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REPORTS SAYS PEOPLE'S WAR ADVANCING IN NEPAL

According to the BBC of September 12: "The authorities say five rebels and three security personnel have died over the past two days."(1)

Even more indicative, the BBC is fretting. The People's War has "a sense of real fear among members of the elite, who feel that they could be the next targets."(1)

Meanwhile, something called nepalnews.com is reporting that the Maoists are going to set up a radio station on the FM 95.1 dial.(2) An unscientific poll of nepalnews.com users says that 65% favor the king's return to cooperation with the parliament which he dissolved. The question phrased the king's options as limited because of an upsurge in the People's War.

As usual in the world, the United States is not on the side of "democracy" and calls the Maoists "terrorists" one step short of being placed in the same legal status as Osama Bin Laden—this despite the fact that the Maoists are fighting a monarchy. This should have been clear when King Gynendra dissolved parliament completely in June 2002 and kicked out the premier Deuba in October 2002 to assume power for himself(3)—not that MIM is saying the people the King sacked did not deserve it.

There is no history of a country making major progress in a situation like Nepal's without massive violence to change the feudal system. It always took revolution or at least outside military intervention to break the back of the landlord class holding back industrialization and modernization. The lack of revolution is the reason why Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world.

MIM gives a fraternal salute to all

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Revolutionary feminist nationalism Million Youth March brings forward progressive Black nationalism

September 6, 2003
Brooklyn, NY



Black Panther imagery at the march (MIM photo)

Chants of "Black Power!" filled the air this sunny afternoon and Black Panther Party imagery surrounded the speakers on their platform at the "Million Youth March." MIM handed out 500 copies of MIM Notes 287.

An organization calling itself the "New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense" was much evident at the Million Youth March. Speaking of a "united front" the new Black Panthers worked with the Nation of Islam, which furnished at least one speaker.

Both the secular and Nation of Islam speakers devoted much time to fighting the patriarchy. One speaker said: "We shouldn't be fighting each other. We should start fighting the system. Stop domestic violence! Stop violence against women and all violence in this community."

Another speaker asked, "what is it about us Black men. . . Black men, why can't we control our anger?" In parallel sequence he also asked about white men.

The Nation of Islam (NOI) speaker put forward a strong line on monogamy as did others. Speakers called on the audience not to have children unless they were prepared for a permanent economic, social and spiritual commitment.

The NOI speaker and others also said wimmin should not be taking care of Black men as if they were babies. He said it does not help the young men being treated that way who need to grow up to all their responsibilities beyond sex.

Another speaker said that we also have to get a handle on the question of sex in our organizations. When women go to meetings and the men say they want "peace; you don't know if he wants 'peace' or a 'piece'" [of wimmin].

We at MIM especially applaud that the Nation of Islam speaker devoted a large portion of his speech to wimmin's issues. Other speakers did also. The speakers of the day nailed down oppressed-nation nationalist feminist revolution. All that was lacking was a consciously communist speaker; although one speaker said "Black people shouldn't be afraid of revolution. Revolution is just change."

Many speakers also emphasized that the white power structure controls through influence on the Black people's brains.

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'Animal libbers' bomb big pharma

In the early morning hours of August 28 two pipe bombs exploded outside Chiron, a pharmaceutical company in Emeryville, California. A group calling itself "Revolutionary Cells" claimed responsibility for the attack in a written communiqué: "This action came about because Chiron has continued their murderous connection with Huntingdon Life Sciences even though they have been

exposed numerous times as some of the most egregious animal killers in the industry."(1) The statement was signed "for animal liberation through armed struggle, the Revolutionary Cells—animal liberation brigade" There were no injuries and only minor property damage reported.

Chiron contracts with Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), an international animal testing firm, for the animal tests required by the FDA for approval of their drugs. MIM condemns these actions as they put the lives of animals above the lives of humyns. While we expect that under socialism the torture and killing of so many animals that are used for unnecessary and wasteful food and cosmetics will be eliminated, we do not value the lives of animals over the lives of humyns. The "Revolutionary Cells" don't even bother to explain how Chiron is using animal testing in their brief statement.

