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'Andean Flood' and the assassination of President Gonzalo

This article is about an important controversy over the continued life or execution of an imprisoned revolutionary leader in Peru, President Gonzalo. Our only hesitation in publishing this article is that we have not seen its author in public. Nonetheless, we believe that security must come first, public appearances second and we also believe that this article would be of interest in any case. --MIM's International Minister

by Luis Arce Borja

In 1994 we (El Diario Internacional) published the article "Operation Capitulation: The Secret History of the Peace Letters." We said that Fujimori and Montesinos falsely attributed the peace letters to the leader of the Peruvian guerrilla and that the letters were formulated as part of a sinister criminal plan that implied the assassination of President Gonzalo. We denounced the letters as a vulgar fiction and as a fabrication of the National Intelligence Service (SIN) and we said that sooner or later President Gonzalo would become the principal victim of the genuine authors. In light of our incontestable



condemnation we noted that the publication of the first peace letter (October, 1993) allowed for only two possibilities regarding the fate of President Gonzalo: The first referred to his assassination after April 1993 when he was transferred to the Callao military prison on the island of San Lorenzo. The second assumed that President Gonzalo was alive, but that he survived under brutal prison conditions and under conditions of mental and physical extermination.

Which of the two hypotheses of 1994 has proved more certain?

The idea that President Gonzalo was secretly executed following April 1993, and more precisely that it happened in the month of October of that year has become more concrete given a series of secret documents made public following the fall of Fujimori and Montesinos. There are many indications, including testimony, that more thoroughly verify this hypothesis. For example, it is now known that contrary to government propaganda, the peace letters pleading for

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Link Arms, Raise Fists!

Conference demands U\$. troops out of the Philippines now

SAN FRANCISCO
July 6

The first north American-wide conference against U\$. intervention in the Philippines was convened in San Francisco. Initiated by Filipino activist organizations across the United States and Canada the event drew 250 registered participants. The goals of the conference included deepening participants' understanding of U\$. military intervention and imperialism and building a North American network to oppose U\$. imperialism in the Philippines.

Following up on a successful conference, organizers held a rally July 7th in downtown San Francisco to "expose the truth about Filipino-American Friendship Day." Carrying balloons and signs reading "Friends don't kill friends" and "U\$. out of the Philippines," demonstrators marched and chanted through the streets of SF. As their flyer explained: "Initially, July 4th was celebrated as Philippine Independence Day, the day that the U.S. 'gave' the Filipino people 'independence' in 1946

after nearly 50 years of colonization. July 4th is also the day that the first civilian U.S. government was established in the Philippines in 1901 and when President Theodore Roosevelt declared the end of the Philippine-American war in 1902 [despite the fact that unbroken armed resistance to Amerika's seizure of the Philippines continued for at least another decade]. In 1962, President Macapagal [father of current president Macapagal-Arroyo] changed Philippine Independence Day to June 12, the anniversary of the 1898 Philippine Declaration of Independence. Ironically, July 4th was then celebrated as Filipino-American Friendship Day."

Imperialism is terrorism

Two keynote speakers opened the conference. The first, Omali Yeshitela, Chairman of the African People's Socialist Party, focused his comments on the nature of imperialism. He pointed out that imperialism today is in crisis. As an empire built on the backs of oppressed people, imperialism is not a stable system. The fight against so-called

terrorism is really a fight against the oppressed who are reacting to years of imperialist exploitation. He noted that "the terrorism that they [the imperialists] are experiencing

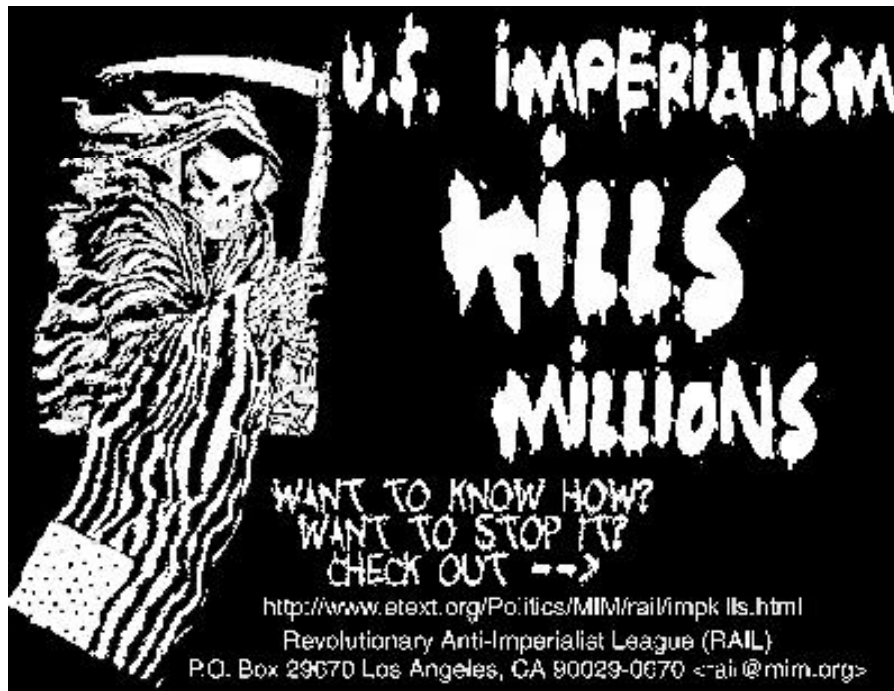
is...the oppressed people who will rise up and take back what is theirs."

Yeshitela made an important point about Hitler, saying that "Churchill made Hitler look like a boy scout." Churchill bragged about his country as "the empire upon which the sun never sets" meaning that it had more slaves than anyone else. And MIM would say that all the imperialists live up to Hitler's genocidal reputation, liberal democracy in their home countries or no (see resolutions on



fascism in the upcoming MIM Notes). Yeshitela went on to say that white people hate Hitler because "Hitler did to white people what Europe did to the rest of the world." This doesn't diminish the crimes of Hitler, but puts it in perspective for the genocide committed by imperialists. Throughout his talk Yeshitela made clear that "There can not be peace without national liberation," pointing out that George Bush wants peace as long as imperialist exploitation is allowed free reign, and many Americans want peace so that they can go to the mall without being hit by a plane.

Liza Maza was the second keynote speaker. Former Secretary General of GABRIELA, the largest national alliance of women's organizations in the Philippines, Maza is currently a Congresswoman in the Philippines, representing the only political party serving the people, BAYAN MUNA (see related article in this issue of MIM Notes). Maza began by pointing out that "U\$. capitalism is in crisis and Bush is stepping up war preparations as a way out of the crisis." MIM notes further that



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MIM Theory calls for articles, testimonials: MIM's theory magazine is preparing for future issues. We are looking for well-researched articles on Nazi Germany and eastern Germany, especially in the 1945 to 1953 period. Please follow some footnote format.

Another area we are working on is research on psychics. If you stopped paying psychics, please send us a letter telling us how you did so and give us your permission to use your statement as a testimonial. We also would appreciate any statistical research or articles on the subject of the effectiveness of psychics.

What is MIM?

The Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) is the collection of existing or emerging Maoist internationalist parties in the English-speaking imperialist countries and their English-speaking internal semi-colonies, as well as the existing or emerging Maoist Internationalist parties in Belgium, France and Quebec and the existing or emerging Spanish-speaking Maoist Internationalist parties of Aztlan, Puerto Rico and other territories of the U.S. Empire. MIM Notes is the newspaper of MIM. Notas Rojas is the newspaper of the Spanish-speaking parties or emerging parties of MIM. MIM upholds the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and is an internationalist organization that works from the vantage point of the Third World proletariat. MIM struggles to end the oppression of all groups over other groups: classes, genders, nations. MIM knows this is only possibly by building public opinion to seize power through armed struggle. Revolution is a reality for North America as the military becomes over-extended in the government's attempts to maintain world hegemony. MIM differs from other communist parties on three main questions: (1) MIM holds that after the proletariat seizes power in socialist revolution, the potential exists for capitalist restoration under the leadership of a new bourgeoisie within the communist party itself. In the case of the USSR, the bourgeoisie seized power after the death of Stalin in 1953; in China, it was after Mao's death and the overthrow of the "Gang of Four" in 1976. (2) MIM upholds the Chinese Cultural Revolution as the farthest advance of communism in humyn history. (3) As Marx, Engels and Lenin formulated and MIM has reiterated through materialist analysis, imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of oppressor nation so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy. These classes are not the principal vehicles to advance Maoism within those countries because their standards of living depend on imperialism. At this time, imperialist super-profits create this situation in the Canada, Quebec, the United States, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Israel, Sweden and Denmark. MIM accepts people as members who agree on these basic principles and accept democratic centralism, the system of majority rule, on other questions of party line.

"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.

Fourth of July: Whose Independence?

San Francisco
On July 4 MIM and RAIL attended a teachout hosted by the All People's Coalition to Stop U.S. Terror and Occupation entitled "Whose Independence?" Most speakers focused on the contradiction between the oppressed and oppressor nations, both in the United States and around the world. One speaker from the Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines spoke of U.S. oppression in the Philippines, starting with a history of "liberating" the country from Spain by killing off tens of thousands of Filipinos and creating a new colonial relationship with the U.S. Speakers from the Barrio Defense Committee detailed the history of oppression against the Mexican peoples whose land was stolen for U.S. "freedom" and who continue to face national oppression within u.s. borders. And a speaker from the African Peoples

Solidarity Committee (APSC) stressed the role of the white nation within the U.S. in supporting the imperialist government, pointing out that Bush is just one man but it is the white people in this country who support him.

