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## U.\$. tide turns on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq

*New inter-imperialist contradictions coming to the surface*

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An unscientific poll by CNN shows that over 80% no longer believe Bush's story about weapons of mass destruction. Most now think there were no weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) in Iraq just before the American invasion. For the first time, WMDs matter to a majority of Amerikkans. "Less than a majority said the war would be worth its costs if such weapons were not found, down from 56 percent in May."(1)

Before the issue of Bush lying about WMDs came up, oil for the SUV and



pick-up truck was good enough a reason to go to war for Amerikkans. But now that it looks like the imperialists lied to their labor aristocracy partners, a majority wants to see those WMDs. It's not that Amerikkans cared what the WMD issue meant for Iraqis or even U.\$. troops in Iraq. But add in the issue of imperialists misleading the labor aristocracy, and suddenly it all comes apart. Even

bourgeois business partners want the correct business information from each other, so there's nothing too radical or surprising about the American public's interest in this question.

Still, Bush's overall approval rating remains around 60%.

As the Bush story on Iraq unravels, MIM would like to point to further areas

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## BIG BROTHER DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW

### What the flap over WMD in Iraq reveals for the underdog's struggle

Often we at MIM hear an argument that amounts to saying political struggle is useless, because Big Brother spends 11 digit money each year to spy on everyone with everything from satellites to submarines. Arab media said that Uncle Sam knew the color of Saddam Hussein's underwear. The website "marxists.org"(1) recently said it is possible to track every computer by placing devices "upstream." The point of such arguments is that it is futile to struggle against Big Brother, a.k.a. Uncle Sam, so we must join Uncle Sam in a political fight by Uncle Sam's rules—yet the flap over the weapons of mass

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## Spain arrests Adolfo Olaechea

*U.\$. lackeys in Peru scapegoat London writer and speaker*

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According to the newspapers in Peru and the Yahoo! featured Europe Press, Spanish authorities arrested Adolfo Olaechea on July 4. We do not have reliable details, but a number of sources claim that Adolfo Olaechea was in Spain on a business trip.

The ambassador from Peru asked for Adolfo Olaechea's extradition to Peru as a "terrorist" connected to the Communist Party of Peru and the civil war in Peru since 1980, an armed struggle that only started years after Adolfo Olaechea left Peru.

The headline on Yahoo! reads "Peruvian terrorist Adolfo Olaechea . . ." So it is these days that the Yankee-induced hysteria about "terrorists" reverberates around the world—par for the course in this whole "anti-terrorist"

fad of the rulers used to cover every kind of opportunism and misdeed.

For most of 40 years Adolfo Olaechea has not been in Peru. He has been a permanent resident in England for 25 years. According to an interview in El Comercio, and because he was not a member of the Communist Party of Peru, he had a document from the Peruvian Embassy allowing him to travel in Peru and consequently he had no difficulty with travel to Peru for two weeks. So the question arises, why does this charge of "terrorism" come up now, if no Yankees are pulling the strings. As the El Comercio interview points out, the people heaping abuse and charges on him in the past are now in prison, in connection to the drug-dealing, bribe-giving, mass murderer V. Montesinos who was head of intelligence/security under Fujimori and now in prison.

Given the recently rising discontent with the economically failed regime in Peru,

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## CENSORED

### *Many prisons keep MIM literature out*

This is the third of MIM's regular reports on censorship in the American prisons. MIM sends in our newspaper, MIM Notes, free to prisoners who ask for it. We also send political books and pamphlets (by MIM and by others) to politically active prisoners. We face tremendous censorship in this work with prisoners. Prisoncrats across the country frequently refuse to deliver books, magazines and newspapers. At the same time we work with our comrades behind bars, sending many letters back and forth discussing politics, global affairs, the criminal injustice system and organizing work. Even these letters are frequently censored.

This censorship is not surprising since prisoners are a group of people in America with much revolutionary potential. Prisoners are disproportionately oppressed nationals, primarily Blacks and Latinos. And their interaction with the criminal injustice system and forced confrontation with the political nature of the system instills a strong interest in politics and a drive for justice. The prisons have to resort to censorship to keep prisoners from learning more about politics and applying their knowledge to fight the injustice system. This is what the prisons mean when they reject MIM literature as "a threat to institutional security" or "threat to legitimate penological objectives" as the Washington state Department of Corrections is fond of stating. Nowhere in any literature MIM sends to prisoners is there anything advocating violence or illegal acts in the prisons, contrary to many prisoncrats' claims.

Frequently we get justification like this one from Illinois: "Return to sender; Items not permitted in institution" giving no explanation for the censorship. MIM and

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### MIM reviews Summer books, movies, music

Ah-nold and Harry Potter are back, selling millions of movie tickets and books. We review "Terminator 3" and "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" on pages 6 and 7. We also review the new release by alternative rockers Radiohead, "Hail to the Thief."

# Letters

## Trotskyist website reader perturbed

Dear MIM:

I hope that you people eventually [sic] realise [sic] the absolute babarity [sic] of Mao and Stalin and get on board with the rest of us communists. You are discrediting everything that Marx - Engels - Lenin - Trotsky - Luxembourg - and the every other true communist out there has done. Stalin and Mao were and are not the way forward.

Mao and Stalin coming to power meant the death of international socialism for an indefinable amount of time.

The only thing that pleases me on your web site is your admission at being a small party - may it stay that way.

—Trotskyist  
July, 2003

mim3@mim.org replies for MIM:

Barbarism is dying from hunger and lack of medical care. Barbarism is not shooting a small portion of society spreading confusion and otherwise throwing up obstacles to progress as the writer above does by referring to a movement that has produced no social change in the last 75 years. Whether he is objective enough to know it, the above critic of us is a part of the status quo.

Barbarism is also not having universal education. Stalin and Mao fixed those problems—hunger, medical care and education. That's why the life expectancies of their countries doubled

despite all the repression of liberal-radical idiots.

What this sort of criticism always boils down to is two things: 1) A defense of the status quo in the guise of Trotskyist (or fill in the blank) principles which have failed to bring about changes like Stalin and Mao did. 2) Valuing the lives of liberal-radical dissidents at 100 or 1000 times that of the toiling peasants and workers. There is no other explanation for how people supposedly interested in the Soviet Union's history could ignore the progress there in the name of their impotent principles.

## Amerika's "war on terrorism" hypocrisy

What's happening in California prisons, along with prisons in general across Amerika is a form of terrorism! It is very sad what happened on 9-11. However, it shows that people throughout the world are tired of Amerikan oppression. It is dangerous to divorce "terrorism" from politics, yet u.s. media continue to talk about an abstract war against terrorism without mention of the issues or context that lie behind them. In reality, terrorism is a political act, a response to u.s. foreign policy. It is an act of war waged by people too weak to have a conventional army or one large enough to take on Amerika. We informed, conscious citizens of Amerika must face it—u.s. foreign policy contributes to acts of terrorism (a.k.a. Freedom Fighting). Amerika participated in creating a monster, now it has turned against "us" and the world—16,000

Arabs were trained in Afghanistan, made into a veritable killing machine. This is an insane instance of "the chickens coming home to roost." War is indeed hell, for some. For others, it is big, and burgeoning, business.

The united snakes of Amerika has supplied Turkey, Israel, and Indonesia with such weapons, and they have used them against civilian populations. But the nation most guilty is "our" own. No nation in the world possesses greater weapons of mass destruction than Amerika does, and none has use them more often, or with greater loss of civilian life. In Hiroshima hundreds of thousands died, in Korea and south Vietnam millions died as a result of Amerika's use of such weapons. The sheer hypocrisy of such a nation threatening another nation on the basis of its possession of "weapons of mass destruction" is stunning. Asians and Arabs must be shaking their collective heads in mass disbelief! Clinton's lurch to the right during his second term is now mirrored by Bush as he recycles his predecessors lie, the old "weapons of mass destruction" tale, a justification for Bush the younger's efforts to repair Bush the Elder's failure to properly discipline Iraq for daring to act as a sovereign state, instead of a vassal-state (or client-state) to the U.S. Empire. [If Clinton lurched to the right at all, it was a small move within the context of imperialist politics. Recall that one of his first acts as president was to bomb Iraq with cruise missiles. Clinton steadfastly carried out Amerika's war against Iraq and laid the basis for the current expansion.—ed.]

To take the hypocrisy to an even higher pitch, consider that some of Iraq's weapons were indeed weapons of mass destruction, a fact well known to

Washington because u.s. hardware was delivered to the Iraqis, the better to kill their Iranian enemies with. The U.S., London and other western (white) countries made mountains of wealth selling such weapons (divide and conquer) not only to Iraq, but to Iran as well. Amerika seeks to extend her New Crusades to Iraq and whoever else. Don't forget the oil folks! Why isn't that a crime against international law? Ultimately, war often has economic underpinnings, but they are hidden. War is a tool of foreign and economic policy!

—a prisoner in California,  
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## What is MIM?

The Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) is the collection of existing or emerging Maoist internationalist parties in the English-speaking imperialist countries and their English-speaking internal semi-colonies, as well as the existing or emerging Maoist Internationalist parties in Belgium, France and Quebec and the existing or emerging Spanish-speaking Maoist Internationalist parties of Aztlan, Puerto Rico and other territories of the U.S. Empire. MIM Notes is the newspaper of MIM. *Notas Rojas* is the newspaper of the Spanish-speaking parties or emerging parties of MIM. MIM upholds the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and is an internationalist organization that works from the vantage point of the Third World proletariat. MIM struggles to end the oppression of all groups over other groups: classes, genders, nations. MIM knows this is only 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.

# False consciousness and Al Qaeda

## *Third World looks for strong anti-imperialist leaders*

Jordan is a country where a pro-U.S. king rules. As Hillary Clinton explained in her recent book "Living History," Uncle Sam takes Jordan very seriously and sends presidents to funerals there. However, a recent BBC poll of 11,000 people in 11 countries(1) shows that most people in Jordan consider the United States more dangerous to world peace than Al Qaeda, the organization headed by Osama Bin Laden.

The bourgeois news wire service summed it up this way: "The poll, which was carried out in May and June, will make depressing reading for U.S. officials charged with improving the country's image. It surveyed people from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Britain, France, Israel, Indonesia, Jordan, South Korea, Russia and the United States.

"Asked who was the more dangerous to world peace and stability, the United States was rated higher than al-Qaida by respondents in both Jordan (71 percent) and Indonesia (66 percent).

"It was also rated more dangerous than Iran by people in Jordan, Indonesia, Russia, South Korea and Brazil, and more menacing than Syria by respondents in all countries except Australia, Israel and the United States. Israel beat Canada and Britain to win the dubious accolade of 'most pro-American country.'"(2)

Australia, Israel and the United States all have the fact of being settler dominated imperialist countries. The petty-bourgeoisie in those countries has the particular hatred of oppressed peoples driven not just by super-exploitation but also the particularities of genocide to seize land.