As we explained in the MIM party

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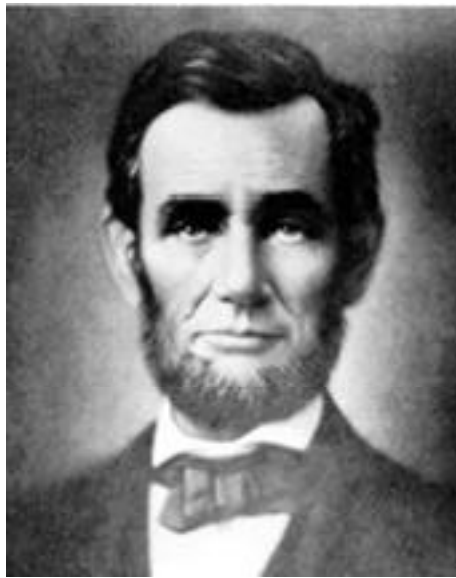
MIM defends Abe Lincoln for his day

Dear MIM:

There was an article in regards to Abe Lincoln in one of your back issues of MIM notes. A lot of Africans as well as other individuals like to believe Abe freed the slaves or better yet the Africans because he was a kind and just man. But that's not true. He simply saw this as a good strategic move to save the Union. One must set the record straight once and for all. There's no reason why the next generation of Africans here in the United States should remain ignorant of these true facts. Please read this letter written by Lincoln himself in trying to justify his thinking.

A letter from Lincoln to Horace Greely's New York Tribune, August 22, 1862

"If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves I would do it, and if I could have it by freeing all the slaves I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. What I do about slavery and the colored race I do because I believe it helps to save the Union, and what I forebear, I forebear because I do not believe it would help to save the Union, I have here stated my purpose according to my view of official duty, and I intend no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all men everywhere



could be free..."

Source: *Lies my teacher told me*, by James Loewen

mim3@mim.org replies for MIM:

That is correct. Lincoln told people he put the Union above the principle of ending slavery. For that matter, Lincoln was a politician and MIM warns people not to try to take politicians' jobs when we need a movement to pressure those politicians and make change happen. Politicians do not make change happen: they only express it and at most broker it.

As you can imagine, no hard-core abolitionist ever had a chance of winning election in the United States, but Lincoln nonetheless ended up bringing about abolition. He offended the South enough to cause it to attack at Fort Sumter and he divided whites enough to keep the North on the other side.

In addition, Lincoln's legal authority for

war is something that the South questioned. If he said he was fighting the war for slavery, he would have faced legal problems. Those kinds of political pressures we believe were best understood by the people of the day who understood the crazy thinking of the people of the day.

We hold Lincoln in high regard as did Karl Marx. The union he [Marx] served as the writing secretary for said: "The workingmen of Europe feel sure that, as the American War of Independence initiated a new era of ascendancy for the middle class, so the American Antislavery War will do for the working classes. They consider it an earnest of the epoch to come that it fell to the lot of Abraham Lincoln, the single-minded son of the working class, to lead his country through the matchless struggle for the rescue of an enchained race and the reconstruction of a social world."

Speaking for Lincoln, the ambassador of the United States said, "It is in this relation that the United States regard their cause in the present conflict with slavery, maintaining insurgence as the cause of human nature, and they derive new encouragements to persevere from the testimony of the workingmen of Europe that the national attitude is favored with their enlightened approval and earnest sympathies."

In fact, not many know that Lincoln and Marx exchanged correspondence and Marx said his organization was the only one to get more than a formal reply from Lincoln for the congratulations of election victory. In fact, Marx ended up believing that the American Civil War was the greatest example of class struggle in his day: "at the time of Lincoln's election 3 1/2 years ago it was only a matter of making no further concessions to the

slave-owners, whereas now the avowed aim, which has in part already been realised, is the abolition of slavery, one has to admit that never has such a gigantic revolution occurred with such rapidity. It will have a highly beneficial influence on the whole world."(2)

Today, we have to realize that throughout the civil war, especially at the beginning, white politicians in the North were plotting to bring an end to it. Lincoln managed to hold firm and get through—thanks also in part to the minority of whites more radical than him pushing and the Blacks who fought for themselves.

There is also a white academic trend today that we have to avoid called post-modernism. This post-modernism detracts from Lincoln because it believes all truth is relative. For them, Lincoln was the same as the whites who wanted to end the Civil War too soon and the whites who wanted slaves but said the issue was tariffs. The same people are likely to say the Civil War was unnecessary and the violence involved evil. The problem is that within white people, Lincoln represented whatever positive thrust there was at the time. Since that time, the white nation developed imperialism and consolidated its genocidal views and it lost all its progressive thrust. It is very doubtful that even the smartest politician today could get elected and trick the whites into progress.

