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## U.S.-Arroyo regime launches 'all-out war' on communists

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered troops operating against the Abu Sayaaf bandit gang to move against the Communist-led New People's Army on August 5. She also threatened militant trade unions: "We will wage war against criminals, terrorists, drug addicts, kidnapers, smugglers and those who terrorize factories that provide jobs."(1)

Macapagal-Arroyo unveiled her new all-out war policy at a news conference reminiscent of Corazon Aquino's "I will unsheath my sword of war" speech. Both Macapagal-Arroyo and Aquino came to power making verbal concessions to anti-fascist mass movements such as promising land reform or sincere peace talks with the Communists. Both have now reneged on those promises.

The August 5 news conference came just after U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell visited Macapagal-Arroyo. The U.S. Attorney General placed the New People's Army on a list of so-called "terrorist groups" after September 11.(2)

Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, spokesperson for the Communist Party of the Philippines, said the party would "intensify the armed struggle" in response to the declaration of all-out war and the threat of American intervention. He attributed Macapagal-Arroyo's



The revolutionary forces are aligned against Arroyo and her Amerikan puppet-masters.

aggressive policy to her American handlers. "This declaration is tied to the objective of ensuring the permanent presence of American troops and paving the way for their direct intervention in the counterrevolutionary war." (See

articles on this page and page 4.)

It has been clear since hundreds of American troops arrived on the Philippine island of Mindanao in January to "train" Philippine soldiers to fight the

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## Philippine Communists: We will defeat reactionaries' all-out war

CPP Information Bureau  
August 6, 2002

Communist Party spokesman Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal today declared that the revolutionary movement "will defeat the all-out war of the US-Macapagal-Arroyo regime."

In a statement released to the media, Rosal said that the CPP will "intensify the armed revolution nationwide." The revolutionary forces, he added, will "continue expanding and strengthening the revolutionary mass base and launch tactical offensives especially against the weak points of the reactionary enemy."

"It will launch a patriotic war the moment American troops directly intervene in the counterrevolutionary war and enter the territories of the People's Revolutionary Government," Rosal declared.

"Macapagal-Arroyo's [regime] will definitely suffer a backlash from her declaration of all-out war against the revolutionary forces," Rosal said. "The correctness of the Party and the revolutionary forces' stand against the pro-imperialist and fascist policies of the current reactionary regime is becoming ever clearer to the people."

"Even before this declaration," Rosal reveals, "there has been a marked increase in the number of people, both in the countryside and cities, wishing to join the New People's Army and other revolutionary organizations led by the Party."

Rosal further stated that "Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of an all-out war against the revolutionary movement is in conformity to US instructions dictated to her by US State Secretary Colin Powell in their talks the other day."

Rosal said that such a declaration is part of the "US-designed publicity

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## Mayor of Hiroshima blasts 'Pax Americana'

The mayor of Hiroshima criticized the United States on August 5 while commemorating the 57th anniversary of the American nuclear attack on his city. "Mayor Akiba Tadatoshi lamented the world's growing tendency to forget the horrors of the atomic bomb and told his audience that the dangers of nuclear war were rising.

"Akiba invited [U.S. President] Bush to Hiroshima 'to confirm with his own eyes what nuclear weapons can do to human beings' and lashed out at

Washington.

"America has not been given the right to impose a 'Pax Americana' and to decide the fate of the rest of the world," Akiba said. "Rather, we, the people of the world, have the right to insist that we have not given you [the United States] the authority to destroy the world."(1)

MIM agrees with Mr. Akiba. MIM's politics are driven by the simple conviction that humyn survival rights—including the right not to have the humyn race blown up by crazy militarists—come before the supposed right to profit.

Capitalists profit off of war and the divisions that lead to war. Their profits even make

them willing to risk nuclear war, which some of own spokespeople believe is inevitable.(2)

Only the alternative of communism—as difficult as that will be to achieve—can eliminate the root problems of humyn conflict: production for profit, the class system, conflicts over

land etc.

Japan's defeat in World War II and the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in particular taught the Japanese people some harsh anti-militarist lessons. Mr. Akiba's charge that the United States is risking world destruction is one example of that, as is the city of Hiroshima's museum dedicated to eliminating nuclear weapons.(3)

The United States is bound to suffer similar defeats—indeed it already has, as in Vietnam. These future defeats will destroy the imperialists' ability to make

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## Stop UC Berkeley's inquisition

A New York prisoner wrote the following letter to Chancellor Robert Berdahl of the University of California at Berkeley.

Dear Chancellor,

I recently read in MIM Notes publication an article regards to your "zero-tolerance policy" at the University of California. It seems that this policy was directly targeted at the (SJP) Students for Justice in Palestine organization that were holding political demonstrations to educate the public of your university's direct contribution through financial aid to the Israeli occupation of Palestine. The Constitution of the U.S. (Const. Amendment I) gives the citizens of the country the absolute right to petition for redress of grievances and freedom of speech. These are two distinct clauses within the First Amendment. By arresting numerous

individuals and threatening suspension from school to students these are fascist acts that one could expect from Hitler or Mussolini in order to quiet popular dissent.

I'm asking that the charges brought against these individuals be dropped, the Inquisition put to a cease. Additionally, I'm asking that any aid given to companies such as Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, General Electric Corp., etc. be discontinued because these same individual corporations are turning around and using these funds to supply Israel with the military capability to carry out it's on going repression of the Palestinian freedom movement for self-determination. The senseless taking of land ever since 1948 and displacing of Palestinians has to stop. The hunger, devastation, disease and hopelessness that is caused by the Israeli occupation has to cease. You can do your part in this internationalist movement by advocating and promoting the right to free speech without worry of repression and the divestment of all financial dealings with companies named above and those that

support the Israeli occupation. I thank you for taking the time out to read my petition. God bless.

**Respectfully submitted,  
[a New York prisoner]**

On June 7th all criminal charges against the students were dismissed in court and each protestor is to receive a "factual findings of innocence." On campus, the UC administration has lifted the suspension of SJP thanks to many supporters who expressed their disgust at the administrations actions. However, they continue to threaten 41 UC Berkeley students who participated in the sit-in with harsh student conduct charges and severe academic sanctions, including a year of academic suspension. So letters such as the one above are still needed.

To get involved in the campaign to get the UC schools divested from Israel you can download a petition here: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/cal/DivestPetition.pdf>

**Letters can be addressed to:**

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

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

# California DOC guts legal aid visitation rights

## Decision comes after rejecting restrictions on family visitation

The California Department of Corrections (CDC) recently rejected proposed restrictions on prisoners' contact with family members at the end of the period for public comment on August 9. This decision came after activists loudly criticized the CDC.

The CDC then added new limitations on prisoners' contact with legal aid workers. The new regulations limit attorney-client privilege and bar law students and legal aid workers who are not lawyers from visitation. For most

prisoners volunteer legal help from non-lawyers is essential to maintain their access to the courts, needed to help fight against repressive and inhuman conditions in prisons.

MIM and RAIL collected petition signatures and letters to send to the CDC demanding that the CDC allow prisoners their constitutionally guaranteed rights to legal representation; that they remove all new wording of the Attorney Visitations and Consultations section; and demanding that a public hearing take place on these new regulations. However the CDC approved the limitations after a short comment period ending August 9 and no public hearing.

The rewrite of California DOC

visitation policies began in March. The first round of proposed changes in the CDC visiting rules made it very difficult for people to visit their relatives and friends in prison, cutting off visitation entirely for inmates with more severe sentences. The rules would have required preteens to undergo federal background checks before visiting their parents in prison; required all inmate visitors, including minors, to provide a completed CDC Form 106 and obtain institution/facility approval before being permitted to visit an inmate; required minors over the age of 7 to present picture proof of identity before being permitted to visit (only legal ID's, as with adult visitors); and cut off family visits for higher

custody and life sentence inmates, those in segregation or secure housing units, or who have been found guilty of violating certain regulations. These restrictions were clearly counter to any notion of rehabilitation as studies have shown that regular visits reduce recidivism among prisoners.

MIM collected hundreds of petition signatures to protest these new proposed policies, which were sent to the CDC. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the CDC received more than 2000 letters of protest in response to these new regulations. Most of the visitation limiting changes were removed in the second draft of the visitation proposals

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## U.N. report Afghanistan massacre doesn't corroborate U.S. story

The final UN report on the Amerikan raid on the Afghan village of Kakarak reveals that U.S. troops returned to the scene right after the massacre to clean up traces of blood, shrapnel and bullets.(1) The July 30th report also says the Americans tied the hands of Afghan womyn behind their backs and filmed dead bodies.(2) Amerikan planes bombed a wedding party at the village on July first, claiming they came under anti-aircraft fire.(3)

Participants in Afghan weddings often fire rifles in the air, but witnesses to say the July first wedding party fired no weapons. The Americans also argued

that the village was a Taliban stronghold. However, according to the UN report, "the affected compound [in Kakarak] belonged to an active anti-Taliban fighter."(4)

The imperialist military does not care how many civilians it kills as long as it accomplishes its mission: to ensure world hegemony and continue extracting super-profits from the Third World. Bombing a wedding and then covering it up were not just mistakes, they were a part of the pattern of U.S. military oppression throughout the world. Nor was this attack the first to cause civilian deaths since the so-called "war on

terrorism" began. Independent estimates of Afghan deaths directly due to the war range from 1,000- 3,000 people. The number including deaths due to starvation, exposure, illness, or injury due to the war is up to 6,000.(3)

Mao said that "U.S. imperialism is the adversary of the people of the world." As proletarian internationalists we must

continually bring to light the horrific nature of U.S. imperialism and unite with the oppressed peoples of the world in their struggle against it.

