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Amerika makes the hardware, I\$rael kills Palestinian children — again

by MC17 & MC45

In late July I\$rael used U.\$-made and paid for F-16 fighter jets to drop a one-ton “smart” laser guided bomb into a densely packed Gaza City neighborhood just after midnight. This so-called “precision strike” succeeded in killing 15 people, including nine children, and wounded at least 145 more. I\$raelis praised the assault widely as Sheikh Salah Shehada, founder of Hamas’s paramilitary Tanzim, was among the dead.

Add this most egregious act to the stack of evidence for I\$rael’s opposition to peace with the Palestinian people. At the time of the attack, Tanzim was preparing to announce a unilateral cease-fire. Other Palestinian groups were ready to honor the cease-fire if Israel withdrew from areas it recently seized in the West Bank. European diplomats had worked out the text of the cease-fire just 90 minutes before the bombing, and I\$raeli defense officials knew about the progress of the talks.

In spite of having quashed anew any chance of peace, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon quickly proclaimed the air strike “one of our major successes.” I\$raeli officials later backpedaled in response to international criticism, saying the army would not have made the strike had it known what the consequences would be.



Israel, under current leader Sharon, or whomever, dances to Amerika’s tune.

President Moshe Katsav went so far as to tell Israel Army Radio that “the intelligence was apparently not complete,” as if advanced surveillance is required to uncover the presence of

noncombatants in a crowded residential neighborhood. The daily Ma’ariv was more direct and more glib, calling the attack “the assassination and the

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MIM’s perspective on the Mideast situation in the year 2002

The Maoist Internationalist Movement passed the following resolution at its 2002 Congress.

The United States and England should shoulder the blame for the Mideast crisis today. England is to blame more for the period leading up to the formation of I\$rael in the Mideast as the colonial power there and the United States is more to blame since then. Without the \$100 billion in aid from the United States since 1967, I\$rael would have ceased to exist. The Jewish people would have been too afraid to settle there and fend for themselves against the world without U.\$ aid.

The Soviet Union’s leader from 1924 to 1953, Stalin attempted to establish a Jewish state on Soviet territory, but the one currently occupying Palestinian land was more popular. Non-Zionist Jewish

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MIM Congress

Theses on fascism in 2002

Contemporary fascism was a hot topic at this year’s party Congress. In this issue we publish the resolutions MIM passed on the issue, including a definition of fascism (see page 4) and class alliances in the struggle against fascism (page 5).

1 The victory of fascism in our times by filthy scum that rose to power in Italy and Austria, the commemorations of Nazis and Nazi collaborators in the Baltic countries, Le Pen’s run-off victory for president in France in 2002, and the fascist surge in Belgium and Denmark demonstrates that contrary to bourgeois propagandists, the capitalist countries did not learn any lessons against fascism during World War II. Rather fascism arises as a sign of the decay of imperialism that the world continues to suffer under, because capitalism as a system is incapable of learning the true lessons of peace.

The pivot for fighting fascism and anti-

Semitism is grasping the global pattern and local dynamics of parasitism. Those political leaders and movements which seek to increase imperialist country parasitism whether from the “left” or the “right” are feeding the flames of fascism. Whether stirred from the “left” or “right,” parasitic movements give birth to ultra-nationalism as a simple answer to alleged immigration “problems” and oppressor nation joblessness. It hardly matters what exact program stirs these fascist forces to life, because fascist activists and supporters are not politically conscious in a detailed way in most cases anyway. Today, those contending for parliamentary power, including fascists, are more or less synonymous with parasitism and for this reason there is a special meaning to opposing “democracy,” by which we mean majority rule within imperialist countries. It is in “democracy” where

outsiders like Le Pen can posture their way into power only by offering more parasitism than the current elected officials like Chirac or Jospin.

Since neither Chirac’s nor Le Pen’s coalition in France opposes parasitism, the question of who to side with if anyone can only be strategic or tactical. It is not a question of ideological principle to support either. The proletariat of France should seek advantage however it can in the struggle between Le Pen and Chirac.

During World War II, siding against fascism automatically was part of a larger calculation of the global balance of forces. Today, if France and much of Europe goes fascist but the United States does not, there may be positive or negative impacts overall for the proletariat. Opposing fascism in the United States is perhaps more urgent strategically for the international proletariat than the rise of fascism in

Europe.

2. MIM approves the following resolution for release as part of Congress documents. A more detailed analysis will appear in MIM Theory.

Imperialism has been overthrown in one country. It was not France in 1968. It was in the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany in 1945. In the imperialist countries, it is not general strikes, large wage increases or “30 for 40” that should be studied. It is the example of the downfall of Nazi Germany that is still the most relevant example of revolutionary history in the imperialist countries. It is a measure of the chokehold of revisionism in the imperialist countries, that the Soviet occupation of a zone of Germany is not widely upheld as an example of the road forward.

Although the German communists aided by the USSR during World War II

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Letters

Revolutionary prisoner got started with Marx

Greetings comrades,

Let me start off by giving a clenched fist salute to all sincere revolutionaries no matter your class, color, or even your ideology because I love dialectical debates. And also most praise to MIM, without a doubt the vanguard party for the proletariat here in North America. I can truly say this because as I constantly go over, re-read and study the conditions of the world and its exploitation by imperialism and the solutions to revolutionizing these ills, MIM's analysis is on point more than any other. Believe that. And if you don't let's talk about it.

Back in August 1999 I was sent a copy of the Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx from MIM, and when I got it I said, "Man, they sent me some trash." I've always known about it and I'm not closed-minded, so I read it though I was

expecting something by Huey Newton, George Jackson, or the Black Panther Party. But as one of the prerequisite steps in a revolution: study!

So as I continued to research the analysis of Marx, Lenin and Mao as well as MIM's applying it with the problems of today, it became ever more clear as I started to understand the labor aristocracy, the lumpen proletariat and revisionism, I see how MIM comes correct. Maoism brings more culture and self-determination to the table than nationalism if you only knew.

What's more important, as a party MIM is not afraid to debate the critical issues nor afraid to admit ignorance of a fact. Any true soldier for the masses should always analyze and accept self-critique. It's a good ego check and a constant focus point for the overall goal ... welfare of the masses!

So to all revolutionaries worldwide and the ever-growing prison population, a salute from inside the Texas prison system.

—A Texas Prisoner
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Correction to MIM Notes article on Le Pen

The article on Le Pen in MIM Notes (MN258, May 15, 2002) was wrong for saying Le Pen was honest. As Dimitrov said in the 7th Congress of the COMINTERN, "fascism hypocritically denounces corruption." Corruption is inevitable under capitalism and until the day money is abolished, so since Le Pen delivers up the masses disenchanted with parliamentary democracy to capitalism of the fascist sort, he is going to perpetuate corruption. Le Pen cannot show a capitalist society that was not corrupted and so his own stance is dishonest.

What is MIM?

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

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

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

Competitive eating marks decadent milestone

By MC12

The growing sport of competitive eating just marked several milestones, indicating new depths of decadence for imperialist culture.

At the annual July Fourth hot dog contest, a key event on the tour, Japanese champion Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi broke his own world record by eating 50 and one-half hot dogs, with buns, in the allotted 12 minutes, easily defeating the American runner-up, who only ate 26.(1)

But two accusations dogged Kobayashi's victory. First, in the final moments he appeared to be regurgitating, which is an automatic disqualification.

As ESPN.com reported, "Footage captured by ESPN confirms that some hot dog slush did spill through Kobayashi's fingers and pieces of liquid bun spouted out of his nose." However, they said the puke did not occur until time had expired.

So competitive eating, as supervised by the International Federation of Competitive Eating, may be forced to enter the new era of televised sports, allowing judges to use replays in the case of puke timing disputes.