The International Herald Tribune also summarized an even more pointed finding from an earlier poll done by the Pew Research Center: "In fact, feelings are so intense in the Islamic world that Osama bin Laden was chosen by five Muslim publics—in Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan and the Palestinian Authority—as one of the three political leaders they would most trust to 'do the right thing' in world affairs."(3)

The widespread support of Osama Bin Laden in the Third World is an example of false consciousness, because Osama Bin Laden does not claim to be for the average exploited and super-exploited person of the Third World and more importantly his analysis and strategy are lacking. However, we gather from the showing of Osama Bin Laden in the polls that the people want to see a strong stand against U.S. imperialism. It's the perfect example of "false consciousness," because we can see what the Third World people want, even as they fail in pinpointing how they will accomplish it. Any strong leader appearing to be anti-U.S. would obtain the same support.

In contrast, the support for Bush in

Israel and the United States is not "false consciousness," because it is enemy consciousness. Marxists use the term "false consciousness" to refer to those situations where a class does not adopt an ideology in its own interests and instead adopts that of another class because it has been duped. In Israel and the United States, a settler petty-bourgeoisie has consciously taken up an ideology of land-grabbing oppression. It's not a case where some Israeli and American "exploited" are unconsciously taking up the ideology of exploiters. The Israeli and American are very active in their support for predatory wars.

An example of this is that the American lives in a country dependent on the world for oil. For this reason, polls show that Americans did not care when "weapons of mass destruction" (WMD) did not show up in Iraq as promised during the war itself. They still supported the war.

Slate author Michael Kinsley put it this way on June 19th: "According to a Harris poll out Wednesday, a majority of Americans still think the Bush administration was telling the truth before the war when it said it had hard evidence of WMD. A Knight Ridder poll released last weekend reports that a third of the populace believes that the weapons have been discovered. A Fox News poll last week found that almost half of Americans feel that the administration was 'intentionally misleading' about Iraq's weapons, but more than two-thirds think the war was justified anyway. A Gallup Poll released Wednesday concludes that almost 9 out of 10 Americans still think Saddam had or was close to having WMD."(4)

Bush may very well end up in hot water

## **Court: Attorney General free to oppress**

On July 2 the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago ruled that federal courts don't have the jurisdiction to review discretionary decisions of the attorney general. The case overturned a federal judge ruling that Sabri Samirah could return to the United States after visiting his sick mother in Jordan.

Samirah, who had lived in the United States for 15 years, was waiting for his green card and received permission from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to visit his mother in Jordan. In January Samirah tried to return to the U.S. and the INS revoked his "advance parole" and barred his re-entry on behalf of Attorney General John Ashcroft based on information that he was a "security risk." Samirah appealed the decision and in March U.S. District Judge Michael Moran ruled that he should

over the WMD, but it won't be because Americans do not want to oppress Iraqis. If Bush ends up in hot water, it will be because Americans deem it unseemly for him to lie to Americans and because they figure out that the premature press accounts announcing the discovery of WMD in Iraq had been wrong.

The fall in oil prices set a recent record according to USA Today: "America imported \$11.21 billion in petroleum in April, a drop of 10.4% from March. However, all the improvement came in lower costs, as the volume of crude oil climbed to the second highest level on record. But the average price of a barrel of crude oil declined \$4.25 to \$26.02, reflecting a fall in global oil prices as fears of supply disruptions eased with the successful conclusion of the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

"It was the biggest one-month drop in crude oil prices since a \$4.59 decline from January to February of 1991, as America's success in driving Iraq out of Kuwait eased oil supply concerns during the Persian Gulf War."(5) Neither Osama Bin Laden nor the Third World generally have gotten what they wanted vis-a-vis the United States, and that is why a claim of "false consciousness" may be true. In contrast, the American public is willing to lie with Bush to the rest of the world about WMD in Iraq, but it fought for and got what it wanted with regard to oil.

Notes:

1. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/2994924.stm>
2. <http://www.upi.com/view.cfm?StoryID=20030618-060033-9862r>
3. <http://www.iht.com/articles/98482.html>
4. <http://slate.msn.com/id/2084602/>
5. [http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/trade/2003-06-13-deficit\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/trade/2003-06-13-deficit_x.htm); see also, <http://csmweb2.emcweb.com/2003/0221/p01s01-usec.html>

be allowed to return to his U.S. home, but the decision was put on hold until the government could appeal.

Samirah was an outspoken critic of U.S. support for Israel, Chairman of the Islamic Association for Palestine, and head of the United Muslim Americans Association. The U.S. government has been increasingly targeting politically active Arabs since September 11, 2001. While proclaiming themselves defenders of freedom around the globe (by invading, murdering and plundering), the government is busy revoking supposedly protected civil liberties at home. The Patriot Act greatly expanded the authorities of the government to act without oversight and with this Appeals Court decision the courts are falling into line to support these actions.

Notes: Chicago Tribune, July 3, 2003.

## *Closed borders kill nineteen*

Nineteen immigrants from Mexico and Central America died of suffocation in a truck trailer abandoned in the Texas desert last May 14. Police have now arrested at least three people on charges they were smuggling the immigrants into the United States. The local district attorney "promised aggressive prosecution of the smugglers responsible for the incident."(1)

Prosecuting the few smugglers who are caught will do little to protect the thousands of immigrants who risk their lives to come to the United States to take jobs few Americans want. As former federal immigration official Benedict Ferro put it, arresting smugglers "is treating a symptom, not the disease."(2) Above all, the United States and the sizeable yahoo "put a fence on the border" crowd are to blame for those who die trying to cross the border illegally. To close the borders and expect no black market in human smuggling under capitalism is pure hypocrisy.

Capitalism produces black markets in everything. When people are able to profit, they do so in arms, drugs and even humans. The more successful police are in catching suppliers of black market services, the smaller the supply of those services. That only means that the price goes up in the world of capitalist supply and demand. Concretely that means drug prices go up and new suppliers rush to fill the need. In immigrant smuggling it means that the smugglers charge more money. In this case, it means that the human smuggler may have used a cheaper but more dangerous method to raise his profits. People who advocate capitalist systems know all this very well, but still they blame the inevitable smugglers produced by their capitalist system, instead of opening the borders.

According to a 1999 Immigration and Naturalization Service report, "alien smuggling has grown in to a multibillion-dollar-a-year industry." Security crackdowns since September 11 have only forced more immigrants to seek out professional smugglers and forced the smugglers to use more dangerous methods. About 500,000 undocumented immigrants enter the United States every year.(2) Hundreds die trying to cross the desert into California alone.(3)

Within the imperialist countries, the labor aristocracy is even more to blame than the imperialists. The labor aristocracy cannot imagine a better system and hence the population within imperialist countries fights to keep borders closed with the idea of keeping living standards high for itself. The economic nationalists in the imperialist countries have the blood of the nineteen victims in Texas on their hands.

Notes:

1. Washington Post, 15 May 2003.
2. Houston Chronicle, 15 May 2003.
3. [www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/gatekeeper/index.html](http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/gatekeeper/index.html)

# U\$ tide turns on Iraq WMD

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of interest, some of which are bound to come up in the next few weeks. A Slate article by Timothy Noah (2) answers why the U.S. press has taken some notice of uraniumgate (Bush's state-of-the-union canard that Iraq sought to purchase uranium from Niger). Noah cuts through the naiveté and asks the question: under what conditions does government deception become front-page news in Amerika? Answer: when the deceivers own up to it. Bourgeois reporters are too lazy or timid to do their own work and take officials' words as gospel—unless the officials themselves say their words are not gospel. We at MIM would only add that in many cases, journalists are too poorly educated to know how to do original journalistic work if they tried.

Both Bush and Blair now say that Saddam Hussein had "programs" for weapons of mass destruction. They leave out the word for actual "weapons." It's important to notice a change of spin like that. Increasingly, even newspapers in Amerika's hinterlands are noticing. The fact that the 3rd Infantry has not returned home yet and a soldier dies in an attack every day assures that Americans from the boonies where soldiers come from are paying attention. This again proves the nature of military power's relationship to the truth. Had U.S. troops wrapped up and all come home by now, the Amerikkkan public would be hearing a lot less truth.

More and more, with their own lies falling apart, Bush and Blair rely on Clinton's lies. They fall back to arguing that Saddam Hussein kicked out the weapons inspectors, when the weapons

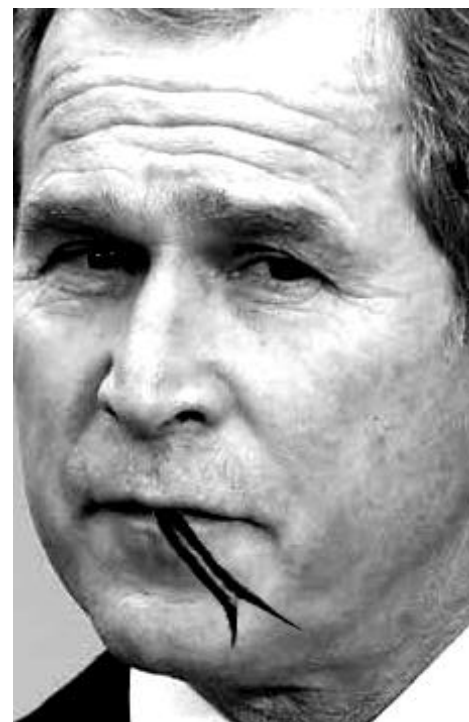
inspectors themselves have pointed out that in reality Clinton kicked out the inspectors. Clinton then blamed the expulsion on Iraq in order to have an excuse for "regime change." When Blair and Bush refer to past violations of UN resolutions, the intelligent reader should ask why China, Russia and France did not agree since they were on the same committees. The reason is that the United States had an active role in forging Iraq's non-compliance and other countries noticed.

With the Iraq lies falling apart, we do not mean to say there are no Amerikkans still buying the bologna. FOX News is noticeably emphasizing that Bush's statement in the "State of the Union" was technically correct, because he cited a source, the British government. For these sorts of spin-masters, it no longer matters if the source cited is wrong. Rather than make it their job to get to the bottom of this, FOX publishes a few sentences and then lets FOX readers respond with their Pavlovian monarchism.(3) Their words boil down to "we love our king: leave it to him." This would be fine and good if we lived in a monarchist system advancing beyond even more backward systems like feudalism, but supposedly we live in a "democracy" founded against monarchist ideas of national security. We're left with the hypocrisy and the twisted morality of "pre-emptive" strikes, which should really be called "re-emptive" strikes, because the United States has never stopped attacking its colony Iraq since 1991, whether through missile strikes, no fly zones or embargoes enforced by sea, land and air. We are only waiting for someone to take a picture of tea imported into Iraq

with the accompanying paper work for Amerikan taxes.

