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Free

Toilers suffer in brewing India-Pakistan war

by MC5

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In the week from May 17th to May 24th, Pakistan and India had twice as many mortar duels as in all of 2001. Both sides used heavy artillery in the Kashmir region. The two sides exchange fire periodically with regard to disputed territory.(1)

Deaths resulting included villagers and troops. China reported 10 dead Pakistanis who were apparently villagers and 70 to

100 Pakistani troop deaths total in one week.(2)

Nuclear threat

The English Independent wrote a nice summary of the situation: "The world quakes at what will happen if the Pakistani leader, General Pervez Musharraf, or Mr. Vajpayee [the Indian Prime Minister] press the nuclear button. Estimates of India's and Pakistan's nuclear strengths vary wildly, but at the

low end of the scale Pakistan is estimated to have at least 40 nuclear bombs compared with India's 60—quite sufficient for the task.

"Both nations also have the missiles needed to deliver them, so that in theory all Pakistan's cities and many of India's are within range. A missile from Rawalpindi could deliver its nuclear payload to Delhi within three minutes, and vice versa."

But India and Pakistan are also braced

to fight a very different kind of war—a war such as Europe has not seen for more than 55 years. "Three quarters of a million Indian troops are strung out along India's 2000-mile border with Pakistan, from the torrid salt marshes of Gujarat to the frozen peaks of Siachen Glacier in the High Himalayas. They are confronted by a quarter of a million Pakistanis."(3)

In early April the president of Pakistan made of point of saying that it is prepared

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AMERIKAN RULERS PROMISE 'NUCLEAR EVENTS'

Insurance policies rewritten

May 2002 saw a stunning series of historical events in which the major rulers of our time admitted the nature of modern militarism. Leading insurance investor and billionaire Warren Buffet and leading members of the Bush Cabinet admitted that the use of weapons of mass destruction against the United States is inevitable.

The recent cascade of events started on May 5th when Warren Buffet, the world's second richest man, admitted that a nuclear event is inevitable. "We're going to have something in the way of a major nuclear event in this country. It will happen. Whether it will happen in 10 years or 10 minutes, or 50 years... it's virtually a certainty."(1) MIM has been saying the same thing for years, except that we believe this risk is accelerated by capitalism, reduced by socialism and eliminated under communism.

Buffet has explained that his self-interest is in finding "elephants" to achieve high growth, because now his company is so huge that it is impossible to grow it quickly without elephants—large projects. So it is that a large insurance company may be more willing to talk about large risks if the money is there to be made on insuring against nuclear events. Right now, Buffet says he is letting insurance policies lapse if they overexpose him to terrorist risk. Companies like his have the largest

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assets, so if he cannot underwrite nuclear terrorist policies, no one can. Buffet says that as of now only the U.S. Government can insure against major terrorist attacks.

On February 28, 2002, Buffet had already explained much of the basics in a report on the year 2001. We quote Buffet at length here:

"Insurers have always found it costly to ignore new exposures. Doing that in the case of terrorism, however, could literally bankrupt the industry. No one knows the probability of a nuclear detonation in a major metropolis this year (or even multiple detonations, given that a terrorist organization able to construct one bomb might not stop there). Nor can anyone, with assurance, assess the probability in this year, or another, of deadly biological or chemical agents being introduced

simultaneously (say, through ventilation systems) into multiple office buildings and manufacturing plants. An attack like that would produce astronomical workers' compensation claims.

"Here's what we do know:

"The probability of such mind-boggling disasters, though likely very low at present, is not zero.

"The probabilities are increasing, in an irregular and immeasurable manner, as knowledge and materials become available to those who wish us ill. Fear may recede with time, but the danger

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Riot police close in on marchers (sf.indymedia.org)

Police turn violent at Golden Gate protest

SAN FRANCISCO

On Memorial Day weekend police attacked a peaceful, legally-permitted, anti-imperialist march of hundreds of people at the Golden Gate bridge. They arrested 34 people.

The protestors were most of the way across the bridge on the walkway when dozens of cops blocked their path and insisted they turn back. The cops blocked traffic on the bridge and arrested and beat people all the way back to San Francisco. Arrests continued even after demonstrators were off the bridge. Police threw an 11-year-old Palestinian girl to the ground and then charged her with felony assault on an officer.

The demonstration—organized by the All Peoples Coalition to Stop U.S. Terror and Occupation—was in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle against U.S.-backed Israeli aggression and in opposition U.S. military attacks around the world. Organizers originally planned a peaceful march across the bridge

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Letters

Prisoner contributes to MIM

Revolutionary greetings,

Enclosed with this letter I've sent a money order for \$25. I want to contribute to help MIM in the agitation and education of the masses politically. Like I've said, of all the prisons papers I've read, especially of Marxist ideology, MIM stands above the rest in its analysis and solutions to the problems of the oppressed internationally. So good I had to be leery and wonder was this some government agent front or pseudo intellectuals who are trying to make money while keeping a tab on real revolutionaries. Still, there are some lines were I differ with MIM, but we're on the same page overall. In the future I want to work with MIM as much as I can but I need guidance to properly educate me politically, as well as keep me on track. ... In the meantime I'll bide my time in study so MIM keep the revolutionary

spirit and movement alive.

In struggle,
A Texas Prisoner, May 2002

MIM replies: The prisoner also included a list of study materials he needs to move forward. We print this letter as an example, especially to those on the outside, who are reading MIM Notes but not contributing, or not contributing as much as they can. If this prisoner can cough up \$25, what can you do? Many people who have some disagreements with MIM hold out on supporting the party while they hem and haw. This prisoner steps forward to support and work with MIM, even while he struggles over issues that may still divide us. That is the dialectical materialist approach to working with a revolutionary organization. Find what's best, and get active while struggling over other issues, and either changing your mind or improving the party in the process. Follow this prisoner's example, and get moving!

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Ali is not my hero anymore

MIM,

I am of Mexican descent. I would like to comment on the movie "Ali." I haven't had a chance to see it because I'm on lockdown in one of the hellholes of Texas ad-seg. But if I may comment as an armchair critic I thank you kindly. I always liked Ali. I liked his flair for comedy, his fighting skills, and what I always heard of him, that he was always against the establishment and one of us. But now that I think of it, I don't think that he's always been against the establishment for the people of the world, but only for himself? In this way I feel that we exaggerated Muhammad Ali's so-called radicalism and made him into this legendary romantic figure of the people, that he did not have coming? Yes, perhaps he was never of the people?

At the time he was a so-called radical he belonged in a racial sect of the "Nation of Islam" that seemed to hate *all* the races (not just the blue-eyed devils) because of the discrimination they were going through. He was really only for the Black people. And his so-called radicalism was taught that Blacks were superior to all other races. When he refused to fight in Vietnam, he said that he didn't have anything against the Vietcong. When he said this, he seemed like one of the people, against U.S. imperialism. But obviously he was not. All he really meant was that he didn't have any quarrel with the Vietcong because they didn't do anything to him personally, not because he was against U.S. imperialism. And how he's talking like if he's with the U.S. imperialists against the so-called "Islamic terrorists." Can't he see that the U.S.

government is exploiting him?

Instead of being one of the people, seems he would fit right in with those oppressive Arab regimes like the Saudi Arabian rulers and Kuwaitis. As a result, has Ali sold out? Or, perhaps he didn't sell out because he was always one of them? And he would rather be loved like he is by the world then stand for principle, what is right? If this is true, it is a phony love. And perhaps he is not educated in U.S. imperialism and radical left-wing doctrine? That's where he's being misled? Well, whatever the circumstances, he ain't my hero anymore.

In Solidarity,

A Texas Prisoner, May 2002

MIM replies: We were also disappointed that Ali made pro-Amerikan statements after 9/11, instead of taking a stand against imperialism. He is not our hero either. This is really a lesson in why you shouldn't hitch your wagon to individuals, especially those outside a disciplined revolutionary party. If you set out to follow Ali on a revolutionary path, you would end up nowhere.

But let's not go too far, and take away the truly positive impact he had, especially in his denouncing the national oppression of Blacks, and in opposing the war against Vietnam. Those were truly progressive stances, and he used his position in the public eye to forward those important statements. Yes, the Nation of Islam promoted an idealist, racialist view that divided the oppressed and misled many people. But he, and they, also took an important stand for national liberation.

So, it's right to say we don't want to follow him and them, but it would be wrong to say that there was no value in

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What is MIM?

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

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

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

MIM debates Seattle Buddhist on ‘freedom,’ Tibet

This is the conclusion of a debate between MIM and a Buddhist in Seattle. The previous installment (MIM Notes 259) dealt with the myopia of Western supporters of the Dalai Lama when it comes to the history of slavery and feudalism in Tibet, as well as imprisonment in Amerika and the success of the Chinese communists in eliminating drug abuse. This installment picks up with the problem of imprisonment in Amerika.

