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## Philippine humyn-rights org. demands end to U\$.-backed abuse

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The human rights record of the U.S.-Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo regime is worse than the deposed fascist Estrada regime." That was the message Marie Hilao-Enriquez, Secretary General of KARAPATAN, or the Philippine Alliance for People's Rights, brought to a forum held here on July 12th, the so-called Philippine Independence Day.

"The number of political prisoners increased to 350 under the U.S.-Arroyo regime in less that two years from 150 under the U.S.-Estrada regime. Summary executions, massacres, tortures and illegal arrests also increased. An example



Arroyo conspires with the U\$.A to oppress the Filipino people.

is the killing of 24 BAYAN MUNA ["People First," an electoral party] leaders all over the Philippines in a span of three months. The killing of Benjaline Hernandez, a student leaders and three of her companions in Arakan valley, Mindanao last April 5 highlights the deteriorating human rights situation in the Philippines."

Marie also reported on KARAPATAN's latest fact-finding mission in Mindanao, where U\$. soldiers have been deployed since January under the pretense of "fighting terrorism." "Artillery and air strikes were common place in the area and most of the victims are Muslim communities driven out of

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## Propaganda and Plan Colombia

### Perception management of the U\$. terror war

MIM reprints this article to describe U\$. involvement in Colombia and explain why Bush is going after organizations in Colombia as part of the "war on terror."

We at MIM believe that the people of Colombia should get on the road pioneered in Peru by Comrade Gonzalo and the PCP. Still, while we have disagreements with FARC-EP, we have a duty to expose Uncle Sam's machinations against any people or organization in the world.

by Doug Stokes

During the 1980s, U.S. counter-insurgency took on a new form, and became what is today known as Low Intensity Conflict. With the Vietnam experience behind them, U.S. military planners recognized two crucial lessons that led to this change.

First, the American public was not prepared to tolerate heavy U.S. casualties in its imperial wars within the developing world. Amongst U.S. strategists this became known as the "Vietnam-syndrome"; the image of dead American soldiers coming home in body-bags.

Second, and more crucially, U.S. strategists recognized that military victory is no longer the primary objective in these new Low Intensity Campaigns. The new objective is the political delegitimization of the enemy and the management of public opinion within both international and national contexts.

Thus, U.S. psychological warfare became crucial, and the management of consent central to overall victory. Simply stated, destroy popular support for the enemy by discrediting them, and the victory will follow. In Colombia today, this new form of Low Intensity Conflict

has found an active application.

Opinion polls conducted in 1987 found that 76% of all Americans thought that the Colombian government was corrupt, and 80% wanted sanctions imposed upon it. In 1991, amidst the refusal of the Colombian State to hand over the notorious drug-trafficker, Pablo Escobar, the image of the Colombian State suffered further setbacks. In response to all this, the Colombian state embarked on its own Low Intensity Conflict to win

the hearts and minds of the American people.

It employed the services of a PR (Public Relations) company, the Sawyer/Miller Group, that earned nearly a million dollars in fees and expenses in the first half of 1991 alone. The PR specialists' job was to transform the perceptions of the Colombian state as a corrupt and brutal abuser of human rights, to a staunch ally of the United States in its

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## European imperialists merge with Uncle Sam's New World Order

### Colombia and Turkey

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In the past two months, European imperialists have made substantial steps toward unifying with U\$. imperialism in regard to both Turkey and Colombia. The European Union (EU), which now consists of 15 countries and has plans for including more, arose partly as a desire by France and Germany in particular to become more united in Europe to serve as a counter-weight to the United States, but now the EU is serving as a vehicle to speed up the unification of U\$. and European imperialists.

First, as requested by the Bush administration, the European Union (EU) named FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) a "terrorist" organization. The Colombia Peace Association in England had this to say about it: "The inclusion of the FARC on

the EU list of terrorist organisations will inflame an already incendiary situation in Colombia, will remove a vital space for dialogue when so few remain and will seriously jeopardise any future possibility of reopening peace negotiations. More war simply spells more deaths, more suffering, more poverty, more conflict. Please speak out for peace, not war."

The FARC is a rebel group that MIM has disagreements with. We believe that the revolutionaries in Colombia should get on the road charted by Comrade Gonzalo of the PCP.

In the past the FARC has had some success in doing business with European imperialism as apart from U\$. imperialism. On June 13th, a wire service of Latin American and European journalists reporting on the conflict between FARC-EP and the U\$.-backed regime and its death squads in Colombia had this to say: "Carlos A. Lozano

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## Amerikkkan pledge to God proves immorality of nation

The furor over the perfectly honest court decision in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the government has no business forcing children to recite "under God" in the pledge of allegiance, proves that the majority of Amerikkkan people have no integrity, even amongst themselves. A Newsweek survey in response to the Court decision shows that only 36% of the U.S. public believes that the government should avoid promoting religion in any way.(1)

Bourgeois political leaders set up the U.S. political system with the idea of "separation of church and state." Almost every Amerikkkan knows that, but the Newsweek poll shows that most hypocritically oppose that same idea. The First Amendment to the Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." That means there can be no law like the

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# Amerikans bomb wedding in Afghanistan

Amerikan forces had another banner day in Afghanistan July 1, as they bombed a wedding party and killed at least 30 people. Local residents told the BBC that 120 died in the attack. In May the Afghan press reported that Amerikan planes bombed another wedding in the village of Bul Khil.

An Afghan Defense Ministry official said the “Americans have confessed that they made a mistake,” while U.S. military representatives interviewed by Reuters “could not confirm” the civilian deaths.(1) Some said that the Amerikan planes came under anti-aircraft fire.(2) Afghans traditionally fire off guns in celebration at weddings.

According to Professor Marc Herold at the University of New Hampshire over 3,000 Afghans died under Amerikan bombs from October to December 2001. He arrives at this figure from an extensive review of international English-language media, including the AP, the BBC, the India Times, the Manila Times, etc.(3) The social-democratic Project on Defense Alternatives (PDA) uses similar methods to come up with a more conservative estimate: 1,000-1,300 by

mid-January.(4)

The PDA also estimates that more than 3,000 civilians have died from indirect effects of the bombing: starvation, exposure, illness or injury suffered during flight from the war zones.(5) Sadly this confirms the predictions MIM and others made in September, when “food-aid workers spoke of a ‘huge catastrophe in the making’ for the people of Afghanistan. Food supplies are already scarce in Afghanistan. Malnutrition gives Afghanistan the highest child mortality rate in the world, according to Save the Children-USA. Hunger can only increase as tens of thousands flee Amerikan attacks for refugee camps in Iran and Pakistan — to say nothing of the effects of Amerikan bombing or ground invasion themselves.”(6)

According to these estimates between 1 1/4 and 2 times as many Afghan civilians have died in the Amerikan bombing campaign as Amerikans died in the September 11 attacks. Yet the commander of the U.S. air war General Tommy Franks refers to it as “the most accurate war ever fought.” “I can’t imagine there’s been a conflict in history

where there has been less collateral damage, less unintended consequences.”(7)

Good to see that such honest intellectual heavyweights with a firm grasp on real world events are in charge of the biggest killing machine in the world. As the Boston Globe dryly noted, “One need look no further back than the estimated 500 civilian deaths in the 1999 Kosovo war to undercut that claim.”(6) And its not just a matter of more bombs being dropped in Afghanistan; actually less ordinance has been used.(4)

Aside from carpet bombing—hardly a “most accurate” technique—the proximity of civilian populations to alleged military targets has contributed to civilian casualties. An incident reported by the Boston Globe is instructive:

“Much attention has been paid to the bombing attack on a convoy in Paktia province that the US military said carried Taliban leaders — but that survivors said carried tribal elders en route to the inauguration of the interim prime minister.

“Less attention has been paid to what happened that same day to a cluster of homes nearby and the village about six miles away.

“Ten minutes after hitting the convoy, warplanes struck a house on a hill... Twelve people were killed.

“By 3 a.m. the attack broadened to the village of Bekhere, a half-hour drive away along a riverbed in a sheltered valley. It lasted until noon. Villagers say 63 people were killed; an Afghan nongovernmental group that tracked casualties in the region put the number at 44.”(7)

The Pentagon justified the strike saying the area was “an active staging and coordinating base for Al Qaeda activities.” They hit the

caravan and lied about it, bombed hospitals and lied about it—why should we believe them? In any case, as we also reported in September, the nefarious-sounding “Al Qaeda training camps” are basically villages. In this context surgical strikes are impossible—not that the Amerikan military has shown any inclination to spare the civilian population.

The Pentagon’s repeated claim that the campaign in Afghanistan has spared civilians is a whopping lie. A little thought should bring Amerikans to the conclusion that the campaign must entail many casualties; a little investigation will show that there *are indeed* many civilian casualties. Amerikans need to grasp not only that the campaign in Afghanistan has done nothing to lessen the immediate threat of Al Qaeda, but is also indicative of why so many peoples around the world are angry with the United States. Amerika’s leaders like “defense” secretary Rumsfeld admit that future attacks like September 11 are inevitable, but the only solution they offer is the failed one which got us here in the first place: higher “security” measures and more military offensives which don’t work. Instead Amerikans need to break with old thinking to get at the root causes of humyn conflict — production for profit, the class system, conflicts over land etc. These can only be addressed by communism, as difficult as it will be to achieve.

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1. Reuters, 1 Jul 02.
2. The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, 1 Jul 2002.
3. [pubpages.unh.edu/~mwhero/d/](http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mwhero/d/)
4. [www.comw.org/pda/0201oef.html](http://www.comw.org/pda/0201oef.html)
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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.

# 'Communists': Where do you stand on U.S. aid to Nepal?

The "Communist Party of Nepal"(UML) as of this late June date still has not issued a statement opposing U.S. military aid to Nepal to prop up the semi-feudal and semi-colonial regime. Nor have many of its international allies called the CPN(UML) to task for not opposing Nepal's going to U.S. imperialism for support. While the CPN(UML) has not seen fit to oppose U.S. military aid to Nepal, it has posted two high profile statements opposing the terror of September 11th, 2001, thereby kissing up to u.s. imperialism.

