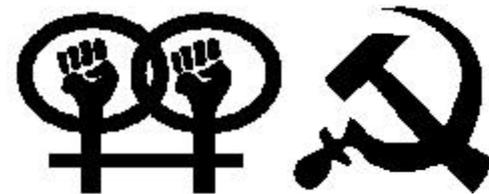


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September 11 report *Reactionaries' failed 'security' policies exposed*

Spain sends Adolfo Olaechea to Peru

**VIOLATES LAW,
TREATY WITH
PERU**

by mim3@mim.org
August 7, 2003

Bourgeois newswire service Reuters reported that Spain extradited Adolfo Olaechea to Peru and that he landed in Peru by plane on August 7 with a bullet-proof vest. Peru sought Olaechea for openly political reasons concerning Olaechea's speaking in England for the Maoist road in Peru blazed by the Communist Party of Peru (PCP).

Luis Arce Borja in Belgium responded that the extradition of English permanent resident Adolfo Olaechea was an international kidnapping done with the coordination of a certain Spanish judge and Peru's embassy. Peru openly admits that the charge it used to extradite Adolfo Olaechea was "defending terrorism." As Adolfo Olaechea's attorney pointed out on July 24th, article 5.1 of the extradition treaty between Spain and Peru says terrorists may be extradited but not people with differing political views. So much for Spain belonging to the "free world."

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John Ashcroft and other Bush henchmen have detained thousands without charge -- without preventing 'terror' attacks.

At the press conference announcing the release of the Congressional report on September 11, the chairman of the House intelligence committee admitted he did not know who would be behind the next attack on the United States or when, where, or how it would happen. Whether the Representative understood it or not, this was an admission that the U.S. government's police-style approach to ending violence is a failure. Americans should stop supporting a government which imprisoned thousands of immigrants without charge and which spends billions attacking countries around the globe in the name of security, yet admits that it cannot stop the next attack.

Days before the September 11 report was released, an internal Justice Department report leaked to the New York Times found evidence that law enforcement officials were guilty of

"serious civil rights and civil liberties violations" while enforcing the Patriot Act. Over the last six months, the Justice Department received an average of almost six Patriot-Act related complaints per day, with allegations ranging from verbal abuse to beating.(1)

However, the Justice Department report apparently did not comment on the basic injustice of the sweeping arrests of largely Muslim immigrants under the auspices of the Patriot Act, which allows non-citizens to be held for up to a week without charge. Nor did it comment on the absurdity of these arrests: only one of the thousands arrested has been charged with any crime related to September 11. To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, an American "founding father" supposedly revered by the American government, those who give up essential liberties for temporary security will have

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Communist opinion on the Kobe Bryant case

*Big change needed to
avoid situations like this*

The media

Something the public needs to understand is that the capitalist media is making big money off the Kobe case. The media should not be trusted on questions of fact especially in this case, because its first priority is to entertain the public to boost ratings or sales and increase advertising revenue. In contrast, we at MIM put out a newspaper called "MIM Notes," which far from being for profit



often take advantage of such non-commercial sources of political and social analysis.

MIM would like to emphasize that it has no first-hand involvement in the Kobe Bryant case just like 99.9% of the media. We have no secret stash of info on the accuser, but we are willing to talk about

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Notes Rouges hits the streets

The first issue of the French publication "Notes Rouges" came out at the end of July. At the Gay Pride parade of August 3rd, 150 free copies went out to the revelers, many sporting stickers and buttons supporting the struggle against AIDS. MIM supports the right to gay marriage, even within the existing oppressive patriarchal system. MIM has always struggled at the forefront to end discrimination against gays/lesbians.

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Trotskyist website reader perturbed

Dear MIM,

I hope that you people eventually realise the absolute babarity of Mao and Stalin and get on board with the rest of us communists. You are discrediting everything that Marx - Engels - Lenin - Trotsky - Luxembourge - 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.



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Texas prisoners feel brunt of budget crisis

by mim108

Some people see a "silver lining" in the cloud of budget crises facing state correctional operations. In Texas, for example — which had to cut \$172 million from its corrections budget by June 2003 and another \$525 over the next two years — the state has passed a law mandating treatment probation and treatment for some first-time drug offenders.(1) So, the need to save money helped reformers get some of what they wanted. We don't know the details of this change yet, but it could be a positive development. At the same time, Texas Rep. Ray Allen claims that the parole rate in Texas has risen from 16 to 25 percent in the last year, as the parole board faces pressure to reduce the prison population.

On the other hand, the budget crisis also lent support to those who want to increase the privatization of Texas prisons — private prisons currently hold 7% of Texas prisoners — although in the end the bill did not pass. And, in a supremely humanistic move, they proposed a policy of paroling prisoners who are in a coma (there were two at the time) — to save money.(1)

A prisoner sent us a newsletter published by a lawyer named James Randall Smith, which summarizes the past year in Texas like this: "A quick evaluation ... indicates that if the bill would have made the inmates or parolees life a little easier, the bill did not pass, if it made life more difficult ... it passed."

Smith reports that the worst law will allow the parole board to set off prisoners for 5 years. One prisoner tells us, "I can smell prison riots all over that bill, and so can they."

Smith also reports that budget problems cost more than 145 jobs at the Windham School District, which runs programs that help people qualify for parole, and 600 jobs in the corrections department, many of them in health care. Those who lose their jobs have an opportunity to become prison guards - - because the state can't hire people to fill these. These bitter, untrained ex-bureaucrats sound like excellent additions to the prison guard population.

We conclude that most of the effects of the budget crisis will be bad for Texas prisoners, although it might also prompt some positive reforms. But MIM has always resisted the argument that the oppression of the prison system is bad because it wastes government money. The real issue is national oppression and social control. The comings and goings of budget travails don't change that underlying dynamic.

Notes:

1. "Dollars and Sentences: Legislators Views on Prisons, Punishment, and the Budget Crisis," by Robin Campbell. Vera Institute of Justice, New York, July 2003 (http://www.vera.org/publications/publications_5.asp?publication_id=204).

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.

Japan approves sending troops to Iraq

The Japanese parliament voted in July to send troops to Iraq, despite public opposition to the Iraq war and the Japanese Constitution's ban on the use of force in settling international disputes. The government of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi claimed that Japanese troops would only be sent to non-combat zones; his critics correctly noted that "there are no noncombat zones" in Iraq (1).

The deployment of Japanese troops in

a combat zone outside Japan is the latest *rutsch* down the slippery slope of resurgent Japanese militarism—or perhaps it would be better to say, it's the latest crack in the crumbling façade of official Japanese pacifism. The Japanese military, called the Self Defense Forces, is among the five largest in the world. The Japanese navy sent ships to the Indian Ocean to support Amerika's war in Afghanistan. Japan bankrolled Amerikan military adventures such as the

1991 Gulf War. And, of course, the massive military bases that the Japanese government grants the Americans played important roles in the Korean and Vietnam wars and continue to threaten much of Asia (2).

Japanese reactionaries including some in Prime Minister Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party have been pushing for a more aggressive military in recent years. In part, this campaign has been cultural. Schoolbooks have been re-written to de-

emphasize Japanese war crimes; movies have been made glorifying Japanese militarists (3) or promoting the line that the Japanese were the victims in World War II (4); Koizumi has offended his Chinese and Korean neighbors by visiting shrines to Japanese war veterans—visits analogous to Ronald Reagan's official stop at a German cemetery honoring dead SS men—and Koizumi wants to change the name "Self Defense Forces" to
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Oakland school system channels oppressed youth to California prisons

Parents and activists have come together in response to a series of events within Oakland schools in the last school year including abuse by teachers, the threat of denying many students the right to graduate and one incident where the Secret Service was called in to berate students.

A recent public forum featured Dr. Randolph Ward, the newly appointed administrator of Oakland Unified School District, and Nneka Simon who is the mother of a boy who was beaten by his teacher in the Claremont school in Oakland. The beating of Simon's son was one of the many recent incidents that has brought attention to the education system in the community. Despite having 16 witnesses there has been no investigation and the teacher was not brought to jail in handcuffs as is common procedure with students who use physical violence.

The International Peoples' Democratic Uhuru Movement (InPDUM) sponsored the forum, which also featured Chairman Omali Yeshitela of the African People's Socialist Party. While we have political disagreements with Yeshitela and the InPDUM,(1) we agreed with what they had to say about education for oppressed nation youth in oppressor nation schools.

In her presentation, Simon brought together anecdotes and statistics to link the education system to the systematic oppression of Blacks in the United States. She cited that Black students are expelled twice as much as they were in 1974 and they are 2.6 times as likely to be expelled as white students, who usually have to break the law to be expelled. This treatment of oppressed youth as criminals from such a young age only prepares them for the more aggressive treatment they will receive by the criminal injustice system. This system in turn takes away oppressed people's access to education through the Higher Education Act which prevents convicted felons from getting financial aid. That's 13% of Black men who cannot get financial aid or even vote in most states. These questions of access to knowledge and political power have existed since Africans were first brought

to this continent as slaves. Therefore to attempt to solve the problem of education in the Black community without solving national oppression by imperialism is attacking a symptom without killing the disease.

After touring some Oakland schools for the first time, Dr. Ward's first criticism of their condition was the prevalence of graffiti, which he claims prevents "a sense of pride." Besides being the expression of students themselves in making the school their own, graffiti is hardly the greatest concern for their successful education. Maybe a sense of respect for the school would decrease graffiti. But even if that is so, Ward's approach is backwards. The solution is to make the school serve the kids, not eliminate graffiti to create "a sense of pride." Other problems in the physical conditions include leaking ceilings and the usual lack of materials in oppressed nation schools. Yeshitela's response to all this is that you should be able to get a good education sitting outside under a tree with no books. The fundamental aspect of the problem being the approach of the system and not the materials available to the school.