Seattle Buddhist continues: There are still racial and economic problems. While laws can limit the outward manifestations of racism they sometimes only serve to harden the mindset which is one of the underlying causes. The Teaching Tolerance program originated and funded

by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Morris Dees does much to address those causes that laws can't reach. Economic woes have been lessened by things like labor unions and Social Security. There are programs to provide education and nutrition to those who cannot afford it. We need more.

I am curious. What were the steps taken by Maoism which you allege eliminated the drug problem in China?

You are still evading the dissent issue. What would happen under Maoism to a publication that opposed Maoism to the same extent that your publication opposes the current U.S. from of government and capitalism? In the U.S., that degree of dissent is not only permitted but protected by the

Constitution. The Constitution defends the liberty of all. It does not give anyone the right to limit or remove the liberty of another except by due process or national or civil emergency. Slavery was clearly unconstitutional—even before it was amended to make it official. You have yet to provide proof that slavery existed under the Dalai Lama, only allegation and innuendo. Slaves have been born into captivity and handed down by inheritance in the U.S. and elsewhere. None of books I have read on Tibet mention cotton or sugar plantations in greater Lhasa nor do they mention the Dalai Lama inheriting any slaves from his parents. Profit and survival are not mutually exclusive. I prefer a system that nurtures both over one which restricts either.

As for what Tibet was like under Mao, I refer you to Palden Gyatso, a monk who was arrested by Maoists in 1959 and not released until 1992. He underwent 33 years of torture and forced labor. In 1995 he gave evidence at the United Nations Commission on Human rights in Geneva. There are slaves in Tibet. He saw thousands over the 33 years he was at Chinese prisons and labor camps in Tibet, including those at Sangyip and Drapchi. So much for the Maoist “liberation.”

MIM replies: We did not evade the issue. We said political content matters and we are for repression and dictatorship. Abe Lincoln repressed the slaveowners, violently. He deprived them of citizenship rights violently and made

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MIM promotes open borders at immigrant legalization rally

LOS ANGELES

MIM supporters collected approximately 100 signatures endorsing our demand to “Open the U.S. border” with Mexico and oppose the Immigration and Naturalization Service’s (INS) “Operation Gatekeeper” at a May Day rally for the legalization of undocumented immigrants. Since its inception in 1994, “Operation Gatekeeper” has killed more than 740 migrants attempting to enter the United States to look for work. That is hundreds more than died attempting to cross the East/West German border — much

reviled in Amerikan propaganda — in its entire 25+ year history.

Most everyone we approached with our petition was friendly and supportive, many urged us to “keep it up” and wished us good luck in collecting signatures. Our non-Spanish speaking comrades presented the petition in both English and Spanish, and relied on assistance from bilingual marchers and the patience of the masses to communicate our demands.

One young white womyn from Orange County thought that it was okay to extend legal status to workers who are already

in this country, but did not want to see the borders opened for all immigrants. She argued that Southern California is already too crowded, which makes the car traffic really bad. A MIM comrade pointed out that because they are paid so poorly even the migrants who are already in the united \$tates do not own cars. The source of all that traffic is the ever-expanding yankee quest for suburban, segregated single-family living. This lifestyle demands ever more low-wage workers to build houses, tend lawns, do private childcare and clean house.

LAPD stormtroopers — many dressed in full riot gear, gripping their sidearms and nightsticks — greeted marchers at intersections along the route. At police headquarters, some 25 pigs in full regalia rode horses whose plexiglass face shields were also drawn.

The Multi-ethnic Immigrant Workers Organizing Network (MIWON) organized the May Day rally in to demand “true legalization” for undocumented workers “in the form of permanent legal status and citizenship that should not be limited to any country of origin or work industry.”



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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won't—the war against terrorism can never be won. The best the nation can achieve is a long succession of stalemates. There can be no checkmate against hydra-headed foes.

"Until now, insurers and reinsurers have blithely assumed the financial consequences from the incalculable risks I have described.

"Under a 'close-to-worst-case' scenario, which could conceivably involve \$1 trillion of damage, the insurance industry would be destroyed unless it manages in some manner to dramatically limit its assumption of terrorism risks. Only the U.S. Government has the resources to absorb such a blow. If it is unwilling to do so on a prospective basis, the general citizenry must bear its own risks and count on the Government to come to its rescue after a disaster occurs.

"Why, you might ask, didn't I recognize the above facts before September 11th? The answer, sadly, is that I did—but I didn't convert thought into action. I violated the Noah rule: Predicting rain doesn't count; building arks does. I consequently let Berkshire operate with a dangerous level of risk—at General Re in particular. I'm sorry to say that much risk for which we haven't been compensated remains on our books, but it is running off by the day.

"At Berkshire, it should be noted, we have for some years been willing to assume more risk than any other insurer has knowingly taken on. That's still the case. We are perfectly willing to lose \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion in a single event (as we did on September 11th) if we have been paid properly for assuming the risk that caused the loss (which on that occasion we weren't).

"Indeed, we have a major competitive advantage because of our tolerance for huge losses."(2)

Buffet goes on to add that his company will limit future exposure no matter what the competition does. Not surprisingly he cautioned there would be slower growth of his company at the same time.

It's almost a bad social-democratic joke to be talking about "workers' compensation claims" when hundreds of thousands or millions of people die in a single nuclear attack.

Other investors also have an interest in the terrorism problem—aside from defense and security contractors. Bond-holders may decide they want to see large deficits to drive up interest rates! They may also decide they do not want to see rates go up too much if the price is government involvement.

What Buffet points to implicitly means that the public may become much more dependent on the government. If there is a "small" nuclear event, we may predict a huge growth of ugly social-democratic style bureaucracy and a government deficit. By some theories this should also drive up interest rates.

In addition, ruining the economy

benefits those investors who are most "liquid" and able to buy shares of ruined companies on the stock market. Hence, there are economic reasons for certain sectors of the capitalist class to want to speak of the terrorism threat.

Politically, realism on the ugliness of capitalism means that those in favor of a reduced government role such as many Amerikan Republicans and libertarians will seek to encourage the public to bear the price of higher insurance premiums to pay for future nuclear catastrophes. That may be the reason we have seen a succession of Bush administration officials admit that there is no stopping terrorists completely, including in nuclear attacks.

In all fairness, MIM has to give limited credit to Buffet, nut-case reactionary "Secretary of Defense" Donald Rumsfeld, Vice-President Cheney and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller for succeeding in at least part of their "intelligence" capacities—and responsibly informing the public of the risks it now faces. These rulers will draw their own conclusions, but the rest of the world is free to draw proletarian conclusions.

On May 20th, Mueller said that suicide bombings on U.S. soil were "inevitable."(2) Then on May 21st, Rumsfeld delivered the final blow in a long series of blows regarding the "war on terrorism" by telling the public: "Let there be no doubt, it is only a matter of time before terrorist states armed with weapons of mass destruction develop the capability to deliver those weapons to U.S. cities, giving them the ability to try to hold America hostage to nuclear blackmail."(3) While Buffet suggested raising insurance premiums and denying certain kinds of coverage, Rumsfeld's suggestion was to build better defenses against nuclear attack.

According to former "Defense Secretary" and current Vice-President Dick Cheney, the ability of al Qaeda leaders to keep their own followers in the dark about operations as they proceed is a stunning reason why spying on al Qaeda and other "terrorists" won't work completely. Cheney concluded it was "almost certain" that the "terrorists" would succeed in striking the United States again.(4)

Buffet, Mueller, Cheney, Rumsfeld—each in his own way gave the public something to chew on, a report on the "struggle" against "terrorism." That is a minimum level of acting responsibly that MIM credits them for. Although nuclear weapons are not equally distributed in this world, the struggles of the oppressed have become part of the imperialists' calculations.

Hence from these rich men and rulers we have heard that it is impossible to completely stop "terrorism" and the spread of nuclear weapons. We agree with them on the nature of the risk even to U.S. citizens. It took them too long to

say what MIM has been saying, but they have now admitted important facts. Now it is a question of solutions. In actuality, while succeeding rather late in their intelligence capacities, each of these people lacks the political courage and know-how to change the situation. Their answers range from increasing budgets for spying and chasing terrorists, to building "Star Wars" defense systems, to increasing insurance premiums to admitting that since Israel does it, Amerikkans can live through suicide bombings too. Vaguely, the rulers seem to realize that while they do more of the same without a vision of a new future, "the terrorists" also will do more of the same, especially now that September 11th proved what was possible.

None of these rulers have the political courage to admit that a system falling apart in so many ways and needing patching by their own logic in so many areas has to be replaced by a system built in which there is no such risk of aggressive motivation by anyone. They think we can afford to live under the same economic system as the past. The rulers want to retain the right to oppress others by military force—even if that creates

"terrorists" who strike back with inevitable nuclear attacks. These rulers also want a profit-system of rewards that pays people to invent, deliver and distribute weapons of mass distribution. They are afraid to abolish money and track luxury good consumption. They are also against guaranteeing every person on this earth food, shelter, clothing and the best-possible sustainable environment and non-militarist atmosphere. That's what it would take to avoid nuclear catastrophes, but the way it looks right now, Amerikkans will have to suffer one or two "nuclear events" before they figure it out. Unfortunately, that may be too late for the whole species, thanks to the development of the means of destruction.