Notes:

1. BBC News, 30 Jul 2002.
2. BBC News, 29 Jul 2002.
3. MIM Notes 262, 15 Jul 2002.
4. Reuters. 29 Jul 2002.

## A call for MIM Notes sponsors and distributors!

MIM Notes has seen a big spike in circulation since the "war on terrorism" began. It's not surprising: MIM Notes is a free and independent newspaper. Yes, there are especially now knee-jerk patriots who believe everything Bush says and pass by a chance to read MIM Notes. There are other patriots and internationalists who realize that at this time papers like MIM Notes can undo the huge spectacle that Uncle Sam is creating for its own benefit.

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## 'RCP-USA' runs from questions at [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info)

MIM runs the foremost website amongst all those calling themselves Maoist on the Internet by number of users and breadth of content. In fact, MIM's struggle to support the People's War in Peru and elsewhere has been unparalleled on the Internet since the late 1980s (and recorded by Google since 1992.)

The only website calling itself "Maoist" that could claim higher traffic would be the "Afghan Liberation Organization," ALO, which especially since September 11th has had a hand in web pages that are in hot demand.

This has not stopped organizations such as the "RCP-USA" from calling MIM "small" and "isolated" every chance it gets—as if size were the issue and not political line. July comments at the "RCP-USA"'s website [www.2changetheworld.info/home-en.php](http://www.2changetheworld.info/home-en.php) are indicative. We at MIM encourage people not to pay attention to MIM just because our web readership is relatively high or highest amongst the organizations calling themselves "Maoist."

There are simply not enough MIM members to be everywhere that they should be. That is why organizations that compare size instead of line and party requirements end up as opportunists, bourgeois infiltrators. By size alone, and with the "RCP-USA"'s class line, the "CP-USA" or the "Democratic Party" would be better choices.

The "RCP-USA" is not the only small organization pointing to other small organizations and asking "where were

you on X day in Y city"? This is also a favorite tactic of the Spartacist League, which also demonstrates its opportunism of reducing questions to one of numbers of people. Marx, Lenin and Mao called this kind of approach in general "empiricism," because it hinges on one fact (typically a favorite protest) without generalizing correctly to a level of principle.

The ONLY principled way for one small organization to criticize another or for a large organization to criticize a small one is to compare party requirements for membership. If in fact MIM members do not have high work requirements relative to the "RCP-USA"'s, that might be worth discussing. MIM raised this point on its Yahoo! group "Maoism" only to receive deafening silence from the "RCP-USA." The very fact that the "RCP-USA" has always raised the "small" thing against MIM indicates that they are not Maoist, but rather sizeist pragmatists.

Otherwise, without MIM's scientific approach to this question, what happens is that we assume that larger organizations must be superior, when in fact, they could be bourgeois organizations like the Democratic Party. Such a question has to be determined scientifically, not by counting bodies. The "RCP-USA" may be larger in a membership sense than MIM, but its influence is bourgeois influence, influence representing the labor

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# Arroyo's declaration of all-out war dictated by Colin Powell

Statement by Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal  
Spokesperson for the Communist  
Party of the Philippines  
August 6, 2002

Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of all-out war against the revolutionary movement conforms to US orders dictated to her by US Secretary of State Colin Powell during their talks the other day. This declaration is tied to the objective of ensuring the permanent presence of American troops and paving the way for their direct intervention in the counterrevolutionary war.

This declaration of all-out war is part of an entire US-designed scheme that will end with Macapagal-Arroyo "solicitation" of US assistance in its effort to fight the NPA.

Even before this declaration, the US and Macapagal-Arroyo had already planned the next "exercises" outside the Abu Sayyaf areas, and in the territories of the New People's Army and the organs of political power of the revolutionary movement.

After allegedly breaking the backbone of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group, the US-Macapagal Arroyo regime is now

focusing attention on the New People's Army. Based on arrangements that have undergone continuous modifications, there are bigger openings for direct intervention by US troops like what had already been started in Basilan.

"The war on terrorism does not distinguish between ordinary terrorists and those espousing a political ideology," said chief puppet Arroyo, who insisted on turning a blind eye to the difference between the revolutionary people's army on the one hand, and bandits and criminal syndicates on the other. Chief puppet GMA also insinuated that her all-out war would encompass even the legal and democratic mass movement. Said the chief puppet, "We will wage war on criminals, terrorists, drug addicts, kidnapers, smugglers and those who terrorize factories that provide jobs."

We were not at all surprised by Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of all-out war. In fact, the AFP's all-out counterrevolutionary war has been raging in the countryside for several months now.

As soon as she took power in January 2001, Macapagal-Arroyo secretly ordered massive assaults by the terrorist AFP and PNP on guerrilla fronts even as

she declared that her government would pursue the peace talks with the NDFP. Before long, Macapagal-Arroyo discarded the peace talks.

Since the third quarter of 2001, thousands of AFP troops have been deployed by the Macapagal-Arroyo regime against the revolutionary movement. Along with the AFP's rampage against the people of Basilan, Sulu and Zamboanga, the fascist troops have also been wreaking widespread havoc on hundreds of thousands of people in Southern Tagalog (particularly in Laguna and Oriental Mindoro), Cagayan Valley (especially in Isabela), Central Luzon (especially in Tarlac and Pampanga), Central Visayas (especially in Bohol) and other areas where the revolutionary movement is widespread and strong.

In Southern Tagalog alone, hundreds of ordinary civilians have been victimized by rampant killings, massacres and mass arrests and imprisonment, with the hapless victims always accused of being NPA members or supporters. Most of the slain civilians were activists and leaders of mass organizations actively fighting for the rights and welfare of their respective

sectors.

The revolutionary movement is ever ready for the all-out war declaration of any chief stooge of the puppet republic. It has never been fazed by any threat of brutal attack by the puppet republic's mercenary troops and even by the presence of, and threats of aggression from, American troops.

The Party, the people's army and the revolutionary movement will respond by intensifying the armed struggle and launching tactical offensives on the weakest sections of the enemy.

The Party stands ready to lead a patriotic war the moment American troops wage direct intervention, which includes entering the territory of the People's Revolutionary Government.

The succession of out-and-out puppet regimes-Marcos, Aquino, Ramos and Estrada - all tried to destroy, crush and annihilate the revolutionary movement. They all failed miserably. Filipino revolutionaries and communists are certain that the puppet Macapagal-Arroyo regime will likewise fail to subjugate the Filipino people's revolutionary and patriotic struggle.

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campaign that will end with Macapagal-Arroyo asking for US help in its effort to fight the NPA."

According to Rosal, the US and Macapagal-Arroyo governments want to "justify the incursion of American troops into the guerrilla zones." He said that this will take the form of "exercises," extension of military support, setting up of "infrastructures for military campaigns" and "direct participation in counter-guerrilla operations."

The all-out war declaration, he said, "is tied to the objective of ensuring the permanent presence of American troops and paving the way for their direct intervention in the counterrevolutionary war."

"The US is itching to directly get involved in the all-out war against the CPP-led revolutionary movement—one among those the US dreadfully fears,"

Rosal added.

Rosal said that the CPP and the revolutionary movement are not at all surprised by Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of an all-out war. In fact, he added, the AFP's all out counterrevolutionary war has been raging in the countryside for several months

now.

He assailed the AFP for "wreaking widespread havoc on the people" in Oriental Mindoro, Laguna, Isabela, Tarlac, Pampanga and Bohol where "the revolutionary movement is widespread and strong."

## What is militarism?

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

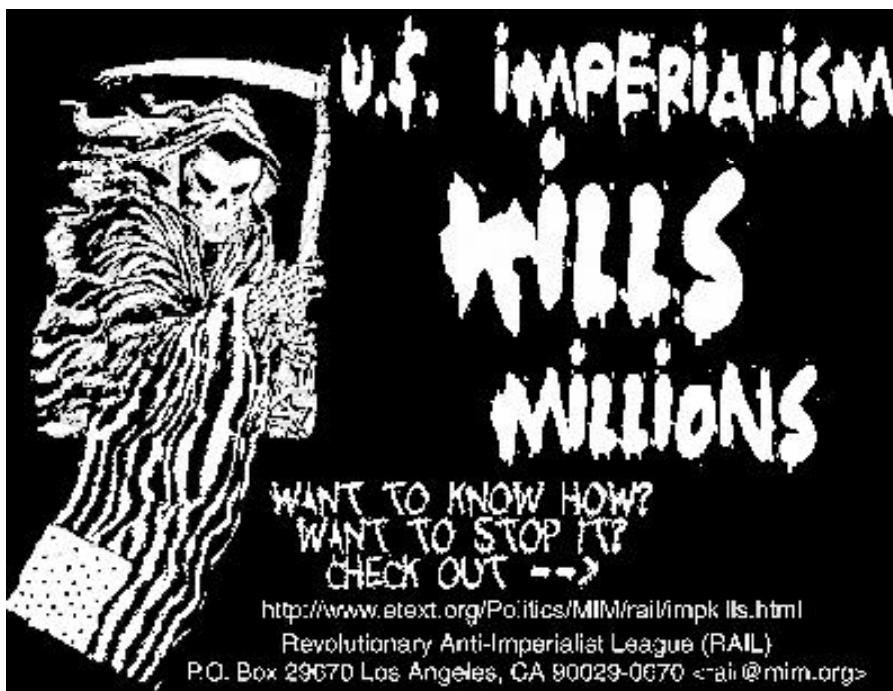
While true pacifists condemn all violence as equally repugnant, we Maoists do not consider self-defense or the violence of oppressed nations against imperialism to be militarism. Militarism is mostly caused by imperialism at this time. Imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism—seen in countries 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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# U.S. soldier shoots Filipino civilian

## Amerika sends more military aid to the Philippines

Just after the U.S. Congress approved another \$55 million in military aid for the Philippines (1) an American soldier shot a Filipino civilian. The soldier was one of over 1,000 American troops in the Philippines engaged in so-called training exercises with the Philippine military.