Thus while the mainstream media focuses on this one question of attribution of sources, because it feels it must pander to the monarchist Right of Amerikkka, the rest of the world is wondering just how many lies the Amerikkans can swallow and why. England signed onto international resolutions and treaties which require it to turn over its intelligence on Iraq's nuclear programs to the UN;(4) yet England continues to say it has evidence of uranium purchases in Africa that it won't share, because it does not have permission from the party that gave England the intelligence. Apparently England is preserving its spy-first protocols, because the issue of nuclear weapons in Iraq is less important than other things that England wants to obtain from relations with other countries' spies. Of course, that just leaves the question of why England signed on to international obligations regarding nukes and Iraq in the first place, and why anyone should care if England itself believes the possibility of nuclear weapons in Iraq is so unimportant that it won't divulge sources and information. This is one of those have-your-cake-and-eat-it-toos. Either the information is important from their own perspective (worth having a war over) and should be released or it's unimportant and does not sustain the case Bush and Blair are making, in which case, again they should shut up and take their lumps.

In the past two weeks, the most popular article in all our website agitation has been our review of Bush's "State of the Union" address in January. That review has



proved to stand the test of time and has put some of the data being spun by politicians in perspective. It also puts in relief that major news media with the professional resources did not put in the time to do the research on any of the WMD questions and in effect, one was better off reading a few books from different sources than counting on the press to come up with important information.

We will point out the obvious: Bush Jr.'s cabinet is composed of those who wanted an invasion of Iraq under Bush Sr. and did not get one because of others in Bush Sr.'s cabinet, such as Brent Scowcroft and Howard Baker. Some have pointed also to Vice President Cheney's business ties to those who benefit from an Iraq occupation. Certainly his sector of business benefits even if his company

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## Big Brother doesn't always know

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destruction shows just how wrong it is to be Liberal about struggle and security.

Ten months before George Bush's mistaken "State of the Union" address citing forged evidence that Iraq supposedly obtained uranium from Niger, the CIA told the Bush administration that the information was false. Separately an ambassador also told the Bush administration the information was bogus. What this means is that even having the right information is no guarantee it will be used.(2) There were countless other false statements from the Bush administration about the nature and justification of war with Iraq.(3) There was Tony Blair's statement (based on U.S. sources) that Saddam Hussein was ready to launch WMD with 45 minutes notice—something that obviously did not happen.(4)

Little did pro-war and neutral students know that the English government's intelligence dossier justifying the Iraq war came largely from an American student's publicly available paper that was not

cited.(5) In MIM Notes 274, we criticized a student taking a typical monarchist line justifying apathy and lack of struggle against the war. The student said: "We base opinions of foreign and domestic policy on the knowledge we receive from a biased media, from our friends' opinions, and from our professors' leading questions. Bush bases his opinions on Top Secret intelligence data gathered from multiple sources, national estimates from senior intelligence officials, and advice from experts. If even he does not have a complete picture, ours must be a minuscule piece of the puzzle." It turns out that someone wanted to make a fool of the Bush administration by forging documents about Iraq's nuclear weapons program which Bush used to further his pre-2000 goal of war on Iraq. Thus having "Top Secret intelligence" turned out to be a drawback, not an advantage. Merely having the "complete" information does not guarantee its correct use.

Those struggling as the underdog for justice should take note: even if the ruler has all the means of information in his or

her hands, there is no guarantee that s/he can use it. In fact, capitalism corrupts all knowledge production ranging from medicines sold for profit to analyses of the effectiveness of weapons systems that the Pentagon buys. As we pointed out in our website FAQ on security: "U.S. imperialism has no chance of being able to afford all the work of sorting out true information from false." For that matter, MIM has also pointed out that collecting information from a source is no guarantee that that source is not emitting information that amounts to a decoy.

The imperialists pursue knowledge that helps them profit individually. As a consequence, the imperialists will never match the proletariat in its abilities in finding the truth. Although the imperialists spend much more money on intelligence than the proletariat does, the imperialists are not able to use what they collect and when they do use what they collect they come into conflict with other imperialists with other property interests and government agendas. For this reason, it

is always justified to struggle to make it a little harder for the imperialists to spy on the oppressed and exploited. As we said in our review of the marxists.org website: "The reasons not to surrender are numerous: 1) Raising the cost to the enemy, because even when s/he does espionage correctly it costs him/her. 2) The enemy must sort out true from false once information is obtained. 3) The enemy may not bother."

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1. <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/links/marxistsorg.html>
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4. See a former CIA director admit this here: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,89923,00.html>; see also, <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,89649,00.html>
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# U\$ tide turns on Iraq WMD

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stays out.

However, beyond economic self-interests and old arguments and associated egos, the Amerikkkan public should know that Bush Jr. is a politician. It was always foolish since 911 to extend the government the kind of trust that the U.S. population has. Politicians are still masters of spin, focusing on some subjects only so the rest will be ignored. 911 did not improve politicians: in fact it gave them more covers to carry out more opportunistic misdeeds. Among their many misdeeds is to cover up the sources of the 911 problem to divert attention from their own previous actions and policies.

In contrast, MIM knows it is not coming to power by Amerikan votes or other method any time soon. Compared with Bush who has friends in the oil business, a father to vindicate in history, officials to defend and a re-election campaign requiring votes, we at MIM have no reason to lie or mislead. We at MIM can only err, which is why our coverage has been much more accurate and less misleading than that of anything ranging from FOXNEWS to CNN to CBS to the New York Times.

Our critics have said in the past we would err because Bush should know better with all his access to intelligence, but that is a monarchist argument. Bush claims to be president in a democratic system in which voters are supposed to be informed well enough to choose politicians. Hence, there was never a good reason to leave a question of war “up to Bush.” That’s to leave aside that we at MIM may have less intelligence than the CIA but do a better job of interpreting what we do have. Now we see that even having all the intelligence does not guarantee anything. There is no way that politician Bush desired to be in the present spot he is in now of explaining cloak-and-dagger type things and diplomacy. U.S. politicians need to premise their own credibility on explanations of why someone would forge uranium export documents like they need a hole in the head. Bush knows this instinctively which is why he would usually rather appear stupid than explain anything overly complicated.

Yet complicated is what this has become—not in the facts regarding weapons of mass destruction—but the diplomatic relations involved. The Washington Post admitted as follows: “Since World War II, U.S. and British intelligence agencies have had an image of intimate collaboration with each other. But the portrait that emerges from the British version of events concerning the investigation of the reported uranium deal is of agencies at times working at cross-purposes and reluctant to trust the other with sensitive information.”(5) A critical British official Jack Straw says the CIA and State Dept. had not informed him of their conclusion that the whole story of uranium in Africa was phony. Thus far

England has covered Bush’s back by saying it stands by its uranium story, so Bush would appear to have the right idea for the wrong specific reasons. Nonetheless, England can back off at any moment—especially after the public stops paying attention.

Now there are even better new twists that call for even more complicated decisions. In the first place, the whole accusation of Niger points toward France. However, just as the United States is asking France to send troops to Iraq to assist with occupation government, the United States is threatening to make the press notice that France is in control of all uranium production in Niger. In addition, France is on the hook for refusing to show the United States its evidence on these claims or so at least some in England seem to hint.

France’s role in this again leaves room for interpretation. Has the fact that the press has yet to focus on France’s role in officially running Niger’s uranium business through proper international bureaucratic procedures (6) meant that someone would like U.S.-French relations to stabilize? Was the uranium info part of France’s warnings to Uncle Sam before the war not to take the risk of war? Were these warnings politically motivated? Let’s recall that just before the war, Cheney said, and Bush confirmed that Iraq had “reconstituted nuclear weapons.” MIM reported these statements from Cheney and Bush. Now a Washington Post editorialist has remembered Cheney’s words as well: “We believe he [Saddam Hussein—MIM ed.] has, in fact, reconstituted nuclear weapons. I think Mr. [Mohamed] ElBaradei [the IAEA director], frankly, is wrong. And I think if you look at the track record of the International Atomic Energy Agency [on] this kind of issue, especially where Iraq’s concerned, they have consistently underestimated or missed what it was Saddam Hussein was doing.”

Harold Meyerson then added: “The point is not that an apology is in order, though it plainly is. The point is that even after the IAEA’s revelation that the forged agreement had been ‘signed’ by a Niger government official who in fact had been out of office for the better part of a decade, the vice president dismissed this information out of hand and disparaged its source. He did not, however, refute it.”(7) Meyerson and many other unlikely people have noticed that this pretty much defeats the purpose of having government officials in charge of collecting intelligence and reporting it accurately to the public. Immature relativists in charge of intelligence think it is “all opinion anyway” and clear the way for whatever politician-spin-doctors might want to do.

Another possibility: will a country like South Africa be dragged into this and what political risks does this entail for the U.S. imperialists? Blacks always opposed this war and constitute a large part of the

army. How much does it hurt with Black public opinion to be making up stories about Africa giving uranium to Iraq? Would France try to mislead England about something that France itself would get the blame for in the case of Niger’s uranium? Will it turn out that Israel had an interest in forging documents? Supposedly the U.S. Congress and FBI are already looking for answers concerning who forged the documents.

Finally, one last twist, since Italy is the one that seems to have started handling the forged documents with the uranium deceptions: how does Italy fit in? Is Italy’s stance on Iraq spying to please the United States? Are Italian leaders in a controversy over insulting Germans purposefully trying to get Italian people to dislike the Germans? Do they wish to lean toward the United States instead and is that why the Italians seem willing to sacrifice German tourism in order to make insults against the German parasites?

We would like to point out is that MIM is talking about a real world solution to big problems. The media is talking about the credibility of one politician concerning one war in one country. In reality, the United States did not just give Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein weapons, money and military training in the 1980s under Reagan and Bush Sr.; although certainly that is important. The United States gives out weapons, money and military training to hundreds of “allies” around the world at any given time, including \$50 million to the Taliban just before 911. Often the justification is that if the United States does not give out the weapons and other “aid,” someone else will ally with X, Y or Z. Hence, the real

problem is to reduce geo-political competition of all sorts, eliminate arms races and secure world peace. Otherwise, with all the allies receiving U.S. weapons alone, there is a guarantee that new enemies will arise—Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein being just the enemies of the week. A real solution would take into account U.S. military aid practices around the world. That is something that only socialism can do. If the species stays on this course of slowly figuring out the politics of weapons proliferation under capitalism, one politician at a time, the species will surely doom itself in short order.