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What is militarism?



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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. brass fear military stretched too thin

The Joint Chiefs of Staff apparently feel that they must maneuver for maximum flexibility in military strikes, because taking on all the battles being considered at present would be too difficult, reported the English Guardian newspaper May 25th. Already waging an active war in Afghanistan, the U.S. military mentioned the India-Pakistan dispute as one reason it cannot afford to jump into Iraq with 200,000 troops in a full-scale invasion to put in a new lackey regime.

U.S. "Special Forces" already serve in the Philippines and Yemen. The U.S. military leaders say their military is too small both to defend the homeland and operate in so many countries at once. Air Force head John Jumper said, "We never sized ourselves to have to do high force-protection levels at home and overseas at the same time. We're stretched very thin in security forces," he was quoted as saying by the New York Times."(1)

From its inception, MIM has said that the United States is in World War III. When we hear the U.S. military admit that it is already overstretched, it confirms that World War III against the Third World is an accurate description. What it means for the Third World is that its natural trajectory of growth and adoption of new weapons means that the United States will not be able to control all of the Third World forever; even though the United States will likely retain many technological and military advantages for the immediate future.

If the humyn species does not die in a nuclear holocaust, revolution will come about through the overstretching of the U.S. military. As the U.S. reaction to September 11th proves, the rulers only know how to do "more of the same." Whether it be resolving thousands of phony anthrax letters and catching the real perpetrators, doing more racial profiling, running more wiretaps on MIM and others, keeping tabs on millions of people who could be "terrorists" or intervening in various wars, the U.S. rulers do not realize that time is passing them by. They cannot stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or the capability to spoil the earth's environment with one good bomb. They cannot do that anymore than they could win the "war on drugs." The reason is that the economic system motivates many millions of people to do things that the U.S. rulers cannot control.

The press reports only months after the fact that the FBI had its own problems in chasing "the terrorists." The press even reports that one FBI agent was receiving bribes that may have connected to 911—what a shock under capitalism, that someone might want money to spend on a luxurious life and would do something "competitive" to get that money!(2)

Instead of realizing the extent and numbers involved in the problem, the press likes to believe we are pointing at one operation and needing to detain one Osama bin Laden. Even ultra-reactionary nutcase "Defense Secretary" Rumsfeld is

tired of settler individualist stupidity, at least on this question: "Asked whether terrorist leader Osama bin Laden is still alive, Rumsfeld said he didn't know.

"This isn't our business, the secretary of defense's business, to track down a single individual," he said. "We've never organized ourselves as a law enforcement agency. That is a very difficult thing to do. It's like finding a needle in a haystack.""(3)

The press tells us about the one memo that got overlooked in catching the 911 hijackers. The same press does not tell us how many memos the one agent wrote that were wrong—never mind the number of memos that all the FBI agents combined wrote that were wrong.(4)

This has to do with the mathematical illiteracy of the public in the dumbocracy that is the world's superpower. Amerikkans who believe in settling "their own" piece of land and "rugged individualism" have always been slow learners when it comes to classing a large number of events together and analyzing probabilities between 1 and 99%. It's not enough to stop an individual, because a one percent chance in a game of Russian Roulette means a 63% chance of failure after 100 turns.

Even being right 99 in 100 times is not enough and today this means we need a communist system to motivate everyone to be harmonious. We humyns do not have to have perfect bodies or minds. Yet even with our flaws we lived in communism before industrial society

when we lived in tribes. We just need to remove the causes of aggressive behavior instead of trying to repress everyone who opposes the United States, as if the opposition cannot strike back, ever.

Thanks to our individualism and our middle-class existence backing mathematical illiteracy, Amerikkans show every likelihood that like other imperialist populations before, we will have to learn the hard way, maybe getting ourselves nuked once or twice and losing protracted wars in the Third World. After we get nuked, hopefully no Amerikkans will be whining about the one memo or the one anti-missile launcher that failed in the Star Wars defensive shield. MIM hopes that the people here will be able to take a more thorough approach and change. Species survival should not depend on a memo or anti-missile missile launcher.

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1. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/IraqStory/0,2763,722053,00.html>
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3. <http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/05/23/rumsfeld.terror/index.html>; Rumsfeld also did the responsible thing and admitted that things look bleak in terms of stopping a massive attack on the United States.

4. An example of the furor that is now acceptable in the mainstream imperialist press is <http://www.usatoday.com/news/attack/2002/05/24/whistle.htm>

Reactionaries focus on missile threat to United States and England

Weapons are not equally distributed by country in this world, but as nuclear and missile technology inevitably spreads, there are those who seek to stem the wheel of history. Such people seeking to go back to a time when only a handful of countries could commit hari-kari through nuclear war are by definition reactionaries—backwards-looking people—and they are a danger to the whole world. The recent uproar over "routine" Pakistan missile tests on May 25th (1) proves that the rulers of Western governments and media are unqualified to lead to global peace.

Nuclear and missile proliferation is inevitable. The sooner that everyone grasps that and its implications, the better. Right now various weak and incompetent rulers in the leading imperialist countries fantasize about missile defense shields and sending in special forces teams to capture nuclear weapons before they are used.

It's definitely the same-old, same-old. These rulers lack the vision that only the international proletariat can bring to the table—a world where people need not fear each other, a world that necessarily

has an international minimum wage, full employment, land reform—basic food, shelter, clothing and environment rights and economic growth. That is the ONLY way in which the economic system is not designed to take chances with the peace.

These rulers think they buried communism, but now reactionaries ranging from the Moonies to British intelligence fret about northern Korea selling missiles to Arabs for profit.(2) Well, duh, that's capitalism for you.

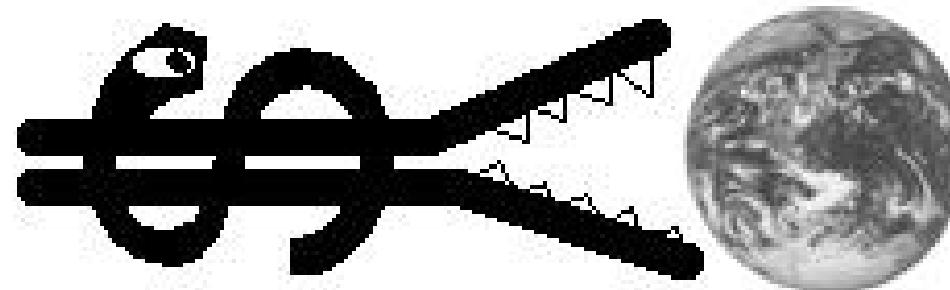
Oh sure, it galls these old rulers from old imperialist countries that some dark-skinned persyn in some yet-to-industrialize country could destroy the atmosphere we all need to live—just in a single fitful and suicidal act. Those are

the emotions the imperialist country rulers and population feel, but they do not contribute one iota to a solution.

People who feel that they have the good life economically and place a value on their lives should see to it that the rest of the world gets to the same place. Instead, the populations of England and the United States look backwards instead of accepting the inevitable and adjusting accordingly.

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Spiderman

Directed by Sam Raimi, 2002

Overall, the latest Spiderman movie falls short for entertainment value; it is far from action packed, with a plot and dialog that are best described as trite. But the saving grace of the movie is the political message at the end (which this review will be giving away).

Spiderman is the story of an ordinary boy, Peter Parker, who was bit by a spider on a high school class trip. In narrating the beginning of the movie, he says that his life story revolves around a beautiful woman. That is an unfortunate characterization of the life of someone who ends up devoting himself to fighting evil. But in the end the best political message is wrapped up in this romantic subplot.

Of course, the spectacular evil Spiderman fights is the super-villain kind, but most of his time is spent fighting the ordinary evil of people hurting other people. Essentially, on an individual scale, Spiderman is fighting for a better world. But he is targeting crime on a small scale: individual robberies and violence. Spiderman lacks any kind of systematic analysis of the causes of evil that he is fighting, and as one man running around New York City putting out fires (sometimes literally), he can't really expect to make any progress towards ending all the violence that he is

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trying to prevent. His time would be better spent fighting the causes of crime (for instance poverty) and fighting the biggest murderers and thieves in the world: the imperialists.

MIM appreciates the message that ordinary people can become heroes because of their circumstances (though we're not waiting for our heroes to develop superpowers). Rather than looking to individuals we take a more scientific analysis of the world and argue that it is the people who make history. Extraordinary leaders come from ordinary people who rise to the occasion of their material conditions.

Ironically, it was the romantic plot that provided the most important political message in the movie. When the woman Peter Parker was in love with finally declared her love for him, he decided he could not be more than friends with her. In order to devote his life to fighting evil in the world he walked away from romance. This is the asexuality that MIM praises as a superior romantic practice. It reflects a devotion to the people and an understanding of responsibility to the people that supercedes romantic cultural influence.