Notes:

1. <http://www.marxists.org/history/international/iwma/documents/1864/lincoln-letter.htm>

2. http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1864/letters/64_11_29b.htm
For Marx's refutation of common myths about the war, see "The North American Civil War," October 1861.

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What is MIM?

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

2004 Amerikan presidential race watch: Dennis Kucinich

This MIM activist was approached by an alleged Dennis Kucinich supporter while tabling at a local peace event. She was adamant that Kucinich represents a progressive break from Amerikan politics as usual. She agreed that there's no difference between the Democrats and Republicans, going so far as to say that if Kucinich doesn't get the Democratic party nomination she would not be voting because there would be no point. She said "I'm practically a communist" trying to

explain that she expected MIM to like Kucinich's platform. (MIM does not know if this persyn is really a Republican trying to bait MIM or not, but we would like to discuss the issues raised anyway.)

While Dennis Kucinich is considered a long shot for the Democratic party nomination, it is particularly important for MIM to talk about candidates like him who gain the support of activists who share some or even many of MIM's goals. These candidates are sometimes

more dangerous than the right-wing reactionaries because they pose behind progressive-sounding rhetoric while misleading well-intentioned people into supporting the imperialist system. For this reason MIM kicks off our 2004 presidential campaign coverage with a review of Dennis Kucinich.

Dennis Kucinich opens his 10 point platform ("The Kucinich Platform: 10 Key Issues") stating "It's time for America to resume its glorious journey." This

statement pretty well summarizes MIM's fundamental disagreement with Kucinich. Amerika's glorious journey began with the massacre of indigenous people on the land now called the United States, moved on to importing and enslaving Africans, Asians and Latinos to use their free labor to build the wealth of the country, and then expanded outward to take control of the resources and labor in other countries through military force. All of
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Russian Maoist Party struggles against Euro-chauvinism

Reply of the Russian Maoist Party to the Call for the Anti-Imperialist Camp 2003: "Resist the Attack of the New American Fascism"

The Russian Maoist Party sincerely greets all the genuine revolutionary, anti-imperialist, progressive and democratic forces that have gathered in Assisi, Italy, this September to take part in the Anti-Imperialist Camp 2003. At the same time, we regret to state that we are unable to sign the Call for this Camp and, therefore, to take part in this international forum.

The declaration "Resist the Attack" is based on the most harmful delusion of the allegedly "peace-loving" nature of the U.N., as well as of some imperialist powers: France, Germany, Russia, etc. In reality, all of these are as integral a part of world imperialism as the United States. This truth is not invalidated and cannot be invalidated by the fact that, on the issue of the war in Iraq, they have taken a position that is in many respects the opposite of the American one. The imperialism of European countries or Russian imperialism is no better and no worse than their U.S. counterpart. The fact that U.S. imperialism acts as the main imperialist predator on the planet today can in no way serve as a justification for

France, Germany or Russia. It is sufficient to recollect the atrocities of the Russian army in Chechnya, perpetrated with the tacit approval of the European Council.

Marxism-Leninism has long ago and quite convincingly proven that inter-imperialist contradictions are caused by the objective laws of economic development. Differences between imperialists in dividing up the world are nothing but quarrels in the camp of our enemies. These differences can never become a basis for a truly anti-imperialist movement for peace. That is why those pacifists who are trying to base the strategy and tactics of the peace movement on differences among the imperialists are making a big mistake. The same mistake was committed by many Social-Democrats during World War I, when they came out in support of "their own" bourgeois governments.

The imperialism of the U.S.A. is indeed one of the most powerful enemies of the proletariat and the peoples of the world. But communists must never allow themselves to be fooled by bourgeois propaganda and they must always remember the words of Karl Liebknecht that the principal enemy of the workers

is in their own country. These words were true 100 years ago, they are still true today.

A similar mistake is the fetishization of Zionism—the imperialism of the Israeli state. While such feelings can be understood in the Arab national liberation movements, they can never be laid as a cornerstone of the politics of an international movement that is marching forward under the red flag of proletarian struggle.

We must state that the slogans of abstract, "non-class" (in reality, bourgeois) anti-Americanism in Europe and Russia are the rallying cry for the most reactionary forces in those countries. These social-chauvinists are trying to turn the proletariat away from the path of class struggle and onto the path of struggling for redividing the world in the interests of the local imperialists.

In these conditions, putting forward a declaration that accuses *exclusively* U.S. imperialism and thereby absolves and whitewashes the policies of the European states and Russia means playing into the hands of the bourgeoisie, confusing the proletariat, renouncing Marxism-Leninism. We regard the slogan of uniting "all those fighting against the new American fascism" as a

counterrevolutionary one, as these ranks include the fascists and the bourgeois in our countries.