More serious, perhaps, is the possibility that doping is contributing to the new spate of world records. Jealous competitors complain that Kobayashi,

who is tiny at 113 pounds (before the contest; 120 after), uses muscle relaxants to keep his stomach muscles from heaving as he eats. If true, this would go well beyond the debate over which method of hot dog eating is most effective (such as whether to dip the buns in water and eat them separately, or whether to eat two dogs at a time), and bring the sport into the debates over unethical doping versus necessary medication.

The sport of competitive eating represents new lows for imperialist culture in a world still filled with hunger and starvation. It is the logical successor to such sports as the combine demolition derby — held annually in Lind,

Washington — in which American farmers destroy each other's obsolete but still functional farm equipment.(2)

The possibilities are endless. MIM wonders when there will be televised water pollution contests, sweatshop overwork competitions, rape races, and weapons of mass destruction design trials. All of these competitions already take place under imperialism — they just need to be defined as sports and brought to a wider audience.

Notes:

1. ESPN.com, at <http://www.espn.go.com/page2/s/rovell/020704.html>
2. NPR, 5 July 2002. See also <http://www.lindwa.com>.

Capitalists lie about their earnings

A few months ago billionaire Warren Buffet said that a nuclear attack on the United States was "virtually a certainty."(1) Now he has published an editorial in the New York Times saying that illegal accounting practices at Enron and WorldCom which overestimated their earnings pale beside widespread legal subterfuges. Buffet runs a large insurance company, so he has an interest in accurately assessing the risks built in to the capitalist system.(2)

Buffet considers stock-option accounting and overestimates of pension-fund returns the two "most flagrant deceptions." "The aggregate misrepresentation in these two areas dwarfs the lies of Enron and WorldCom.(2)

"In calculating the pension costs that directly affect their earnings, companies in the Standard & Poor's index of 500 stocks are today using assumptions about investment return rates that go as high as 11 percent. The rate chosen is important: in many cases, an upward change of a single percentage point will increase the annual earnings of a company by more than \$100 million. It's no surprise, therefore, that many chief executives opt for assumptions that are wildly optimistic, even as their pension assets perform miserably. These CEOs simply ignore this unpleasant reality and their obliging realtors bless whatever rate the company selects. ...

"All that is bad, but the far greater sin has been option accounting. Options are a huge cost for many corporations and a huge benefit to executives. No wonder, then, that they have fought ferociously to avoid making a charge against their earnings. Without blushing, almost all CEOs have told their shareholders that options are cost free." Companies could (and do) sell these options, or they could keep them and cash them in later themselves. By giving them to employees they pass up this possible revenue—which is why there is a cost to stock options.

What Buffet is saying is that reality

contradicts all the dusty old bourgeois economic theories, which assume everybody has equal access to information and the market is "frictionless" (that is, corruption-free). Corruption and subterfuge are built into capitalism. They are natural outgrowths of dog-eat-dog competition.

Furthermore, the Enron and WorldCom scandals, Martha Stewart's insider trading, and the speculation-driven shady accounting Buffet points out all illustrate what Lenin called the parasitic, decadent and moribund nature of imperialism. Capitalism has always been about taking money and turning it into more money. The fact that some useful object gets produced along the way is, for the capitalist, coincidental. "I don't know what rice is," goes the joke, "I only know it's price."

Imperialism—driven by the merger of banking and commercial capital—exaggerates the gap between the money to more money cycle and real production. Large fortunes can be made strictly by speculation—with other people's money, both in the sense that big investors usually control small investors' money and in the more fundamental sense that this surplus capital is the fruit of exploitation. Most of what goes on in the stock market is thieves trying to scam other thieves out of stolen money.

For example, the Asian economic crash in the late 90s was triggered in part by speculation in currency markets. But it was the oppressed masses who paid the biggest price, as prices for daily necessities soared and imperialists took a firmer grip on their economies. MIM supports an international reform which would tie a currency's value to the cost of a fixed basket of goods to cut down on this kind of speculation.

Plagued by the crisis of relative overproduction and the falling rate of profit, capitalists gamble on the stock market. This represents a massive waste of humyn resources. According to the WHO and the World Bank, pre-natal and

communicable childhood diseases are the most expensive diseases in the world, in terms of work-years lost. The return to the humyn species as a whole on resources invested in combating these diseases would be immense. But because the bourgeoisie either won't see these returns itself or won't see them quick enough, it would rather blow it's money on the lottery.

To get back to Buffet: his proposed solution to the problem of dishonest accounting is... to ask CEOs to be honest. This after writing a column showing that dishonesty is the rule (not just a matter of a few bad apples as president Bush pretends) and built in to the system. Just as with nuclear war, Buffet sees the problem but because he can't think outside of the capitalist box, he can't propose any viable solution.

MIM favors stiff penalties against corruption under socialism. The planned nature of the economy will also make these easier to enforce. Some non-party experts might be paid more for their services in the initial phases of socialism, but they won't be able to buy the means of production, land, etc. Party members in management will have smaller-than-average salaries and face stiff penalties

for corruption—including the death penalty, if people die as a result of a comrade's corruption or incompetence.

MIM can't promise the American labor aristocracy and petit-bourgeoisie steady returns on their mutual funds, but we can promise government by competent individuals dedicated to the elimination of worldwide poverty, disease, and the threat of war.

Notes:

1. MIM Notes 260, 15 Jun 2002.
2. New York Times, 24 Jul 2002.

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MIM Congress: Fascism Defined

Here MIM culls some of the defining characteristics of fascism from classic texts of the Third International: Dimitrov's report to the 7th world congress of the COMINTERN (1) and Dutt's "Fascism and Social Revolution." (2) Applying these principles today, we can say that even though the imperialists have not implemented fascist measures against the exploiter majority in First World countries, the imperialists are the principal prop of fascism in the oppressed nations. This is why MIM wages a concerted fight against nationalist social-democracy and fascism in Europe. Both are strains of militant parasitism; both support the status quo of oppression in the Third World.

1. Fascism is "the open terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic, and most imperialist elements of finance capital." (Dimitrov, p. 2)

2. Fascism is an extreme measure taken by the bourgeoisie to forestall proletarian revolution; it "expresses the weakness of the bourgeoisie itself, afraid of the realization of a united struggle of the working class, afraid of revolution, and no longer in a position to maintain its dictatorship over the masses by the old means of bourgeois democracy and parliamentarianism." (Dimitrov, p. 2) "The conditions [which give rise to fascism] are: instability of capitalist relationships; the existence of considerable declassed social elements, the pauperization of broad strata of the

urban petit-bourgeoisie and of the intelligentsia; discontent among the rural petit-bourgeoisie, and finally, the constant menace of mass proletarian action." (Dutt, p. 88)

3. Fascism concentrates each imperialist bloc into a single economic unit while at the same time increasing between-bloc antagonisms and advancing towards war. (Dutt, pp. 72-73)

4. Fascism promotes chauvinist demagoguery (e.g. reducing the problem of parasitism to the "Jewish Question") and anti-science obscuratinism (e.g. Dutt, pp. 54-58 or any Jerry Bruckheimer film). Fascism hypocritically adopts Marxist critiques of capitalism, and bourgeois democracy. (Dimitrov, pp. 6-7) It does this to "utilize the discontent of the petit-bourgeois, the intellectual, and other strata in society." (Dutt, p. 89)

5. Still, fascism may not completely dispense with bourgeois democracy—e.g. banning revolutionary parties or even competing bourgeois parties—depending on "historical, social and economic conditions." (Dimitrov, p. 4)

6. Both bourgeois democracy and fascism are forms of the class dictatorship of finance or comprador capital (in imperialist and semi-colonial countries, respectively)—that is, both use organized violence to maintain the class rule of the oppressors over the oppressed. Hence, any differentiation between bourgeois democracy and fascism is a strategic or tactical matter—not a matter of Marxist principles.