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3. <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,91958,00.html>; <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,92071,00.html>. The fact that FOX News sees no issue as long as a source is attributed demonstrates how little faith we should put in FOX. Their approach to truth seems to be that as long as someone (namely their king) claims something is true or someone the king cites claims something is true, the rest is all just relative opinion and there’s no point in digging, in which case we do not need “news” services like FOX News at all. Who is the source of England’s information FOX? What is that information? How old is it? Or don’t you know what your job is with all those professionals and millions of dollars and media access passes to the halls of power? The FOX approach makes much more sense as an entertainment outlet for monarchists.
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## What is militarism?

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

review by MC17

According to the American Library Association the Harry Potter series topped the most frequently banned books last year. This is not because of revolutionary content, the reason that MIM literature is frequently banned from prisons. The banning of Harry Potter is instructive about mainstream political sentiment in Amerika. Fueled by advocates of religious education, the fantasy content of the Harry Potter books motivates the banning movement. Christianity is at odds with the witchcraft in Harry Potter, and specifically with the lack of a biblical god in Potter's world. This is a good start for MIM as a recommendation for the Harry Potter series. The Order of the Phoenix in particular had much content related to death and ghosts. The book implies that after death spirits live on, but there is no heaven or hell, and no god to worship or answer to in the world of Harry Potter.

As a result of the lack of christian religious content, the Harry Potter books have a focus on people, or in this case wizards and witches, having control of their world, and there are some good lessons for readers in this series. There is no power to rely on but themselves and the magical arts are only as evil as those who use them. In the Order of the Phoenix Potter at age 15 is now in his fifth year at Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The focus is still on Potter and his friends as they get caught up in the fight against evil people seeking to take power and rule the world as "purebloods."

As MIM has mentioned in its review of the first Harry Potter movie, the evil

witches and wizards are a pretty clear allusion to Hitler and his supporters. This is a good political lesson in and of itself. And in addition, the books empower kids to take action and leadership in their world rather than waiting for the adults to do everything. The Order of the Phoenix has the strongest adult in the book (the head of Hogwarts, Aldus Dumbledore) admit his failings because of his judgment being blurred by age and emotions, implying that youth are sometimes better fit to make decisions.

This book devotes some attention to the oppression of other races at the hands of witches and wizards but this is a small subplot at best. There are house elves in the book who serve the humans. They can only be freed by being given an item of clothing and most of the elves encountered do not want to be freed of their servitude. Many humans treat the elves very badly but one of the main characters, Hermione, a classmate of Harry Potter, is a strong proponent of freeing all elves. She knits clothing and leaves it lying around the school hoping the elves will discover it and accidentally be freed. But the elves refuse to clean the area where she leaves clothes, not wanting to be set free. Author J.K. Rowling takes things further having Aldus Dumbledore declare that elves have long been mistreated by humyns and that this relationship must change.

In addition to the elves, The Order of the Phoenix expands on the oppression of giants at the hands of humans, and the mistreatment of Centaurs, offering both criticism and hope. Humans determined to effect change make some inroads



towards better relations with each race.

The Order of the Phoenix also does a good job promoting the relative importance of some work, such as saving the world from evil. Repeatedly Rowling has characters point out that some causes are worth dying for, and Harry Potter is reminded of the relative unimportance of school classes, romance, and the opinions of others in the context of the fight against Lord Voldemort. Rowling turns what would have otherwise been uselessly obligatory teenage romance in the book into a lesson in relative priorities as Potter barely puts much attention at all into the girl he is trying to date as he focuses on other battles. And in the end he realizes he has lost interest in her

entirely, after victory in a difficult battle, as he enjoys the close support of his comrades in the fight.

On the negative side, The Order of the Phoenix, like its predecessors, is an escapist fantasy novel that doesn't focus on important real world issues of oppression. While that's to be expected in fantasy books under capitalism, MIM holds culture up to a higher standard. Overall this book should not be banned after the revolution, but we are confident that the people can do better and produce fiction that takes on oppression and exploitation head on with heroes devoting their lives to fighting for a better world for all people.

## Radiohead gambles on re-directing the sleepwalkers

*Hail to the Thief*  
Radiohead  
EMI Records  
2003

Although this album does not come out from an independent corporation or "label" and instead comes from a multinational giant, it's easy to see how Radiohead could be seen as alternative music, almost the definition of alternative rock. The use of instruments is unconventional and the aggressive attitude of hard rock and focus on rhythm in dance music is missing.

The lyrics are also alternative because they are not about boyfriends and girlfriends. We see some political references including the title of the album. In Amerikkka we say "Hail to the Chief" to refer to the president or any big boss. We will give the lyrics a "B+."

On the radiohead.com website we see links to Oxfam, Greenpeace, Z Magazine and an organization for the abolition of Third World debt—some good causes. We also have the "Free Tibet" organization listed, an illusion supporting

mystic slavery defenders that Radiohead shares with Rage against the Machine. (See our FAQ on Tibet.)

Decadence is there in the music and even the sign-up for the website refers to the organization for fans as "W.A.S.T.E." The website offers to send waste to members every so often.

The music is alternately pleasantly sleepy, annoyingly phlegmatic and dreamy—diffuse. The reviewer can see what people like about this album and we expect great things in the future from this band—with fan websites in Russian, Polish, Italian and Spanish to name a few. The whole strategy of trying to reach tired people looking for a break is quite interesting. Radiohead deserves the credit for this approach to outreach: not everyone can always be Rage against the Machine anyway.

Persynally, the reviewer questions whether it is possible to communicate with the asleep. For instance, one may wonder if it is possible to have jarring or grotesque communications about slabs of meat hanging from the ceiling that work while sleepy. Perhaps Radiohead has

found another way to celebrate the decadence of imperialism. Someone stole an election; someone is eating meat; someone is sucking "young blood" and speaking of "rivers poisoned"—but Radiohead's reaction is diffuse and sleepy. In this reviewer's opinion, Radiohead's reaction to the world is rather too complex in a way that is likely to backfire.

At MIM we emphasize matching tone with substance, content with form. We need to recognize that we live in a world where people live lives as ridiculous as Hollywood movies. It matters on a daily basis how we educate ourselves and others to be angry and when not to be angry. The question about Radiohead is whether it has juggled form and content in a way that contributes to the sicknesses Radiohead opposes. I was hoping to use the Radiohead chat forum as evidence one way or another, but the fans there are often so silly as to defy categorization. Mixed in with the comments of at least a semi-serious nature such as to air-condition the Middle East and Africa for peace, we see a lot of reveling in

imperialist decadence. In defense of Radiohead it could be said that "everything happens at the margin": Radiohead plunges in, attracts imperialist decadence and then points in another direction, at least in the links section of its website.

In some ways "Hail to the Thief" is the perfect reflection of the predicament of the times: the stereotypically unmotivated and whiny X Generation meets the 2000 elections and 911. We at MIM are more than afraid that many of the formerly apathetic and uninformed are now ready dupes for fascism.

Radiohead seems to be saying there may be signs of intelligent life even when asleep. We only warn the whole "don't have a cow" generation of Bart Simpson that the rulers are quite prepared to instigate wars—even on imperialist soil. At least the sleepy may not feel great motivation to make war on all the Third World countries: at some point, the imperialists are not going to find enough young police to run every Iraq in the world.

# Review: Terminator 3

## *Don't wait to fight nuclear catastrophe!*

*Terminator III: The Rise of the Machines*

Directed by Jonathan Mostow  
2003

As we would expect, this is an action film with many digital effects. However, although this is the film with famous lines of three words such as "I'll be back" for action actor Schwarzenegger, it still has some science fiction elements for the brain.

It's rather unavoidable to compare science-fiction with religion. While some religions teach ancestor worship, in science fiction including the "Terminator" series, agents from the future come back to the past to alter it. In the current moment of 2003 on Earth, we are not able to go back and interfere with our ancestors' lives, so ancestor worship is both sterile and yet seemingly capable of animating humyn imaginations, mostly in unhealthy ways.

In contrast, descendant worship like that in T3 is much more progressive. Dead ancestors cannot do anything now, but descendants who can time-travel have the power to partake in the struggles of the day. Thinking about descendants is an exercise in the possibilities of the humyn brain.

Arnold Schwarzenegger is famous as a conservative Republican considering a run for governor of California. Someone should tell him his sci-fi films focus on Enlightenment ideas rejected by his conservative brethren. While conservatives say the humyn is not "perfectible" and therefore we should stick with our "habits" and ancient religions, in T3 fearsome robots from the future travel backward in time to do battle.

"Not perfectible"—tell that to the Terminator who can calculate in an instant the probability of a humyn's actually carrying out a suicide threat, 17% he says in one moment with a man who has a gun to his head. Such notions about the future do not come from no where. Obviously, someone with a few machine guns or missiles if s/he could travel back in time would seem like the Terminator in the year 0, 1000 or even 1850. The conservatives and various escapists are in denial about the broad trend of history.

Yet while old military technologies have been discarded, and while most people imagine the future economically as not having money, just very fancy machines that produce whatever is necessary, conservatives are here to tell us to continue with the same social ideas over the millennia. Their success in obstructing social progress led to the realistic situation in the film: humyns screw up and nuke themselves, which is about where we are right now in reality as well.

While the humyns focus on tracking their weapons spread all over the planet with elaborate technology, they have no technology focused on tracking the

motivations for war and error. That is to say the system has an engineering design flaw that amounts to lacking a back-up system or release valve. That's why MIM insists on social engineering totally intolerant to the risks and motivations of war. We'd rather have some serious surgery now than die later from the terminal disease of capitalist-militarism.

In T3, even when humyns realize they have erred, it's too late to undo all the effects. Three billion people died in a day. John Connor admits that he likes to think sometimes that his mother's heroics in previous episodes eliminated "Judgement Day," but finding himself having to pick up weapons his mother planned for him to have when he grew up, he said, "I never really believed it." Terminator arrives to say, "you cannot eliminate Judgement Day, only postpone it."

The horrible thing about these Christian lines is that it will mobilize yet further the peculiarly Amerikkkan Christian population dedicated to the apocalypse. Sure, fight it the last few hours, but Judgement Day is going to come is the message. Offsetting these lines is that the main characters did fight hard at least a couple hours to try to prevent apocalypse.

Prior to the arrival of the Terminator, the humyn hero John Connor is a drug junkie. He knows he is too militarily valuable to partake in his current society. So he hides and takes drugs to avoid thinking about "Judgement Day."

In real life, we believe much drug use stems from political-military conditions that need to be abolished. The many who think the species won't make it, especially because of up-close examination of society in the world's leading military powers end up taking heroin-type drugs as an escape from a decadent society they feel has no hope. If society has no hope, then there is no reason not to spend all the day enjoying oneself in any fashion imaginable or escaping it completely to dull the pain.