The greatest example of this is the Eurocentric curriculum that comes from the materials that are available. How can students relate to school when the system is telling them that they have no worth and do not even merit mention? Yeshitela stressed that Bill Cosby and peanut farming do not represent the reality of Blacks in the United States now or ever. As long as that is the Black history that appears in text books, more books is not going to help the situation.

In an effort to exert real power in the Oakland school system, InPDUM will be holding weekly meetings for a committee to address education in the community that will be in direct contact with Ward and will work with parents and teachers who have seen their efforts crushed by the school system. Continued vigilance on these issues is urgent since education is one of the biggest concerns facing the Black community in Amerika. Along with

prisons and the police, it is of the most blatant faces of oppression that the u\$ government is showing the oppressed within its borders. And without the bigger picture, provided by Yeshitela and Simon at this forum, reforms in the school system are nothing more than a band aid for the problems of oppressed people under imperialism.

The Amerikan school system is threatening the oppressed by alienating children. Rather than giving them an education that will help them survive, it prepares them for life in oppressive government institutions. As Yeshitela

pointed out, this is not an issue of money, this is the issue of why do oppressed people exist in this system and how the system treats those people. It is the seizure of control that will change things, and the shifting of funds is only secondary to the question of power. Fighting to win requires the complete elimination of all forms of oppression to ensure quality education and other survival rights for all people.

Notes:

1. See our review of the African People's Socialist Party in MIM Theory 8.

A call for MIM Notes sponsors and distributors!

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

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Grave of the Fireflies is no Disney cartoon

Hotaru no haka, 1988
Isao Takahata,
director

Nobody will confuse this animated Japanese film with a Disney cartoon. *Grave* tells the sad story of two Japanese children orphaned by an American bombing raid during World War II. Left to fend for themselves, they slowly starve to death. However, like other films which simply try to convey the horrors of war — the German films *Das Boot* and *Stalingrad* come to mind — *Grave* makes no attempt to explain the causes of wars and how they can be avoided in the future.

Because of that, MIM can't recommend the film, but we will say that it is more progressive in the American context than in the Japanese. *Grave* reminds Americans that the firebombing of Tokyo — to say nothing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — had brutal consequences for the civilian population, on a scale far surpassing anything Americans have experienced. It's a far cry from the jingoistic *Pearl Harbor* (2001), which portrayed an American raid as a great spectacle over empty warehouses, watched from afar by two kimono-clad women on a lazy afternoon.

In the Japanese context, *Grave* bolsters the prejudice that Japan was the victim in the war. The children's father is a naval officer, and he is simply portrayed as doing

his duty and defending Japan. No mention is made of Japan's imperial ambitions in Asia and the Pacific; no discussion of the rape of Nanking, the occupation of Korea, etc. etc. When the older boy Seita learns that Japan lost the war, he weeps, not believing that the invincible Japanese empire could lose. Just as in the United States today, most children in Japan and Germany brought up during World War II were taught to identify with their militaristic governments, so there is nothing wrong with acknowledging this fact — but *Grave* does so without comment. The scene where Seita breaks down could provoke outrage that the Japanese militarists twisted his mind, but it could just as easily promote nostalgia for the good old days when Japan had a strong navy and army.

One reviewer (out of over 100) on an internet message board argued that *Grave* contained a subtle critique of great nation pride. If so, it was too subtle, as most of the other comments did not pick up on this. *Grave* suffers from what could be called the "Mother Courage" effect.

Mother Courage and Her Children is a play written by the German anti-militarist Bertolt Brecht during World War II. The title character tries everything she can in the context of war and capitalism to keep her children alive, but by the end of the play, war has killed them all. The play was intended as a critique



of Mother Courage and a reminder that suffering the horrors of war was not enough to teach people how to avoid it in the future. When it premiered in the rubble of Berlin after the war, however, audiences hailed Mother Courage as a heroic character, indicative of the

persistence of ordinary Germans to carry on with their lives as they always had despite the trauma of defeat.

Although perhaps intended to challenge oppressor-nation complacency, as *Mother Courage* was, *Grave* never goes beyond sentimental humanism.

Japan approves sending troops to Iraq

"Armed Forces."

The militarization campaign has also been structural. "Although Japan's richly financed military forces boast some of the world's most sophisticated hardware—weapons systems like the [U.\$.-supplied] Aegis destroyer and [U.\$.-supplied] F-15 fighter jets—their actual configuration, as well as training for their use, has been overwhelmingly defensive.

"That is changing abruptly. The country is acquiring in-air refueling capacity for its fighter force, as well as developing a sophisticated air support ship—part destroyer, part helicopter carrier—that news reports say is intended to allow operations near the Korean Peninsula." Furthermore, calls for Japan to build nuclear weapons are apparently getting louder—this in a country with strong anti-nuclear sentiments (2).

There are economic reasons behind the military expansion. Instead of cutting the United States a check for services rendered, Japan could invest in its own formidable defense industry.

Although the United States helped draft Japan's "pacifist" constitution, it has sheltered and nourished Japanese militarism when convenient. The Americans helped Japanese war

criminals escape prosecution; many eventually served in the post-war government. The CIA paid off Liberal Democratic Party officials for their service in keeping American bases in Japan during the Cold War.(5) American politicians pissed and moaned in 1991 and again this spring that Japan was not pulling its weight in the campaigns against Iraq.

Disturbingly, American provocations in Korea—starting with Clinton's non-compliance with the 1994 "Agreed Framework" agreement with north Korea and extending to the Bush administration's charges last Fall that north Korea was making nuclear weapons—may be aimed in part at Japan. This wouldn't be the first time the United States manufactured a threat or the appearance of a threat to force countries to play ball—or even just buy American weapons. The United States did this in Iraq in the early nineties. Koizumi's government uses the supposed threat from north Korea to justify both its close alignment with U.\$ foreign policy and its own expanding militarism.

Gregory Clark, a former Australian diplomat, argues that sending troops to Iraq may backfire on the militarists. "[Koizumi and his hawkish advisers] like

to talk about the need for Japan to 'shed blood' in support of various pro-U.S. causes. They want to galvanize the Japanese public out of 'heiwa boke' (peace loving stupor), and to force Japan's wimpish [Self Defense Forces] to become a bloodied, full-fledged fighting force.

"But can this happen if the blood is shed for a shabby cause fought brutally and unfairly in a distant country and with little chance of success? This is what we saw in Vietnam. It is likely what we will see in Iraq."(6) MIM agrees with this dialectic, although we frankly fear that militaristic sentiments will initially increase as the first score or hundred casualties arrive home. It took close to a decade of steady American military losses far above those currently seen in Iraq to turn American opinion against the war in Vietnam. It took absolute military defeat in World War II and terrible civilian suffering in Dresden and Hiroshima to bring down Germany and Japan and create the possibility that those militaristic and imperialistic societies might rejoin humynity. That chance was squandered, principally by Amerika, as it groomed militaristic and imperialistic elements in Germany and Japan for its own ends.

With the tools of war becoming more and more destructive, we cannot squander our next chance to destroy militarism and imperialism once and for all. This means taking the re-humanizing process for formerly imperialist societies seriously and preventing them from lapsing into their old, exploitative ways. In other words, this requires an international dictatorship of the proletariat over the defeated imperialist countries. In principle, this would be similar to the much-ballyhooed American occupation of Germany and Japan after World War II—except that instead of being run by an imperialist power for its own ends the dictatorship of the proletariat would be run by people aiming to end war and exploitation, globally.

Notes:

1. New York Times, 28 Jul 2003.
2. New York Times, 25 Jul 2003.
3. MIM Notes 168, 15 Aug 1998.
4. See our review of "Grave of the Fireflies," in this issue.
5. Chalmers Johnson, *ITAL Blowback END*, New York: Henry Holt, 2000, pp. 16-17.
6. The Japan Times, 13 Jul 2003. Reprinted at: www.zmag.org/content/print_article.cfm?itemID=3908§ionID=17

Imperialist 'intelligence failures' -- imagined and real

Much of the spin surrounding the release of the Congressional inquiry into September 11 focused on so-called "intelligence failures." For example, the CIA allegedly had information it did not share with the FBI and vice versa. This discussion is largely a re-hash of complaints made by reactionaries immediately following September 11: intelligence agencies' hands are tied; they can't talk to each other; they can't recruit some bad guys to catch the other bad guys; they can't try and kill the bad guys themselves; etc.

Then and now, these complaints miss the main point: in the "good old days" when Amerikan spy agencies officially had—or simply used—these powers, they could not stop attacks on Amerikan troops and civilians. Heavy CIA presence in Iran provoked the embassy hostage situation; it did not stop it. Amerikan involvement in Palestine and Lebanon provoked the attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut; it did not stop it. And we know where CIA support for the mujahideen in

Afghanistan like Osama bin Laden got the United States.

Furthermore, the official restraints placed on spy agencies in the late 70s aimed to stop the abuses of powerful government officials. Not only was the FBI's illegal COINTELPRO killing scores of radical Black Panthers, but even staunchly bourgeois-liberal critics of government policy found themselves surveilled and harassed. The "unshackle our intelligence agencies" types and the Amerikans who follow them out of "father knows best" mentality have forgotten these recent lessons—indeed they've forgotten the lessons their own "founding fathers" learned regarding government accountability.(1)

Regardless of the supposed constraints placed on Amerikan spy agencies, however, the Congressional report illustrates a point we made in the last issue of MIM Notes at length: just because the imperialist spend \$100s of billions yearly on spying doesn't mean they know

everything. The spies may lose the crucial piece of information in background noise, or they may be fed false information.

