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Neo-fascist Le Pen advances through French primary

MILITANT PARASITES WIN BIG

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The neo-fascist National Front came in second in voting in the French national primary and thus won the chance to elect Jean-Marie Le Pen president in a run-off election May 5th.(1) Conservative Jacques Chirac, already known for broadly regressive policies faced an even more aggressive and regressive opponent.(2) [With 96

percent of the national vote counted on the evening of the 5 May, Le Pen received 18% of the vote, Chirac 82%. See p. 9.]

The primary results for Chirac and Le Pen respectively were 19.7% and 17.0%.(3) The ex-Trotskyist Jospin, representing the pseudo left only won about 16%(4)—and thus is excluded from the final election. The so-called French Communist Party led by Robert Hue only won 3.5%(5) and will receive no state funding, since a party must win at least 5% in the primary to win state subsidization.(6) Another fascist candidate named Bruno Megret who splintered away from Le Pen's political party won another 2%. This means that

20% of French voters have already pulled the lever for fascism and probably more will in the second round of voting.

MIM sees the upset of Jospin by Le Pen in a radically different light than the mainstream news. Most of the mainstream authorities presume that Le Pen's votes are protest votes. But taking second place in the national primary means Le Pen has genuine supporters—despite the denial of the republican bourgeoisie.(8)

MIM sees the victory for Le Pen in the primaries as proof positive of the labor aristocracy thesis—that dominant-nation “workers” in imperialist countries are in fact a new petit-bourgeoisie, a labor

aristocracy. They support imperialism because they benefit from it. The real proletariat, on the other hand, resides overwhelmingly in the so-called Third World.(9)

Many self-styled “leftists” or “communists” insist that the aristocracy is exploited and hence revolutionary.

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MIM and RAIL kick off UC divest campaign

by MIM

MIM, RAIL, and Studies for the Liberation of Aztlan and Latin America (SLALA) kicked off a campaign to get the University of California to pull its investments from companies supporting Israeli aggression, with an event at UC Los Angeles in early May. A small but enthusiastic audience listened to speakers from MIM and SLALA lay out the rationale for the campaign, and then participated in a discussion about the issues raised.

The speakers explained the historically progressive role played by student divestment campaigns, especially in the case of Vietnam in the 1970s, the 1980s South African campaign (which MIM participated in), and the anti-sweatshop campaign of the 1990s. Once again, students in American schools have a chance to apply public pressure on university officials to pull their support from an oppressive, U\$.-backed regime. The UC system is an ideal target, because the system invests hundreds of millions of dollars in companies like General Dynamics Corp., General Electric Corp., Honeywell Corp., Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and United Tech Corp., each of which invests heavily in Israel and provide it with helicopters, jet engines, F-16 fighters, M1-A2 Tanks, avionics control systems, rocket launchers, aircraft missiles, launch systems, other missiles and more.

The campaign calls on the UC system to investigate the companies it invests in and does business with for ties to the Israeli apartheid state and divest from those companies with large investments in Israel — especially those involved with the Israeli military. This divestment should continue at least as long as Israel refuses to withdraw from the territory it occupied in 1967.



Hey, soldier, where'dya get that gun? The University of California invests in the Israeli war machine to the tune of billions of dollars.

As the SLALA speaker said: “With its declaration of all-out war against the people of Palestine, Israel's recent military invasions into all the major cities in the already occupied West Bank - Including Ramallah, Bethlehem, Nablus and Hebron - has meant mass dislocation, unwarranted search, seizure, thousands of arrests and detentions, and the deaths of hundreds, many of whom died as ambulances were prevented from reaching them, or literally were left to rot on the streets.”

Audience members signed a petition supporting the demands of the campaign, and took postcards to distribute for others to send to the UC administration.

The event also included a film screening of a recent documentary showing the continued expansion of Israeli settlements on Palestinian land after the so-called peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian

Authority brokered by former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Palestinians interviewed in the film showed how their homes and land were seized as Israel systematically expanded the areas of greater Jerusalem that are under Israeli control. One family, evicted from their ancestral home by the city of Jerusalem to make way for new settlements, fought a long battle in the courts, and finally won. But instead of getting their home back, they were given a dilapidated bus to live in as compensation.

Another man won a court battle saying a certain piece of land seized by Israelis was indeed his, but he was not allowed to re-claim it.

Activists from Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), associated with the International Socialist Organization (ISO), are leading a campaign for UC divestment from Israel on the Berkeley

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Chinese Regime slanders Mao Zedong on Nepal

The state-capitalist regime in China implementing “Deng Xiaoping Theory,” has slandered Mao Zedong yet again. According to the Nepalese Foreign Secretary, Madhuraman Acharya the Chinese government told him that the People's War in Nepal was misusing the name of Mao Zedong.(1)

Through its numerous publications, the Chinese regime could have denied the accusations, but it did not. In fact, it is already in print referring to the People's War in Nepal as “ultraleftist.” The Chinese regime also told Nepal that it would not allow Tibet to be used by the “ultraleftist” guerrillas fighting in Nepal.

Although it debated the question at some length, the current regime in China claims still to uphold “Mao Zedong Thought” as a system of thought behind “Deng Xiaoping Theory.” Thus, the regime in China is telling the revolutionaries in Nepal that they are fakes and they are doing this in the name of Mao. At the same time, the Chinese regime is not supporting any alternative in Nepal that eliminates semi-feudalism.(2)

Semi-feudalism is the system of land ownership concentrating power in a few landlords' hands that also puts the peasants in a position of exploitation. Farming under capitalism is done through a wage system, but under semi-feudalism, most peasants do not own

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Letters

What is the material basis for neo-fascism?

What is the position of the Party on Le Pen and the general rise of the right in Europe? The line as I understand it is that fascism rises as social democracy falls. I.e. when sources of superprofits are cut off/slowed the alliance btw. labour and capital is threatened and capital uses elements of the working class as shock troops to control the population, using ideologies of nationalism, racism, etc. But my understanding is that the Party's line is that the alliance is very strong and certainly the flow of superprofits is unimpeded. So why the rise in the right?

My first response is that as imperialism develops and the white working classes move upward, there is a need for (largely nonwhite) immigrant labour. But to keep these immigrants stuck at the bottom of the labour market, since legal racial segregation is too obvious, they are kept

there via the criminal justice system (illegal immigrants) and through encouraging the "natural" racism of the dominant white nation through various channels (e.g. institutional racism in the courts/legislature, rightward drift of [social democratic]/labour parties, etc.) So the rise of the right is just one of the channels of controlling the proletariat, putting them btw. the bad cop of fascism and the good cop of the liberals.

But these are arguments that seem to rely on false consciousness. I.e. the white workers are doing fine, but they are tricked into thinking immigrants are taking their jobs. The anti-globalization movement position is that white workers are suffering so the false consciousness is countered to a real change in material conditions. While this may be untrue, it is at least logically consistent. If the white workers, as the Party posits, are either doing better than ever, doing the same, or doing just marginally worse, then how to explain the rise of Buchanan, Le Pen Haider, neo-nazism all across Europe, etc in a materialist way?

Obviously the rise of the right doesn't

constitute a return of fascism, and certainly not fascism in power. So one answer is that the link btw fascism and social democracy is not (yet) the issue here. Rather, the immanent fascism of social democracy ebbs and flows within certain materialist limits based on primarily ideological/cultural shifts. So even if white workers are doing fine, their national chauvinism can be stoked to some extent absent a significant change in material conditions.

MIM responds: While we do say that the alliance between the imperialists and the labor aristocracy is still strong, we do not say that there are no contradictions between the two classes, or that different wings of the bourgeoisie aren't maneuvering for labor aristocracy support. Nor do we say that the lot of every imperialist country "worker" is getting better all the time.

Clearly "workers" in some shrinking industries (think steel in the United States) have higher unemployment rates. These "workers" favor a nationalistic economic policy (protective tariffs to protect their jobs). Those that are unemployed believe that stopping immigration will give them jobs.

Buchanan, Le Pen et al. do not just spout racist rhetoric, they also put forward concrete economic and social proposals. For that matter, Hitler did not just whip Germans into a frenzy based on some supposed German propensity for anti-Semitism. He also carried out an economic program based on expansionism, war preparations, and some social-democratic reforms—which appealed to the German petit bourgeoisie and labor aristocracy.

So the pull of parasitism—and hence of neo-fascists like Le Pen who are willing to take strong steps to preserve

it—is material, not ideological. As we write on page four of this issue, "Unemployed people do not live in a vacuum. They have brothers, sisters, uncles etc. who are leading successful middle-class lives. The oppressor nation unemployed look around and see that the vast majority of white people do live such lives as exploiters of the Third World. "When Le Pen saw this situation, he correctly assessed how the white unemployed of France feel. It is not a case where the French oppressor nation unemployed looked around and saw a need for drastic change of systems. At most they believe expelling all foreigners will give them the jobs that the rest of the French oppressor nation already has. So the Le Pen voter, while wanting change, does not believe the change is so great that the whole apple-cart has to be upset, just the apple-cart of the foreigners. For this reason, the unemployed took to the militant parasitic message of Le Pen."

Atom-bomb lover hates MIM

I was looking for photographs of the dropping of little boy [an atomic bomb] on Hiroshima, on google, and saw a photo I liked. It brought me to your website. It said the bombing was an atrocity [sic]. You [sic] what was an atrocity [sic]? The Baton [sic] Death March. The Holocaust was an atrocity [sic]. But what were we going to do? Invade Japan? You blame everything on evil capitalists dont [sic] you? You need to get your facts straight you crazy socialist, the USSR is dead! And you arent [sic] gonna be redistributing my paycheck as long as Im [sic] alive. So go to China, you ccna [sic]

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"The theory of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin is universally applicable. We should regard it not as dogma, but as a guide to action. Studying it is not merely a matter of learning terms and phrases, but of learning Marxism-Leninism as the science of revolution."

- Mao Zedong, Selected Works, Vol. II, p. 208.