Three soldiers armed with Armalite rifles kicked open the door of the home to the Isnijal family while they were asleep in their beds around midnight on July 25. There were eight civilians in the house, including a baby, three children and an elderly woman. The military had no arrest warrant. One of the soldiers was American.(2)

The soldiers ordered Buyong-buyong Isnijal to lay on his back on the floor. Without provocation the American soldier shot him in the thigh. Isnijal's wife Juraida then fought with one of the soldiers and who struck her on her palm and face with his rifle barrel. The soldiers fired two more shots and all residents of the house ran outside except the wounded

man.

According to doctors the American soldier who shot Isnijal brought him to the hospital accompanied by two other Americans and fifteen Filipino soldiers. The Filipinos later transferred Isnijal to the Southern Command and he has not been heard from since. No one is sure of his whereabouts or whether he is alive.(2)

The International Solidarity Mission (ISM), a group of 40 people from various organizations investigating the misconduct of the American military in the Philippines, conducted an emergency investigation into the shooting incident and was the first to expose the shooter as an American soldier. The ISM also documented other incidents of human rights violations perpetrated by the U.S. troops.(3)

Filipino President Macapagal-Arroyo accused the ISM and others investigating the incident of defending the Abu Sayyaf. The U.S. and Philippine governments justify the presence of American troops in Mindanao, saying they are there to fight the small "terrorist" Abu Sayyaf gang.

Philippine congresspersyn Satur

Ocampo responded, "[We] are not defending the Abu Sayyaf. What we are doing is defending the right of a Filipino individual to due process and to be considered innocent until proven guilty. What we are against is the blatant disregard for human rights; and the US troops' reckless breaking of the Terms of Reference. An American soldier shot the unarmed Isnijal and the AFP allowed it."(4)

The Terms of Reference are rules allegedly governing American soldiers' conduct in the Philippines. The U.S.-Macapagal-Arroyo regime drew them up to deflect correct criticism that the presence of American troops in the Philippines violates Philippine sovereignty. The Terms of Reference forbid American soldiers from participating in combat operations or firing their weapons, except in self defense. This incident shows that the Terms of Reference are a sham.

The lackey Macapagal-Arroyo regime wants to extend military exercises with American soldiers and recently allowed more than 4000 American troops onto Filipino soil. Macapagal-Arroyo and her

American handlers have opportunistically used the tiny Abu Sayyaf and the "war on terrorism" to justify American intervention, but the bigger target is the Communist-led revolutionary movement. Macapagal-Arroyo's order to re-deploy troops from Abu Sayyaf to Communist-controlled areas is an example of that (see page 1).

There is a strong revolutionary movement in the Philippines, led by the Communist Party of the Philippines, which is fighting an armed struggle against the imperialists. The American government fears their power and pours more and more aid into its lackey-Filipino government. But the just struggle of the people of the Philippines will not be stopped. And those of us fighting the battle within U.S. borders must do our part to help this struggle by demanding an immediate end to all American military aid to the Philippines.

Notes:

1. Manila Times, July 26, 2002.
2. KARAPATAN Press Release, www.karapatan.org , 29 Jul 29, 2002.
3. ISM News Release, July 27, 2002
4. ISM News Release, July 29, 2002

# U.S.-Arroyo regime launches 'all-out war' on communists

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Abu Sayyaf that the New People's Army would be next. Philippine General Angelo Reyes admitted as much.(3) The general staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines does not deny that troops which operated with the Americans will be deployed against the New People's Army.(1)

(American soldiers have not limited themselves to "training" Philippine soldiers. They participated in at least one raid and shot a Filipino civilian. See story page 5.)

The Communist-led revolutionary movement has made great advances since it re-affirmed its Maoist roots in the mid-1990s. According to the Philippine military, "Barangays [villages] influenced by the NPA increased from 445 in 1995 to 1,969 barangays in 2001 and to 2,262 this year. In the first six months of the year, the NPA added five new guerilla fronts, according to the military."(1) The Communist Party of the Philippines says the number of Red fighters increased by 222 percent from 1980 to 2001 and 53 percent from 1994 to 2001.(6)

The Communists are not the only ones wary of American intervention. Vice President Philippine Teofisto Guingona Jr. "said he feared the US military would use the new doctrine [Bush's 'first strike' policy] to unilaterally go after communist rebels or Islamic militants in the Philippine countryside." "What example

will the US give were she herself to pursue the pre-emptive strike policy?" Guingona. "Would this not negate negotiations and inflame the two countries (India and Pakistan) into open conflict with nuclear consequences?"

Guingona recently lost his job as Foreign Secretary over differences with President Macapagal-Arroyo on the presence of American troops in the Philippines.

## More and more despotic

The May First Movement (KMU), an alliance of militant trade unions, blasted Macapagal-Arroyo for equating kidnappers, smugglers and other criminals with workers. "Now she regards legitimate and democratic workers' activities like strikes and protest mass actions as acts of terrorism," said KMU Secretary for Federation Affairs Joel Maglunsod. "These are brazen violations of workers rights with impunity. We are deeply alarmed with her militarist attitude. She's becoming more and more despotic everyday."

"But if Arroyo's militarist regime wishes to inflict brutalities on the militant workers movement then KMU is ready to give her a good fight. We will continue even more educating and organizing workers. We will launch massive protest actions until she is ousted from the presidency."

In fact, if anybody deserves the

"terrorist" label, it's Macapagal-Arroyo and her thugs who try hard to keep workers unorganized and wages low. "When workers try to organize genuine unions, their leaders and organizers are instantly removed from their jobs," continued Maglunsod. "When they resort to protest actions and strikes to seek for economic relief, they are met with the most brutal forms of police and military attacks, like getting clubbed, arrested and detained. Some of their leaders are even killed."(4)

Philippine police wounded more than a hundred people as they tried to disperse demonstrators during Macapagal-Arroyo's State of the Nation Speech in July.(5)

Notes:

1. Philippine Daily Inquirer, www.inq7.net, 6 Aug 2002.
2. MIM Notes 247, 1 Dec 2001.
3. MIM Notes 253, 1 Mar 2002.
4. KMU News Release, 6 Aug 2002.
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6. Central Committee, Communist Party of the Philippines, Message on the 33rd Anniversary of the New People's Army, 29 Mar 2002.

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# 'RCP-USA' identity politics include security risk

Despite trying hard to sound like MIM on the question of identity politics, the "RCP-USA" could not help using post-modernism and identity politics to do the ruling class's work on [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info). In July, the "RCP-USA" said that the only difference between our positions on the Black nation's right to self-determination, despite previous arguments contrary on the [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info) is that the "RCP-USA" actually has Black members. Having baited MIM this way, the "RCP-USA" on July 22nd, then goes on to ask the racial background of all MIM members, saying "correct me if I'm wrong." The "RCP-USA" then cut off the thread including postings from a MIM supporter—as if to leave the impression that MIM supporters were speechless after such comments. (Postings continued on [www.yahogroups.com/group/Maoism](http://www.yahogroups.com/group/Maoism).)

It is always the approach of the post-modernists and identity politics people to care about individual demographics instead of scientific line struggle. The police find this very useful, especially in public forums like [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info). It is one way to stir up resentment within organizations and cause them to split with

college-educated on one side against those who don't have college education, gay versus heterosexual, young versus old etc., etc.

Later, in regard to an interview with Bob Avakian about whether white proletarians exist or not, the "RCP-USA" could not help pointing out that the individual doing the interview was Black. There was a special message just on that point, all the while claiming to oppose identity politics.

By the way, even if the "RCP-USA" adopted MIM's line on national self-determination, which it has not, the "RCP-USA" would still oppose what we have called the "re-civilization stage" of the dictatorship of the proletariat or preparation for such dictatorship of the proletariat. We at MIM believe state power is necessary to undercut the chauvinism of the white oppressor nation, by erasing the super-profits that have caused the white population to be an enemy of the international proletariat. In contrast, the "RCP-USA" believes that the people who let off Vincent Chin's killer, the people who let off Rodney King's attackers and the people who in their 90% have favored bombing Libya, war on Iraq and destruction of Afghanistan can really change their

minds by "public opinion" or cultural work without first erasing the super-profits and other aspects of the relations of production that give rise to their chauvinism. That's why we call the "RCP-USA" New Age idealists along with their bolder version, the "Progressive Labor Party." They do not think state power is necessary to make these people truly revolutionary and they ignore what Stalin told the Germans after World War II, that they were not ready or qualified to build socialism right away. Both the PLP and "RCP-USA" will simply end up re-labeling reactionary phenomena as revolution, putting some new oppressor faces in power and establishing social-imperialism.

The "RCP-USA" cannot emerge from identity politics. There are many too many obstacles for it. One is that it needs to go on talking about a minority of white workers in order to justify its overall line that the majority is exploited. Any real facts about the white majority would quickly prove the MIM line, so the "RCP-USA" needs to tell long and tall tales about individual oppressed whites. Secondly, it has always been the "RCP-USA"'s practice to use the struggles of Third World peoples to shield their own revisionism. That is how RIM has

functioned and the "RCP-USA" has found success in recruiting philistines this way, people who want to use other militant struggles for their own ends. The "RCP-USA" is so used to this approach that twice in trying to change the subject from the U.S. class structure in [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info), the "RCP-USA" raised questions about the Russian Maoist Party. Finally, since the Black Panther Party already proved the validity of its approach, the "RCP-USA" needs to sidestep that history and attack those whites backing the Black Panther approach while raising more pragmatist-empiricist criteria such as whether or not MIM is small or all-white.