The keynote speaker, Omali Yeshitela, the chairman of the African People's Socialist Party (APSP), correctly stressed the terrorism of the U.S. around the world. Representing an internationalist viewpoint, he pointed out that "the vast majority of people in the world have a different relationship with imperialism than do white people in this country." And he went on to say "The question for all of us is what side will we stand on in this struggle."

MIM made a statement at the event, first commending the organizing groups for their understanding of the contradiction between oppressed and oppressor nations that characterizes

imperialism today, and for the correct position on the white nation as a part of the oppressor and not as oppressed. The MIM speaker went on to discuss the meaning of the 4th of July:

In 1776 Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "When a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce [the people] under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security."

We could go on to use Jefferson's words to describe what the United States is doing today: The history of the United States is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over the majority of the worlds people for the benefit of the minority, the Amerikan citizens.

The evidence for this is found throughout Amerikan history. During the war for independence with Britain 65,000 African slaves joined the British forces, over 10 for every 1 enlisted in the continental U.S. ranks—because the Brits promised to free them. Those who fought on the side of the United States. were disarmed at the end of the war and put back in chains in spite of promises of freedom for their blood sacrifices.

From 10 million indigenous people who once inhabited land now called North America there were maybe 300,000 surviving descendants in 1900.

From the legacy of internal genocide and slavery the u.s. went on to colonialism around the world, killing millions to create puppet governments that support the Amerikan "right" to exploit the people and resources of the Third World. 40,000 children die every

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Congress authorizes FBI to snoop in public libraries

A survey of public libraries across the United States found that in recent months about 8% "had been asked by federal or local law enforcement officers for information about patrons related to Sept. 11." (1) Almost all of these libraries were in large urban areas. (3) For about 30 years prior to September 11, library records — traditionally, what books people checked out, and more recently including their use of public Internet stations — were protected by privacy laws at the state level in almost every state. But thanks to section 215 of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, which "allows an FBI agent to obtain a search warrant for 'any tangible thing,' [including] books, records, papers, floppy disks, data tapes, and computers with hard drives," the state laws are now overridden.(2)

The American Library Association, a professional and lobbying organization whose most recent bourgeois liberal victories include defeat of mandatory Internet filtering in public libraries (the Children's Internet Protection Act), correctly opposes these new and expansive police powers, which clash with the ALA's First Amendment sensibilities and professional ethics safeguarding privacy. The Patriot Act "permits the FBI to compel production of library circulation records, Internet use records, and registration information stored in any medium [and] does not require the agent to demonstrate

'probable cause,' the existence of specific facts to support the belief that a crime has been committed or that the items sought are evidence of a crime. Instead, the agent only needs to claim [in front of a court that meets in secret (3)] that he believes that the records he wants may be related to an ongoing investigation related to terrorism or intelligence activities." Finally, the Act makes it illegal for libraries served with search warrants to disclose their existence, or to warn patrons that they are being investigated. (2)

The ALA has issued guidelines to libraries to help prevent their staff from becoming the newest deputized agents of the police state. These guidelines include not capturing or retaining personal information about patrons beyond what is needed to operate the library, protecting private information (such as sign-in sheets) from public view, and, if served with a subpoena, to monitor searches carefully, ensuring that no additional information is gathered along with what is permissible in the court order. Judith Krug, ALA director for intellectual freedom, told the

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Associated Press "It's unfortunate because these records and this information can be had with so little reason or explanation,' ... 'It's super secret and anyone who wants to talk about what the FBI did at their library faces prosecution. That has nothing to do with patriotism.'" (3)

MIM disagrees. Xenophobia and police repression *are* patriotic Amerikan values. MIM urges people to break with patriotism and recognize that laws like the U.S.A Patriot Act are not exceptions but more extreme examples of legislation as usual. This is why Maoists say, "there are no rights, only power struggles," and why MIM cautions its supporters to protect against police linkage of their persynal identities with political activism.

The American Library Association, along with the American Civil Liberties Union and other liberal organizations like it, fight battles for bourgeois "rights" that in the context of escalating police power become important united front issues. While we have never trusted bourgeois liberal groups to protect the people from the police, we will support their efforts to resist police encroachment in ways that make more operating room for political organizing against imperialism.

Notes:

1. San Francisco Chronicle, 23 June 02.
2. American Library Association, "The USA Patriot Act in the Library," <<http://www.ala.org/ala/org/oif/usapatriotlibrary.html>>
3. Associated Press, 24 June 02.

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Filipino cultural workers build national liberation movement

Music review: Diskarte Namin
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Alternating between reggae, hip hop, rock, acoustic and tradition Filipino sounds Diskarte Namin (which means Our Strategy in Tagalog) kicks out a powerful political message. Calling themselves cultural workers, the band members make a point of explaining the message behind each song and telling audiences that they are all activists. Rocking shows up and down the west coast, Diskarte Namin can usually be found in the Bay Area playing political events.

The lyrics don't spare words, with each song pushing the fight for national liberation. In the song 100 Years, one of the Diskarte lead singers declares "100 years after bridges were built from America to overseas / Now we're 2 million strong in a land that is rich with a few opportunities / No more little brown brothers sisters, no more of this bullshit about backward friends / Now we're 2 million strong in America means that we all are our homeland's revenge / No more of the silence / No more will we hide from our past / We will fight for a future / Where we take back our place in our land / act out our pride in our land / take back our land."

In this same song the lead rapper pushes the struggle: "United States to this day is raping us Filipinos ... Our strategy a full frontal attack ... and when the dust clears we'll grab our land back ... and we won't stop until all our people are free."

In the song Diaspora about Filipino wimmin forced into the sex trade to support their families, Diskarte proclaims "Now in the darkness, neons flash the music starts / I dance to rhythms of a thousand lonely hearts / these men between my legs, they thrust a million lies / but these men between my legs, they're how my children survive."

Their support for the national liberation struggles of the Filipino people comes through clear in songs in both English and Tagalog. The English songs are all

original and those in Tagalog are traditional resistance songs of the Philippines. Diskarte Namin performs at political events and hold fundraisers for political causes, always keeping the activism front and center in their cultural work. The band's brochure provides a few columns of info on the group alongside listings for Filipino activist organizations and information about several political struggles, encouraging people to get involved. At concerts they make political literature available and sell "Serve the People" buttons and t-shirts. In their own words: "To counteract silence and oppression, Diskarte uses music as a tool for organizing, spitting hard-hitting political messages to listeners drawn in by the danceable music."

The band has recorded a short demo CD which lacks polish but makes up for it including a traditional Tagalog song performed at a political event with a talented guest flutist and a track with recordings of various Filipino and Amerikan politicians spewing political lies about the Philippines and reactionary garbage about global political events while declaring the Philippines subservient to the United States.

According to one band member interviewed by MIM "Diskarte works with student groups to connect issues of gentrification, commodification and discrimination here with issues of globalization and third world liberation in the Philippines and around the globe, and we encourage students to produce cultural work of their own creation." Diskarte Namin focuses on "our opposition to the very real problems of gentrification, racial and immigrant discrimination, and worker exploitation."

MIM stands with Diskarte in opposition to these symptoms of national oppression. And we agree with them that focusing on fighting national oppression under imperialism means attacking pieces of the system. In many cases this means fighting for reform within the system while building for revolutionary change. Diskarte's lyrics correct connect

these reforms to the battle for national liberation.

MIM's main disagreement with Diskarte is on the question of worker exploitation. MIM sees discrimination in the workplace which results in a relatively lower wage and worse working conditions for the oppressed nations within U.S. borders (including Filipino workers). But on the whole, we can not call the wages received by documented workers in this country exploitation. MIM uses the definition of exploitation from Marx which states that exploitation is the extraction of surplus labor from the workers by the capitalists. Essentially this means the bourgeoisie pays the workers less than the value of their labor.

As we wrote in the essay "On the internal class structure of the internal semi-colonies": "The 'Brown' peoples are the most proletarian within the internal semi-colonies. There are also immigrant Haitians and African nationalities and 'boat people' from Asia—all terribly exploited or super-exploited and oppressed. To the extent that these people are workers and they are subjected to oppression outside the law applying to U.S. citizen laborers, we can say there is a small Black and Asian proletariat. What we must be clear about though is that only class sectors dominated by undocumented work in the productive sectors form a proletariat. Not even all undocumented people are proletariat or lumpenproletariat. A good portion enters the petty-bourgeoisie immediately upon migration through family connections and various legal fronts.

"The vast majority of the employed Black, First Nation and Asian-descended peoples is labor aristocracy or higher. An examination of the figures in 'Imperialism and Its Class Structure in 1997' makes clear that the repatriation of profits from the Third World, the transfer of surplus-value from the productive sector in the Third World to the unproductive sector in the First World and the administrative fixing of prices by

multinational corporations to artificially lower prices of Third World goods and thus disguise transfer of surplus-labor—all these add up to such an extent that it is impossible to see any proletariat where there is an imperialist country minimum wage in effect. That minimum wage is almost ten times the average wage in the Third World."

Diskarte Namin responded to MIM's comments on their positions stating: "We are all revolutionaries whose ideologies are rooted in community organizing and empowering people locally to think and act in support of radical change throughout the world. Because our work is rooted in community we see that issues of discrimination and homelessness and worker rights are real issues affecting real people, and that these issues rather than being mere symptoms are integral mechanisms of the system that need to be attacked and ameliorated as the groundwork of any revolutionary movement. Any other stance would alienate us from the people we work with and serve."

For MIM it is important to be clear on the class structure of the people within imperialist borders because it will determine our strategy and how we fight specific battles. But this disagreement with Diskarte and other organizers of the oppressed nations within U.S. borders does not keep MIM from working with these groups. MIM's position is still that the principal contradiction within u.s. borders is between imperialism and the oppressed nations. And so we unite with these groups in fighting for the national liberation of the internal semi-colonies, tying these struggles to the battles of the international proletariat against imperialism.