President George W. Bush promised Nepal \$20 million in military aid. England also pledged in June to increase its military aid to \$10 million a year.(1)

In June, rulers from India, China, England and the United States met in London to discuss unified aid against the Maoist People's War in Nepal.(2) Yet, while this was happening, there was no word from the supposed "Communist Party of Nepal(UML)" on the subject.

MIM does not expect to be able to stop the imperialists from giving military aid just yet. Nor does MIM expect it can stop Indian, Chinese, English and U.S. rulers from trembling over the prospect of communist revolution, even in so remote a place as Nepal.

However, MIM can expose those allies of the Communist Party of Nepal(UML) that always claim to be opposed to U.S. imperialism. The CPN(UML) links its own web page to that of the "Workers World Party" in the United States and the "CP-USA."(3) The "CP-USA" for its part returns the favor.(4) These parties should be first in line blasting the CPN(UML).

The list of links for the CPN(UML) reads like a who's who of phony communism. Included is a link to a phony website for the comrades in the Communist Party of Peru (PCP).

Where are all these parties when it comes to opposing U.S. military aid to Nepal? Nowhere. They are worthless as

proletarian parties and in fact serve as props to the semi-feudal and semi-colonial regime in Nepal. They should be openly condemning the organization that endorses them. Any communist organization that does not oppose U.S. military aid to Nepal deserves to be dissolved.

There are some organizations in an in-between position when it comes to this basic point of opposing U.S. imperialism. The Workers Party of Belgium at least does not link to the CPN(UML) on its web page at [www.ptb.be](http://www.ptb.be). However, the PTB is friends with a number of the watery organizations that have not opposed U.S. military aid to Nepal, thanks in part to their hope that the CPN(UML) will come in to power there again and be the propped up semi-feudal administrators.

When MIM has a disagreement with an organization, like the FMLN in El Salvador, the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, the FARC-EP in Colombia etc., MIM still opposes U.S. military aid to the regimes

opposing them. MIM is far from saying that the People's War in Nepal is a cardinal question by itself. No one should use the excuse of their disagreements with the People's War in Nepal for failing to oppose U.S. military aid there.

U.S. imperialism is the number one enemy of the international proletariat. Today a number of supposedly communist organizations are flunking a basic test concerning this question. Most of the people flunking are those lazy and older comrades who never straightened out basic questions of socialism versus capitalism. Today, the youth must take note, obliterate these lackeys of U.S. imperialism calling themselves communist and form new organizations.

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3. <http://www.cpunml.org/leftlink.html>
4. <http://www.cpusa.org/link/category/1/parent/0>

## Memik Horoz unjustly sentenced June 12

MIM received the following news update from our comrades at a Turkish newspaper called *Isci-Kyl Kurtulusu*. Memik Horoz has faced state repression in Turkey before. A copy of U.N. comments on an earlier case of repression can be found at <http://www.server.law.wits.ac.za/humanrts/commission/torture94/cat-turkey.htm>

The journalist Memik Horoz, worker of our newspaper who has been arrested since the 18th of June 2001 was today because of the statement by the spy Erol Cetin sentenced to 15 years in prison. This decision was made in Ankara at the second court of the National Security Court.

And also again he was charged because of the documentation that was

made in the year 2000 under the name "Two weeks in the mountains of the Black Sea with TKP/ML - TIKKO." He is also being charged of doing the interviews himself. Even though there have been so many evidences and proofs that Memik was in Istanbul at the time the documentation was made, the court only accepted the statement made by the spy Erol Cetin and charged Memik under the 168/2 law of the Turkish Republic (member of an illegal organization) to fifteen years of prison. The court also said the punishment is made because he has been on probation since 1991. This shows us again the real face of the National Security Court which has sentenced many prisoners like that to many years in prison. [Text removed here by MIM.]

That is how the complot of Memik Horoz has ended, but it is not going to bring the newspaper up from its line nor will it put down our workers in the newspaper. Memik Horoz has been in prison to Sincan/ Ankara for one year in an isolation cell. We are outside today and we are protesting against the sentence of Memik Horoz, and are calling all

revolutionaries, democrats, press, associations to protest against this Injustice sentence.

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so-called "war on drugs".

The director of Sawyer/Miller's Colombia account explained that, "the main mission is to educate the American media about Colombia, get good coverage, and nurture contacts with journalists, columnists, and think tanks. The message is that there are 'bad' and 'good' people in Colombia and that the government is the good guy."

In fostering these perceptions the Sawyer/Miller group conducted opinion poll surveys and focus group sessions to evaluate public opinion. In 1991 alone, Colombia gave over \$3.1 million to an advertising campaign. The campaign placed newspaper ads and TV commercials aimed at American policymakers in Washington. The ads all had a similar theme. They asked the American people to remember the bravery of the Colombian military in its war against drugs, and attempted to change perceptions of Colombia from being a drug supplier to the United States as drug consumer.

Media requests for interviews with Colombian government officials went through Sawyer/Miller. They steered sympathetic reporters to key government ministries and made sure that critics of Colombia's appalling human rights record were kept away. In one instance, after a meeting with Warren Hoge, the editor of the New York Times Magazine, the Times printed a long and inaccurate story glorifying the then Colombian President, Cesar Trujillo, whose campaign had been heavily funded with drug money. The Colombian government bought the reprinting rights to the article and sent thousands of copies to U.S. Journalists and Embassies.

Sawyer/Miller group regularly use the American press to distribute pro-Colombian government propaganda with the routine production of pamphlets, letters to editors signed by Colombian officials, and ads placed in The New York Times and The Washington Post.

However, it is the transformation of the armed protagonists in Colombia's conflict that has had the most effect. In recently declassified documentation, the U.S. Ambassador to Colombia in 1996, Myle Frechette, admits that the perception of the FARC [Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia] as narco-guerrillas, "was put together by the Colombian military, who considered it a way to obtain U.S. assistance in the counterinsurgency."

The PR job seems to have worked. The United States has now made Colombia the third largest recipient of U.S. military aid in the world today. This aid is allegedly for a counter-offensive against what have been constructed as the primary narco-terrorists in Colombia, the FARC.

The Democrat Senator Joseph Biden, stated in 2000 that never "before in recent history has there been such an

opportunity to strike at all aspects of the drug trade at the source. Helping Colombia is squarely in America's national interest. It is the source of many of the drugs that are poisoning our people." Clinton's Assistant Secretary of State of the Western Hemisphere Affairs Bureau, Peter F. Romero, stated that, "Colombia must re-establish authority over narcotics producing 'sanctuaries.' Any comprehensive solution to Colombia's problems must include the reestablishment of government authority over these lawless areas. To achieve this, we propose to give the Government of Colombia the air mobility to reach deep into these lawless zones and establish a secure environment for GOC officials".

With the election of Bush, and after September 11th, a new "anti-terror" orientation has occurred in U.S. policy toward Colombia. Colombia is now squarely in the sights of the Bush administration, with the U.S. Attorney General, John Ashcroft stating that "the State Department has called the FARC the most dangerous international terrorist group based in the Western Hemisphere" who have "engaged in a campaign of terror against Colombians and U.S. citizens."

U.S. policy was originally sold as an anti-drug campaign, but has now switched to an anti-terror justification. In fighting their anti-drug and anti-terror wars in Colombia, Washington has given Colombia \$1.3 billion in 2001-2002 and another \$700 million has been lined up for 2003. All this money finds its way into the hands of Colombian state and the Colombian military. The United States has instructed the Colombian military to concentrate its war against the leftist FARC rebel insurgents in the South of Colombia (what the United States has termed a Southern Push). These "narco-guerrillas" and "narco-terrorists" are to be targeted, presumably because these are the primary "terrorists" and drug-traffickers.

In 1997, James Milford, the former Deputy Administrator with the United States's central drug eradication body the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), stated that Carlos Castaño, the chief of the paramilitary AUC is a "major cocaine trafficker in his own right" and has close links to the North Valle drug syndicate which is "among the most powerful drug trafficking groups in Colombia." Milford went on that to say "there is little to indicate the insurgent groups are trafficking in cocaine themselves, either by producing cocaine and selling it to Mexican syndicates, or by establishing their own distribution networks in the United States."

Donnie Marshall, the current Administrator of the DEA, stated in 2001 before the subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, that "the FARC controls certain areas of Colombia and the FARC in those regions generate revenue by

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'taxing' local drug related activities." Marshall goes on to state categorically that "at present, there is no corroborated information that the FARC is involved directly in the shipment of drugs from Colombia to international markets."

Like Milford, the United States's DEA Director, also stated that unlike the FARC, the right-wing paramilitary groups "raise funds through extortion, or by protecting laboratory operations in northern and central Colombia. The Carlos Castaño organization, and possibly other paramilitary groups appears to be directly involved in processing cocaine. At least one of these paramilitary groups appears to be involved in exporting cocaine from Colombia."

In a similar report submitted by U.S. Senator Joseph Biden to the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations it was stated that "that Castaño's organization, and possibly other paramilitary groups "were directly involved in the processing and export of Cocaine from Colombia."

Klaus Nyholm, the Director of the UN's drug control agency in Colombia, the UNDCP, stated that "The guerrillas are something different than the traffickers. The local fronts are quite autonomous. But in some areas, they're not involved at all. And in others, they're actively tell the farmers not to grow coca." In the rebels' former Demilitarised Zone, Nyholm stated that, "drug cultivation has not increased or decreased" once the "FARC took control." Indeed, Nyholm argued that, prior to the Colombian military and paramilitary offensive against the DMZ, the FARC were cooperating with a \$6 million UN project to replace coca crops with new forms of legal alternative development.

The rebels then are clearly not international drug traffickers, and the narco-guerrilla myth serves a useful propaganda pretext for U.S.

interventionism within Colombia's conflict.

John Waghelstein, a leading U.S. counterinsurgency specialist, explained the PR value of the "narco-guerrilla" concept with a "melding in the American public's mind and in Congress of this connection [leading] to the necessary support to counter the guerrilla/narcotics terrorists in this hemisphere. Congress would find it difficult to stand in the way of supporting our allies with the training, advice and security assistance necessary to do the job. Those church and academic groups that have slavishly supported insurgency in Latin America would find themselves on the wrong side of the moral issue. Above all, we would have the unassailable moral position from which to launch a concerted offensive effort using Department of Defense (DOD) and non-DOD assets."