As MIM has pointed out before, in its web page FAQ, it is a cop tactic to divide organizations based on identity politics and demographic differences. People who cannot keep their mouth shut when baited with cop-tactics and people who do not know how to promote unity in such situations are ready prey for the ruling class. MIM teaches people this, while the "RCP-USA" ignores history and practices something indistinguishable from what cops have always done against revolutionaries.

## 'RCP-USA' runs from questions at [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info)

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aristocracy.

Someone calling him or herself "Pancho Villa" observed at [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info) the following, posted July 25th in the National Liberation section: "I've been an activist, on and off, for about 10 years. I've been involved in green, anti-war, anti-imperialist, anti-cop, anti-prison, activities over the years. I know that the majority of posters here are associated with the RCP and like to take jabs at those like MIM or PLP who also claim to be Maoist. But, claiming that MIM is 'clearly isolated,' implying that they are an irrelevant sect, seems a bit funny to us uninitiated folks. I don't consider myself new to revolutionary politics, I've been around, and I've never seen any participation from any Maoist groups in any of our local struggles. Seeing the RCP imply that MIM is a sect, just seems like the same old game of the pot calling the kettle black. Are you sure you aren't Trotskyists — arguing about who is and who isn't a sect?"

The real point of the "RCP-USA"'s criticisms of MIM on this question was to change the subject. The "RCP-USA" criticism occurred in a website thread that is supposed to be about national liberation, surplus-value and statistics on the class structure. The "RCP-USA" has gone on record refusing to detail the inflow of surplus-value into the United States through its polemics with MIM. Several "RCP-USA" members are members of MIM's Yahoo group on

"Maoism" and one has even posted an article there criticizing MIM, but no "RCP-USA" member has ever posted an article anywhere answering MIM's pointed question to it: "how much surplus-value is coming into the United States from abroad; where does it come from and what is the effect on the U.S. class structure, quantitatively speaking?"

Again and again, these social-imperialist "comrades" from the "RCP-USA" have dismissed the question as either "academic" or not related to "practice." Clearly the "practice" they are talking about is not abolishing exploitation. Their "practice" also includes not being willing to disown the German "workers" of 1943, 1944 and 1945 who never overthrew Hitler, and in fact, fought for him to the bitter end and demonstrated their parasitic, not proletarian nature in the most clarifying way possible. Quite the contrary, the "RCP-USA" line pushed out on [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info) opposes foreign invasion of the oppressed to bring down oppressors—a direct slap at Stalin and also at Mao who had Lin Biao published on this subject in 1965.

The definition of sectarianism is not an organization that is "small." Sectarials as Mao defined them put their organization's interests above those of the international proletariat, and in fact, as the Chinese comrades pointed out over and over again in their history, they also started "small."

Sectarials typically break off united action over bitterness regarding scientific

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struggles of principle. Many people calling MIM "sectarian" are in fact "sectarian" themselves by this definition.

The "RCP-USA" and the "Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany" (MLPD) are both on record as saying that questions regarding the leadership of the proletariat affect what they say about the nature of the class structure. That means they put the handful in the organization above the interests of the international proletariat.

The "MLPD" has openly come out to say that it does not see a massive petty-bourgeois majority in Germany, "because that would justify having petty-bourgeois leaders." Since the current leader of the MLPD is an industrial worker, who wants to claim not being petty-bourgeois, the answer is sectarian, putting the needs of the organization leaders first and the scientific understanding of millions of people second. Likewise, the "RCP-

USA" says it is "irresponsible" to tell the truth about the U.S. class structure and that it means that individual leaders of the organizations are "capitulating."

In any case, we respond to this only because of the variety of low-level attacks by the "RCP-USA" on MIM at the [www.2changetheworld.info](http://www.2changetheworld.info), attacks that never enter the real questions of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. We are sure many readers grow tired of this, since they do not care about the "RCP-USA" anyway and question MIM on many levels as well, but we simply conclude that the only real standard for resolving such questions is the comparison of party requirements per member, not by comparing size of organizations. With this principle we hope to have provided a helpful scientific approach to compare parties that cuts through reformism and pragmatism.

# On the dangers of nuclear holocaust

*The Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) passed the following resolution at its 2002 Congress.*

We of MIM believe that the Amerikkkan reaction to September 11th has increased the likelihood of the explosion of nuclear weapons by those attacking the United States. Rather than seeing themselves as part of a long-standing war, Amerikkkans reacted to September 11th with what they knew about politics and history, which isn't much—and thereby angered the rest of the world even more. Frankly speaking, this is a weakness in the whole global situation that the communists must face.

The Japanese population knows the horrors of facing nuclear weapons explosions and today any such explosions are apt to be a thousand times worse because of advances in weaponry. In contrast, Amerikkkans really do not

know what the devastation of war is all about. Amerikkkans know the most about the benefits of pillage and war in the past one hundred years, and only suffered a small number of casualties relative to other countries in those wars.

The oppressed will not and should not have to wait for Amerikkkans to grasp the evil of war. For this reason, the war-mongering and chauvinism we have seen from Amerikkkans since September 11th has only increased the likelihood that someone will try to teach Amerikkkans a lesson they will not forget. Try as they might, there is no way for Amerikkkan security agencies to trace millions or billions of people effectively. The scale of the problem is too big for that. The generosity of the oppressed and super-exploited toward the willfully ignorant exploiters of Amerikkka will not last forever.

MIM will do its best to expand its influence within U.S. borders in a last ditch effort to avoid what is probably inevitable. Those who see the weaknesses of Amerikkkans should see to it that MIM gets financial support to expand. Even those who focus on more “moderate” activities should realize that changing Amerikkkan public opinion is a multi-faceted task, and what is most lacking is the determined, uncompromising but highly visible presence of MIM in favor of the global rights of nations to self-determination. Without MIM to blaze the way, there is no one who is able to look “moderate” in the current state of Amerikkkan opinion. The proletariat must play its leading role to untwist the minds of the Amerikkkan public so that the Amerikkkan population can get along with the rest of the world.



*The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.*

## Mayor of Hiroshima blasts ‘Pax Americana’

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war and prop up proxy dictators. They will also give Americans some concrete lessons about war—and the desire and ability of the oppressed to struggle for their liberation.

But suffering defeat in war is not enough to re-civilize parasitic classes—any more than recession and depression will themselves overthrow the capitalist system. Even the Western allies gave lip service to the idea that some sort of “de-Nazification” needed to take place in Germany after its defeat in World War

II. This “de-Nazification” included stripping Nazis and their supporters of their political rights and some of their property—and it extended to “apolitical” Germans who adjusted to National Socialism rather than struggle against it.(4)

The Western powers did not complete the anti-fascist struggle in either Germany or Japan—to say nothing of the anti-capitalist struggle. That is why both German and Japanese militarism are on the rise again today. According to Reuters a “top” Japanese politician recently

suggested that Japan abandon its ban on nuclear weapons.(1)

MIM believes a dictatorship of the oppressed over the oppressor imperialist nations analogous to the “de-Nazification” struggle will be necessary to completely defeat imperialism and re-civilize imperialist-country populations.

Notes:

1. Reuters, 5 Aug 2002.
2. MIM Notes 260, 15 Jun 2002.
3. Hiroshima Peace Site, <http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/peacesite/indexE.html>.

4. The 50s Hollywood film “Judgment at Nuremberg” e.g. touches on the issue of the responsibility of “the common German” for crimes of the Nazi regime. It also hints that the United States sabotaged the de-Nazification process because it needed the Nazis and the Germans as allies in the struggle against the Soviet Union.

## Resolution on Pan-Africanism

*This resolution passed unanimously at the 2002 MIM Congress.*

Pan-Africanism is an ideology for the unity of Africa. Nkrumah said it was necessary because the neo-colonialists would rule in Africa through division of Africans and because combined Africa has a population and size more comparable to the oppressors like the United States. In Pan-Africanist thought, Africans belong to Africa first, not tribes or nations.

At least as far back as 1917, the British imperialists are on record as fearing Pan-Africanism, because it would make dividing and conquering more difficult in Africa. Today, the Zionists continue in the same mold, by trying to create tensions between North Africa and the rest of Africa, by pointing to Arab slave-owners in Somalia for instance. While there can be no excusing slavery, opposition to slavery does not mean that it is necessary to make friends with Israel in general.

The economic content of Pan-Africanism is unity of exploited people against exploiters—whether its advocates or detractors know it or not. More than 95% of the people united by Pan-Africanism are exploited or super-exploited people. The target of Pan-Africanism is those enemy oppressors

who would use divisions amongst Africans against them.

MIM believes that Pan-Africanism should be thought of as a strategic concept like “Third Worldism.” It is not worth splitting communist forces over strategic concepts. Comrades with good ideological principles may nonetheless disagree on the existing balance of forces in the world and what is possible for progress, and we believe Pan-Africanism is one of those concepts, if properly conceived by communists.

Historically, Pan-Africanism has been the rallying cry of more progressive and revolutionary forces in Africa. The opponents of Pan-Africanism usually oppose it for the wrong reasons and fall into the reactionary camp much more often than the supporters of Pan-Africanism.