Connor is what we Marxists would call a "lumpen" hero. He does not work in the factory or other setting typical of what Marx called the proletariat. Connor has no disciplined social setting and feels that he must consciously avoid one or be killed by agents from the future. As the movie starts, he is drifting, sitting on a bridge drinking a bottle of beer and then later undertaking break-ins for drugs.

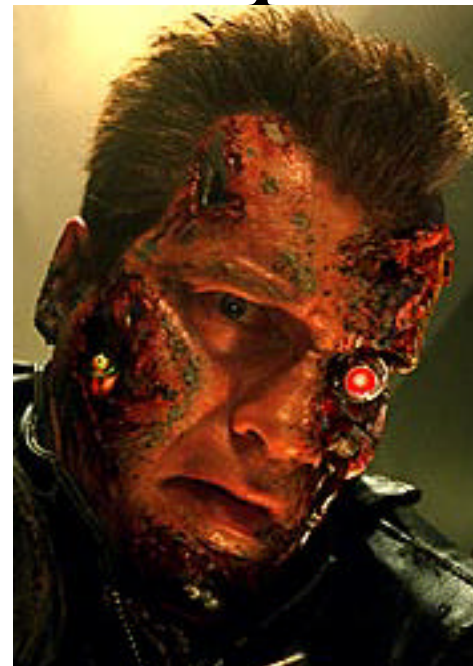
Our criticism of Connor is that he suddenly becomes animated in the last three hours of civilization's life to stop catastrophe. However, prior to that, at least he valiantly preserved himself for future battles, but on the side he should have found ways to get humyns somehow to deal with their problems socially first. Granted, no one would acknowledge the truth about the future that he knew, but that did not mean he could not still work on getting humyns to improve.

Connor lacked this proletarian perspective that Huey Newton tried to instill in the Black Panther Party. Huey Newton likewise criticized Eldridge Cleaver and other lumpens for only living for the glorious gun battle, almost as if the lumpen glory was to get it over with. In Marx's day, the proletariat disciplined by work organization would have the discipline to do day-to-day political work and have that perspective. The lumpen just does not have such a painstaking perspective, so our criticism of Connor boils down to class perspective.

By itself, this action film has a lot of humor in it, just short of self-critical. So arises the question of whether T3 is really put together well enough to handle such serious topics as nuclear holocaust. The worst part is that it talks about people surviving the launching of all nuclear weapons, when the real question is how many good hydrogen bombs it would take to kill the whole humyn species, not from the immediate blast, but from the damage to the atmosphere. The second most questionable part about the film is the almost placid and dreamy depiction of the end of most of the species from a vantage point in the sky, the God's eye view, no doubt. Combined with the action and humor aspects of the film it is reminiscent of the sick combination of sex and violence that constitutes rape and animates so much Amerikkkan entertainment.

There is absolutely nothing exclusively or narrowly feminist of interest about this film; although, of course the toughest character in the film is a robot in the image of a womyn. In the pace of a few hours, John Connor and the Terminator kidnap a womyn while her fiancée dies. By the end of the film, she has reconciled with her kidnapper. However, the same thing happens to everyone in the film. Our heroes also mow through police and fire officials. All the preconceptions about junkies, kidnappers etc. prove not only useless but harmful to the species. Given the situation, of course the junkie-kidnappers better get on with their business and no one should stop them. This is something we train people at all times as well, to ignore "who" people are and concentrate on whether they come bearing the truth or not.

The funny thing is that almost all movie-goers are now accustomed to this sort of Hollywood trick—where no ordinary persyn would believe or give credibility to the heroes, but the heroes must fight onwards whether or not the local police believe it when the heroes tell them the Blob from Mars has landed to eat the town. By now, people know that when humyns really focus on their goals and move for them, a ton of bullshit has to be put aside. In T3, even after the Terminator catches a bullet in his mouth thereby proving the truth, Kate Brewster runs out



and smiles as soon as she sees a traditional cop car with flashing blue light, only to discover that the cops are a Trojan Horse for the ultimate evil. Fortunately in the space of hours, Kate Brewster undergoes transformation and puts her eyes on the prize. Next thing we know she's mowing down Pentagon robots. Our challenge to Amerikkkans: be better than Kate Brewster! Or are you going to wait till three hours before the nukes drop before you look at the causes of war and how to eliminate them? Are you going to fight desperately for just three hours and then wish you had done more before that?

So many Amerikkkans think they are better than heroin addicts, but when it comes down to it, their avoidance of the anti-militarist movement is no different than the hopelessness of the junkies. Many of the apolitical share the junkies' exact sense of political hopelessness, which in another time would just be called a lack of "character." People like that should at least do us all a favor and stop dividing the humyn race by making it such a high priority to look down on junkies and the rest of the lumpen-proletariat!

And when we challenge Amerikkkans to "look at" the causes of war, we mean with the determination, speed and alarm that our heroes show in T3. There is no reason that people should identify so closely with Hollywood action-heroes put in a desperate spot while looking away from or denigrating an all-out anti-militarist effort in real life. MIM is confident that if humyns really put their eyes on the prize of world peace, they can put a lot of bullshit aside and get the job done.

It looks like there is room for at least a T4 and in this reviewer's opinion, T3 could have been longer and done more. It's tempting to take the film lightly, as "just another action movie," but it has footage of nuclear holocaust, so such treatment would only be the kind of obscenity so common and detrimental in Amerikkkan life.

# CENSORED

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the prisoners affected are then forced to send protest letters demanding to know why the literature was rejected and attempting to appeal the decision. Sometimes these letters succeed, sometimes the prison bureaucrats respond defending the censorship, but most often our protests are just ignored.

Occasionally prisons are honest in their reasons for rejecting MIM Notes such as the California prison which explained censorship of MIM literature because "material has revolutionary articles and articles based on or about violence." The second half of this justification is meaningless unless they are going to censor all mainstream newspapers as they contain stories about murder, war, rape and all types of violence. But it is the revolutionary content that sets MIM's literature apart and singles us out for more censorship than any other distributor in the prisons.

Censorship differs from state to state and within states from prison to prison. In some states like Oregon they consistently reject any mail that MIM does not publish as well as some political literature they don't like (such as the MIM Theory on Anarchism). Other states, like Illinois censored items include MIM Notes, MIM Theory, Black Panther Party literature, and letters from MIM describing our organization and our program. In some cases in Illinois, the prisoncrats were deliberate about which MIM Notes were censored (a few different Illinois prisons censored the same issue of MIM Notes at the same time), but in more recent cases (May, 2003), there is a trend of blanket

censorship of all MIM materials including the MIM standard prisoner introductory letter which was returned with a stamp on the envelope saying "Return to sender; Items not permitted in institution".

Over the past 12 months we have record of censorship of MIM Notes and/or MIM Theory in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Washington.

The following states have been censoring books or other non-MIM published literature sent in by MIM: California, Illinois, North Carolina, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Wisconsin.

In the six months prior to that the following states (in addition to those listed above) also censored MIM Notes. We have no proof that these states stopped censoring MIM Notes: Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota and Ohio. In Arkansas a victory was won to receive MIM Notes again.

MIM has not given up sending MIM Notes or MIM Theory to any states but there are several states where MIM no longer sends literature we do not publish because of prison regulations. More and more states are implementing policies that require all literature to come from the publisher or to come from a few selected distributors like amazon.com. This is just another excuse to censor revolutionary literature and deny prisoners access to alternative education. Amazon.com and other similar big capitalist distributors are not running books for prisoners programs, and the price of books there (as well as

the inaccessibility from prison) keeps virtually all prisoners from receiving books.

States where MIM no longer sends literature it does not publish include: Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Oregon.

## Victories

A number of victories over censorship were won this year. Of greatest note is the victory in Pennsylvania at SCI Green where censorship has been going on for years and MIM had stopped sending in MIM Notes. Green is one of the prisons that admitted it censored MIM Notes because of its political view that armed struggle will be necessary to eradicate oppression. The prisoner who pursued this victory to the end wrote "the Department has resolved the lawsuit [against censorship of MIM Notes]. They released to me on April 4, 2003 the disputed MIM Notes. I would like to say how persistence pays off to those who are willing to make sacrifices for their First Amendment rights to read MIM Notes [and, MIM adds, our right to speak to prisoners via MIM Notes]."

Attica prison was censoring all MIM mail across the board, but this past year we won a victory there with the prison finally responding to our protests by admitting that MIM is subject to the same laws of all other incoming mail and each item must be reviewed individually.

In Oklahoma both MIM Notes and MIM Theory were censored in the past year, but with protest letters from MIM and a prisoner we succeeded in getting both publications delivered.

In Alabama after receiving a rejection notice from his prison for MIM Theory 8 (on anarchism) and MIM Theory 11 (on the criminal injustice system), one prisoner filed a protest and described what happened: "I filed my protest on September 9, I received it back the 16th of September. It stated that correspondence from MIM is denied and that no mail from MIM will be allowed!" He followed the battle through enlisting the help of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and in April of 2003 he wrote to

inform us "The Southern Poverty Law Center has gotten it approved for prisoners to receive MIM Theory."

Prisoners in California have been very aggressive about fighting the censorship. In Corcoran both in the SHU and CSATF we won censorship victories to get MIM Theory in after prisoners filed protests. But elsewhere in California we continue to face censorship of MIM Theory and political books. As one of our comrades behind

bars explained "I have taken this matter to the director's level in Sacramento, California in a 602 inmate appeal process. Informal, formal, first, second and third levels. The outcome ended in denial. This mail issue is filed and pending in court under civil rights act 42 U.S.C 1983. My complaint so far is mail tampering (especially legal mail), refusal to give access to legal and regular mailing supplies, and censoring certain mail. If there are any more complaints in the mail area, please file and help this struggle on this part. This is a very important thing so people on the outside and inside let's work to win our mail rights inside prison."

For more details on prison censorship, examples of the censorship notices we receive, and up to date information on the censorship battles we are fighting, visit <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/prisons/censor>.

