

US Military Leaders Warn Troops Against Political Violence

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FILE - In this Sept. 22, 2020, file photo Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley listens before a meeting at the Pentagon in Washington.

My Constitutional Law Rebuttal in Opposition to the Presumptive Joint Chiefs of Staff's Warning, January 12, 2021 Is Interspersed Between the Paragraphs:

Amid worry about renewed violence on Inauguration Day, the military's top leaders **issued a written reminder to all service members Tuesday that the deadly insurrection at the Capitol last week was an anti-democratic, criminal act, and that the right to free speech gives no one the right to commit violence.** ①

① From a Behavioral Psychology perspective applying Constitutional Law to the People attacking the Capitol (Congress) and to the Joint Chiefs' Warning I submit this analysis:

*The terms 'deadly insurrection,' 'anti-democratic,' 'criminal act,' and 'the right to free speech gives no one the right to commit violence,' tactical phrases to redirect the prejudice from the Government putting the blame on the People who allegedly committed the insurrection. But did the People commit an insurrection as alleged? Or were they executing their **right and duty** under the **Common Defence Clause** in the **Preamble to the United States Constitution** to protect the **Constitution's Guarantee of a Republican form of Government**? All the TV News I saw presents the fact the people were **in fact and deed were defending the Constitution's Guarantee of a Republican form of Government. That would make the People patriots and loyalists to the Constitution.***

In the January 7, 2021 Stillwater News Press, Oklahoma Letters to the Editor, Aaron Means wrote: **"The U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer stated 'NOW WE TAKE GEORGIA, THEN WE CHANGE AMERICA.'** If the changes he wants to make are directed at **THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**, he

will be **violating his oath of office to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies.** America has an amendment process to make corrective changes. **No individual, whether they are an elected official or a private citizen, has the authority to change our country as they see fit.** Mr. Schumer should be a servant of the American people instead of targeting our government for his own self-interest. Changing America is not his job!"

TV News show **Schumer confessing his Treason to a TV news camera in a moment of joyous excitement of immediate potential success in the Georgia Election. The implication of his confession during a moment of unguarded excitement means he is part of the insurrection escalating to a civil war in a conspiracy with Left-wing Socialist Democrat extremists pushing for a Socialist form of Government in violation of the Constitution's Guarantee of a Republican Form of Government. THAT, by definition in Constitutional Law is Treason during an Insurrection making Charles Schumer a DOMESTIC ENEMY OF THE STATE.**

That makes all the people involved in the attack on Congress to stop the certification of Biden's election Loyalist Patriots to the Constitution. The exact opposite Schumer presented himself as a Traitor to the Constitution.

A memo signed by all members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff also reminded military members that Joe Biden was **duly elected**② as the next president and will be sworn in office on January 20.

② By all the TV News and Newspaper reports proving there was an **Organized Covert High-Tech Guerilla Cyberwarfare Operation of Electronic Voter Fraud** in effect during the **2020 Presidential Election**. And all the that got past the Fake TV News reports implicated **George Soros funded the Election Fraud. Thus making George Soros a Foreign Combatant Enemy of the State. By all available TV News evidence getting past the Fake News Media Hiden Biden was UNDULY ELECTED.**

The memo was unusual in that the military leadership, including Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, **felt compelled to remind service members that it is wrong to disrupt the constitutional process.**③ It comes as law enforcement agencies attempt to determine the full extent of **criminal activity at the Capitol and to discover the extent of participation by current or past military members.**④

③ But it was an **UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS.** The Constitutional and Military Law of the 2020 Presidential Election process demand military loyalty to a Duly Elected President. **BY THE LEGAL LOGIC OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND MILITARY LAW PRESENTED WITH THE EVIDENCE HEREIN DONALD TRUMP REMAINS AS THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT AND HIDEN BIDEN IS THE UNDULY ELECTED PRESIDENT. I PERSONALLY ASK THE JOINT CHIEFS CHAIRMAN GENERAL MARK MILLEY, I AM CORRECT THAT BIDEN IS UNDULY ELECTED. DOES YOUR LOYALTY CHANGE WITH BIDEN OR DOES YOUR LOYALTY REMAIN WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP AFTER JANUARY 20, 2021. YOUR MILITARY OATH REMAINS WITH THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT. BUT SINCE BIDEN WAS NOT DULY ELECTED THEN YOUR MILITARY OATH COMPELS YOU AND THE REST OF THE JOINT CHIEFS TO REMAIN WITH THE PRESIDENT TRUMP. TO HELL WITH THE TREASONOUS DEMOCRATS. REMEMBER THE BATTLE OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE 1946. SEE PAGES 8-29 HEREIN.**

④ ***Under these circumstances President Trump as no constitutional duty to concede the election. President Trump wins the election by default. All civilian and military law enforcement should now focus on the agent provocateurs for attempted overthrow of President Trump for their military trials.***

Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., asks a question of Boeing Company President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Muilenburg on Capitol Hill, Oct. 29, 2019, during a Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation hearing.

It has already been established that some military veterans participated in the riots at the Capitol, but the extent of any active-duty involvement has not been established. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq War veteran, on Monday wrote to the Defense Department requesting that its criminal investigative organizations cooperate with the FBI and the U.S. Capitol Police in investigating whether current and retired members of the armed forces were part of a “seditious conspiracy” against the government.

The Joint Chiefs memo **did not allude directly to the question of military involvement**.

“We witnessed actions inside the Capitol building that were inconsistent with the rule of law,” the memo said. **“The rights of freedom of speech and assembly do not give anyone the right to resort to violence, sedition and insurrection.”**

“As service members, we must embody the values and ideals of the nation. We support and defend the Constitution. Any act to disrupt the Constitutional process is not only against our traditions, values and oath; it is against the law.”

Ahead of next week’s inauguration and President Donald Trump’s departure from office, the National Guard is gearing up to provide support to law enforcement agencies. There is no plan to use active-duty forces in security operations.

I never got past the concept stage. I am a financially poor veteran. Nevertheless, I devoted my life to the Common Defence.



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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, DC 20318

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT FORCE

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE JOINT FORCE

The American people have trusted the Armed Forces of the United States to protect them and our Constitution for almost 250 years. As we have done throughout our history, the U.S. military will obey lawful orders from civilian leadership, support civil authorities to protect lives and property, ensure public safety in accordance with the law, and remain fully committed to protecting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

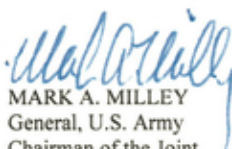
The violent riot in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021 was a direct assault on the U.S. Congress, the Capitol building, and our Constitutional process. We mourn the deaths of the two Capitol policemen and others connected to these unprecedented events.

We witnessed actions inside the Capitol building that were inconsistent with the rule of law. The rights of freedom of speech and assembly do not give anyone the right to resort to violence, sedition and insurrection.

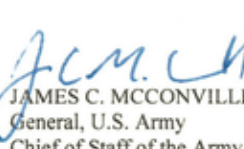
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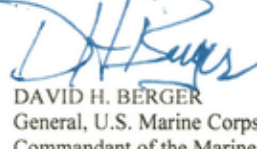
On January 20, 2021, in accordance with the Constitution, confirmed by the states and the courts, and certified by Congress, President-elect Biden will be inaugurated and will become our 46th Commander in Chief.