North Carolina Sheriff's incompetence kills eight

May 4, 2002

MIM mourns the deaths of eight North Carolina jail inmates who died in a fire while locked in their cells on Friday, 3 May. They were: Edmond Banks, Danny Johnson, Jesse Davis, Jeremiah Presnell, Jason Boston, Joey Grindstaff, Tywain Neal, and Mark Thomas. Their average age was 29. There were 17 inmates in the jail at the time of the fire, either serving time for misdemeanors or awaiting trial as is common in jails. Those who survived the fire and three state employees went to nearby hospitals to be treated for injuries.

As we go to press we do not know what caused the fire in the 47-year old Mitchell County Jail in Bakersville. Nor do we know if the building's status in the National Register of Historic Places contributed to its lack of modern fire-protection measures. But we do know what caused the deaths. Sheriff Ken Fox said: "You don't know what to say You can't find the words. It's just tragic." Tragic and entirely culpable. The jail's cells each had to be opened individually and there were no sprinklers in the building. It is criminal to forcibly hold any person in a cell without basic safety

measures. Buildings catch fire and floods happen, 21st century Amerika has the technology to see that people do not die for not being able to exit a jail cell.

While we do not know how many of the inmates had yet to be tried it seems that at least one of the dead was likely awaiting trial, or bail, as he died while in a holding cell on the first floor of the jail. We can also say with certainty that none of the inmates had been sentenced to die for his crime. The Mitchell County Sheriff's Department has blood on its hands, and under socialism the proletariat could demand blood to pay for this crime.

The Sheriff is a government official charged with responsibility for citizens' lives. The proletariat's message to such officials is: if you don't want blood responsibility for citizens' lives, don't take the job! The leadership principle dictates that the public does not need to suffer any careerists who want the power of life and death but are not prepared to pay in kind for their own failures.

Notes: "Eight die in N.C. Jail Fire," Guardian Unlimited, 4 May, 2002; "Weekend Edition," National Public Radio 4 May, 2002; <http://www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us/nrlist.htm>

Ukrainian violence against Jews creates new history

A newspaper billing itself as a daily for "Russian-Americans" has reported that there was a pogrom style attack on a Ukrainian synagogue on April 13th. Such an attack on Jews is nothing new in Ukraine.

Soon after there was a swift arrest and Jews reported satisfaction with the cooperation of the government. What was astonishing was the rally of thousands chanting slogans for Israel and opposing Arafat and fascism for the 54th anniversary of the foundation of Israel.

The rally in downtown Kiev reputedly had more than 10,000 participants. Organized by the Ukrainian Jewish Congress, the rally also heard greetings sent by Israeli ruler and mass-murderer Ariel Sharon.

All those countries and leaders attempting to gain Uncle Sam's support on the "terrorism" question now face internal questions in that light. Anti-Semitism has had a long and strong history in Ukraine, but the question of "terrorism" has given Ukrainians interesting choices.

Lumping Arafat in with fascism shows that some are prepared to say that defending Jews justifies anything done by Jews. This is wrong and there can never be peace if Jews take the Holocaust as a carte blanche to commit genocide themselves. The Palestinian people are attacking Zionist occupiers— both troops and civilians who are occupiers. It is a war of national liberation, not "terrorism."

On the other hand, it is possible that Jews in a synagogue do not support Israel themselves. Some Jews who become victims may not be exploiters at all, but rather poor people.

The fact that anti-Semitism is arising around the globe while the Zionists are murdering people on the West Bank raises some challenging questions of sorting out anti-Semitism and anti-imperialism, since Israel is one of the world's leading and most vicious imperialists. MIM's May Congress will take up the controversy. Every year we hold votes on questions of party line and then implement those lines until the next Congress.

Source: New Russian Word April 20-21, p. 11.

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French unemployed voted for Le Pen

Thirty-eight percent of unemployed French voters voted for Le Pen.(1) That is a huge percentage given that no candidate in the election garnered more than 19% of the total and Le Pen received 17% overall.

This is not some foggy “false consciousness” by the French unemployed people. Le Pen has campaigned in French politics forever—four times for the presidency—and the French know what he stands for very well. It’s been 30 years since he formed his neo-Nazi “National Front” party and Le Pen has served many years in both French and European parliaments. By 1988 he had already won 14% of the presidential vote and 15% in 1995.(2) 63% of Le Pen voters had decided on Le Pen months before the election.(4)

After all, if the unemployed simply demonstrated “false consciousness” fogginess, there were seven “leftist” candidates or three green candidates they could vote for and four more “moderate” right-wing candidates.(3) Hence, there was nothing stupid, arbitrary or lucky about Le Pen’s victory in the first-round amongst the unemployed. Although other candidates blasted unemployment, Le Pen received the overwhelming support of the unemployed, and not just the support that one of 16 candidates could expect.

If “false consciousness” as the phony Marxists say is the reason for the problem of the Le Pen vote by the unemployed, then we would expect Le Pen to obtain 1 in 16 votes, say 6% of unemployed votes. Instead, Le Pen received 38% of the unemployed vote and 30% of the workers’ vote while obtaining only 8% of the so-called liberal professions’ voters—something closer to the

traditional petty-bourgeoisie.

Amongst the unemployed the next closest candidate was Jospin at 13%. Chirac was at 12%. The leading candidate by far amongst the unemployed was abstention, with 46% of all unemployed people abstaining and Le Pen winning 38% of the remaining 54% of unemployed people who did vote.(4) The rest of the candidates received so little of the vote that overall it looks like “false consciousness” could only apply to those unemployed who did not vote for Le Pen. Perhaps most embarrassing to the phony communists is that the “Communist Party” of France candidate Hue received 0% of the unemployed vote and 3.4% overall.

Looking at the economic status of the voters, Le Pen got his lowest proportion from students, but that was still a tie for first place. For a fascist movement to occur, students have to be a part and thus his 15% amongst students is very bad news. Also shocking to social-democratic theorists, Le Pen received the highest percentage of salaried public sector professionals’ votes with 17%. Jospin was second amongst public sector workers at 16%.

Amongst the “workers,” the two Trotskyists pulled 16% of the vote and Jospin 15% of the vote. However, Le Pen pulled 30% of the worker vote. Another 3% of “workers” pulled the lever for the even nuttier fascist Megret. Combined with the Chirac vote and other rightists, 48% of “worker” votes went to unabashedly “conservative” or more reactionary politicians. The definition that the polling agency used for “worker” excluded farmers, professionals, “employees,” traders and artisans. The

“worker” and unemployed voting results in France could hardly be greater proof of what MIM is saying: the left-wing parasites do all the talking about the “workers,” but the fascists do all the reaping of the fears and insecurities that the left-wing parasite parties stir up. That is why the MIM line is necessary, because casual opportunism does make things worse.

Amongst the reactionaries, lower income reactionaries voted for Le Pen and Megret and upper income people voted for Chirac and Madelin. By education level, Le Pen had his hardest time amongst those with education above a bachelor’s degree, with only 8% of such people voting for him. Higher education people also abstained the most, with 29% abstaining.

The fact that Le Pen received 38% of the unemployed vote disproves the “false consciousness” hypothesis. We have to look at some other explanation.

As MIM has said all along, even amongst isolated unemployed minorities of oppressor nations in the imperialist countries, the pull of parasitism is very strong. That pull is material, not ideological. Unemployed people do not live in a vacuum. They have brothers, sisters, uncles etc. who are leading successful middle-class lives. The oppressor nation unemployed look around and see that the vast majority of white people do live such lives as exploiters of the Third World.

When Le Pen saw this situation, he correctly assessed how the white unemployed of France feel. It is not a case where the French oppressor nation unemployed looked around and saw a need for drastic change of systems. At

most they believe expelling all foreigners will give them the jobs that the rest of the French oppressor nation already has. So the Le Pen voter, while wanting change, does not believe the change is so great that the whole apple-cart has to be upset, just the apple-cart of the foreigners. For this reason, the unemployed took to the militant parasitic message of Le Pen. Clearly Jospin and Chirac were already in power and not going to do enough. Various green candidates founded themselves on issues of low priority for the unemployed and so it was that the candidates most aggressive about advancing parasitism did best amongst the unemployed of France. It goes to show that stirring up the economic fears and concerns of the imperialist country oppressor nation as if it had a substantial proletariat will backfire and produce fascist movements.

In contrast, in a Third World country, there is no foreigner to expel that would nearly equal the number of unemployed people. The unemployed, the proletariat and even the middle-classes share a tenuousness of economic life not seen in imperialist countries and hence the proletariat exerts more influence and pull on the lumpen-proletariat and the petty-bourgeoisie in the Third World than it does in imperialist countries like France.

Notes:

1. http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/europe/newsid_1946000/1946764.stm
2. http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/europe/newsid_1943000/1943193.stm
3. http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/europe/newsid_1946000/1946937.stm
4. The most informative web page on this whole subject is: <http://www.ipsos.fr/CanalIpsos/poll/7549.asp>

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They argue that the white worker is merely bamboozled, hoodwinked, or deceived into a “false consciousness.” Consequently, they attempt to out-race Chirac and Le Pen in putting gravy on the labor aristocracy’s potatoes—and this means contributing to the imperialist drive for war and repression.

With the failure of the mainstream candidates Jospin and Chirac, the labor aristocracy is looking for someone more aggressive in France. However, in imperialist “democracy,” no party gathers much support for telling the population that this competition to increase parasitism leads to global repression, war and environmental degradation. Among other things it would mean bursting the bubble of national pride about France’s global role as an imperialist—and this is something that politicians do not do, the equivalent of telling voters that they have bad breath; even though it is the useful truth that needs learning.

MIM stands for a global minimum wage and reparations to the Third World

with an eye to environmental protection and sustainable development, and we do not care how many votes we win for promoting these basic planks of our platform. Rather than participate in the race to sell-out to parasitic classes, MIM is glad to seek out and promote altruists and scientists who are willing to accept that part of the privilege of power will be the responsibility to renounce profit in a long term struggle to win public opinion and change the world. In this way MIM will build a credible alternative to hypocrisy which will not ignite fascism and another global inter-imperialist war.