More importantly however, by associating the rebels with drugs, the United States obscures the role that the drug-funded paramilitaries play in its dirty war against Colombia's civil society. The role of the United States in Colombia's paramilitary terror against the Colombian civilian population is made all the more stark considering the fact that U.S. military advisers travelled to Colombia in 1991 to re-shape Colombian military intelligence networks. This restructuring was supposedly designed to aid the Colombian military in their counter-narcotics efforts.

Human Rights Watch obtained a copy of the order. Nowhere within the order is any mention made of drugs. Instead the secret re-organization focused solely on combating what was called "escalating terrorism by armed subversion." The re-organization solidified linkages between the Colombian military and narco-paramilitary networks that in effect further consolidated a "secret network that relied on paramilitaries not only for intelligence, but to carry out murder." Once the re-organization was complete, all "written material was to be removed" with "open contacts and interaction with military installations" to be avoided by paramilitaries.

Stan Goff, a former U.S. special forces trainer in Colombia stated that when he "was training Colombian Special Forces in Tolomaida in 1992, my team was there ostensibly to aid the counter-narcotics effort." He was "giving military forces training in infantry counterinsurgency doctrine" and knew "perfectly well, as did the host-nation commanders, that narcotics was a flimsy cover story for beefing up the capacity of armed forces who had lost the confidence of the population through years of abuse."

The United States, then, has clearly participated in strengthening the ties between the leading terrorists in Colombia, the Colombian military and their paramilitary allies, who are responsible for over 80% of all human

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# European imperialists merge with New World Order

Guillen, Director of Voz and former member of the VIP Commission, said from Geneva, Switzerland, that a firm decision by the Foreign Office Ministers of the European Union to include the FARC-EP in the EU list of terrorist organisations, on the recommendation of the Committee of Permanent Representatives in Brussels, will deal a fatal blow to any possibility of a humanitarian agreement to secure the release of the officers and subofficers of the Police and Army, the MPs, ex-ministers, the Governor of Antioquia, the deputies and the former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, who are being held by the FARC and for whom efforts are being made in different parts of the world. When the FARC offices were closed in Mexico, the contacts moved to Europe, but now this option has been closed with the decision of the EU, pressured by the United States and the sadly infamous Pastrana government. It is a shame that Europe has decided to support the warmongers.”(1)

When the European Union (EU) labels an organization “terrorist,” it reserves itself the right to seize or free the assets of that organization in Europe. On May 2nd the imperialist news agency of England called the BBC reported that the EU declared the “PKK” of Turkey/

Kurdistan “terrorist.”

Meanwhile, the EU left itself an out by saying the newly formed “Kurdistan Freedom and Democracy Congress” or Kadek would not be outlawed. According to the BBC, many Turkish and Kurdish activists warned that war would arise from the European move, which also included an attack on another highly visible Turkish organization, the DHKP-C,(2) which upholds Che Guevara and Stalin in an eclectic way. Conforming to the U.S. “list of terrorist organizations,” the EU added the PCP (“Shining Path”), which MIM esteems highly, and the People’s Mujahideen Organization composed of Iranians.(3)

Republican Congress member Ron Paul has done the most to explain what is going on in Colombia: “It just happens that we have spread ourselves around the world; we are now in nine countries of the 15 countries that used to be part of the Soviet Union. And every country has something to do with oil. The Caspian Sea, Georgia, and why are we in the Persian Gulf? We are in the Persian Gulf to protect ‘our’ oil. Why are we involved with making and interfering with the democratically elected leader of Venezuela? I thought we were for democracy, and yet the reports are that we may well have participated in the

attempt to have a democratically elected official in Venezuela removed. I think there is a little bit of oil in Venezuela as well. Could that have been the reason?”(4)

The same U.S. Congress member Ron Paul also opposed extending the “War on Terror” to include the FARC in Colombia: “There is a world of difference between a rebel group fighting a civil war in a foreign country and the kind of international terrorist organization that targeted the United States last September... The Colombian civil war is now in its fourth decade; pretending that the fighting there is somehow related to our international war on terrorism is to stretch the imagination to the breaking point. It is unwise and dangerous.”(4) Ron Paul complained that the more money Congress appropriated to Colombia, the more drugs exported to the united States increased.

As MIM has explained in its book on the class structure of the imperialist countries, there is a record interpenetration of European and U.S. capital. For this reason, the FARC strategy of allying with European social-democracy against Yankee imperialism stands mostly on superstructural legacies, not anything real in dynamics of wealth accumulation. In other words, the U.S.

imperialists and European imperialists are business partners that cut each other in on any deals they have and only vestiges of past practices gave the FARC strategy any hope. That is not to say that European and Amerikkkan imperialists could not see major clashes of interest in the future, just that there is nothing to base a really good strategy on right now.

MIM believes that the next contradiction to take advantage of arises from assuming the New World Order as fact, and not by seeking non-existent social-democratic allies of the traditional nationalist sort. New internationalist social-democrats should favor global regulation and reform demands of some interest to the proletariat.

Notes:

1. [http://www.anncol.com/June/2106FORMER\\_PEACE\\_BROKER\\_CRITICIZES\\_EU.html](http://www.anncol.com/June/2106FORMER_PEACE_BROKER_CRITICIZES_EU.html)
2. [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/europe/newsid\\_1964000/1964954.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/europe/newsid_1964000/1964954.stm)
3. <http://www.khilafah.com/home/category.php?DocumentID=4017&TagID=2>
4. [http://www.anncol.com/June/1106TEXAS\\_CONGRESSMAN\\_SPEAKS\\_OUT\\_AGAINST\\_WAR.html](http://www.anncol.com/June/1106TEXAS_CONGRESSMAN_SPEAKS_OUT_AGAINST_WAR.html)
5. See “Conscious internationalist social-democracy emerging,” MIM Notes 261, 1 Jul 2002.

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rights abuses committed in Colombia today.

Furthermore, as outlined above, the paramilitaries, as stated by the United States’s own agencies, are amongst the biggest drug traffickers in Colombia today. In effect, U.S. military aid is going directly to the major terrorist networks throughout Colombia, who traffic cocaine into U.S. markets to fund their activities, and which the United States has been instrumental in helping make more effective in creating what Human Rights Watch termed a “sophisticated mechanism that allows the Colombian military to fight a dirty war and Colombian officialdom to deny it”.

During the Cold War, the United States sold its counter-insurgency campaigns against social democrats, socialists, independent nationalists and even the Catholic Church, as part of a global struggle against the Soviet Union. In the post-Cold War era, the United States has switched to new PR mechanisms to sell its imperial policy. The narco-guerrilla and counter-terrorist pretexts serves as a useful PR mechanism for conflating U.S. “official enemies” with drugs and terrorism.

Underlying these myths is the reality that the Colombian state and its privatized arm, the paramilitaries, combined with overt U.S. support, continues to lead directly to the death and disappearances of thousands of

Colombian civilians. The U.S. terror war against Colombian civil society fits a consistent pattern within U.S. policy throughout Latin America, which has led directly to the death of hundreds of thousands of civilians.

Why is the U.S. doing these things? Underlying U.S. policy are a number of factors that include the importance of Colombian and Venezuelan oil to U.S. energy needs. The regional destabilization that may occur as a result of a potential rebel victory could seriously alter the balance of forces within the region and threaten the interests of the United States’s big oil transnationals. The Bush administration’s new request for \$98 million for a specially trained Colombian military brigade devoted solely to protecting Occidental Petroleum’s 500-mile long Cano Limon oil pipeline in Colombia makes this even clearer.

Paul D. Coverdell, a Republican Senator explained that the “destabilization of Colombia directly affects bordering Venezuela, now generally regarded as our largest oil supplier. In fact, the oil picture in Latin America is strikingly similar to that of the Middle East, except that Colombia provides us more oil today than Kuwait did then.

“This crisis, like the one in Kuwait, threatens to spill over into many nations,

all of which are allies.” The war on the rebels, then, forms part of a classic counter-insurgency strategy of destroying nationalist forces that threaten U.S. hegemony and elite interests throughout Latin America.

The military aid both strengthens and grants legitimacy to the repressive apparatus of the Colombian state and its clandestine arm, the paramilitaries. In so doing, the Colombian state can continue to silence and murder those who dare question the status-quo in Colombia, a status-quo that currently sees the majority of Colombia’s people in poverty, with 25% of all Colombians living in abject misery.

The United States thus destroys the potential of an alternative model of socio-economic organisation, and escalates the costs of organizing or speaking out in favour of potential alternatives. In prosecuting the war the U.S. and Colombian elites rely on both coercive and consensual means.

For U.S. and international audiences there are vast PR propaganda campaigns to manage perceptions. In Colombia however it is a very different story where to get off your knees and stand on your feet is a risky business which all too often leads to a bullet made in the U.S.A.

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# US TROOPS OUT OF THE PHILIPPINES NOW!

*This is a reprint of the joint statement issued on June 12 by the International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS-US), BAYAN International-US and People's Coalition Against War (PCAW).*

Today, June 12, 2002, Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will raise the Philippine flag and celebrate the 104th Philippine Independence Day in the island of Basilan. This symbolic gesture is to rally the Armed Forces and the Filipinos against the bandit group Abu Sayyaf and justify the presence and the longer stay of US troops in the Philippines in the so called fight "against terrorism."

As history repeats itself, in June 1898, the First Philippine Republic welcomed the presence of US troops supposedly as

an ally against Spanish colonialism. Shortly after proclaiming "independence," the bourgeois liberal Aguinaldo government realized that the "Humane North American Republic" did not come to help liberate the Philippines but rather colonize it. After nine months, the Filipino-American War erupted and the US forces "pacified" the Philippines after 16 years from 1899 to 1916 at the cost of more than 1.5 million Filipino lives and a boundless estimate of destruction in property.

Almost a century past, today, more than 1,000 US troops are stationed in the Philippines. US functionaries are rushing to get President Arroyo to sign a Mutual Logistic and Supplies Agreement

(MSLA) to justify the "extended and indefinite stay" of US troops in the Philippines in the guise of "fighting the war against terror."