The revolutionary movement needs more cultural workers. Diskarte Namin sets an example for musicians and other artists, putting their talents to good use and helping to build the National Democratic movement in the Philippines by building the anti-imperialist movement in the U.S.

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day in the Third World from starvation or simple preventable diseases. This is the legacy of imperialism where there is sufficient food to feed everyone but the rich get fat while the poor die of starvation.

At home, the United States has been the world's leading prison-state per capita for the last 25 years. To find a comparison with U.S. imprisonment of Black people, there is no statistic in any country that compares including apartheid South Africa of the era before Mandela was president.

The rich and the U.S. government spend money at home and abroad to win

elections. When the Yankee imperialists and their lackeys lose elections they send in the Marines and depose elected governments or pay to subvert them. Money or guns settle the matter, not the interests of the majority. The U.S. government serves the minority: the settlers in this country who have achieved wealth and power at the expense of the majority of the world's people.

MIM believes survival rights—the right to sufficient food, decent health care, basic shelter and sanitation—are self-evident. Those who deny the oppressed these rights, forcing starvation, disease and poverty on the people, should

be actively repressed. The majority has a right to rise up and overthrow the Amerikan tyranny by whatever means necessary. And we in this settler society have a responsibility to support the just struggles of the nations oppressed by Amerikan imperialism.

After MIM spoke an audience member rose his hand and asked if he could make a "pro-Amerika" statement. MIM takes this as a sign that our message was clear: we condemn Amerika for its history of genocide and for the genocide that is ongoing Amerikan imperialism. Afterward a number of people at the event stopped by our literature table to commend MIM's correct line on the historical reality of the United States.

MIM agrees with the All People's Coalition that the principal contradiction

in humyn society is that between oppressor and oppressed nations. Some member organizations underestimate the extent that parasitism influences Amerikans. We caution these groups that moderate success pulling off progressive events in big, international cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York is not indicative of the mood in Amerika as a whole. The APSP and APSC have a class analysis much closer to MIM's. We disagree on the extent that parasitism also affects oppressed nations within U.S. borders, the universal applicability of Maoism, the role of individuals from oppressor nations in the revolutionary movement, and other issues. Interested readers can find details of our differences in MIM Theory 8, available for \$5 from the address on page two.

MAOIST MOVIE REVIEWS

MIBII: Drivel, but not completely worthless

Men in Black II
Starring Tommy Lee Jones & Will Smith

Roles are reversed in “Men in Black II” (MIBII), because in this episode, Agent J is the experienced intergalactic cop, while Agent K comes back from working in the post office, which, by the way, director Barry Sonnenfeld tells the audience is composed almost entirely of aliens. The new elements of MIBII are more progressive than the story carried over from the original “Men in Black,” although the eponymous agency composed of intergalactic elite cops still strives mightily to keep the population ignorant yet somewhat protected from the outside universe.

In the future depicted by “Men in Black,” customs and immigration, trade and black markets remain important with the same dynamics as we see now under imperialism. The recognizable black market trade in the universe includes evermore sophisticated handguns, including the “Reverberating Carbonizer,” “Noisy Cricket” and the more rifle-like “Series 4 Deatomizer.”



With such a “vision” of the future, the Hollywood bourgeoisie reassures the rest of the bourgeoisie that its rule is permanent, while details such as what the latest guns are, which government agencies do what and which aliens are the truly important ones all change.

Being a sequel, MIBII operates within the framework of the original reactionary premise; nonetheless, important new elements do arise within MIBII. The movie opens with a space alien deciding

to take the form of a “Victoria Secret” model. A species both flower-like and snake-like poses as a magazine model, and immediately ingests a would-be rapist in the park, only to defecate the rapist in order to regain her figure.

For the rest of the movie, we are left wondering whether the villain is right, that with the right set of mammary glands, evil can take over the world. It certainly seems that the villain Serleena, the Kylothian monster has her tentacles

around most of the world. Another new bad guy has a prison record for selling away the ozone of Earth. These new “bad guys” appear to be softcore pornography and pollution incarnate; yet Agent J and Agent K are still just super-cops.

MIBII is witty and mentally challenging compared with most movies; the acting is good and overall MIBII is an expensive-to-produce-movie, a real work of art. MIBII also has the added bonus relative to the original that it seeks to put things “in proportion.” From MIBII’s instant sociology and anthropology, we learn of a society that lives in a locker and that worships a wrist watch, an MIB agent, commercials they have heard somewhere and pornography. MIBII even seems dialectical somewhat in pointing out that the universe seems to have infinite depth in both directions—universes smaller than the MIB universe and universes that may be larger and making Earth seem like little more than a locker in Grand Central Station. If there is an MIBIII, we hope it continues to add in more positive elements, the way MIBII did. We still feel that most of the effort going into MIBII is wasted, but we could easily see how this movie could be improved in progressive directions.

Technophobia long on problems, short on solutions

Minority Report
Directed by Steven Spielberg

review by MC12

Steven Spielberg expresses some very contemporary liberalism in his new movie, *Minority Report*. For him, there is a divine spirit within individual people. This is especially apparent in people who are suffering victims. In *Schindler’s List*, it was the little girl in the red dress, the only thing that wasn’t black-and-white in the movie. In *A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)*, Spielberg’s last movie, this humyn spirit miraculously appeared in androids that were programmed to act emotionally.

In *Minority Report*, this ideal humyn spirit is found in the “pre-cognitives.” These are the children of drug-addicted mothers, born with what looks like autism, but with the power to see or feel murders in the future. (Not all future events — that would be too unrealistic — just murders, because those are especially damaging to the universe’s soul.)

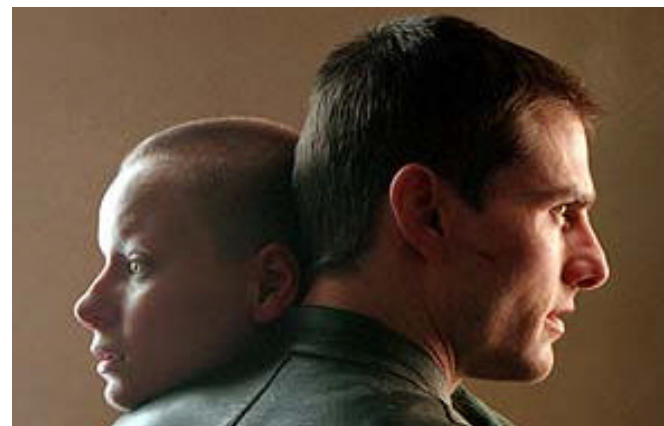
In *Minority Report*, as in *A.I.*, Spielberg’s divinity is threatened by Technology. For him, the principal contradiction under advanced capitalism is that between ever-increasing Technology on the one hand, and Civil Liberties on the other. As Technology

grows, Civil Liberties are threatened. And only the victory of Civil Liberties can protect the human spirit from the death grip of Technology.

MIM sees things differently, of course. It is true that the imperialists use technology in many ways that erode the rights and liberties afforded different classes under bourgeois democracy. We do not doubt that if imperialism is still around in 50 years, we could all be having our retinas scanned every time we get on the subway, and that the police will be free to deploy robotic retina-scanning spiders into the housing projects when they are searching for so-called criminals. But we don’t put as much stock as Spielberg does in the liberal defense of civil liberties to stop this future from coming to pass.

[Spielberg is basically appealing to the good will of the bourgeoisie: “Don’t exploit people too much; do unto others etc.” Problem is, people have been saying this to the oppressors for thousands of years to no avail. Communists did more to eliminate oppression in the 20th century than Christians did in the 19 previous centuries—and the Communists decidedly did not base their strategy on appealing to “humyn divinity.”]

We are also not as afraid of technology. Under a system of different social relations, we would not fear the effects of advanced technology. We oppose the development of nuclear weapons and



Spielberg’s conception of human divinity among suffering victims, and the threat of Technology.

advanced surveillance systems by imperialist powers today, but we are not inherently afraid of nuclear power or artificial intelligence. Social relations are the key determinant in the effects of technology, not technology itself. (And of course, what technology is developed depends on social relations — there is no predetermined linear development of technology that must be either stopped or advanced.)

Despite his vision of how amazing technology will be in 50 years, Spielberg’s view of society is very static. Nothing else is really different. The underpinnings of imperialism, class structure and conflict, the raging World War Three, all of these issues remain invisible (except that he does show that there are still poor people in Washington, D.C. — who spend their time having sex, engaging in domestic violence, or

fearfully clutching their children). Good science fiction shows a vision of a social future that offers much more for the present. For Spielberg, it’s all about whether technology will let you shop at the Gap in peace, or the police will arrest you for a crime you are about to commit. So little has changed that he even still has the FBI as the good guys, and the privatized policing company as the bad guys.

Minority Report offers some exciting action scenes, with dramatic moments as the plot unfolds, some good acting and some neat technological ideas backed by big-budget effects. Some people will enjoy it just for that. We can recommend it only as a lesson in the shallowness of liberalism’s critique of present social relations and its paltry vision for the future.

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negotiations over the people's war were not written by President Gonzalo. According to his confession verifying their authorship, the writer was Rafael Merino Bartet, (Declarations to Caretas Magazine, May 9th 2002). Merino's declarations do more than uncover the real author of the peace letters: they also reveal inconsistencies in their management and set-up. As we will show, as a result of the lies with which for 9 years the government has attempted to conceal the disappearance of the guerilla leader, and put up a peace accord that never took place, Merino's account is inconsistent when compared with statements by Montesinos (in the vladivideos).