An FBI official said, "This report gave us a good overview of where a number of failures took place, but just at the FBI but throughout the government. But nothing in the report says we really could have stopped it... There are any number of ways to second-guess this."(2) Amerikan spy agencies have also emphasized the incompleteness of their knowledge in an attempt to justify their earlier (false) claims that Iraq was trying to buy African uranium.

Azanian freedom fighter Steven Biko used to say "never underestimate the inefficiency of the Security Police."(3) MIM agrees, and urges activists not to concede the security struggle in the face of the imperialists obvious material advantage. To recap our previous conclusions:

Although the imperialists spend much more money on intelligence than the

proletariat does, the imperialists are not [always] 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...

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.

Notes:

1. See our review of Gore Vidal's "Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace: How We Got to Be So Hated" at our online bookstore or in MIM Notes 278, 15 Mar 2003.

2. Los Angeles Times, 25 Jul 2003.

3. Donald Woods, "Biko," New York: Henry Holt, 1987, p. 86.

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neither.

Benjamin Franklin is not the only "founding father" the Amerikan government has turned its back on. The authors of the Federalist Papers were suspicious of large standing armies and warned against giving "ITAL just END causes of war to other nations."(2) Now the Amerikan military budget of \$360 billion per year is larger than that of the next ten (or more) largest armies combined.(3) The United States spends \$10 billion per year to keep 9,000 troops in Afghanistan, while it has promised \$1 billion a year to fight AIDS in Africa—a promise which has yet to be fulfilled.(4) As the occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq drag on, with 16 of the army's 33 combat brigades in Iraq alone,(5) Amerikan generals and Secretary of "Defense" Donald Rumsfeld are discussing expanding the already massive Amerikan military—reversing the "smaller, faster" dogma Bush ran for president on and Rumsfeld clung to as recently as April.

The authors of the Federalist Papers were worried that a militarily weak United States would invite attack from larger colonialist powers. Nowadays, 100s of other countries offer easier targets than the United States—yet the Bush administration concedes it is in a protracted "war on terror." According to the reactionaries' own logic, then, the attacks on the United States are not just a matter of opportunism but have a basis in just cause.

Instead of investigating the real basis

for the attacks, the U.S. government persists in its policy of "peace through strength," even though that strategy has not stopped the "post-war" casualty rate for U.S. soldiers from increasing,(6) just as it did not prevent September 11, the Oklahoma city bombing, the embassy bombings in Africa, first World Trade Center bombing, the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon, etc. etc.

As we noted in our January comments on the massive Amerikan military budget,(3) the Amerikan "founding fathers" warned repeatedly of the dangers of an overbearing, permanent military. "The violent destruction of life and property incident to war, the continual effort and alarm attendant on a state of continual danger, will compel nations the most attached to liberty to resort for repose and security to institutions which have a tendency to destroy their civil and political rights. To be more safe, they at length become willing to run the risk of being less free. The institutions chiefly alluded to are STANDING ARMIES and the correspondent appendages of military establishments."(7)

The alternative to the Amerikan leaders' failed solutions is to struggle to eradicate the causes of violent conflict—foremost of which are militarism and capitalism. The billions the United States spends on military preparations more than suffice to solve some of the most pressing problems in the world, such as hunger and infectious disease. Vast resources sit idle to preserve the profits of a minority—think of the billions given to U.S. farmers either not to grow food or to undercut

international prices and drive Third World farmers out of production. There is plenty of slack in the economies of the world that could be used to put unemployed people to work for food, clothing, shelter and other things that make people happy.

Amerikans need to break with their current leaders' and their disastrous policies and find new leaders who offer real solutions to conflict.

Notes:

1. New York Times, 21 Jul 2003.

2. The Federalist Papers, Number 4.

3. MIM Notes 274, 15 Jan 2003.

4. New York Times, 28 Jul 2003 and 16 Jul 2003.

5. New York Times, 22 Jul 2003. This editorial by Paul Krugman shows that some in the ruling class worry Amerikan military might is spread too thin. "Military experts say that with almost two-thirds of its brigades deployed overseas, mainly in Iraq, the Army's readiness is eroding: normal doctrine calls for only one brigade in three to be deployed abroad, while two retrain and refit." Only by ignoring their precious "Founding Fathers'" advice and giving cause for just grievance against the United States around the world could the U.S. government ensure that even the largest military in history would be overstretched.

6. According to the U.S. military, more Amerikan soldiers died in combat during the week ending 27 Jul 2003 than any other week since President Bush declared "major combat" over. NPR Morning Edition, 28 Jul 2003.

7. Federalist Papers, Number 8.

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Communist opinion on the Kobe Bryant case

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the details as a matter of principle. That means that we talk about the Kobe case by ASSUMING certain things to be true and then wondering about the implications. Our assumptions may be entirely wrong in the Kobe Bryant case, but the implications drawn would not be in other cases where those assumptions would be true.

Kobe and Tyson in the bourgeois legal senses

Something undeniable is that sports stars like Kobe Bryant are constantly besieged at hotels by attractive young wimmin plying them for sex. Those who did not know this: count yourself naive. This is not something the public likes to talk about much, because it is afraid of the message. There is a strong need to identify with these stars and judge them by ordinary reasoning, such as when Tracy McGrady told Kobe to “stay with your wife.” Many surveys show that a majority of the public cheats on its spouses (See MT2/3 on this.) and other surveys show a large minority say around 40% cheat, but a tiny percentage of that cheating group faces rape charges, so it is wrong to connect anything legally to Kobe’s cheating on his wife—unless we take the law literally. If we take the law completely seriously that means that rape occurs where there is not consent, in which case, those people having sex under conditions where their partners lied to them about the conditions have suffered rape, which means most of the population on that account alone. After all it is not possible to consent to a lie; although probably in Kobe’s case his wife knew the conditions before she became his wife. This is something we do want the public to look at more carefully before it claims it understands what the existing law is about. In actual fact, the law can convict a large portion of society—probably a majority for rape—but the court system selects only a small minority for prosecution. As one might guess the targets are the usual suspects—the oppressed nationalities and youth. We at MIM are tired of the bourgeois legal system’s opportunism and we seek to redefine the crime and the approach to eliminating it.

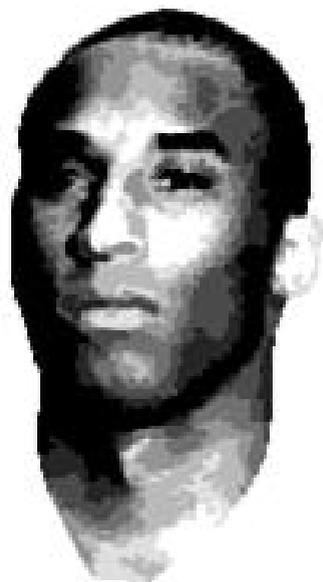
McGrady’s statement against adultery may help him get a new endorsement deal, but it has nothing to do with the reality of famous athletes and musicians. Any NBA wife exists in a world unknown to the commoner, but we do not believe they are naive going into their marriages. Rock stars and athletes much less famous (and by the way not always wealthy) than Kobe Bryant have wimmin lined up outside their hotel doors taking turns to have sex. It’s not a question of views, only of what the public knows about this fact and how the public processes it. Hence, the commoner should try not to judge either Kobe or Woody Allen, because they simply live in different worlds, and quite frankly, while we are

for monogamy at MIM, we do not think it is so crucial that we want people to get distracted by this sort of case.

In the Mike Tyson case, the media reported that earlier in the day of his alleged rape of Desiree Washington he had gone among young wimmin in public at a Black beauty pageant—any and all that he could find—to ask “do you wanna fuck?” From what we can see in the media, Mike Tyson’s “crudeness” may have appalled some jurors; even though the point was that Mike Tyson always asked for consent. He was crude but asking. It is apparent that at the very least reactionary talk show host Rush Limbaugh did not see the point, because he equated crudeness with rape in his talks on the subject.(1) We at MIM have to stress that that is wrong. Asking in crude language is still asking for consent and consent is what rape is all about. Rape is not about DNA, semen or crude language if the accused says s/he had consent. Let us add that Mike Tyson’s approach has no doubt worked countless times in his and other media stars’ cases. The public should not hold Mike Tyson to blame for that. That’s how it is and it has nothing to do with rape in the bourgeois legal sense.

An example is Chris Elliott calling Tyson a “monster.” Here is what Tyson said that caused it, “I seen this Tori Amos video. I couldn’t tell what she was singin’ about, but she had this nice, big ass hangin’ off da piano bench, and she got them big, fluffy lips. I’d love to fuck that bitch.”(2) Whether or not this story is exactly true, it fits Tyson’s language and image, but let’s be clear it in no way makes him a rapist. If people did put him in prison for language like that, they are in fact oppressing him by appropriating Tyson’s sexuality.

Let’s also be clear that the Kobe/Tyson cases are great reasons why MIM rejected the line that “rape is theft” (thereby putting the whole subject on a consent/contract/property ground) instead of “all sex is rape.” Yes, from a sexual point of view, these stars see so many wimmin it’s probable that they have a certain attitude toward them. On the other hand, we do not want to rule out the possibility that a star may have done something particularly twisted just because he is a star (and let’s be honest that wimmin are not accused of the crime despite evidence that a high percentage also do not obtain men’s consent, but that’s something to read up on in MIM Theory 2/3). Yet, what will happen with the “rape is like theft” line (where some men are rapists and others are not) is this: people will question why Kobe and Mike Tyson would ever steal sex when they can always get it for free. The best defense will be that someone has had thousands of wimmin and is good-looking and famous, and this is something the public thinks but it is wrong—a whole other reason why MIM disrespects the “Justice System.” At the very least we



have to allow that someone might have gone nutty and started attacking wimmin, but the point is that the we should never “have to go there.” It’s our pornographic system’s fault that we do go there.