7. The difference between bourgeois

democracy and fascism is a matter of quantitative changes leading to a qualitative change. The qualitative differences are relevant to us in terms of their effect on our policies towards non-proletarian classes. "The accession to power of fascism is not an ordinary succession of one bourgeois government by another, but a substitution of one state form of class domination of the bourgeoisie—bourgeois democracy—by another form—open terrorist dictatorship. It would be a serious mistake to ignore this distinction, a mistake liable to prevent the revolutionary proletariat from mobilizing the widest strata of the working people of town and country for the struggle against the menace of seizure of power by the fascists, and from taking advantage of the contradictions which exist in the camp of the bourgeoisie itself. But it is a mistake, no less serious and dangerous, to underrate the importance of, for the establishment of fascist dictatorship, of the reactionary measures of the bourgeoisie at present increasingly developing in bourgeois-democratic countries—measures which suppress the democratic liberties of the working people, falsify and curtail the rights of parliament and intensify the repression of the revolutionary movement." (Dimitrov, pp. 4-5; emphasis in the original)

8. Social democrats of the Second International ilk paved the way for the fascists by closely identifying itself with the national interests of their respective imperialist states, denying internationalism, placing their faith in

bourgeois democracy and scuttling the extra-legal struggle for state power. Hence they earned the epithet "social fascists."

9. The COMINTERN United Front policy was based on its assessment that "[f]ascism is the most vicious enemy of the working class and working people, who constitute nine-tenths of the people in [the] fascist [and proto-fascist] countries." (p. 12) Furthermore, the working class in these countries constituted a unified proletariat. Fascism was eroding the material basis for differences between communist and social-democratic workers. (E.g. Dimitrov, pp. 24-34)

10. The labor aristocracy is majority in the imperialist countries and not proletarian. The fact that the imperialist allow the labor aristocracy bourgeois democracy is an example of the alliance between these two classes and consistent with the following observation from Dutt: "Fascism strives to establish political and organizational unity among all the governing classes of capitalist society (the bankers, the big industrialists and the agrarians), and to establish their undivided, open and consistent dictatorship." (Dutt, p. 89; emphasis added)

Notes:

1. George Dimitrov, *Against Fascism and War*, New York: International Publishers, 1986.

2. R. Palme Dutt, *Fascism and Social Revolution*, New York: International Publishers, 1934.

MIM Congress *Relationship between fascism in oppressor and oppressed countries*

The fight against fascism for the world's majority of people is principally advanced by the fight against U.S. imperialism. Even though Uncle Sam may not implement fascist measures against the exploiter majority within U.S. borders, the United States is the main prop for fascism in the oppressed nations. The U.S.-led New World Order holds that Amerikkans have the right to arrest nationals of other countries, including government leaders such as Manuel Noriega of Panama. The Amerikkkan New World Order regularly violates the sovereignty of other nations through bombings, invasions and assassinations. In various countries in the Third World, the United States arms, trains and otherwise aids fascists in power who suspend parliaments, carry out coups and execute opponents. Within U.S. borders, the rulers imprison the lumpenproletariat which it treats in the same way roughly speaking as the Third World. For the majority of people within U.S. borders, U.S.-style fascism is happy to allow the candidates of their choice to contest for seats in the Congress. It will be a measure of the success of the Third World proletariat when Uncle Sam feels compelled to suspend the currently meaningless "democratic" contests held within the Amerikkkan majority, because it would mean that the class struggle has created a crack in the social base of imperialism. Things such as the "proliferation of weapons of mass destruction" mean that the rulers will indeed face challenges from the Third World proletariat that may go so far as to change economic conditions in the United States, some day. Likewise, I\$rael may not suspend parliament for the exploiter majority, but it certainly seeks pro-I\$rael puppets amongst Palestinians and desperately wishes for fascist puppets who would kill their own people on behalf of I\$rael, to quell the intifadah.

UC Divest From I\$rael!

Israeli settlers and storm troopers alike are armed to the teeth with the latest killing technology provided by the U.S. government and companies doing business in I\$rael — companies the University of California supports financially. The UC should take a stand for peace in the Middle East by withdrawing its financial stake from the Israeli killing machine.

The UC should cease to support a regime that is internationally recognized as one of the most brutal, annexationist regimes in history. From its genocidal inception to the present day, 70 UN resolutions have condemned the state of I\$rael for unparalleled human rights abuses, legalized torture and land theft.

In 1986 one of the biggest victories in the South Africa divestment movement came when the UC divested itself of all \$3.1 billion of its stock in companies active in South Africa. A well-organized group of students and faculty can lead the UC to help bring down I\$raeli apartheid too.

Get involved: sign and circulate our petition demanding UC divestment. Organize a group on your campus to get others involved. Write a letter to your campus newspaper. Bring MIM or SLALA to speak about the campaign and all the reasons the UC must divest.

Get a copy of the petition at: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/cal/> For more information on the UC Divest campaign, see MIM Notes 259, 1 June, 2002.

Theses on fascism

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set up anti-militarist and anti-Hitler committees, anti-militarism never took hold amongst a majority of Germans and the vast majority of the German population had to be persuaded by weapons instead of reason. Although Stalin considered the idea that the war should slow down in order to give the German people yet another few months to change their minds, in the end the only correct decision was to hasten the military conflict and thereby bring an end to much genocide.

3. In the essence of U.S. Government activity outside U.S. borders, the united States carries out a combination of genocide against the people and bribery of local ruling class lackeys. It is elementary that any proletarian movement in the imperialist countries must oppose their own governments' oppression in the Third World, not least of all because any peaceful world will require that genocide be relinquished as a tool of "foreign policy." Today there remain a majority of elected "democratic" politicians in the imperialist country who are too spineless or backward to say openly that those who commit genocide in the Third World will find that the oppressed people will "kill them back." It is the duty of communist parties in the imperialist countries to cultivate the truth that contrary to the Amerikkans who killed almost all the Native peoples in North America and contrary to Hitler who systematically killed many peoples and planned to kill many more, genocide does not bring lasting peace. Even in the killing of the most militarily defenseless victims as in the white settlers who killed Indians, the history of violence lasts to this day to produce the likes of the Columbine tragedy, where serial killers run amok spraying bullets everywhere—at a frequency not seen in countries without that history of genocide by gun-toting cowboys.

Today, the proletariat must be merciless to any politician who continues like the ostrich with its head in the sand to believe that modern weapons of militarism will not spread to the victims of genocide. Quite the contrary, the profit-system guarantees that where there is demand, there will be supply.

Whether it is Iraq, Afghanistan or the West Bank, it is clear that without openly adopting fascism, the essence of u.s. imperialism and its allies today is genocide and any tally of the victims of U.S. imperialism will show that it has implemented much more of Hitler's genocidal plans than Hitler did.

4. For tactics of opposing fascism, it is important to cultivate the scientific non-voter, who is often maligned by so-called "democratic" forces as "apathetic." The scientific non-voter is often conscious

that s/he has not investigated a political situation and therefore does not vote—and in this way believes he or she is demonstrating minimal responsibility. The scientific non-voter is often disgusted by politicians who posture for votes and bribery. In contrast with "democracy" activists who believe that the votes of willfully ignorant but decadent people will somehow add up to social progress, the scientific non-voter is one reason why we communists should not pander to those who want "majority rule" in the imperialist countries. If communists do not make it clear that they believe politics requires strong scientific and leadership efforts, the scientific non-voter is liable to turn to hard-line fascism.