If we have the negative examples of Hue and Jospin, who show us that those who argue for the “false consciousness” and “revolutionary potential” of the white working class in the first world are full of crap, we can also look to the other side of the political spectrum: Le Pen makes arguments which look revolutionary. He talks about empowering the voiceless, listening to the little guy and getting the votes of steelworkers.

Just as Jospin, Laguiller and Hue are

the proof of the failure of the “left” to understand the labor aristocracy, so Le Pen shows us that fascists are willing to recognize the hard facts. Le Pen sees the Trotskyists, social-democrats and phony communists clamor for militant parasitism—Le Pen does the same thing with simpler solutions. Unemployment going up? No problem: Deport the foreigners stealing “our” jobs. (Never mind that stolen Third World labor made France rich to begin with.)

MIM reaches from this the uneasy conclusion that Le Pen or someone from his party could indeed win the French presidency, if not today, then some day soon. All the candidates of parasitism more or less legitimize each other, whether they subjectively intend to or not. Not for nothing Le Pen is now making a big deal out of his anti-globalization stance, pushing for withdrawal from the European Union and thereby making a move for militant parasitic voters on the “left” who did spade work for Le Pen by taking the same stance toward global trade, which is

traditionally associated with the beginning of major wars amongst great powers.(11)

President Chirac is basically seen, correctly, as crooked. He is loved by no one except those whom he has corrupted. When Le Pen argues that he is honest and Chirac isn’t there is substance to his statements: Le Pen is honest about his neo-fascism, considering the holocaust a detail of the history of the second world war. He is also honest about his militarism and about his enmity toward immigration.(12) Le Pen seems to recognize, correctly, that people respect honesty and also acknowledges the importance of placing material facts prior to ideology.

Hitler was also very honest and detailed clearly in “Mein Kampf” exactly what he intended to do: exterminate the Jewish minority in Germany if not all of Europe, rearm for another imperialist war and forge an alliance between a nascent labor aristocracy and the imperialists. Meanwhile, Le Pen has also promoted a

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Electoral candidates do not meet at far right and left

There is often a thesis from the bourgeoisie that the far left and far right meet at the extremes. President George W. Bush spoke in this manner and condemned anti-Semitism in France; the major social-democratic French newspaper *Le Monde* also did so by condemning the “protest” votes of the left and right.(1) When it comes to France however, there is hardly any casual switching between left and right in France’s parliamentary charades.

Fascist Megret received close to none of his votes from the “extreme left” Trotskyist and similar parties and also received none of his votes from the voters for these parties—thus blocking some

hypothesis of extreme protest voters. In 2002, Megret received 0% of the 1997 voters who chose the “Communist Party” of France.

Likewise Le Pen was confined to 6, 7 or 8% of “extreme left” or green voters of the past in his 2002 bid. In contrast, 18% of the 1997 voters for mainstream reactionary parties such as Chirac’s “Rally for the Republic” voted for Le Pen this time. If Jospin and Chirac are the “responsible” moderates then it is those “responsible” moderate voters giving the largest portion of votes to Le Pen.

Even if we go back to 1995 elections, only 3 to 5% of the left-wing parasite

voters voted for Le Pen this time. The “extreme left” voter was much more likely to abstain in 2002 than vote for Le Pen (see “Abstaining voters look best to MIM,” this issue).

As for Le Pen voters, they are very consciously anti-left. In all elections since 1995, Le Pen voters have ranged from 0 to 2% support for any of the seven parties of the French left of 2002. In fact, the 10 green and left parties combined in 2002 received only 5% of Le Pen voters of 1995.

The real danger is not amongst voters. There is nothing to be done as an electoral political party to win over the Le Pen and

Megret voters. No amount of opportunism will change their minds. The countless left-wing parasite pundits telling MIM to add some racism to our message to fool Le Pen types have no data to back their views. 10 French parties tried in various ways to win Le Pen voters to the left-parasitic or green position, and they only obtained 5% of those Le Pen voters from 1995.

Our real task is to win the abstentionists over and not let the fascists have them.

Note:

1. <http://elections.lemonde.fr/presidentielle/actu/aujourd'hui/0,,910795,00.html>
2. <http://www.ipsos.fr/CanalIpsos/poll/7549.asp>

Le Pen’s final rally gains French settler support

On May 2nd Jean-Marie Le Pen returned to Marseilles where 3000 gathered to hear his last rally speech of the campaign for the presidency with elections coming up on May 5th. The providence which contains Marseilles—Provence—gave Le Pen 23% in the first round.(3) Provence is filled with French settlers kicked out of Algeria by forceful revolution. It does not surprise MIM that a major candidate for the political leadership of an imperialist country gets his strongest support from former settlers on Arab land.

Algeria is composed of 99% Arabic population by ethnicity. However, until 1954 when the final guerrilla war for independence started, France occupied

Algeria as a colony. By 1962, Algeria was free. The war was a horrible but necessary and hence beautiful one in which civilians on both sides died—something referred to as “terrorism,”(2) but which is really war over land. One of the soldiers in the war was Jean-Marie Le Pen.

While other French soldiers such as Le Pen’s superior officer remember him well, the Algerian people do not. Algerians remember Le Pen as “extremely violent” and a “torturer.”(4)

Ironically, one proposed settler solution to that war at the time appeared to be making all the Muslims there French citizens with France thereby annexing the land across the sea from France in

northern Africa. This would have left Le Pen and others living with even more Africans that they object to than they do today.

Although Le Pen called the Nazi genocide of Jews “a detail of history,” and although Le Pen echoes Hitler in many ways, there is another imperialist politician who derives political support from settlers on Arab land: his name is Ariel Sharon. Whether it is English settlers killing Indians in Amerikkka, French settlers killing Algerians in Algeria, Australian settlers killing indigenous people in Australia or Israeli settlers killing Palestinians in the West Bank, the most reactionary people are colonialists tainted by the theft of land

from other peoples. Allied with imperialist ruling classes, the settlers know no limits to their irrationality and petty property-oriented vindictiveness.

Notes:

1. Mort Rosenblum, “Le Pen criticizes Chirac. . .,” Associated Press, May 2nd http://www.globe.com/dailynews/122/world/Le_Pen_criticizes_Chirac_befor:.shtml
2. <http://novaonline.nv.cc.va.us/eli/evans/his135/MODULES/events/algeria62.htm> is an example referring to French settlers and Algerian nationalists both as “terrorists” in this conflict
3. http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/europe/newsid_1946000/1946764.stm
4. <http://elections.lemonde.fr/presidentielle/actu/aujourd'hui/0,,910771,00.html>

A note on terminology: left and right

MIM would point out that it refers to “left” and “right” in politics in these Le Pen articles to refer to the various wings of the parasitic political ideology of imperialism. MIM is neither left nor right in this regard, because MIM opposes parasitism altogether. Left-wing parasites want to spread the super-profits more evenly amongst the exploiters while right-wing parasites want greater class differentiation within the exploiter camp.

The terms “left” and “right” mean something else when referring to lines within MIM. “Ultra-left” lines assume advanced conditions which do not exist and thus cause damage—an overestimation of what is possible. “Rightist” lines underestimate what can be achieved in today’s existing conditions and also cause damage.

Within a communist party, and its vocabulary, sometimes the “left” is considered the best and sometimes neither “left” nor “right” line is the correct line doing the most that can be done in existing conditions. Mao stated polemically and perhaps sardonically that

he was “center-left” in China especially relative to his wife and the “Gang of Four” of the “left” and those further “left” who were “ultra-left.” This is not to say that “centrist” is considered a good thing in the communist movement either.

The complication arises in distinguishing simple talk of ideological principles and the actual strategic situation of any given day. Generally communists seek to be genuine left within the communist movement and correct overall. The “correct” approach has neither left nor right deviations and also does not “split the difference.” The correct approach to achieving ideological goals or implementing ideological principles is simply scientifically correct.

When it comes to relatively timeless ideological principles communists favor classless society, while socialists do not and seek to ameliorate class differences without eliminating them. Next are those conservatives who prefer to keep class differences as they are and finally there are reactionaries who support increasing

ruling class privileges perhaps by going back to earlier times in humyn history when there were slave-owners or feudal lords for instance. Thus we have described a range going from “left” to “right” in which “left” is best. Often it makes little sense to talk about achievements or implementation with people who do not share your ideological goals at all, which is why there is some value to talking about “left” and “right.”

However, talk of timeless ideological principles and goals can only refer to “nominal left” and “nominal right.” What is more important than dogma is who actually delivers progress toward classlessness. Sometimes people hiding behind “leftist” verbiage are actually sabotaging the communist movement in practice. This is known as “making the perfect the enemy of the good” and thus destroying the good without achieving the perfect. Thus, it is simply best to be “correct” in practice, because mistakes can come from both the “left” and “right.”

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What's New @ MIM's Homepage

No free speech for pro-Palestine group at UC Berkeley

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), a student group at UC Berkeley, was suspended by the University after helping to organize a demonstration on April 9th in solidarity with the Palestinian people and demanding that the University of California divest from Israel. More than a thousand students participated in the demonstration which culminated in a sit-in in Wheeler Hall. Seventy-nine people were arrested, and all are facing criminal charges. The 41 students arrested are also facing student conduct charges and potential suspension for up to one year.

The suspension of Students for Justice in Palestine, pending an investigation, means that SJP is barred from holding events on campus, tabling, distributing literature, and organizing. The investigation may conclude that SJP should be banned as a student organization at Berkeley.

As SJP has pointed out: "No other student group that has participated in non-violent civil disobedience has been suspended and no students have faced charges of this severity in the past several years at UC Berkeley. We believe that this is a systematic attempt to silence pro-Palestinian voices on campus and to intimidate students from being activists...In fact, the policy that makes SJP subject to these charges (the Chancellor's so-called 'zero tolerance' policy) was implemented only a few days before the protest, specifically to make SJP subject to higher standards and harsher consequences."