In conclusion, we would like to express our sincere regret that this document has been signed by some genuine revolutionary forces, first and foremost our comrades of the Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP) and the Philippine BAYAN. We also hope that the Camp organizers will bring our critique of the declaration to the attention of all the member-organizations of the Anti-Imperialist Camp. Down with U.S. imperialism! Down with imperialism of all brands! Down with capitalism! Long live the red banner of Marxism-Leninism!

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Russian Maoist Party,

Dar ZHUTAYEV,
Chairperson of the RMP
Moscow, September 1, 2003

The Call for the Anti-Imperialist Camp 2003 can be read here: [www.antiimperialista.com/en/view.shtml?category=37&id=1055245641&keyword=+](http://www.antiimperialista.com/en/view.shtml?category=37&id=1055245641&keyword=)

Iraq war conscientious objector sentenced to prison

On September 7, Stephen Funk, a Marine reservist and activist in the anti-war movement, was convicted of leaving his unit without permission and sentenced to 6 months in prison.(1) After completing basic training, Funk refused to report to duty when his unit was activated for duty in February for the Iraq war. Instead he applied for conscientious objector status and attended anti-war rallies to speak out against the war.

Funk is 21 years old and was convinced to join the Marines during a period of depression and lack of direction in his life, after a recruiter told him the Marines would give him purpose and discipline. The military takes advantage of kids, particularly those from oppressed nations with few options out of high school, making the military attractive and offering money for college, without giving them the full picture of what they are expected to fight for and the possibility they might die. Funk has since devoted time to speaking to high school students explaining why they

should not join the military.

The charges filed against Funk were unusually harsh for an AWOL case. He was found innocent of the more serious charge: "desertion with intent to shirk important duty."(1) Funk's is the only conscientious objector from the recent Iraq war to be prosecuted so far.

On April 1 Funk turned himself in to the Marines after 47 days absence. He took his case public, holding a press conference which received world wide media attention. Funk was transferred to New Orleans along with more than 20 other Conscientious Objectors. None of the rest of them were prosecuted. In addition to the 6 month prison sentence, a jury of four marines recommended that he be given a bad conduct discharge, which means Funk will lose his military benefits. Lt. General Dennis McCarthy, commander of the Marine reserves, must still approve the sentence.

At a rally to free Stephen Funk in San Francisco a few days before his trial a

conscientious objector from the first Gulf War, Amy Ellison, spoke out about the importance of COs stepping forward to take anti-war stands. She pointed out that he was the only soldier to be activated and refuse to go. She has devoted many days to work on Funk's case, raising public awareness and funds for his defense.

Stephen Funk is a pacifist who opposes violence. This is the basis for his conscientious objector status. But he did not take the easy way out. As he stated "In the face of this unjust war based on deception by our leaders, I could not remain silent. I spoke out so that others in the military would realize that they also have a choice and a duty to resist immoral and illegitimate orders."(2) It is because of his vocal opposition to the war and the Amerikan military that the Marines are trying to make an example out of Funk.

In a country like Amerika that is built off the plunder of resources and exploitation of labor outside its borders, a

huge military is needed to maintain conditions friendly to this plunder and exploitation. As we now see in Iraq, the people of the world won't accept Amerikan imperialist domination without a fight. President Bush recognizes this and he is seeking an additional \$86 billion for military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.(3)

This is what the Amerikan military is fighting for: continued imperialist domination for the United States and continued wealth for the citizens within U.S. borders. MIM applauds Stephen Funk and other military resisters and former military personnel who realize this is not something they want to fight for and who instead devote their time to fighting Amerikan militarism.

Notes:

1. The Times-Picayune, September 7, 2003.
2. Written statement by Stephen Funk prior to trial.
3. Bush Presidential address, September 7, 2003

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this has resulted in a country whose wealth is matched by none and whose murder, exploitation, oppression and terrorism against the peoples of the world is also matched by none. There never was any “glorious journey” for Amerika unless there is glory in global imperialist domination.

Kucinich never states clearly what “glorious journey” he thinks America was on in the past, but he is pretty clear in outlining his vision for this journey in the future. Out of his ten key issues, nine focus on increasing the wealth, freedoms and services to Amerikan citizens. These are a good summary of Kucinich’s politics and MIM’s disagreement. Below we will address each point individually.