It is now also known, according to Vladimiro Montesinos, that the plan developed and carried out by the SIN to make Gonzalo capitulate was called Andean Flood, or Andean Tempest, according to statements made by Merino to the magazine Caretas. In Merino's version the plan had two phases: Phase A consisted of information gathering about the prisoner and Phase B consisted in convincing President Gonzalo that his capture represented the beheading of the organization, and that capitulation was the only option. Merino conceals the methods that were used in both phases. There is no doubt that this plan was carried out in the cellars of the National Intelligence Service and that the ingredients were torture, crime, cinematic set-up, falsification of letters and abundant media publicity. The pivotal elements in support of the Andean Flood plan were the videos about President Gonzalo, and the peace letters that Fujimori as well as Montesinos and Merino have produced in order to show the verity of Gonzalo's capitulation. Merino is a 69 year old civilian who spent 34 years providing services for the military. Since 1968 he's clung onto the successive military dictatorships. He served General Velasco Alvarado, and later General Morales Bermudez. In 1980 (at the end of direct military dictatorship) he began his career under the SIN and since 1990 he has been under the leadership of Montesinos.

We now also know (according to testimony provided in this article) that upon his disappearance Gonzalo was replaced by a person who physically doubled as President Gonzalo. The virtual life of President Gonzalo is based upon this theatrical production. This laboratory resurrection now serves as propaganda for Gonzalo's hunger strike or the more recent (May 1st) dialogue between the President of the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation and the guerilla leader. It has also been discovered that Montesinos was the one in charge of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru which since 1993 the SIN has operated from the Callao Naval Base. Via the vladivideos

Montesinos himself discloses how he organized and directed the central committee's debates which were composed of Osman Morote, Edmundo Cox, Maria Pantoja and other capitulators who have been working for Montesinos and the SIN.

Peace Letters: the strategic dimension and the death of Dr. Guzman

The peace letters are the key to understanding why Fujimori and Montesinos secretly executed the leader of the Peruvian guerilla instead of following their original plan of September 1992, which was approved by a council of ministers, to execute him before the firing squad. Why the letters? The letters constituted the marrow of a strategic, long-term, anti-subversive plan whose fundamental purpose was the application of a police program aimed at liquidating the ideological and political framework (Gonzalo Thought) of the Maoist guerillas. Montesinos himself said that the application of this psychological program was to ensure the strategic defeat of Sendero Luminoso. In effect the American experts, who had been actively participating since 1980 in the struggle against the Maoist guerillas, as well as the Peruvian police, were convinced that Gonzalo's capture (September 1992), while an important event in the counterrevolutionary struggle, was far from destroying Sendero Luminoso.

The official propaganda identifying the capture of President Gonzalo with the strategic defeat of the People's War deflated as soon as subversive activity in Peru increased. While official military and police figures registered 2,992 subversive actions, by 1993 they had grown to 3,760. Both police and American officials noticed that this reality was diametrically opposite to that of the propaganda about the defeat of Sendero Luminoso. Colonel Benedicto Jimenez Bacca, an ex-chief of the Peruvian Anti-Terrorist Police (DINCOTE), and a member of the team that captured President Gonzalo said: Abimael Guzman Reynoso's detention on September 12th, 1992, along with three other members of the Central Committee was an important victory solely from the tactical, and not strategic standpoint (Benedicto Jimenez Bacca in *Inicio, Desarrollo y Ocaso del Terrorismo en el Peru*, Tomo II, May 2000. *Origin, Development and Downfall of Terrorism in Peru*, Vol. II May, 2000 Trans.). What could be done to ensure that the capture of the Maoist leader should go from a wishful victory into the strategic defeat of subversion? This very question was framed in more solemn terms by the U.S. Congressional Subcommittee on Western Hemispheric Affairs. Just a few days prior to the capture of President Gonzalo, on September 23, 1992 this session of the American congress called a special meeting to analyze the "Sendero

Phenomenon." This meeting was presided by Robert G. Torricelli and posed a single question: The most immediate concern, however, is what to do with Guzman and how to ensure that his capture results in the demise of the guerilla organization, Sendero Luminoso. The Andean Storm plan emerged by means of questions like those posed in the American Senate with the purpose of demolish[ing] Gonzalo Thought and attempt thereby to liquidate the ideological fiber of the Peruvian Revolution.

Indeed, as we said in Operation Capitulation, the political goal of the peace letters was to shatter the unity between Gonzalo Thought and Gonzalo himself. It was clear that undermining the PCP's ideological and political foundations could not be accomplished through state agencies, and much less from the police and the armed forces which by their very nature and intellectual composition are incapable of facing-off against subversion on this terrain. The official political parties and their most famous intellectual ideologues (senderologists, etc.) had failed in this arena since 1980 when they made several vain attempts at opposing the doctrine and theoretical principles of the Peruvian Maoists.

The only way to achieve the goal was to pit Gonzalo against Gonzalo, or rather

to make the leader of the Peruvian guerillas reject the entire practical and theoretical path he had covered since the first half of the 1960's until the time of his capture. Fundamentally, they sought to put him up as rejecting his ideological and political principles and his militant practice of Marxist doctrine. By way of the peace letter scheme, President Gonzalo who prior to his capture had labeled Fujimori everything from a poor devil, scheming and cynical to a prickly pear strung onto the bayonets a man with no principles (Discourse and Commentary, 2nd Plenum of the Central Committee, April 1992), now warmed up to his gifts as a victorious president with whom it was possible to establish peace negotiations. In the same way, if he had before said that war was the only way to solve the problems of the poor in Peru, now he said that peace was a national and inescapable necessity of Peruvian society. If in September 1992 (Discourse from the Cell) he called for continuing the People's War, he now said that people should abandon it and turn themselves over to Fujimori's police. If earlier he said that bureaucrat capitalism was not viable, he now said that Fujimori was preparing the groundwork for the country's economic development and, naturally, for bureaucrat capitalism. If earlier he said that leadership never dies,

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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.

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he now said that the party had been be-headed and that there was no use in continuing the struggle for power. If in his last discourse he called for the creation of the People's Liberation Army, he now said it should be dissolved. And successively, in this fashion, engrossed in the negation of his life and work, President Gonzalo went from being the foremost of the great political and revolutionary strategists in Peru and Latin America to a low-level politician who turned global and national problems on their head and analyzed them stupidly.

The source of the strategic dimension of the peace letters was a mobster regime that governed the country unscrupulously, where the arts of deception, trickery, conspiracy, swindling and political deceit supplied the alchemy for transforming day into night and falsehood into truth. One of the principal characteristics of the political context for the peace letters was the state's dictatorial policy and administration over judicial power and the media. Now that the vladivideos have been revealed we know that the government mob handed out millions of dollars to the daily papers, to magazines and to television stations. In this environment the SIN and other military and political agencies had absolute control over news and information. On this favorable terrain and medium of conspiracy the peace letters flourished, from the beginning shrouded by the incoherent lies fabricated by Vladimiro Montesinos and the SIN. It is important to note that absolutely everything that the Peruvian press reported on since October of 1993 regarding the peace letters was exclusively nurtured by the hands of the SIN and Vladimiro Montesinos. There is no known independent investigation of Peruvian journalism regarding this fact. In light of this fact, the information about the peace letters and Gonzalo's Capitulation from beginning to end had a political, anti-subversive aim.

A collection of schemes and inconsistent lies

To put an end to whatever doubts remain about the true origin of the peace letters with the SIN and not with president Gonzalo it is sufficient to trace the absurdity and incoherence of the lies. For example, on December 13th, 1993 on Channel 2 (TV operated by Montesinos) Fujimori disproved that the Peruvian government was negotiating with the chief of the Maoist guerrilla of whom he said: his capitulation was unsuccessful due to the rigid mental framework of the leader of the subversive war. He added that Abimael Guzman does not have access to television nor radio. He does not get newspapers nor magazines and only has a Catholic Bible which he re-reads continuously (La Republica, September 13, 1993). Oddly on the same day that the interview with Fujimori was broadcast, the SIN was conducting the first recording of the reading of the peace letters (as is chronicled in a document entitled Taking up and Struggling for the New Great Decision and Definition that the government attributed to president Gonzalo and that the SIN was in charge of distributing in Peru and abroad). Did Fujimori not know this?

Two days after making these declarations, on September 15, merely 48 hours after noting the failure of Gonzalo's capitulation, Fujimori receives the first peace letter pleading the negotiation of the people's war. We can't forget the curious fact that the first peace letter was made public on October 1st, 1993 at U.N. headquarters. This was the same place where in August 1990 the North American contingent presented the staged film (the murder of 300 newborns in Kuwait) as a humanitarian and moral pretext to get the U.N. Security Council to approve a war against the State of Iraq.

What sort of miracle took place so that Gonzalo, whom on television Fujimori admitted was completely isolated from the outside world and who read only the Bible would end up signing the

capitulation declaration? This inconsistency becomes more notorious when on October 6, 1993 (almost 20 days after the first letter) Gonzalo once again, while locked up in a hole in the ground and having eyes only for the Bible, sends a second, more explicit letter that claims to contain an analysis of the concrete situation in Peru that affirms the defeat of the People's War and throws praise on the progress achieved by Fujimori. How was he able to carry out a concrete analysis without being able to look out at reality? The trickery in this case is evident and the authors and originators of this analysis are easily discerned. Fujimori and Montesinos were the only ones interested in presenting a flowery picture of the situation in Peru. They were interested in showing the opposite of the brutality of this reality. In October 1993 the political system in Peru was breaking apart because of the military coup led by Fujimori and Montesinos and the corruption at the State level was limitless. Bankruptcy at the economic, social and political levels was at its highest and its most significant manifestation was the poverty of more than 60% of the population in Peru. The advance of the Maoist guerrilla was more than evident in this context, and was expressed (according to government figures) in 305 guerrilla actions per month.