Peter Parker said, "With great power

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Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones

Directed by George Lucas, 2002
Review by MC5

The politics in this movie is light considering that the movie is about empires, government leaders, secession, war and contention between good and evil. Nonetheless we give this movie a limited endorsement.

There was not much to complain about politically in the first installments of "Star Wars," which were both anti-fascist and anti-imperialist. The role of Black characters and the rebel "Red Guard" in the key battles did not go unnoticed at MIM. In this movie, we learn that democracy is the preferred government of the "good guys" of the Republic. Although the characters' endorsement of democracy is rather shallow—like the current understanding of democracy in the United States—the movie itself offers slightly more analysis.

We learn right away that corruption and wrangling are ruining the Senate of the Republic. At age 20, future evil incarnate Darth Vader is just Anakin Skywalker, one of the most skilled Jedi warriors. We can tell that he is going to grow up to be

an imperialist when he tells Obi-Wan Kenobi not to lecture him anymore on politics and economics. According to Anakin Skywalker, he only trusts 2 or 3 politicians and therefore the subjects of politics and economics themselves are contaminated—a huge mistake to throw out the baby with the bath water. He also favors dictatorship; although we learn that he himself wants to become the most powerful in the world when his mother dies.

The death of his mother at the hands of odious scavengers also raises the question of genocide, because Anakin Skywalker kills every single member of the camp or tribe responsible. Democratic Senator and future wife of Anakin Skywalker, Padme Amidala has no criticisms when she learns of this slaughter. To be sure, majorities of white people favored genocide in the United States to take land from Indians, so democracy and genocide are compatible. We wish there had been more discussion of the merits and demerits of this particular group that Anakin Skywalker wiped out.

Distrust of politicians, favorable attitudes toward dictatorship, inclinations toward genocide—clearly Anakin Skywalker has the makings of a classic Nazi. Just as Hitler copied much of Lenin on the vanguard party, Anakin Skywalker is going to take all the training of the Jedi

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MIM debates Seattle Buddhist on 'freedom,' Tibet

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them swear allegiance and implement changes before he was going to allow them back into the Union. He was right. There are no two sides to tolerate evenly, as if choosing between Burger King and McDonald's.

You continue to make justifications for Tibetan slavery and the world's highest imprisonment rate in the world in the United States. Yet you continue to talk about "freedom" against us Maoists. Do you or don't you think the state with the world's highest imprisonment rate should be tolerated?

It is you who are evading the question. Apparently you believe that the slaves should have been grateful to the system of "individual liberty" if someone in the South was allowed to "dissent" from slavery. Fuck that. Mutual tolerance and respect are only due amongst people who do not violate each other's universal survival rights.

The Confederates did not deserve to be "tolerated" and treated equally to the Unionists. If Northern whites or the occasional free Blacks were tolerated in anti-slavery "free speech" at the Southerners' dinner-table while visiting the South, that does not change the fact that the slave-owners and their Confederates should have been repressed. You want them to say "thank you for letting me speak at the dinner-table and now I won't favor repressing the slave-owners and Confederates"? You want them to say the South has a

system of "individual liberty" because of some chit-chat at the dinner table? Nonsense.

As for Palden Gyatso—in 1959, when Palden Gyatso went to prison, the highest spiritual authority in Tibetan Buddhism, the Panchen Lama worked things out with the Chinese communists. He was in unity with the government at that time. The temporal authority, the Dalai Lama called for demonstrations to end and never called for independence. Yet, Palden Gyatso admits to opposing the Chinese "occupation," but this has nothing to do with Buddhism, unless of course you are saying the Panchen Lama was not a Buddhist in 1959. This has to do with politics, power, slavery and serfdom.

Some people arise to oppose a union of territories. The local authority in one set of territories did not abolish slavery prior to union. Another political authority used to have slavery but did then abolish it with the help of slaves from both territories. A movement arises in the territory that used to tolerate slavery, and that movement wants to return to the past: is it the KKK after the U.S. Civil War or the "Free Tibet" Movement of 1959? There would be no way to tell.

By the way, Palden Gyatso has admitted that the persyn who tortured him in prison was Tibetan, not Han Chinese. So much for Shangri-La in Tibet.(1)

If prison and torture are bad, how about murder? I see you haven't answered our questions on that. Apparently it's OK for

pro-slavery activists to kill anti-slavery monks.

Of course there was widespread violence in 1959. If you read the Dalai Lama, it is clear that he was powerless to stop the violent resistance of some Tibetans to the revolution. The U.S. Civil War was horrible too—horrible but necessary thanks to problems in "human nature."

MIM conclusion: MIM was busy fighting with this Buddhist's justifications for the #1 prison-state, serfdom and slavery. The typical "Free Tibet" activists feels no compunction about ignoring the fact that serfdom and slavery were legal under the Dalai Lama and only made illegal under the communist movement, composed partly of Tibetan slaves. We hope our readers will understand that we had some basic priorities to handle with the above and did not cover all the details.

It would be too much to ask that this persyn know factually that in fact the United States does not "tolerate" Maoism—as two dozen dead Maoist Black Panthers can attest, including one shot to death in his sleep, Fred Hampton. These facts are now known and in many cases attested to by former police agents, as in the case of Fred Hampton.

As for speech, Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver was taken back from parole and put in prison for his political activity—as was admitted by one judge who was subsequently overturned by judges saying the California Adult Authority had

the power to take back paroles for anything that the Reagan administration wanted and that the First Amendment being merely a piece of that scrap of paper called the "Bill of Rights" attached to that other scrap known as the "Constitution" was not higher priority than the Reagan appointees' wishes.

Readers can check the video "FBI's War on Black America." Ward Churchill et. al. also wrote a book called "Agents of Repression." The government's own documents on these cases have all been released, but the brainwashing on "freedom" in the United States is so thorough and based in so much super-profit bribery that they do not make much dent in public consciousness.

Since most Amerikkans do not even know this history, much of which is now openly documented, it also cannot be expected that they would know that people have been thrown in solitary confinement for having MIM Notes or that distributors of MIM Notes have been thrown in jail for distributing MIM Notes. The wretched pride related to nationalism and low political consciousness would prevent the majority from ever caring enough to know.

As for drug addiction in China, one has to have done almost no research to fail to realize that it was cured by Maoism. According to one bourgeois academic book put it, "Secret societies and organized crime gangs are gone, as are

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Clones: A note on dialectical, materialist acting

Reviews of "Attack of the Clones" in the bourgeois press were mixed. Those panning the film usually cited its "boring" subject matter—politics—and bad acting. Of course, for those of us interested in art as a means for arousing people to fight oppression and not an end in itself, there is nothing *a priori* boring about politics. There was enough meat to "Attack of the Clones" to keep MIM interested and entertained—despite director and writer Lucas' muddle-headed idealism.

Bad acting is another matter. As Mao taught us, "Works of art which lack artistic quality have no force, however progressive they are politically." ("Talks at the Yenan Forum on Literature and Art," Selected Works, vol. 3) The bad acting in "Attack..." is not simply a matter of unprofessionalism, however. Rather, it's a matter of a materialist vs. an idealist approach.

Stephen Hunter from the Washington Post grasped some of this. His review is worth quoting at length:

"[T]he movie is kind of a laboratory on American vs. British technique. Score: Brits 10, Yanks 0. That's because to the Brits, who work from the outside in, acting is physical mastery of face and voice and body, strategically employed at certain moments for impact. An actor imposes himself on the character, and invents charm and wit and sparkle where none exists. So even the guy playing Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid) is creepy-elegant, and McGregor, athletic and earnest, can even bring a little life to a



Samuel L. Jackson loses one for the Amerikan team against the Brits, led by Ian McDiarmid.



line like, 'I am concerned for my Padawan. He is not ready to be given this assignment on his own yet.' [Also of note Christopher Lee of Dracula and British special forces intelligence fame as the evil count Dooku.]

"The Americans, on the other hand, are trained to get into the character's mind and imagine as he would imagine, to work from the inside out. But there is no inside here: These characters are nothing but pop-cult props, and that leaves the performers helpless and inert... [E]ven an actual great actor, Samuel L. Jackson, seems ridiculous. He never looks comfortable as the Jedi Mace Windu, in robes and boots, and there's nothing he can do at all with a line like 'The

Genosians aren't warriors. One Jedi has to be worth a hundred Genosians!'"

Hunter's comments remind MIM of commie-symp playwright Bertolt Brecht's writings on acting. Brecht hated the "method acting" approach where actors draw on their personal experiences to "feel what their characters are feeling" so that audiences also "feel their pain" etc. Why, Brecht asked, should the audience rejoice with the British soldiers who just put down a colonial revolt? Instead of getting caught up in the euphoria, the audience should be encouraged to make their own intellectual and emotional assessment—in this case, sorrow and anger.

Brecht's preferred acting style—based

on what he called the alienation (or distancing) effect—was similar to what Hunter calls "British technique." For Brecht, the point was not to "inject charm and sparkle," but class analysis, proletarian politics.