1. Universal Health Care with a Single Payer Plan. Socialized healthcare in and of itself is not a bad goal. However, Kucinich never addresses why it is that only “industrialized nations” provide national health care (as he notes). He is concerned that the U.S. lags behind on this service to its citizens, but does not address the appalling health care in the Third World where people die from easily preventable diseases. This is just the first glimpse of Kucinich’s Amerika-first plan. A glorious Amerika which provides for its citizens with its bountiful wealth. Wealth Kucinich seems to think is a god-given right of the country rather than something stolen from the oppressed people of the world.

2. Full Social Security Benefits at Age 65. This is another social issue that will have great appeal with Amerikans but which misses the internationalist point. Kucinich’s administration will make this possible “through a progressive tax structure and reordered national priorities.” Again not addressing where all that money being taxed comes from to allocate to national priorities.

3. Withdrawal from NAFTA and WTO. Kucinich’s main complaint is “Companies leave the U.S. in search of low wages, low commodity prices, anti-union climates, and lax environmental laws. NAFTA has been used to whipsaw workers at the negotiation table, forcing wages and benefit concessions under threat of moving jobs overseas.” This position underscores MIM’s problem with the anti-NAFTA and anti-WTO movements in general. They focus on the Amerikan workers getting a bad deal because jobs are going to other countries where labor is cheaper. This position fosters national chauvinism, telling workers here they deserve to keep their jobs at high wages. MIM says the capitalists need to be stopped from exploiting Third World workers, but it is not trade agreements that are causing this, and we certainly don’t think Amerikan workers deserve better jobs and higher wages than the rest of the world. Kucinich falls just short of calling for sealed borders to protect Amerikan jobs from those damn immigrants. As a “progressive” candidate he is walking dangerously close to the



extreme right protectionist wing of the bourgeoisie on this question.

4. Repeal the Patriot Act. This is Kucinich’s most progressive point and MIM agrees with him 100% on this one.

5. Right-to-Choose, Privacy, and Civil Liberties. This point is also progressive in that it would reduce imprisonment and protect abortion rights and expand the rights of gays and lesbians. Interestingly though Kucinich’s record on abortion rights was abysmal until recently: he consistently voted against abortion rights in Congress for years before suddenly changing his position with a brief explanation that he was persuaded by many dialogue with many wimmin on this question.

6. Balance between workers and corporations. Kucinich expands this point: “American workers are working longer and harder for less pay than 20 years ago. What’s needed is a resurgence of organized labor” This is very misleading and incorrectly focuses on labor within imperialist Amerika rather than taking an internationalist view.

MIM did a 20 year analysis of the conditions of workers in the year 2000 based on similar statements from the anti-WTO movement at that time. We refer readers to that article (MIM Notes 201, Jan 1, 2000.) The bottom line is that white workers in particular have not suffered over the last 20 years; their wealth increased. Black men did show a decline and were the hardest hit of legal workers in this country.

As MIM concluded in that article “All of these workers are making head-and-shoulders above the great majority of the world’s workers. Who’s up and who’s down may have an effect on political consciousness, but MIM does not look at any of these pay levels and conclude that these workers are being exploited on a world scale. Inequality and oppression do exist in the U.S., but economically everyone who’s got a legal at least minimum-wage job is not exploited in our book”

As MIM has explained at length, the majority of the workers in this country are benefiting from the exploitation of workers around the world. Giving them a bigger piece of the imperialist pie is just shifting around the superprofits. These workers are not creating the wealth they are sharing in and this parasitism needs to be eliminated along with the capitalists who perpetuate it. (See MIM Theory 1



Willie Nelson supports Kucinich.

& 10 and “Imperialism and Its Class Structure” on our web site, for a more thorough explanation).

7. Guaranteed quality education pre-K through college. This is another good goal in the abstract with the same problems as points 1 and 2.

8. A renewed commitment to peace and diplomacy. This is the only point out of the top ten that addresses international issues in any depth. And right away Kucinich reveals his imperialist ignorance (or willful blindness) as he opens his explanation of this point: “America will return to its role as the most admired—not hated—nation.” Amerika has not been the most admired nation for over a hundred and fifty years, since it fucked up reconstruction and set out on a whole-hearted imperialist path. The majority of the world’s people have only hatred and anger for the country that has brought and reinforced on them poverty, disease, military dictatorships, and exploiting and polluting corporations. Amerika may be admired by the leaders of other imperialist countries seeking to emulate it’s international terrorist ways that steal such great wealth, and by the people of those countries who seek to share in the superprofits like Amerikan citizens do, but it is not admired by the world’s oppressed.