In particular, in southern Africa, the conception of the revisionist “Communist Party” of South Africa and the African National Congress has stressed unity of white and Black workers in opposition to Pan-Africanism. In contrast, MIM would say there is a qualitative difference between the white petty-bourgeoisie mistakenly referred to as “workers” and the Black workers making 3 or 5% of what whites make per hour.

While the rise to power of the ANC in what we call Azania is progressive—only because what was in place before was the extremely repugnant and backward apartheid regime—it is now clear that the ANC’s approach of uniting with the white petty-bourgeoisie and imperialists on an equal plane has limited the ANC’s ability to drive the situation further forward in southern Africa. For this reason, while ANC rule is certainly more “normal” than apartheid rule, it is Pan-Africanism that correctly identified the economic basis for socialism in Azania and elsewhere in Africa. It hardly matters whether activists call themselves Black African trade unionists or Pan-Africanists, the economic content of their struggle is the same.

Opposing or supporting Pan-Africanism should not be a dividing line question, unless we speak of the extremes. On the one hand, the ANC and phony communists oppose Pan-Africanism, because they really believe there is a united “working-class” composed of Africans and settler whites who make 20 times as much per hour as the Africans. These phony communists and their allies have long ago abandoned the labor theory of value, so their opposition to Pan-Africanism must be attacked as a matter of ideological principle. There will never be global peace until all peoples acknowledge each other’s labor correctly.

On the other hand, the number of

reactionaries posing as Pan-Africanists is much smaller in number than the number of reactionaries opposing Pan-Africanism on behalf of the exploiters. To be sure, as with any idea, there are those who take it up and ruin it. When Pan-Africanism turns into cultural tokenism and opposition to universal truth production through science, then Pan-Africanism becomes simply a wing of reactionary post-modernism.

In application, it is the Trotskyists who are most apt to take up the simplistic approach that all nationalism is bad and even Pan-Africanism is bad. These Trotskyists have abandoned the labor theory of value and that is why they are apt to equate white settlers and African workers as classes to such an extent that the Trotskyists see the whites and Blacks in one class. Such Trotskyists really know nothing about Marxism’s approach to class or nations.

How tribal, national and Pan-Africanist questions appear in African conditions is something for the African Maoist scientists to determine. MIM does not have any branches in Africa, and so it only raises those questions of universal validity and understanding. There is a long historical tradition of Maoist Pan-Africanism.

Note: A.M. Babu African Socialism or Socialist Africa? London: Zed Books, 1981.

# Virtual monopoly for fun and (educational) profit

## “Capitalism II”

by Trevor Chan

2001

www.ubisoft.com

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The user’s manual for this computer video game depicts a golden dollar sign at the end of a major road leading into a city. The advertising boasts that “Capitalism II” is the business game for people “who mean business” and though it is written from the point of view of a naive chief executive officer (CEO), the game does have considerable value—something that could be used in socialist training in economics.

As the CEO of a company, in this game players will try to make profit by expanding their lines of business including food items such as bread, clothing items such as jeans, housing complexes and luxury goods including lipstick, eye shadow, toy dolls, gold rings and televisions. CEOs can issue stock, set dividend rates, borrow money, repay loans and buy all sorts of buildings and plants including the media.

Since there are no politicians and no weapons or war in this simulation, one may wonder why MIM would recommend this game. There are also no labor strikes (realistic for the united States) and no complications from borders while one operates in several countries. We do not see military aid arriving for death squads who kill trade union organizers and keep wages down to 50 cents an hour in most parts of the world.

While it is true that “Capitalism II” promotes a somewhat naive point of view regarding capitalism, what it does focus on it does well. The intention of the game was to focus on the production process from the point of view of corporate executives in multinational corporations. From the capitalists’ point of view, the CEO heroically detects and resolves bottleneck problems for the company including bottlenecks caused by suppliers, technology, lack of corporate training, marketing and sales.

Trevor Chan thought big and allowed players to become CEOs of multinational corporations that may own everything from the supplier of iron ore to the TV station advertising the final product—a car for instance. If a player succeeds on a colossal scale, s/he is bound to understand that the economy is like a gigantic set of algebra equations. Resources cannot be wasted on factories that do not produce anything desired and there also cannot be too few producers so that bottlenecks in supply develop. Otherwise, competitors will make more profit and drive you out of business completely—and this aspect of modeling business competition by computer simulation is alone reason enough to endorse this game.

Playing this game, one would be hard-pressed not to feel that in fact there is some element of competence in

organizing production in either socialism or capitalism. In the Soviet Union, the people proved able to develop rocket launchers to defeat a Nazi invasion in progress. Even much after the war though, the Soviet people launched the world’s first satellite, but they were not able to go anywhere to buy a loaf of bread off a shelf without waiting in line. Even in a state-capitalist country as under Khrushchev and Brezhnev, the problem was not a lack of wheat to make bread usually. What “Capitalism II” does is make people think about the particular competence of their leaders. While we do not hold the heroic view of CEOs, it is true that if a leader who happens to come to power does not have certain skills and drive, then elementary supply problems may show up. Although the quality of leadership is a political problem, it is a problem for both capitalism and socialism.

It probably was not the intention of the author to provide any lessons in socialism. There is little class struggle evident in the game. However, it is still possible to play the game in ways that get at what socialists must do.

First of all, taking over from monopoly capitalists is very similar to taking over from the CEOs simulated in “Capitalism II.” These multinational corporations could easily be the chaebol of southern Korea for instance.

Secondly, this game allows one to vary the conditions of economic competition. When one has reached a monopoly stage—probably by having a technological edge and by having enough retail outlets for one’s product and when one has enough monopoly advantages in enough products, it becomes possible to give away food, medicine, clothing and shelter—even in “Capitalism II.” Yes, total profits will go down, and no there is not a way to determine if advertising free bread in a department store helps sell other products there. Nonetheless, monopoly advantages in luxury goods make it possible to subsidize necessity goods to the point where they are free.

Highly motivated people are willing to pay high prices for wine, lipstick and video cameras—compared with the labor and resources that go into making these products. By taking over a market in these luxury goods and making enough profit in them, it becomes easy to give away milk, eggs, bread etc. In fact, this was a question that Stalin insisted on turning to in his leadership circles in the last two years of his life. He called it “restricting the operation of the law of value,” which is the proper Marxist terminology. He instructed that it was not correct to run the economy simply by where profit could be made. Humyn needs should be subsidized at the expense of luxury goods according to Stalin, and the beauty of “Capitalism II” is that it helps players to see why this is not something a small capitalist can do “out of his/her good heart” and it is in fact something that

comes to mind more easily and within the realm of probability once the stage of monopoly capitalism has been reached.

Providing necessities free or at subsidized prices is akin to the capitalist strategy of dumping, especially in this simulation which knows no difference between capitalist-minded and socialist-minded CEOs. Even in the “Capitalism II” world of no borders and various competitors ranging from small local “mom-and-pop” operations to foreign countries not seen in the game itself, a socialist chaebol leader has no one to stop him or her. In fact, even a medium or small corporate competitor—say a small imperialist country—may continue to exist while a socialist economy expands its list of free or subsidized goods. A small or medium sized competitor simply cannot alter the terms of the economy to stop a business/company/country with the most advanced technology and largest size.

When food and clothing are free, there is no way for a capitalist to compete in that area any longer. S/he must attack in the luxury good sector to undermine profits to such an extent that subsidies have to be cut back. A capitalist-minded competitor attacks by producing goods and cutting prices in the luxury good sector. That is why as Marx noted and all Marxists noted until the early 20th century when imperialism changed the rules that it is easier to institute socialism in the most developed economies. Economies that are extensively developed, high-tech and profitable in many industries cannot be derailed from a socialist path by smaller or more backward competitors. Quite the contrary, the smaller, more backward capitalist competitors can be gobbled up by a socialist economy—within a bourgeois legal context by buying the stock of the backward competitors.

The dynamics of luxury good production in the game remind MIM of how the imperialists set out to conduct psychological war against the socialist bloc. To demonstrate that socialist lingerie was unstylish or shoddy was to strike a blow for the whole capitalist system. Commodities like designer perfumes become key to the capitalist strategy of restoration of capitalism and this can be seen even in “Capitalism II,” if one plays the socialist strategy I outline here.

In fact, while socialists are giving away bread in my simulation run in “Capitalism II,” some people still prefer to buy it. Again, through no intention of Trevor Chan, in the simulation I ran, we see that free and superior quality bread will not take 100% of a city’s market when the competitor uses extensive advertising for inferior quality bread with a price that makes its owner a profit! The lazy and stupid will continue to be conned by advertising, even if bread is free and higher quality elsewhere. This

is something that again favors the capitalist competitor. It raises the question whether or not socialist economies must advertise the obvious in some commodities. One bright side to this question is that the enemy cannot make the most profit in this way. Rather it is something to watch out for in the overall culture of luxury goods.

Where there is demand and a legal situation permitting, no moral conduct can prevent profits in cigarettes or other self-destructive commodities. If one corporation refuses to produce and advertise cancer-sticks, another will. That is the nature of the capitalist system. However, there is nothing saying that a large and diversified socialist competitor could not buy out the competitors or the politicians and bring an end to cigarettes that way. In the simulation I ran, I refused to produce cigarettes, and the result was that my main corporate competitor made his/her largest profits there. Even driving him out of business or attempting to buy him out became more difficult because I was not in the cigarette business. It shows that there is no substituting for an uncorrupted People’s Army that can really shut down harmful businesses. People who think we are ever going to solve the drug problem within a capitalist system without an uncorrupted communist police and army are just talking like they were high on drugs themselves.