Hunter and other reviewers may dismiss "Attack's" characters as "nothing but pop-cult props" and its utilitarian, expository dialogue, but MIM does not—although we may differ with the film's political line. After all, in one of our favorite films—"Breaking With Old Ideas," made in China during the Cultural Revolution—the characters are not so much bourgeois individuals with personal psychological histories as representations of particular classes and political lines.

Still, Hunter's point is relevant: there is no way a seventeen-year-old actor from the 'burbs will be able to "get into himself" and find his "inner Anakin"—a former slave—or use navel-gazing to comment sensibly on Anakin's youthful impatience or fascist leanings. On the other hand, an intelligent, well-trained seventeen-year-old actor who had studied history and ideally participated in the class struggle first-hand would have been able to do more with Anakin—not because "that's where he's coming from" but because of his knowledge of the world outside himself and his take on it.

So what on the surface looks like a matter of bad acting vs. good acting reveals itself as a conflict between subjectivism and post-modernism on the one hand and dialectics and materialism on the other.

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Knights before becoming a full-fledged imperialist.

One of the parts we like about the movie is the discussion of the secession movement by the politicians still loyal to the Republic. They talk repeatedly of negotiating with the thousands of planetary systems breaking away from the Republic. In fact, there is no standing army in the Republic. The Jedi Knights make a point of saying "we're only peacekeepers, not an army."

The formation of a standing army in this movie is obviously tied to profit. By taking a smuggler-mercenary as the prototype, the Caminoans who live far out in space away from the Republic build an army of clones for sale—on the order of the Jedi Knights of the Republic, or so they think. Each member of the clone army is ruthless, without thinking capacity, unquestioning and cloned from the same dubious humyn material.

It turns out that the evil soon-to-be-Emperor Palpatine was behind the creation of both the clone army and a robot army for the secessionists—all as part of a plot to keep the Republic in turmoil so he can legally assume dictatorial powers.

For MIM this is an excellent point

about the movie. The Republic lived in peace with thousands of systems for 1000 years before a standing army came into being in obviously evil circumstances. So it appears that species able to inter-communicate can negotiate their organization with each other, without systematic wars.

When it comes time to organize these armies and a secession movement, it turns out that we find business federations conspiring behind the back of the Republic. They stand for action to defeat the Jedi Knights and secede from the Republic.

Hence, the origin of standing armies is the most odious of circumstances in "Star Wars." Yet, we cannot blame Yoda for organizing the clone army to save the remaining Jedi Knights in a battle against the robot army. Although we have not seen the sequel, it appears that the army Yoda mustered will end up being corrupted itself and serving as an instrument of Darth Vader.

This problem neatly parallels our own in this day. Somehow we have found ourselves in circumstances where standing armies exist, act and arm themselves in connection to the profit motive. Contrary to anarchists who mistake their own wishes for reality or a

means to achieve a new reality, we scientific socialists agree with Marx on the need for an interim dictatorship of the proletariat. Yoda had no choice but to use that army, because society was not ready for any other approach. A society needing an army is a dictatorship of some kind or another, whether openly fascist or cloaked as "democracy."

The newspaper critics focused on Jar Jar Binks, the character that starred in the last installment of Star Wars and was widely and deservedly criticized. However, even that criticism was shallow political correctness. Considering that there are all range of alien characters in the movie, including some of the lowliest scavenger types, it should not be surprising to find a character speaking poor English reminiscent of a Black slave caricature. Even accepting the criticism of the critics, we say so what? There is no reason that all species in a future intergalactic Republic would be perfect English speakers or highly intelligent, if Jar Jar Binks is indeed representative of a species.

"Episode II" of "Star Wars" deserves to be a launching pad for more serious political discussion, not just political correctness on Jar Jar Binks.

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comes great responsibility." This is what MIM refers to as the "leadership principle." The great power Parker refers to is his spider-power; the power we refer to is state power (or proto-state power when referring to leadership positions in our party). Leaders in the bourgeois government and economy are not held responsible for the 14 million children every year who die of malnutrition worldwide — they are not even held accountable for the few score middle-class Amerikans who died because of the shoddy workmanship on their SUVs and tires. Bourgeois leaders need not be particularly intelligent, courageous or devoted to the common good — they simply need daddy's money and a few friends in the right places. On the contrary, MIM would restrict leadership positions in the dictatorship of the proletariat to the most dedicated, with a proven track record of struggle and results. Furthermore, these leaders would understand that if they made a mistake that cost other people their lives, they could be held accountable with their own life.

Toilers suffer in brewing India-Pakistan war

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to use nuclear weapons in its war with India.(4)

Pakistan and the unspoken truth

On the Pakistan side, there have been four wars with India since Indian independence in 1947. The Pakistani view involves its tit-for-tat conflict over religion and nationality with India. However, the situation with the United States since September 11th has definitely become a new factor in the war. On May 25th, Pakistan announced it was withdrawing troops along the border with Afghanistan.(5) Although the move did not receive much fanfare, and Pakistan also withdrew troops from U.N. operations, the troop movement is a very strong message to the United States that the India conflict comes first and helping Amerika with al Qaeda searches in Afghanistan comes second. In theory, Pakistani troops were stopping al Qaeda from crossing the border into Pakistan to get away from U.S.-led troops. No doubt the United States did something to precipitate the shifting priorities in Pakistan seen May 25th. The deal seems to be that the United States has to keep India off Pakistan's back while Pakistan cooperates on al Qaeda. At the same time, the United States flexes muscle via India. A more intensive war between India and Pakistan would represent a higher stage of bargaining with the United States by Pakistan, but once the war started, who knows if al Qaeda would ever again appear to be a strong priority.

We at MIM clearly oppose any U.S. thoughts of taking on Pakistan. The United States is going deep into a reactionary fantasy world instead of accepting the inevitable that it will not be able to control every country in the world without being "struck back."

Currently, Pakistani rulers feel that U.S. military maneuvers could turn against Pakistan in alliance with India. Pakistanis say that India and the United States just

concluded joint war games against Pakistan.(6) This is a difficult situation to interpret, but MIM's analysis is that Pakistani bourgeois nationalists are correct in interpreting the situation of U.S. pressure. (See "U.S. brass fear military stretched too thin," p.5)

South Asian false consciousness

MIM Notes previously reported that in all of the Third World countries polled there was one that was enthusiastic about the U.S. war on Afghanistan: India. The reason for that enthusiasm is that Indians opposed the connection of Pakistan to the Taliban in Afghanistan.

As MIM has said before, there is generally a common if vague view amongst the oppressed and exploited that reflects the underlying conditions of oppression and exploitation. Likewise, in the oppressor nations, MIM has said there is an underlying economic condition of exploiter-status, and not surprisingly, a Gallup poll shows imperialist countries lined up for the U.S. war.(7)

India was an exception from the rule that Third World countries wanted a peaceful resolution, and for this reason, MIM does not hesitate to speak of an overwhelming "false consciousness" in India. Marxists say that a group demonstrates "false consciousness" when its views do not match its self-interests. Typically the newly born proletariat of Marx's day was not aware of its own interests as a class. When Indians become excited about religious or caste strife, they are demonstrating "false consciousness"—except for the rulers who benefit from such distractions that keep the exploited from uniting.

On May 24th, the Chinese and Indian Foreign Ministers exchanged phone calls about the war on the border between India and Pakistan. The Chinese reported that the Indian minister actually agreed that the people of India and Pakistan would be better served by focusing on economic development instead of war.(8)

Although the populations of both India and Pakistan are riled up for war against each other, and it is not just a matter of the rulers' wanting war, the people of south and central Asia have nothing to gain. The workers and peasants will do the dying while the arms merchants will make the profits.

Backward preoccupations

Western news agencies focused on the missile tests by Pakistan that both sides Pakistan and India called "routine" and we did not see China's emphasis on reporting the actual battles in progress between India and Pakistan. Recently, according to Pravda, (and we believe news coverage reflects it), England has labeled all countries with ballistic weapons as a threat and U.S. rulers have voiced a similar view, especially regarding northern Korea, Iran, Iraq and others they refer to as the "axis of evil."

Although it is questionable that George W. Bush realizes it, U.S.. imperialism encourages countries around the world to apply for new Israel status—lining up as a U.S. henchman in exchange for military aid and a green light to take neighbors' land. India is doing this with respect to Pakistan. Pakistan is doing the same. Armenia and Azerbaijan are racing for the same status having been at war recently. All around the world—in Colombia, Nepal, Ceylon—would-be lackeys line up for U.S. aid in the "war against terrorism." This creates new sources of instability.

Even Bush is having problems conducting his war on "terrorism." He tried to bribe Pakistan with typical Liberal ("free market") inducements for Pakistan's clothing exports. Considering that Bush says he is for free trade he should have eliminated the taxes on Pakistan's exports to the United States long ago, but instead he offered the trade deal as a bribe for peaceful "anti-terrorist" behavior, only to see Congress rescind it out of deference to the "loser" labor aristocracy of the United States concerned about losing

more textile jobs.

