

2 Poems by Robert Cooperman

Governor McCann of the Great State of . . . Justifies the Murder of a Little Boy: The Second American Civil War

You think I wanted to kill that kid?
Five years old and almost as cute
as Baby Jesus. But his old man—
a leader of Society for Progressive
Change—left me no choice: issued
a statement that they'd never surrender
for the good of our Christian country.

I had to act, or look weak. So the war
continues until we wipe them out.
Who thought they'd give us so much fight:
liberals, Jews, blacks, and illegals,
and before this war started, terrified
to look at a gun, let alone fire one.

But they have, and more accurate than
I'd have given them credit for. So now,
I'm taking heat on two fronts: from snipers,
IEDs, car bombs, and sneak attacks;
and from biddies who'd donated their last
cookie jar dollars to our righteous cause,
but now are calling me a child murderer,
as if I'd blasted away at that little boy.

I delegated that hard necessity
to a state trooper whose loyalty I trusted:
getting his brother off meth cooking charges,
and giving his toothless white trash daddy
a job that involved collecting a pay check
and whittling on his front porch all day.

Worst, my mistress refuses to invite me
into the little love nest I set up for her,

from state coffers. I bet she's not alone.
And that brat stands by my bed at night,
stares like he knows how best to get at me.

“Body of Child Found”—Headline in *The National Reporter*: The Second American Civil War

“After James Wagner issued a terse statement refusing to order Society for Progressive Change to surrender to Guns for America, the body of a small child was found in a waste area between strongholds for the two factions.

“The corpse is believed to be that of James Wagner, Jr., the kidnapped son of the leader of the left wing organization, and the latest, most innocent victim of the war that has drawn the country into its conflagration.

Interviewed after the body was found, Mr. Wagner had this to say:

“As a father, I'm devastated; as a freedom fighter, I must be prepared to make sacrifices of the most heart wrenching sort. First, my wife was killed last week; now, my son's a martyr in our fight against these Neo-Liberty Boys.

“The only liberty they ascribe to is their own: to butcher whomever they please in the name of a God, who, if He did exist and were dwelling in the Heaven they believe they will rise to by committing mass murder, would shudder in disgust and fling them into the Hell they'd assign to anyone who refuses to kneel to their vile credo.

“Far from losing hope at the losses we’ve incurred,
I believe we will reclaim our country from those
who’d damn everyone who disagrees with them.”