In many regards, the development of the leisure culture in the imperialist countries comes as a set back or an indication of the setback in the class struggle. Emphasis on the luxury goods in the culture and minute differences—imagined or real—were an important part of the imperialist attack and attempts at capitalist restoration. An irrational advertising culture is a distinct advantage to pro-capitalist competitors. On the other hand, “Capitalism II” holds out some hope, because it proves possible to motivate people with luxury goods and then subsidize humyn needs production with the revenue from luxury goods. Rather than avoiding luxury good production in the fear that it will corrupt the proletariat, it appears that there is a case to be made for plunging right in to be able to expand subsidies for humyn needs. Unless most people can be motivated as communists, it may be that luxury goods are important to the solution of humyn needs problems.

In the real world, people who could be fighting for a better world read Cosmo magazine and play computer video games instead. At the same time, games like “Capitalism II” do have a major silver lining for us scientific communists: what would take several chapters in a book to explain with mathematical formulas can now be placed in a game simulation. This is a major advantage that Karl Marx never had. In the past, socialist economists would have to labor in such

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## MAOIST MOVIE REVIEW

### Sweet dreams no consolation for bitter reality

**Happy Times (2002)**  
Directed by Zhang Yimou

After establishing himself with a series of lushly-filmed, epic period pieces (*Red Sorghum*, *Raise the Red Lantern*, *To Live*, etc.) director Zhang Yimou's last three films have focused on everyday people in contemporary China and been shot in an unobtrusive, naturalistic manner. Like 1999's *Not One Less*, *Happy Times* criticizes the Chinese regime's capitalist reforms and the accompanying development of capitalist interpersonal relations.

*Happy Times* starts out following a retired bachelor on his quest to find a wife. It's clear his latest prospect is only interested in getting money for herself and her spoiled son—and getting rid of her blind step-daughter. Our bachelor pretends to be a rich manager at a rich luxury hotel and agrees to hire the step-daughter. He and his out-of-work friends build a fake massage parlor for her in an abandoned factory and then pretend to be upscale clients. At first they do this to keep up the bachelor's charade, but then they become attached to the girl and can't bear to send her back to her exploitative step-mother. Of course, this can't last for long, and doesn't.

The *deus ex machina* ending in *Not One Less* told the audience that happy



*Dong Jie in Happy Times.*

endings are the rule in film, but not today's China. Similarly, the only happy times in *Happy Times* require elaborate deceptions; reality is decidedly less cheerful. Unlike the *Not One Less*, however, *Happy Times* can be quite funny, and the bachelor's resourceful friends have a warm camaraderie.

The careful viewer can also pick up some concrete criticisms of contemporary China, such as the fact that the bachelor and his able-bodied friends are out of work (and not getting any pension) while a local factory stands idle.

## Monopoloy

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a way as to garner themselves the equivalent of the Nobel Prize to understand the impact that solutions of simultaneous algebraic equations could have in running the economy. Now much of what was only of detailed concern to planning experts and academics can play itself out on a computer screen while entertaining its user. While there is no hard proof yet that computer video games are improving education, "Capitalism II" makes a good case that such a trend is inevitable.

The problem with a large portion of simulation computer video games is that they simply crash and then the developers or company disappears. Business has found that it is possible to sell poorly programmed games and then run with the money before anyone returns the games or realizes that they will crash before the completion of very long simulations that take days or weeks to run.

"Capitalism II" did not crash in the simulation we ran, and thus seems better than average in the programming department. Used in proper context, "Capitalism II" can provoke much useful thought.

## Letter from "CPUSA" against CDC's restrictive policies

Dear Sirs/Madams [in the California Department of Corrections],

The Communist Party of the United States of America's, Frederick Douglass Club of Washington, District of Columbia, and the State of Virginia, has recently been informed by Comrades of the Maoist Internationalist Movement, that you are now demanding onerous obligations in order that family and legal representation be acquired by prisoners in your charge.

For what reason do you pursue such obstinacy? We know that many inmates are guilty as charged, but we also know that many may well be innocent; or, subjected to penalties too harsh due to poverty and race. Moreover, is our penal system only to punish, or to reform? Your brutality administered in prison will only serve to justify the repeated hostility of the inmates — both in prison and upon release.

Of course you must "control" your Facility, but what good does it do to appear so vindictive? We've got to "fix" our already too large prison population, not simply "smack heads."

Our Party thanks you for your kind and

# California DOC guts legal aid visitation rights

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released in mid-July. But they were replaced by equally egregious changes limiting prisoners access to legal help. These regulations particularly target prisoner-advocacy organizations. Organizations and individuals who work on prisoners appeals and prisoner rights cases, such as fighting abuse in prisons, rely on law students and legal aids. Even full time employees of attorneys and students who have been certified by the State Bar of California to do legal work will be denied access to prisoners to discuss legal issues without an attorney present. Those who can not afford lawyers rely on these services.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, "Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco, said he was concerned about the proposals and was looking into them. Burton, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, approved the confirmation of Edward Alameda as director of the Corrections Department in May after Alameda promised to scale back the first proposed rule changes.

"Why do they keep screwing around with these things?" Burton said."

The Department of Corrections works as a part of the Criminal Injustice System as a whole. Prisons in this country are used as a tool of social control. Building more prisons, restricting prisoners legal access so that they are locked up longer and can not appeal their sentences, and limiting prisoners ability to fight the daily repression they face behind bars—this is all part of the system. We should not be surprised by the new proposed regulations in California. But it is clear that public protest can affect these regulations. Many prison activists including MIM and RAIL successfully removed the family visitation restrictions.

While collecting petition signatures MIM and RAIL were frequently asked why the CDC would want to enact this restrictive regulation. This led to interesting discussions about the nature of the criminal injustice system. On the face this policy makes no sense. A fair prison system would want prisoners to have access to legal help when needed. A system devoted to rehabilitation would encourage visitation. But the Amerikan criminal injustice system is serving imperialism, a system that causes starvation, medical neglect, murder, environmental destruction, unlivable work conditions, and militarism throughout the world. At home imperialism locks up a vastly disproportionate number of Blacks and Latinos in prisons and then continues to lengthen sentences, reduce access to appeals, and increase repression within prisons. Cutting off legal access to all but the wealthy prisoners is a great way to perpetuate this system.

For more information on the conditions prisoners face, including lack of medical care, physical abuse by guards, lack of educational materials, restricted access to legal research, censorship of mail, and much more, check out the Under Lock and Key section of MIM Notes (the newspaper of the Maoist Internationalist Movement). Back issues can be found here: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/mn/index.html>.

Notes:

SF Chronicle, July 25, 2002

## Slow death in cages

The struggle continues in my fight to break the chains of oppression for me and my people. Death is death and the worst kind of death is a slow death in these caged KKK prison cells. Your newspaper is a voice for the trapped and caged brothers and sisters whom the rulers of this country are trying to keep silent... My sincere advice to the staff there, keep up your good work and keep pushing to inform the oppressed people of the world.

—a Missouri prisoner, July 2002

## Censorship in Elkton

I'm writing you to request your help in the fight against the censorship in this prison (FCI Elkton — a federal prison located in the imperialist-conquered land called Ohio). A staff member has removed numerous periodicals from the leisure library (the Advocate, A&U, Burn, Coalition for Prisoners' Rights Newsletter, FAMM Gram newsletter, Fearless Mountain, Forest Sangha Newsletter, Freedom, Gym, Modern Heros, Out, the People, Snow Lion, Tibet News, Tibet Press Watch, Tibetan Bulletin). I work as a librarian in here so I can testify that all these were donated by the inmates, already came through censors in the mail room, were all reasonably up to date, and were requested frequently. I have already started the remedy process (BP-8.5) but so far the only action was the staff removing all the donated periodicals from the library leaving but 14 for the prison of more than 2000 persons. ...

Please assist me in any way you can, but I specifically ask for the letters to be written to the following person with the demands to end the censorship.

—a federal prisoner in Ohio, July 2002

People to send protest letters to:

David M Rardin, Director  
Northeast Regional Office  
US Custom House — 7th Floor  
Second & Chestnut Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

RL Morrison, Warden  
FCI Elkton  
P.O. Box 89  
Elkton, OH 44415

Philip Geistfeld, Education Supervisor  
FCI Elkton  
P.O. Box 89  
Elkton, OH 44415

**A friend of MIM adds:** MIM Notes has long reported on the draconian censorship in united snakes prisons. This is not because Maoists are Libertarians who argue for the principal of freedom of speech; it is because we see that censorship in Amerikkka — imperialist censorship — is perpetuated as part of the militarist campaign against the oppressed. This sort of censorship assists the imperialists in covering up everything from the number of victims killed during the bombings in Afghanistan, to the brutal wrath of Amerikan police, to denial of basic needs in prisons, to the collusion of banks and corporations in billion dollar robberies.

Censorship is used by the imperialists to thwart revolutionary organizing. This is the reason that it must be fought fiercely.

This writer does not know about the content of all of the magazines listed above — at least Tibet Press Watch and Tibetan News are reactionary magazines. In this case, it looks

# Under Lock & Key

## News from Prisons & Prisoners

as if the prison wants prisoners to have less access to information, regardless of the content. In this case we are not so much concerned about prisoners access to the reactionary magazines as the censorship of progressive magazines including several of those mentioned above. In addition the censorship policy of the prison should be fought because it is the policy that can be used against revolutionary newsletters. MIM Notes has been censored at this prison in the past, though it is not listed in the prisoner's letter.