Kucinich goes on to proclaim that he will promote non-violence “as an organizing principle in both domestic and international affairs” investing in domestic programs rather than the military. With this view of international affairs Kucinich could never succeed as president of imperialist Amerika. He seems to really believe that the wealth in this country comes from this country. He misses the fact that the Amerikan military is needed to maintain global hegemony and ensure continued flow of superprofits into Amerika. All that wealth he wants to redistribute to the Amerikan citizens rests on imperialist militarism.

Kucinich also misses that it is not just the Amerikan military that is violent, it is the many foreign governments that

Amerika has financed to keep in power so that they could serve Amerika’s interests. This “aid” would also have to be eliminated to truly pursue a non-violent foreign policy.

Of course if Kucinich could really get policies like these passed they would benefit the oppressed of the world because it would give them the opportunity to rise up against their lackey governments who would be deprived of the needed financial and military backing of the U.S. to keep them in place. However, Amerika is not run by just one man, and presidents get elected because of the interests they will serve. Capitalist corporations have tremendous power in picking who will run the country that helps maintain their wealth, and they will not let that person threaten their wealth in any way. Those corporations won’t let someone like Kucinich get elected any more than they will let Patrick Buchanan get elected.

The above analysis is taking Kucinich’s pacifist rhetoric at face value. But a quick look at his voting record in Congress demonstrates that he is not really about promoting non-violence. Under President Clinton, Kucinich voted for the “Iraq Liberation Act of 1998” which declared that it should be the policy of the U.S. to remove Saddam Hussein’s regime from power. Further, on his web site Kucinich reprints speeches in which he declares his support of the state of Israel in its terrorist war against the Palestinian people. And of course, like all the other good imperialist governing officials in congress (with the sole exception of California Democrat Barbara Lee), Kucinich voted for the September 14, 2001 resolutions authorizing the administration to use nearly unlimited force in response to the September 11 attacks. In practice Kucinich is like every other member of congress, participating in and supporting the imperialist system.

9. Restore rural communities and family farms. “A Kucinich administration will

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Eight workers die crossing border into the United States

Five migrants who died of heatstroke of dehydration were found in early August near the Mexican border in the Arizona desert.(1) These five people were traveling separately across the border and were found dead in Arizona and Texas. In mid-August another three migrants were found dead in Arizona. A Brazilian man died while crawling through an underground drainage tunnel in Texas and another man was found dead in the Franklin Canal in Texas.(2)

August is typically a bad month for Latinos attempting to cross the border between Mexico and the United States. The immigrants cross the border seeking livable wages, better living conditions, and money to send back to their families. But because the U.S. militarized its border to protect the wealth in this country, immigrants face a difficult journey which

for too many proves fatal. The heat of the summer makes the crossing particularly difficult as temperatures rise above 110 in the Arizona desert.

The deaths reported here are only a few of the hundreds who die every year. So far this year, at least 120 migrants died crossing into Arizona alone. Most of these deaths occur in the summer months. Last year 145 people are known to have died crossing into Arizona.(3)

As U.S. immigration intensifies its crackdown on the border, people must seek more and more difficult crossing points, leading to more deaths. These are deaths clearly attributable to capitalism. The border between the U.S. and Mexico serves capitalism by keeping cheap labor readily available to American corporations across the border, and protecting the wealth these corporations

bring home to imperialist country citizens.

In reality borders are an artificial creation. What is now known as the southwest in America is land stolen from Mexico. The border is now used as a tool to keep Third World workers in a situation of brutal exploitation. And even undocumented workers who do manage the dangerous crossing are forced to work for sweatshop wages because of their illegal status in the country.

An open border would provide a semblance of capitalist free trade, but few capitalist free-trade advocates support this action. This is because the advocates of free trade hope to open up more opportunities for exploitation of the people and resources of other countries. Open borders with Mexico would give all the people in Latin America, exploited by

American corporations and suffering from environmental devastation from polluting corporations, the chance to take advantage of at least some of the wealth stolen from them. But it would also push to equalize the wages internationally among workers, which means American workers wages would drop. These deaths on the border are a human sacrifice to keep American labor aristocracy wages high.