As communists we should already know that there is no way to prevent a general distrust and disgust regarding parliamentary politics. The only question is whether those disgusted with politicians posturing for votes without standing for principles and difficult solutions will be diverted by fascists, brow-beaten by parliamentary cretins or won over by communists. We communists are here to say that politics is like any other area of life in that science really does matter and it is not a matter that the truth will arise through a majority vote of those who know very well that they do not pay much attention to the subject at hand. Majority input can only be helpful in most times in imperialist countries when the majority recognizes that it does not put in enough effort to be worthy of deciding whether someone should live or die in the West Bank for example. When the majority has realized clearly that only in exceptional political turmoil do the people themselves study political and social matters closely, the majority may decide to fall behind principled scientific leaders and support them in those areas where the majority does have knowledge and other kinds of power.

5. [Passed as amendment] Since U.S. imperialism is enemy #1 in the world, various tactical or strategic alliances cannot be ruled out as being contrary to proletarian interests, although each has limited usefulness to the international proletariat. One related road of conflict will involve the European Union (EU) in opposition to the Amerikkkan New World order, with the EU speaking as a whole. We suspect that this would be an imperialist reform movement within the New World Order; although other forces could also hide behind an EU conflict with the United States. Since overthrowing European imperialism entirely is not on the agenda, for now, MIM is pro-EU as a matter of opposing extreme European nationalism and old-style fascism. We point out that the New World Order can never be unified or peaceful.

'RCP-USA' identity politics include security risk

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

It is always the approach of the post-modernists and identity politics people to care about individual demographics instead of scientific line struggle. The police find this very useful, especially in public forums like www.2changetheworld.info. It is one way to stir up resentment within organizations and cause them to split with college-educated on one side against those who don't have college education, gay versus heterosexual, young versus old etc., etc.

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

By the way, even if the "RCP-USA" adopted MIM's line on national self-determination, which it has not, the "RCP-USA" would still oppose what we have called the "re-civilization stage" of the dictatorship of the proletariat or preparation for such dictatorship of the proletariat. We at MIM believe state power is necessary to undercut the chauvinism of the white oppressor nation, by erasing the super-profits that have caused the white population to be an enemy of the international proletariat. In contrast, the "RCP-USA" believes that the people who let off Vincent Chin's killer, the people who let off Rodney King's attackers and the people who in their 90% have favored bombing Libya, war on Iraq and destruction of Afghanistan can really change their minds by "public opinion" or cultural work without first erasing the super-profits and other aspects of the relations of production that give rise to their chauvinism. That's why we call the "RCP-USA" New Age idealists along with their bolder version, the

"Progressive Labor Party." They do not think state power is necessary to make these people truly revolutionary and they ignore what Stalin told the Germans after World War II, that they were not ready or qualified to build socialism right away. Both the PLP and "RCP-USA" will simply end up re-labeling reactionary phenomena as revolution, putting some new oppressor faces in power and establishing social-imperialism.

The "RCP-USA" cannot emerge from identity politics. There are many too many obstacles for it. One is that it needs to go on talking about a minority of white workers in order to justify its overall line that the majority is exploited. Any real facts about the white majority would quickly prove the MIM line, so the "RCP-USA" needs to tell long and tall tales about individual oppressed whites. Secondly, it has always been the "RCP-USA"'s practice to use the struggles of Third World peoples to shield their own revisionism. That is how RIM has functioned and the "RCP-USA" has found success in recruiting philistines this way, people who want to use other militant struggles for their own ends. The "RCP-USA" is so used to this approach that twice in trying to change the subject from the u.s. class structure in www.2changetheworld.info, the "RCP-USA" raised questions about the Russian Maoist Party. Finally, since the Black Panther Party already proved the validity of its approach, the "RCP-USA" needs to sidestep that history and attack those whites backing the Black Panther approach while raising more pragmatist-empiricist criteria such as whether or not MIM is small or all-white.

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

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Rulers: CIA was too lax in recruiting “unsavoury” people Shelby wants more Osama Bin Ladens

The U.S. rulers are overhauling their government supposedly to focus better on fighting terrorism. In a mostly secret review of the CIA and FBI, the Congress has come forward with its opinions, and what the rulers can get away with saying proves the political backwardness of the Amerikkkan public.

According to the rulers, Osama Bin Laden and his organization were behind the September 11th attacks. Yet it was the CIA that trained and funded Osama Bin Laden when he was fighting the Soviet Union in the 1980s as part of a Holy War in Afghanistan. Before that Osama Bin Laden was just another hereditary millionaire.

Now Senator Richard Shelby (R-Alabama) is proposing more of the same as

the solution to the problem! “‘Often times we have to dig down and deal with terrorists or would-be terrorists, someone probably as bad as these people.’”(1) Not only is he saying this, but he is saying this in public for CNN to hear and report as the loyal media lap-dogs they are.

CNN explains the situation that the rulers are trying to change: “The guidelines against the United States using people with criminal backgrounds as sources were implemented following allegations made in the 1990s that several CIA agents in Guatemala ordered or took part in human rights abuses.”(1)

We can infer from what the CIA is saying that the politicians are lying. The CIA director said: “‘CIA headquarters has

never turned down a field request to recruit an asset in a terrorist organization,’ CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said Tuesday. ‘The agency does not avoid contact with individuals, regardless of their past, who may have information about terrorist activities.’”(2) In other words, the usual crap about the CIA having its “hands tied” is just that—crap.

The politicians want to paint the situation as one where they did not have enough power and where they were abiding by humyn-rights guidelines as the reason they allowed the September 11th attack on U.S. soil. The fact that Shelby and others posture in public this way is a discredit to the entire U.S. public, which these politicians obviously feel they can

fool.

It’s a basic problem of logic. The people who were in charge when this happened want more power to do things, just more of the same as in the past. Although the CIA created Osama Bin Laden, these politicians want to use the CIA on the “offensive” to stop Osama Bin Laden. Real change cannot come in this way, not least of all 911 proved to the “terrorists” what can be done, and they will also be doing “more of the same.”

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DWB fights for Access to Essential Medicines

You have been tired all week. Today you don’t even have the energy to work, and you’ve started to slur your speech. Your father decides its time to take the trip to the local clinic—15 miles away by foot. Your cousin comes along to help support you while you walk. At the clinic, you father’s fears are confirmed: you have the sleeping sickness.

You will have to stay at the hospital for a week for treatment. The treatment is so toxic that 5% of patients die from its side effects. It’s an old medicine, you see. Pharmaceutical companies haven’t invested much in sleeping sickness research for more than 50 years. After all, how are they to make a profit off of you, a penniless, 12-year-old African boy?

This story is similar to the role-playing visitors go through at the Access to Essential Medicines exhibit put on by Doctors Without Borders (or MSF for Medecins Sans Frontieres). The exhibits focuses on five diseases with huge public health impact internationally: Sleeping sickness (African trypanosomiasis), tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and kala azar (visceral leishmaniasis). These diseases account for 6.8-9.1 million of the 14 million who die every year of infectious disease—90% of them in the Third World.

Despite the death toll, less than 1% of medicines developed over the last 25 years were for diseases like malaria, sleeping sickness, tuberculosis and kala azar. (Many of the “new” drugs are simple modifications of existing treatments—often of questionable medical utility—designed to avoid other companies’ patents and break into their markets.) The people affected by these neglected diseases are overwhelmingly poor, so drug companies consider treatments for them unprofitable. In the case of AIDS, new drugs are developed—often with the help of patients from poor countries like South Africa who volunteer for clinical trials—but are priced too high for people from poor countries.