Send letters to the above prisoncrats explaining your opposition to the prison's censorship practice and asking for legal justification for it. On top of that, prisoners, work with MIM to get genuine revolutionary lit into the prison and supporters on the outside, send money to help make that happen.

## MIM victory in Oregon

Most mail sent by MIM to prisoners at SRCI and TRCI prisons in Oregon (including MIM Notes, MIM Theory and regular letters) was being rejected by those prisons throughout the summer. Working with prisoners on the inside and supporters on the outside we sent numerous letters of protest to the mail administrators (some of which were rejected without being opened). After several months of returned mail and numerous protest letters we received the following:

Dear MIM:

This is in response to your letter dated Jun 3, 2002 regarding MIM publications that have been rejected from SRCI and TRCI. ....

MIM has been authorized to send publications they publish. This was discussed at a monthly mail operations meeting. SRCI and TRCI incorrectly rejected MIM publications, as they correctly understood MIM was not an authorized distributor. Although MIM is not an authorized distributor, MIM is a publisher authorized to send materials they publish. This oversight has been corrected. We apologize for any inconvenience.

You have requested permission to send in new and used books to Oregon inmates. Our Mail Rule (Inmate) requires new books to be received directly from the publisher. We do permit suppliers and distributors who have been approved to send in publications, but these cannot be open to the public.

We have the above requirement to mitigate the possibility for the insertion of contraband in the publications. We will be unable to accommodate your request to send in new or used publications that you do not publish...

Sincerely,  
Jacy Duran, Central Mail Administrator  
Oregon DOC  
2575 Center Street NE  
Salem OR 97310-4667

**MIM responds:** Forcing the prisons to

abide by their mail policies and stop censorship of MIM literature is a significant victory. However, we are still pursuing our request to be approved to send in literature not published by MIM to Oregon prisoners. We responded to this letter explaining that MIM Distributors has a 15 year history of running a Books for Prisoners program in prisons across the country, including throughout the Oregon DOC, without a single incident of contraband insertion into a publication. In fact, we have a long track record of helping prisoners to educate themselves and reduce violence and confrontation between prisoners. MIM's Books for Prisoners program is one of only a few in the country and we provide an invaluable service of political education to prisoners in Oregon and throughout the country. We also requested a list of approved distributors so that we might use this to further our argument for allowing MIM onto the list. We ask our readers (both inside and outside the Oregon DOC) to write letters to Jacy Duran at the address above, requesting that MIM be added as an approved distributor.

## Censorship in Oregon continues

This is just a quick note to let you people know I've been denied my April 15th issue of MIM Notes.

Your news doesn't seem to go over too well with the gal down in our mailroom here at SRCI. As a matter of fact, the staff here at the prison are real negative about handing out my MIM Notes to me.

Now the inmates here are a whole different story. I pass my MIM Notes off to at least 40 different people to read when I finished with them. Your news is uplifting to all my close friends, and their friends also.

Anyway, I thought I'd send you people a copy of one of my mail violations that shows what's going on around here. This is how these people confiscate our mail. They call it a mail violation. "A rule violation."

- a prisoner in Oregon, July 2002

**MIM adds:** This prisoner's mail violation for MIM Notes #256 stated that it "Contains STG-related material. Inside back page portrays anarchist symbol." This is an example of prisons attempting to censor MIM literature for one reason, losing that battle, and switching tactics to claim it must be censored for other reasons. MIM clearly does not advocate anarchism, in fact we are clear that we think anarchism represents a failed line and strategy. In fact, the issue of MIM Notes in question has an anarchist symbol as a part of an article on prison censorship of MIM literature because of use of that symbol. We also question how an anarchist symbol could represent Security Threat Group (STG) material. Especially when the content of the material does not advocate anarchism in any way.

## Washington prison covers windows and gasses prisoners

*Below are two grievances submitted by prisoners to prison administration in Washington after the prison guards covered the cell windows and then sprayed gas (presumably at some prisoners in a pre-meditated attack) in the hallway.*

I am claustrophobic and was hyperventilating with chest pains due to the exposure to C.O. gas and the emotional stress of 3rd shift staff covering up my cell door window and every inmates in the c-pod unit. On 7/23/02 at approx 5:30pm and on 7/26/02 at 7:30 with a magnetic cover so that we could not see out our cell doors to be witnesses to staff procedures at that time.

[Stafford Creek Corrections Center Intensive Management Unit] F-unit staff are violating their own WAC policy (1) not being able to view in a cell at all times (2) not to cover or place any items on windows. This practice is in direct violation of DOC policy and inmates due process to have or be on sight

## 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 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.

witnesses other than staff who are present to a medical, criminal, or infraction incident that needs to be documented. This practice is an obstruction of justice and a noted practice of staff as a green light to do any criminal act to inmate or non-staff, violating civil rights without any inmates witnesses that could dispute their reports and be credible. Suggested remedy: that this practice and procedure be stopped immediately, staff can not have visual observation into any inmates cell with windows covered.

— a prisoner in Washington, July 2002

The cops were gassing an inmate who had his window covered. On 7-26-02 at about 8:05 pm I had a medical emergency. I was coughing up blood from the C.O. gas that the F-unit IMU cert team was discharging into an inmates cell F-N-C-1. I pushed my emergency call button numerous times without getting any response from the booth offices. My cell door window had been covered. Inmates on the tier had to yell “man down in cell #C-10, medical emergency” for over five minutes still staff did not respond. I was choking and suffocating and f-unit staff neglected my emergency medical needs.

— another prisoner in Washington, July 2002

The prisoners at this institution ask for support on this issue from people MIM Notes readers. You can write letters protesting this practice and asking why it is used in the first place to:

Deputy of Corrections Eldon Vail  
PO Box 411118  
Olympia WA 98584-1118

OCO officer of correctional operations,  
regional admin

Thomas Mackintyre  
Southwest region  
4317 6th Ave S.E.  
Olympia WA 98504-1120

Superintendent Douglas Waddington  
SCCC Stafford Creek Corr. Center  
191 Constantine Way  
Aberdeen WA 98502

## Iowa prisons cut out education and rehabilitation

Fellow Comrades in the Struggle,

Since the terrorist attack on Sept. 11 the Iowa prison system (and possibly other states) have been cutting the budget to modify how much money is spent on the prisoners. Just recently the D.O.C. closed the school in the

prison and the drug treatment facility in the other maximum security prison in Anamosa, Iowa.

Yet this state continues to complain about over-crowding and repeat-offenders, so the obvious question that comes to mind is why take out a drug treatment facility if the main factor of a convict's crime deals with drugs in some fashion or another? It goes to show with this circumstance and closing of the school that nobody involved in the administration is trying to rehabilitate any of us.

For example a “lifer” or “long term” prisoner being given no education and unable to transfer to another facility due to over-crowding and security issues. By the time the prisoner is available for transfer his hopes to get a GED will be slim! Education used to be state law for any prisoner without a GED. Now education isn't too important.

This is a prime example of how we are oppressed as prisoners. Then when we seek and find means to a higher education through organizations who wish to teach us about reality, our books get denied and the only excuse is “security risks.”

Here and now we need to educate one another, help one another and stop fighting one another. Its not about race anymore, its about social acceptability and as long as Amerika can keep us ignorant and on drugs then we all will stand as one and the bottom while our oppressors remain on top of the game they play.

Keep the fight alive.

— In struggle, a prisoner in Iowa, July 2002

**MIM replies:**We join this prisoner's call to stand together and fight back. And MIM agrees this battle is not about race. However the prison system is inherently a part of the system of national oppression in Amerika. We see the disproportionate imprisonment of Blacks, Latinos and other oppressed nationalities and we know that national oppression must be in the forefront of our battle.

## IDOC clamps down on prisoners' voices

written by an Indiana prisoner

In the aftermath of the 37 day hunger strike waged by prisoners at the Westville, Indiana Maximum Control Complex on September 23, 1991 to call local, national and international attention to the human rights abuses that were rampart at this “supermax” prison, those who controlled the IDOC (Indiana Department of Corrections) had to create new methods of censorship. This

censorship consisted of preventing prisoners from effectively communicating about the inhumane, exploitative, oppressive and repressive aspects and conditions inside prisons to society, their families and those who provide moral support.

The Westville hunger strike of 1991 was one of the most significant prison demonstrations in Indiana prison history because it brought attention to the prison system. Prison officials and politicians alike had never experienced something quite like this and for the first time state politicians were forced to question the legitimacy of the counter-productive practices promulgated and enforced throughout the prison system.

Many international organizations, such as Amnesty International, the British Human Rights Organization, Human Rights Watch and various religious denominations came to the aide of the hunger strikers and issued letters, etc., of condemnation to the IDOC, demanding change and the closure of all existing supermax prisons.

The impact and influence this hunger strike had in society caused alarm amongst the oppressors. For this reason, the IDOC saw the need to keep a similar disturbance from ever happening again. They must have said to themselves: “The more the prisoners are allowed to freely communicate with society about what goes on in prisons, the more people on the outside will grow aware of the conditions inside Indiana prisons that exist on a day to day basis. If people outside grow aware, then they'll act and engage in struggle to change the prisons.” [MIM adds: besides the fear of public outcry against brutal prison conditions, prison guards and wardens fear the loss of jobs should the current exploitative system change. The amerikan prison system, according to MIM, is widely supported by the labor aristocracy that operates it because it sustains their parasitism.]

In order to clamp down on the prisoners' capacity to communicate with society, the IDOC intensified their program of systematically withholding incoming and outgoing mail. Prisoner political activists were seriously targeted. When this practice became all too obvious, the IDOC started implementing arbitrary visitation policies to discourage and prevent prisoners' families and friends from visiting. When this policy failed to do the job, the IDOC set up a new telephone system in 1992 that was designed by Science Dynamics based in New Jersey.