Bush also offered to rescind \$1 billion in Pakistan's debt. One report says that the United States has already delivered \$600 million of its promises. Another mentions that Pakistan bills the United States for military aid in operations in Afghanistan. At least one Pakistani politician is saying that foreign bank loans have ruined Pakistan's chances of economic development and that all such international agencies must be kicked out.(9)

While MIM has found information on proposals, we are not able to confirm what money from the United States and the other imperialists is actually flowing to Pakistan for what. If we knew, we would have a better idea of what is behind the war-posturing.

It goes to show that the current "war on terrorism" and global hope for peace can only end in defeat because of the current economic system, just like the "war on drugs." Even so feeble an attempt at international cooperation as the limited clothing trade deal with Pakistan ends up defeated. There needs to be a global minimum wage and other global standards of environmental and labor protection so that conflicts over trade do not arise and contribute to an atmosphere of war and terrorism.

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MIM debates Seattle Buddhist on 'freedom,' Tibet

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brothels, opium dens, and other forms of organized vice."(4) This book also points to several other authors on this point in their page 3. Even reactionary authors know this.

Tibet by all accounts is in a difficult patch of geography. This allows some people to fantasize about a paradise removed almost from humyn view. The Western "Free Tibet" movement wants us to envision a spiritually unified people living in Shangri-La. In contrast, we believe they lived in difficult economic conditions and that we should not be surprised that former slaves and serfs became communists.

People with any sense of geography and reality will listen to the following

accounts, and not put stock in a Dalai Lama who says serfdom was mild in Tibet:

"I was born in a slave's family in Konka County, Tibet. . . I was a slave for nine years and lived like a beast of burden. . . They beat and abused me every day. . . I was so tired I would sometimes doze off. Choma would take a big pin from her collar and poke it into my head. Blood streamed down my head and I felt dizzy. Nine years of enslavement brought me to the verge of death. One summer day in 1956, I was beaten unconscious by Choma's daughter. A gust of cold evening wind woke me up. My body covered with wounds and blood, I thought of our

kinsmen the People's Liberation Army. (Tibet was peacefully liberated as early as 1951. But the Democratic Reform was not yet carried out in 1956 and the manorial lords continued to rule over the serfs.) I remembered a P.L.A. unit had been stationed in our village in 1954. . . That night the masters were having a drinking party and I took advantage of their merry-making and the departure of guests to run away from the lair. . . After five days and six night I finally found the P.L.A. who saved me."—Pasang, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region, 1972

"I had nine children. My heart almost broke when three of my daughters died of hunger and cold. Thanks to Chairman

Mao, now we have a happy life."—A mother whose own mother, father and two siblings also died while begging in Lhasa under the Dalai Lama's rule

"90 per cent of the cadres at the district level are of Tibetan nationality."—1972, "Great Changes in Tibet," (Peking: Foreign Languages Press)

"More than 95 per cent of the members of their revolutionary committees at various levels are emancipated serfs and slaves."(Ibid.)

"In Lamaist temples all things related to feudal oppression and exploitation must be reformed"—Panchen Lama, July, 1959

Notes:

1. For more on Palden Gyatso, see MIM Notes 258, 15 May 2002.

Police turn violent at Golden Gate protest

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along with the opportunity for civil disobedience by anyone interested. They attempted to obtain all necessary permits to ensure that the event be legal for those who did not wish to be arrested.

The organizers negotiated with bridge authorities for weeks prior to the rally, but the authorities made arbitrary last-minute decisions to sabotage the event. They allowed the pre-march rally to be held at Crissy Field, but in a specially designated "First Amendment" area, well away from any public walkways or roads. They allowed no stage or sound system, only 4 bullhorns for crowd control, no chanting, and no large banners. The bridge authorities also denied organizers access to the supposedly public Golden Gate bridge after noon, forcing them to change the time of the protest. And access before noon came with the restrictions that everyone be off the bridge by 2 p.m. and no one hold any anti-war signs on the bridge.

The rally in Crissy field included several anti-imperialist speeches by march organizers, chanting (in spite of this being designated as illegal behavior by the police), and many people making shirts to wear across the bridge instead of carrying signs. MIM brought copies of some RAIL anti-imperialist posters on 11x17 and 8 1/2 x 11 paper which we provided to people to tape on their shirts. The posters with messages such as "Fighting Imperialism is not Terrorism" and "Imperialism: the majority of the world's people can't live with it, you can't live without it" were very popular with the crowd.

When the marchers reached the entrance to the pedestrian walkway at the Golden Gate Bridge police who insisted on searching bags and making people leave behind signs and banners. Police turned one MIM supporter back for

carrying a paper bag with some posters inside a backpack. Either leave these behind or don't get on the bridge, was the message. Police told others to leave behind Palestinian flags and signs they were carrying. MIM noted several cars go by flying Amerikan flags without incident. And pedestrians wave Amerikan flags on the walkway on a daily basis.

On the bridge marchers chanted with fists in the air, keeping within the walkway while trying to make the anti-war message clear to passers-by. Flanked by police, fully armed national guards, police boats and what looked like snipers in the hills, the marchers were certainly not a threat to anyone, but were quite threatened by the protectors of imperialism. These goons clearly understood the danger in a strong anti-imperialist movement.

Predictably, the mainstream media message was that people were way too hassled by this anti-war protest. Channel 5 interviewed one woman stuck in traffic, who said, "Sure I'm anti-war, but I'm 9 months pregnant and I need to pee." Her message was clear: I can only oppose brutality and oppression when it is convenient. No doubt some wealthy Marin residents were annoyed by the traffic problems. (The Golden Gate Bridge connects San Francisco with Marin County, a wealthy area with many nature preserves that are popular destinations for weekend hikes and picnics.)

Mainstream news did not report that most reactions from passing cars were supportive of the march before the cops shut the bridge down. Foot traffic also flowed freely. Tourists passed by unimpaired. But once the cops blocked the bridge drivers started screamed obscenities—at protestors. The cops' advance even trapped one tourist family on the front line.

(In contrast to other bourgeois mouthpieces, The San Francisco Chronicle provided relatively unbiased coverage of the march. It reported on cops' attacks on protestors and noted that the police shoved reporters around. One Indymedia reporter was arrested.)

After the cops stopped the march from going further, one organizer approached the police to explain that it was not only their "first amendment right" to continue, but it was also a right protected by the permit they had secured. As a verbal argument ensued the cops seized and arrested the organizer—with permit in hand. The cops insisted that the marchers turn back and several people sat down in protest. The cops—some with shotguns—arrested them and started pushing the rest of the crowd back along the walkway. They beat anyone who didn't move fast enough, used pepper spray on the crowd, and shoved people so that some fell to the ground.

The cops arrested those who fell to the ground and anyone else they could grab, slamming heads and bodies to the concrete. They arrested 27 people on the bridge, shackled them in plastic cuffs and put them on a bus in a nearby parking lot. Many begged to have the cuffs loosened, complaining of pain in the wrists and shoulders as the bus sat there for 3 hours. Finally the pigs bussed this group up to San Rafael in Marin County, cited them for obstructing the sidewalk, and released them in the middle of nowhere to find their way back to the city.

Meanwhile, the police continued to "escort" the remaining marchers off the bridge. The crowd arrived in two groups. Cops told the first group to wait in a picnic area next to a snack bar just off the bridge "to ensure your safety." One woman asked the cops if the marchers were in danger and they responded that the marchers would be if they didn't wait

for an "escort." When the second half of the marchers arrived the cops in riot gear immediately formed a line and again started pushing the marchers back. The marchers were in a parking lot and picnic area that is part of the park, not even threatening traffic.

The protestors would have said a few words and dispersed, but again the cops created an incident—they suddenly grabbed the 11-year-old Palestinian girl, threw her to the ground and held her there for five minutes. They then took her away in a police car. The girl had been chanting with her sisters and brother throughout the march.

After kidnapping this young girl, the CHP cops left and only the park police remained. They told the crowd that they had to return to the originally designated "First Amendment Area" in the park. When the crowd made it clear they were not leaving without the young girl who was arrested the head park cop radioed to find out what happened to her. He reported back that he was told they had not arrested any 11-year-old girls. After the crowd expressed their outrage at that answer he said he would work with the girl's family to find her. A little while later cops told her family that the girl would be released [after being charged with felony assault]; her older brother drove to the police station to pick her up. When he arrived cops arrested and charged him with felony child endangerment. They transferred his sister to SF Child Protective Services.

Despite the bullshit Amerikans learn in school, the United States is not a "free country." Clearly—"free speech rights" notwithstanding—some kinds of speech are not so free. We see that when prison administrators censor MIM notes for saying the same things as Abraham Lincoln, and we see that when pigs toss opponents of Amerika's latest military adventures into jail.

Letters

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those very public statements he made—including the self-sacrifice of giving up his title as an anti-war statement. We can't demand purity in the cultural icons who arise now and then to make a positive contribution—like U2 singer Bono supporting debt relief for Third World countries—even when they do it for their own reasons. Our task is to build a revolutionary movement. If these folks help us a little, we'll take it. You are right not to go too far, not to let a passing admiration turn into hero worship. That mistake has cost the revolution too much, too many times.