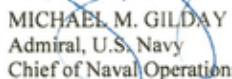
To our men and women deployed and at home, safeguarding our country—stay ready, keep your eyes on the horizon, and remain focused on the mission. We honor your continued service in defense of every American.

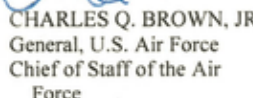

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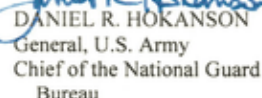

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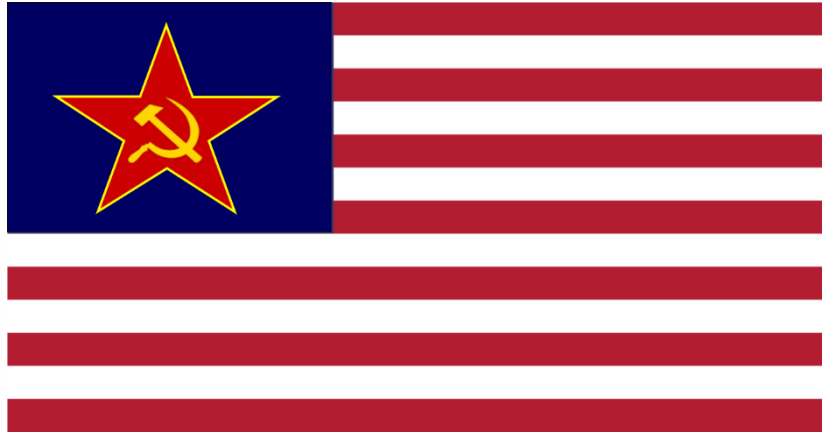

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I devoted 19 years as a civilian
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TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING



MY LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Thursday, February 18, 2020

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NO RESPONSE

Voluntary Interrogatory on the Common Defense

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am preparing a civil complaint for the federal court in Little Rock, Arkansas on the constitutional relationship between the COMMON DEFENCE in the PREAMBLE, and in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1; the PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES in Article IV, Section 2, Clause 1, and in the FOURTEEN AMENDMENT, Section 1; and the SECOND AMENDMENT.

I need UNCLASSIFIED ANSWERS from the SECRETARY OF DEFENSE to the following questions. The Q & A will be Evidence under RULES 401 & 402 of the FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE.

QUESTION (1) Does Brenton Harrison Tarrant's manifesto, *THE GREAT REPLACEMENT*, present a threat to the United States?

March 15, 2019 excerpt from New Zealand mosque shooter Brenton Harrison Tarrant's manifesto, *The Great Replacement* (page 9):

"Why did you carry out the attack?"

"... Finally, to create conflict between the two ideologies within the United States on the ownership of firearms in order to further the social, cultural, political and racial divide within the United States. This conflict over the 2nd amendment and the attempted removal of firearms rights will ultimately result in a civil war that will eventually balkanize the US along political, cultural and, most importantly, racial lines.¹

This balkanization of the US will not only result in the racial separation of the people within the United States ensuring the future of the White race on the North American continent, but also ensuring the death of the "melting pot" pipe dream.²

¹ My emphasis.

² My emphasis.

Michael Davis, The Manifesto Posted On 8chan By Alleged El Paso Shooter Minutes Before Attack, August 6, 2019.³

QUESTION (2): For about three years the Congressional Democrat Leadership pushed impeachment of President Trump with no impeachable offenses. They were mugwumping⁴ the fence between politics and treason.

Under Constitutional Law and the Law of Treason, presuming the Impeachment Process was an insurrection to overthrow the United States Government, did President Trump have the Presidential authority and justification to invoke the Militia Clause in Article II, Section 2, to call out the U.S. Marine Reserves under the MANPOWER GUIDANCE FOR ACTIVATION AND DEACTIVATION OF RESERVE COMPONENT MARINES ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY ISO DEFENSE SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES, Date Signed: 10/3/2019 | MARADMINS Number: 550/19? ⁵

FACT (1): The COMMON DEFENCE is part of the Preamble to the United States, and in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

FACT (2): The PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES CLAUSE is contained in Article IV, Section 2 and in the FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT, Section 1.

QUESTION (3): Is the Second Amendment linked to the Common Defence and the Privileges and Immunities? My interpretation is YES. Am I correct? Please explain the connection in Common Defence terms.

Defence is the original spelling in the Constitution. Am I correct to interpret the spelling of Defence, as opposed to the Defense spelling today to have constitutional significant differentiations with the two spellings? Implying that the Common Defence is the provence of the People under the Ninth Amendment and the Tenth Amendment powers reserved to the people themselves. The prime example is the constitutional militia without the criminal element bastardizing the constitutional militia concept. (*A serious political issue associated with that question.*)

³ <https://www.memri.org/reports/manifesto-posted-8chan-alleged-el-paso-shooter-minutes-attack>

⁴ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mugwump>. Mugwump is an anglicized version of a word used by Massachusetts Indians to mean “war leader.” The word was sometimes jestingly applied in early America to someone who was the “head guy.” The first political mugwumps were Republicans in the presidential race of 1884 who chose to support Democratic candidate Grover Cleveland rather than their own party’s nominee. Their independence prompted one 1930s humorist to define a mugwump as “*a bird who sits with its mug on one side of the fence and its wump on the other.*”

⁵ <https://www.marines.mil/News/Messages/Messages-Display/Article/1979422/manpower-guidance-for-activation-and-deactivation-of-reserve-component-rc-marin/>

QUESTION (4): If I am correct on the linkage then am I correct to interpret that linkage to mean that NATIONAL OPEN CARRY is an embedded constitutional right originally meant to protect the COMMON DEFENCE?

QUESTION (5): Am I correct to apply Constitutional Law to the sum total of the perpetual Federal and State gun control laws as primarily designed to destroy the Common Defence of the people of the United States and thereby destroying the right of self-defense for the people “to keep and carry arms wherever they went?” *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, 60 U.S. 393, AT 416–417 (1856). My Causality theory is the perpetual Federal and State gun control laws benefits the criminal element and is unconstitutionally detrimental to the law-abiding people making Single-Shooter, Mass Murder incidents a common occurrence in society at large for the past couple of decades, maybe more..

QUESTION (6): Am I correct to interpret gun control laws as treason against the United States Constitution?

QUESTION (7): Am I correct to interpret the gun control doctrine to be a delusional false doctrine?

QUESTION (8): If Congress, the State legislatures, the Federal and State Courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court concede that National Open Carry is an imbedded constitutional right how would you propose the restoration of that right?

THE CURRENT PREAMBLE

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

THE POSSIBLE PREAMBLE, IF AMENDED

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, Declare National Open Carry will establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The idea here is that all present gun control laws prohibiting the constitutionally normative purpose for the Common Defense will become unconstitutional. The reasoning here is that National Open Carry was the social, legal, and the constitutional norm when the Constitution was ratified. While the country changed human behavior has not changed and never will. That is the reason the Constitution is a Static Constitution and not a Living Constitution.