One of the pamphlets MSF passes out at its exhibit illustrates the lack of affordable medicine in the Third World with the following ironic anecdote: *Melarsopol is the only treatment currently available for second-stage sleeping sickness [when the parasite that causes the disease has invaded the brain]. Developed in 1949, it is an arsenic derivative so toxic that it kills up to one in 10 patients. Eflornithine, a far more effective medicine, was discontinued in 1995 because it was not considered profitable by the manufacturer. Production was restarted in 2001 after a cosmetic use was found—the elimination of facial hair.* Even then it took intense lobbying to make eflornithine available as a treatment for sleeping sickness.

MSF launched the Access to Essential Medicines tour in support of two petitions urging research into neglected diseases and affordable treatments for them—one to go to the American government and the other to the pharmaceutical industry. Aside from this moral and negative publicity pressure—to which the drug industry might be particularly sensitive, as they try to portray themselves as helping people—MSF encour-

ages poor countries to use their “free trade” rights guaranteed them under the WTO to produce cheaper versions of drugs patented by First World countries. MSF points to language in recent WTO resolutions on “intellectual property rights” (patents) which says that these “rights” should not get in the way of a country’s efforts to secure its citizen’s health.

An MSF volunteer MIM spoke to at the expo in Los Angeles also suggested that First World cosmetic and leisure time drugs like Viagra could be taxed to pay for price supports for life-saving drugs in the Third World.

Under socialism, the state will organize production to meet humyn needs, not profit. Similarly, nobody will be able to own and profit off of scientific knowledge. People who make noteworthy discoveries which will alleviate humyn suffering and increase life expectancies will receive a one time monetary reward—until the distant future when we reach communism and working for the common good becomes “natural.” Furthermore, in return for years of exploitation

and theft of natural resources, the First World will pay the Third reparations—certainly a large portion of which will take the form of medicines and the technology to produce them.

But until we reach socialism, reforms like those MSF fights for are very important. MSF is a potential First World ally for the proletarian movement and another example of what MIM calls “internationalist social democrats.” We like the idea of using the imperialists’ own WTO and their rhetoric of “free trade” to allow bourgeois governments in the poor countries meet their peoples’ health needs. We also like the idea of having First World consumers (or taxpayers) paying for Third World access to medicine.

The Access to Essential Medicines expo will tour North America until next March. For a schedule, go to <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/outreach/expo/schedule.shtml> or <http://www.accessmed-msf.org/index.asp>. For the petitions to the Amerikan government and pharmaceutical industry, go to <http://www.msfusa.org/petition/>.

Yearly fatalities due to the diseases in MSF’s Access to Essential Medicines expo

Sleeping sickness	300,000-500,000
Kala azar	500,000
Malaria	1,000,000-2,000,000
Tuberculosis	2,000,000
AIDS	3,000,000



Two-faced U.S. lies on humyn trafficking

by a prisoner in Tennessee

On June 5, Colin Powell delivered the U.S. State Department's second annual Trafficking Persons Report. Powell publicly declared his so-called commitment to ending world wide humyn trafficking as "an appalling assault on the dignity of men, women, and children." He said that approximately 50,000 people are trafficked into the united States every year, and that victims of trafficking "toil under inhuman conditions in brothels, sweatshops, fields, and even in private homes." Near the closing of his presentation, he said that by next year the United States will penalize countries that make no effort to halt trafficking.

How can Powell be truly against humyn trafficking when the U.S. supports the trafficking of over half the popula-

tion of Black men in and out of prisons throughout this country? By ignoring the number one prison state in the world, Mr. Powell has confined the word "trafficking" to mean "smuggling" as in the unlawful smuggling of men, women and children into this and other countries for the purposes of subjecting them to inhumyn conditions and being exploited for profit. This amounts to the same parasitic practices the United States and its officials sanction for a small minority of their own citizens.

If Powell is an advocate against the unlawful trafficking of humyns, he should first confront the criminal injustice system for the blatant predatory trafficking of Black peoples throughout u.S. prisons. One should ask Powell why has no effort been made to halt the criminal

injustice system's preying upon Black people as a means of maintaining social control and power? Why are massive numbers of Blacks in the united States being trafficked in and out of penitentiaries while being forced to toil under "inhuman conditions" within prison?

Colin Powell's line on humyn trafficking reflects the contradictory results of the mixture of capitalism, imperialism and bourgeois democracy. Powell, like all other senior U.S. officials, hypocritically exposes the ways of other oppressive governments while condoning the exact same oppressive policies prevalent within his own borders. His desire to penalize other countries for trafficking creates the supposition that he has a secret agenda for certain countries and

thereby is adopting humyn trafficking as a cover for some other u.S. motive.

MIM adds: The United States benefits from this humyn trafficking that Powell is condemning. The workers in sweatshops around the world are sewing clothing for export to Amerika. Many of the corporations employing these workers are Amerikan multinationals. The U.S. government speaks out of two sides of its mouth on this. First it condemns humyn trafficking, then it props up puppet regimes in Third World countries that enforce inhumyn conditions and unlivable pay for their people. Amerikan corporations enjoy the right to do business in many of these countries, free from the labor and environmental regulations that fetter them within U.S. borders.

On the dangers of nuclear holocaust

The Maoist Internationalist Movement passed the following resolution at its 2002 Congress.

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

The Japanese population knows the horrors of facing nuclear weapons explosions and today any such explosions are apt to be a thousand times worse because of advances in weaponry. In contrast, Amerikkkans really do not know what the devastation of war is all about. Amerikkkans know the most about the benefits of pillage and war in the past one hundred years, and only suffered a small number of casualties relative to other countries in those wars.

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

MIM will do its best to expand its influence within U.S. borders in a last ditch effort to avoid what is probably inevitable. Those who see the weaknesses of Amerikkkans should see to it that MIM



The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

gets financial support to expand. Even those who focus on more "moderate" activities should realize that changing Amerikkkan public opinion is a multifaceted task, and what is most lacking is the determined, uncompromising but highly visible presence of MIM in favor of the global rights of nations to self-determination. Without MIM to blaze the way, there is no one who is able to look "moderate" in the current state of Amerikkkan opinion. The proletariat must play its leading role to untwist the minds of the Amerikkkan public so that the Amerikkkan population can get along with the rest of the world.



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.

Update: Amerikan terrorism claims 3,000 along border

Campaign to Stop Operation Gatekeeper and Open the U.\$-Mexico Border advances

by Studies for the Liberation of Aztlán and Latin America (SLALA)

Two weeks before the 4th of July while amerikans prepared for fireworks displays and “holiday getaways” 30 people, including a 2 year old child, died crossing into the u.\$ through deserts in order to bypass the militarized areas of the u.\$-Mexico border in search of work.(1) These tragic and preventable deaths are only the latest in a 7 year trend of increasing numbers of deaths along the u.\$-Mexico border as a result of the INS’s brutal military blockade-style operations along the border with Mexico from California through Arizona and Texas.

INS policy militarizing the control of civilian traffic across the u.\$-Mexico border under various ill-named operations involves the construction of a concrete-and-razor-wire “Triple Wall” from San Diego to Yuma and into Texas, arming Border Patrol agents with high-powered rifles and night vision equipment and sending them off to hunt immigrants. The overall effect is the movement of immigrant foot-traffic from the relative safety of the cities and into the deserts of the Southwestern states where they are exposed to the elements and are victimized by smugglers and settler vigilantes.

Five months prior to September 2001 MIM reported that under domestic pressure Mexican President Vicente Fox pushed to increase the number of Mexicans admitted into the u.\$ as “guest workers” and that some amerikan capitalists supported the idea because of their need for exploitable labor.(2) While the amerikans favored expanding temporary work visas and refused to drop immigration restrictions altogether Vicente Fox did bring up the issue of legalizing undocumented immigrants currently in the u.\$.(3) But after the September 11 attacks when amerikans gave up on paying lip-service to “constitutional rights” and threw out some of their most prized “civil liberties,” all plans for progressive reform by way of lifting immigration restrictions went out the door as well.