Now, Arroyo and her ilk still have the gall to celebrate independence when her tottering puppet regime is so heavily dependent on US imperialism from simple economics up to the last military boots that her soldiers wears. What kind of independence that the Philippines have when it cannot even decide what to teach in schools, what products to sell and what war materials it can buy for the inept military?

We, Filipinos in US, condemn the gross servility and brazen puppetry of Arroyo, the outspoken martinet of US

imperialism in Southeast Asia. Arroyo is the epitome of a number one bootlicker of Bush. In the Philippines today, the Filipinos are experiencing gross corruption from high offices, spiraling taxes, zooming price of commodities, gross violation of human rights among others.

Despite Arroyo's hogwash that the US military deployment in the Philippines "has the support of the Filipino people," a US think-tank, STRATFOR, said it otherwise. In its recent analysis, STRATFOR, said: "Arroyo is losing people's support due to two things, one is her outright support to US intervention, and two, the corruption that pervades in her administration."

## Philippine humyn-rights org. demands end to U\$.-backed abuse

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their homes by wanton bombings by the armed forces. Most Muslim men were brutalized by troops and torture-like beatings are so commonplace that it reminds us of the martial law repression during the Marcos years." The fact-finding mission also discovered chili pepper had been applied on the eyes, anus and ears of prisoners, that boiling water had been poured over captives and that repeated punching and rifle-butt beatings took place. Washington and Manila claim that hundreds of U\$. military "advisors" and increased military aid are needed to fight the Abu Sayaaf kidnapping gang. Yet even Macapagal-Arroyo admitted that she is not so worried about the immediate threat of the Abu Sayaaf as she is about allowing continued Amerikan access to the Philippines. She said "the important thing is the strategic alliance has been redefined and reaffirmed ... The warmth is as it was in the old days when we were unequivocal allies."(1)

Mindanao is long-contested territory. The United States is eyeing Mindanao as the site for military bases granted it under the Visiting Forces Agreement. U\$.-based multi-national corporation Dole also has huge pineapple plantations on Mindanao. Reactionaries in the Philippines have argued openly in the past that the Amerikan military presence would strengthen the war against the protracted people's war of the NPA, led by the Communist Party of the Philippines.(2)

Marie talked about how the United States seeks to use the Philippines as a staging area for further military campaigns into Indonesia. U\$. deputy "defense" secretary Paul Wolfowitz recently (June 3) visited the Philippines and said that the government of Macapagal-Arrollo "must" sign the Mutual Supply and Logistics Agreement (MSLA) designed to increase U\$. military presence, range of activity and mobility within the Philippines. In November while visiting Washington D.C., Gloria Macapagal-Arrollo denied

the existence of this agreement. Now she has publicly signed it. These imperialist agreements are designed to keep the Filipino people under the command of the U\$. government and its domestic lackeys. They are used to crush domestic opposition to a government that irreverently inflicts abuses on its people and crushes Philippine cultural and economic development and forces people to flee the country in desperation.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo came to power on the back of a mass movement against the corrupt U\$.-Estrada regime. She posed as a democratic and "honest" alternative—but her whole tenure has been a smoke-and-mirrors affair.

For example, Marie explained how Macapagal-Arroyo accepted a human rights proposal before popular protest ousted Estrada in January of 2001. The proposal included talks with the NDF, a 125 peso wage increase for all and release of all political prisoners. But early on in her administration Macapagal-Arroyo went back on her word and instead set up a 30 peso minimum wage (the average jeepney ride costs 4 pesos!), and only released a handful of select political prisoners. The U\$.-schooled daughter of a former President and CIA agent has also cozied up to the United States and is arguably more of an Amgirl (Amerikan girl) than Estrada was an Amboy.

During the Q&A part of the talk an audience member asked about human rights violations on the picket line. Marie replied that the police are generally called out to disperse picketers who go on strike because of the devastating economic crisis of the Philippines and who work long hours with no overtime pay, no health care and no contractual guarantees. In the last year 100 Nissan workers have "mysteriously" disappeared and some have been arrested. Marie's talk was hosted by the International League of People's Struggle, The People's Coalition Against the War and Bayan International-USA (see statement this page). The discussion began with a member of Bayan International-USA reminding everyone

that although the day of independence is celebrated on June 12th, imperialism is still present in the Philippines. The speaker explained the irony of how the Philippines have gone through four different official days of independence but the people still suffer imperialism. The first official day of independence was June 12, 1890 from the Spaniards

and as U\$. protectorate. Next it was October 23, 1943 from the Japanese and then July 4, 1946 as a U\$. neo-colony. Finally Macapagal-Arroyo's father changed it back to June 12 so that it wouldn't conflict with July 4 parties at the Amerikan embassy. Notes:

1. MIM Notes 251, 1 Feb 2001.
2. MIM Notes 185, 1 May 1999.

## 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.

## MAOIST MOVIE REVIEWS

### La Commune

Directed by Peter Watkins (2001)

This 345 minute long movie directed by Peter Watkins is a creative attempt to explore the short-lived history of the 1871 Paris Commune. The film is largely shot in “you are there” style as if by nineteenth-century journalists. It’s a collage of interviews, public debates, high-society discussions, mainstream media news coverage clips, etc. The movie offers a dynamic and broad vision of the Paris Commune in its historical and political context.

The film covers a range of ideological perspectives from the working class to the bourgeoisie and explores tensions within alliances formed during the Commune. It captures debates within the Commune over the role of media—specifically, the importance of people’s media in shaping revolutionary politics. The Commune also debates the revolutionary feminism and how to combat patriarchal ideas.

Perhaps one of the most important issues raised by the movie are the Commune’s internal problems which led to its slaughter by the French state. La Commune exposes the bankruptcy of the anarchist ideal of an immediate leap to stateless society without seizing state power to defend the revolution. This criticism is voiced by one of the participants of the last meeting of the Commune who bitterly throws out his disagreement with the fact that it is anarcho-communist principles and not the achievements of the revolution that end up being defended [by not taking authoritarian measures]. Another pitfall of the Commune that becomes apparent in the panic and organizational chaos

preceding its downfall is the absence of a vanguard leadership armed with revolutionary theory and a clear sense of strategy, a centralized structure and a mass support network outside the city. “Everyone debates no one obeys,” says another member of the Commune that finds itself increasingly paralyzed due to a backlog of orders and counter-orders and tensions between the Central Committee of the National Guard on the one hand and the administrative body of the Commune, on the other hand.

The movie makes a point of reflecting on the experience of the Paris Commune within the context of the present day world situation. At various instances throughout the film actors start talking as themselves, analyzing their characters’ acts, strategic issues as well as drawing parallels and lessons from the Commune’s fall. Another actress talks about the educational value of her casting experience and mentions that the dramatic outcome of the movie inspired her to turn to Lenin’s State and Revolution in search for strategic answers. Other issues that actors touch upon in their discussions of the film are the issue of undocumented immigrants in contemporary France and police brutality.

From the formal point of view, this self-reference trick as well as the actors’ selection—a lot of them are unpaid amateurs including undocumented immigrants—gives the status quo view of movie making an interesting twist. Taking a cue from Brecht’s experimental “learning plays,” the filming process itself becomes an educational endeavor where actors get to elaborate the script based on individually conducted research and study politics via debate and discussion of political issues raised throughout the movie.

### ‘Path to War’ or warpath?

Path to War  
Directed by John Frankenheimer (2002)

It seems the ruling class will not be contented in churning out films extolling their class virtues and painting their enemies the grimmest black. They not only turn out films, documentaries and books rationalizing the mistakes of their icons like Theodore Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Nixon and others, they also make special “historical” feature films for television. The latest HBO feature film “Path to War” about Lyndon B. Johnson is one these petty-bourgeois revisionist films.

The film tried very hard to humanize Lyndon B. Johnson as a US president. As all bourgeois revisionist films about historical figures, they tried to make it appear that Johnson was an unwilling tool manipulated by his advisers—notably former U.S. “Defense” Secretary Robert McNamara. McNamara in turn is portrayed as manipulated by Pentagon generals running the war by remote control from the comforts of their war rooms in Washington.

“Path to War” vainly tried to portray Johnson as a moderate policy maker and an unwilling captive of Pentagon and the State Department who was fed wrong information about the conduct of the war in Vietnam. Even if this were true—then who is responsible for deceiving the public if the highest policy maker got the round-around? Maybe it’s the American public themselves who should be blamed?

Appearing as a copycat of “Thirteen

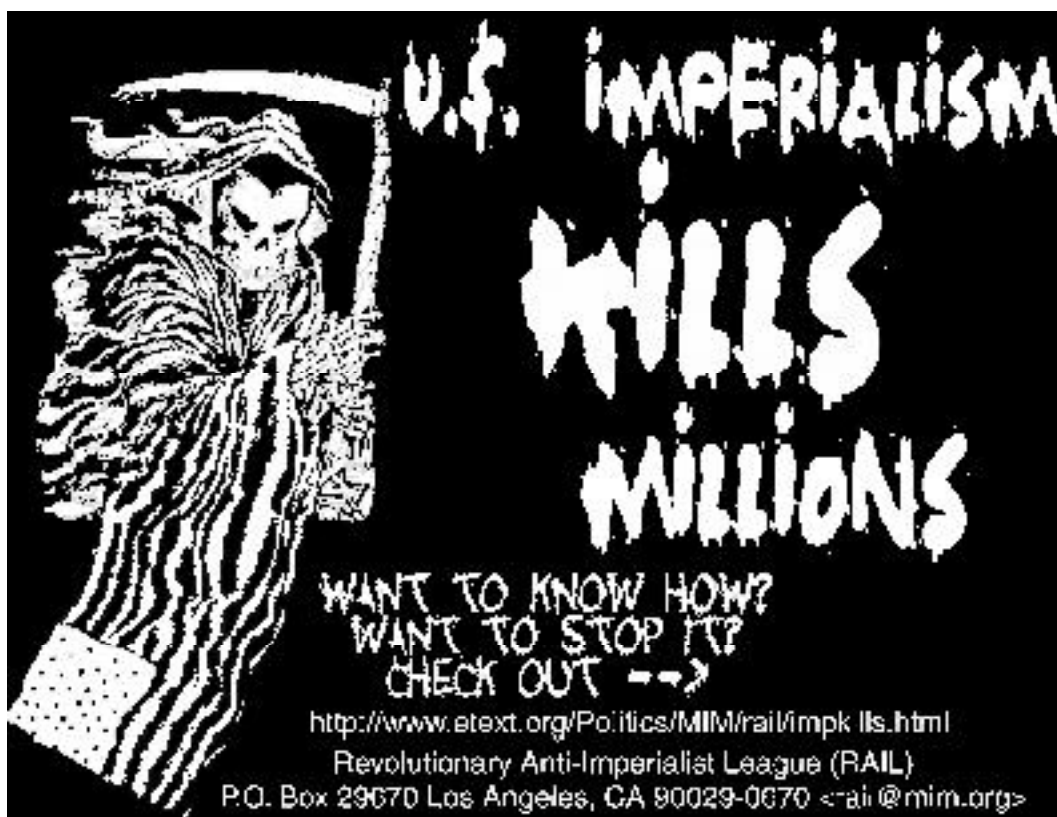
Days”, a recent Kevin Costner’s film about the Cuban Crisis, “Path to War” made a sloppy carbon copy of how the Kennedy administration dealt with the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. Unlike the “Thirteen Days” that showed the cracks and the differences between different camps in the bourgeois government, “Path to War” shows Johnson as a pathetic hostage to the complex military situation.

