his wrist.

One of the authors, Ms. Shea, meets with a convert to Christianity in Saudi Arabia, Hamound Bin Saleh al-Amri, who describes being arrested repeatedly for his beliefs over the past decade and put in prison, where for months at a times he was “severely mistreated and threatened with harm to his family.”

Many of the book’s stories come from Iran. In 2007 the Iranian government arrested and tortured Mohsen Namvar for baptizing a Muslim who wanted to become a Christian. The following year, Mr. Namvar was arrested again “and so severely tortured that he continued to suffer fever, severe back pain, high blood pressure, uncontrollable shaking of his limbs, and short-term memory loss,” the authors report. Mr. Namvar and his family fled to Turkey, where Christianity is severely restricted but Christian converts aren’t punished.

In a recent article for National Review Online, Ms. Shea, who directs the Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious Freedom, wrote about a May 5 church-bombing that killed 10 people in Nigeria, where Christianity has recently edged out Islam as that country’s majority religion.

So perhaps the pope making saints out of the hundreds of brave men who six centuries ago gave up their lives rather than experience forced conversion to Islam will remind cynical secular historians that the religious fanatics aren’t always the people who die for their faith. Sometimes the fanatics are the people who kill them.

—*The Wall Street Journal*, May 24, 2013, p. A 11

## Kathy Boudin: Hail Columbia

People have been outraged to learn that Kathy Boudin, imprisoned for her role in the 1981 Brinks armored car robbery and murders in New York and paroled a decade ago, now holds an adjunct professorship in the school of social work at Columbia University, where she has been lecturing since 2008. When asked by the *New York Post* about Boudin, associate dean Marianne Yoshioka enthused that her colleague is “an excellent teacher who gets incredible evaluations from her students each year.” The Scrapbook is prepared to believe that. What student, even a student of social work, would not be fascinated by the spectacle of a professor who is also a felony murderer?

Kathy Boudin, now nearly 70 years old, is practically a parody of a superannuated 1960s radical. The daughter of a famous left-wing lawyer and the niece of the radical journalist I. F. Stone, she dropped out of Bryn Mawr to live and study in the Soviet Union, then joined the terrorists of the Weather Underground, bombing the Pentagon, the US Capitol, various civic and commercial sites in New York and Chicago—and ultimately themselves, in the famous 1970 explosion of a townhouse bomb factory in Greenwich Village.

Boudin and a handful of comrades (three of whom were killed in the blast) had been making bombs for detonation at a soldiers’ dance at nearby Fort Dix. Boudin was injured, but survived—and then became a fugitive for more than a decade until she and fellow Weathermen and members of the Black Liberation Army robbed a Brinks armored truck in Rockland County, New York, in 1981. Boudin and friends shot and killed one guard and two policemen, and wounded another guard. This time Boudin was captured, was offered a plea bargain, and served 19 years in prison.

In a perfect world, of course, unrepentant domestic terrorists like Kathy Boudin would not be offered plum faculty posts at Ivy League institutions. But as The Scrapbook is well aware, this is not a perfect world—nor especially uncharacteristic of our nation’s more prestigious institutions of higher learning, where the Boudin generation remains in control and anti-Americanism is the predominant faith. Kathleen Cleaver, ex-fugitive onetime wife of Eldridge Cleaver, teaches at Yale Law School; Boudin’s fellow bomber (and Obama pal) Bill Ayers taught at the University of Illinois, Angela Davis at the University of California, Santa Cruz. The list goes on.

The Scrapbook’s view of all this is cautiously optimistic. First, it is entirely possible that, when the academy

is finally liberated from its baby boom captivity, the self-consciously radical atmosphere on our nation’s campuses may lift, if only partially. Second, if it had been revealed in, say, 1975 that Kathy Boudin (then probably, resident in Cuba) would someday be teaching at Columbia, nobody would have noticed. Today, it’s a big deal. And that’s progress, of sorts: The romantic view of the anarchists and murderers of the left in that era has given way to revision and reassessment and, to some degree, revulsion.

The Scrapbook has another perspective as well. Such spectacular events as the Brinks robbery tend to concentrate attention on the perpetrators, not the victims, especially when the perpetrators have minor celebrity status. Lest we forget, Kathy Boudin and her comrades shot and killed three men, leaving two widows and nine children. It might be worth asking Dean Yoshioka whether any of those children (or grandchildren now, in some cases) have ever applied to Columbia University for admission, or for employment—and whether, under the circumstances, Boudin’s patron feels any lingering sense of obligation.

