



Why isn't OLLIE NORTH in prison?

The Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) doesn't ordinarily single out individual representatives of the imperialist United States government for comment. Oliver North is not a "bad seed" in an otherwise good system — his actions on behalf of the U\$ government served the system well.

In 1986, Oliver North's crimes against the international proletariat were exposed in what became known as the Iran-Contra scandal. During the Reagan Administration, North facilitated the sale of United Snakes arms to the Iranian government in order to illegally funnel the profits to the murderous Contras, who were fighting the popular Sandinista government in Nicaragua. The Contras used that money to kill more than 30,000 people.

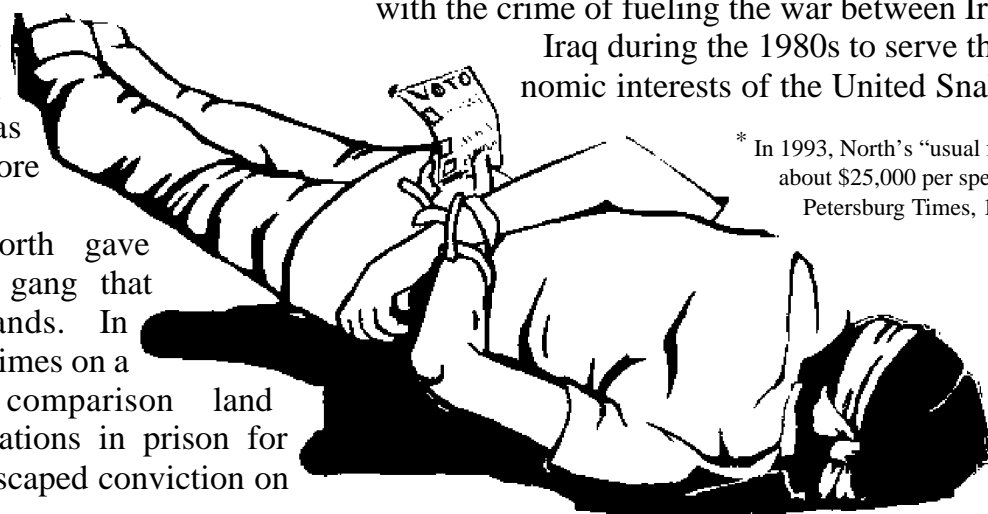
In other words, North gave weapons to a criminal gang that killed tens of thousands. In Amerika's courtrooms, crimes on a miniscule scale by comparison land California's oppressed nations in prison for life. North, by contrast, escaped conviction on

these acts, instead winning acquittals on all but a few charges. And those convictions were overturned, allowing him to resume his patriot hero status, and charge thousands of dollars for a boring lecture.*

Anti-imperialists charge North and the U\$ government with the murder of thousands of Nicaraguans and the crime of overthrowing a popular government in that country. After years of U\$ backed terrorism, under the imperialist threat of perennial attack if the Sandinistas remained in power, the Nicaraguan people voted the Sandinista government out in 1990. We also charge North with the crime of fueling the war between Iran and

Iraq during the 1980s to serve the economic interests of the United Snakes.

* In 1993, North's "usual fee [was] about \$25,000 per speech" (St. Petersburg Times, 14 March 1993).



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