Rumor also says that consent issues aside, the physical evidence in the Mike Tyson case carried the day. We at MIM only hope so, because as we shall see MIM shares the stinking suspicion along with most Black people about what really settled the case. Given that the courts convicted Tyson, we hope that it was possible to prove physically that Mike Tyson submitted Desiree Washington to something she could not have wanted. We at MIM do not know. Tyson says that he is innocent and the 1991 rape conviction was wrong. He does so in such colorful language that he no doubt raises his public profile to sell more tickets for boxing matches—part of the whole problem of having an entertainment media for profit that ends up spreading pornography of the worst sort.(3)

Related to the question of consent and superstar contexts is the rumor that in Colorado where Kobe is charged, the court system convicts men without corroborating physical evidence or witnesses.(4) In other words, there have been cases where juries found the accuser so much more credible than the accused that they convicted him.

On this question we part ways with Catharine MacKinnon. We at MIM would much prefer to advocate the total separation of men and wimmin in the strictest Islamic fashion before countenancing an ancient abuse—especially given that the imprisonment rate in the united States is already the highest in the world. Since the French Revolution of 1789, we Marxists have been very clear that the ability of one persyn to imprison another strictly on his/her word is an injustice left behind in the feudal era and outlawed in France. Such a method belongs in an open dictatorship not a democracy with some pretense of equality before the law. If convicting someone of crime on the strength of one persyn’s word is not illegal in the united States and just overlooked by judges, it should be illegal in order that Amerika catch up with

the France of 1789. In 1789 the issue was lords accusing peasants and imprisoning them without any need for proof or procedure other than their word. Today, we can be sure that what a jury finds “credible” in someone’s word is entirely subjective and will only reek of class, nation and even gender privileges, where a persyn of female genitalia may nonetheless rank higher in the sexual social hierarchy of our society than a persyn of male genitalia. Setting up the beauty pageant winner against someone with crude language who is a dangerous Black male to boot just reeks of oppression in Mike Tyson’s case. Likewise, we do not want to see a white womyn of the countryside West be able to accuse an urban Black male and put him in prison just on her word and for that reason we are willing to advocate many other tough solutions to the rape problem—among the most important the abolition of pornography for profit.

Nation

A survey already shows that Blacks and whites have divided on the Kobe case just as they did on the O.J. case. Two thirds of Blacks respect the alleged U.S. system of civics and consider Kobe “innocent” as he should be till “proven guilty.” However, surveys show that a majority of whites already consider him guilty.(5) A majority of whites believed OJ guilty while a majority of Blacks (55%) believed he should have been let off. Only one fifth of whites agreed on the OJ case.(5) Where the victim was Black, it made no difference. In the Mike Tyson case the alleged victim was Black, but 71% of Blacks believe the charge by beauty queen Desiree Washington to have been false. One third of whites did.(5) For MIM, this shows that Blacks really need their own nation with their own system of justice or issues of white oppression will find themselves mixed in.

In this, we want to be clear that we do not know what happened with OJ, and unlike the rest of the media, we don’t claim to have been there for the blood or even the trial depositions, but legally speaking, the Black position is correct. If the details on Mark Fuhrman,(6) the glove, the position of the Bronco etc. did not prove “reasonable doubt,” then nothing could ever prove “reasonable doubt.” As a result of the OJ case, Los Angeles had to redo countless cases based on fuck-ups like Fuhrerman. OJ Simpson was totally vindicated for that reason alone: his actions brought justice in countless other Los Angeles cases re-examined after OJ Simpson’s investigations paid for with his fortune. Whites may not like the system regarding “reasonable doubt,” but then they should attack the whole judicial system, not just the OJ case. We at MIM believe almost any other society’s system regarding the causation and handling of crime is superior in a statistical sense.

MIM will spell something out in Black
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MIM accused of 'Anti-Americanism'

WHAT AMERICANS?

MIM unanimously passed this resolution at its 2003 Congress.

"I wish to see the sons & daughters of the world in Peace & busily employed in the more agreeable amusement, of fulfilling the first and great commandment—Increase & Multiply: as an encouragement to which we have opened the fertile plains of the Ohio to the poor, the needy & the oppressed of the Earth." —George Washington, July 25, 1785

"Not then organised as a nation, or known as a people upon the earth—we had no preparation— Money, the nerve of War, was wanting." —George Washington, "Fragments of a Draft of the First Inaugural Address"

"We shou'd not, in imitation of some nations which have been celebrated for a false kind of patriotism, wish to aggrandize our own Republic at the expence of the freedom & happiness of the rest of mankind." —George Washington, *Ibid.*

"Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except negroes.'" —Abraham Lincoln, August 24, 1855

In connection to the war on Iraq, recently an anti-communist named David Horowitz who claims to have been a former radical wrote a column syndicated in major reactionary media outlets

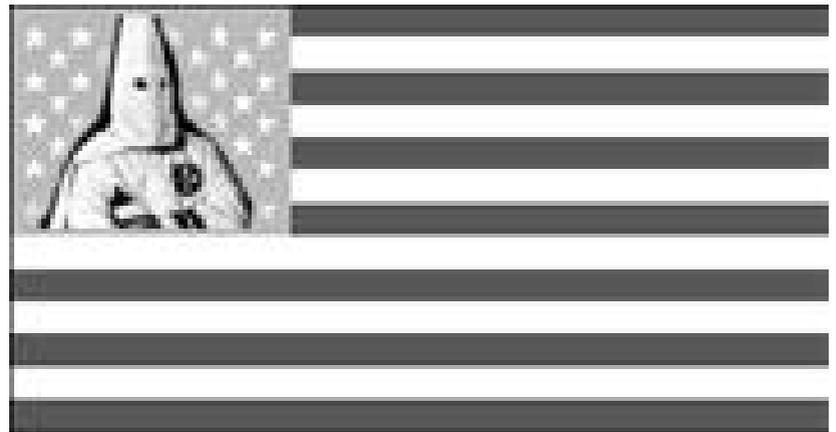
claiming something called the "Maoist International Movement" upholds "anti-Americanism." In an attempt to rehabilitate the Joe McCarthy era, Horowitz and his Internet allies are calling for a congressional investigation of MIM.

Aside from the obvious ignorance of not being able to distinguish "International" from "Internationalist," thereby proving the statement's author was never much of a radical, this statement is also interesting for referring to the myth of the "American." The Maoist Internationalist Movement is not anti-American, because there aren't any Americans to be against.

The term "American" should refer to all the people of America, but in practice in English the word "American" has been misappropriated by philistines. "America" refers to a geographic entity that includes Mexico and even "Latin America." The majority of people there are exploited and super-exploited who MIM champions as the social forces of progress.

On the other hand, there is a parasitic mass of people in America who MIM does oppose—the Amerikkans and the barely distinguished Kanadians. The representatives of these Amerikkans often refer to themselves as the only "Americans" thereby referring to their historic and present intentions toward the rest of the continent —genocide and theft.

According to legend, there once was an American named George Washington and he managed to distinguish American ideas from British ideas by opposing colonialism and upholding freedom of speech and association. He understood that to exist as a distinct nation apart from England, he had to have group support.



Without it, there is no real separation from the British Empire, only some individuals with ideas that vary from the ideas of the Empire. Thanks to Washington's victories in his lifetime, it appeared for a while that an America might start existence.

From the beginning of George Washington's valiant struggle to create something distinctly new and "American," he faced daunting odds because of the Amerikkans who owned slaves and killed off indigenous people. The struggle between Amerikkans and Americans raged on for decades until Abraham Lincoln appeared to gain a definitive upper hand for the Americans. Upon the freedom of the slaves within the united States, the Amerikkans far from celebrating an historic moment raised themselves to a fury and assassinated Abe Lincoln and organized the KKK. In a matter of a few years, the Amerikkans eliminated or co-opted the remaining Americans in the united States, mostly behind a platform of opposing all the interests of Black people.

With the shutdown of Reconstruction, "The United States of America" of Washington and Lincoln ceased to exist in any legally recognizable way after this series of assassinations, illegal voter disqualifications, stolen elections and a whole series of abuses of minority rights. What we have in place of the "United States of America" is a dominant Amerikkkan nation within which a minority of individuals no longer remotely constituting a nation continue to give Washington and Lincoln more than lip-service. In addition we also have oppressed internal semi-colonies on the territory that once constituted the "United States of America."

Although MIM is the greatest ally of the people of America, Amerikkans have polluted the term "American" and we do not use it except for historical purposes like the present one. Amerikkans have turned being "American" into open colonialism in Iraq, electing Senators who think the South should have won the civil war and electing presidents who defend flying the Confederate flag in state government buildings of the southern region within u.s. borders. The brutality and disease of the KKK vanguard of Amerikkka is well known globally, but the real power of the Amerikkans stems

from their ability to co-opt. Thus in the name of "Americans" and thus George Washington they carry out colonialism in Iraq. In the name of "freedom" they imprison more people percentage-wise than any other country in the world.

The correct usage of "American" would refer to all of America, but the main usage of the word is by the Amerikkans who dominate the media to use it to refer to the interests of colonial oppressors and exploiters. To avoid contributing to this twisting of the original meaning of "American," MIM calls itself "internationalist." To stand for the interests of America is nothing less than a global job.

Note:

This sinister figure David Horowitz connects the Republican Party leaders to fringe intellectual elements and the labor aristocracy of Amerikkka in his position as "polemicist." He spoke at the College Republican Convention in July along with the House Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay, Bush campaigner leader Karl Rove and more members of the Bush Cabinet and Congress.

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.

Art under the dictatorship of the proletariat

This resolution passed at MIM's 2003 Congress.

Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, allow reactionary music and films to continue and phase in revisions of reactionary art, because we recognize it takes time. We seek to improve pop culture as fast as we can without leaving a vacuum.

[mim3@mim.org adds context comments: The above resolution was significant because the party started a two-line struggle over whether it is possible to cut existing pop culture back to what is progressive without leaving a vacuum or whether the culture-saturated imperialist countries like the united States would be left in a bad "vacuum" situation. The "vacuum theory" won out the day. This was in line with MIM's emphasis on its materialist tradition opposing nihilism and for offering real alternatives.]

Spain sends Adolfo Olaechea to Peru

Peru's motivations are clear. President Toledo has an 11% approval rating with the public according to the July 5th La Republica and so the regime in Peru needs a distraction. When people might start blaming the government for "terrorism," the government takes no chances and brings in Peruvian exiles like Adolfo Olaechea who spent their lives in Europe.

In the last few years, Adolfo Olaechea took to organizing against U.S.

imperialism's wars. He was active in opposing the bombing of Kosovo and spent the last few months of his spare time organizing against the war on Iraq.

[In an interview with the newspaper El Comercio, Adolfo Olaechea stated, "I have not committed any criminal act. [Former President Alberto] Fujimori made false accusations for which I am now being judged. But this is in contradiction with the following fact: the Peruvian Embassy

in London learned about my points of view in the early 90s and put out a document addressed to the Peruvian community stating that 'Mr. Olaechea is not a member of SL, he has nothing to do with Peru and there is no evidence or proof of any type against him.'

"This process was initiated by a dictatorship for concrete acts (acts of terrorism) which would have been impossible for me to commit as I was

outside the country. The prosecutor who accused me, Julia Eguia, is in prison for her relations with [Fujimori right-hand-man and CIA agent] Vladimiro Montesinos."(1)]

Notes:

1. Links to the complete El Comercio interview and other writings by and about Adolfo Olaechea can be found at <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/civlib/olaechea3.html>

Peruvian reactionaries add new financial bogeyman to their arsenal

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It's been two weeks since the arrest of Adolfo Olaechea on July 4th, so what MIM regarded as a bizarre story is increasingly looking like no accident. The Foreign Ministry of Peru has noted the arrest of Adolfo Olaechea on its web page and has not said anything to back off from it. In fact, La Republica on July 18th says that President Toledo expressed satisfaction with the arrest of Adolfo Olaechea in Spain.

Now we read a publication called Dawn that calls Adolfo Olaechea "a major fundraiser" for the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), often referred to in the bourgeois press as the "Shining Path."(1) To appreciate the irony of such an accusation, we need to know the history. As Luis Arce Borja has pointed out, for more than a decade the PCP charged that Alberto Fujimori and his security-intelligence henchman V. Montesinos were drug-traffickers. In return, the U.S. government and Fujimori said that the "Shining Path" funded itself to the tune of millions through the drug trade.

Those of us new to Maoism reading about it at the time found in the pages of Time and Newsweek that PCP leader Comrade Gonzalo was a multi-millionaire and that his one-time associates exiled to Europe were also. This story continued right into the late 1990s, with the picture the bourgeoisie painted of the small remnants of the "Shining Path" hanging on to dear life in a small region by being in charge of the drug trade. One Peruvian General E.P. Alfredo Rodríguez at the time had this to say: "Shining Path lives off its cut [from the narcos]; that's why they don't want to leave the area. Where does Shining Path hide? Wherever there is coca. They travel together. It is their main source of financing.... Shining Path handles 40-50% of all the drug trafficking activity in the area, for its share and for providing security."(2)

Now things have changed. The charges against Fujimori and Montesinos stuck.

What a surprise to see that the military officials who charged the "Shining Path" with trafficking cocaine were themselves running drugs! What a surprise that the LaRouchites and U.S. Government who parroted the lies about the "Shining Path" never corrected themselves!

Montesinos is in prison and Fujimori is hiding in Japan. According to Caretas, EP Alfredo Rodríguez was a Montesinos appointee who faced questions from human rights organizations. Yet, while the LaRouchites quoted him above from his typical days as a Fujimori/Montesinos henchman, it appears that telephone-related records actually incriminate Gen. Alfredo Rodríguez in drug-trafficking according to Caretas itself.(3) What a surprise and what a surprise that the LaRouchites and U.S. Government never corrected themselves.

The U.S. Government's Drug Enforcement Agency as of 2002 still sings the same old song as if the U.S. puppets were not caught with their pants down. Uncle Sam still says it is the "Shining Path" that is the drug traffickers, not the best allies of U.S. imperialism: "Testifying on global narco-terrorist organizations and the illegal drug profits they use to support their activities, [the DEA's—ed.] Hutchinson listed a number of other extremely violent groups operating in the Western Hemisphere and around the world, including The Shining Path in Peru."(3)

In 2000, a subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives put it this way: "If you look at the Shining Path, they always look to indigenous forms of funding and have always been involved in the drug trade."(4)

If "Shining Path" has such money, one is wondering why "Shining Path" needs

money from Peruvian refugees abroad. For that matter, since when does a mafia type organization need to persist in a certain ideology over 20 years? It would seem rather inconvenient. While desperately pointing to drug-trafficking and now refugees in England, there is one thing certain, that the slanderers beyond contradicting themselves about Sendero Luminoso's funding will never face the social conditions that capitalism has produced in Peru.

Notes:

1. <http://www.dawn.com/2003/07/08/int13.htm>
2. <http://www.caretas.com.pe/1998/1498/doc/doc.htm> ; Lyndon LaRouche agrees with the U.S. government and lumpen-bourgeoisie of Peru on this question. http://www.larouchepub.com/other/1995/2246_sendero.html They're all wrong. The people of Peru have figured it out.
3. <http://www.caretas.com.pe/1407/mdf/mdf.html>
4. <http://www.uspolicy.be/issues/Terrorism/hut.042402.htm> ; See also, <http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/global/drugs/01101003.htm>
5. http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/judiciary/hju68324.000/hju68324_of.htm

Low blows & scapegoats

Peru's press says Adolfo Olaechea linked to the RIM

While Peru's press fancies that Peru's class conflicts arise from refugees raising so much revolutionary money in the world-renowned communist base area known as London, it also fails to understand the political milieu it attacks in Europe. Adolfo Olaechea was never a member of the "Shining Path" and for that reason among others, no one should be surprised that he wrote articles attacking the "Revolutionary Internationalist Movement" that the "Shining Path" of Comrade Gonzalo had links to. The July 5th La Republica got this wrong, while also reporting that President Toledo has only an 11.2% approval rating in Peru. Perhaps for this reason he continues with the actions of Fujimori that La Republica also reported: he needs to distract the people of Peru from the truth about ruling class involvement in drugs, bribery and terrorism.

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Adolfo Olaechea's interview with an Italian magazine on this point about the RIM is available at <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/ms/consur4.html>

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on white crime that most people will not. As of a precise 1983 government survey, 63.3% of the time that a Black man finds himself accused of rape, he is accused by a white womyn. People who will read MIM Theory 2/3 thoroughly will understand why that is a key proof that (contrary to Catharine MacKinnon) wimmin are not innocent products of our racist society. We also get into all the bullshit about wimmin never lying and rape being “underreported.” And anyway what exactly does it mean to be an “honest” KKK member or voter for David Duke as most whites in Louisiana were for example? Obviously it’s completely possible to be “honest with oneself” and create a totally bullshit racist result as happens in the criminal injustice system every day. Trying to find someone to be on the jury who has not heard of the case will lead to old white wimmin in the remote countryside of Colorado who pay no attention to sports or the media. This will have the same effect of not giving Kobe Bryant his legally mandated “trial by peers.” As MIM has said before, whites as a nation are not ready to handle Blacks in the criminal justice system as a nation, and that will be true for some time into the future of the dictatorship of the proletariat of the oppressed nations over Amerikkka.

Another aspect of nation in this case, is that the population of the West (as in Europe and Amerika) needs to recognize that this particular situation of rape is only possible in Western culture. In East Asia there would be hotel hallway monitors who would not allow a young womyn, especially a hotel employee (off duty or not) onto the floors. (This is the case even in some Western hotels!) The hotel monitors in East Asian hotels are “a drag” in many ways, but we see that in cases like this, much small annoyance pays off by making the Kobe case impossible. It also goes without saying that this kind of thing would have no meaning in Islamic and other cultures, which would presume a prostitution relationship, and this would be known to both the womyn and the man in advance.

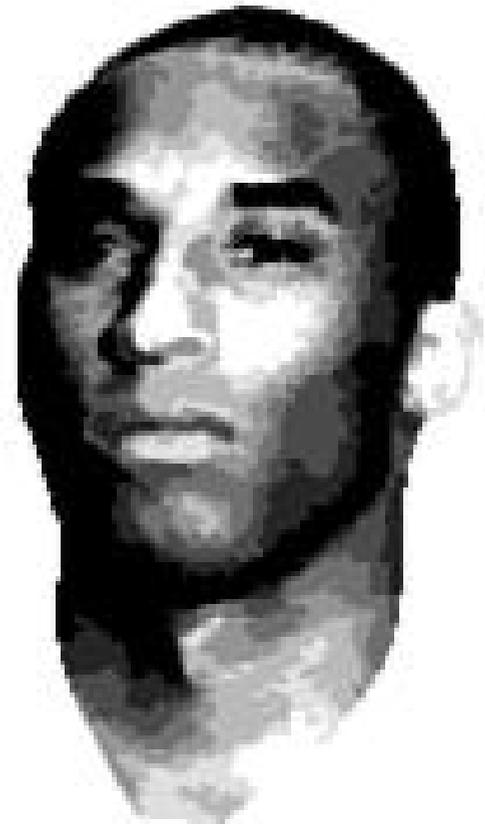
We have to agree with one Muslim on a Pakistan Internet discussion group: “You see, in an Islamic state, ridiculous cases like Mike Tyson’s are never possible. Islam attacks the problem at the ‘root’. Isn’t it ridiculous to spend millions of taxpayer money to decide whether Ms. whatever at 2:00 pm [a.m.] at night, alone in Mike Tyson’s room, giggling and laughing throughout the evening in flimsy pageant bikanis [sic.] ‘intended’ to have sex or not!!!!!!”(6) It is indeed completely irrational to judge the credibility of one of two people in an incident with no witnesses. Because Amerikkans settled land with their own individual farms stolen from the indigenous people, they have these irrational ideas about how far to push individualism. It’s so important that what we call “settler”

Amerikkans even think they can do a good job on cases like this and do not put any effort into getting out of having to judge such situations! On this point Islam has the advantage by making matters clear in an objective fashion before such incidents can happen—no need for individual determinations of fact.