—*The Weekly Standard*, April 15, 2013, p. 2, 3

## Hail Columbia II

by Rusty Weiss

Is there any business that you are aware of that would actively hire an individual who once intended on setting a bomb at said business? Probably not, but nonetheless, welcome to liberal academia; and welcome to Columbia University. The irony, as they say, is strong with this one.

Having recently perused the Columbia University website, I managed to come across a very interesting image.

It is an image of the Greenwich Village townhouse explosion in 1970. The explosion occurred because of a premature bomb detonation, when a device that was being fashioned by members of the Weather Underground accidentally exploded. The description of the image on the Columbia University website reads:

Site of the East 11th Street Townhouse that blew up in March 1970, killing Teddy Gold, Diana Oughton, and Terry Robbins. Kathy Boudin and Cathy Wilkerson (who just published a book, *Flying Close to the Sun: My Life and Times As a Weatherman*) survived the blast.

Kathy Boudin is the name that most stands out here, having been a Weather Underground member and convicted murderer . . . but more importantly, recently having been hired as a Professor at Columbia University’s School of Social Work.

Via last month’s *New York Post*: “Former Weather

Underground radical Kathy Boudin . . . now holds a prestigious adjunct professorship at Columbia University's School of Social Work, *The Post* has learned."

So we have an image on the Columbia University website of a bomb explosion involving a current Columbia University professor. Too rich.

But here is the third prong in the triumvirate of irony—the bomb, according to some sources, was meant to destroy the main library at, you guessed it . . . Columbia University.

Here is an excerpt from a *New York Times* article: "The explosion, which became front page news and sent a shock wave through the city, was caused by the accidental detonation of dynamite in a subbasement bomb factory. Young radicals from the Weathermen were making bombs to destroy property, beginning with the main library at Columbia University."

Of the five domestic terrorists at the Greenwich Village townhouse, Boudin seemed to be the one most favoring the use of such devices.

Via Wikipedia: "According to Cathy Wilkerson, who was a leader of the New York collective of the Weathermen, they were disappointed with the minimal effects of their earlier use of Molotov cocktails at the home of Judge Murtagh and other locations. At the suggestion of Terry Robbins, another of the leaders, they decided to use dynamite for newly planned actions.

"They purchased a considerable quantity of dynamite and a number of electric fuses. The group investigated and designated three targets, including a dance at Fort Dix, an army base in nearby New Jersey. It was reported that "arguments went on day and night" in the townhouse, with Kathy Boudin favoring the use of antipersonnel bombs and Diana Oughton having misgivings."

The phrase "anti-personnel" indicates that these devices were designed to inflict bodily damage and/or death upon human beings.

Aside from designing bombs that could have been used on the Columbia University Library, some have actually claimed the devices were meant for a different target. A former FBI informant, Larry Grathwohl, described one version of the intent for the bombs being built.

"One other historical fact that demands mention is the explosion of the Weathermen bomb factory in Greenwich Village in February of 1970. The bombs being built for use at an Army dance at the Ft. Dix Army Base on a Saturday night contained roofing nails for the shrapnel effect, and if the bombs hadn't prematurely detonated, killing three Weathermen, the effect would have been devastating."

Hundreds of military personnel and their significant

others could have been injured or killed had the plot been carried out to fruition. As a result of the scrutiny being applied after the explosion, Boudin figured she would go underground like so many of her ilk, to elude authorities.

But wait, there's more.

Not only did Boudin, along with Cathy Wilkerson, survive the Greenwich Village townhouse explosion meant to kill or maim people, but she was also a key player during a Brinks armored-car robbery in 1981 that resulted in multiple deaths.

In the Brinks case, Boudin drove the getaway vehicle (a U-Haul truck) as her armed partners murdered a security guard and made off with \$1.6 million.

Even more heinous, after being stopped by police officers later on, Boudin feigned innocence and convinced the officers to drop their guard. As the officers lowered their weapons, they were quickly overcome by six men from the back of the truck. Two of the officers were murdered by multiple rounds from a heavy cache of weaponry.

Boudin was convicted of murder and felony robbery, but released in 2003 by a New York parole board. Then Governor George Pataki denounced the decision saying, "The murder of a police officer should be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

Of course, you'd never know any of this by reading how the Columbia University website introduces their new Professor of Social Work. On one page they mention her prison term, but portray it as being a result of "civil rights, antiwar, and international justice movements", not for being a convicted murderer.

A slightly dishonest revisionist history by omission, for the good professor. And certainly a misleading portrayal of an instructor that some students may oppose being taught Social Work by . . . because Boudin's past social work involved people dying.