Notes:

1. Immigration News Briefs, Vol. 6, No. 33 - August 15, 2003, published by Nicaragua Solidarity Network, wnu@igc.org.

2. Immigration News Briefs, Vol. 6, No. 34 - August 22, 2003

3. Centerdaily.com, August 12, 2003, Arizona State College.

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break up agricultural monopolies and restore a strong, independent family farm system with fair prices for farmers and healthy food for consumers." This position is similar to the others that intend to help the American people get a bigger piece of the pie now being hogged by the corporations. But this one also has its own distinct chauvinism in missing the role that American agriculture plays in decimating the agricultural systems of Third World countries, and the role that cheap agricultural products imported from the Third World play in subsidizing American kitchens. Once again Kucinich demonstrates his limited vision of the world which seems to stop at the U.S. borders.

10. Environmental renewal and clean energy. This point addresses the need for stronger environmental policies and greater use of sustainable energy within the U.S. It does not address the environmental devastation caused by American corporations in Third World countries. Kucinich does claim that "Globally, the U.S. will become a leader in sustainable energy production and a partner with developing nations in providing inexpensive, local, renewable energy technologies." But he doesn't tell us how the U.S. will get there. And as history has demonstrated, the U.S.

"partnering" with "developing nations" has meant environmental destruction, economic collapse, agricultural devastation, and poverty and suffering for the people.

Dennis Kucinich is a Democrat and currently a member of the House of Representatives for Ohio. He claims to have opposed Bush's war on Iraq and led anti-war opposition in the U.S. House. This is one of Kucinich's more positive points recently: his opposition to the war in Iraq. But as is explained above, Kucinich only opposes imperialist intervention in certain circumstances.

The fact that Kucinich is running as a Democrat illustrates nicely MIM's point that you have to be a part of one of the imperialist parties to win the presidency. Kucinich may be a long shot for president, but he recognizes who has the power in this country. And in the end, even if someone elected to president suddenly changed their mind about supporting the issues and positions of all their financial and political supporters and decided to oppose imperialism, still they would not be able to take any effective action. The country is run by the imperialists. And the imperialists will not give up power without a fight.

This is why MIM is a revolutionary party. We know what it takes to bring

down imperialism, and it is more than words. We don't run candidates in the imperialist presidential election because we see that as defeatist. We know we can't win that battle right now. And we don't want to legitimize the system by running a candidate as if our candidate

would be able to implement a revolutionary agenda if s/he won.

If you want to work for real change in the American government work with MIM and join the struggle on the side of the oppressed people of the world.

Notes: www.kucinich.us

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.

REPORTS SAYS PEOPLE'S WAR ADVANCING IN NEPAL

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comrades waging People's War and upholding Mao and the Cultural Revolution in Nepal. In India and Nepal, MIM recognizes no particular leadership or party, because among parties carrying out the universal and internationalist duties of upholding Mao, the "Gang of Four" and the Cultural Revolution and carrying

out People's War, local concerns should be paramount.

MIM's position may change as we obtain information on the consolidation of the Maoists into one party. At the present, we do not believe it is possible or wise for imperialist country comrades to do otherwise.

Note:

1. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/3102718.stm

2. <http://www.nepalnews.com/>

3. http://quickstart.clari.net/qs_se/webnews/wed/ab/Qnepal-parliament.R2rz_Dl5.html

The Five Year Plan for web traffic

This resolution passed at the 2003 MIM Congress.

Setting a goal

Right now we are getting 1000 different people a day [at our website], 30,000 a month taking 2.3 web pages each on average, excluding graphics. At it's height, the Black Panther Party had a newspaper circulation of 100,000. Probably, the Black Panther readers read more than three pages on average per month. Amongst bourgeois papers, "the Nation" is the respectable mainstream "left" at about 100,000 readers and only papers like the USA Today and Wall Street Journal can cross the 1 million mark in print.

At 500,000 we come into range of the elite like the New York Times in print. The really big news websites like CNN and nakednews.com still come in at the less than 10 million mark. I believe it is safe to say that at 500,000 we become huge by 1970s print journalism standards and something that cannot be ignored by

21st century standards.

The impact

For some of us, having MIM at the 500,000 circulation level would have obvious impact. Today when the mainstream papers want to venture into an exotic discussion of opinions, they likely mention "The Nation," which is a tired old social-democratic publication. We had a complete rarity recently when both the New York Times and the Washington Post mentioned the Workers World Party, because of the demonstrations against the war in Iraq.

Today when the government wants to spin or cover up something, the officials give "special" access to a handful of selected journalists who in turn dutifully put whatever angle on a question seems needed by Uncle Sam at the moment. Yet, with MIM at 500,000 readers, the risks to the rulers start to enter a whole new realm, and the bourgeois media will be the first to feel the heat. The bourgeois

media may choose to cover something a certain way, but the risk will be that MIM will make the public notice.