In the West we like to think we are superior to East Asia or Islam with their confining roles. We want to think wimmin can go anywhere and do anything without social restrictions. However, if we believe some of the media rumors, Kobe confined his victim in the hotel by blocking the door.(8) Hence, this would seem to be one of many cases where the West lacks accuracy in its idea of actually existing freedom. Wishing something so does not make it so. If we go the other way and assume the alleged victim has a poor sense of right and wrong and Kobe is blameless, it still remains that Kobe’s freedom is thus destroyed. Whatever the details in the rape case, either way someone’s freedom has been trampled in a way that would not happen in other capitalist or semi-feudal countries.

Conclusion

There are particular issues of the Kobe Bryant case and there are matters that the whole society needs to consider. For MIM the bottom line is that the society has failed no matter how we look at this case. A false sense of “freedom” has caused either someone to suffer a terrible slander or a worse-than-usual rape. (MIM’s position is that all sex is rape until the broader context of coercion between genders is completely eliminated.) In the short run, the society should either adopt a system of consent forms required for sex or it should bring in some social separation of the sexes in such a way that if a womyn shows up at a hotel room she does not expect that she can prevail in a rape case later. True, as a result, some wimmin will stop showing up at hotel rooms and we sacrifice the freedom of wimmin going to men’s hotel rooms, as in the Mike Tyson case where rumor has it that the alleged victim showed up at Tyson’s room at 2a.m. in pajamas and then expected to be a credible witness afterwards (and succeeded!). However, losing the freedom to go to men’s hotel rooms is a small price to pay given the alternatives which are a portion of slander in some cases, a portion of rapes unconvicted in others and a situation debasing the court system where one persyn is deemed to have such a higher social station than another that she can accuse someone and make it stick beyond “a reasonable doubt” strictly on her word. That is not to mention that in the best of all situations where the system does happen to convict the right man who slashed a womyn in a brutal attack, the fact is that the attack still happened thanks to a premature notion of “freedom.” Only after communism has turned people into angels by removing the causes of social



violence, by among other things putting pornography in its place, only then will there be a real freedom for people to visit among each other the way they should be able to, and only then will Islam and other various conservative cultures putting some confinements on us with gender roles be completely redundant.

ITAL Further reading. END See our review of “Unwanted Sex: The Culture of Intimidation and the Failure of the Law” for our critique of ever more fascist solutions.(9) See also our review of the most important Western theorist of rape Catharine MacKinnon.(10)

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Censorship updates

In the August 2003 issue of MIM Notes we reported on the extent of censorship MIM has experienced in the Amerikan prisons over the past year. We reported on several victories over censorship which have since been overturned, as well as at least one battle that was since won. Below are some updates on the latest censorship of MIM Notes and political magazines and books MIM sends to prisoners.

Censorship in California resumes

I am writing you to forward the address of the warden of this camp. Recently both MIM Notes and theory "A Spiral Trajectory" were denied/censored. I was notified that the materials were being returned until you forwarded a copy of the mailing envelope. Currently I am filing a 602 grievance on the issue. I am also prepared to fight for the long hall. I am in need of any and all materials that are available on censorship. Please forward this information my way. Certainly legal action is an option with regard to the infringement of educational materials being received from MIM.

Currently this administration is using a standard of if mail comes from a non-profit organization that it can be destroyed without notice to the inmate. I am in disagreement with this procedure and I am appealing this too! This rule comes out of the operational procedures manual.

Be sure to include this in your letters of support that should be sent to the warden Darrell G. Adams, at this institution. Certainly they believe we inmates have no support on the outside so it will come as a shock when they find themselves being sued for a violation of civil liberties, and an obstruction of Federal mail guidelines. The postmaster general will also be involved, because they delivered the mail. The U.S. Marshal will also be serving the Warden of this institution. Before all of this can happen we must exhaust administrative remedies (in effect give them a chance to refrain from censorship of MIM materials). I will let you know what happens as it happens. - A California prisoner at SATF Corcoran, July 2003

MIM adds: This same MIM Theory journal was censored once before by SATF officials. In response to a protest letter the administration backed down on a previous policy requiring all educational material to first be approved by the Community Resource Manager. This prisoner was assured that the policies had changed and SATF would be allowing in educational material again. As can be seen from his letter above, all that has changed is the excuse for the censorship.

Letters of protest can be sent to:

Warden Darrell Adams
CSATF
PO Box 5246
Corcoran, CA 93212

California Corcoran prison restricts books

Here at Corcoran SHU is a big censorship going on. I am allowed to get just 1 book at a time and to send me more than one book they have to be on different days. For example, you send me one book on July 20, the next one has to be send July 21. It doesn't make sense to me, the only logical explanation that I came up with is that they want to make it hard and keep us convicts ignorant so for

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News from Prisons & Prisoners

those who are going out, to be blind and come back faster so they can keep the big "prison industry" getting rich.

— a California prisoner, July 2003

California CCI censors MIM Theory as "racist"

Dear MIM,

I have finally received the notice from the administration as to why they did not let me receive MIM Theory: they claim that there were racist articles, and that MIM advocated the overthrow of the U.S. government. I have already filed an appeal. I have the cite for Proconier v. Martinez as well as two other cases that lay the guidelines on the limits of the institutions ability to restrict prisoners first amendment rights. The cites are:

Proconier v. Martinez 416 U.S. 396, 94 S.Ct (1974); O'Lone v. Estate of Shabazz (1987) U.S. 107 S.Ct 2400; McCabe v. Avave (9th Cir 1987) 827 F. 2d

O'Lone v. Estate of Shabazz is a little more strict than Proconier and pretty much sets the standard. I believe there is an argument there for legitimate political literature. I am doing more research. When I find out more I will fill you in as well so you can share it with others who may be combating censorship. If you come across anything please let me know. Their institutional policy is based around literature that pertains to racism and promotes the use of violence against other races or groups to achieve their objectives. That's not MIM, MIM is focused on class struggle. I know, and they know it, that's why they claimed some articles contained racism without providing any details.

Yours in struggle,

— a CA prisoner, CCI Tehachapi, June 2003

Victory at CCI

I received your letter last week with the censor information enclosed in it. Thank you for enlightening me on how to deal with my captors. I wrote a 602 appeal on censorship, asking why my mail was censored. I already knew their response. They disavowed any wrong doing. I counter punched and caught them on the chin. My 602 went to the warden to write the final response. To my surprise the warden came down and talked with me concerning my mail. He also disavowed any wrong doing with his staff, but he also brought my little Maoist Internationalist Movement booklet to me. His weak excuse was the mail room sent your mail to another inmate with your last name. We all know it is a lie!

— a California prisoner at CCI Tehachapi, July 2003

Censorship in Alabama resumes

As you are aware, MIM Theory 8&14 were recently denied entry into Limestone prison. This was after I was informed that the ban on MIM literature was lifted. This was done after

I had received information from an attorney with the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) who had taken on the case against censorship of political publication. The SPLC attorney wrote to the attorney general notifying him that prison officials was censoring political publications in violation of the settlement in Prison News vs. Haley, a settlement involving the censorship of political and legal publications. The attorney general notified that this practice would cease and that there would be no more problems in receiving MIM Theory and other political publications.

But prison officials are continuing to censor MIM Theory and other political publications that's critical of the U.S. political system. I've been told that no communist literature will be allowed.

So, you can be assured that the struggle continues and will do so until victory. The SPLC is filing papers to go back to court on this issue. In the meanwhile, please re-add my name to you mailing list for MIM Notes.

Again, the struggle continues without doubt.

— Inacell prisoner in Alabama, July 2003

Increased censorship in Rhode Island

It is my hope that this letter reaches ya'll. I have been trying to correspond with ya'll for some time. However, the neo-fascists who run this prison R.I./DOC/A.C.I-MSA have been throwing my mail out to the garbage—both personal mail and legal mail. Hopefully this letter makes it.

The state of affairs here is continued repression. The pending litigation against the prison here in regards to censorship is slow. This is due to the fact that the ACLU has had to wait on filing the suit due to the RI DOC getting rid of aspects of their old policy, so those issue weren't in effect. But only until they waited to stop the ACLU from filing. They have now implemented the same policy #24.01-3 with more repressive regulations.

The SIU investigators have also started to intercept outgoing mail, and booking inmates for the kind of speech used in letters. To be specific they are targeting Muslims. Also Muslim inmates have had their services restricted to six inmates at Muslim services only. However, the Christian services are allowed to receive the whole module of 24 plus persons. The neo-fascist prisoncrats have also denied an orthodox Jew from practicing the Hebrew faith. Stating that he has to be approved of his Judaism by a prison Rabbi.

They also have targeted the prisoner who is at the forefront of fighting the censorship here, by denying him his books. Meaning he will get pre-approved to purchase said books in accordance with the policy 24.01-3. However when his books arrive, they will not be delivered stating security question as said reason.