A past that included bomb designs that forced Boudin to go underground and avoid capture for over a decade, and a subsequent crime which forced her behind bars for 22-years, has effectively been erased by the liberal educators at Columbia University.

Where once they were targets of her rage, where once she was a deplorable criminal lurking in the shadows, Columbia now finds itself a career sanctuary for Ms. Boudin.

Multiple attempts to contact Columbia University regarding the image or the misleading biographies have gone unanswered. Perhaps integrity at the University is now hiding. . . underground.

—Freedomworks.org, May 2, 2013

# Ladies in White

by Mary Anastasia O'Grady

After an 11-hour police interrogation in 2011, Berta Soler, one of the founding members of the Cuban dissident group known as the Ladies in White, was given an ultimatum.

During an interview at the *Journal's* office last week, Ms. Soler told me that the ministry of interior official who escorted her home said “Laura [Pollan, another founding member of the group] and I had to leave the country—because without us there would be no Ladies in White.” Ms. Soler said she responded by telling the official that “the ones who have to leave are the Castros.”

Cubans have been put against a wall and shot for less, but Ms. Soler's courage could not have been news to the regime. For seven years, beginning in 2003, the Ladies, dressed in white from head to toe, had attended Sunday Mass together at St. Rita's Church in Havana and then silently filed through the streets to demand that their political-prisoner relatives be freed.

The group was regularly set upon by Castro agents and clawed, punched, and kicked. But they never retreated, even when the regime upped the ante by dragging them onto buses, driving them far from home and dropping them off to find their own way back.

By 2010, cell phone photos of the brutality embarrassed the dictatorship enough internationally that it began deporting the prisoners with their immediate families to Spain. It was classic Castro: For more than a half-century, strong, dissident leaders who couldn't be broken have been killed or exiled.

Laura Pollan's husband, Hector Maseda, and Ms. Soler's husband, Angel Moya, were among a small number of prisoners of conscience who refused to leave. Eventually Castro paroled them, but the Ladies did not disband. Instead they began to work for the release of all political prisoners and for human rights.

The group was growing in numbers and expanding across the island on that day in 2011 when Ms. Soler was told to get out of Cuba. Seventeen days later, on Oct. 14, 2011, Pollan died mysteriously in a Havana hospital, surrounded by state security agents.

Ms. Soler's friend had reportedly been in good health only weeks earlier when, as she describes it, Castro enforcers attacked Pollan, bit and scratched her arm, and ran a handkerchief over the open wounds. Whether that was a way to introduce something into her bloodstream we may never know. But a week later Pollan came down with chills

and vomiting and on Oct. 7 when she was admitted to the hospital, she suffered from shortness of breath.

Ms. Soler claims that Pollan might have been given oxygen but instead was “intubated and doped” and “seven days later we lost Laura.” As I reported at the time, there was no autopsy and Pollan's body was quickly cremated.

Raul Castro may have thought that the Ladies would soon fade away. He thought wrong. Ms. Soler says that the death of her friend and the equally suspicious death of dissident leader Oswaldo Paya in July 2012—supposedly in a car accident in which witnesses did not report a crash—has energized the movement.

Now Ms. Soler is taking advantage of the dictatorship's new travel policy—that for the first time in a half-century allows Cubans to take trips abroad—to ask the international community for “moral and spiritual support” for the Cuban people in their struggle against the dictatorship.

She wants the world to know of Castro's racism. Blacks, she says, are grossly underrepresented in the universities and overrepresented in prisons. “The beggars in Cuba are black, not white. The marginalized are blacks, not whites.” She adds: “They tell me ‘Negra, what are you doing? You have a lot to thank the revolution for!’”

Repression is on the rise, and in the absence of international condemnation the regime feels free to administer publicly the beatings the Ladies in White endure in order to show who's boss. The regime used to send women only to attack the Ladies, but now they send men as well. They punch the Ladies with the clear intent to hurt them. They sometimes break bones.

Ms. Soler says that these attackers “never have been neighbors” spontaneously defending the glorious revolution. They are professionals working for the Interior Ministry or civilians who obey the regime in order to keep their jobs or their place in university classrooms. Ms. Soler says that for the past two years many of “the same faces” have consistently shown up to attack the group. The woman who bit Laura Pollan is well known by the Ladies because she is a regular on the goon squad and works for the ministry.

It is chilling to think what might happen to the politically incorrect Ms. Soler when she returns to Cuba, which is what makes her trip to Rome this week so crucial. She has asked to see Pope Francis. If he agrees, the visit might protect her. Without it, and in the absence of other influential international voices coming to her defense, her fate is less certain.

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