## MIM Congress resolution *Amerikan prisons censor MIM Notes, MIM correspondence*

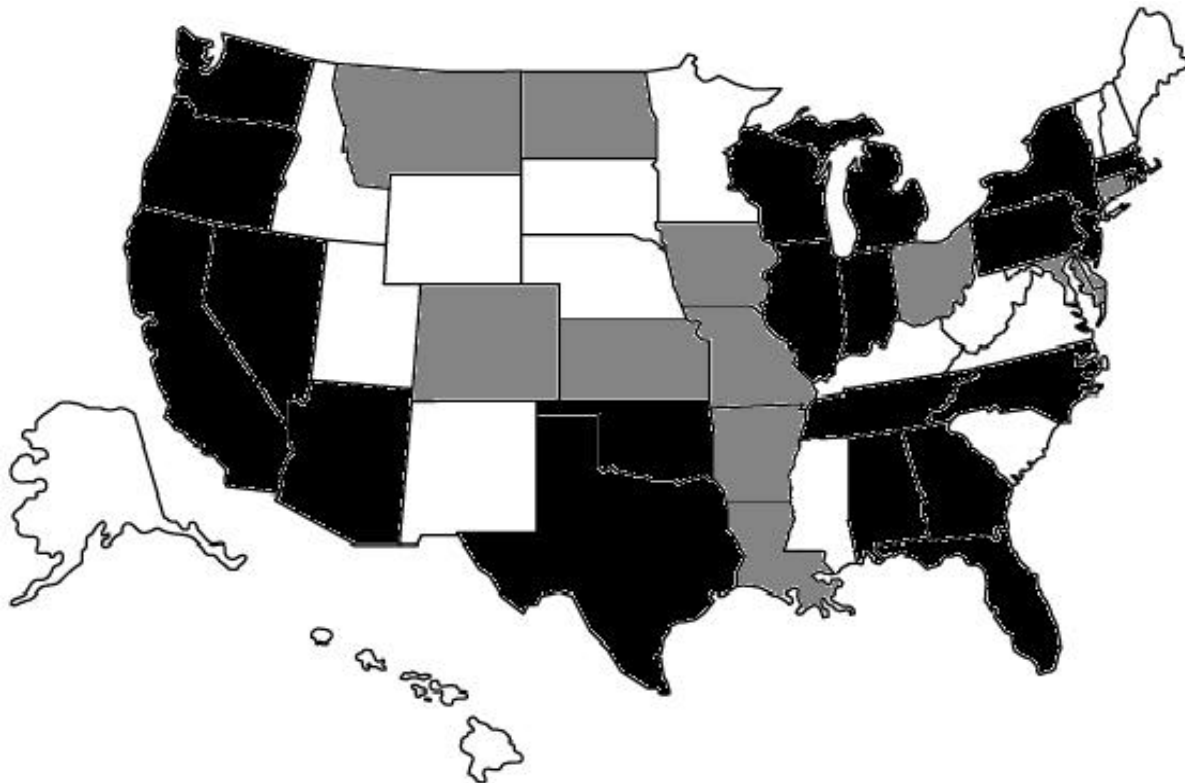
*Excerpted from a resolution by the MIM 2001 Congress.*

President George W. Bush is not being censored in prisons despite his philosophy of violence as demonstrated in his bombing of Iraq. Newspapers quoting Bush or endorsing him or his opponent [Al Gore] who also favored the war in Iraq-these papers and television stations are not so often censored. Hence when prison wardens say we should be censored for threatening "security" through our "philosophy of violence," they are attempting selectively to oppose violence of the oppressed and exploited. In addition, prison wardens are contradicting the stated beliefs of the authors of the "Declaration of Independence" and Abraham Lincoln, who said explicitly in his first inaugural address that the people have a "revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow" the government.(1)

[Such hypocrisy] is inherent to the injustice system as the Mumia Abu- Jamal case proves. The prosecutor against Mumia pointed to Mumia's quoting from Mao Zedong that "political power grows out of a barrel of a gun" as evidence against Mumia in his court case. Meanwhile, MIM has yet to hear of anyone being accused by prosecutors of distributing the New York Times despite its backing of numerous wars and coups and quoting from people like George Bush Sr. and Jr. who bombed Iraq. As a matter of compromise, MIM would agree not to send its present literature to a prison if a prison warden concerned with rehabilitation only allowed pacifist literature into prison. We would accept that as a principled compromise, but there is no prison warden proposing or implementing such a policy.

## Censorship from sea to shining sea

States known to have censored MIM-sent materials over the last year are colored black. Those known to have censored MIM in the six months prior to that are colored grey. Since prisoncrats don't always write to say they are censoring us, we can't say for sure other states aren't censoring.





# Spain arrests Adolfo Olaechea

*Continued from page 1...*

the abysmal poll ratings of its leader Toledo educated at Stanford University and the global discontent with Toledo's sponsor the United States, MIM is not surprised that the scape-goating has reached this level, though the details of such news are always strange. While people in Peru march against unemployment and wonder why Toledo does not carry out his election promises, it's easy demagoguery to distract people by claiming that a civil war in Peru originated in London.

Caretas in its story referred to Adolfo Olaechea as a "propagandist for Sendero Luminoso." While sneering at him for

denouncing Peru's regime from London, Caretas called him a cultural worker who should be punished even though he is not an "historic leader" of the Sendero Luminoso.

We'd suggest that Caretas writers get out a little more—maybe tour the conditions of the countryside in Peru to understand how the armed struggle arose instead of looking for easy answers such as refugees in London. If a government in Peru cannot withstand some essays and speeches in London, that government is going to fall anyway, and the sooner everyone recognizes it and abandons such a feeble government, the less bloodshed.

Some of Adolfo Olaechea's last actions

before being arrested were efforts to rally Tories in England against the war on Iraq. He urged that England "save our democracy," in line with much opinion in England that the majority in a country with its own oil did not really want the war and found itself dragged in by Bush and his poodle Blair.

Mao said when the enemy attacks, it's a good thing and an honor. In the case of Adolfo Olaechea, he has received a strange but significant honor, to be scape-goated this way. Is it possible that the regime in Peru is so afraid of his speaking and writing that it would really take the risk of looking so desperate in public?

The question arises of how slowly the

wheels of justice turn. How much of this is just a holdover from previous Fujimori rantings when there is now an international order for his arrest remains to be seen. The image Peru creates is one of a "banana republic," capricious and arbitrary. At one moment, Peru allows Adolfo Olaechea in for a honeymoon of two weeks says the El Comercio interview. At another moment, it orders the arrest of Fujimori/Montesinos for corruption, drug-dealing and mass murder. The next moment, we see Peru appear to act on orders that might have come from Fujimori.

MIM hopes to have more details of this bizarre story later.

# Strom Thurmond, segregationist, dead at 100

by mousnonya@yahoo.com

What can we say about someone whose most famous quote is: "all the laws of Washington and all the bayonets of the army cannot force the Negro into our homes, into our schools, our churches and our places of recreation and amusement."?(1)

It seems pretty clear that Thurmond would have made a great S.S. man—lockstep in favor of war and racial segregation. The amazing part is, rather than seeing any mainstream journals questioning all of this they practically are falling all over each other to lick his blood stained boots. This is why MIM says that the principal task is to build media for the oppressed: the mainstream media is just as crooked as the corrupt politicians they supposedly snitch on.

Strom Thurmond was a decades-long U.S. Senator. He only retired in January of 2003 at the age of 99. Why you may ask? Because in the corrupt Amerikan system superprofit pie stolen by

Washington is doled out to states based on political favors and seniority. Thurmond had seniority. This is why MIM does not want to work within the system: it is corrupt.

Thurmond's career represents exactly what the system wants: a loyal good old boy. While health not age should be the guide to whether one is fit to hold office, Thurmond clearly was getting weaker and weaker and practically delegated everything to his staff. This shows us that our enemy is fixated on worshipping false authority even where that risks leading to errors.

Thurmond was from South KKKarolina and so it is safe to say he defended the murderous interests of big tobacco.(2) MIM opposes tobacco staunchly not only because it is leisure robbing the Third World of resources, but also because it kills people in the Third World and wimmin in disproportionate numbers.

Thurmond also defended the interests of the imperialists' military industrial

complex. He was pro segregation, pro war, and anti-communist.

All in all mousnonya has this to say to the progeny of Thurmond. Your daddy was a great oppressor. And as a result the Third World is going to bite back. When are you going to wake up and smell the burning flesh that your military industrial complex is roasting up? And when is it going to make you puke—instead of hungry for more? Requiescat in Pieces Thurmond. Mousnonya is not at all sorry to see you go. Could have been a hero — chose to be a zero.

Notes:

1. New York Times, 27 Jun 2003.
2. For example: Thurmond voted against tax hikes on tobacco. Los Angeles Times, 10 Jun 1998.



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## Tennessee jail designs rules which support inmates' ignorance of law

During 2002 the Shelby county jail administration implemented a policy prohibiting excessive legal materials possessed by inmates. The definition for excessive they gave us is "any amount in excess of a shoe box." The policy reads as follows: "Legal material may not exceed the size and width of a regular shoebox; any amount in excess of a shoebox must be kept in the property room and may be exchanged out on Sunday evening between the hours of 1900-2000 by the floor sergeant."

Many of us have enough discovery material alone that is more than the size of a shoe box. In order for us to get additional research information, such as cases out of law books, statutes, or other law reference books, we have to exchange some of the legal materials we already have, and replace it with the new information we need. This policy prevents me from gathering new legal information I need, for the purposes of studying the new legal information with the legal information I already have. In other words, the administrative pigs don't want us to learn too much of anything that would cause a shortage of inmates.

I have written tons of grievances challenging this policy and it seems that I and maybe a very few others are the ones that actually see the damage that this policy does to each of us individually.

Over half of the inmates in the Shelby county jail are represented by public defenders, meaning that the ones who have PDs should feel obligated to learn as much as they are able of the law. This policy interferes with our individual capacities to do so, especially when it comes to time limitations imposed on us for filing motions with the courts. What's worse is that the officers are the ones who go through and read our legal materials and cases to find what we may need to exchange. This undermines our "so-called" confidentiality privilege.

I've begun attempting to attack and change this policy by getting more inmates involved in the grievance procedure. The biggest hurdle isn't convincing jail administration that this is an oppressive policy, it is instead penetrating the ignorant minds of fellow inmates who could care less what goes on in here besides the bullshit and games.

I encourage all comrades who are incarcerated and oppressed by such policies to attack them with our only weapons - the pen and paper!!!

— a prisoner in Tennessee, June 2003

## California prison restricts food and yard time

Here at High Desert State Prison it is being run by the mind-states of races and bias individuals, from the warden to his

# Under Lock & Key

## News from Prisons & Prisoners

foot soldiers, they act and function as any organized gang does. Breaking all the common rules of the DOC, as if they're collectively above the law in which we're governed by.

Case in point, we can't even get the yard time we're entitled to for the most part. Simply, due to these so-called c/os guard's being racist assholes to sum it up in short. Every few days at this prison these same guard's claim something is either missing, from where one of the inmates work at just to justify fucking us out of our yard time or day room hours. And it's been that way ever since I've been here, dating back to early 1996 when I first came.