[Either way—whether a clueless dupe or conscious warmonger—Johnson bears responsibility for the war. Like McNamara’s recent string of books, “Path to War” is a facile attempt to exonerate “the best and the brightest” who led Amerika during the Vietnam war. “If only we know now what we know then,” the story goes, “we would never have gotten involved.” Bullshit. They knew everything then, yet chose to get involved—out of a combination of arrogance and the material dictates of imperialism.]

The film’s high point was to show Johnson grew tired of personally writing letters of condolences for the tens of thousands of American soldiers killed in combat. [Too bad he didn’t have to write a letter of apology and sign a reparations check for every one of the millions of people killed by American bullets and bombs in Vietnam.]

The only remaining problem these propagandists face is that these films have no appeal to the public. The TV audience would rather watch the “Simpson’s” [which at least comments on contemporary issues in an entertaining fashion.]

—MZ276, a friend of MIM



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# Koreans protest girls' deaths at Amerikan military base

## Incident undercuts World Cup success

About 500 people gathered outside a U.S. military base in Uijongbu, south Korea on 26 June to protest an incident the earlier week in which a U.S. army vehicle killed two girls. "Apologize for the incident" "Punish those responsible!" "Get down to the bedrock," shouted demonstrators.

U.S. soldiers hit the protestors with steel batons and shields. In turn the demonstrators threw eggs and stones at soldiers and riot police. Protestors also tore down barbed wire around Camp Red Cloud to get inside.

The commander of the U.S. 8th Army previously promised to "vigorously investigate" the incident. Past investigations into wrongdoing by the

U.S. military have been white-washings. Even where charges are found to be true—such as when a U.S. base dumped toxic chemicals into Seoul's main river—those responsible have been exonerated.

The girls' deaths put a damper on Koreans' celebrations of south Korea's unprecedented success at the World Cup soccer tournament. The Korean squad outperformed both the United States and Korea's former colonizer Japan by advancing to the semi-finals, beating European soccer powers Portugal, Italy and Spain along the way. This was the best performance in the tournament by a team from Asia since the north Korean "red mosquitoes" beat Italy in 1966.

South Korean fans known as "red

devils" acknowledged their compatriots' achievement by hanging a banners which read "1966 all over again" at the Italy match. In turn north Korean soldiers were heard cheering the south Korean's successes across the armistice line still manned by 35,000 Amerikan troops. North Korean television also carried broadcasts of the south Korean team's knockout round matches—"pirated" broadcasts, as they refused to pay FIFA royalties. FIFA is international soccer's governing body.

At the semifinal match the "red devils" wanted to unfurl a giant "unification flag"—a blue map of the Korean peninsula on a white background—but in a gutless move masquerading as naiveté FIFA pressured them not to "because the World Cup is not a place

for political statements." As if all those sunburned yahoos chanting "U-S-A U-S-A" "were not making a political statement.

The deaths of the two girls at the hands of Amerikan troops and the obvious fact that Korea remains divided—accentuated by an apparent clash on the armistice line on the last day of the World Cup—naturally tempers the enthusiasm for the Korean team's achievements. What use is a world-class soccer team when the 36,000 U.S. troops on Korean soil can provoke a war at the whim of the Amerikan government?

Leave it to Amerikan imperialism to spoil a good game.

Note: Reuters, 26 Jun 2002.

# Pledge to God proves immorality of nation

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one that established the "pledge of allegiance," plain and simple. Without any such law, there can be no way a judge could possibly "interpret" the "pledge of allegiance" into existence either.

To change that fact or the fact for instance that U.S. citizens are supposed to have the right to bear arms or to associate with whom they please, the rest of the country is supposed to amend the Constitution. Otherwise, these fascists and theocrats are backstabbing the rest of the people who thought they were living under a constitution that was the highest law of the land. At the very least, the theocrats should secede from the United States into their own country and allow the rest of us to live in a capitalist republic governed by the Constitution. We're tired of fighting their hypocritical interpretation of their own bourgeois system.(6)

29% of Amerikkans are saying that the United States is a "Christian" nation with another 16% saying "biblical nation,"(1) a nod to Jews—and many of these same people have the nerve to criticize the Taliban for mixing politics and religion. People in northern and East or West coast cities are most apt not to realize that this fraction of the united States exists at all, but these people really do exist and drag the whole country backward.

Far from being a source of morality, these bible-thumping Amerikkans are often the most willing to twist anything. The court case involved was by an atheist who did not want his daughter forced into reciting the pledge of allegiance in school. We agree that his daughter should not have to waste a minute of her precious life doing so or even listening to others doing so. The atheist and the court did not say the Christians could not recite the pledge on their own time as individuals.

However, the most active Christians lied and presented the matter to their followers as follows in a petition

sponsored by Jerry Falwell: "As an American citizen and a person of faith, I am deeply troubled that the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has outlawed the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag in American public schools. This nation was founded upon the Judeo-Christian ethic."(2) Quite the contrary, the pledge was not outlawed. It was ruled as unconstitutional for forced recitation in public schools. There is a big difference! The Christian petition did not openly come out for forcing all children to recite the pledge, and hence it was a lie. It should have admitted nothing was done to prevent children from reciting it individually on the playground or in the halls in their own spare time. The fact that the Christians misrepresented the issue in such a basic way shows the lack of integrity in Amerikkka.

Patrick Robertson of the 700 Club, a leading born-again Christian and former right-wing candidate for president was even more slick and dishonest than Jerry Falwell. Robertson connected the issue to the "war on terrorism." Once again he said the court ruling "excluded"(3) God from the schools. First of all, if God can be excluded that way, He must be pretty weak. Secondly, if He can be excluded by a legal ruling, then that is an admission that Pat Robertson's God is a God that only exists when forced on atheist children. Finally, Pat Robertson again implied that September 11th was punishment from God for not paying enough attention to Him. That was a very slick move to justify abandoning the Constitution on behalf of the "War on Terrorism," again without amending the Constitution or seceding into the "Biblical States of America."

In fact, "under God" was not in the pledge until 1954. "The appeals court noted that when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the act adding "under God," he said, 'From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town,

every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our Nation and our people to the Almighty.'"(4) People who cannot see what is wrong with what Eisenhower did despite what Amerikkka supposedly stands for are fundamentally twisted. They should either support "separation of church and state" or oppose it, but not support the "pledge of allegiance" as it has been said since 1954 while claiming to be for "separation of church and state" and the "Bill of Rights" at the same time.

The Christian activists were not alone in lacking integrity. As to be expected, the professional politicians agreed with them 100%. The U.S. Senate voted 99-0 to condemn the decision.(5) Democratic Senator Byrd obscured the issue by saying the judges would declare the "Declaration of Independence" unconstitutional too, but as any schoolchild knows, the "Declaration of Independence" is a statement by some people for the justifications of revolution against England. Those very same revolutionaries believed that the law of the land was a different matter than their justifications for revolution. That's why they also wrote a "Constitution," that is

the highest law of the land, whether or not most people are too dishonest to apply it.


What happened at Enron, WorldCom etc. is not untypical in Amerikkka. The morality of parasitism seeps through every pore and no people will benefit their thinking more from coming under the dictatorship of the proletariat than the Amerikkkan people themselves. It is 2002 and still the bourgeois people of Amerikkka in their majority cannot read a piece of paper like the Constitution without twisting it. There could hardly be better proof of the impossibility of any decency arising from bourgeois society.

Notes:

1. <http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/06/29/poll.pledge/index.html>
2. [http://www.falwell.com/pledge\\_petition.php](http://www.falwell.com/pledge_petition.php)
3. <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/patrobertson/PledgeofAllegiance.asp>
4. <http://www.cnn.com/2002/LAW/06/26/pledge.allegiance/index.html?related>
5. <http://www.cnn.com/2002/LAW/06/26/pledge.allegiance/index.html?related>
6. <http://www.americanhumanist.org/pledge.html> tackles the hypocrisy while still upholding a bourgeois system

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## Prosecution of Vladimiro Montesinos vindicates People's War in Peru

Peruvian courts convicted former CIA asset Vladimiro Montesinos in early July of "usurping office"—taking control of the infamous National Intelligence Service while serving as an adviser to the agency. The judge gave fined Montesinos \$2.8 million and gave him a prison term of nine years and four months—apparently a heavy sentence for the technicality he was convicted of but terribly light compared to what he deserves for the crimes he committed while running martial law under former president Alberto Fujimori. The Peruvian government's genocidal war against the revolutionary movement led by the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) or "Shining Path" killed tens of thousands.

Montesinos will go on trial this summer for corruption, drug trafficking, arms smuggling and homicide, including accusations that Montesinos directed a paramilitary death squad.

MIM and other PCP supporters reported more than ten years ago that CIA stooge Montesinos was involved in all of these activities. But the Amerikan media and Amerikan government remained silent—sometimes even praised him for his bloody "counter-insurgency efforts." We reprint here an earlier MIM Notes article describing the Amerikan government's involvement with Montesinos and the blind eye turned by the bourgeoisie's media mouthpieces.