Sincerely,



Rudy Giuliani Trump Campaign Press Conference Transcript November 19: Election Fraud Claims

November 19, 2020

Sidney Powell: (38:02) ⁶

Thank you Rudy. What we are really dealing with here and uncovering more by the day is **the massive influence of communist money through Venezuela, Cuba, and likely China in the interference with our elections here in the United States. The Dominion voting systems, the Smartmatic technology software and the software that goes in other computerized voting systems here in as well, not just Dominion, were created in Venezuela at the direction of Hugo Chavez** to make sure he never lost an election after one constitutional referendum came out the way he did not want it to come out. **We have one very strong witness who has explained how it all works.** His affidavit is attached to the pleadings of Lin Wood in the lawsuit he filed in Georgia. It is a stunning, detailed affidavit because he was with Hugo Chavez while ... He was being briefed on how it worked, **he was with Hugo Chavez when he saw it operate to make sure the election came out his way. That was the express purpose for creating this software.** He has seen it operate and as soon as he saw the multiple states shut down the voting on the night of the election, he knew the same thing was happening here, that that was what had gone on.

Sidney Powell: (39:40)

Now the software itself was created with so many variables and so many back doors that can be hooked up to the internet or a thumbdrive stuck in it or whatever, but one of its most characteristic features is its ability to flip votes. It can set and run an algorithm that probably ran all over the country to take a certain percentage of votes from President Trump and flip them to President Biden **which we might never have uncovered had the votes for President Trump not been so overwhelming in so many of these states that it broke the algorithm that had been plugged into the system and that's what caused them to have to shut down in the states they shut down in.** That's when they came in the backdoor with all the mail-in ballots, many of which they had actually fabricated, some were on pristine paper with identically matching perfect circle dots for Mr. Biden. Others were shoved in in batches, they're always put in in a certain number of batches and people would rerun the same batch. This corresponds to our statistical evidence that shows incredible spikes in the vote counts at particular times and that corresponds to eyewitness testimony of numerous people who have come forward and said they saw the ballots come in the backdoor at that time.

⁶ <https://www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/rudy-giuliani-trump-campaign-press-conference-transcript-november-19-election-fraud-claims>

Sidney Powell: (41:06)

Notably the Dominion executives are nowhere to be found now. They are moving their offices overnight to different places. THEIR OFFICE IN TORONTO WAS SHARED WITH ONE OF THE SOROS ENTITIES, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE DOMINION PROJECT OVERALL IS LORD MALLOCH-BROWN, MR. SOROS' NUMBER TWO PERSON IN THE U.K., AND PART OF HIS ORGANIZATION. THERE ARE TIES OF THE DOMINION LEADERSHIP TO THE CLINTON FOUNDATION AND TO OTHER KNOWN POLITICIANS IN THIS COUNTRY. Just to give you a brief description of how this worked, I'm going to quote from a letter that was written and I will read that to make sure I get the quotes right. This person was objecting to the United States acquisition of Sequoia Voting Systems by Smartmatic, a foreign-owned company. I believe this transaction raises exactly the sort of foreign ownership issues that [Siphios 00:42:10] is best positioned to examine for **NATIONAL SECURITY PURPOSES**. It's undisputed that Smartmatic is foreign-owned and it has acquired Sequoia, they keep changing the names as they go along. Different times when a problem comes up, they just create another corporation and call it a different name, but it was a voting machine company doing business in the United States.

Sidney Powell: (42:30)

Sequoia voting machines were used to record over 125,000,000 votes during the 2004 presidential election in the United States. Smartmatic now acknowledges that Antonio Mugica, a Venezuelan businessman, has controlling interest in Smartmatic but the company has not revealed who all the Smartmatic owners are. **ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, SMARTMATIC'S OWNERS ARE HIDDEN THROUGH A WEB OF OFFSHORE PRIVATE ENTITIES AND THAT IS IN FACT TRUE.** Smartmatic has been associated with the Venezuelan government led by Hugo Chavez which is openly hostile to the United States and of course as we [?] all communistic and really brutalizing its own people. The system has been continued there by **MR. MADURO** and ensured his election. **SMARTMATIC'S POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT POSES A POTENTIAL NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERN IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS ACQUISITION OF SEQUOIA BECAUSE ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO TAMPERING AND INSIDERS ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO ENGAGE IN SUCH TAMPERING.** This letter expresses concerns of the Chicago 2006 primary election and it ends by saying the products and services that are of Venezuelan origin and evaluate Smartmatic's ownership to determine who could have influence and control over these and other Sequoia products and services **ARE IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Sidney Powell: (43:56)

This letter was written to Hank Paulson on October 6, 2006 by Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney. Senators Klobuchar and Warren have raised these concerns as recently as December 2019. **WHY OUR GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN THEM SERIOUSLY IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION UNLESS THEY HAVE SOME OF THE THREE LETTER AGENCIES HAVE USED THEM THEMSELVES.** In other parts of the world we know that the technology was exported to affect an election in Argentina. That's admitted by our friend who wrote the affidavit

about Hugo Chavez and his interest in Smartmatic. Again in 2006, Carolyn Maloney wrote The Honorable John Snow, the Secretary of the Treasury about the issues, speaking of Smartmatic's leadership. **ONE OF THE SMARTMATIC PATENT HOLDERS, ERIC COOMER I BELIEVE HIS NAME IS, IS ON THE WEB AS BEING RECORDED IN A CONVERSATION WITH ANTIFA MEMBERS SAYING THAT HE HAD THE ELECTION RIGGED FOR MR. BIDEN, NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT HERE AND THEY WERE GOING TO [F***] TRUMP.** His social media is filled with hatred for the president and for the United States of America as a whole as are the social media accounts of many other Smartmatic people.

Sidney Powell: (45:29)

THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD USE OF THIS, DOMINION ITSELF IS UTILIZED IN 2,000 JURISDICTIONS IN 30 STATES. It has been uncertifiable in multiple states. You realized all the problems that it had including Texas. Experts have described it across the board from a Princeton group of three professors to experts that we have talked to about its end user vulnerabilities. **PEOPLE CAN ADMITTEDLY GO IN AND CHANGE WHATEVER THEY WANT. THEY CAN SET THE RATIO OF VOTES FROM ONE THING TO ANOTHER.** They can say that –

Sidney Powell: (46:03)

... show of votes from one thing to another, **THEY CAN SAY THAT A BIDEN VOTE COUNTS AS 1.25, AND A TRUMP VOTE COUNTS AS 0.75 AND THOSE MAY BE THE NUMBERS THAT WERE ACTUALLY USED HERE.** It's not just the swing States that were affected. The algorithm was likely run across the country to affect the entire election. Like I said, we only discovered it this year because of the overwhelming number of votes for President Trump in the swing States that caused the machines to have to shut down for them to backfill for adding votes.