Focoism problems

Revolutionary greetings,

I received a letter from you responding to my question about focoism and you told me to read the essay in the "What is MIM" pamphlet. [Focoism is the idea

that armed actions carried out by small cells or "focos" will inspire the rest of the population to spontaneously rise up in armed revolution.] Now I just finished reading the essay and I'm still a little confused with why a lot of comrades have a problem with focoism.

Now I'm not saying that I'm right on how I feel because I have only been studying revolutionary politics for a few months. But what I do know is that the percentage of revolutionaries in the united snakes is no where near the percent of the "white working class" (bourgeoisie). Now it says that focoists are a small group of people that believe "a single spark can start the revolutionary fire." I also believe that Mao said something to the likes of to stop a war is to have a war when the government is at its weakest point. I say that to say this wasn't the U.S. at its weakest point in history on 9-11-01, then why didn't the revolution start already. What else needed to happen for the snakes to feel

the revolutionary fire. Why didn't it happen yet?

As far as I see, it is a lot of people are talking but are not acting. I'm not saying that I'm a focoist, but until I can know and fully understand (MLM) I would have to say I don't think focoism is all that bad.

In closing, I want it to be known that I have a lot of love and respect for MIM and all its comrades and I hope that when I do leave these kages I could be a member of MIM and fight the struggle side by side with all its comrades.

—a prisoner in New Jersey, April 2002

MIM responds: This prisoner raises an important question about focoism in the context of the class structure in the United States. It is true that the majority in the U.S. are non-revolutionary. But this doesn't mean that the small portion that is should take up adventurist, focoist strategies. In fact, this is an argument for the opposite: history is filled with examples of the failures of armed

struggle when it is taken up by just a small group without the support of the people. In this country various attempts at armed actions have only led to imprisonment of the activists (or death) while the general public remains opposed to revolution.

The events of September 11 are a good example, although MIM does not consider such attacks by the oppressed on the United States to be focoism. If the attacks on the World Trade Center had been carried out by people within U.S. borders the response by the general public would likely have been the same. The people turned to stronger Amerikan nationalism and move even closer to outright fascism. This is not a progressive response, or a step in the direction of revolution.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you cannot afford justice

Since 1999 I've been in the Shelby County Jail awaiting trial. I have a public defender who has not worked to get me one court appearance, one pretrial motion hearing, or even bothered to come and speak with me concerning my charges. In addition to this, the Shelby County Jail in Memphis TN has a law library that doesn't meet the state and federal standards imposed on institutions to provide "meaningful, adequate and effective access to the courts." Inmates are permitted only 30 minutes a month in the law library without the assistance of a paralegal or one trained in the law.

Considering these dual violations of my constitutional rights, it is obvious that my ability to prepare a defense for myself is hindered, causing irreparable harm to my representation in court. As I filed grievance after grievance, I was retaliated against by the jail administration with hole time, medical neglect and other inmate abuse. The Federal courts require that inmates "exhaust all administrative remedies" before filing lawsuits against lock up facilities, which I did. However, after I submitted a thorough claim asserting how I was violated and my form of relief sought, the federal courts dismissed my lawsuit in its entirety, stating that "the only time that Federal courts interfere with criminal state courts is where extraordinary circumstances exist."

The U.S. constitution has set forth guaranteed rights to all inmates/prisoners which we are "ordinarily" entitled to during incarceration, while going through court. When these "ordinary" rights are denied and no longer guaranteed, thus producing a prejudicial effect, such conditions/circumstances become extraordinary.

I am not the only inmate in this facility facing these extraordinary circumstances. Over 65% of the inmate population here are indigent with worthless public defenders and are not able to defend themselves in court. With the poor condition of our law library (access to courts), an indigent doesn't stand a chance in the courtroom defending himself. This is the Shelby County criminal courts conspiracy of keeping Black men incarcerated in this city. If you can not afford an attorney, you can not afford justice.

— a prisoner in Tennessee, May 2002

Struggling for signatures in Texas

[This prisoner has been collecting signatures on MIM's campaign to stop Texas prisons from forcing prisoners to work even when they are sick or injured, and punishing them with loss of good-time if they can't or won't work. Contact MIM for copies of the petition or to submit signatures. -ed]

I just received your letter, MIM Notes,

Under Lock & Key

News from Prisons & Prisoners

and some other info on the revolution. You stressed the fact that I need to help in the struggle. Damn right! But I had not heard from you nor received any MIM Notes. Thank you though. I got as many signatures [on the Texas labor petition] as I could. I was just released from Ad Seg and placed in a high security unit in closed custody. We are in the house 22 hours a day and recreate for 2 hours. We have no way to pass things around and if we're caught doing so it's a disciplinary case. More of my good time/money I had doesn't help me at all taken away. But I had as many as I could.

MIM I have a personal experience with this reactionary policy TDCJ has. I injured my shoulder lifting weights. The Dr. X-rayed me and said it was fractured. Still I had to go to third shift broom squad. When the pain was too much I quit. I was made to stand for 4 hours at night at line control before I was stripped naked and put in a cold cell, which is to cool you off. After 2 hours in there I was written a major case for refusing to work. But my doctor later made my bond and the case was then thrown out, that was in '98.

In 2000, I was assaulted by an officer and my shoulder was reinjured. I've been on pain medication for it because I have constant pain. At times it hurts to write. It hurts when I wake up and when I go to sleep. It's so bad I can't sleep on my right side. I get more pain medication and sent back to work. I've been like this since 2000, still TDC makes me work their fields. If I quit I get a case! When will the madness stop? I asked the doctor that question, he said, "I gotta work, and sometimes I get sick," and put me back to work. No relief!

—A Texas Prisoner, May 2002

Jail abuse can't squelch interest in MIM Theory

I got put in lock up with no privileges after three prisoners jumped me for no reason at all. They took my visitation, telephone, and library privileges, among others, and even tried to place me on a diet called food loaf, which is wholly inadequate, for 7 days. This was stopped after I put in a grievance threatening to write the TX jail commission.

Around 25 days later a guard came into my cell while I was at an attorney visit and wrote me up for several rules that aren't ever enforced unless the 'good old boy' system feels like having a josh with ya. When I came back to my cell my stuff was thrown everywhere. Pictures of my girl and mom were all torn up, my towels and clothes were thrown on the floor, my

drinking cup was in the toilet and the toilet was pissed in; there was piss all around the toilet on the floor too.

I mentioned this at my disciplinary hearing and still got 60 days with no privileges.

Six dollars in stamps are enclosed for you MIM Theory 9, "Psychology and Imperialism." I've always been interested in this subject, and I plan on collecting the entire MIM Theory.

In struggle,

—A Texas Prisoner, February 2002

Stand up against censorship

Censorship is an issue which is effective beyond these prison walls. The US Government and its court systems in Amerika has broadened the scope in the way the Constitution is interpreted regarding how much of our rights to free speech is protected. The recent call of Amerika's attention to the Sept. 11 incident which triggered several Amerikans opinionated responses is yet another example of what political views the US Government feels are acceptable.

Although most americans or those living in amerika have a firm belief that the US Government protects all individual's rights to exercise their own political views, why is it that when someone's political views provide a mass of its own people with factual truth of Governmental oppressive actions against a people or nation of people, it's no longer a protected right, but an unacceptable form of anarchy?

It appears that a great majority of americans continue to believe that this country guarantees the right to free speech and its own political views until they're actually faced with having to figure out why the same constitutional right to free speech and political views didn't protect them or their loved ones as it alleges.

Together, we comrades of MIM must continue to broaden our analysis of this censorship issue in order to eliminate the limitations that the institutions and the Government may place on our views regardless of whether on the inside of these prison walls or on the outside looking in.

—A New York prisoner, May 2002

Department of Corrections? Or Department of Abuse?

By a NY prisoner

Originally written 16 July 1999

Why do they call this a "Correctional Facility"? Why is it overseen by a so-

called "Department of Corrections"? These names or titles give society the impression that prisoners are being "corrected" in these places. Nothing could be further from the truth. The simple truth of the matter is that Correctional Facilities are places where correctional Officers and civilian employees live out their pervert4ed fantasies of power at the expense of the charges under their care.

Every day in prison men and women are subjected to physical, mental and emotional atrocities. The type of abuse that would never be accepted in a free society. Pat frisks that go beyond what the Courts in their esteemed wisdom call sexual harassment. What many prisoners have been and still are subjected to is blatant sexual abuse. Yet to complain of this mistreatment, more often than not, only leads to other forms of harassment and abuse.

MIM on Prisons & Prisoners

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

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

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

Some uninformed but well-meaning people in society would say: "use legal remedies to stop the harassment." In civilized society this is a very effective means of stopping sexual harassment. The problem is, prison is not like civilized society. There are no "effective" legal remedies in prisons to stop the abuse and harassment. The most a prisoner can hope for is that bringing attention to the problem will prompt prison officials to remedy the situation. However, this does little to stop the ensuing mental and emotional abuse the prisoner who lodged the complaint will continue to suffer until their release from prison.