In another statement the SJP points out: "the Chancellor's so-called 'zero tolerance' policy, threatens students and student groups with expulsion for participating in actions. The interesting thing about the 'zero tolerance' policy is its sudden appearance, without oversight, and without student or faculty review. This policy, along with the targeting of SJP, have the effect of chilling speech, especially speech by activists in defense



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of reforms and change in university policy."

In response to protest letters in support of SJP, the Assistant Chancellor's office sent a form letter stating that the suspension of the SJP is not punishment for political demonstrations, it is punishment for "taking over classroom buildings and depriving the right of other students to an education." What this fails to recognize is that education is not devoid of political content. In fact the political organizations on campuses provide much needed education to students who are otherwise inundated with mainstream media and textbook Amerikan chauvinist information.

Perhaps anticipating the current standoff with SJP, Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl made a statement on April 8, the day before the building occupation: "This University has a proud history in the defense of free expression. It is our responsibility to provide a neutral forum for individuals and groups to advocate their cause. ... Most importantly, it is our responsibility to protect the rights of all members of the campus community to pursue their reason for being here - the work of teaching, learning, and research - uninterrupted by anyone."

Again MIM points out, there is no such thing as a "neutral forum" in the context of imperialist educational institutions. The Chancellor makes this clear by passing judgment on what counts as education by suspending SJP while continuing to supervise nuclear weapons development at Lawrence-Livermore and Los Alamos labs. (See also "UCLA professor defends 'Black Book of Communism' lies," in this issue.) Taking part in organizing for social change, fighting to save lives around the world, and educating the general public about issues of life and death are crucial elements of teaching and learning. Protecting the rights of all members of the campus community to pursue these activities should mean not only allowing political organizing, but promoting and

protecting it.

Further, as the SJP points out, the UC's view of education rights are limited to the privileged few who live in this country: "the University of California's investments in Israel have done nothing but interrupt the education of thousands of students in Palestine, whose universities and colleges and schools have been closed as a result of the Israeli occupation." They go on in another statement: "Berkeley's sister school, Bethlehem University, lies in ruins. Bir Zeit University has been closed for months. Thousands of students in Palestine have had their education disrupted by the Israeli occupation. Meanwhile, the Chancellor and the

Assistant Chancellor continue to pretend as if 'uninterrupted education' is something more than a fiction financed by the Israeli occupation and the US support of it."

On April 29, in defiance of the suspension, SJP set up a table in the center of campus. About 40 students turned out to stand by the table and distribute literature while other student groups tabling in the area also displayed signs reading "We are all Student for Justice in Palestine." Within an hour of setting up the table, Student Judicial Affairs Director Neal Rajmaira hand-delivered a letter that threatened the group with "further and additional" sanctions if they continued to table.

SJP is associated with the International Socialist Organization (ISO). Although the MIM-launched divestment campaign (see page one) is not affiliated with SJP or ISO, we urge readers to fight against this crackdown on free speech at Berkeley continues and send protest letters to the administration at the addresses below (also send a copy to MIM).

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UC divest campaign

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campus. There, after a successful sit-in protest led to many arrests, the UC administration has pressed serious criminal charges against student and community activists, and also suspended SJP from campus activities under a brand new "zero tolerance" policy against dissent. (See "No free speech for pro-Palestine group at UC Berkeley," in this issue.) Although the MIM-led movement is not affiliated with SJP or ISO, we support their call for divestment, and also support them in their struggles against repression by the UC administration.

To find out to get involved in the UC divest campaign, visit www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/cal.

What is militarism?

Militarism is war-mongering or the advocacy of war or actual carrying out of war or its preparations.

While true pacifists condemn all violence as equally repugnant, we Maoists do not consider self-defense or the violence of oppressed nations against imperialism to be militarism. Militarism is mostly caused by imperialism at this time. Imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism—seen in countries like the United States, England and France.

Under capitalism, capitalists often profit from war or its preparations. Yet, it is the proletariat that does the dying in the wars. The proletariat wants a system in which people do not have self-interest on the side of war-profiteering or war for imperialism.

Militarism is one of the most important reasons to overthrow capitalism. It even infects oppressed nations and causes them to fight each other.

It is important not to let capitalists risk our lives in their ideas about war and peace or the environment. They have already had two world wars admitted by themselves in the last 100 years and they are conducting a third right now against the Third World.

Even a one percent annual chance of nuclear war destruction caused by capitalist aggressiveness or "greed" as the people call it should not be tolerated by the proletariat. After playing Russian Roulette (in which the bullet chamber is different each time and not related at all to the one that came up in previous spins) with 100 chambers and one bullet, the chance of survival is only 60.5% after 50 turns. In other words, a seemingly small one percent annual chance of world war means eventual doom. After 100 years or turns of Russian Roulette, the chances of survival are only 36.6%. After 200 years, survival has only a 13.4% chance.

CIA shenanigans muddy the waters in Afghanistan

Would-be progressives must aggressively demarcate themselves from the CIA

by mim3@mim.org

In the April 1, 2002 MIM Notes we reviewed the Global Exchange website and mentioned its program of taking people to Afghanistan to meet Afghans on the subject of wimmin's status. After repeated questioning, the tour guide for that Afghanistan program has refused to deny working with the CIA.

To MIM, this project all along sounded suspiciously like an ideal CIA project. [Global Exchange has also sponsored a speaking tour by a Tibetan Monk with ties to the CIA. See page seven.] On March 30th, the press including CNN discovered that the Bush administration had pressed Black TV talk show host Oprah Winfrey to tour Afghanistan herself and she refused, citing scheduling problems.

So we interviewed Global Exchange. On March 7th, we sent an email to the tour coordinator Nilufar Shuja nilufar@globalexchange.org and we asked for answers to our questions within two days. There was no response.

Later, an Afghan tour volunteer from Global Exchange contacted MIM on March 14th, to say that Nilufar Shuja had gone to Afghanistan and will answer our questions upon return on March 17th; although we have the impression that the trip was after she received our questions.

On March 20th, we queried again and this time we received a response, not from Nilufar Shuja, but from the Global Exchange Communications Director. At no time between March 7th and March 30th did we actually hear from the tour guide.

MIM Notes: Do you or your tour receive any funding from the U.S. Government? Has Global Exchange received any U.S. government grants or contracts or other sources of money?

Jason Mark for Global Exchange: Global Exchange does not receive any money from the U.S. government or from multinational corporations. Nor do we receive and U.S. government contracts or other sources of money.

MIM Notes: The same above questions apply to Afghanistan government funding.

Jason Mark: We don't received any money or funding from the Afghan government.

MIM Notes: How did you establish your ties with the Afghanistan government?

Jason Mark: We don't really have any formal ties with the Afghan government. We have met with several government minister, including interim president Hamid Karzai and the Women's Affairs

minister Sima Simar, but we have no formal relationships with the provisional government there.

MIM Notes: Where does scholarship money come from?

Jason Mark: Scholarship money comes from our general support budget. We also use a portion of every paid participant's contribution to support the scholarships we give out.

MIM Notes: Are you receiving any assistance from the CIA?

Jason Mark: No, we do not receive any assistance from the CIA.

MIM Notes: How will participants fly to Afghanistan? Are there regular commercial flights yet?

Jason Mark: So far our participants have flown on commercial flights from London to Islamabad and then on UN flights (Global Exchange has UN observer status) from Islamabad to Kabul. We look forward to the resumption of commercial flights.

Conclusions

Jason Mark further informed us that Global Exchange was not giving us one answer for itself and another from the Afghan coordinator, and said that the answers would be the same except that the Afghan coordinator has only been

with Global Exchange for two months.

Since most CIA agents are "former" CIA agents anyway, and do not announce themselves, we pressed further. Although Jason Mark claims that the Global Exchange is not currently receiving U.S. Government funding or working with the CIA, we pressed him further: "Prior to being with Global Exchange has Nilufar formerly worked as employee, contractor or consultant or received money in any way from the U.S. Government? Specifically did she work with any intelligence agency, the Department of Defense or the State Department?"

Jason Mark said, "I highly doubt it," but he advised to ask the tour guide ourselves. So we did. It is now March 30th and she still has not replied. We are left wondering how it is that Global Exchange just so happens to know the president of Afghanistan installed by George Bush.

The Global Exchange brags about bringing Jennifer Harbury on staff in 1998. The CIA killed Harbury's husband in Guatemala. Other things from Global Exchange could have been lifted from the MIM website, but it's important to realize that the CIA can use all such covers if it so needs.

Global Exchange honors CIA-tied colleague

Lately the "Free Tibet" movement is making a stink about Palden Gyatso, who had a book come out in 1997 about his imprisonment in China. According to his own book, Palden Gyatso was told his teacher Gyen Rigzin Tenpa was a spy for India, but he denied the charges and according to Palden Gyatso himself, other Tibetans saying that he deserved to die beat and tortured him from 1959 onwards till his release/escape in 1992.

From MIM's point of view, it is not surprising that former slaves and serfs in Tibet have bitterness about people like Palden Gyatso who wanted to go back. Such bitterness is typical in any society undergoing major change.

As of March 30th, a Google search shows that Global Exchange is in first place on the subject of Palden Gyatso for sponsoring his speaking tour in 2000.(1)

From reading various sources, it continues to be apparent that the "Free Tibet" movement has no serious intentions of leading Tibet forward. In his autobiography, Palden Gyatso admits that when the Chinese came to question him in 1959, he and his colleagues did not know what the word "exploitation" meant. He had a hard time talking with the Chinese about "oppression" and so on, or so he said. Given the education situation in Tibet at the time and the fact that even many top lamas were illiterate, his statement does in fact ring true.

Palden Gyatso's statement is actually a fairly accurate picture of what the problem in Tibet is. Fifty years ago a movement arose to free Tibet of slavery, serfdom and economic backwardness. Young monks joined, but the defenders of the system killed people like Lama Geda for favoring change and peace with China. Naturally, such events created bitter divisions within Tibet.

Fifty years later, a country that just elected George Bush and has as an Attorney General someone actively defending flying of the Confederate Flag—that country is again supporting people like Palden Gyatso. Why not? The Confederacy is back in vogue in the United States, so people defending serfdom and slavery in Tibet should not get a bad shake.