The mailroom officer will not notify him in writing. And the buildings grievance coordinator Lt. Getter will not issue him grievance forms as required by mail policy

24.01-3 in order to appeal the denial of his books. The books are being rejected solely by reading the titles. There is no one who reads the whole book in order to specify what section is objected to.

This is in all actuality reprisal for his activism. Books on computer programming, physics books, and science books have been denied. There are no TVs or radios anymore and the only thing to occupy ones mind, books, are being taken away too. Most prisoners are kept here for years on 23-24 hour a day lockdown, with no contact visits. One non-contact visit once a week during working hours (900 to 10:30 AM or 1:00 to 2:30 PM.) We live in a state of despair. Hope is all but just about gone!

— a RI prisoner, July 2003

Pennsylvania kudos

I want to thank you for the great articles you printed in your newsletter on censorship, and the censorship materials you sent me. They were a great help.

—A prisoner in Pennsylvania, June 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.

Arizona eliminates libraries; targets active prisoners

In 1997 a prisoner in AZ filed a complaint against the DOC that our law libraries were inadequate. The federal court ruled that only enough books to process an appeal were necessary. The AZ DOC took advantage of the ruling and did away with the library except for a few books necessary to file an appeal. These few books are kept in the librarian's office under close scrutiny and an inmate is likely to be able to do 1 hour of research weekly.

A few of us who are somewhat fair litigators had to scramble to collect and build our own private law libraries. Then the DOC came up with a policy that prisoners can only keep a total of 7 books in their possession, and must store the remainder. This is not strictly enforced except against people who are activists and good litigators — such as myself.

In the 90's and up until today, prison conditions have gotten so barbaric that the AZ DOC had hundreds of civil rights complaints filed against them. So they were more than happy to find a way to take our law libraries away.

Then about 3 months back they once again changed the policy to take all major appliances that were not in a "see through" case. But their main interest was to do away with the typewriters which would further handicap the prisoners doing legal work. They now sell a "see through" case TV in the inmate store but NO typewriter.

I am presently involved in a case against the DOC regarding their monopoly on what they sell to prisoners — a violation of the RICO act. This case is in the appeals court. Also I along with Prison Legal News attorneys are contemplating a civil suit against the DOC because of their censorship and banning of the Prison Legal News Newsletter.

I'll keep you posted on that endeavor, but would like your readers to know a few of the things we've learned fighting censorship of PLN.

The best way to fight censorship in prisons is to flood the courts with civil law suits. The only way to win these fights is to generate a lot of attention and publicity.

Certain processes and procedures must be strictly followed by all prison administrators before a letter or publication may be censored. A prisoner must be notified that such a letter or publication has been rejected and must be given opportunity to protest that decision. Also, any complaints must be referred to a prison official other than the person who originally disapproved of the letter or publication.

Prison officials can not just use the term "security threat" when rejecting a letter or

publication. They must provide specific and substantial proof that prison discipline will be undermined by allowing prisoners to read and possess the material in question.

Let me stress that before filing a civil action prisoners must exhaust all administrative procedures even though the administration can't resolve part of the complaint.

I hope some of this letter may have been enlightening on these issues.

— A prisoner in AZ

P.S. Any time you need any legal advice on any civil rights issues regarding prisoners and prisons, just ask. MIM replies: censorship is one of the biggest problems facing MIM's political organizing work in prisons in Amerika. We definitely need legal help, both from those on the inside as well as from any lawyers or paralegal activists on the outside. Even if you don't have legal skills you can contribute by writing protest letters to the censoring prisons, collecting protest petition and postcard signatures to send to the prisons, and distributing educational flyers about prison censorship. If you want to work with MIM on this important battle, let us know.

Penal Ill-logical

So many victims of police brutality
So many innocent people in prisons
So many distorted lies as reality
So many lives lost from judicial decisions
Few ever win their case on appeal
Far too many don't know what to do
The majority have sadly yielded
To a crime they have no clue

- a California prisoner, July 2003

Drug War Capitalizes on Oppressed Nations

by a NY Prisoner
July 2003

The NJ Senate Bill No. 373 is an example of imperialism and capitalism that oppresses the people behind the fences and walls not to mention their families because it is an extra financial burden on them, which places them in economical repression and depression.

The tax payers have always paid enough taxes to cover these costs of housing and caring for prisoners. I think that the comrades are 100% on point for initiating the campaign. Thanks to [Prisoners at Northern State Prison] and RAIL because it will affect mostly African-Americans and Latinos, which make up a large amount of the drug offenses in

state prisons. In 2002, nearly 40% of the people sent to state prison were drug offenders. In 1980, the figure was only 11%.

They're looking at economical capitalization. In New York over 31% of the drug offenders in New York State prisons, more than 5,700 people, were locked up for drug possession, as opposed to drug selling. It cost over \$180 million per year to keep these people in prison. (Reference: Correctional Association of New York)

There are over 18,300 drug offenders locked up in New York prisons. It costs the state about \$2 billion to construct the prisons to house these people. And the operating expenses for confining them comes to nearly \$590 million per year.

From 1988 to 1998, the state increased annual prison spending by \$761 million and decreased annual spending on the State and City Universities of New York by approximately \$615 million.

The drug laws are a form of institutionalized racism because 1) African Americans & Latinos comprise about 93% of the drug offenders in NYS prisons. African-Americans 51.4%, Latinos 41.5%, whereas whites make up only 5.7%. 2) Since 1982, NY has opened 38 prisons all in upstate areas represented by Republican State Senators. Prisons in Republican Senate districts receive more than \$1.1 billion annually to cover their operating expenses and to employ almost 30,000 people. 3) 93% of NYS inmates are housed in prisons located in Republican senate districts.

How do the Rockefeller Drug Laws effect voting rights?

1) In NYS, a person who has been convicted of a felony and is in a prison or on parole cannot vote. Largely because of the Rockefeller Drug Laws people of color disproportionately lose their right to vote.

2) Felon disenfranchisement laws were part of a series of Jim Crow policies first adopted in the South during the late 19th century. Criminal disenfranchisement was the most indirect way to deny the vote to African-Americans, and is the only Jim Crow practice that survives today.

3) The U.S. Census Bureau counts inmates as residents of the districts where they are confined, not as residents of the communities they come from and where their families still reside. This practice, in effect, transfers voting power and government funds that are based on an area's population away from the cities where people of color really live and to upstate communities.

Therefore, my dear comrades, in the grand scheme of things there is more than what

meets the average eye. Yet together we shall find the hidden mysteries and become the problem solvers in which our people need and have so long waited for.

MIM adds: The analysis of who is going to prison and who is benefiting from prisons in New York in this article is good. The only criticism we'd make is not to get caught up in the false divisions along government party lines. The real dichotomy is between rural whites and urban oppressed nations, as is mentioned by the author. The fact that the areas where prisons are built tend to be Republican districts is telling of the political leaning in those areas, but we don't want to imply that Democrats are not also fully behind the prison craze of the last couple decades.

Battles over Food and Health in NJ

Greetings Comrades at MIM,

I have not received any MIM Notes, probably due to the mailroom policy, which does not allow newspapers over one week old and we are limited to only 12 books. Once I transferred from [a NJ prison], the prison confiscated most of my political material.

Plus I'm a vegan (a very strict vegetarian). I'm against animal cruelty. However, these people don't respect my position. I told the chaplain that I was a Jehovah's Witness because I'm avoiding and refusing any & every institutional experiment that they are trying to perform on the prison population like we are laboratory animals. So, it's common knowledge that Jehovah's Witnesses are anti-inoculation. I told the chaplain this because you can only be approved for a vegetarian diet by religious virtues. However, they denied my request & basically told me to eat meat or starve. I don't & will not eat any animal products, so I began to fight for what I believe in. There isn't much progress though, the battle isn't over as of yet. If you have any ideas on how I can proclaim victory on these demons, once & for all I would appreciate it. Also inform all comrades that they should not allow them (M.S.) to inject anything in to their bodies. I believe they're trying to poison us all.

— a New Jersey Prisoner, July 2003

MIM replies: MIM has been having difficulties with the mailing of MIM Notes to prisoners. This explains why many of our comrades behind bars have not received the newspaper. We are working to iron out the problems, but we need money to ensure continued regular mailings of the newspaper to prisoners. MIM sends our newspaper, as well as political books and magazines, to prisoners free of charge. We rely on donations from our member and supporters to continue this important program.

Facts on U\$ imprisonment

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

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

To find a comparison with U.\$ 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

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5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.





La inmigración: Se distinguen la aristocracia obrera y la burguesía internacionalista

Por el MIM

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

La diferencia de opinión sobre la cuestión de la inmigración entre un yanqui común y corriente y una "élite" o el círculo de poder, supera el nivel del año 1998, según una encuesta publicada el día 17 de diciembre. El presidente Bush ha puesto en práctica los reglamentos migratorios más salvajes sobre sus vecinos, México y Canadá, y ha causado molestia a los conservadores del occidente canadiense con las tarifas sobre la madera. Sin embargo, menos del 30% de los yanquis apoyan a Bush sobre sólo dos asuntos: los cambios en el clima y la inmigración. La corriente del chovinismo nacionalista que comenzó el 11 de septiembre alimenta la opinión injusta con respecto a la inmigración.

La encuesta fortalece la tesis del MIM que la aristocracia obrera está más opuesta al internacionalismo que la misma burguesía imperialista. Lenin explicó extensamente que la psicología de esta clase sostiene que apenas han logrado sus privilegios y por lo tanto son más feroces en protegerlos.