Prisoners who have been victims of physical abuse have, or I should say, had a good chance to receive compensation from the courts for physical harm they suffered at the hands of correctional staff. Changes in the law of New York State over the past few years have made it not only harder to prove physical abuse, but, have set limits on the amount of compensation that a prisoner is entitled to.

Mental and emotional abuse are a widespread normality in the prison system. Rule infractions [tickets] base on lies is a favorite harassment technique used by correctional staff. When a prisoner is "written up" for something that not only he or she knows is a lie but that the administration knows is a lie, it's a blatant abuse of power. Prisoners have little recourse to deal with such abuse of power. Complaints to the highest levels of correctional staff are usually met with silence or indifference. Often times complaints lead to more harassment and abuse by correctional staff. This is done as a form of retaliation and to show the prisoner that complaints can't help them.

Is it any wonder that prisoners often feel they can get no justice in prison? That they become embittered by their experiences here? That they wish to lash out at society upon release? Who can blame them?

Correctional facilities should be places where a person found guilty of crimes against society learns how to return to society as a useful and productive person. They should not be returned to society embittered, angry, and full of hatred due to the abuses they suffered while incarcerated. Only looking for retribution and a chance to victimize others as they have been victimized in prison.

Those members of the correctional staff who use their positions to fulfill their lust for power over others, and there are many who fit this profile, should themselves be charged for their crimes against humanity. They should be held accountable by society for their abuse of prisoners.

Sad as it is for me to say, many people released from prison will continue to commit crimes against society. This will continue until society realizes that people incarcerated in Correctional facilities are not receiving the "correction" necessary to return them to society as people changed for the better. People ready to be a productive part of society not only must society realize this, they must take the appropriate steps to ensure that changes are made in the way Correctional Facilities are run. Until these changes are made people in society can only expect to be victimized by those, who themselves, are victims of Correctional Facilities.

MIM adds: This comrade is right on in this discussion of the effectiveness of so-called "Correctional" facilities. Unfortunately, under imperialism prisons are used primarily as a tool of repression with little concern for those who are incarcerated. Even though it would be in the self-interest of all people to help prisoners integrate into society, this is rarely attempted because this is not the purpose of prisons.

We encourage this comrade, and others interested in this topic to investigate the use of prisons during socialist China. Two books that address this subject are the autobiography of Pu Yi, and *Prisoners of Liberation* by Allyn and Adele Rickett, which describe the effectiveness of Chinese prisons from the view point of the last emperor of China and two petty-bourgeois Amerikans, respectively. While prisons are always tools of repression since they are part of the state, which serves certain class interests, in socialist China this repression was aimed at those opposing the class interests of the workers and peasants. In order for these prisons to work in the interests of the masses, they had to reform the prisoners to realize why the things they did were deemed criminal under the dictatorship of the proletariat. MIM looks to the Chinese model as an example of how prisons should be run until the day when prisons are no longer necessary.

NYS targets ALKQN leader

Greetings Comrades!

I've received your letter of acknowledgement with the MIM platform & program. I sincerely look forward to building the unity and sharing the knowledge and enlightenment of any form of modern day slavery, oppression or anything that stagnates the growth of the people, whether it's Latino or Black, White, Red or Yellow! Oppression is oppression, and the cause and fight of the NYS Almighty Latin King & Queen Nation is to fight against any establishment or body of government that continues the outlawed practice of oppression and abuse!

I myself am in a battle against the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Since you have last heard from me, it seems that the NYSDOCS not only practices the art of oppression, but also has started to implement racism & discrimination once again after the bloody and sad events of the Attica riot of 1971!

At the present time I find myself within the long-term solitary confinement unit on trumped up and fake misbehavior reports! Reason being because I've been known to the prison administration as one of the leaders of the NYS Latin Kings (ALKQN). So, since Jan 3, 2002 I've been enduring countless attacks against me by officials within the NYSDOCS along with their soldiers/ CO's.

At first these so-called professionals used techniques & tactics of intense interrogation as if to try & flip me into becoming a cooperating member of the inmate population at [this facility]. Once they realized I don't make deals nor do I speak to clowns in uniforms or shirt & ties, they tried to have me placed in administrative segregation. Once in ad seg, I've received a series of misbehavior reports that range from assaults to threats against other inmates that never happened. These very inmates were witnesses during the disciplinary hearings and stated that at no time have I ever assaulted or threatened them in anyway! During these attacks on me I reported them to Senator Velmanette Montgomery of NYS. During his investigation, several of my misbehavior reports were dismissed by NYSDOC Commissioner Donald Selsky! With an apology! But yet I'm still sitting in a special housing unit in solitary confinement with 2 years of 23 hours a

day confinement within my cell! For a fake charge of threats, where the average person would have received less than 30 days in the box. But because of who I am & what I represent I'm with 24 months solitary confinement & loss of good time!

I have an appeal pending about the administrative hearing I've had and I sincerely would like to find out what is wrong with these twisted, malicious people! Any help would be appreciated from MIM!

..The struggle continues! For where ever you find a member of the ALKQN you have found a comrade involved in the revolution!!

Respect & Honor!

—a NY prisoner, March 2002

MIM adds: This comrade enclosed the misbehavior reports he has received, many of which he denies ever happening. Many of the reports are regarding alleged mail intercepted by the pigs that contained ALKQN materials. One Ad Seg recommendation read, "It has been determined through your own admission in a handwritten letter, that you are now the leader of the Latin Kings in the NYS department of corrections. This admission poses a threat to the safety and security of [this facility]." Whether the accusation is true or not, this is a clear example of the targeted political repression the comrade writes about. Being a leader of ALKQN, an organization fighting oppression, is reason enough to be put in segregation in the NYSDOC. A close look will show that political repression is the main purpose of the US prison 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 US 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.

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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.



Miles de personas protestan contra el militarismo yanqui y la agresión israelí

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Abril 21

San Francisco

Más de veinte mil personas marcharon ayer desde Mission District hacia City Hall para protestar contra el militarismo y el imperialismo yanqui. Multitudes de manifestantes denunciaron ruidosamente la reciente agresión israelí en la Franja de Gaza respaldada por EE.UU. Todos los gritos del lema “¡Libertad para Palestina!” que se daban durante pausas en medio de canciones recibieron fuertes respuestas por parte de decenas o cientos de personas.

La presencia de los activistas del Movimiento Maoísta Internacionalista (MIM) y la Liga Revolucionaria Antiimperialista (RAIL) fue muy notable y bien recibida, en gran parte debido a una serie de carteles muy artísticos diseñados por los camaradas de RAIL. En uno de los carteles salía el presidente Bush tirando los hilos de su títere- el Primer Ministro israelí Sharon; otro yuxtaponía un hambriento niño africano a un vehículo para uso deportivo yanqui bajo el lema “La mayoría del mundo no pueden convivir con el imperialismo, y tú ¿Puedes vivir sin él?” Todos esos carteles recibieron comentarios de aprobación por parte de otros manifestantes.

Algunos de los camaradas del MIM y

RAIL participaron además en una menor manifestación organizada por BAYAN-Internacional EE.UU., una organización democrática nacional de ciudadanos filipinos. Esta manifestación resultó bastante turbulenta; los cantantes de lemas consiguieron inspirar a las multitudes saliendo con el hip y canciones originales (fue una buena idea apartarse de las de siempre como “Uno, dos, tres, cuatro...” y “Hey hey ho ho...”). Los estribillos no carecieron de una dirección política: algunos de ellos decían “¡Desde Afganistán hasta las Filipinas, paren la máquina bélica yanqui!” y “¡Fascista Bush, no creas que podrás sobrevivirnos!”

Los organizadores de la manifestación lograron promover el internacionalismo. Traían banderas y hacían uso de estribillos con fin de respaldar la lucha palestina por la autodeterminación. Los oradores de la manifestación cuyo punto de partida fue el corazón del distrito Latino Mission poblado por inmigrantes, lo denominaron como “Aztlán ocupado” y proclamaron su solidaridad con la lucha latina. Un cartel de RAIL decía: “¡Abajo con todas las fronteras ilegítimas!”

En el rally más grande participó un veterano de la brigada Abraham Lincoln de 89 años de edad. La brigada de Abraham Lincoln fundada por los comunistas luchó en la guerra civil

española contra los nacionalistas respaldados por los nazis. “Me da mucho orgullo luchar contra el fascismo y la opresión, ya sea en España, Alemania o Israel”, -dijo.

Al MIM le da mucha alegría oír este tipo de comentarios desde el punto de vista internacionalista y presenciar la participación de tanta gente en la protesta contra el imperialismo yanqui y una creciente ola del fascismo. Sin embargo, estamos conscientes de que estos sentimientos reflejan la actitud de la minoría del pueblo yanqui (véase los artículos sobre las protestas en Santa Cruz y la Universidad Estatal de San Francisco en esta página y en las páginas cuatro, cinco y ocho).

Durante el rally, los camaradas del

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