Sidney Powell: (46:36)

We have evidence of different numbers of votes being injected into the system, the same identical unique six digit number multiple times in at least two States that we've analyzed so far. I'm talking about like 341,542 votes for Biden and 100,012 for Trump. **THERE'S NO EXPLANATION, NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THE SAME NUMBERS BEING INJECTED 20 MINUTES APART INTO THE MACHINE.** The software manual itself, you can download it from the internet and I would encourage you all to read it, because it specifically advertises some of these things as features of the system. **WHY IT WAS EVER ALLOWED INTO THIS COUNTRY IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION AND WHY NOBODY HAS DEALT WITH IT IS ABSOLUTELY APPALLING.**

Sidney Powell: (47:27)

The machines were easily accessible to hackers. There's video on the net that will explain to you how a kid with a cell phone can hack one of these voting machines. There's been no oversight of Dominion or its software. Workers in each county were trained by Dominion, but there's no evidence of any monitoring otherwise. **We have testimony of different workers admitting that**

they were trained how to dispose of Trump votes and add to Biden votes. The software has a feature pursuant to which you can drag and drop any number of batches of votes to the candidate of your choice, or simply throw them away. **SO WE HAVE MATHEMATICAL EVIDENCE IN A NUMBER OF STATES OF MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF TRUMP VOTES BEING TRASHED, JUST SIMPLY PUT IN THE TRASH LIKE YOU WOULD ON YOUR COMPUTER WITH ANY FILE AND BIDEN VOTES BEING INJECTED. THAT'S ADDITION TO THE FLIPPING.**

Sidney Powell: (48:23)

I mean, it really happens in two ways. There's an algorithm that runs that automatically flips all the votes, and then each operator has the ability to go in override settings. They can ignore a signature, they could ignore the top line of the ballot. They can go down ballot and select who they want to change the results for. **THE GENTLEMAN WHO FOUNDED SMARTMATIC, THERE'S VIDEO OF HIM ON THE INTERNET, EXPLAINING THAT, YES, IN AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, HE ADMITS, THEY CHANGED A MILLION VOTES WITH NO PROBLEM.** Many of the jurisdictions that have had this problem might not have known of the issues, but many did. **AND I THINK A FULL-SCALE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION NEEDS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND BY EVERY STATE'S EQUIVALENT, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE OR STATE INVESTIGATORY UNIT, BECAUSE THERE'S EVIDENCE OF DIFFERENT BENEFITS BEING PROVIDED TO THE PEOPLE WHO SPENT 100 MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXPAYER MONEY AT THE LAST MINUTE FOR THEIR STATE TO GET THE DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS PUT IN, IN TIME FOR THIS ELECTION IN DIFFERENT WAYS.**

Sidney Powell: (49:37)

There's one person that a lawyer told me got, "election insurance", meaning that he would be able to make sure he was elected. I'm sure they explained that feature in detail to many people who expressed interest in putting this voting system in. Texas denied certification of the Dominion system in 2019, but there are no doubt issues with the software that Texas did use, unbeknownst to Texas, I would imagine, since they went to great trouble to examine the Dominion systems and reject them, but other software, the source code that does the alterations is embedded we have been told in the source code all across the country, in all the voting machines.

Sidney Powell: (50:21)

THERE'S NO DOUBT IT HAS BEEN USED TO ALTER ELECTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE KNOW SPECIFICALLY THAT VENEZUELA EXPORTED IT FOR THAT PURPOSE TO ARGENTINA AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COMPANIES, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CORRUPT RULERS WHO WERE WILLING TO PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR BEING IN OFFICE WERE ALLOWED TO RIG THEIR ELECTIONS.

Sidney Powell: (50:41)

THIS IS STUNNING, HEARTBREAKING, INFURIATING, AND THE MOST UNPATRIOTIC ACTS I CAN EVEN IMAGINE FOR PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN, IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM. I WANT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO KNOW RIGHT NOW THAT WE

WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED. AMERICAN PATRIOTS ARE FED UP WITH THE CORRUPTION FROM THE LOCAL LEVEL, TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF OUR GOVERNMENT. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS COUNTRY BACK. WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE INTIMIDATED. WE ARE NOT GOING TO BACK DOWN. WE ARE GOING TO CLEAN THIS MESS UP NOW. PRESIDENT TRUMP WON BY A LANDSLIDE. WE ARE GOING TO PROVE IT, AND WE ARE GOING TO RECLAIM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR FREEDOM.

MY COMMENTARY

HOW ARE WE GOING TO TAKE OUR COUNTRY BACK?

STEP 1: ABOLISH ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY AS A PROVEN FRAUD AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Accept the historical truth that **ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY** for judges and prosecutors as a judicial fraud and really is unconstitutional when the “**No One is Above the Law is Not Applied** to judges or prosecutors. **No Double Standard in the American System of Justice. PERIOD!**”

STEP 2: RESTORE THE COMMON DEFENCE

Did you see on TV News the number of judges denying President Trump’s efforts to get votes recounted or stopped? Most were denied. That means State and or Federal judges are complicit in Treason against the United States Government.

That is enough reason to rise up in arms in a civil war for the **COMMON DEFENCE** to defend “**The United States’ guarantee to every State a Republican Form of Government, against invasion and domestic violence, in this instance, against Electronic Voting Fraud funded by George Soros who should now be classified as an Enemy Combatant against the United States.**”

STEP 4: ABOLISH GUN CONTROL LAWS AS A PROVEN TREASON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION & TO THE COMMON DEFENCE AS NATIONAL OPEN CARRY IS THE ORIGINAL INTENT

“For A More Perfect Union, to Establish Justice, to Insure Domestic Tranquility, to Provide for the Common Defence, to promote the General Welfare, and Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and Our Posterity” For their restoration to their Original Intent.

HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF AGAIN!

GEORGE SANTAYANA QUOTATION

THE LIFE OF REASON OR THE PHASES OF HUMAN PROGRESS

A book published in five volumes from 1905 to 1906, by Spanish-born American philosopher, essayist, poet and novelist, George Santayana. The volumes are titled (1) **REASON IN COMMON SENSE**, (2) **REASON IN SOCIETY**, (3) **REASON IN RELIGION**, (4) **REASON IN ART**, and (5) **REASON IN SCIENCE**.

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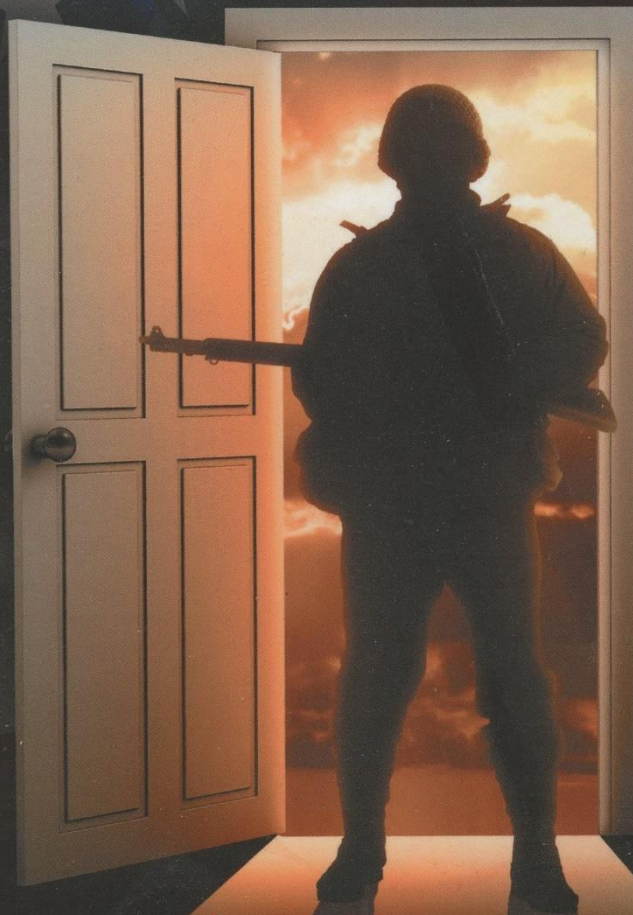
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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THE BATTLE OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE 1946

It started before the Revolutionary War. Most revolutions are internal revolts intent on overthrowing a national government, ours was different. We did not seek the overthrow of England, just the separation. We needed to prove to the world that we were capable of that status. The American experiment was underway. The notion that people would govern themselves was unprecedented. There were no models, no examples to choose from. For the first time, man had acted into law, human rights. Not just government given rights. The authors deemed those rights so important, they made a provision to protect those rights so they could never be taken away.