In Tijuana, for instance, for those people who live in Mexico and work in San Diego conditions have worsened (with daily checkpoint crossing, storm trooper intimidation, long waits and longer working hours) since the initial paranoid border closings and emergency foot-traffic measures implemented in September. A person living in the area reported that automobile traffic crossings average 4 hours (up from 2 to 3) and foot-traffic lines number 1000 people on weekdays, and up to 3000 on weekends (up from 60-100). Undocumented immigrants also face increased repression in the wake of September 11 as the u.\$ authorized the re-deployment of armed marines to border areas, a practice they had stopped in 1997 pending an “investigation” into the murder of a Chicano youth on his family’s ranch by marines.

Since 1993, 3000 deaths along the border are directly attributable to INS operations.(1) With an attitude very different from the concern expressed over the death toll resulting from the World Trade Center attacks, Amerikan authorities and the INS did not bother to record cases of immigrant deaths in Arizona and Texas until 1996 and did not begin to do so thoroughly all along the border until 1998.(4) As a result they claim that 1300 immigrants have died crossing the border since 1995.(1) A more accurate figure is provided by Mexico’s Foreign Relations Office which cites 2228 total deaths since 1995.(4)

Economically, amerikans depend on the depressed wages in Third World countries. Isabel Garcia, co-chair of Derechos Humanos, an immigrants’ rights organization echoes what MIM has been saying all along. In a radio debate with a voice box for the reactionary anti-immigrant Federation for American Immigration Reform she said that immigrants come to the u.\$ out of sheer desperation because Mexican companies cannot survive because of u.\$ trade agreements. She correctly pointed out that immigration is not a “law-enforcement” problem because “immigrants provide the 4th leg” to amerikan social security. Mexico cannot be “bailed out” by the u.\$ so long as the u.\$ extracts more from Mexico than what amerikans want to admit.(1)

Its really more than a “4th” leg. The brutal super-exploitation of billions of workers in the Third World not only contributes to “social security” but to the high standard of living for hundreds of millions living in oppressor countries, accounting for imperialist profits. No amount of stock references to “social security” can cover up for the fact that Third World proletarians average \$0.48 per hour, while u.\$ so-called “workers” earn \$16.40.(5) Billions of proletarians in the Third World live under u.\$-supported death-squad governments, which use military force to fix wage rates and attack union organizers.

MIM Advances Petition Campaign

Beginning in 1993 when the military-style blockades began, MIM has been reporting on the human rights abuses and dangers faced by Latin American immigrants due to Operation Gatekeeper (the three-barrier blockade stretching from San Ysidro, CA to San Luis, AZ) (6) and in April of last year MIM launched a petition (7) campaign demanding an end to Operation Gatekeeper and establishing an open border with Mexico.

So far MIM, RAIL and SLALA have collected more than 1000 signatures from all over the country and from within the u.\$ prison system. In 2001 MIM and MIM-led activists collected signatures at a border action rally in San Ysidro (7) and at Harvard University. This year

MIM has collected signatures at a march in Los Angeles on Mayday in support of amnesty for some undocumented workers, and at the Santa Barbara march for “economic justice.”

At the May Day rally in Los Angeles, a MIM supporter approached a young white womyn watching the crowd go by. The womyn said she was happy to support legalization for those immigrants who are already here, but would not support a call for open borders. When pressed on this, she said that the freeways in Orange County, CA are already too crowded and would only be more so if the borders were opened to anyone who wants to enter the country. This typical short-sighted amerikan “head-up-your-ass” reasoning was countered by a MIM comrade who pointed out that the people who are dying to cross the border are too poor to own cars and are not the ones clogging the freeways and the polluting air. In general the crowd at the May Day



rally was generally very friendly to MIM’s petition, and helped non-Spanish speaking comrades circulating and translating the petition. Most individuals who signed the petition insisted that everyone in their marching group sign as well, and people thanked us for being out there with the petition and praised the demand for open borders.

More recently SLALA has been collecting signatures in an area a few blocks away from the infamous “garment” (read sweatshop) district in downtown Los Angeles. On one occasion MIM ran into one Chicano cultural activist who was suspicious that MIM’s position on the u.\$-Mexico border is no different from Bill Clinton’s and the NAFTA treaty. The activist said many things that MIM would say about revolutionary politics and culture: it is no coincidence that Black and Brown people fill the prisons of this country while the white nation has the run of it. Cultural forms for expressing the righteous anger of the oppressed at imperialism — through posters and art, poetry, slogans and street theater — are an important part of anti-imperialist re-

sistance.

The activist argued that Mexico is already dominated by Amerikan capital, and that this would not change if people are allowed to cross the border freely. MIM grants that this is true: stopping Operation Gatekeeper with its increased militarization of the u.\$-Mexico border will not topple imperialism. Even opening the border completely won’t do that. MIM organizes for partial demands, like stopping real people from dying by the hundreds from Operation Gatekeeper, as a part of building public opinion for the overthrow of imperialism. Opening the border to the free flow of labor would save and improve the lives of many more than hundreds of exploited people. This is well in line with MIM’s long-range goals of socialist revolution to benefit billions of the oppressed and exploited.

One of the most inspiring advances in MIM’s campaign has come from within the u.\$ prison system. One prisoner sent back a petition with 44 signatures on it. He apologizes for it having taken so long to get it back to us because it’s difficult to collect signatures in lock-down units. It took him 15 days to collect the signatures. A MIM comrade asked: how many of us on the outside are collecting 40+ signatures every two weeks?

Join the Struggle to Stop Operation Gatekeeper and Open the Border

In spite of the settler-inspired post-9/11 paranoia about immigrants three u.\$ states are now majority non-white; others are barely majority white. A large percentage of people living in the u.\$ have cultural and economic ties on both sides of the border. There is no reason why the amount of signatures collected in support of an open-border and against Operation Gatekeeper should not go into the thousands.

Follow the example of dedicated prisoners and inspired MIM comrades. To do your part to put pressure on the u.\$ government copy, distribute and return completed petitions to MIM. (Get a copy of the petition here: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/cal/OpenBorder.htm>) You can also cite MIM’s petition in protest correspondence to Michael Nicley, Deputy Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, 425 “I” Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20536.

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Amerika makes the hardware, I\$rael kills Palestinian children — again

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embarrassment.” In truth, as every child still living in Gaza and in the rest of occupied Palestine knows, the only consequences the I\$raeli people will respect are the withdrawal of U.\$ aid and military hardware.

But George Bush has no intention of cutting off the gun supply, even after this especially embarrassing attack. I\$rael’s use of Amerikan weapons and planes to kill Palestinian civilians is not unusual. And Bush’s response to the bombing

shows the Amerikan complicity in and sometime direction of the I\$raeli occupation. Did he say the killing of innocents was wrong? Did he say that the Palestinian people must be able to sleep in their beds without being killed in the night? Of course not. He called the attack “heavy handed.” The leader of the Amerikan people doesn’t think that I\$rael shows a murderous face to the Palestinians; he thinks the I\$raelis are clumsy.

The U.\$ has created this war,

encouraging and aiding the I\$raeli assault on the Palestinian people. Now the Amerikans stand by and watch as I\$rael conducts its own “Indian wars” — continuing its drive to clear the Palestinian land of people. The Amerikan people are on notice. Just as the I\$raeli people are not allowed to live in peace while they make war on the Palestinians, so the Amerikan people will not be able to enjoy their willful disregard for humyn life. To the people of this country we say: your government has brought violence to

the people in the Mideast, it is up to you to push for a genuine peace by stopping the flow of U.\$ arms to I\$rael.