In the 1990s, the major imperialist media outlets smeared the "Shining Path" PCP led by Comrade Gonzalo for being involved with drug traffickers. Now the imperialists and the reactionaries in Peru are admitting that it was the Peruvian regime wrapped up in drugs, just as "Sendero Luminoso" said.

In MIM Notes #216, we informed readers that Uncle Sam had appeared to grow tired of its lackey Peruvian spy-master Vladimiro Montesinos. This is a common fate of lackeys who do U.S. dirty work only to find that they are no longer necessary to the boss. The problem with lackeys like Montesinos is that they become exposed in front of their own people—as in Peru in this example—and then it becomes a matter of time before Uncle Sam disowns its creatures. Of course, the next lackey to come along will raise his price for doing the biddings of Uncle Sam.

In every country there are people willing to be lackey-traitors like Montesinos. Both Uncle Sam and his lackeys deserve to be overthrown.

### U.S. media cover-up

On July 10th 2001, CNN was able to say: "Montesinos is himself a lawyer who reportedly defended drug dealers after being expelled from the army and serving a brief stint in prison for selling secrets to the CIA."(1) When CNN said this, Montesinos had just ended his 9-day hunger strike in Peruvian prison after being turned over by Venezuelan authorities. Montesinos faces various

criminal charges now in Peru ranging from drug dealing to murder.

Nonetheless, before Montesinos left the country in 2000 — that is before Uncle Sam grew tired of him—there is no mention by the supposedly so objective CNN about Montesinos and protection of drug-runners — as proved by a search under his name and the word "drug" on the CNN site. For all the difference it makes, CNN is an extension of the U.S. government. When Uncle Sam says praise, CNN praises. When it says bite, CNN bites.

As late as May 19, 2000, CNN said this about Fujimori and implicitly his right-hand Montesinos: "Cutting Fujimori loose would be a tough decision for the U.S. in light of the high praise he earned during his first two terms for eliminating much of his country's cocaine production, smashing the leftist guerrilla insurgencies of the Shining Path and the Tupac Amaru movements, and reining in hyperinflation."(2) Once the U.S. government decided to oppose Fujimori and Montesinos completely, the tune in CNN and the rest of the monopoly capitalist press changed and it became permissible to link Fujimori and Montesinos to drug-dealing themselves.

Likewise a search on the New York Times web site since 1996 shows that the New York Times did not mention Montesinos and drugs till after imperialist government criticisms in 2000. Indeed, one of the few New York Times articles to criticize Peruvian rulers was based on sources by Israeli-owned media in Peru.

In contrast, people who read MIM Notes knew the whole picture as early as 1994 in MIM Notes 90 or by reading the columns of Luis Arce Borja who went into exile in Belgium. The media such as the Christian Science Monitor, the Houston Chronicle and Latin American bourgeois publications such as Venezuela's *Caretas* let out dribs and drabs of information.

Only now that Uncle Sam has done with Montesinos does most of the imperialist and its lackey media dare to report the essential facts as MIM does. These imperialist and lackey media outlets were previously afraid to undermine Uncle Sam versus the Maoist People's War in Peru led by Comrade Gonzalo and his followers, but now the People's War in Peru is supposedly "dead," so the drug question comes to the fore again.

In fact, the imperialist media now reports the split and why the facts were covered up. In the 1990s, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) of the U.S. Government wanted to keep ties to Montesinos while Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and drug czar Barry McCaffrey opposed keeping ties to Montesinos — or so the latter say now after being good disciplined soldiers of Uncle Sam's lying propaganda machine. In fact, the CIA and DEA stood together

till the end, when it was the FBI that helped bust Montesinos, by capturing some associates of his in Miami.

### Conscious Uncle Sam decision to back cocaine traffickers

The Montesinos case not only underscores the lack of reliability of the U.S. media, because it also points to the holes in the government that is supposed to be stopping drugs from entering the United States. The DEA was in favor of dealing with Montesinos, which is itself an outrage, but the top U.S. drug official, McCaffrey found himself reduced to internal lobbyist and had to labor on in silence as the U.S. government supported those exporting cocaine to the United States.

Only now is this all in public as Knight Ridder authors Kevin G. Hall and Lucien Chauvin have exposed the details and papers including the Boston Globe have published them. Thus it is now that the

Boston Globe admits that Montesinos faces charges for operating death squads and trafficking in drugs and arms. The Boston Globe even reprinted the Knight Ridder chain story that said Montesinos was "the man many believed was the real and unelected ruler of Peru from 1990 to 2000."(3) No wonder the Bush administration has delayed releasing all the sordid details of the Clinton administration operation in Peru for fear that the details will destabilize "Peru's fledgling democratic government."(3) "Democratic" in the mouths of the imperialists is a code-word for drug-trafficking, arms-dealing and otherwise making the world safe for Amerikkkan profits.

Notes:

1. <http://www.cnn.com/2001/WORLD/americas/07/10/peru.montesinos.reut/index.html> 2. [http://www.cnn.com/2000/WORLD/americas/05/19/peru5\\_19.a.tm/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2000/WORLD/americas/05/19/peru5_19.a.tm/index.html) 3. Boston Globe 26June2001, p. a10.

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## Comrade sends advice on fighting censorship

I'm writing you real quick because I wanted to submit something in Under Lock and Key to help a brother out who needed assistance in the Dec. 1. 2001 #247 MIM Notes. The prisoner was from Connecticut and he submitted a lawsuit concerning censorship of MIM Notes that got past the dismissal stage. He said he needed any and all assistance. He simply needs to refer to *Thornburgh v. Abbott* 490 U.S. 401, 109 S.Ct. 1874, 104 L.Ed.2d 459 (1989) a Supreme Court case that governs the censoring of "incoming mail" such as MIM Notes etc. He has to prove that the prison official's actions weren't "reasonably related to a legitimate penological interest." Remember he's relying on this case and not *PROCUNIER v. MARTINEZ* (416 U.S. 396) which *Thornburgh* over-ruled in part. Please print this in your next issue of MIM Notes so that brother has access to this information. We must continue to lay the building blocks for a proletarian overthrow of the capitalist regime that is a parasite to the people

Workers of the world unite!

—A New York prisoner, May 2002

## Censorship protest letters

Dear MIM:

I'm glad to see MIM Notes being delivered again. ...Always willing to fight censorship, I wrote two of the accompanying letters to other institutions listed in the March issues. I'm not a great letter writer but you may consider cleaning up one of my letters and printing it because I think it raises a good point. If other inmates show these prison managers that we receive MIM Notes and that it is not causing riots or violence at our institutions then it's hard for them to continue to claim that it may cause violence at their institutions. MIM might also consider supporting this with facts such as approximately how long it has been mailing to inmates, say per state, with no disruptions being reported. ...

One other issue about the censorship. Inmates with actual cases in court challenging censorship should seek affidavits from those inmates at institutions that receive MIM Notes stating that it has not caused violence or riots at their institutions.

**MIM responds:** These are great letters. If there are others out there holding onto letters for fear that they aren't good enough — cough 'em up.

To: Conner Blaine Jr.  
Superintendent, SCI Green  
169 Progress Drive  
Waynesburg, PA

**Dear Superintendent Blaine:**

I am writing concerning your censorship policy, specifically MIM Notes. Your fears are clearly unfounded. Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division inmates receive MIM Notes. There have been no riots or acts of violence attributed to it.

Your fear of it is reasonable but only in light of the inhumane way you treat your inmates and the knowledge that anything that helps them to become a better person is a threat to ending your unjust system.

Please reconsider allowing MIM Notes into your institution.

To: Warden Gerald Berge  
Supermax Correctional Institution  
PO Box 1000 Boscobel, WI 53805-1000

**Dear Warden Berge,**

[Same as above.]

# Under Lock & Key

## News from Prisons & Prisoners

### Illinois: No talking in Pontiac

I'm currently in a segregation prison called Pontiac. They issued us a memo stating we will be issued disciplinary reports for yelling loudly. This is just a setup to stop us from talking to one another. They charge us for violating rules, for insolence, and now for talking. Now our Constitutional right to freedom of speech has been taken. I can't even talk to my neighbor or the guy two cells down without catching a ticket or having some pig tell me: shut up, your conversation is over.

If we catch three of these tickets in one month, they strip us out and take all our property for three days. If we catch four, we get moved behind a solid steel door. The only time property should get stripped or us get moved behind a door is if we are causing harm to ourselves or to the institution's staff.

They are also giving more seg time and taking away good time credits for these talking tickets, just to keep this place full. They gave a guy one month in seg for having porn. My neighbor got one month extra seg for a talking ticket. I was recently given three months seg for a torn up state sheet, and I was charged with damage and misuse of state property. Never before would the state give three months for this charge. The staff know they have to keep the facility full of segregated housing or they will be forced to open the joint back up. It costs less to run these joints this way.

—an Illinois prisoner, 29 May 2002

### Support N.C. censorship battle

In my last letter I informed you of current difficulties in obtaining MIM Notes because of the systematic manner the prison mailroom staff is treating MIM. Twice during this month of May (3rd and 16th) MIM's mail was rejected.

Also I informed you that I received the 2001 Nov. and Dec. issues after your letter of objection to the unfounded censorship of MIM's newsletter addressed to the warden and mailroom staff. Because of such minor triumph at that time, I am requesting that you write another letter but only this time to the Director of Prisons. Make sure you ask him why, after I was allowed to receive MIM Notes for nearly eight months (May - Dec. 2001), that now for some peculiar reason it is deemed a threat to security? Also, I will write him a letter.

In addition, I am forwarding a duplicate letter I appealed to the Director's Publication Review Committee on 5-21-02 pertaining to the rejection of MIM's mail on May 16, 2002.

If I decide to pursue legal action in violation of my First Amendment rights, can MIM assist me any at all? How about the ACLU?