Palden Gyatso should have realized that there was a problem that he did not know what "exploitation" was. At the very least, that left him open to being used by pro-slavery activists. We do not understand how he can be righteous about the conflicts in his life after admitting something like that. He should be honest that he participated in the rebellion in 1959 without much knowledge of what he was doing.

Global Exchange and some of the people sounding like John Birch Society activists refer to Palden Gyatso as the "Venerable Palden Gyatso." The Global

Exchange web page advertising Palden Gyatso spews out the typical "Free Tibet" confusion: "In 1959, Palden was jailed along with thousands of other religious."

Yet as Palden Gyatso himself admits, he was not accused of religion but of activity in connection to a spy and a violent uprising in Tibet. Of course, there are going to be thousands of people in jail in a country as large as China who happen to be religious. However, religion has nothing to do with Palden Gyatso's case. The highest spiritual authority, (maybe second highest if you count the Dalai Lama as first) the Panchen Lama was in harmony and peace with the Maoist government in Beijing in 1959 when Palden Gyatso took a wrong turn. The Dalai Lama himself was busy calling off demonstrations that people like Palden Gyatso pushed too far and too violently. Unless the Panchen Lama was not Buddhist, people should not say Palden Gyatso went to prison for his religion. If people want to dispute whether or not Gyen Rigzin Tenpa was really a spy, that's one thing, but turning Palden Gyatso into a religious prisoner is an example of lying propaganda.

Palden Gyatso himself admits he organized a large group of monks at one of the temples and that 100 English rifles were distributed. He himself had charge of guarding one portion of the temple. There is also no factual conflict over who started the fighting in 1959: it was the

reactionary Tibetans calling for China out of Tibet. The fighting started much earlier, and it is now evident in both Dalai Lama documents and U.S. Government documents that the CIA was already involved militarily.

While the Dalai Lama was writing poetry in homage to Mao Zedong in the mid-1950s, his elder brothers started contacts with the CIA at least as early as 1956. Those contacts included weapons support for rebellions in Tibet already under way. Describing the CIA, even the Dalai Lama's brother running the contacts said it was "dirty business." Yet despite these known facts and the Dalai Lama's admission of them, the "Free Tibet" movement repeatedly characterizes the movement in Tibet as "non-violent" and "religious."

When Palden Gyatso arrived in the United States, he organized a march/demonstration with none other than the same brother of the Dalai Lama Thubten Jigme Norbu connected with the CIA as his co-leader. As it turns out, Global Exchange took its description of Palden Gyatso from an organization created by this same CIA-affiliated brother of the Dalai Lama, called the "International Tibet Independence Movement." There Palden Gyatso is listed as one of four leaders of the marches for Tibet.(4)

While almost all books published in the West are slavishly pro-Dalai Lama or

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Chinese Regime slanders Mao Zedong on Nepal

land and cannot choose their exploiters.

The second largest political party in Nepal's parliament, the "Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist-Leninist" (CPN-UML)(3) has the same ideology as the government in China. In the past it was the largest party and held state power, but it has never eliminated semi-feudalism or the monarchy disgracing Nepal today.

From the point of view of the ordinary citizen in the imperialist countries this may come as a shock. People calling themselves "communist" followers of Mao win the elections and they wage People's War in Nepal. Those not calling themselves "communist" are in the minority in Nepal and have been for some time. It is clear that a large majority of people in Nepal are friendly in at least a foggy way toward Mao, communism and socialism.

Nepal is a lesson against those who think differences amongst those calling themselves "socialist" do not matter. Not surprisingly, it is more difficult to see this in imperialist countries where no

"communist" party is about to seize power. It is much easier to see differences in Nepal, because both the fake pro-Deng communists and the Maoists hold considerable power.

In Nepal, even unity behind the "communist" banner is not precise enough to bring about the end of the economic system of semi-feudalism. Today, as in Mao's day, those waging People's War are the ones bringing about an end to semi-feudalism. In contrast, the party that China ties itself to in Nepal continues to speak of "reform," opposition to the April general strike and the damages done by revolution like petty-bourgeois shop-owners afraid of a little broken glass and landowners afraid of peasant violence.(4)

Meanwhile in China, the regime is selling Mao's name in exchange for support from Nepal on the questions of Tibet and Taiwan. The deal announced April 16 appears to be that Nepal will not support the Dalai Lama or the like while the Dengist regime in China will

not support what it calls the "ultraleftists" in Nepal.(5)

The British BBC announced May 2nd that Maoists in Nepal have offered the tottering feudal monarchy in Nepal renewed peace negotiations.(6) MIM is unable to confirm the truth behind that statement. What is more important is that the BBC says that Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba is going to meet the U.S. Government about increasing military aid. Yet there is not a word against such aid from the U.S. Government from the "communists" of Nepal the CPN-UML or their supporters abroad like "Workers World."(7)

In fact, the CPN-UML website links to both the watery "Communist Party-USA" and "Workers World Party" while denouncing the general strike in April in Nepal. We call on "CP-USA" and "Workers World" parties to denounce the CPN-UML or at least demand that the CPN-UML publicly and urgently oppose U.S. military aid to Nepal.

Mao Zedong liberated China from

semi-feudalism through People's War. If liberating Nepal from semi-feudalism through People's War is not Maoist, then nothing is.

Notes:

1. http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/south_asia/newsid_1959000/1959726.stm
2. <http://www.cpnuml.org/pressreleases.html#14> is an example of the work of those calling themselves "communist" in Nepal
3. <http://www.cpnuml.org/partyinparliament.html> has election results.
4. <http://www.cpnuml.org/pressreleases.html#11>
5. http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/200204/17/eng20020417_94198.shtml
6. http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/south_asia/newsid_1964000/1964132.stm
7. <http://www.workers.org/ww/2001/briefs0118.html> shows the U.S. "Workers World Party" support for the CPN-UML.

Abstaining voters look best to MIM



The unemployed made up the highest percentage of abstaining voters in French presidential elections with 46% of the unemployed not voting. 39% of students also did not vote. We do not have the figures broken down by race or nationality, but we suspect that the unemployed is where there might be an immigrant proletarian influence.

Also based on elections in the past, 2002 non-voters most likely came from what the experts call the "extreme left" or the environmentalists. For example, 41% of voters in 1997 elections who picked "extreme left" candidates for the legislature abstained in the 2002 presidential election. Overall, only 27% of French voters abstained.

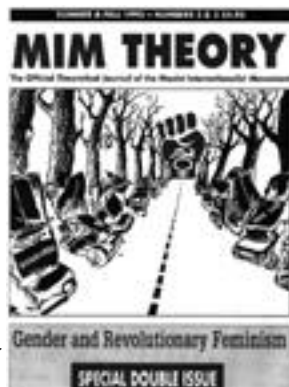
The students and the lumpen, people who have considered "extreme left" parties in the past and people who are environmentalist—these are the people who abstained and who MIM regards as typical revolutionary material in the imperialist countries—a minority to be sure.

Note: <http://www.ipsos.fr/CanalIpsos/poll/7549.asp>

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Neo-fascist Le Pen advances

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book, "The Black Book of Communism" now published with all its bone-headed mistakes by Harvard University Press and it's no accident that this book became wildly popular in France at the same that Le Pen and the Trotskyists criticizing Stalin were on the rise in France. As before, it is the attack on communism that precedes the success of fascism.

The fact that Le Pen could come to power in France illustrates several interesting facts about imperialism, the conflicts which it necessarily generates, and the parasitical "workers" in the first world. Despite much clamor to the contrary, the imperialist countries did not learn the lesson of World War II about fascism, and that is why fascists have come to power in Italy and Austria already and why they are now moving up in Denmark, Belgium and France as well.

Notes:

1. The Economist, 22 Apr 2002.
2. Reuters (Fr.), 22 Apr 2002.
3. BBC, 22 Apr 2002.
4. BBC, 22 Apr 2002.
5. Agence France Presse, 22 Apr 2002.
6. Agence France Presse, 21 Apr 2002.
8. In fact the bourgeoisie is now whining that the left and right should or will make a coalition

against Le Pen! Just as in World War II crypto-fascists come crawling like cockroaches out from under the rotten planks of social-democracy and vote for Le Pen. Both Chirac and Le Pen are imperialists and neither is the answer to the problems facing the world. Joining a large republican coalition to defeat Le Pen risks confusing the advanced who are ready to move beyond parliamentary democracy. On the other hand, it is not clear which candidate of parasitism—Chirac or Le Pen— will actually be better or worse. Le Pen will presumably do more against immigrant workers and this is a concern of MIM's. He also says he will abandon the European Union, and such a move must be evaluated for its likelihood to trigger further world war.

9. MIM Theory 1, "A White Proletariat?"
11. fr.news.yahoo.com/020418/5/2jzon.html
12. "Socially, I am left, economically I am right, nationally I am French" Le Pen, quoted in Liberation, 22 Apr 2002.

Liberation notes: "Avec ce score, se retrouvent les défenseurs de Vichy, les activistes de l'OAS, les nostalgiques de l'Algérie française et les soldats perdus de l'empire colonial." [This score unites the defenders of Vichy, the activists of the Secret Army Organization, those nostalgic for French Algeria and the lost soldiers of the colonial empire]

What questions do YOU have?

Wasn't Mao a butcher? Why do you spell it "Amerika"? Shouldn't you try non-violence first? What is internationalism? Isn't hating white people reverse racism? Why don't you leftists work together? Why don't you tone it down? What is a cardinal principle? What is your program? What is necessary to join MIM? What concrete actions can I take? How do I write articles for MIM? What is your copyright policy?

Go to <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/faq> and get real answers to these and other questions.

Chirac wins big election victory in France

The President of France Jacques Chirac won re-election on May 5th by an 82% to 18% margin over fascist Jean-Marie Le Pen. Analysis of voters showed that so-called workers gave Le Pen his highest support with 31%. The liberal professions and people with higher educations gave Le Pen the least votes—9%. Men gave 26% of their votes to Le Pen and women only 11%.