MIM and SLALA are leading a campaign to see the University of California Divest from I\$rael and help dry up the gravy bowl. See Page 4 for more information.

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MIM’s perspective on the Mideast situation

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nationalists considered the Soviet territory and other places outside of Palestine.

We should keep in mind that Stalin did more than any Jewish statespersyn or nationalist to create a secularized territory and government for the Jewish nation. Success would have done away with the basis for the kind of mystical chauvinism we now see backing the land grab and total humiliation of the Palestinians. We remind those in the left-wing of the Zionist camp that outside of the Soviet territory in Birobidzhan, Jewish nationalists saw potential homelands worth investigating in Uganda and in the state of New York. The survival of the Jewish nation does not depend on making refugees and orphans of the Palestinian people.

The question of the Zionist vs. Palestinian conflict is one of locating a few million people. While tens of millions of Arabs and billions of Third World people look on in anger at I\$rael and sympathy with the Palestinians, the root problem is only a few million people.

With the U.\$ military and economic aid, the I\$raelis have been encouraged to look at Palestinians as First Nation people who need to be pushed off their land, by murderous force. Every Amerikkkan today who says he or she would have opposed killing off the First Nations for their land in North America should also oppose U.\$ aid to I\$rael.

Contrary to many foreign comrades with an unrealistic view of the facts, the

United States is not run by a Jewish mafia. If a Jewish mafia were running the united States, it would have taken much more than \$100 billion in aid since 1967. \$100 billion — about the damage to the World Trade Center— sounds like a lot, but having a realistic view would mean considering that the U.\$ economy runs in the several trillion a year and could expand further if prodded.

If all Jews are bankers like many deluded people seem to believe, then those Jews surely know that \$100 billion is nothing, especially given the power to print money and create credit under capitalism. \$100 billion would only be a difficulty in a world with no unemployed people. Creating that much credit on paper or printing that much money for the future to do some work with people currently unemployed or moved from other jobs—such a feat is actually trivial, even within capitalism. Immigration and economic expansion only angers the out-of-luck “loser” minority of the labor aristocracy hankering for closed borders and an exclusive relationship with u.\$ monopoly bankers.

Although the United States is not run by a Jewish mafia, it is true that aid to I\$rael surpasses the aid to any other country. It is precisely the historical extent of this aid that necessitates that the United States go the extra mile for peace in the Mideast.

The truth is that the United States also backed the despicable apartheid regime and related settler regime “Rhodesia” in

southern Africa ruled by former Nazis and Nazi-sympathizers. In those regimes white minorities ruled African majorities without even granting those Africans the usual capitalist or “democratic” rights. There is nothing new about support for I\$rael and other settler societies: it’s quite Amerikkkan, and has nothing to do with a Jewish mafia.

The example of I\$rael contributes to international instability and increases the likelihood of a species-ending disaster. In the back of their minds, even the most apathetic Amerikkkans believe that the Mideast could be the world’s undoing, even as they favor I\$raeli imperialism.

The example of I\$rael encourages all nations in the world to catch the eye of the united States and then take land from people not lined up with Uncle Sam’s interests in oil or other resources. The example is receiving billions in rewards each year for carrying out land-grabbing war in the name of fighting “terrorism” or other bugaboos. Such an example sends the wrong message globally. What may not have resulted in nuclear catastrophe when President Andrew Jackson led genocidal raids against First Nations might very well end the species in the year 2002. Against this backdrop, Amerikkkans must summon a generosity, courage and optimism to put the power of economics to work for peace.

marx2mao.org is a security risk

A major website containing documents from Marx, Lenin and Mao contains an unusual security risk for its users. A MIM investigation has uncovered that www.marx2mao.org has released detailed reports on its

individual users, information including the interests of the users.

MIM has never endorsed www.marx2mao.org; although it has obvious usefulness at least in concept. The “RCP-USA” links to it from its webpage, http://www.rwor.org/s/mlm_arc.htm

We warn readers once again, that they must see to their security first. Not every website set up on the Internet has good intentions. Some in fact are meant to lure people to gather information on them as individuals.

It is a challenge to the proletariat to spread information as widely and quickly as possible while keeping in mind that not every MIM Notes

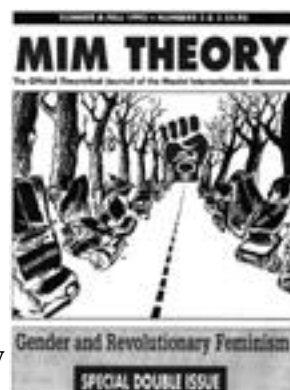
distributor, not every persyn calling him or herself “Maoist” and not every reference website can be counted on as sincere. This is a typical

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Repression in Oregon

Thank you MIM, I am always empowered by your newsletter and resurrected into the movement daily.

I am working on the issue of censorship. I am street wise, not book smart, so any help from MIM will be of service to the forwardness of success.

The mail here has become a vast issue. I have received 4 mail violations in one week. The institution says that the violations are not reviewable, however I have enclosed my review request to program services which is also his response. Both will be helpful dealing with this matter from all sides.

One of the other issues we deal with here is our phone system. Unlike other Oregon prisons, we are only allowed to use the phone between the hours of 5pm after business hours until 11pm. And we have only 3 phone sign up times for usage: 6pm, 7:30pm and 9pm or after unit count has been completed.

The phone for legal matters is only accessible by communication form as subject to the institution's choice of times and answer of inmate request. Though it is accessible 24 hours, it is set up for EOCI to control. This makes it very difficult for prisoners to communicate during business hours.

Access to the institutions law books of legal assistance [is also a problem]. Most of the time a request for us of legal help or books is a two week wait. And to continue work you must request by kite for more use of time.

The minority affairs lady is white. Many inmates believe that if an issue came up involving a white staff member he or she would not get correct help needed and like most other systematic dealings, would be laid to the side until forgotten. This has happened in times past where an officer put a sheet over his head to taunt Black inmates on the west cell side of the institution.

In the revolution,
—a prisoner in Oregon,
March 2002

Wake Up and Unite

The real acts of terror is when those who are oppressed fight, kill, and attack one another, rather than those who oppress them. Not only is it self-inflicted terror but it is stupidity as well. I see it all the time in the free world and on the prison yards. How in the fuck are we gonna overthrow our oppressors if we can't get along long enough to complete our mission? Foolish people! Either we are with one another, or we are against one another, either we want freedom, justice, and equality or we want to remain oppressed, there can't be an in between.

Black people need to wake up before it's too late. North Carolina prisoners need to wake up before it's too late, because if we remain as a house divided against itself, we will not be able to stand. Is this so hard to understand?

We spend our time destroying ourselves, while our open enemies use

Under Lock & Key

News from Prisons & Prisoners

us as tools and slaves to further their cause of having total power over us. Is it that you are so deaf, blind and dumb that you can't comprehend this? Prisoners know and understand that for as long as we keep stabbing, fighting, stealing from, spying on and snitching on one another, the pigs will always have the upper hand on us, they will always violate our rights, they will always take more and more from us, they will always abuse and mistreat us, they will always subject us to unfair sentencing guidelines, and they will always exploit and manipulate us.

Just think about it, Amerikkka has over 2 million prisoners. If just half of us were to come together or even a quarter of us, then the prisoncrats who oppress us would be shaking in their boots and wing tips. We could have most of if not all of our demands met if we came together in unity. The oppressors would think twice about playing us too close if they knew we would unite on their asses like the Power Rangers.

Now picture in your mind all 2 million of us coming together proclaiming that we are not doing any more work at all until our demands are met. We will not use prison phones until our demands are met, we will not spend money in prison canteen until our demands are met (except stamps) and if these demands are not met in a timely fashion we will declare an official full-fledged hunger and work strike.

