

1914 U.S. Army breaks miners strike Colorado
1914-18 U.S. Army and Navy in a series of interventions against Mexican nationalists
1915-34 U.S. Army 19 year occupation of Haiti
1916-24 U.S. Marines in 8 year occupation of Dominican Republic
1917-33 U.S. Army 16 year occupation of Cuba
1917-18 U.S. Army, Navy and Marines World War 1
the war to end war
confusion to end confusion
hunger to end hunger
death to end death
hope to end hope

1918-20 U.S. Army and Navy land in Russia to fight against Bolsheviks
1918-20 U.S. troops in "police duty" after elections in Panama
1919 U.S. Army enters Mexico chasing 'banditos'
1919 U.S. Marines intervene in Yugoslavia for Italy against Serbs in Dalmatia
1920 U.S. Marines land in Honduras during election campaigns
1920-21 U.S. Army intervenes against mine workers in West Virginia

it's one world war
ended
Coal Operators lay off miners
reduce the digging man's wages
actually jazz has
the Man's money
in the Sheriff's pocket
beatin'
harassin'
arrestin'
those interested in the Union
evictin' from the Company's houses
Baldwin-Felts detectives on Money's side
when the Governor
called in the U.S. Army
three times
we can say that
war existed in Logan County

1921 U.S. Army in 2 week intervention in Guatemala against union organizers
1922 U.S. Army fought against nationalists in Smyrna, Turkey
1922-27 U.S. Navy and Army deployed in China during nationalist revolt
1924-25 U.S. Army landed twice in Honduras during elections
1925 U.S. Marines occupy Nicaragua

*I have deemed it my duty to use the powers
committed to me to ensure the adequate protection of all American
interests in Nicaragua, whether they be endangered by internal
strife or by outside interference in the affairs of that republic.*

~Calvin Coolidge, 1926

1932 U.S. Navy warships sent to El Salvador during Faribundo Marti revolt
1932 U.S. Army stops WW1 veterans protest in Washington, D.C.
1933 U.S. Marines land in China at Foochow
1941 Greenland and Iceland taken under U.S. protection
1941-1945 WW2: first nuclear strikes; U.S. Army guards camps for Japanese/American citizens
*I have known war as few men now living know it. Its very
destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless
as a means of settling international disputes.*

~Gen. Douglas MacArthur

1943 U.S. Army puts down Black rebellion in Detroit
1945 50,000 U.S. Marines sent to Northern China
1946 U.S. threatened Soviet troops in Iranian Azerbaijan with nuclear weapons
1946 U.S. Navy responded to shooting down of U.S. plane over Yugoslavia
1947 U.S. nuclear bombers deployed over Uruguay in show of strength
1948 U.S. Marines evacuate Americans from mainland China

cardinals and bishops call it a just war
just because the president said so
just because they hurt us
just because we can
just because no poet said no
just because the snow falls and the shadows grow longer every day
just because we see it on CNN
just because after the bomb falls there is no one left to hear
just because

1948— U.S. bombers guard Berlin Airlift
1948 U.S. Marines to Palestine
1950-53 U.S. troops fought China and North Korea; nuclear threat against China
(U.S. still has bases in South Korea)
1953 Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf Sr. helps overthrow democracy and install Shah of Iran
*Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired,
signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not
fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.*

~Pres. D. D. Eisenhower, 1953

1954 U.S. offers use of nuclear weapons to French to use against siege in Viet Nam
1955 U.S. bombs Guatemala from Nicaragua after government nationalizes U.S. businesses
1956 U.S. threatens Soviets with nuclear weapons during Suez Crisis, Egypt
1958 U.S. Marines occupy Lebanon against rebels
1958— Iraq threatened with nuclear weapons in warning against invading Kuwait
1958— U.S. troops used during protests in Panama
1959 China threatened with nuclear weapons and told not to move against Taiwan
1960-75 U.S. troops used in Viet Nam; nuclear threats in 1968 and 1969
nights he still comes to me
eyes clear
black and white
unlike his body
yellow and red



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this spectre
of a rising tide
of godless communism
turning
amidst the tangled pile
of bodies
the 300 piastres
and the red-starred belt
I took from his body

1961 U.S. military trains commandos for operation against Cuba at Bay of Pigs
1962 U.S. threatens use of nuclear weapons in Berlin Wall crisis
1962— U.S. Naval blockade and nuclear threats during Cuban Missile Crisis
1963 U.S. Army shoots Panamanians for protesting about return of canal

madre llorosa
she was last seen
in a photograph
kneeling
peasant dress
little protection
between her and the roadstones
none
between her
and the boy soldiers
the body lying there
looked
something like her son

1964 U.S. assists army coup in Indonesia in which one million were killed
1965-66 U.S. Marines land in Dominican Republic during election campaigns
1966-67 U.S. Green Berets intervene in Guatemala against rebels

fortune of war
we move out of the tree line
spread out
surround the huts
the village headman says
two wounded men died
and were buried
several days before
a green black shimmer
rises (after three days
the sun)
the skin
taut with gangrenous gas
bursts
with the weight of a landing fly
spewing
pus to dust

WORKING TOWARD THE POWER OF PEACE

Why is peace so hard, so elusive,
when all the world wants it;
when all you need to do
is to work for it, think about it,
to train for it, to help others survive,
to reach out, to touch,
to build, to create,
to fantasize, to imagine,
that peace is the only way
to live, to dance, to think, to act;
what's so hard about that...?

~ARTHUR HONEYMAN

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