Overall, the results mean that the French people support bourgeois democracy, because only about one more percent of voters turned out for Le Pen in the second round. Had Le Pen gained 30% of the vote, many analysts would have concluded that there was a long-existing reservoir of opposition to bourgeois-democracy, people ready for fascism.

The best news was that students did not support Le Pen as much as they had in the first round. Only 2% of students voted for Le Pen in the second round.

Also the unemployed cut back their support for Le Pen for unknown reasons from 38% to 11%. The surveys for the two figures regarding the unemployed had over 4000 and 2000 respondents respectively and unemployment runs at about 9% in France. If we presume there was not some kind of bungling by the bourgeois pollsters in their counting, it gives support to the idea that at least students and unemployed people are “protest” voters. Once they “protested” and put Le Pen into the run-off for May 5th, other social groups in France turned to give Le Pen their votes, the “workers” being most steady in so doing.

Based on the small rallies that Le Pen held prior to the May 5th election and the depressed turnout amongst students and unemployed people, it seems likely that Le Pen will not be able to mount street battles of the Nazi kind any time soon—despite his “worker” support.

Amongst all voters who voted for candidates calling themselves “socialist” or “communist,” no more than 5% voted for Le Pen in the run-off second round vote of May 5th. What the pundits call “extreme left” did not produce support for Le Pen.

Even more interesting is the fact that 41% of people who abstained in the first round of voting voted for Chirac in the second round. 3% of abstainers voted for Le Pen. The meaning of this is that French voting and politics is actually very well defined and predictable without large reservoirs of undefined voters.

About 90% of the French public voted in either the first or second rounds. There is not a huge untapped apathetic layer waiting for a chance to vote for fascist Le Pen. Moreover, amongst those who cast null ballots in the first round, 56% voted for Chirac in the second round according to the pollsters.

Not many Trotskyist voters voted for Le Pen in the second round. That means that militant parasitic politics come in two varieties in France—a “left” and “right” and they do not mix that much; even though militant parasites both criticize the parties in power and oppose globalization for their own anti-immigrant reasons. There is very little to speculate on with French voters. As the

situation exists in France, the parasitic “left” and “right” are fairly evenly matched and leaders simply prove their value by mobilizing a few percentage points more or less than usual.

The Chirac and Le Pen election results teach MIM again what the social basis of fascism is in the European Union—the oppressor nation labor aristocracy, wage-workers, manual workers who wish an exclusive relationship with their imperialists, without immigrants. In contrast, the traditional petty-bourgeoisie is less vicious politically.

Neither manual wage workers nor traditional petty-bourgeois professionals are a firm basis for a real communist party in the imperialist countries. Without recognition of this fact, our line and strategy is bound to converge with Le Pen’s whether we know it or not. For this reason, MIM spells it out that people seeking a majority of Chirac’s and Le Pen’s voters are sell-outs to proletarian internationalism.

Note: <http://www.ipsos.fr/CanalIpsos/poll/7553.asp>

Letters

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hang u [sic] with the fre [sic] people there. But get out of the US.

MC206 responds: “Little Boy” (dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945) and “Fat Boy” (dropped on Nagasaki on August 9) killed over 200,000 civilians, and wounded and poisoned many many more. This writer implies that the bombings were necessary to force Japan to surrender, but there is clear evidence that the Amerikan government knew that Japan was planning to surrender as soon as the USSR declared war on Japan—which was scheduled to happen several days after the bombings.(1)

The United States dropped the bombs anyway to send a clear message: don’t fuck with us or this is what you’ll get.

This brutality and arrogance will actually help bring about Amerika’s downfall, by isolating the United States from the peoples of the world and stoking the fires of resistance to Amerikan

imperialism. As Chairman Mao liked to say, the Amerikan imperialists “are lifting a rock in order to drop it on their feet.” The letter writer should ponder the September 11 attacks and reconsider his “not while I’m alive” bluster, lest it become self-fulfilling prophecy.

And we never said the Bataan Death March and the Holocaust weren’t atrocities. They were terribly predictable atrocities under a system which thrives on war and genocide: capitalism.

As for the “free country” crap: the United States has been the world’s leading prison-state per capita for the last 25 years.(2) People like this letter writer live in a fantasy Orwellian world where freedom is imprisonment.

Notes:

1. See e.g. <http://www.doug-long.com/letter.htm>.
2. Marc Mauer, “Americans Behind Bars: The International Use of Incarceration 1993,” The Prison Sentencing Project, 918 F. St. NW, Suite 501, Washington, DC 20004 (202) 628-0871 Reference: SRI: R8965-2, 1994.

Global Exchange honors CIA-tied colleague

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even more reactionary, a couple started to come out otherwise. Thomas Laird has written how the CIA was already conducting operations in 1949-1950 in Tibet, thus further justifying the Maoist charge that lackeys in Tibet worked militarily with Yankee and British imperialism. Let’s not forget that India was an outright colony of England until 1947 and it did not immediately transform its government by 1949 either.

In another recent book, we can judge how difficult conditions were for the Dalai Lama’s slaves and serfs by looking at what one named Tashi Tsering had to do to escape: “Tsering developed a strong dislike of his country’s theocratic ruling elite. As a 13-year-old member of the Dalai Lama’s personal dance troupe, he was frequently whipped or beaten by teachers for minor infractions. A heterosexual, he escaped by becoming a drombo, or homosexual passive partner and sex-toy, for a well-connected monk,” according to Publishers Weekly.(5)

In other words, the most ardent defenders of slavery and serfdom went to prison 50 years ago, after rebelling to defend a system like the one that made Tashi Tsering a sex-toy for a monk. These reactionary activists were too radically reactionary even for the Panchen Lama and the Dalai Lama at the time, but after passage of 50 years of time, these people come out of prison and lo-and-behold they are “Venerable” to the lightly read and historically nonchalant “human-rights” activists, John Birchers and petty-bourgeois non-profits like “Global Exchange.”

Unlike Palden Gyatso, the Panchen Lama took a peaceful road to dealing with the Han Chinese. More importantly, unlike today’s apologists for slavery and serfdom, who deny such conditions existed, the Panchen Lama said in 1960 a year after the violent counter-revolutionary rebellion: “the past year has seen in Tibet earthshaking changes. Former slaves have become masters of

their destiny.”(6)

Today the Dalai Lama likes to say that the Panchen Lama changed his mind on some things about Tibet’s relationship to China, but in 1987, the Panchen Lama still said, “In 1959 there were rebellions in Tibet. Forces were dispatched to quell the disorder, which was a right decision and should not be gainsaid.”(7)

Although countless members of the “Free Tibet” movement are in deep denial as much as the pro-Confederacy movement in the United States, the Panchen Lama’s words cannot be burned and buried. The Panchen Lama, recognized by the Dalai Lama, was an unquestioned authority of Tibetan Buddhism. He is not “rehashing myths” as the Dalai Lama’s website of denial would say about the slavery and serfdom problem, which existed in most countries in the world.

One can only wonder how much further along world peace would be if people like Palden Gyatso had

cooperated with the Panchen Lama at the time. Instead, Tibet has endured more frustration and less development than possible thanks to the energy-wasting activities of the backward activists representing the old ruling classes.

Note:

1. <http://www.globalexchange.org/education/speakers/PaldenGyatso.html>
2. <http://www.southern-partisan.com/johnashcroft.html> <http://www.halfbakery.com/idea/>
3. <http://www.tibet.com/WhitePaper/white4.html>
4. www.rangzen.com
5. http://www.amazon.fr/exec/obidos/ASIN/1563249502/qid=1017560775/sr=1-1/ref=sr_1_0_1/402-3739726-4479322
6. Anna Louise Strong, *When Serfs Stood up in Tibet* (Red Sun Publishers, 1976), p. 307.
7. The Dalai Lama’s official website, www.tibet.com <http://www.tibet.com/PL/warning.html>

U.S. Prisons, making outlaws of inmates

Greetings comrades,

I am a revolutionary who's been back out here almost one year. Since I've been on this side of the colony, I've had odd menial labor jobs, which I'm sure you know don't pay much. No matter how many applications I fill out, this is the only kind of work I've been able to get. I'm currently living with my mother and her husband, who can't seem to understand why I can't get and keep a decent job.

There's a ban in Illinois now that bars "ex-felons" from working in the field of 56 jobs, and those are mostly skilled positions. So even if brothers/sisters get educated inside the micro-colonies, they're still run up against the barrier. This is along with other obstacles and temptations that are bound to push them back on the block: paper chasin' and living the life of an outlaw. Which is what the state of imperialism wants anyway. Crime pays for them, not for us — the lumpen and proletariat.

— an ex-prisoner in Illinois, 21 April, 2002

Illinois DOC: Stop the attack on dreadlocked prisoners

I send my greeting to the brothers and sisters who are a part of the struggle.

I write from the confinement of a cage, in my quest to expose the injustices and inhumane treatment of African prisoners upon my transfer from a Northern district facility (Stateville) to the Southern district of Illinois and Menard Correctional Center. I was placed in segregation behind a steel door with poor ventilation, denied my fan and, can you imagine not being able to take a shower and given a cellie. I am denied all movement outside my cell. Doctor call line, showers, yard and visits.

Officials at this facility told me that my dreadlocks pose a potential threat to the security of this facility and I have been placed in segregation since my arrival in January. I have filed a number of grievances, due to the fact that dreadlocks are an essential tenet of my religious beliefs as a Rastafarian.

There's a small number of African prisoners in the Illinois Department of Corrections with dreadlocks. Most of them are in Stateville, where they are not being oppressed for the exercise of their religious or cultural practices in the wearing of locks. Menard has traditionally shown no respect or regard for African prisoners. This facility has installed token negroes in positions of authority to give the appearance of fair play. This policy has no lawful authority on a state-wide basis. The officials here at the Menard Correctional Center must create various reasons to conceal their true motivation. They are in the business of breaking African souls.