We want the following:

- 1) No more mail and book censorship
- 2) Our law library back with daily access
- 3) Our right to wear jewelry
- 4) Reasonable medical care
- 5) Minimum wage jobs
- 6) We want to order our own shoes from the outside
- 7) Reasonable phone prices
- 8) Lower canteen prices (same as street prices)
- 9) No more control units (supermax) for low custody inmates
- 10) Contact visits for max and I-Con inmates
- 11) More education programs and grants for correspondence courses
- 12) Elimination of mandatory minimums
- 13) Christmas packages from home (food)
- 14) Mandatory reading and computer training
- 15) Eliminate disciplinary fees (\$10 per write-up)
- 16) Eliminate medical charges (\$3 to \$5 per sick call) unless we get minimum wage
- 17) Officers disciplined and fired for abuse to inmates
- 18) No more punishment for religious

and political beliefs

These are just a few of the demands that prisoners in N.C. and in other states should strive to obtain. Prisoners do you realize the power we would have is we came together? If so, why are we not together then? Don't come around me complaining about prison conditions, while you got a knife at your fellow prisoners throat or in his back. This goes for the oppressed everywhere. If you are not gonna fight for a change then you get what you deserve. If you want a change then make one, if you want freedom then do what needs to be done to be free and if you want to remain oppressed then you just keep giving your support to the terrorists who keep us oppressed. You know terrorists usually harbor terrorists. Ain't that right Mr. Bush? He should know! There is power in numbers — give it a try.

—A North Carolina prisoner,
April 2002

A Question of Strategy

To my beloved komrades at MIM:

I chant to the Almighty Yuiahu that upon arrival of this missive all those who are true to the struggle are found uplifted. Today I received Jan and Feb MIM Notes. As always it was enlightening to read and share with the brothers in [this prison].

I saw numerous articles in these notes that are baffling. Now as for the brother speaking of the Almighty pen, you need to look and see the pen isn't working. I am one who preaches this is a paper prison & we need to push paper. I filed suit on the Gang Unit issue. I have fought for the abuse in ad-seg when they jump people for no reason. I even have brothers write their family & protests outside of the prison.

We can't expect changes overnight. They place all these cameras for their use. Trust me I know, in '98 I was in yard, when I came back someone got into a fight and one kat was left in the stairs. I requested the so-called video and the response was there was none. Yet I got an STG charge, sent to the Gang Unit and got jumped by my own brothers. I tried to appeal it in court by Nune Pro June motion and it was denied by Judge Levy for I took to long. I got the charge in January, in April they sent me to the Gang Unit and by the time I received my property and got legal assistance I was mailing it in June.

We prisoners are few in numbers, we have a bunch of dick riding inmates telling on everyone scared to do for the cause. The pen has been pushed and nothing so we must use violence to express our grief.

They take 33 percent out of our state pay, 10% every time you go to store, 5% of all incoming money which your family has paid taxes for. No food packages, took our clothes and now they want to charge us for state clothes and rent. Like I tell everyone you get stuck with a pin it isn't shit but the oppressor is sticking us a million times; we are bleeding to death.

Everyone in [this prison] has "L's", life. I have 25 with a 12 1/2 stipulation kid, in a Super Max prison. I have done my part yet we have kats that are going to die here that don't do shit. You push the pen kid for if you get the Bridge from the Prisoners self help clinic you see the pen has been pushed and suits have been pressed; nothing.

People are picketing out front of the prison while these duck ass kats play with the orange ball. For those kats all I got to say is Niggah, ya aren't no Kobe or Shaq, they make millions while you make \$0.38 an hour in their sweat shops. I seen the paperwork, "Dept. Corp" made \$57 million after all expenses paid we get \$0.38 an hour.

They even take our yard away so we can work from 7:30 am til 12 if you quit ad-seg, isn't that something? If we don't fight for our rights who is? [This] is supposed to be the big house, but in all reality it's a fucking suckers house.

Organize brothers, Unity is the only way, not dividing & getting conquered. After you are finished pushing the pen come to the real ride.

I bring this missive to a close as I came with my sincere respect & love for the cause & struggle.

Un solo amor!

—A NJ prisoner, June 2002

RAIL responds: Comrade, keep your respect and love for the struggle and don't let the frustrations of organizing get you off track. The injustice cannot be beat out of an unjust system, that is why we must overthrow it and build anew. Sometimes we can win battles from within, but we can't get down when we don't because we know justice will never be seen under capitalism. We must try to pick the battles we can win and keep struggling. Right now we can win some battles in court, but we cannot win in the use of violence against the state. Keep Sun Tzu's Art of War in mind, and only take on the enemy when you've already got them beat. Even when the people around us seem to not care, we know we will win because the oppressors must continue their exploitation of the oppressed. And as the ranks and experience of the oppressed grow, there will be no stopping us. It is our task to do all we can to educate and organize people in preparation.

We oppose this comrade's derogatory linkage of homosexuality and snitching when s/he wrote: "we have a bunch of dick riding inmates telling on everyone." It is tempting to use attacks like this against those who sell out the movement or cower in silence. But as an organization committed to fighting all oppression, we can't let insults aimed at one group be used to attack another. This

language reinforces anti-gay sentiments that divide people over arbitrary lines of gender and promotes inequality between groups.

Muslims under attack in Alabama prison

Since September 11 many Muslims of Arab descent and those thought to be of Arab descent have been harassed, beaten and murdered by those who supposedly were so outraged by the destruction of the WTC, Pentagon, and the lives lost in the destruction. The perpetrators of the crimes knew before committing these racist crimes that their victims weren't the ones who destroyed the WTC and Pentagon, but used this as a pretext to practice their racist hatred.

When the federal building in Oklahoma was blown up by Timothy McVeigh, people didn't so much as express hate as they did shock.

We've all heard on the news "programs" during this period how much mail Timothy McVeigh received while in jail. Some letters even had marriage proposals. Then, according to Marion "Suge" Knight, the CEO of Death Row Records (now, "Tha Row") who was housed in the same jail as McVeigh stated in an interview with the Source (March issue) that McVeigh was treated like some kind of heroic celebrity. He was even asked by the jail pigs to sign autographs.

The point is that no one targeted young white male veterans of the Gulf War (of aggression) or white supremacy groups or their members. It's well known that McVeigh had connections to these groups and people.

But now, Sept. 11 is being used as an excuse to curb the practice of Islam by members of the Nation of Islam, Five Percenter, Moorish Science, etc. in prison (Limestone Correctional Facility).

A couple of months ago the Nation of Islam was showing a video of Min. Louis Farrakhan, conducted by civilian NOI members in the prison gym. The brothers of the NOI invited the entire population out to view the video. Many prisoners attended. In the middle of the video, two pigs (Lts.) and one peon pig bombushed into the gym, snatched the video out of the player, and told everyone that the video will not be continued because it was racist and incites terrorist violence.

Now they've confiscated all videos

belonging to the NOI in the chaplain's office and installed cameras (surveillance) in the Muslim's temple. No cameras have been installed in the Christian chapel.

The NOI has been hosting and inviting the prison population out to video screenings for years. Now, all of a sudden its banned.

The pigs disregarded the objections of the civilian NOI brothas and showed them no respect. But they showed plenty racist hatred.

And they wonder why people blow their asses up!

—INACELL,
Alabama prisoner,
July 2002

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Facts on U\$ imprisonment

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

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

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

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

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5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.



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.



Correspondencia

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¿Cuál es la base material del neofascismo?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Los Ángeles

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

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

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

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

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

¿Que es el MIM?

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

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

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

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

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