When added to the Constitution, we called them the Bill of rights.

Here is a list of the Bill of Rights:

- **First Amendment:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.
- **Second Amendment:** A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

(IT WAS DYNAMITE!) there are signals of activity beginning. You can hear the firing in the background. People are running, hurrying, and scurrying here and there, to find out just what it is, and there are several hundred people that are in the streets here at this hour of the morning. Of course, "*loud bang*" it is only fifteen minutes until 3 a.m. in Athens, in McMinn County.

RANDY: Hundreds of rounds of shots were exchanged between ex-GIs and an estimated 75 deputies barricaded in the McMinn County jail. By 3:00 a.m., August 2nd, the officers began filing out of the battered building. They were searched, and roughly might I say, by the attackers and marched back into the building to be locked in cells under guard of the ex-GIs. When Wise came out, the crowd surged forward and mauled him with fists and elbows before he could be returned to comparative safety of the bullet scarred jail. Automobiles belonging to deputy sheriffs overturned in streets, smashed and burned. With the battle over, the veterans, armed with rifles, patrolled the streets to maintain order by sunrise.

By 7:05 in the morning, Frank Cantrell, who was the Mayor of Etowah (a nearby town), issued the following statement: "In behalf of my brother Paul Cantrell, I wish to concede the election to the G.I. candidates in order to prevent further shooting." At 10:00 a.m., the next morning, the GIs dispersed.

RANDY: I want to be sure and give special credit to Don Hamrick who wrote the information that I've been presenting to you.

There was another newspaper report from the Daily-Post Athenian, on August 7th, 1946, and it was a story by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and the title was:

McMinn: A Warning.

Mrs. Roosevelt quoted in the article, "After any war, the use of force throughout the world is almost taken for granted. Men involved in the war have been trained to use force, and they have discovered that,

Battle of Athens Tennessee

An American History

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The Battle of Athens, Tennessee 1946

Don Hamrick

From My Own Research

I did my own research into the Battle of Athens, Tennessee, 1946, and even traveled to Athens, Tennessee, for that research. The following are the pristine examples of a fight for freedom that I found”

Newspaper Reports

Mrs. Roosevelt Grasps Local Facts Better Than Most

The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens, Tenn., August 7, 1946; pages 1, 6.

Editor’s Note — Our attention has been called to Mrs. Roosevelt’s column upon McMinn. She seems to have grasped the facts and significance better than any other outside writer”

McMinn A Warning — By Eleanor Roosevelt

New York, Monday — After any war, the use of force throughout the world is almost taken for granted. Men involved in the war have been trained to use force, and they have discovered that, when you want something, you can take it. The return to peacetime methods governed by law and persuasion is usually difficult.

We in the U.S.A., who have long boasted that, in our political life, freedom in the use of the secret ballot made it possible for us to register the will of the people without the use of force, have had a rude awakening as we read of conditions in McMinn County, Tennessee, which brought about the use of force in the recent primary. If a political machine does not allow

the people free expression, then freedom-loving people lose their faith in the machinery under which their government functions.

In this particular case, a group of young veterans organized to oust the local machine and elect their own slate in the primary. We may deplore the use of force but we must also recognize the lesson which this incident points for us all. When the majority of the people know what they want, they will obtain it.

Any local, state or national government, or any political machine, in order to live, must give the people assurance that they can express their will freely and that their votes will be counted. The most powerful machine cannot exist without the support of the people. Political bosses and political machinery can be good, but the minute they cease to express the will of the people, their days are numbered.

This is a lesson which wise political leaders learn young, and you can be pretty sure that, when a boss stays in power, he gives the majority of the people what they think they want. If he is bad and indulges in practices which are dishonest, or if he acts for his own interests alone, the people are unwilling to condone these practices.

When the people decide that conditions in their town, county, state or country must change, they will change them. If the leadership has been wise, they will be able to do it peacefully through a secret ballot which is honestly counted, but if the leader has become inflated and too sure of his own importance, he may bring about the kind of action which was taken in Tennessee.

If we want to continue to be a mature people who, at home and abroad, settle our difficulties peacefully and not through the use of force, then we will take to heart this lesson and we will jealously guard our rights. What goes on before an election, the threats or persuasion by political leaders, may be bad but it cannot prevent the people from really registering their will if they wish to.

The decisive action which has just occurred in our midst is a warning, and one which we cannot afford to overlook.

Lincoln Said It And It Applies Now As Then

The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens, Tenn., August 21, 1946; Page 1,6.

By John Peck

"The government, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it." Abraham Lincoln

We have seen the latter part of the above quotation exercised here in McMinn County. We now have the opportunity to see the first part of it carried out.

What Lincoln meant was just this" The government of any group of people is in the hands of the people and they must carry on an active part in maintaining their government unless they want to abide by the rule of a few unscrupulous persons who find ways and means of getting the reins of power in governmental offices. If the people as a whole do not maintain a vigilant watch over matters of government a few people, grasping for power and domination find it easy to undermine all the principles of democracy.

It has been said that the situation now prevailing in McMinn County puts its citizens in the best position of any county in the state and possibly in the nation as to the control and manipulation of its government.

We are in just that position if the people as a whole will attend the county-wide mass meetings tomorrow night and participate in the election of the representatives of their respective communities who will serve on the Board of Directors of the Good government League of McMinn County.

The people who are elected must have the knowledge that they have the backing of all the people in their community when they go to the various meetings of the Board of Directors and vote on the matters of government that come before that body.

The choice is in your hands; 1. Take an active part in your government, as is your duty and privilege as a citizen, or 2. The next time you find that your government has fallen into the hands of unscrupulous politicians just say, "It's my own fault, I had a chance to do something about it but slept through it."

Arkansas GIs Threat New Riots
Say Athens, Tenn., Outbreak May Be Mild In Comparisons
The Knoxville Journal, August 10, 1946; Page 1, 2.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 9 (UP) — Determined veterans' opposition to entrenched local political machines flared heatedly in several Arkansas counties today, and one GI candidate said the Athens, Tenn., rioting would be "mild in comparison if there are any irregularities" at the polls.

At Malvern, William Weaver, veteran and candidate for sheriff in Hot Springs County, charged his opponent, Ed Deere, was "custodian" of the ballot boxes and warned that "what will happen here" would eclipse the Tennessee GI political revolt.

In Yell County, near the Oklahoma border, a crowd of 1500 veterans prepared for a mass meeting tonight to draft an independent ticket to oppose the machine slate of Chancellor John E. Chambers in general elections in the "free state of Yell."

In Hot Spring County, Weaver and Coyle Collie, veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, are trying to overthrow the long-entrenched machine of Sheriff Jack Knight.

GIs at Malvern planned a meeting tomorrow night. Weaver said "we just want to get a foot in the door of Knight's "little Tammany" machine."

Meanwhile, a five-man committee of veterans found an 87-vote discrepancy in votes cast for county treasurer, thus placing Norman Gray, veterans' candidate, in a runoff with incumbent Treasurer Ernest Stroud. The first official count declared Stroud the winner with a majority, but disgruntled GI forces appointed the committee last night to examine the ballots.

In Ouachita a hot election loomed in which veterans are opposing veterans.