—a North Carolina prisoner, 28 May 2002

**Letter from prisoner to Publication Review Committee in protest of MIM Censorship**

I object to the refusal to allow me to read this material (MIM Notes) and urge you to reconsider the censored mail sent from MIM

Distributors. Beginning in May 2001, I began receiving MIM's newspaper. For eight months I was allowed this publication at this very facility. MIM Distributors does not advocate the violation of any federal or state laws and does not advocate the violation of any rules within the correctional institution. MIM is a political newspaper covering events in this country and throughout the world. Just because you may not agree with the content of the reading material analysis, does not give you legal justification for censoring it. And since MIM does not promote racially inflammatory accusation or advocate violence or any other violation under section D.0109 in the Division of Prison policy, there can be nothing to infer it as being detrimental to the safety and security of the institution. This is again supported by the fact that for eight months I was allowed MIM mail at this facility. So how come all of a sudden it is now deemed a threat to security? What specific reasons are you able to justify? Unless this facility is opposed to the rehabilitation and self-education of prisoners, there can be no legitimate indication that MIM Notes and Theory pose a danger or have caused disruption within the prisons. Therefore, it is my request that you reconsider censoring MIM mail and allow me to receive the mail in question as well as all future MIM correspondence.

Thank you.

—A North Carolina prisoner, 16 May 2002

*Express your opposition by writing to:*

Mr. Boyd Bennett  
Director of Prisons  
POB 29540  
Raleigh, NC 27626

**RAIL adds:** Neither RAIL nor MIM has the resources at this time to assist in individual legal cases. We do appeal the censorship to institutional authorities, explaining why they have no legal basis for censoring MIM Notes. And we can help by publicizing the censorship and rallying support to let the pigs know that they cannot suspend prisoners' basic Constitutional rights without at the very least opposition from both inside and outside the prison. In addition we send prisoners a guide to fighting censorship, which recommends the basic steps to follow. We would also recommend contacting your local ACLU or any other legal aid organization in your area for more specific legal assistance.

### US freedom is freedom to torture

Life inside the Belly of the Beast is a constant battle for survival, and it gets worse by the day. The beatings, the censorship, poor health conditions, sorry ass meals, 23-hr. lockdown, new restrictions, and all the other bullshit that these prisoncratical pigs can think of to further oppress their victims, is what I'm up against. Nothing really changes but the number on the calendar for those of us in North Carolina's Supermax Unit. This place is not about rehabilitation, it is only preparing tortured and battered minds to return back into society. Is this really what the public wants? The system is creating a bunch of monsters.

This sure is some *Land of the Free* that we live in. When were my people (Blacks) ever free in Amerikkka — tell me that? The honorable Marcus Garvey sure was right when he said that Black people would never be free in Amerikkka amongst our white oppressors.

—a North Carolina prisoner, June 2002

**RAIL adds:** Marcus Garvey's enduring appeal as a symbol of Black nationalism is his success in mobilizing, by some counts, millions of Blacks to build institutions and economic independence from white Amerika. But as a communist Party supporting revolutionary nationalism, MIM struggles to move forward with the most advanced examples of activism which supersede Garvey. MIM takes its lessons from the Maoist vanguard of the Black nation of the 1960s—the Black Panther Party, not the capitalist Garvey. (For more of MIM's position on Garvey see the review of Afrikan Frontline Network on MIM's website at <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/afn.html>.)

## MIM on Prisons & Prisoners

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.

# PLAN “ALUVION EN LOS ANDES” Y ASESINATO DEL PRESIDENTE GONZALO

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afirma que el presidente Gonzalo le dijo que la entrevista que hizo El Diario en Julio de 1988 no existió y que todo se debió a un montaje que él (Abimael Guzmán) había autorizado para “probar que existía”. Montesinos cuenta de la siguiente manera su supuesta conversación con el jefe guerrillero: “Mire, usted sacó el año 88 (la entrevista), le hizo Arce Borja en El Diario La Entrevista del Siglo...¿Eso es verdad o no es verdad?. Bueno, -me dijo (Gonzalo)- es una cosa que en realidad no la hice yo, nunca la di sino autorizé que la hicieran para poder hacer parecer como que existía...”. (Transcripción audio realizado por el Congreso de la República el 13 de octubre 2001). La conversación Montesinos-Tudela, es un ejemplo excepcional que muestra como Montesinos ponía en boca del presidente las más absurdas falsedades. Afirmar que el jefe guerrillero había dicho que la entrevista fue un cuento fabricado por El Diario, correspondía en esos momentos a las pretensiones del gobierno de borrar del mapa todo el valioso legado teórico realizado por el jefe de la guerrilla peruana en un espacio de cerca de 30 años de lucha social. La “Entrevista del Siglo”, como nosotros la calificamos, constituye un auténtico documento de la revolución peruana, y uno de los mejores aportes hechos por el periodismo peruano. Además, jamás se puede pensar que el presidente Gonzalo (de seguir vivo) podría negar una entrevista que se concretizó en base a un acuerdo del I Congreso del PCP realizado en 1988. La negación de la “Entrevista del Siglo” por parte de Montesinos, tuvo el mismo sello de fábrica que las “cartas de paz”. Estos embustes se han manejado holgadamente con la seguridad de que el presidente Gonzalo desaparecido desde hace mucho tiempo nada podría hacer para aclarar a sus detractores.

Las cartas al contrario de lo que se dijo oficialmente, no buscaron una negociación política entre la guerrilla y el gobierno. En Perú o en cualquier parte del mundo, la negociación entre subversión y el Estado son hechos que ponen en evidencia dos partes en contienda, que al margen del carácter político de la negociación (capitulación, tratos diplomáticos, etc.) discuten planteamientos y pedidos. En el caso peruano, la lucha armada nunca pudo estar negociada por sus prisioneros, ni siquiera por algunos de sus más altos mandos que al ser apresados (por seguridad del partido y en aplicación de normas lógicas) se quedan al margen de la dirección de la guerra. En el caso de las “cartas de paz”, como montaje y plan antisubversivo, sólo otorgó beneficios a sus inventores (el gobierno). El presidente Gonzalo en el hipotético caso de que hubiera negociado con Montesinos por lo menos tenía la

posibilidad de reclamar un alivio en el duro sistema carcelario en que lo mantenían y que lo saquen de su encierro a más de 6 metros bajo tierra. Eso ni publicitariamente ha sido así, y resulta absurdo creer que la negociación existió. El más ingenuo de los mortales, sabe que en el desarrollo de una negociación algo se reclama, algo se gana. Tratándose de una guerrilla como la peruana que en 1993 efectuaba cerca de 4 mil acciones militares al año, las negociaciones de haber existido, se presentaban mucho más sustanciosas y negociables. En este caso los negociadores (que se han presentado como dirigentes de la guerrilla) pudieron conseguir alguna jugosa prebenda de tipo personal, y por qué no incluso la libertad. Pero parece que no ha sido así, y los capituladores, como Morote, María Pantoja, Cox Beuzeville, y otros que se pusieron como alfombra persa a los pies de Montesinos, siguen tan presos como antes y ahora sólo atinan a realizar huelgas de hambre para seguir vendiendo la baratija de la capitulación.

## Asesinato y vida virtual del presidente Gonzalo

En la siniestra lógica de las “cartas de paz”, el presidente Gonzalo tenía que ser asesinado para después “resucitar” y pedir un “acuerdo de paz” con Fujimori. Es en este capítulo de la historia secreta de las “cartas de paz”, donde Montesinos asesorado por expertos de la CIA Americana y respaldado por el gobierno y las fuerzas armadas, se encarga de construir la vida virtual del jefe guerrillero. Ni técnicamente ni políticamente había dificultad para armar el tablador y presentar las “cartas paz” como si ellas provendrían del presidente Gonzalo. El dinero para este fin era incalculable. Los dólares provenían del narcotráfico, del saqueo del Estado y de la “colaboración” directa norteamericana. Tanto Montesinos como Fujimori, obtenían más de MIL MILLONES de dólares anuales del negocio de la droga. Todo esto con el beneplácito de la CIA. Como señala en un artículo el periodista de los Estados Unidos Karen de Young (publicado el 22 de septiembre 2002 en el Washington Post), la CIA argumentó en varias ocasiones que Montesinos era un buen aliado de Estados Unidos y que las acusaciones que existían en su contra en materia de derechos humanos y narcotráfico no habían sido probadas. En efecto Montesinos era el ahijado preferido de la CIA, y es con su apoyo que el asesor de Fujimori se atreve incluso a fabricar un montaje fílmico manipulador contra el general Mac Caffrey, el zar de la lucha anti antidrogas de los Estados Unidos.

Entre 1990 y el 2000 la CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) entregó secretamente 10 millones de dólares a

Montesinos para sostener el trabajo de inteligencia nacional. La mayor parte de este dinero sirvió para financiar la fabricación de las “cartas de paz”. Aparte del dinero, las clases políticas del Perú y sus partidos, hundidos en un proceso de descomposición total, se convirtieron en dóciles “opositores” de un régimen que tenía el completo control del Estado y la sociedad civil. Como parte de este control, el Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional (SIN) controlaba la televisión, la mayoría de diarios, revistas y emisoras radiales del país. Como se conoce ahora, Montesinos entregaba millones de dólares a varios canales de televisión y por lo menos a una docena de medios de comunicación escritos. Bajo estas condiciones, redactar algunas cartas con la misma escritura del presidente Gonzalo y fabricar uno o varios videos para presentarlo a la televisión no resultaba ningún problema para un gobierno mafioso que imponía su voluntad a través del crimen, la represión y el chantaje.

La vida virtual del presidente Gonzalo, como lo dijo Montesinos, resultó de la “inspiración” de una película. Esta parte de la historia sale a la luz cuando Montesinos narra sus fechorías a Tudela que en esos momentos era el embajador fujimorista en las Naciones Unidas. Ahí Montesinos hablando de las “cartas de paz” dice lo siguiente: “Así es y sabes donde saqué eso, de la película... Leyendo el texto se me ocurrió el tema... Este trabajo me duró un año, y después del año el Presidente llega a las Naciones Unidas con la carta que le pide un Acuerdo de Paz. ¿Te acuerdas?, esa carta me costó un año de trabajo, un año, todo...”. (Conversación Montesinos-Tudela, transcripción audio realizado por el Congreso de la República el 13 de octubre 2001). En esa “vida virtual”, cinematográfica, el jefe guerrillero desaparecía físicamente, pero volvía a la vida a través de trucos fílmicos y por qué no reemplazado por un actor cuando las circunstancias lo demandaban.

