

Jane Fonda (a.k.a. 'Hanoi Jane') to portray Nancy Reagan?

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(Submitted by R.A. Shackles)

Jane Fonda (a.k.a. "Hanoi Jane") has been chosen to play Nancy Reagan in a film on her life story. She did so much harm during the Vietnam War years. Those of us who were living during that time will never forget that she was a traitor and did a lot of damage to our military. She has no business doing this movie.

She has been on television recently, promoting her new book and how good she feels in her 70s. She still does not know what she did wrong. Her book just may not make the "best books" list if more people knew.

Barbara Walters said, "Many died in Vietnam for our freedoms. I did not like Jane Fonda then and I don't like her now. Unfortunately, many have forgotten and still countless others have never known how Ms. Fonda betrayed not only the idea of our country, but specific men who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War.

She can lead her present life the way she wants, and perhaps she can forget the past, but we do not have to stand by without comment and see her "honored" as a "Woman of the Century."

For those who served and/or died...never forgive a traitor. She really was a traitor and now President Obama wants to honor her.

This is for all the kids born in the '70s and after who do not remember, and didn't have to bear the burden that our fathers, mothers, and older brothers and sisters had to bear.

The first part of this is from an F-4E pilot. The pilot's name is Jerry Driscoll, a River Rat. In 1968, the former Commandant of the United States Air Force Survival School was a POW in Ho Lo Prison, a.k.a. the "Hanoi Hilton."

Dragged from a stinking cesspit of a cell, cleaned, fed, and dressed in clean PJ's, he was ordered to describe for a visiting American "peace activist" the "lenient and humane treatment" he'd received.

He spat at Ms. Fonda, was clubbed, and was dragged away. During the subsequent beating, he fell forward on to the camp commandant's feet, which sent that officer berserk.

In 1978, the Air Force colonel still suffered from double vision (which permanently ended his flying career) from the commandant's frenzied application of a wooden baton.

From 1963 to 1965, Colonel Larry Carrigan was in the 47FW/DO (F-4Es). He spent six years in the "Hanoi Hilton" ... the first three years during which his family only knew he was "missing in action." His wife lived on faith that he was still alive. His group, too, got the cleaned-up, fed and clothed routine in preparation for a "peace delegation" visit.

Who died before they collected Social Security?

(Submitted by Richard Van Opynen)

Do not call the money I worked for and paid in all my working life an entitlement!

The only thing wrong with the government's calculation of available Social Security is they forgot to figure in the people who died before they ever collected a Social Security check! Where did that money go?

Not only did you and I contribute to Social Security, but your employer did, too. It totaled 15 percent of your income before taxes. If you averaged only \$30 K over your working life, that's close to \$220,500. Read that again!

Did you see where the government paid in one single penny? We are talking about the money you and your employer put in a government bank to insure you and I that we would have a retirement check from the money we put in, not the government. Now they are calling the money we put in "an entitlement" when we reach the age to take it back.

If you calculate the future invested value of \$4,500 per year (yours and your employer's contribution) at a simple 5 percent interest (less than what the government pays on the money that it borrows), after 49 years of working you'd have \$892,919.98.

If you took out only 3 percent per year, you'd receive \$26,787.60 per year and it would last better

They, however, had time and devised a plan to get word to the world that they were alive and still survived. Each man secreted a tiny piece of paper with his Social Security number on it in the palm of his hand. When paraded before Ms. Fonda and a cameraman, she walked the line, shaking each man's hand and asking little encouraging snippets like: "Aren't you sorry you bombed babies?" and "Are you grateful for the humane treatment from your benevolent captors?"

Believing this had to be an act, they each palmed her their sliver of paper. She took them all without missing a beat. At the end of the line and once the camera stopped rolling, to the shocked disbelief of the POWs, she turned to the officer in charge and handed him all the little piece of paper.

Three men died from the subsequent beatings. Colonel Carrigan was almost number four, but he survived, which is the only reason we know of her actions that day.

Ronald D. Sampson, CMSgt. in the Air Force, was a civilian economic development advisor in Vietnam, and was captured by the North Vietnamese communists in South Vietnam in 1968, and held prisoner for over five years. He spent 27 months in solitary confinement; one year in a cage in Cambodia; and one year in a "black box" in Hanoi. His North Vietnamese captors deliberately poisoned and murdered a female missionary, a nurse in a leprosarium in Banme Thuot, South Vietnam, whom Sampson later buried in the jungle near the Cambodian border. At one time, he weighed only about 90 pounds. (His normal weight is 170 pounds.)

Sampson said, "We were Jane Fonda's 'war criminals.' When Jane Fonda was in Hanoi, I was asked by the camp communist political officer if I would be willing to meet with her. I said yes, for I wanted to tell her about the real treatment we POWs received ... and how different it was from the treatment purported by the North Vietnamese, and parroted by her as 'humane and lenient.'"

"Because of this, I spent three days on a rocky floor on my knees, with my arms outstretched with a large steel weight placed on my hands, and was beaten with a bamboo cane. I had the opportunity to meet with Jane Fonda soon after I was released. I asked her if she would be willing to debate me on TV. She never did answer me."

"These first-hand experiences do not exemplify someone who should be honored as part of '100 Years of Great Women.' Lest we forget, '100 Years of Great Women' should never include a traitor whose hands are covered with the blood of so many patriots. There are few things I have strong visceral reactions to, but Hanoi Jane's participation in blatant treason is one of them."•

than 30 years (until you're 95 if you retire at age 65) and that's with no interest paid on that final amount on deposit. If you bought an annuity and it paid 4 percent per year, you'd have a lifetime income of \$2,976.40 per month.

Just because they borrowed the money for other government spending doesn't make my benefits some kind of charity or handout!

Remember Congressional benefits? Free healthcare, outrageous retirement packages, 67 paid holidays, three weeks' paid vacation, unlimited paid sick days. Now that's welfare, and they have the nerve to call my Social Security retirement payments entitlements?

We're "broke" and we can't help our own seniors, veterans, orphans or homeless people. Yet in the last few months we have provided aid to Haiti, Chile, and Turkey and now Pakistan — home of Bin Laden. Literally, billions of dollars! And they can't help our own citizens in New York and New Jersey!

They call Social Security and Medicare an entitlement even though most of us have been paying for it all our working lives, and now, when it's time for us to collect, the government is running out of money.

Why did the government borrow from it in the first place? It was supposed to be in a locked box, not part of the general fund. •



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