Despite a no-political clause in its constitution, the Arkansas Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars entered the picture with a statement by State Commander Bob Ed. Loftin, who charged politicians were trying to "use" the VFW vote to influence undecided voters.

In Hot Springs (Garland County), a final move to defeat the only successful GI candidate against Mayor Leo McLaughlin's potent local machine, failed today.

Prosecuting Atty. Curtis Ridgeway, defeated by ex-Marine Col. Signey McMath, demanded a recount, but the new totals changed only two votes.

McMath was the only veteran-supported candidate to win the recent primary.

Repeat on Athens Narrowly Avoided Crockett County Just Misses Election Day Violence

The Chattanooga Daily Times, Thursday, August 8, 1946

Alamo, Tenn., Aug 7 (AP) — a Crockett County political leader revealed today that violence similar to that which marked the Tennessee election at Athens last week was narrowly avoided here.

J. T. Green, post commander of the American Legion, disclosed that two mass meetings of veterans were held to dissipate tension among the supporters of an air force veteran, John Paul Butler, 26, who ran for state representative.

“Our boys were ready to go,” said Green, “but we didn’t want an Athens job here. We want to see what can be done legally in the matter.”

Butler, whose campaign was managed by Green, was defeated by former State Sen. W. H. Stallings of near-by Friendship by 14 votes. Green said the result would be contested before the state primary board. “It would have been the same as Athens here,” said Butler, “except that we quieted our boys down. We talked them out of using violence.”

Butler said his opponent was supported by “a machine.”

THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE BATTLE OF ATHENS

Election Day, August 1, 1946

9:00 am

Voting poles opened. Voter turn out was heavy.

The First Flare Up — Precinct 1 (Courthouse)

The Jailing of Walter Ellis

Shortly after 10:00 am

Conflicting reports as to when Walter Ellis, GI election judge was arrested, one account says 9:30, another says shortly after 10:00 am, but the overall details are consistent. Ellis was summarily arrested and hauled off to the county jail. He was replaced by Fred West. Dispute over who exactly Fred West was immediately erupted. The sheriff’s office described West as another GI; Jim Buttram, the GI ticket manager described him as a deputy sheriff and local bartender.

Ellis was held incommunicado at the county jail, and Sheriff Mansfield’s men flatly declined to permit either reporters or Buttram to see him. Magistrate Herman Moses, when asked what charges had been placed declared Ellis had “attempted to perpetrate a fraud” by marking ballots in Precinct 1, at the courthouse. Buttram admitted frankly he did not know what had happened in the voting precinct prior to Ellis’ arrest but said

Sheriff Mansfield's men refused to permit him to make bond for Ellis or to tell him what charges had been placed against the ex-GI.

The Courthouse (Precinct 1)
11:00 am-2:00 pm

The corridor of the courthouse was crowded with voters, both men and women. Ellis already had been removed, but evidently in fear of some disorder, about 20 deputies, hands on pistols, and blackjacks ready, pushed through the crowd to the voting precinct.

This overgrown combat squad was reinforced by several uniformed and armed city policemen and a state highway patrolman with his hand fingering a heavy revolver.

The deputies ranged themselves around the voting precinct and several, including one dressed like a character from a western movie, placed themselves on the steps where they could watch the entire corridor. Ex-servicemen regard the day's proceedings with varying attitudes but most of them displayed a bitterness seldom seen in the fighting lines. One ex-soldier watching the guarded vote counting before it was moved to the county jail said: *"Over there we had something to fight back with."* Another remarked, *"We just aren't well enough organized and we haven't got guns. We haven't got a chance with this gestapo."*

"This is causing a lot of bitterness, and a lot of it will come later today," a man remarked.

The Shooting of Tom Gillespie
Precinct 11, Athens Water Company Building

2:45 pm

Tom Gillespie, a [black] farmer came into the Athens Water Company building, which was serving as the 11th Precinct, to vote. It is not clear which of Cantrell's men positioned himself behind Gillespie to observe his vote but when he was observed to be preparing to vote "the wrong way" the Cantrell man told Gillespie, "You'll have to get out of here. You're voting in the wrong precinct."

3:00 pm

Gillespie protested to Deputy Windy Wise, *"I've always voted here before."*

For this monumental impertinence, Wise slugged Gillespie with brass knuckles and shot him with what was said to be a U.S. Army .45 as he stumbled out the door. Gillespie suffered a flesh wound in the small of the back and was taken off by deputy sheriffs for what they said would be treatment.

Just to show that the racial question didn't enter into this travesty-on-an-election, the gold starred deputies directed their attention to the GI election clerks and women who were witnessing the count.

Apparently, their presence was embarrassing to the professional election thieves. Election Judge (and deputy sheriff) Karl Neil, pistol on hip, ordered Mrs. H. A. Vestal and five other women to leave the polls. *"Get out!"* said Neil.

The women stood their ground. *"We have a right to watch you count the ballots,"* one said.

"Go on, get out of here!" shouted Neil, and the women filed out, protesting.

This wasn't enough. Four GI's remained to keep the ballot thieves in line. They were James Edward Vestal (Mrs. Vestal's son), Charles Scott, Jr., Charley Hyde, and J. P. Cartwright.

The [Cantrell] machine had six of its bigger bicep boys there, three wearing sidearms. Deputy Neil then ordered Cartwright and Hyde to *"go up in the front and sit down."* They said they couldn't see the count from there. *"Go on up front and sit down, you don't have to see us count 'em."* snarled a muscular thug.

Cartwright said he wouldn't stay if he couldn't witness the count, so he and Hyde left. This left Vestal and Scott as the only GI watchers for Precinct 11.

When Cartwright and Hyde emerged, a roar of anger went up from the hundreds of citizens across the street. The eight or nine deputies in front of the waterworks office fingered their weapons. Charles Scott, Sr. sent word in to his son and Vestal to *"come on out. We don't want you boys alone in there with those gangsters."*

3:15 pm

GI Judge Bob Hairrell Beaten

Bob Hairrell, GI judge, beaten by Minis Wilburn, officer of the election, 12 precinct, North White Street, Athens.

3:55 pm

The First Poll Closing (Illegally)
12th Precinct, Dixie Café

The first closing come at the 12th Precinct, back of the Dixie Café and next to the county jail. The legal closing time was 4 pm. The door was locked and Sheriff Mansfield's men lifted an automobile to the sidewalk, placed it directly in front of the precinct door. Two other cars were placed across the narrow alley to block access to the area of the voting place, and sheriff's deputies, hands on their pistols, guard against entry into the area.

4:15 pm?

While GIs watched with a scowl Sheriff Mansfield and a dozen of his deputies piled into two cars and drove off to the 11th Precinct at the Water Commission office. There, deputies, with guns ready, kept all observers

away from the sidewalk in front of the office, and a throng of several hundred watched silently from across the street.

4:20 pm?

Vote Counting

11th Precinct, Water Commission Office

Inside, according to stories the GIs told later, Charles Scott, Jr., and James Howard Vestal, watchers for the GI ticket, were ordered to take seats in front of the room, while the vote counting, by Cantrell men, went on at the rear. Vestal and Scott demanded that they either be permitted to see the ballots or be allowed to leave the area. The sheriff's men refused and ordered them to, "*Sit down, you're staying right here.*" They sat down. A few minutes later, Scott told the machine politicians again that they were leaving. At this, the machine men barricaded the ex-GIs behind a counter and locked the door.