— a prisoner in Illinois, 2 April, 2002

People of the world:

There is a critical cycle of hate and prejudice being committed under the shield of law, against Blacks who are incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections. In September and November, 2001, I exposed a cadre of racist prison officials in The Chicago

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Defender. These officials dressed up in orange suits and armed themselves with billy clubs while forcefully cutting the hair of Black men with dreadlocks. They threatened to attack every prisoner with dreadlocks in like fashion.

I wrote these articles while I was incarcerated at Hill Correctional Center, in Galesburg, IL. Our struggle to end the attacks and terror seemed successful until the month of November, 2001. A Black man with dreadlocks was scheduled to transfer out of Hill. But the racist administration led by Warden Mark Pierson decided that they wouldn't pass up the opportunity to dismember this brother's dreadlocks (to them it is like a metaphoric castration). They promise to continue doing this until we stop them.

They are creating arbitrary and non-existent security issues to cloak their discontent and hate of Blacks who express their cultural pride and self-respect. To this day, these attacks against Blacks with dreadlocks are being perpetrated at Hill C.C.

Back in 2001, I had an opportunity to question Warden Mark Pierson about the legality of these attacks. He stated: "A law does not exist that says we cannot [attack Black prisoners and forcibly cut their dreadlocks]." Pierson's statement sounds much like the 1853 Dred Scott opinion that: "a black man has no rights that a white man is bound to respect." The dignity and rights of Blacks can be abused and neglected so long as no one is bound by any written law to protect them.

Because of my efforts to expose the racists at Hill, I was able to transfer to another facility without them trying to dismember my dreadlocks. However, after I was transferred here to Jacksonville Correctional Center, another cadre of racists within this administration began the attacks where the ones at Hill left off.

Jacksonville's Warden, Raymond Bensko, maintains that he will be enforcing haircuts on individuals with "multiple parts" (i.e., braids and dreadlocks). I even witnessed Mr. Bensko threatening a Black man who sports his hair in a long ponytail, a very nubian look. Bensko said this man is going to have problems and will have to cut his hair. He also said that dreadlocks, braids and long hair pose a safety and security risk, jeopardizing himself and his staff.

At Hill, the administration tried the same line, saying that they could not effectively search dreadlocks. This was their explanation of the alleged security threat. But we know that this was a hoax because every facility in the Illinois Department of Corrections has hand-held metal detectors and thousands of pairs of search gloves.

I have had my dreadlocks for over five years. We know that the only way to take them down is to cut them out. So how can searching be an issue? If the dreads cannot come down, I cannot hide anything in them. It would be

easier for a white man with medium to long hair to conceal something in his hair than it would be for someone with dreadlocks. No whites have been attacked, approached, accosted or threatened about their hair.

So why is it that they only target Blacks with dreadlocks now? We have worn braids and dreadlocks in the IDOC for decades. These racists cannot cite a single incident in which dreadlocks or braids have presented anyone with any danger or disrupted anyone's security. The only security that is being threatened is the insecurity of white racists who fear that strong, conscious Black men threaten their survival. The only safety at risk is mine and that of others like me who have dreadlocks and are under attack.

I urge everyone to call and write to the people listed below. Let these people know that you are not in agreement with the conduct of these prison officials and that this situation should immediately change for the preservation of justice.

— a prisoner in Illinois, 22 February, 2002

Notes: "Deadlocked on Dreadlocks," The Chicago Defender 29 September, 2001; "Castration of the African Culture," The Chicago Defender 16 October, 2001.

Raymond Bensko, Warden, Jacksonville Correctional Center, 2268 E. Morton Ave., Jacksonville, IL 62650, Phone: (217) 245-1481

Mark Pierson, Warden, Hill Correctional Center, 600 South Linwood, Galesburg, Illinois 61402, Phone: (309) 343-4212

Jonathan R. Walls, Warden, Menard Correctional Center, 711 Kaskaskia Street, Menard, Illinois 62259, Phone: (618) 826-5071

Donald R. Snyder, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, 1301 Concordia Court, Springfield, IL 62794, email: Director@idoc.state.il.us

IL prisoner sez 'Don't censor MIM Notes'

For the past 34 years I have served time in Illinois prisons. In all my years of prison life I have never been involved in a violent incident with prison staff or inmates. I had a few fights but they were all fisticuffs. I have been a regular reader of MIM Notes for three or four years. I find MIM Notes to be informative and educational. MIM Notes is a newspaper that allows poor prisoners, like me, to express themselves. At least two of my poems have been printed in MIM Notes, names: "Drugs" and "Prison".

MIM Notes has given me permission to use material from their paper in my book on the game of Chess. All in all, I conclude by saying MIM Notes is a great friend to prisoners that are seeking to make themselves (ourselves) better people while in prison.

— an Illinois prisoner, 4 February, 2002

Hunger strike in New Jersey

Dear MIM,

I would like to make you guys aware of a situation that occurred here on the gang unit at Northern State Prison in New Jersey on April 17, 2002. All organizations decided on that day to start a food strike due to the conditions and negligence that the institution have failed to provide. Once the food strike took place for that day, we finally got the attention of the administration. As they came around to speak to mostly every individual who decided to stop them, I could hear that the inmates were arguing for things like showers, food, recreation, linen and law library. The administration claimed they had no idea that we were being denied such things.

I'm on Phase I, I've been on that level since July because I refuse to sign any document and refuse to submit to this system. Phase I does not take showers every day and this the administrator promised to give us. As the administration came to my door to speak to

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MIM seeks to build public opinion against Amerika's criminal injustice system, and to eventually replace the bourgeois injustice system with proletarian justice. The bourgeois injustice system imprisons and executes a disproportionately large and growing number of oppressed people while letting the biggest mass murderers — the imperialists and their lackeys — roam free. Imperialism is not opposed to murder or theft, it only insists that these crimes be committed in the interests of the bourgeoisie.

"All U.S. citizens are criminals — accomplices and accessories to the crimes of U.S. oppression globally until the day U.S. imperialism is overcome. All U.S. citizens should start from the point of view that they are reforming criminals."

MIM does not advocate that all prisoners go free today; we have a more effective program for fighting crime as was demonstrated in China prior to the restoration of capitalism there in 1976. We say that all prisoners are political prisoners because under the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, all imprisonment is substantively political. It is our responsibility to exert revolutionary leadership and conduct political agitation and organization among prisoners — whose material conditions make them an overwhelmingly revolutionary group. Some prisoners should and will work on self-criticism under a future dictatorship of the proletariat in those cases in which prisoners really did do something wrong by proletarian standards.

me, I started to complain not only of the things that are a must under the inmate handbook but of the contradictions of this so-called gang unit.

Around dinner time, many inmates from other organizations started to fall and submit and started to get food and showers. This right here threw me off. So I decided to call a tier meeting during the night shift with all organization on all three floor. As I started the meeting I told everyone that we shouldn't be content with a shower every day, especially when a shower is a must. I stated when something is started I like to finish it and go all the way. I spoke to them to see if they were willing to start another hunger strike to stop all movement and most importantly for Phase II and III to stop programming. Now is the time for us to make things happen because at this moment they are re-doing the rules and regulation of this program. I tried to make these individuals aware of the main objectives trying to make this program change its policy. But they were not willing and felt content with a shower everyday.

Before I ended that meeting I specifically told them that we cannot claim victory, especially when we still carry this label, victory will be claimed when we all walk out of here without anymore labels and we won't have to worry about being targeted anymore. One more thing I told them that the administration can say anything out of their mouths but if it isn't on paper then it does not mean shit.

Just as I predicted, it is April 22 and the food is still coming cold, showers for Phase I have gone back to every other day, no cleaning supplies what so ever for these cells. I had written a couple of demands in case everyone was willing to sacrifice. They are printed below.

Platform for Demands

1. We want showers for Phase I everyday.
2. We want the food to be hot upon arrival.
3. We want cleaning materials.
4. We want access to the law library and paralegal assistance when requested. We want a list to be made by the tier sergeant or housing officer so we can utilize this access as soon as possible. We want to utilize the law library at least 3 days out of the week and we want the handcuffs removed while in the law library.
5. We want recreation as scheduled. We want to utilize the regular yards, we don't want to be caged up. There should be no reason for us to be caged up when we can utilize the regular yard.
6. We want the medical department to take

every call that's made seriously and to come as soon as an issue is brought to their attention.

7. We want a different document to be made concerning the completion of the program, stating that we no longer are affiliated with any organizations. This will end the targeting of individuals who have completed the program and go to other prisons.

8. We want visits every week. Not only from our immediate family members but from anyone.

9. STGMU (gang unit) uniforms should not be a must to be worn when going to recreation.

10. We should no longer be handcuffed from the back.

11. We want rubber mats to be used outside of the showers, to avoid any slip or fall caused by puddles.

12. We want new linen every month.

13. We want all ventilations from each cell to be cleaned.

14. We want tier recreation as previously provided to Phase II and III.

15. We want a literature cart to pass around every month.

16. We want to be able to participate any school program regardless of our age for those who choose to enroll in school.

17. We don't want those who refuse to enter Phase II to be segregated from this regular unit.

18. We want canteen to arrive the following week prior to the submission of our slips.

19. We want each floor to be provided with 3 phones so that each individual in each catwalk will be able to use the phone. There are 52 inmates in each floor which is too many for 1 phone.

Corcoran SHU: massive search and seizure

On February 14, 2002 there was a sweeping search of the prison. Almost all prisoner property was confiscated including important legal documents from some prisoners, myself included.

The purpose of this massive search was to "bring you prisoners up to code." The only personal property admitted in the SHU is one personal book, a magazine and six envelopes of legal property. In a move to bring a bit of camp X-Ray to Corcoran prisoners are escorted to doctors' and other appointments in full restraint gear, including leg shackles!

There are signs that prisoners are at least willing to voice their discontent with this brutal form of open oppression and disrespect. In our particular section/building

prisoners are refusing to perform the usual tasks, such as cleaning the showers and accepting canteen unless it is processed according to the rules. And prisoners are lending support to each other by filing group appeals. We are attempting to put together a multi-racial legal team to address the systematic abuses and other conditions we are all subjected to on a daily basis. Of course, there is much work to be done, especially so when most prisoners are conditioned to look at each other as the enemy!