The system was first implemented at the Indiana State Prison before becoming a state-wide measure. The measure prevented calling or accessing the phone unless the prisoner

acquired an approved personal identification number (PIN). Phone timing limited calls to less than 20 minutes, after which a computer system terminated the call. Prison authorities could block any phone number they disapproved to prevent the prisoner from communicating. A recorded announcement warned the callee that the incoming phone call came from within a prison. In February 2000 the IDOC, still not satisfied with the current restrictions on phone calls, implemented a phone list procedure, so that now prisoners not only required a PIN number, but an approved phone list as well. No more than 20 phone numbers were permitted on the list at one time, and the addresses and relationship to the inmate had to be included. A computer data base kept track of the names and addresses of each name on the list. This list was then forwarded to all state and federal police agencies.

The current restrictions on prisoners' ability to communicate via phone isolate inmates from the masses and smothers their so-called rights to speech and expression. The restrictive measures also keep the outside world ignorant of what transpires behind prison walls, the inhumane conditions prisoners are subject to. Furthermore, the control of communication by the IDOC attempts to hinder the creation and growth of an anti-imperialist movement amongst the prisoner masses. MIM, SLALA and RAIL struggle on a daily basis to promote prisoners' rights to free speech, holding the imperialist to their own crummy constitution through winnable legal battles. The result of this struggle to inform and alert the outside masses, we hope, will be the growth of United Front against the u.s. injustice system.

## What is internationalism?

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

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

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

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

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

## Facts on U\$ imprisonment

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

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

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

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

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

2. Ibid., 1992 report.

3. United Nations Development Programme, “Human Development Report 1994,.” Oxford University Press, p. 186.

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

5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.



## Nace social democracia con conciencia internacionalista

**Traducido por Células de Estudio para la Liberación de Aztlán y América Latina**

A lo largo de los últimos dos años el MIM se ha referido a aliados reformistas dentro de “la social democracia internacionalista”. El año pasado el MIM aprobó una plataforma capaz de interesar a la social democracia internacionalista a costa de la social democracia chovinista tradicional. Sin embargo, los aliados mencionados por el MIM han sido activistas con un enfoque unidimensional que formaban parte del movimiento por la protección del medio ambiente, el movimiento por servicios médicos accesibles y otras organizaciones. Un grupo de expertos llamado Foro Mundial Fabian de socialdemócratas fundado en Inglaterra en mayo de 2002 ha estado respondiendo al llamado de reorganizar la social democracia europea.

Glenys Kinnock, un miembro del Parlamento europeo, abogó por una aceptación del comercio global exigiendo al mismo tiempo que las reglas que existen hoy día dejaran de favorecer a los países ricos. Según dijo, “Los países ricos deberían abolir las restricciones en forma de tarifas y cuotas sobre

exportaciones provenientes de todos los países pobres, así como reformar de una forma radical el uso de subsidios a las exportaciones, sobre todo referentes a productos agrícolas. La iniciativa de la Unión Europea denominada “Todo salvo armas” aprobada en 2001 permite que todos los productos excepto armas procedentes de los países más pobres del mundo entren los mercados europeos sin impuestos ni cuotas. Este es un paso en la dirección correcta, pero está claro que habrá que tomar otras medidas para asegurar una participación eficaz en el proceso de globalización por parte de los países en desarrollo.” (1)

Aunque el socialdemócrata Martin Shaw y otros muchos se expresan sin parar a favor de la defensa y la exportación de “la democracia”, ninguno de los contribuidores del foro reconoció el pasado de la social democracia desde hace 80 años a partir del momento en que intensificó el conflicto entre los países imperialistas europeos en torno a colonias.

Los socialdemócratas internacionalistas pisan los terrenos del MIM y del proletariado internacional conforme van naciendo, pero lo hacen de

una forma diferente, por lo cual se convierten en aliados ocasionales y no en “camaradas”. La grieta divisiva fue la primera guerra mundial, cuando activistas socialdemócratas asumieron el papel de “representar” a los trabajadores de Alemania, Francia, Inglaterra, etc. que se habían convertido en aristocracia obrera, así como decidieron respetar la opinión de la mayoría de esos últimos a favor de la guerra, mientras que los comunistas se adjuntaron a una definición científica de “proletariado” y respaldaron una perspectiva internacionalista a costa de votos en las elecciones. Como resultado, los socialdemócratas de cada país votaron por la guerra que hizo que se chocaran unos trabajadores de Europa contra otros. Desde entonces, los socialdemócratas han proclamado su apoyo a la democracia en el sentido de la mayoría, mientras que los comunistas han actuado a favor del principio internacionalista aun a costa de la popularidad y “democracia”.

Hoy día, conforme vamos entrando en una época donde la social democracia internacionalista quizás tenga un limitado grado de éxito, sería negligente fallar mencionar la competencia implícita entre Europa y Estados Unidos. Ya que hasta “los conservadores” de Europa tienen más respeto por la social democracia que los políticos yanquis, una globalización encabezada por EE.UU. contempla una dirección mientras que la enérgica Unión Europea implica una perspectiva distinta en torno a la política global. El vicepresidente del Parlamento europeo de Escocia se refirió a la visión yanqui de la forma siguiente: “un libre mercado sin restricción, en el que el capital es el rey y se roba a los pobres mediante una liberalización, privatización y un robo por parte de brutas corporaciones internacionales y políticos corruptos.” (2)

Si uno considera el lío en que Europa metió al presidente yanqui W. Bush en torno al tratado de calentamiento global rehuido por EE.UU. gracias al apoyo de Bush, uno nota que los capitalistas europeos deciden competir con EE.UU. usando una fachada social democrática. Mientras los yanquis respaldan la contaminación con fines lucrativos, los europeos toman un paso para atrás diciendo que sabrán competir como hombres de negocio respetando al mismo tiempo regulaciones internacionales. Los yanquis sostienen que la existencia de

regulaciones es una cosa negativa, mientras la social democracia internacionalista sabe apreciar su valor.

Los socialdemócratas internacionalistas se encuentran en una posición difícil. Mientras que brindan su apoyo tradicional a Le Pen y “el ala derecha”, su alianza no será de mucha confianza debido a su respeto por la mayoría. Buscan carreras profesionales en el Parlamento europeo, por lo cual necesitan asegurar un voto mayoritario en las elecciones y al fin acabarán sacrificando los intereses del proletariado internacional con fin de obtener un respaldo de la mayoría gracias a su interés y respeto por “la democracia”.

El MIM está de acuerdo con la mayor parte del argumento de Martin Shaw a favor de la necesidad de reorganizar la social democracia. Concluyó su artículo en la nueva página de Internet de los Fabianes de la forma siguiente: “La social democracia llegará a ser verdaderamente global sólo si deja de considerarse como un rincón seguro y relativamente cómodo de la política europea e imagina su papel y el mundo de una forma muy distinta. El desafío global a la social democracia es profundo y potencialmente incómodo. Habrá que ver si puede ser entendido.” (3) A la social democracia le resultará bien difícil alcanzar su pleno potencial internacionalista sin que se respalden guerras populares del tercer mundo. Eso será un desafío; sin embargo, la social democracia internacionalista tiene el potencial de romper el velo fascista tradicional en Europa. Si bien la social democracia tradicional es nuestro enemigo irreconciliable, tenemos muchas posibilidades de aliarnos con la social democracia internacionalista en torno a nuestra plataforma compuesta por la demanda de un salario mínimo internacional, un límite internacional sobre horas de jornada, derechos internacionales a la educación, subsidios internacionales a precios agrícolas, etc.

Notas:

1. <http://www.fbianglobalforum.net/global600/article001.html>
2. <http://www.fbianglobalforum.net/global600/article002.html>
3. <http://www.fbianglobalforum.net/forum/article001.html>

### ¿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.

El MIM lucha para acabar con la opresión de todos los grupos sobre cualquier otro, naciones por naciones, clases por clases, y géneros por géneros. La revolución es una realidad para los Estados Unidos mientras su ejército continúa extendiéndose en su esfuerzo por asegurar la hegemonía mundial.

El MIM difiere de otros partidos en tres puntos básicos: (1) El MIM sostiene que después que el proletariado conquiste el poder estatal, existirá aún el potencial para una restauración de tipo capitalista, bajo la dirección de una burguesía nueva dentro del mismo partido comunista. En el caso de la Unión Soviética, la burguesía se apoderó del gobierno después de la muerte de Stalin, en 1953; y en China después de la muerte de Mao y del derrocamiento de la llamada “banda de los cuatro” en 1976. (2) El MIM sostiene que la Revolución Cultural en China es la fase más avanzada a la que llegó el comunismo en la historia. (3) El MIM afirma que la clase trabajadora blanca de los EE.UU. es primordialmente, una élite trabajadora no revolucionaria en el presente. Es por esto que no es el principal vehículo para avanzar el Maoísmo en este país.

El MIM acepta como miembro a cualquier individuo que esté de acuerdo con estos tres puntos básicos, y que acepte al centralismo democrático, el método de gobierno por la mayoría en lo que se refiere a cuestiones de línea del partido. El MIM es un partido clandestino que no publica los nombres de sus miembros para evitar la represión estatal dirigida históricamente contra los movimientos revolucionarios comunistas, y anti-imperialistas. Si Ud. desea una suscripción para cualquiera de nuestros periódicos o libros teóricos, en español o en inglés, por favor mandar dinero en efectivo o un cheque al nombre de MIM a esta dirección:

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