Sólo el 14% de la élite norteamericana, de "los líderes de la opinión," están de acuerdo con la posición popular según la cual se debe reducir la inmigración. El 60% del público norteamericano sostiene que la política del gobierno debe ser reducir la inmigración oficial. Y todo esto es a pesar de la retórica del "país de los inmigrantes" y de que aun la ciudad de Nueva York se adorna con la "Estatua de la Libertad." Está bien claro que los yanquis no creen en el derecho de poder viajar abiertamente y gracias a la estupidez electoral de la aristocracia obrera, el promedio de encarcelamiento en EE.UU. es el más alto en todo el mundo.

"Según la encuesta, el 70% del público norteamericano opina que reducir la inmigración ilegal es 'una meta muy importante de la política internacional de EE.UU.', mientras sólo el 22% de la élite sostiene la misma posición." (1) Esta es la razón de la victoria de Pat Buchanan sobre Bush en las elecciones preliminares de Nuevo Hampshire en 1992. En 1992, año de recesión, tanto Perot como Buchanan lanzaron sus programas con el lema "Yanquis Primero."

La propuesta aceptada casi por todos los tal llamados yanquis "marxistas" es una ilusión que postula la existencia de un proletariado explotado que propaga el internacionalismo de este lado de la frontera. Al contrario, lo que debe quedar bien claro es que el pueblo yanqui carece del internacionalismo más que la clase con el poder estatal y que de esta manera es aún más reaccionario. No basta el chantaje de la clase dominante: la aristocracia obrera es consciente de su lucha para lograr una lucrativa división de superganancias. La aristocracia obrera no es nada indiferente hacia el tema de superganancias, y no está a punto de despojarse de una supuesta conciencia engañosa para reemplazarla con un internacionalismo revolucionario. Los

intereses de la aristocracia obrera son fáciles de identificar y ésta los persigue diligentemente, de lo cual resulta la enorme diferencia entre su posición sobre la inmigración y la posición de la clase dominante.

El pueblo yanqui no aguanta a los verdaderos representantes de la burguesía internacionalista como los Rockefeller, Jimmy Carter y Bush el mayor. El iniciar pláticas sobre el desempleo y el empeoramiento de los salarios (¡menos beneficios!) con la aristocracia obrera la llevaría a tomar el lado de Buchanan. No entender esto iguala a no entender la situación contemporánea ni la teoría leninista de la aristocracia obrera. Salvo los inmigrantes y la población de habla hispana, no hay campo para discutir lo del proletariado dentro de las fronteras de EE.UU. Esto sólo tiene como resultado que se molesten y se encierren más los chovinistas.

Entender la realidad en los países imperialistas con una población burguesa implica luchar para forjar una alianza con el lumpenproletariado y con la pequeña ala izquierdista de la burguesía internacionalista. La prensa imperialista no ignora del todo este asunto como cuando ridiculiza las protestas en contra del Fondo Monetario Internacional dirigidas por los "nenes anarquistas con fondos de inversión" quienes poseen recursos suficientes para viajar de una manifestación a otra. En los años 60 y 70, la prensa dijo lo mismo con respeto a los miembros del grupo "Weather Underground" quienes eran poderosos millonarios y abogados.

La sección de la burguesía internacionalista que posee una visión de largo plazo

no se encuentra en el poder. Esta sección ha salido en Seattle y en otras protestas a nivel mundial pero aún es muy pequeña. El ala izquierdista de la burguesía internacionalista es comparable a lo que Lenin, Stalin y Mao llamaban "burguesía nacional," una clase que podía unirse a la revolución en los países semif feudales. Por lo tanto, el ala izquierdista de la burguesía internacionalista es una amiga del proletariado. Aunque aún sobreviven, tanto la burguesía nacional como el ala izquierdista de la burguesía internacionalista están en peligro de extinción. Debemos entender que estos grupos tienen intereses distintos a los del imperialismo.

No es nuestro deber oponernos a tipos como Bush, Blair, Carter y Clinton con demandas nacionalistas en contra del Tratado de Libre Comercio (TLC) o la inmigración. Nuestro deber es demostrar que la única forma de lograr la paz y la prosperidad es nuestra estrategia para conseguir un salario mínimo mundial, un cuerpo para la protección universal del medio ambiente y, por consecuencia, una lucha de clases mundial.

Aunque el Centro para Estudios Migratorios ha llevado a cabo las encuestas, aún carece de una teoría: "No está muy claro por qué hay ideas tan distintas sobre la inmigración entre los líderes del país y el

público." También se distingue la opinión del yanqui común y corriente de la de los líderes sobre la protección del empleo para los yanquis y la competición económica con otros países. Esta diferencia indica firmemente que una de las principales razones por la cual los yanquis se preocupan por la inmigración es el temor que tienen a la competición por el empleo.

El tremendo espacio entre los imperialistas internacionalistas y la aristocracia obrera ha rendido una serie de situaciones políticas hipócritas. Mientras la aristocracia obrera se aprovecha de los negocios de los empresarios en el Tercer Mundo, a los empresarios tercermundistas que buscan hacer negocios en los países imperialistas se les echa de aviones porque tienen pinta de "terroristas." También se organizan movimientos antiinmigrantes al estilo Le Pen en Francia y Buchanan en EE.UU.

No debemos alegar que los tratados de comercio e inmigración y los convenios representan únicamente la conciencia burguesa embucando la falsa conciencia sobre el proletariado de los países imperialistas. Debemos defender estos tratados y promover su lógica.

El gobierno de Los Países Bajos le permitió entrar a José Maria Sisón y firmó tratados y convenios garantizándole ciertos derechos. Los camaradas filipinos lo entienden muy bien, hacen hincapié en dichos tratados y convenios, los defienden y no permiten que el gobierno Holandés los anule. Los camaradas filipinos serían culpables de promover una conciencia falsa si sólo se la pasaran discutiendo tratados y los derechos humanos de los europeos y al mismo tiempo fuese verdad que existe algún proletariado europeo a punto de lanzarse a la revolución internacionalista. Pero las cosas no son así y todavía no se alcanza este nivel de ventaja política y, por consecuencia, lo correcto es apoyar tratados internacionales en contra de la aristocracia obrera.

Muchos de los tratados, convenios y leyes no prohíben que la aristocracia obrera europea organice protestas en contra de los inmigrantes. Así lo dijo un típico aristócrata obrero en el grupo de Usenet soc.culture.filipino: "Pobre JoMa Sisón. Se queja al gobierno holandés para que le restauren los beneficios estatales. Se queja porque sólo recibe una miserable asignación de 201.93 euros y porque el gobierno no paga por su hogar. Discúlpenme pero mis impuestos pagan por todo esto. Si tienes alguna molestia lárgate a las Filipinas y averigua cuánto te dan allá. Nos acusa de ser un gobierno policíaco. Sí, qué lástima. ¿Si te encuentras tan infeliz en los Países Bajos entonces qué haces aquí?" Le informamos a este imbécil que gracias a la presión política de tipos como él los Países Bajos prohíben que Sisón consiga empleo. Y al mismo tiempo le acusan de no pagar impuestos.

JoMa Sisón y otros comunistas están de acuerdo con la idea de firmar un tratado para que los imperialistas saquen sus empresarios

de las Filipinas. Pero la aristocracia obrera lo quiere de los dos modos. Por un lado, quiere tratados que le permiten comprar ropa de marca GAP fabricada por empresarios que visitan y llevan a cabo negocios en el Tercer Mundo y, por el otro lado, prohíbe que las personas del Tercer Mundo visiten los países imperialistas para hacer negocios.

Estos aristócratas primero deberían chocar con su propio gobierno sobre los tratados y convenios que éste ha firmado antes de lanzar su agresión contra los inmigrantes. Si la aristocracia obrera logra que su gobierno y las empresas internacionales salgan del Tercer Mundo, la gente del Tercer Mundo no tendrá razón para venir a los países imperialistas. Es raro que un pueblo busque salir de su país de origen; sólo lo hace bajo circunstancias desastrosas causadas por los imperialistas. No vale quejarse cuando el Tercer Mundo busca visitar y vivir en los países imperialistas ya que el imperialismo se ha adueñado de sus tierras.

Los marxistas falsos que nos critican buscan pretextos para torcer los resultados de la encuesta y demostrar que los "obreros" se encuentran en peores condiciones que los imperialistas. Como no identifican la contradicción entre la aristocracia obrera y los imperialistas no logran utilizarla correctamente. No distinguen entre diversos intereses de clase.

La miopía de la aristocracia obrera tiene como resultado guerras entre naciones sobre ciertos temas de la economía doméstica. Esta miopía encontró su máxima expresión en la postura de Adolfo Hitler sobre la inmigración y el comercio internacional. Por su parte, la burguesía internacionalista cuenta sólo consigo misma y por lo tanto su opinión sobre la inmigración no es muy popular. La estrecha base social para su tipo de internacionalismo resulta en que los países imperialistas oscilen entre el facismo y la democracia liberal.

Está bien claro que los imperialistas se aprovechan del comercio internacional y de la subversión en el Tercer Mundo mientras que la aristocracia saca beneficios al punto de venta pero siente que se ponen en peligro sus empleos. Sólo el internacionalismo proletario es capaz de conseguir que teoría de la cooperación internacional económica se haga realidad. Cuando el MIM llegue al poder nos aseguraremos de que el pueblo entienda y descubra los beneficios del comercio y la cooperación económica en general.

La posición de la aristocracia obrera según la cual el mundo no saca beneficios del libre comercio, el mercado obrero y la resultante cooperación, es equivocada. Su posición es cobarde e ignorante. Precisamente son los imperialistas los que no pueden llevar a cabo el "libre comercio" y la "libertad de movimiento" porque ofrecen los derechos más básicos a una pequeña élite. Sólo la línea del MIM puede resolver esta contradicción.

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