But the irrationality and incoherence in the story of the peace letters does not spring forth exclusively from Peru's ex-president. Both Vladimiro Montesinos and Rafael Merino, each of which lays claim to Gonzalo's capitulation, continuously resort to glaring contradictions on this topic. For example, in a secret conversation held on April 14, 1998 with U.S. agents, Montesinos says that he spent one year working to get the Peace Letters signed and that every night he had to talk to Abimael Guzman from 10 PM to 3 or 4 AM (Transcript of vladivideo 876, April 14 1998). For his part, Rafael Merino Bartet says that it took him three or four meetings to crush Guzman and lead him the point of capitulation made him realize that there was no sense in carrying on with the armed struggle, says Merino. And successively in this fashion, one after the other they take turns making up the most disparate lies. Talking about a video with images of President Gonzalo buying into the peace letters Montesinos says that it took him a year to make the recording. On the very same topic, Merino says he made a similar film but that it was made on the first days of meeting with Gonzalo. Speaking about President Gonzalo Montesinos says: he is an analyst brain philosopher, he is not just any man, that is, he speaks profoundly; he is a thinker, a very fine man, a genius, a brilliant person. (Transcript of vladivideo 876, April 14 1998). When speaking about the intellectual level of President Gonzalo Merino says: I was profoundly disillusioned. I thought I would face-off with a heavyweight but I found only a

featherweight. I got the impression of being in front of a one-book man. Abimael only knew Mao (Declarations to Caretas Magazine, May 9th 2002).

Why are there so many inconsistencies in the official story about the peace letters and President Gonzalo? Wouldn't it suffice to tell one story and settle the matter that way? The method of divulging different versions of what happened in order to hide the real story is a decades-old army and intelligence agency trick. In military jargon its called psycho-social warfare or intelligence warfare. The web of lies by Fujimori, Montesinos and Merino serves to throw the story into chaos and thereby conceal President Gonzalo's disappearance and cover up the entire scheme by way of the peace letters. These apparently harmless and oftentimes stupid stories have a well established political aim. For example, Merino says that in one of his conversations with Guzman they asked him if he would have killed us had he seized power. Obviously he said no and that instead the party would have given us important positions. We asked him which positions. He said that Dr. Montesinos would have been Minister of the Interior and that I would have been in charge of the National Intelligence Service (Caretas Magazine, May 9, 2002). Merino's invention has a concrete purpose here: to paint President Gonzalo as a poor man for whom it took merely a few weeks in prison in order to lose all traces of the class character of his organization and the socialist underground. And this to the extent that he could name Montesinos Minister of the Interior instead of serving him justice through capital punishment!

There are many other indications just like the example we have just mentioned that demonstrate that the peace letters were added to a scheme that began in 1993 and which through subtler means continues to this day. In one of the vladivideos one can see the cynicism with which Montesinos is treating the whole issue including the lies that he was telling to his closest allies. In the transcript to vladivideo no. A15-B8 Montesinos is talking to Tuleda Van Brugel. Here he says that Gonzalo told him that the interview conducted by El Diario in July 1988 never took place and that it was a scheme that he (Abimael Guzman) had authorized to prove that it took place. Montesinos tells the story of his alleged conversation with the guerrilla leader in the following way: Look, in 1988 you came out with the interview, Arce Borja did it in El Diario The Interview of the Century. Is it or is it not true? Well, he (Gonzalo) said, I really didn't do it: I never gave it, but I authorized that they do it to make it look like it took place (Audio transcription by the Congress of the Republic, October 13, 2001). The Montesinos-Tudela conversation is an exceptional example that shows how Montesinos put the most

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absurd lies into the mouth of the President. To affirm that the guerilla leader said that the interview was a fiction made up by El Diario at that instant corresponded to the government's aspirations to strike from the map the entire invaluable theoretical legacy, realized in a space of 30 years of social struggle, by the leader of the Peruvian guerrillas. "The Interview of the Century," as we call it, is an authentic document of the Peruvian revolution and one of the best examples of Peruvian journalism. Additionally, it is impossible to think that (in so far as he is alive) President Gonzalo could negate an interview that was realized in line with an accord of the First Congress of the PCP which took place in 1988. The negation of the "Interview of the Century" by Montesinos carries the same trademark as the peace letters. This chicanery has been leisurely organized with the security of knowing that the long-disappeared Gonzalo could do nothing to correct those who slandered him.

Contrary to what has officially been said, the peace letters did not seek to establish political negotiations between the guerrillas and the government. Whether its in Peru or any other country, negotiations between subversives and the State lay out contesting elements which discuss principles and demands in line with the political character of the negotiations (capitulation, diplomatic proceedings etc.) In the Peruvian case, armed struggle could never be negotiated by those bound to it, not even by its highest leaders whom, upon capture (for reasons of party security and through the application of logical norms) are isolated by the leadership of the war. As a scheme and anti-subversive plan the case of the peace letters only brought benefit to its inventors (the government). In the hypothetical case that President Gonzalo had negotiated with Montesinos, he at least had the chance to demand relief from the hard prison system where he was kept and from his cell, more than 6 meters underground. Because nothing like this has taken place publicly its absurd to think that the negotiations ever took place. Even the most ingenious of mortals knows that in the course of a

negotiation demands are made and something is won. Dealing with a guerrilla war like the one in Peru which by 1993 realized 4 thousand military activities per year, negotiations, had they taken place, would have been much more substantive and practicable. In this case, the negotiators (which have been presented as guerrilla leaders) could have come away with juicy personal benefits and, why not even liberty? It appears not to have been like this and the capitulators, like Morote, Maria Pantoja, Cox Beuzeville and others that laid themselves down like a rug before Montesinos are still in prison, just as before, and can only hit on hunger strikes to continue peddling the knick-knack of capitulation.

The Murder and virtual life of President Gonzalo

According to the sinister logic of the peace letters, President Gonzalo had to be assassinated in order resurrect later on and demand a peace accord with Fujimori. In this chapter of the secret history of the peace letters Montesinos, under the guidance of experts from the American CIA and supported by the government and the armed forces is in charge of constructing the virtual life of the guerilla leader. There was no technical or political difficulties in preparing the stage nor in presenting the peace letters as if they had originated with President Gonzalo. The money available for this was incalculable. The dollars came from drug trafficking, looting the state and direct North American collaboration. Both Montesinos and Fujimori received more than \$100,000.00 annually from drug sales. All of this with approval from the CIA. As pointed out by the article by the American journalist, Karen de Young, on several occasions the CIA argued that Montesinos was a good ally of the U.S. and that the accusations raised against him regarding human rights and narco-trafficking had not been confirmed (Washington Post, September 22, 2002). Montesinos was, in effect, the favored godson of the CIA and it is with this agency's support that Fujimori's advisor dares also to fabricate a manipulative film scheme against General MacCaffrey, the

czar in the U.S. war on drugs.

Between 1990 and 2002 the CIA secretly turned over 10 million dollars to Montesinos to fund national intelligence work. The biggest fraction of this was used to finance the fabrication of the peace letters. Apart from the money, the political classes in Peru and their parties, sinking lower in a process of total decomposition transformed into docile opponents of a regime that held complete control over the State and Civil Society. Part of this control the SIN held over the country's television, most of the daily newspapers, magazines and radio stations. As is now known, Montesinos gave millions of dollars to various television channels and to at least a dozen printed media outlets. Under these conditions and for a mob government that imposed its will by means of crime, repression and blackmail writing some letters in President Gonzalo's script and fabricating one or several videos for television posed no problem.

The virtual life of President Gonzalo, as stated by Montesinos, was a result of the inspiration from a movie. This part of the story came to light when Montesinos narrated his evildoings to Tudela, who at that time was Fujimori's ambassador to the U.N. There, while talking about the peace letters Montesinos said the following: "That's how it is and you know where I got that, from the movie. Reading the text the theme occurred to me. This work lasted a year and later the President gets to the U.N. with the letter asking for a Peace Accord. Do you remember? That letter took a year of work, a whole year (Montesinos-Tudela conversation, Audio transcription by the Congress of the Republic, 13, October 2001). Through this cinematic virtual life the guerrilla leader disappeared physically only to return to life by way of cinematic trickery and why not replaced by an actor when circumstances demanded it?"

On this last part there is testimonial proof that with certainty leads to the fact that since 1993 someone assumed the theatrical role of replacing the guerilla leader. An important proof for this conclusion was the accusation, not publicized by any media, that was delivered in a public communique (March 2001) by a group of prisoners of war at the Yanamayo penal compound. The prisoners point out that on November 22 of 2000 they were taken from

Yanamayo to penal compound at the Callao Naval Base to meet with President Gonzalo. There they were taken to lounge where they were visited after a while by a naval official and someone who was passing himself off as the leader of the Maoist guerrillas. The official said to them here's your chief and a short conversation ensued between the visitors and the alleged President Gonzalo. The conclusion arrived at by the Yanamayo prisoners concerning their encounter with the President Gonzalo they met at the naval base was that this was an quite rudimentary impostor with zero political preparation. According to the Yanamayo prisoners' narration, the person with whom they talked demonstrated no knowledge of party events and accords. In their zeal to continue to hide the truth and to continue to lie to the people with that invented peace accord, which has already failed, the reactionaries have tried to fool us by supplanting President Gonzalo. "An analysis of the facts leads us to conclude that the possibility exists that President Gonzalo has been disappeared." (Yanamayo Penal Compound Prisoners of War, March 2001).