The food here is about enough to feed a baby cat, and the only way we can maintain our natural weight is by going to the prison store; or having our family to send us a 30 pound package, for one of the biggest money making industries in the world/prison. But the guards here are only worried about how much overtime they can get to make extra money plain and simple. It's not about the health or well being of the inmate population at all, trust and believe that. In closing take care the armed struggle continues, but the victory will be ours.

— a California prisoner at HDSP, June 2003

## Anti-Capitalist BLOOD in New York

This letter is in regards to being placed on your mailing list as soon as possible. I was reading your paper and I saw a lot of things that were very intriguing and interesting. I respect that your paper had the presence of mind to write about the brutality that us prisoners are circumstance to in Special Housing Units (SHU) and the harsh reality that resistance must start running through the minds of all prisoners and be put into action immediately. I'm a member of Brothers Lead Out Of Darkness, a militant conscious minded group that have come together to join the fight against this capitalist regime operating under the machine known as government. It is imperative that we should step up as the vanguard for an oppressed minority who are oblivious to the fact that they are oppressed. It is with your paper that I will use as an instrument to awaken the minds of the unconscious to the fight that is inevitable for our total liberation.

Please print this in your paper cause



we want the people to know that Brothers Lead Out Of Darkness are in solidarity with the struggle against this oppressive, capitalist society!

—Uhuru "The Speaker", Brothers Lead Out Of Darkness, May 2003

## Never give up

To get the message of the oppressed people to the public also I would like all comrades to remember one

of our comrades who the pigs claim took his life in Southport Correctional Facility. To all comrades, never let the oppressor get to your mind where you will give up on the struggle. I am an oppressed comrade trapped behind enemy cages, but no matter where we are, we must remember that we can never give up. I am so upset with a lot of comrades in this jungle because they are worse than the pigs. I hold all comrades in my vision until victory is won.

— NY Prisoner, May 2003

## Federal lockdown

From November to January I got locked down on some bogus investigation. In February, me & my boyz got sent to the hole again. In May I got written up on some trumped up petty issues that now may ruin my transfer closer to home, and now our entire unit is locked down 'cause one of the kops here got hurt by a prisoner.

They took all our property, even the mattresses, threw out a lot of personal belongings, and have kept us locked down. Allegedly, we'll be locked down for a whole month. We're eating sack McNasties that consist of: one cookie, four slices of bread, one slice of cheese and one slice of turkey. That's it.

To top it all off, I caught a flu and can't even get a nurse to see me. But I'm well in spite of it all.

— a Federal prisoner in Kansas, May 2003

## More strife in NJ Gang Unit

Now an incident jumped off at this prison that I am in on 5/20/03, at 11:00 am in the Security Threat Group Management Control Unit (STGMCU), also known as the Gang Unit. Prisoners refused to lock in protest against the situation that goes on down here. So the prison guards, males and females, got suited up in their space suits with helmets and shields and a fight broke out between prison guards and prisoners. A couple of

them ended up in the hospital. The prisoners were protesting how they are being treated by prison guards and employees. Sometimes they are denied medical attention and other times prison guards don't feed prisoners that they don't like. Guards put prisoners against each other. And when us prisoners request soap or toilet paper or to make a collect call the prison guards say they'll give it to us when they feel like it.

Now I am the same person that put an article in your MIM Notes about me being in restraints to get my insulin injection. Right after the prisoners in the Gang Unit carried out a hunger strike on April 17th 2002. And the same thing that goes on over there goes on here. Prisoners being jumped by prison guards, male and female, and being set up with all kinds of trumped up charges. So you all see where there is no justice there will be no peace.

— a Political Revolutionary Prisoner in NJ, May 2003

## 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.

# California censorship victory

I am enclosing with this brief notation the results of an inquiry launched in regard to the attempted banning of MIM materials. It appears that I have won a victory/understanding on our behalf. See the results and ASAP forward MIM Theory #4 (again).

I am at a loss also for MIM Notes pages as a tool to bring others to consciousness so please send some right away. A lot is taking place locally, nationally, globally. It's ironic because it exposes the oppressive tendencies of Imperialism. TIAA - Total Information Awareness Act, to know who's doing what. Soon public protest will be illegal under the domestic security act of 2003. Under this act FEMA will declare certain civil acts as terrorism [and we will see the] use of non-lethal weapons to suppress dissent, for crowd control operations to disperse and separate crowds to suppress the discontent that they know is coming.

— a California prisoner at SATF, Corcoran, June 2003

With this comrade's letter was the following letter he sent to the Community Resource

*Manager (who had been censoring MIM material because it is educational material!) along with the response he received:*

This notation is to notify you that numerous publications/correspondences from MIM Distributors have been labeled refused by your office, and returned for no other reason than the content not being something that you or a reviewer disagreed with personally. The materials in question are nothing more than Theory journals which provide articles of different opinions. These journals are not study materials so therefore there is no reason for them to continually be denied/refused/returned. I hope that by sending this brief notation that this will make you aware of future decisions regarding these materials. Currently Title #15 Section 3004 Rights and Respect of others states:

(A) Inmates, paroles, and employees will not subject other persons to any form of Discrimination because of race, religion, nationality, sex, political belief, age, or physical or mental handicap.

Also 3135. Disturbing or offensive

Correspondence states:

(B) Disagreement with the senders or receivers apparent moral values, attitudes, veracity, or choice of words will not be used by correctional staff as a reason for disallowing or delaying mail. Correctional staff shall not challenge or confront the sender or receiver with such value judgments nor shall such value judgments be considered in any action affecting the Correspondents except as described in section (c).

In closing I hope that you will be in accordance with the current institutional policies.

—[SATF prisoner]

The response he received is below:

June 5, 2003

I am sorry to hear that you have experienced some problems receiving your correspondences from MIM. This is a matter that was discussed with the mailroom, education, and the Community Resource Manager. The CSATF Mailroom was being overburdened with Educational mail as well as Religious mail. We had tried to get all the different vendors to get approval before sending to try and cut down on the amount of needless mail. But as you see this did not

work out. It seems that there is no needless mail.

Since the last meeting with the mailroom, Education, and Community Resource Manager, the mailroom is now processing all mail as before the problem occurred. I would hope that tall your mail is getting through now without any delay. Although you must remember that all mail must met [sic] the requirements set forth by the Warden of this institution. As stated in the Operating Procedures 129 (Mailroom Procedures). In any case, if your mail is being denied by the mailroom, you will receive a CDC 1819 Disapproval form explaining the reason why.

—C. Pugliese Mailroom Sergeant

**MIM adds:** When we re-sent the theory journal to the prisoner it was again rejected by the prison with the envelope stamped "refused" and "not approved correspondence." We will continue this censorship battle, working with this and other prisoners and we encourage people to send letters of protest to:

Warden Darral Adams  
SATF, Corcoran  
900 Quebec Ave.  
Corcoran, CA 93212

## Fighting Security Housing Units in California

### California SHU battle gets attention of Senator

Today Senator Gloria Romero and some of her consultants visited Pelican Bay SHU. They interviewed a few prisoners apropos of the issues surrounding the SHU and CDC's arbitrary gang validation policy. A legislative hearing on all this will be taking place either next month or in the fall sometime.

Let's see what happens. MIM and coalition members (All People's Coalition) have definitely been having an impact in this struggle. Indeed if it wasn't for the efforts of MIM and coalition members in this struggle Senator Romero would not have given any attention to SHU issues.

—a California prisoner in PBSP, June 2003

### California prisoners: no yard time, no medical care, plenty of guard brutality

Received your form letter on May 14, 2003, just got more indigent envelopes this month or I would have written sooner. In your form letter it says you'd like to donate books/publications to the library. We prisoners here in SHU do not have access to the regular library so I wrote a request to Captain R. Vella and asked him if and how you could donate them to the SHU here at CSP Corcoran. So far I've got no response and most likely will not get one either.

Enclosed you'll find the latest rules they have come up with here in the SHU at CSP Corcoran. I read some old issues of MIM Notes and a lot has changed here. There have been no fights staged but I have seen with my own eyes Sergeant Bear and Sergeant Anderson beat down prisoners. I have seen other C.O. officers and heard them brag about it later, beat and kick a prisoner. As for the yards

cages, they are running every ay now except Wednesday and Thursday. In May I got cage yard one time, May 4th, and concrete yard seven times, May 9,11,15,18,22,27,31. They do run concrete yard on Thursdays. Depends on who is working at the time. We all prisoners in SHU MA yard are getting more yard time of the chance for more yard time at least. But things are not all roses yet. The 602 appeal system sucks. The medical treatment under Dr. Julian Kim MD and RN Edmond is close to non-existent. I know several people have and are continuing to file on Dr. Kim and/or RN Edmond. RN Edmond receives a pay check for coming by once a week when she feels like it with her 3 famous statements. "I don't know", "I can't do anything for you," "you need to see the doctor". She does nothing else but still gets paid for being a registered nurse. No matter your medical problem or what question you ask you'll get one of the 3 above statements!

Hopefully you'll get this letter and new set of rules but with me mentioning the employee's names of CDC it may be doubtful. Oh well, won't be the first time mail has disappeared here at CSP Corcoran. I've filed on it with no response. I'm now filing on the library/education CCR policy. SHU is supposed to have access to these programs. The magic words "supposed to".

I'm just waiting my turn to be beat down by CDC employees right now. I've been threatened by Sergeant Bear, falsely accused, and wrote a CDC 115 by Sergeant Anderson, threatened by the Senior Hearing Office. I've had my cell destroyed several times. They are looking for a signed receipt for a 602 I wrote on a female employee, a psych employee gave me a signed receipt for the 602 I turned in. The 602 has not been responded to as of yet. They are supposed

to have 10 working days to respond. But...the first one was turned in 4-7-03. The second one (5-3-03, signed receipt).

—California prisoner, June 2003

### Corcoran SHU reduces prisoner safety

Corcoran SHU is a maximum security facility where the officer comes to the prisoner's cell door, places him in handcuffs through a food port and motions to the control booth officer to electronically open the prisoner's cell to perform the daily escorts (i.e. showers, exercise yard, law library, visits, etc.)

On numerous occasions the control booth officers have accidentally and repeatedly opened the wrong door leaving the escorting officers open for attack by prisoners who have not been handcuffed. As a solution to this problem Corcoran SHU has reinstated its deadly and infamous gladiator policy of electronically opening the cells without the officers being in the section.

If the prisoner is going to the shower he is only allowed to wear his shower shoes on this risky journey to and from the showers, thus reducing the prisoner's ability to protect himself from an attack.

If the prisoner is being escorted outside of the section he is to go to the section door where officers on the other side place him in handcuffs through the food port and proceed with the escort. Upon return from the escort the prisoner is placed back in his section where the handcuffs are removed through the food port and his cell door is then electronically opened by the control booth officer for him to return to his cell.