4:45 pm.

"We jumped on the counter, climbed over it and tried to get out. The door was locked," Vestal said "and Charlie hit it with his shoulder. They were right at us and trying to slug us with knuckles and their guns. He broke the glass and we stumbled through. Charlie was cut around the shoulders. I got cut a little too, and fell down coming through the door." The door was a plate glass set in a wood frame.

A Sickening Sight

Then over a thousand people witnessed a sickening sight. Vestal who was until January of this year a first lieutenant in the army engineers corps and twice wounded in the Pacific, scrambled to his feet, blood dripping from a gash in his left hand. Scott too, picked himself up. Through the broken glass, immediately on their heels squirmed Deputy Sheriff Wendy Wise, a shiny .38 revolver poked out in front of his nose. He shouted something which was lost in the moan which went through the crowd. Women screamed; one shouted, "Oh, god, here it comes." From a long line of ex-soldiers on the sidewalk across the street came gasp's, then cries "*let's go get 'em!*"; "*No, we got no guns, stay away from them .45s.*" Vestal and Scott, whether heeding Wise's orders or through quick instinct, threw their hands high above their heads and walked slowly and alone across the empty street to the refuge of the crowd. Wise leveled his revolver at their backs, then whirled with the instinct of the gunman to one side and then the other to insure against a potshot at himself from the crowd — then aimed again at the backs of the veterans. George Spurling, another deputy, popped up at Wise's side and slowly brought his pistol down in the direction of the retreating boys, aiming either at them or some of the jeering GIs on the sidewalk to which they were going. He and Wise for a few seconds gave every appearance of being trigger happy. It seemed to us, standing just across the street, that Spurling was in the act of pressing his trigger when another deputy half grabbed his arm, gave him a half-

dozen swift slaps in the ribs as a signal not to fire. As Vestal and Scott completed their long, measured march, their GI comrades, boiling mad by now, cried to Wise and other deputies, "Throw down your guns and come out in the street and we'll fight you man for man."

4:50 pm

Wise ducked back into the Water Commission Office.

4:55 pm

But further activity was forestalled when Chief Deputy Boe Dunn drove up in a blue sedan, with two ex-soldiers, Felix Harrod, election clerk, and Tom Dooley, election judge, for the all GI ticket were, being forcibly held and transported by Dunn's group, as six men piled out. The deputies formed a cordon from the precinct to the car and Dunn himself went in and stole the ballot box. At least 15 pistols were trained on the citizens of Athens as the deputies rolled away with the ballot box. They went straight to the county jail. Several citizens broke from the crowd, shouting, "*Get your guns, boys, get your guns!*"

Vestal and Scott Taken To The Hospital

Vestal's wounds were treated by Dr. C.O. Foree in the physician's clinic. Two stitches were required to close the slash on his ankle. He also suffered a cut hand. Vestal was a first lieutenant in the 3rd Combat Engineers, 24th Division. He was overseas 30 months, was hit by a Jap hand grenade once and wounded by artillery fire once. "*How did today compare to fighting overseas?*" he was asked. He was quiet for a moment. "*Well, today it made you madder than it did over there. And it was closer range.*"

5:10 pm

First Violent Incident in McMinn County Kennedy's Essankay Tire Company

W. O. Kennedy, Republican election commissioner and crowd of veterans walked to Kennedy's garage and tire shop near the center of town. Two deputies, with badges and sidearms walked toward the crowd. This was a mistake as this was most assuredly seen in the abstract a representation of a decade of tyranny and oppression of a despotic government, the Cantrell political machine. The crowd was quickly inflamed at the arrogance of the two deputies and suddenly there were yells of "*Kill them, kill them*" sounded in the streets. The deputies drew their guns and prepared to shoot down anyone who came near.

It is the trained and instinctive nature of veterans of war to react offensively at such an oppressive act committed by the deputies. Otto Kennedy and his civilian task force accepted the challenge. They rushed across the street and overwhelmed the two deputies before the pair could choose a target for their fire.

W. O. Kennedy, his two brothers and several other furious vets attacked the deputies with a proper assault and battery upon their faces and ripping their clothes.

The crowds packing the main square heard of an impending attack by the sheriff's force and rushed to the scene.

First False Alarm

Cries of "*here they come*" sent the onlookers scattering wildly for shelter but the garage garrison stood firm and waited for the assault. When no more gunmen appeared after five minutes the crowd came out from the hedges, homes and parked cars.

By now there were literally thousands of people — mostly men — strung along a three-block area. They were frightened people, and people who were ashamed of their town's politics, but something in the attitude of these embattled veterans held them.

Second Alarm Netted Two More Deputies

The veterans waited. The mob huddled back against the store as soon as the shot came. Another thunderous warning, "*Here they come,*" emptied the streets. It was an anti-climax. There were no onrush carloads of deputies. Only two deputies appeared.

They had guns of course. But the group at the garage had two guns now. Kennedy's rangers made short work of them as they had the first two. The second pair were marched into the garage to join the first pair. Chattanooga Times reporter Richard Rogers attempted to mingle among the crowd when he was spotted as an unrecognizable intruder by a veteran and that veteran challenged him for his business being there. The reporter identified himself and was promptly escorted into the garage where the captured deputies were. In any act of revolt there is the human nature to extract the same kind of punishment upon the tyrannical proponents that they had inflicted upon the citizenry. The veteran guards over the four deputies, in using intimidation and humiliation tactics common in any war goaded any one or all the deputies to attempt anything to give justification in the veteran's desire to shoot them, saying "*Go ahead, you sons of ----. I'd love to kill every ----- one of you.*" The reporter's escort pushed him closer to the deputies quite possibly to provide the reporter the opportunity to interview the prisoners, saying to the deputies, "*Here's a reporter.*"

Third Alarm Nets Three More Deputies

This interview arrangement was interrupted with another alarm warning from outside. "*Here they come!*" The reporter's escort spun around, and ran outside again. One guard ran after him. This left the four deputies with one veteran guard and the reporter. The lone guard threatened the prisoners saying, "*If those guys get in here and get me, I'll kill you first.*" Another yell bellow from the street. A veteran stuck his head through the

door and shouted "*Watch out! They're going to rush us.*" The reporter ducked behind a stack of tires.

Just then there came the loudest most frightening, skin crawling roar of voices those people could emit. The reporter saw the lone guard waving one gun in his direction and upon seeing its muzzle, comparing it to the size of Chattanooga's Braided Tunnel, he jumped through the window which was behind him and the stack of tires.

Now out on the street the reporter had seen that the crowd had grown and saw one carrying a 12-gauge shotgun and another had a repeating rifle. Unexpectedly, three deputies appeared on the street. Two were overcome immediately. The third was overpowered by Otto Kennedy, throwing himself upon the larger man, shoved his own .45 against the fellow's face and the fight went out of the deputy. That was the last capture of the engagement.

5:30 p.m.

Transport Seven Captured Deputies Out of Town

The crowd remained in the streets. The veterans pleaded for volunteers to haul the deputies out of town, and one by one, citizens came forward with automobiles.

One of these was an aged gentleman who operates a hardware store near the Essankay garage. He introduced himself as Emmett Johnson. "*Do you live in Athens, sir?*"

"I do. And today I'm ashamed of my home. These gangsters have disgraced us. If the boys want my car they can have it. They can have anything. They should have started cleaning up on those crooks a long time ago." As the deputies lives were in grave danger they were put into cars and driven out of town. Then the crowd was told to scatter. The crowd reluctantly dispersed.