Without a doubt, for Montesinos the fabrication of the virtual life of President Gonzalo is one of his greatest accomplishments under the service of the SIN. Placed on the anti-subversive scale, this accomplishment carried more weight than the capture of the guerrilla leader in September of 1992. This did not go unnoticed by Montesinos, who in October 2000 (without anyone having asked him) and while he was plainly out of favor, via telephone announced to Radio Programas del Peru that he saved Abimael Guzman from the firing squad. He also said that thanks to his invention, a legal decree establishing that President Gonzalo should be executed along with Mrs. Myriam Iparaguire and a third leader of the PCP was not put into effect. How can we interpret these statements by Montesinos? It is clear that he was sending a message to Fujimori, reminding him that it was he (Montesinos) who took care of eliminating President Gonzalo and of bringing him back to virtual life by means of the peace letters.

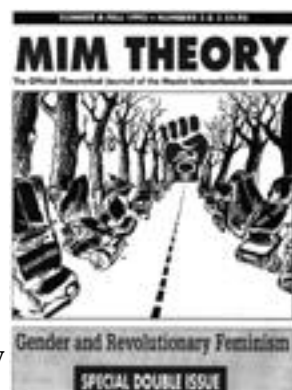
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Conference demands U.S. troops out of the Philippines now

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capitalism is characterized by crises and war. The wars are necessary to divide and re-divide colonies in the world, to put down the peoples' resistance to imperialism, and to prop up the imperialist economy with the production of the tools of war.

U.S. invades Philippines (again)

Four thousand American troops have been sent to the Philippines since September 11. According to Maza, the Filipino and American governments want American soldiers in combat situations. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is preparing for 5000 U.S. troops and an expansion beyond Mindanao (where they are currently located) to other areas of operation.

In the Filipino congress BAYAN MUNA sponsored a resolution to investigate the U.S. troops which are currently carrying out "joint military exercises" in the Philippines. These troops were sent shortly after the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center under the guise of fighting terrorism. Filipino president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (GMA) immediately offered to allow the U.S. military into the Philippines in spite of the fact that this is prohibited in the constitution of the Philippines. She got around this by inviting the troops for "military exercises" rather than military operations. The troops were purportedly sent to help train the Philippine army to fight the Abu Sayaaf, a small band of 100 thugs initially funded by the imperialists, who could easily be crushed by the Philippine military. The true goal of the American military is to help crush the strong national liberation movement in the Philippines.

During the congressional investigation into possible constitutional violations Maza had the opportunity to question military leaders responsible for the relationship with the American troops. She asked them about the difference between military operations and military exercises. The response was an admission that the American troop presence is a violation of the Filipino constitution: "It's actually almost the same. The definition of military exercises changed after September 11."

Maza made clear that even if this was not a constitutional violation the troops presence is a violation of Filipino national sovereignty and constitutes an imperialist invasion of the country. In fact, even without a military presence, Maza noted that the \$4.6 billion in U.S. aid to the Philippines is a "total sell out of the Philippines." Maza went on to ask the military leaders how long "temporary" will be (the exercises are supposed to be only temporary). No clear answer was given but the military leaders said they would consider five years to be temporary.

The U.S. troops now invading Filipino soil constitute the largest U.S. military

intervention in that country since the Fil-Am war "ended" in 1901. But this is not the first time U.S. troops have engaged in combat in the Philippines. During the Marcos regime when that corrupt government was fighting against the communist-led New Peoples Army, Green Berets assisted the reactionary Filipino military.

The New People's Army (NPA) is now on the U.S. list of terrorist organizations (expanded after the September 11 attacks) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) is being demonized and linked with Abu Sayaaf. The Communist-led NPA is not connected to Abu Sayaaf in any way. Neither is the MILF, which springs from the national liberation struggle of the Moro or Islamic people of Mindanao. They are waging a just struggle with the people of the Philippines to kick out American imperialism and its puppet government.

Discussing the political system in the Philippines Maza pointed out that "The status quo is not giving space for our divergent voices...for marginalized peoples." Noting that "The continued domination of u.s. imperialism has worsened landlessness and poverty," Maza commented "and they wonder why a growing number of Filipinos are going to the hills to join the revolutionary movement."

One speaker at the conference was part of a recent fact finding mission in Sulu, an island near Mindanao, where the AFP is carrying out military operations after training with the U.S. military.

The speaker showed slides of houses destroyed by rocket launchers and looting. People are afraid to return to their homes because if found there they will be shot, so there has been massive displacement. Banana trees are rotting along the sides of the road in Sulu while people are going hungry because no one can get to the crops. The Sulu high school was destroyed and graffiti on the walls inside read "MNLF —> BABOY" (baboy means pig). Although the Filipino and American governments claim the target is the Abu Sayaaf, this reveals their true target, the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), another organization rooted in the national struggles of the Moro people.

In the five day fact finding mission the investigators were fired upon 13 times at or near checkpoints in Sulu. They were never warned before the firing began (from helicopters), but they did notice that the children in Sulu are so used to the military attacks that they have created a chant warning that the MG520 helicopters are coming which they sing before running for cover.

As this speaker pointed out, increased U.S. military presence in the Philippines only brings increased repression of the people. In addition to the direct attacks on the people and destruction of their homes and property, more than 600,000 Filipina women and children are forced into the sex trade due to extreme poverty

in the Philippines. According to the speaker, the American military men have developed a new way to get prostitutes in the Philippines. Because they are afraid to leave the bases (for fear that the Filipino people will attack them), the American military personnel now call out to order a pizza which is brought to the base by a prostitute.

Filipinos face national oppression in Amerika and Canada

In addition to the repression Filipinos face in their country at the hands of the American government and its puppet GMA, as of the date of the conference 63 Filipinos living in the United States were arrested and deported on charges of overstaying their visas in June and July. The INS is pursuing thousands more deportations for people from Third World countries. 314,000 people are on the INS "Absconder's Apprehension List" for overstaying their visas. The United States steals the wealth from countries in Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, creating conditions of poverty for the majority of the people there, and then refuses to let these people into U.S. borders to seek work and a better life.

While the United States and Europe are closing their borders tighter, GMA is marketing Filipinos around the world as the country's top commodity. The Philippines is the number one labor exporting country with 8 million migrant workers worldwide. This has been sanctioned by government policies instituted through World Bank and International Monetary Fund structural adjustment programs.

One activist from Canada spoke of the institutionalized racism Filipinos face there. (MIM calls this national oppression because it is a systemic oppression, not just a problem of attitudes.) Immigration to Canada started in the 1960's, bringing the current count to about one half a million Filipinos in the country. One third of these were brought as domestic workers through a program that offers work in Canada with the possibility of getting citizenship in the future. Women are bonded into virtual indentured servitude through this system. The activist stated that Filipinos were the most likely group of people to have a university degree in Canada, yet they earned the least amount of money. The system of national oppression has created schools, media and a justice system that serve to keep immigrants' children in the cheap labor force. This demonstrates a contradiction in which oppressed people are largely kept out of imperialist countries which have stolen their wealth, yet imperialist country people are willing to let in certain numbers of oppressed on a conditional basis so that they can carry out the work that the labor aristocracy refuses to engage in.

Labor aristocracy rears its chauvinist head

A representative of Bayan USA correctly spoke on the militarization of the Philippines as well as the struggle of undocumented workers in the United States. While discussing of the billions of dollars being spent to fight terrorism, the speaker stated that this was being paid by U.S. taxpayers. Clearly trying to outrage Americans in the audience that they are funding these activities, the speaker missed the point that this campaign is really being paid for by stolen wealth from Third World workers such as those in the Philippines.

While this position on the imperialist country so-called workers (petty bourgeoisie) was not voiced elsewhere in conference speeches, it was clear that many participants shared this incorrect view of the labor aristocracy and the possibility to rally them to the side of the revolutionary struggle by appealing to their immediate economic concerns. At the end of the conference there was a forum to discuss and adopt a unity statement. The statement focused on the national liberation struggle in the Philippines and the anti-imperialist battle to get U.S. troops out and was overall correct though there were a few sentences subtly pandering to the American petty bourgeoisie.

The discussion began with a white labor representative standing up and criticizing the lack of the voice of labor in the conference and the lack of discussion of the workers in the statement, proposing a change in the first sentence to include "workers". Many people in the audience took up this rallying cry, agreeing that the "workers" should be represented in the statement. Most of the participants in the conference were students and a few of them questioned the need to declare that the statement was coming from "workers" when that was clearly not true. Several people in the room identified themselves as "workers" because they have jobs and one of the conference organizers moderating the discussion ended the debate by stating that we all must clearly be workers and have an interest in this struggle or we would not be there.

MIM strongly disagrees with this position taken by most of the white so-called left in Amerika and which has also seeped in to many of the organizations supporting national liberation struggles. These activists believe that the "workers" in Amerika are exploited and proletarian just like workers in the Third World. They fail to recognize that these "workers" are being paid more than the value of their labor, receiving huge bribes from the imperialists to secure their allegiance. We can not indiscriminately label everyone with a job as proletarian. This ignores materialism and the labor theory of value. And this erroneous belief that all the workers in Amerika are proletarian leads to appeals for their support that will never achieve anything more than rallying them for greater national chauvinism.

Keefe: How can one company dominate?

In the March 15 issue of MIM Notes [issue 254] an Indiana state prisoner wrote about Keefe Foods distributing company. I'm a federal prisoner and since 1993 I have often wondered how one company can virtually corner the market on commissary sales in the federal prison system across the U.S. I once asked my brother to look the company up on the Internet and find out exactly who owned it or who the major stock holders were. To supply all of the federal prisons', FCIs', camps' and detention centers' commissaries with food items such as coffee, hot sauce, peanut butter, rice, beans, jelly, etc. would seem to be a very lucrative contract.

I'm just surprised that a scandal hasn't broken out about that company such as the scandal that came to light about Vita Pro. Perhaps you'll be able to find out why that one company doesn't have any competitors.