This procedure is only in theory. The age old problem lies in the prisoner's return to his cell from escort and/or showers because just like the control booth officers have repeatedly opened the wrong cell doors leaving officers open for attack,

it is just a matter of time before these same control booth officers accidentally and/or strategically open the wrong cell doors leaving the prisoner open for attack from other prisoners. This is but another chapter of Corcoran's same scheme revisited all over again.

—a California prisoner at Corcoran SHU, June 2003

### New SHU cells in California prisons

We, the inmates, have been moved to this "new ad-seg" which is designed like the SHU, except we get no type of appliances, radios, TVs, etc. Our cells are 7 feet in width and 8 1/2 feet in length and the yard is small cages just like Corcoran SHU and supposedly Corcoran has one of these new ad-segs.

They are equipped and built like a SHU unit with the hole in the wall for electrical appliances, but we are denied such due to technically it is not called a SHU. Our only natural light comes through a sky light and then through a 3 1/2 foot long 4 inch wide glass window. This is inhumane. These cells were built for single cell living with an added bunk and they put two people in it. We cannot properly shave because we are not allowed shaving razors, only hair clippers which can only be utilized in the shower, and they don't properly disinfect the clippers.

We are fighting these injustices but the injustice system is steady trying to push rules on us that aren't even in a rules and regulations book (title 15) nor are any of these bogus rules operational procedure. We are told both cellies have to go to the shower together, we have to exit our cells. We are told that if you are in a cell by yourself you have to cell up with another inmate or you will be cell extracted. These few things are examples (true ones) of some of the oppression in these new ad-segs. We can't even get a scrub pad to clean our toilet bowl with nor finger/toe nail clippers. Maybe MIM can exploit these things and these "new ad-segs" CDC is building within prisons to make bed space since the state won't build new prisons. Plus it's just another way to punish us over and over for one crime.

I have been confined in ad-seg for 10 months now awaiting a transfer that hasn't even been endorsed yet. All because some other inmate put a confidential information on me saying that a certain group will have problems with me being there. These are false accusations and in the meantime I am being deprived of credit earning contact visits, and other mainline incentives and privileges. This happens to a lot of us in this imperialist system.

— a CA prisoner at Soledad, June 2003

## Facts on US imprisonment

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

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

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

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

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

2. Ibid., 1992 report.

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

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

5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.



## Procesamiento de Vladimiro Montesinos Justifica la Guerra Popular en el Perú

Por el MIM.

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

A principios de julio la corte del Perú declaró culpable al ex-activo de la CIA, Vladimiro Montesinos, acusado de "usurparción de autoridad" por apoderarse del infame Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional cuando oficiaba como asesor de éste. El juez le dictó lo que parece ser una sentencia pesada por el detalle que resultó en su enjuicio- una multa de 2.8 millones de dólares más una cadena de 9 años y 4 meses de prisión- pero que en realidad es leve en comparación con lo que se merece por los crímenes cometidos al ejecutar la ley marcial bajo dirección del ex-presidente Alberto Fujimori. Cientos de miles fallecieron a causa de la guerra genocida del gobierno oficial en contra del movimiento revolucionario dirigido por el Partido Comunista del Perú (PCP) o "Sendero Luminoso." Este verano durante el juicio Montesinos enfrentará cargos de corrupción, narcotráfico, contrabando de armas, homicidio e incluso acusaciones de que él dirigía un escuadrón de muerte paramilitar. El hecho de que este títere de la CIA estaba metido en todas estas cosas fue reportado por el MIM y otros amigos del PCP hace más de diez años. Durante este tiempo los medios de comunicación en América y el gobierno yanqui se mantuvieron en silencio y hasta aclamaban a Montesinos por sus sanguinarios esfuerzos "contrainsurgentes." A continuación imprimimos una nueva traducción de un artículo que apareció en MIM Notes detallando la relación entre el gobierno yanqui, Montesinos y como los portavoces burgueses consientan a este último.

En la década de los 90 los principales medios de comunicación imperialistas difamaban al "Sendero Luminoso" y a su líder, el Camarada Gonzalo, con acusaciones de que se asociaban con narcotraficantes. Ahora son los imperialistas y otros reaccionarios quienes admiten que el gobierno del Perú estaba metido en el narcotráfico tal como lo había dicho el "Sendero Luminoso."

En MIM Notes Nú. 216 le informamos al lector que el Tío Sam se había fastidiado con su entonces lacayo y maestro de espionaje Vladimiro Montesinos. Este es un fin común para los lacayos quienes llevan

a cabo el trabajo sucio de los yanquis sólo para descubrir luego que ya no le hacen falta al patrón. El problema con lacayos tipo Montesinos es que quedan descubiertos ante el pueblo - como en el Perú- y luego sólo es cuestión de tiempo antes de que el Tío Sam se deshaga de ellos. Y claro, el próximo lacayo cobrará más para llevar a cabo las órdenes del Tío Sam.

En cada país existen personas como Montesinos, listas para convertirse en traidores y lacayos. Tanto el Tío Sam como sus lacayos merecen ser derrotados.

### Los medios de comunicación yanquis protegen a Montesinos

El día 10 de julio de 2001 CNN dijo: "Después de ser expulsado de las fuerzas armadas y un corto plazo en prisión por vender secretos a la CIA, el licenciado Montesinos abogó a favor de narcotraficantes." (1) Cuando esto fue anunciado por CNN Montesinos acababa de terminar su huelga de hambre de 9 días en una prisión en el Perú después de haber sido entregado por las autoridades venezolanas. Ahora Montesinos enfrenta varias acusaciones criminales las cuales incluyen narcotráfico y homicidio.

Sin embargo, una búsqueda en las páginas de internet del supuestamente imparcial vocero CNN, revela que antes de que Montesinos huyera del país, es decir antes de que el Tío Sam se enfadara con él, CNN no menciona nada en relación con la protección que le ofreció Montesinos a los narcotraficantes. Basta con decir que CNN es una extensión del gobierno yanqui. Cuando el Tío Sam pide aclamaciones, CNN las entrega. Y cuando el Tío Sam le pide que muerda, CNN muerde.

Ya el día 19 de mayo del 2000 CNN decía lo siguiente sobre Fujimori y, por implicación, de su "mano derecha," Montesinos: "Será una difícil decisión para EE.UU. soltar a Fujimori ya que él ganó grandes aclamaciones durante los primeros dos años de su mandato por la eliminación de la producción de cocaína en su país, por aplastar a la guerrilla izquierdista de los movimientos de Sendero Luminoso y los Tupac Amaru y por controlar la superinflación." (2) Pero ya que el gobierno yanqui decidió resistir por completo a Fujimori y Montesinos, CNN y toda la prensa del monopolio capitalista cambió de tono y se le permitió hacer la conexión entre éstos y el narcotráfico.

La misma búsqueda en las páginas del periódico New York Times demuestra que desde 1996 este vocero nunca mencionó a Montesinos en conexión con el

narcotráfico hasta después de la crítica del gobierno imperialista en el año 2000. Por cierto, uno de los pocos artículos del New York Times en el cual se les critica a los líderes peruanos se basa en fuentes provenientes de medios de comunicación israelitas en el Perú.

Los lectores de MIM Notes, al contrario, conocían todo el panorama desde 1994 por medio de MIM Notes no. 90 o artículos de Luis Arce Borja, quien en el mismo año comenzó su exilio en Bélgica. Periódicos al estilo Christian Science Monitor o Houston Chronicle y ediciones burguesas de Latinoamérica como el Venezolano, Caretas, sólo sueltan pequeños trozos de información.

Los periodistas lacayos sólo se atreven a imitar la práctica del MIM y presentar los hechos importantes ahora que el Tío Sam se deshizo de Montesinos. Antes de que se declarara "muerta" la Guerra Popular en el Perú los lacayos voceros del imperialismo temían perjudicar a la guerra del Tío Sam en contra de ésta y su jefe el Camarada Gonzalo y sus seguidores, pero ahora la cuestión del narcotráfico vuelve a tomar el escenario.

Ahora los voceros imperialistas hablan sobre la separación entre el Tío Sam y Montesinos y explican por qué escondieron los hechos. Durante los años 90, la agencia estadounidense contra el narcotráfico (DEA) y la CIA buscaban continuar las relaciones con Montesinos, mientras que la ex-Secretaria de Estado Madeline Albright y el ex-Zar de Narcotráfico Barry McCaffrey se oponían a las mismas, según aseguran ahora después de haber seguido una disciplina de soldados fieles a la máquina mentirosa de propaganda del Tío Sam. De hecho, fue el FBI el que capturó a algunos de los socios de Montesinos en Miami y ayudó a tronar a Montesinos mientras que ambas agencias- la CIA y DEA- siguieron unidas hasta el fin.

El Tío Sam decide intencionalmente apoyar a los traficantes de coca

Además de subrayar lo poco confiable que son los medios de comunicación yanquis, el caso de Montesinos también señala los huecos/vacíos en el gobierno que se supone debería bloquear la corriente de drogas que alcanzan llegar a EE.UU. De por sí es una atrocidad que la DEA favoreció las relaciones con Montesinos pero también el mismo McCaffrey, el jefe superior de EE.UU. contra el narcotráfico, se vio rebajado al nivel de un cabildero interno y tuvo que mantener silencio mientras el gobierno yanqui apoyaba a los que destinaban la cocaína a EE.UU.

Sólo ahora se conoce todo esto ya que

los autores de Knight Ridder, Kevin G. Hall y Lucien Chauvin han desenmascarado los detalles y algunos periódicos como el Boston Globe los han publicado. Ahora el Boston Globe admite que Montesinos enfrenta acusaciones de que él dirigió escuadrones de muerte y que traficaba la droga y las armas. El Boston Globe imprimió el reportaje en la cadena de Knight Ridder el cual decía que Montesinos era "el hombre a quien muchos creían ser el verdadero no elegido líder del Perú desde 1990 hasta el 2000." (3) No es sorprendente, entonces, que la administración de Bush haya tardado en soltar todos los asquerosos detalles del trabajo de la administración de Clinton en el Perú ya que temen que éstos puedan poner en peligro al "joven gobierno democrático del Perú." (3) La palabra "democracia" en boca de los imperialistas es una palabra clave que significa narcotráfico, contrabando de armas y otras cosas por el estilo que hacen del mundo entero un lugar seguro para las ganancias norteamericanas.

Notas:

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

## ¿Que es el MIM?

El MIM difiere de otros partidos en tres puntos basicos: (1) El MIM sostiene que después que el proletariado conquiste el poder estatal, existira 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 ms 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.

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