However, as a group themselves, prisoners possess a wealth of power. Nothing that is being done to us today could be successful if we didn't in some way contribute to it. The rise of the "rat and the stoolie" demands that we double our efforts.

The Bush War on Terrorism only validates comrade George's piece on fascism: everyone oppressed anywhere in the world has the right to resist, by any means necessary. So get up, stand up. Stand up for your rights. Fascism won't relent even if you do. Keep pushin.

— a prisoner in Corcoran SHU, 14 April, 2002

MIM responds: The only answer to the problem of "the rat and the stoolie" is as Lenin said: comrades earn our trust and their own proletarian prestige by their practice. There is a lifetime of revolutionary activism to be done by anyone with the will, and we as leaders must know our priorities and be prepared to put younger (or greener) organizers directly to work.

George Jackson knew that study was key to advancing the national revolution and that without advanced theory the revolutionary army he envisioned would be led down a blind alley. "To seize power for the people and relegate fascism to the history books the vanguard must change the basic patterns of thought. We are going to have to study the principles of people's movements. We are going to have to study them where they took place and interpret them to fit our situation here. We have yet to discover the meaning of people's war, people's army." Still, this analysis could not be mistaken for a mindless acceptance of violence as a tactic: "It may serve our purpose to claim nonviolence, but we must never delude ourselves into thinking that we can seize power from a position of weakness, with half measures, polite programs, righteous indignation, loud entreaties."

MIM knows that for us in the First World, it is not our turn yet for revolutionary armed struggle. That task still falls to the people of the neo-colonies in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Imperialism remains too strong

within these borders, and our subjective conditions with the overwhelming majority of u.s. citizens belonging to the exploiting and allied classes are very wrong for armed struggle. We must advance our struggle through building public opinion in opposition to imperialism, and through winnable battles like this prisoner describes. Readers can investigate and protest the situation at Corcoran SHU by writing or calling: Warden George M. Galaza, 4001 King Avenue, P.O. Box 8800, Corcoran, CA 93212-8309, (559) 992-8800

Lockdown at Corcoran CSATF

I am on lockdown and have been since December (Crips since December and the rest of population since January 7th). They claim that we (Crips) were plotting something so they could place us on a lockdown. Then on January 7th they let us off, until they claimed that a large number of Black inmates assaulted several pigs. I don't know exactly what happened because they never got around to releasing my building. But I do know that not a single shot was fired, and Corcoran is a trigger-happy facility. So to me this story simply doesn't add up.

— a prisoner in CA Substance Abuse Facility 14 April, 2002



What is internationalism?

From the MIM "Frequently Asked Questions" page, <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/faq>.

Internationalism is the ethical belief or scientific approach in which peoples of different nations are held to be or assumed to be equal. Internationalism is opposed to racism and national chauvinism.

We Maoists believe the nationalism of nations experiencing oppression of imperialism is "applied internationalism." We oppose nationalism of oppressed nations directed at other oppressed nations, because the economic content of such nationalism is intra-proletarian conflict. We seek a united front of oppressed nations led by the international proletariat against imperialism.

"I must argue, not from the point of view of 'my' country (for that is the argument of a wretched, stupid, petty-bourgeois nationalist who does not realize that he is only a plaything in the hands of the imperialist bourgeoisie), but from the point of view of my share in the preparation, in the propaganda, and in the acceleration of the world proletarian revolution. That is what internationalism means, and that is the duty of the internationalist, of the revolutionary worker, of the genuine Socialist."

V. I. Lenin, "What Is Internationalism?" *The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky* (Peking: Foreign Language Press, 1965), p. 80.

Facts on U\$ imprisonment

The facts about imprisonment in the United States are that the United States has been the world's leading prison-state per capita for the last 25 years, with a brief exception during Boris Yeltsin's declaration of a state of emergency.(1)

That means that while Reagan was talking about a Soviet "evil empire" he was the head of a state that imprisoned more people per capita. In supposedly "hard-line" Bulgaria of the Soviet bloc of the 1980s, the imprisonment rate was less than half that of the United States.(2,3)

To find a comparison with U.S. imprisonment of Black people, there is no statistic in any country that compares including apartheid South Africa of the era before Mandela was president. The last situation remotely comparable to the situation today was under Stalin during war time. The majority of prisoners are non-violent offenders(4) and the U.S. Government now holds about a half million more prisoners than China; even though China is four times our population.(5)

The rednecks tell MIM that we live in a "free country." They live in an Orwellian 1984 situation where freedom is imprisonment.

Notes: 1. Marc Mauer, "Americans Behind Bars: The International Use of Incarceration 1993," The Prison Sentencing Project, 918 F. St. NW, Suite 501, Washington, DC 20004 (202) 628-0871 Reference: SRI: R8965-2, 1994

2. Ibid., 1992 report.

3. United Nations Development Programme, "Human Development Report 1994,:" Oxford University Press, p. 186.

4. Figure of 51.2 percent for state prisoners there for non-violent offenses. Abstract of the United States 1993, p. 211.

5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.

Notas Rojas



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La ineptitud de la clase dominante yanqui pone en peligro a todo el mundo: el pueblo no debe aguantar más las mismas excusas de siempre

Traducido por un preso de Tejas y Células de Estudio para la Liberación de Aztlán y América Latina.

Se tomo uno días pero finalmente una fuente de información imperialista dijo que la metodología vaquera de los yanquis puede entregar armas nucleares a nuevos usuarios en Pakistán. Al mismo tiempo que Bush dijo que Ben Laden se busca vivo o muerto y descaradamente decía que tomó la idea del viejo oeste, el periódico Los Angeles Times publicó una pieza con algo de lógica el día 18 de Septiembre: "El Comodin Nuclear de Pakistán" por Paul Richter.

El artículo señaló que puede haber 30 armas nucleares en Pakistán. No ayuda para nada a la estabilidad en Pakistán y mundial el llamado de Bush para una "guerra" prolongada contra un enemigo disperso que acabará con "los países." Todos los portavoces ya han dicho que las fuerzas pro-Talibanes en Pakistán pueden derrocar al gobierno Pakistaní. Es una gran irresponsabilidad por parte de los gobernantes que le dan forma a la opinión pública por medio de sus portavoces el hecho de que sólo el Los Angeles Times a relacionado la posible derrota del gobierno de Pakistán con las armas nucleares.

Es decir que el gobierno yanqui ya ha provocado algunos musulmanes hacia la guerra y ahora juega con la posibilidad de que en medio de la guerra en contra

de EE.UU., las armas nucleares de Pakistán lleguen a manos de las fuerzas pro-Talibanes. Cómo dijo la revista Time, esto viene de parte del mismo gobierno yanqui que sabe que Osama Ben Laden intentó comprar armas nucleares rusas en los años 90. Por lo tanto, desde el punto de vista de la definición yanqui de "los buenos" y "los malos", de nuevo el gobierno yanqui juega con nuestras vidas, y cuando trata de armas químicas y nucleares no sólo se ponen en peligro a vidas yanquis.

El ex-funcionario del gobierno yanqui y ayudante de la secretaduría de la seguridad nacional, Ivo Daalder ya admitió que se trata de una "situación de pesadilla" que merece la mayor atención. Los especialistas academicos en esta área han dicho que no pueden dormir gracias a la cuestión de las armas nucleares en Pakistán.

Hasta el reverendo Pat Robertson demostró más razón y dijo que los "terroristas" ya tienen armas nucleares. La cuestión se presenta: Sí este predicador de Yale entiende la situación, ¿porqué sigue mintiéndole al público sobre los riesgos el gobierno yanqui? Un líder responsable enfrentaría al pueblo y diría que en el año 2001, el poder destructivo y militar de cualquier persona supera todo lo que se podía imaginar en la historia anterior, de tal modo de que puede ser un golpe de estado o unos cuantos terroristas quienes ocasionas una

guerra nuclear.

Mientras tanto, un oficial yanqui no identificado dijo que si existía un riesgo pero lo único que pudo decir a favor del gobierno fue que ése riesgo no se debería "exagerar". El MIM se pregunta ¿porqué les parece aceptable hasta el menor riesgo en este caso a los líderes yanquis? Hay dos razones por cuales juegan con las vidas de otras gentes. En el primer lugar arriesgan sus propias vidas porque pueden sacarle ganancias. En segundo lugar es que esta gente son iguales que los locos exaltados de Ohio quienes condujeron su auto a alta velocidad (130 km/h) y lo estallaron contra una mezquita el día 17 de Septiembre.

Lo que le ocurrió al World Trade Center puede repetirse donde sea. La incapacidad de lograr la paz mundial le otorga a todos los ciudadanos del mundo el derecho a pedir respuestas.

William R, Arkin, escritor de espionaje militar y reportero del Washington Post hizo lo correcto cuando dijo en su artículo el día 16 de Septiembre titulado "La Primera Guerra del Siglo": "Señor presidente, debemos preguntar: ¿De verdad ha protegido al pueblo Americano esta información? Es decir, "¿Del modo en el que opera el viejo sistema? Y además: Mientras nos preparamos para luchar contra este enemigo, ¿debemos comportarnos del mismo modo de siempre?"

Estos líderes que se preocupan por la "seguridad" con sus teorías fracasadas, los mismos quienes dijeron que la Unión Soviética nunca cabiaría dentro de si misma si no por fuera porque dentro de si era "autoritaria" -estos mismo líderes ponen en peligro a todo el mundo y nadie debería aguantarlo. Ahora dicen que ellos fracasaron porque el pueblo no les tuvo suficiente confianza, y por lo tanto deben realizar sus maniobras militares de formas más secretas que antes y necesitan más vigilancia sobre toda la población y deben gastar más dinero haciendo todo esto. Arkin le pegó la cola al burro cuando dijo: "Cuando sugieren que rindamos nuestros derechos fundamentales debemos acordarnos que la sugerencia nace de las mismas instituciones que se han probado incapaces de realizar su función básica, el proteger a sus ciudadanos"

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