— a Federal prisoner in California, 16 April, 2002

I was reading an article in MIM Notes 254 Under Lock & Key called "Indiana prisoners fight price fixing" and I thought y'all might be interested in looking at the commissary list we have here in Bressoria County (Texas) Jail. As you can see, the prices are pretty damn outrageous:

Noxema, 2.5 oz. \$1.70
 Pocket dictionary \$4.09
 Hot pot \$18.59
 Playing cards \$3.13

[an Indiana prisoner submitted a complete new commissary price list as well, it includes these items:

VO5 shampoo & conditioner, 15 oz. \$1.75 each
 Acne lotion, 1 oz. \$1.90
 Ivory soap, 4.5 oz. \$.65
 Efferdent, 90 count \$6.35
 Sugar Twin, 100 ct. box \$3.00
 V-8 Juice, 11 oz. Can \$.95]

An organization called the Federal Consumer Information Center publishes a book called "The Consumer Action Handbook" and distributes it free of charge to anyone who requests one. It's got a pretty sizeable list of agencies you can write who'll investigate scams like this. You can get a copy from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37594, Pittsburgh, PA 15250.

— a Texas prisoner, 28 April, 2002

MIM adds: We looked the Keefe Commissary Network and its affiliate, Keefe Supply Company, up on the Internet. Both companies are part of the Centric Group, a holding company of Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Louis, MO.(1) All of these companies are privately held, so their shares (stocks) are not traded in the public markets.(2) This

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means they are not obliged to publish information about who owns how much, or a great many other details about their business.

Keefe Supply Company was founded in 1975 and since then has become a model of the type of company that could only exist in a parasitic economy. The company individually packages products it does not manufacture (Tang, Nescafe, the items listed above and more), and distributes them to prisons from 11 service centers spread around the country.

Keefe became popular with prisons by maintaining memberships in national, state and county law enforcement associations. Some of these memberships include: American Correctional Association, Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, Georgia Wardens' Association, Mississippi Jail Association, Oregon Criminal Justice Association and West Virginia Association of Correctional Employees, to name a small handful. In other words, Keefe does business by shaking hands

and slapping backs with the stormtroopers who run and work in the u.s. criminal injustice system.

We encourage prisoners to continue to write in with information about you experiences with Keefe, and any comparisons you can make between Keefe and other commissary supply companies.

Notes:

1. http://www.stlbizdiversity.com/member_profile.asp?CompanyID=248
2. http://www.erac.com/recruit/free_enterprise.asp?navID=free&strFree=2 all other information from www.keefecommissary.net

More comrades down for the struggle in New Jersey

Hello Comrades! I'm writing in the belly of the beast here in Northern State Prison gang unit. In the May 15, 2002 MIM Notes Under Lock and Key I read

about the hunger strike that we had here. The comrade that wrote stated that after the administrator came to the unit (3-wing) and talked to a selected few of the masses [and everything ended]. This is not true at all.

I don't know what organization this comrade is claiming and that is not an important issue because we all fight to end oppression and we move as one unit. But for this comrade to state that he and a few other comrades in phase one were the only ones to stand strong throughout the whole hunger strike is bullshit. I myself and five other comrades (which is not a lot) in phase two made no movements including showers and accepted no food during that day.

Now I'm not trying to knock this comrade because I do understand where he's coming from and I'm on his side. But to that comrade, when you speak dog speak facts. As far as phase two and three no programming, I feel you, but if that's gonna happen we need to stop all movements, including showers, yard and have another hunger strike, etc. If sacrifices are going to be made they need to be made as a whole, not just one organization or phase, you feel me? And until that happens things will remain the way they are now.

In closing, we ride, we die, we live on, we conquer, we fall, we stand strong.

in struggle,

-a comrade in New Jersey, May 2002

DNA samples taken by force in Oregon

Dear MIM,

Thank you for the many newspapers covering topical discussion over issues wrought by prisoners across the nation.

Unfortunately things have transpired at this prison that need to be brought to light. This letter is sent via the location called IMU (Intensive Management Unit) a type of solitary confinement with a new catchword to replace its original intent. There is a current despotic course to force all prisoners at Oregon State Penitentiary to submit a DNA sample. Recently, and more importantly, this prisoner is facing severe reprimand for failure to comply with this order. On the 18th of April 2002 I was ordered to surrender a DNA sample. I adamantly refused.

Over the coming week perhaps events will challenge the integrity to remain civil with these hostile forces, i.e. the IMU guards. The undercurrent of silent administrative violence has, in my opinion, gone on too long and much too far.

Next week or maybe sooner, a trained team of cell extraction specialists will see their way at degrading my person in an effort to procure a blood DNA sample. While this is an interlude for the near future, attempts will transpire to coerce me to volunteer a saliva DNA sample. I will be sanctioned further by robbing me of everything personal and legal within my confines. Even my ability to correspond will be suspended. That's

why I'm writing now, because frankly there may be a long interval of time without much of any ability to correspond.

— a prisoner in OR, April 2002

Fighting censorship and repression in Oregon

Dear MIM,

I realize the difficulty you are having getting your newsletter into Oregon prisons, you aren't the only ones. I am an inmate at Snake River Correctional (Corruptional) Institution and Administrative Rules, Constitutional Rights, or even State laws, have little or no meaning with the way this 2,800 inmate Desert prison is run, especially when it comes to mail rejection and censorship. We thank you for your persistence. You finally made it through.

We are on lock-down day 7 after 3 riots happened. This institution is facing major budget cuts due to not getting the Federal Funding to support their mandatory Minimum Sentencing that state legislation conned Oregonians into voting in. Well every time the prisons in Oregon need money they threaten the public to let "violent criminals" loose, or someone conveniently escapes and after getting caught they claim to need more money to beef up security. Well this time they are implementing a new

inmate rule book with rules we are forced to break, such as: Everything must now be stored inside our property drawer (all canteen, personal papers, extra hygiene items, and non-programming books and paperwork, plus socks, underwear, magazines, etc.) However, our drawer is only 5 3/4 deep, and too small to hold certain canteen items.

This may seem like a little thing, but we will all be in violation of their rules, and not by our choosing. They can now "Bum-beef" an inmate here for any rule violation and can throw him in Seg and fine his account, and he has no recourse for due process, unless it is a Level 1 or 2 violation. This means they can simply rob the inmates here, then make them work for free (no merit pay) until their probation period is over. This is basically theft/slavery. (I am fighting this through the procedural process, just to find out, we have no leverage against any DOC policy or Employee Action unless we file civil suits against them for damages.)

Robert Lampert, was run out of Texas where he got caught with his hands in the cookie jar at the last prison he ran. Now he is Superintendent in this Institution that is so far out in the Desert that the normal rules of Oregon Prisons don't apply here. We are forced to fight for any Medical, Dental, or Eye Care by litigation. Now with these rules that basically give them free reign to just take our property, write us up, then take our

money in fines, keep us from getting our mail, rob us on the phone calls home, and now the food isn't in the budget., the inmates are just going off, and it's with each other instead of with those that are really at fault. Now Lampert can go to the public or the Feds and claim the need for more money to keep these rioting inmates controlled. 68 inmates went to the "hole." the tension was so thick, it was bound to go off, (enemies v . enemies) and you can guarantee it was all part of Robert Lampert's plan to get more taxpayers money to east the budget cuts he was going to have to face while prisoners suffer.

—a prisoner in Oregon, June 2002

Dear MIM,

I am writing to let you know that I am following up on the current rejections of MIM materials. I have been communicating with a Ms. Kathy Stevens, the SRCI mailroom coordinator, concerning the violations. She recently informed me that the directives to violate MIM's material came from the office of Rich Holder, 2575 Center St, NC, Salem, OR 97310. I have just written him and am awaiting a reply. I have included an address in case you would like to do the same.

What these fuckin' pigs are doing is bullshit! It's blatant discrimination. I wasn't even aware my materials were denied until I received a copy of your letter to the mailroom administrators. They, once again, violated their own policies by not providing me a violation notice form. When I addressed this issue I was completely ignored.

I am currently exhausting my administrative remedies so that I can take legal action. this is one revolutionary who won't give up without a fight. I'll keep you posted.

In struggle,
-a prisoner in Oregon, June 2002

MIM adds: Several prisons in Oregon are rejecting mail sent by MIM including MIM Notes, books, and many letters. The reasons for rejection vary from "MIM not authorized distributor" to "Not from publisher" (not true since this is stamped on MIM Notes and MIM Theory) to "Catalogs, advertisements, brochures, pamphlets, and materials where the primary purpose is to sell a product or service shall be prohibited" (again not true since MIM Notes does not come close to meeting this definition). Virtually all of the rejected mail is being returned unopened. This includes letters we sent to the mail room administrator to point out the error in these rejections. Apparently mail with MIM's return address is being censored categorically without review of the contents or even note of intended recipient. We ask for your support in protesting this censorship. You can write to Rich Holder at the address above.

Corruption and censorship in Tennessee

Dear MIM,

during he last week of May this year we had a murder that happened here in the seg unit. I find that hard to comprehend. That goes to show that security is too busy sexually harassing the women and stealing money here. The murder took place in the segregation unit. Upon entering the unit you are suppose to be strip searched and personal property checked thoroughly too. So how did this inmate get a knife in seg? The unit manager that runs the seg unit, James

Becker is crooked as they come, he promotes gang violence and takes money to falsify dockets. Not too long ago I was telling a friend that somebody was going to lose their life at the hands of unit manager James Becker and gang members and it happened.

Just 10 minutes ago I had a visit from the in house internal affairs. They want to know why was I communicating with trouble makers referring to MIM. So that let me know they are reading my mail as I always have suspected.