Sobre esto último, hay una prueba testimonial que conduce a la certeza de que alguien desde 1993 a asumido el rol teatral de reemplazar al jefe guerrillero. Una prueba de mucho peso para llegar a esta conclusión, fue la denuncia que hicieron en un comunicado público (marzo 2001) un grupo de prisioneros de guerra del penal de Yanamayo y que ningún medio de comunicación publicó. Estos prisioneros señalan que el 22 de noviembre del 2000 fueron conducidos desde Yanamayo al penal de la Base Naval en el callao con el propósito de reunirse con el presidente Gonzalo. Ahí fueron llevados a una sala donde al poco rato entró un oficial de La Marina acompañado de un individuo que pretendió hacerlo pasar como el jefe de la guerrilla maoísta. El marino les dijo “ahí está su jefe” y se inició una corta

conversación entre los visitantes y el supuesto presidente Gonzalo. La conclusión que sacaron los prisioneros de Yanamayo sobre el encuentro con el “presidente Gonzalo” que encontraron en la Base Naval, es que éste es un impostor bastante rudimentario y con una nula preparación política. Según la propia narración de los prisioneros de Yanamayo, la persona con la cual ellos conversaron, “...demostró tener desconocimiento de eventos y acuerdos partidarios... La reacción ha pretendido embaucarnos suplantando al Presidente Gonzalo en su afán de seguir tapando la realidad, y continuar engañando al pueblo con ese engendro de acuerdo de paz que ya fracasó... Analizando los hechos nos lleva a concluir que existe la posibilidad de que el Presidente Gonzalo haya sido desaparecido...”. (Prisioneros de Guerra del penal de Yanamayo, marzo 2001).

Sin dudas, la fabricación de la vida virtual del presidente Gonzalo, significó para Montesinos uno de sus mayores logros al frente del Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional (SIN). Este hecho puesto en la balanza antisubversiva tuvo sin dudas, más peso que la misma captura del jefe guerrillero en setiembre de 1992. Esto no pasa desapercibido para Montesinos que en octubre del 2000 (sin que nadie le formulara la preguntara) y cuando se encontraba en plena desgracia anunció telefónicamente a Radio Programas del Perú, que él “salvó del fusilamiento a Abimael Guzmán”. Dijo entonces que gracias a su gestión no se aplicó un decreto ley que establecía que el presidente Gonzalo fuera ejecutado junto con la señora Myriam Iparaguire y un tercer dirigente del PCP. ¿Cómo interpretar lo dicho por Montesinos? Era claro que estaba transmitiendo un mensaje a Fujimori, haciéndole recordar que fue él (Montesinos) quien se encargó de eliminar al presidente Gonzalo y volverlo a la vida virtual a través de las “cartas de paz”.

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## PLAN “ALUVION EN LOS ANDES” Y ASESINATO DEL PRESIDENTE GONZALO

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### Un paquete de montajes y mentiras incoherentes

Bastaría hacer un seguimiento de las absurdas mentiras y la incoherencia de estas mismas, para dar por terminada cualquier duda de que las “cartas de paz”, salieron del Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional (SIN) y no de las manos del presidente Gonzalo. Así por ejemplo, el 13 de setiembre de 1993 Fujimori desmintió a través de canal 2 de televisión (TV controlada por Montesinos) que el gobierno hacia tratos con el jefe de la guerrilla maoísta, de quien dijo “no se logró la capitulación de éste debido al marco mental muy rígido del conductor de la guerra subversiva”. Agregando además que “Abimael Guzmán no tiene radio ni televisión. Tampoco se le da periódicos ni revistas, solo posee una Biblia católica que lee continuamente”. (La República 13 de setiembre 1993). Curiosamente el mismo día de la elocución televisiva de Fujimori, el SIN estaba realizando la primera grabación de la lectura de las “cartas de paz” (así está consignado en un documento titulado “Asumir y combatir por la Nueva Gran decisión y Definición”, que el gobierno adjudicó al presidente Gonzalo y que el SIN se

encargó de distribuir en Perú y en el extranjero). ¿No conocía esto Fujimori?

Dos días después de estas declaraciones, es decir el 15 de setiembre y a sólo 48 horas de la negación de capitulación del presidente Gonzalo, Fujimori obtiene la primera “carta de paz” mediante la cual se le solicita “negociar la guerra popular”. No hay que olvidar el hecho curioso que la primera “carta de paz”, se hace publica el 1º de octubre 93 en la sede de las Naciones Unidas (ONU). En esta misma sala fue donde en agosto de 1990, la representación norteamericana presentó un trucaje fílmico contra Irak (el asesinato en Kuwait de 300 niños recién nacidos) que sirvió como pretexto “humanitario y moral” para que el Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU, aprobará la guerra contra el Estado iraquí.

¿Qué milagro ocurrió para que un Gonzalo que leía solo la Biblia y completamente aislado del mundo exterior, como anunció Fujimori en la televisión, acabara firmando una declaración de capitulación?. Esta incoherencia es más notoria aún, cuando el 6 de octubre de 1993 (cerca de 20 días de la primera carta) nuevamente el Gonzalo encerrado en un hueco bajo tierra y que sólo tenía ojos para la Biblia envía la segunda carta en la cual es más explícito y donde hace un “análisis concreto de la situación concreta” del país como se dice en dicha misiva,

afirmando la derrota de la guerra popular y lanzando loas por los éxitos que venía logrando Fujimori. ¿Cómo hizo este Gonzalo para hacer su “análisis concreto” sin mirar la realidad?. El trucaje en este caso es evidente, y se ve la autoría y procedencia del tal “análisis”. Sólo Fujimori y Montesinos, eran los interesados en presentar la situación peruana floreciente y color de rosas. Es decir mostrar lo contrario de la brutal realidad. En octubre de 1993, el sistema político peruano estaba quebrado por el golpe militar dirigido por Fujimori y Montesinos, y en el Estado había ingresado una corrupción sin límites. La quiebra económica, social y política estaba en pleno auge, cuya expresión más significativa se refería a la indigencia de más del 60% de la población peruana. En este terreno, el repunte de la guerrilla maoísta era más que evidente, situación que se expresaba (según cifras del gobierno), en 305 acciones guerrilleras por mes.

Pero la irracionalidad y la incoherencia en la historia de las “cartas de paz” no proviene exclusivamente del ex presidente peruano. Vladimiro Montesinos y Rafael Merino que reclaman la paternidad en la capitulación de Gonzalo, incurren a cada momento en grotescas contradicciones respecto a este tema. Por ejemplo, Montesinos en una conversación que mantiene el 14 de abril de 1998 con agentes secretos de EE.UU, señala que lograr la firma de las “cartas de paz” le tomó un “año de trabajo”, y como dice él tenía que ir “todas las noches” desde “las 10 de la noche hasta las 3, 4 de la mañana” para convencer a Abimael Guzmán. (Transcripción del vladivideo 876, 14 de abril 1998). Por su parte Rafael Merino Bartet, afirma (Caretas 9 de mayo 2002) que doblegar a Guzmán y llevarlo a la posición de capitulación le bastó “tres o cuatro reuniones”, “le hice ver que no tenía sentido continuar con la lucha armada”, dice Merino. Y así sucesivamente, uno tras otro se turnan en la invención de las más inverosímiles mentiras. Montesinos, hablando de un vídeo donde se ve imágenes del presidente Gonzalo suscribiendo las “cartas de paz”, dice que hacer esta grabación le costó un trabajo de un año. Sobre el mismo tema, Merino dice que hizo una filmación semejante, pero con la diferencia que este vídeo se hizo desde lo primeros días de la reunión con Gonzalo. Montesinos, hablando del presidente Gonzalo dice de él: “es un analista...es un tipo cerebral... el tipo es un filósofo, no es un hombre cualquiera o sea tiene una profundidad al hablar...es un hombre pensante, un hombre muy fino...un genio, un tipo brillante”.

(Transcripción del vladivideo 876, 14 de abril 1998). Por su parte Merino cuando se refiere al nivel intelectual del presidente Gonzalo dice: “Me desilusionó profundamente. Pensé encontrarme con un peso pesado y hallé a un peso pluma. Me dio la impresión de estar frente a un hombre de un sólo libro. Abimael sólo conocía a Mao”. (Declaraciones a Caretas, 9 de mayo 2002).

¿Por qué tantas incoherencias en la versión oficial sobre las “cartas de paz” y el presidente Gonzalo?. ¿No bastaría contar una sola historia y asunto arreglado?. El método de propagandizar distintas versiones para ocultar una principal y verdadera, es un viejo truco que utilizan los ejércitos y los aparatos de inteligencia desde hace decenas de años. En la jerga militar se denomina “guerra psicosocial” o “guerra de inteligencia”. Las mentiras entrecruzadas de Fujimori, Montesinos y Merino buscan crear el caos en esta historia, y a partir de ello ocultar la desaparición del presidente Gonzalo y encubrir el montaje en torno a las “cartas de paz”. Estas historietas, en apariencia inofensivas y muchas veces hasta estúpidas, tienen un propósito político bien determinado. Por ejemplo, Merino cuenta (Caretas, 9 de mayo 2002) que en una de las “conversaciones con Guzmán”, “le preguntamos si nos hubiese matado en el caso de haber tomado el poder. El claro, respondió que no, y que al contrario, el partido nos habría dado cargos importantes. Le preguntamos cuáles. Dijo que al doctor Montesinos le habría dado el Ministerio del Interior y a mí el Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional”. Aquí el invento de Merino, tiene un propósito concreto: presentar al presidente Gonzalo como un pobre hombre, que bastó unas cuantas semanas en prisión para que pierda toda referencia del carácter de clase de la organización de la sociedad socialista. ¡Que incluso, podía nombrar como Ministro del Interior a Montesinos en lugar de ajusticiarlo con la pena capital!.

Así como el ejemplo que acabamos de mencionar hay otros indicios que muestran que las “cartas de paz” se insertaron en un montaje que comenzó en 1993 y que ahora con otros métodos más sutiles continúa. En uno de los vladivideos se puede ver con que cinismo Montesinos a tratado este asunto y las falsedades que éste transmitía incluso a sus más allegados. En la transcripción del vladivideo A15-B8, Montesinos conversa con Tuleda Van Breugel. Ahí

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