W. O. Kennedy Interviewed By Five Chattanooga Times Staff Reporters Kennedy agreed to an interview with the Chattanooga Times. Five of the Times staff drove a mile into the country to Kennedy's home. At the Kennedy home were Otto Kennedy introducing his brothers J.P. and C.O.; J.B. Adams, his son-in-law, and Frank McCracken.

Otto Kennedy revealed the deputies were out-of-towners. And one claimed he got arrested this morning on a traffic charge and instead of paying the fine they made him a deputy and gave him a gun.

6:35 pm

Second Ballot Box Taken To Jail

The sheriff's men, assisted by state highway patrolmen and city policemen removed the automobile from in front of Precinct 12 (Dixie Café) and carried the ballot box into the McMinn County bastille, where presumably, Ellis and several other GIs still were being held incommunicado. As the

sheriff's men carried the box across the jailhouse lawn, they were preceded by two men armed with shotguns and followed by four more equipped with heavy-gauge shotguns and high-powered rifles. Apparently pistols, of which several hundred were on display, were not longer considered to handle the occasion.

7:30 p.m.

GI's Gather at GI Headquarters

8:45 p.m.

GI's Converge on The Jail

A crowd of about 500 armed with pistols and light rifles moved on the jail.

9:00 pm

Battle Begins

Ralph Duggan, a former Navy lieutenant commander and a leader of the ex-GI's said the crowd was "met by gun fire" and because they had "promised that the ballots would be counted as cast," they had "no choice but to meet fire with fire." Violence flared anew with GIs reported firing on the county jail. Shooting began around 9:00 pm for the first time. Sheriff Pat Mansfield Interviewed By Chattanooga Daily Times Via Telephone

10:00 pm

Sheriff Pat Mansfield breaks off telephone conversations to Chattanooga Daily Times, stating "*I can't talk anymore — there's mob violence at the County Jail right now. Things are too hot here now. I haven't got time to talk to you — I'm standing in front of the door.*" he said hurriedly as he hung up the telephone.

11:00 pm

Sheriff Pat Mansfield and Deputies Threaten Hostages

Sheriff Pat Mansfield and deputies threatened to kill three GI hostages held within the jailhouse. The three GI hostages are Felix Harrod, Tom Dooley and Walter Ellis.

11:35 pm-12:40 am

Thousands of Rounds Exchanged

Thousands of rounds of shots were exchanged between ex-GIs and an estimated 75 deputies barricaded in the McMinn County jail. No state guardsman had arrived at 12:40. Former soldiers were pouring lead into every opening in the brick jail. The officers' returning fire was weakening. Some GIs were firing from ground level across White Street. Others were on roofs on the Power Company Building and other near-by structures.

12:00 am (midnight)
Tennessee State Guard Mobilized?

State Adj.-Gen. Hilton Butler announced that he was mobilizing the Sixth Regiment of the State Guard in connection with election violence in McMinn County. This report was later proven untrue.

1:00 am
GIs Cut Telephone Lines To The Jail

GIs cut telephone lines to the jail. The officers, inside the jail, were out of ammunition or running extremely low. Firing of the GIs included rapid bursts of 10 or more shots. Apparently they were using some automatic rifles.

2:00 am
Last Warning! Deputies Threaten Hostages' Lives

Deputies sent out last warning that they would kill three GI hostages within the jail immediately if the firing did not end.

2:20 am
GIs Replied With Ultimatum Of Their Own

GIs issued an ultimatum to the deputies to come out with hands upraised or the crowd would rush the jail.

2:59 am
GIs Escalate The Fight With Use of Dynamite

The ex-GIs went into action with demolition charges — home made, but effective. After a fourth blast had rocked the jail one of the deputies leaned from the building and shouted “Stop that blasting. We’ll give up — we’re dying in here. Firing continued a few moments then stopped.

3:02-3:30 a.m.
The Deputies Surrendered

The officers began filing out of the battered building. They were searched, and roughly, by the attackers and marched back into the building to be locked in cells under guard of the ex-GIs. When Wyse came out, several in the crowd surged forward and mauled him with fists and elbows before he could be returned to comparative safety of the bullet scarred jail.

3:45 a.m.
Riots & Destruction Begin

Automobiles belonging to deputy sheriffs overturned in streets, smashed and burned.

4:00 a.m. Sunrise.

Battle over. The veterans armed with rifles were patrolling the streets to maintain order by sunrise.

5:00 a.m.
George Woods Concedes

By telephone George Woods concedes GI victory.

7:05 am
Paul Cantrell Concedes Defeat

Frank Cantrell, Mayor of Etowah issued the following statement” “In behalf of my brother Paul Cantrell, I wish to concede the election to the G.I. candidates in order to prevent further shooting. (Signed) Frank Cantrell.

9:00 a.m.
Deputies Released From Jail

GIs Disperse 10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3
Three-man Commission Elected

Three man commission chosen as governing body by mass meeting at Court House. Volunteers by hundreds offer assistance in setting up government framework.

4:00 p.m. Friday to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3
Cleansing & Restoration

Curious crowds mill streets as the new government cleans up “hot-spots.” Beer sales banned. Town is orderly.

9:00 p.m. Saturday
Rumored Biggs-Mansfield Invasion Sets GIs On Alert

Rumor and newspaper story from Knoxville sets off high strung nerves with the report that Biggs and Mansfield will attempt to storm Athens.

9:00 pm
1,500 Citizens Converge On Athens

Fifteen hundred citizens pour into Athens with firearms to back the new government. Telephone calls from neighboring cities pledge aid if needed in defense of the town.

7:00 p.m. Saturday Aug. 3 to Sunrise Sunday, Aug. 4
GIs on Patrol

Athens is patrolled by GIs and citizens.

4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 4
George Woods Returns to McMinn County Under GI Escort
G-I CLAIM ELECTION TO OFFICE — ISSUE STATEMENT

“This special announcement was handed to the Daily Post-Athenian and Radio Station WLAR at 3:02 A.M. by the Non-Partisan Candidates for

immediate release shortly before the exodus of imprisoned officials in the county jail”

“The G-I election officials went to the polls unarmed to have a fair election, as Pat Mansfield promised. They were met with black-jacks and pistols.

Several G-I officials were beaten and the ballot boxes were moved to the jail. The G-I supporters went to the jail to get these ballot boxes and were met by gunfire.

The G-I candidates had promised that the votes would be counted as cast. They had no choice but to meet fire with fire.

In the precincts where the G-I candidates were allowed watchers they led by three to one majorities.

THE G-Is ARE ELECTED AND WILL SERVE AS YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS BEGINNING SEPT. 1st, 1946.”

The G-I Candidates, thus claiming election to officer are:

Knox Henry — Sheriff
Frank Carmichael — Trustee
Bill Hamby — Circuit Court Clerk
Charlie Pickle — Register of Deeds
Campaign Mgr for the G-Is was Jim Buttram.

George Woods returns to McMinn County under protection by the GI-Citizens Government.

5:00 p.m. Sunday
Sheriff Mansfield Resigned

Word is received from Nashville that Mansfield had resigned as sheriff.

10:00 a.m. Monday, August 5
George Woods Declares GI's Elected

George Woods signs election certificate declaring GIs officially McMinn County Officers.