— a prisoner in TN, June 2002

MIM responds: MIM is quite aware that the prison administrators read our mail. And we know that writing to us can get prisoners branded as trouble makers themselves. Further, MIM has been branded as a "security threat group" in one prison in Tennessee, West Tennessee State Penitentiary. This institution recently rejected copies of MIM Theory sent to two separate prisoners. On the envelopes they wrote "STG Material", "Contraband" and "Not allowed due to contents." Contained inside each envelop was a copy of MIM's theory journal, which contains educational material about political theory and history.

There is no justification for labeling MIM a security threat group or "troublemakers" except that it scares the prison administration when inmates began to educate and organize themselves to demand their legal rights. MIM works with prisoners to study revolutionary politics and fight the repressive criminal injustice system. But we do this within the legal system right now. MIM will continue to demand our legal right to educate and work with prisoners.



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.

Facts on U\$ imprisonment

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

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

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

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

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

2. Ibid., 1992 report.

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

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

5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.

What is internationalism?

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

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

We Maoists believe the nationalism of nations experiencing oppression of imperialism is "applied internationalism." We oppose

nationalism of oppressed nations directed at other oppressed nations, because the economic content of such nationalism is intra-proletarian conflict. We seek a united front of oppressed nations led by the international proletariat against imperialism.

"I must argue, not from the point of view of 'my' country (for that is the argument of a wretched, stupid, petty-bourgeois nationalist who does not realize that he is only a plaything in the

hands of the imperialist bourgeoisie), but from the point of view of my share in the preparation, in the propaganda, and in the acceleration of the world proletarian revolution. That is what internationalism means, and that is the duty of the internationalist, of the revolutionary worker, of the genuine Socialist."

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



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¿Cuál es la base material del neofascismo?

¿Cuál es la postura del Partido frente a Le Pen y el crecimiento general de la derecha en Europa? Según tengo entendido, el Partido sostiene que el crecimiento del fascismo es acompañado de una caída de la socialdemocracia, es decir, al ser agotadas/encogidas fuentes de superganancias, la alianza entre la clase obrera y el capital se ve en peligro y el capital usa elementos de la clase obrera como tropas de choque con fin de controlar a la población mediante ideologías nacionalistas, racistas, etc. Pero según entiendo, el Partido sostiene que esta alianza es muy fuerte y que, desde luego, el flujo de superganancias tiene el paso libre. Entonces, ¿a qué se debe el crecimiento de la derecha?

Mi primera respuesta ha sido la idea de que conforme progresa el imperialismo y la clase obrera blanca vaya en ascenso, aparece la necesidad de mano de obra de inmigrantes (en su mayoría de color). Pero para que los inmigrantes se mantengan hundidos en el fondo del mercado laboral y ya que una discriminación racial legal es demasiado obvia, se les mantiene sumisos mediante el sistema jurídico criminal (inmigrantes ilegales) y la instigación de un racismo "natural" de la nación blanca dominante a través de

varias rutas (por ejemplo, el racismo institucional de las cortes y leyes, el cambio hacia la derecha de partidos laborales [socialdemocráticos], etc.) En este caso, el crecimiento de la derecha es una de las formas de controlar al proletariado al situarlo entre el mal policía del fascismo y el buen policía de liberales.

Pero estos argumentos parecen basarse en la conciencia falsa. Es decir, a la clase obrera blanca le va bien, pero se le ha engañado induciéndole pensar que los inmigrantes le están quitando trabajo. La postura del movimiento antiglobalización es que la clase obrera blanca está sufriendo; por lo tanto, a la falsa conciencia se le opone un verdadero mejoramiento de condiciones materiales. Si bien dicha postura puede ser falsa, por lo menos no carece de coherencia lógica. Si a la clase obrera blanca le está yendo mejor, igual o insignificativamente peor, como sostiene el Partido, entonces ¿cómo explicar el éxito de Buchanan, Le Pen Haider, neonazis por toda Europa, etc. desde el punto de vista materialista?

Obviamente, el crecimiento de la derecha no constituye una vuelta al fascismo y desde luego, lo que tenemos en el poder no es el fascismo. Por lo tanto, una respuesta podría ser que el lazo entre el fascismo y la socialdemocracia (todavía) no es la causa. Más bien los altibajos del fascismo inmanente de la socialdemocracia se dan dentro de ciertos límites materialistas basados sobre todo en cambios ideológicos/culturales. Por

lo tanto, aun si a la clase obrera blanca le va bien, su chovinismo nacional hasta cierto punto puede ser avivado sin que se de un cambio significativo de condiciones materiales.

Respuesta del MIM: Si bien sostenemos que la alianza entre los imperialistas y la aristocracia obrera aún es fuerte, no sostenemos que entre ambas clases no existen contradicciones o que diferentes alas de la burguesía no están haciendo maniobras para conseguir el respaldo de la aristocracia obrera. Tampoco sostenemos que en países imperialistas, la situación económica de cada "obrero" siempre está en ascenso.

Está claro que la tasa de desempleo de "obreros" en ciertas industrias que se encogen (por ejemplo, la industria del acero en EE.UU.) sobrepasa la de otras. Estos "obreros" están a favor de una política económica nacionalista (tarifas de protección con fin de proteger sus trabajos). Los que están desempleados creen que el acabar con la inmigración les proporcionaría trabajo.

Buchanan, Le Pen y otros muchos no solamente avivan una retórica racista, sino que también abogan por propuestas económicas y sociales concretas. De semejante forma, Hitler no simplemente logró incitar al frenesí al pueblo alemán basándose en una supuesta predisposición alemana hacia el antisemitismo. También llevó a cabo un programa económico basado en un expansionismo, preparaciones bélicas y algunas reformas socialdemocráticas que reflejaron los intereses de la pequeña burguesía y la aristocracia obrera alemanas.

Entonces el impacto del parasitismo y por lo tanto el éxito de neofascistas como Le Pen quienes están dispuestos a tomar fuertes medidas para preservarlo, es material y no ideológico. Como decimos en la página cuatro de este número, "Los desempleados no viven en un vacío. Tienen hermanos, tíos, etc. con vidas cómodas características de la clase media. Los desempleados de naciones opresoras miran a su alrededor y ven que la gran mayoría de gente blanca lleva este tipo de vida debido a una explotación del tercer mundo. Al darse cuenta de esta situación, Le Pen calculó de una forma correcta los sentimientos de los desempleados blancos franceses. Este no es el caso de desempleados de la nación opresora de Francia que al mirar a su alrededor, vieron una necesidad de un cambio radical de sistemas. Lo que ellos creen como mucho es que una expulsión de todos los extranjeros les proporcionará trabajos que ya tiene el resto de la nación opresora francesa. Por lo tanto, el votador de Le Pen, si bien aboga por un cambio, no cree que tiene que ser un tipo de cambio que eche abajo al entero carro político sino que solamente al carro de los extranjeros. Es por esa razón que los desempleados acogieron el parasítico mensaje militar de Le Pen".

El MIM promueve fronteras abiertas en una marcha por la legalización de inmigrantes

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Los Ángeles

En una marcha del 1 de Mayo por la legalización de inmigrantes indocumentados, los respaldantes del MIM recogieron alrededor de 100 firmas endosando nuestra demanda de "Abrir la frontera estadounidense" con México y oponerse a la "Operación Guardián!" lanzada por el Servicio de Inmigración yanqui (INS). Desde su comienzo en 1994, la "Operación Guardián!" ha asesinado a más de 740 inmigrantes que estaban tratando de cruzar la frontera con fin de buscar empleo en EE.UU. Son cientos de personas más que las que murieron en un intento de cruzar la frontera alemana entre el este y el oeste durante más de 25 años de su existencia- un hecho que ha sido injuriado bastante por la propaganda yanqui.

Casi todas las personas a las que nos acercamos con la solicitud nos trataron con simpatía y aprobación; muchos nos aconsejaron que "siguiéramos con el esfuerzo" y nos desearon suerte con las firmas. Nuestros camaradas que no hablaban español presentaron la solicitud tanto en inglés como en español contando con el apoyo de manifestantes bilingües y la paciencia de la gente con fin de hacer oídas nuestras demandas.

Una muchacha blanca de Orange County pensó que estaba bien extender el estatus legal a trabajadores dentro del país pero no quiso ver las fronteras abiertas para todos los inmigrantes. Según su aseveración, en California del Sur ya había demasiada gente y el tráfico era verdaderamente insoportable. Un camarada del MIM señaló que ni siquiera los inmigrantes dentro de EE.UU. tienen carros porque se les paga muy mal y que la causa del tráfico era el expansivo deseo yanqui de obtener casas unifamiliares en las afueras de centros urbanos. Este estilo de vida requiere un aumento adicional de mano de obra barata para construir casas, poner céspedes, cuidar a los niños y limpiar casas.

Unas brigadas antidisturbios del Departamento de Policía de Los Ángeles- muchos vestidos de uniformes antidisturbio y agarrados a sus armas y palos- saludaban a los manifestantes a lo largo del camino. En el cuartel de policía, un escuadrón de caballería de unas 25 personas- los caballos con yelmos de cabeza- hizo su presencia.

La Red de Organización de Trabajadores Inmigrantes Multiétnicos (MIWON) organizó la marcha del 1 de Mayo con fin de exigir "una verdadera legalización" de trabajadores indocumentados "por medio de permanente estatus legal y ciudadanía que no deben limitarse a ningún país de origen o industria de trabajo".

¿Que es el MIM?

El Movimiento Internacionalista Maoísta (MIM) es un partido revolucionario comunista que ejerce el Marxismo-Leninismo-Maoísmo. El MIM es una organización internacionalista que trabaja desde el punto de vista del proletariado del Tercer Mundo; es por esto que sus miembros no son americanos sino ciudadanos del mundo.

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