The details

At 100% annual growth, which MIM has experienced at some periods, MIM would obtain more than 500,000 readers in four years. For this reason, even under optimistic assumptions of steady work, we are making this plan a "Five Year Plan."

If growth is only 50% annually which is what we have seen at our low point these past two months, it will take us 7 years to reach our goal. Of course, that is using the past as a guideline and not assuming a huge political acceleration of events. Someone with real money could make all this happen much quicker. Otherwise, a timeline of 4 to 7 years seems realistic for our goal.

To achieve our goals, I would also like to break down how many users we might see by department each month.

Art—320,000 users
 RAIL—50,000 users
 Agitation—100,000 users
 Notas Rojas—50,000 users
 Bookstore—100,000 users
 Countries page—100,000 users
 Languages other than English and Spanish—100,000

We will also need some completely new ideas, such as discussion forums and famous bloggers. Hopefully we will improve our work with a number of areas ranging from discussion of the A.L.K.Q.N. to Confucianism and its role or non-role in economic development in Asia.

Thus far, the "big ideas" that are a success are having an art page, a RAIL page, a movies page, an agitation page, a Chinese page, a Spanish page, a bookstore, and a Black Panther archive. If you have any "big ideas" or ways of assisting an increase in MIM's readership, please contact us.

Summary statistics comparing August 2002 and August 2003

This month had weak traffic as usual in August. Traffic was even worse than usual, because of various technical difficulties and the fact that many could not reach the website for several days thanks to the historic blackout.

Statistic	August, 2002	August, 2003	% change
Number of different computers MIM served	14803	26933*	+82%
Avg. MIM pages served per day	1676	2085	+24.4%
MIM data transferred (Mb/day)	94.7	75.00	-20.8%
MIM Notes (English) printed copies compared with pre-911=100		67	
All language newspapers printed copies compared with pre-911=100		67	
MIM prison circulation averaged over two months Jan 2002=100		31	
Number of Art page users	Unknown	4109	
Number of different MIM web page files actively chosen from	2992	3584	19.8%
Amazon visitors sent from web page	139	433	+212%

*This report excludes all art, and most robots and developer hits for 2003 but not 2002.

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'Animal libbers' bomb big pharma

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congress vote in 1999 on Veganism and "animal rights": "There is no meaningful non-religious view that holds the 'rights' of animals to be similar to those of humyns with regard to 'murder.' 'Deep ecology' is often just deep religion." (2) MIM approaches the issues of the environment and "animal rights" from the standpoint of the group of people in the world with no property, with 'nothing to lose but their chains:' the proletariat. MIM is thus unabashedly anthropocentric—but we recognize the value of environmental protection for humyn health reasons.

Ironically, the "Revolutionary Cells" compare their struggle to those of oppressed people around the world: "From palestine to euskal herria, from the jungles of colombia to northern ireland, the struggle will continue until all of the oppressive institutions are destroyed!" MIM finds these comparisons offensive. The oppressed and exploited peoples of the world are fighting national liberation struggles against their imperialist oppressors. While millions of people are

dying around the world at the hands of imperialism the "Revolutionary Cells" focuses it's energy on animal deaths for the research of one pharmaceutical company which is researching drugs to fight cancer and infectious diseases.

MIM is under no illusions about capitalist pharmaceutical companies. They research drugs that benefit a small minority of wealthy people who live long enough to suffer from diseases such as cancer. And they patent their drugs and restrict access to those who have the real need in Third World countries, allowing people to die so that profits won't be threatened. Chiron is no different than the rest. They research TB and HIV but have taken no initiative to distribute their drugs or screening procedures to the Third World where they are most needed but unaffordable.

Only under socialism will we be able to resolve the contradictions between humyns and their environment. Only then can we ensure an end to animal research for luxury production and access to needed food and drugs for all of the

worlds people.

Notes:

1. http://directaction.info/news_aug29_03.htm
2. The resolution on veganism and "animal rights" also states: "The party will not guarantee an end to animal research, but it will guarantee an end to animal research in luxury production. Extending life and health of humyns is not luxury production. Cosmetics are luxury production."

"The Maoist emphasis on the applied nature of scientific advance will also ensure that many types of scientific research carried out strictly for the profit, bureaucratic or turf interests of certain scientists will be abolished. Resources will be re-allocated to other scientific endeavors. ... "The dictatorship of the proletariat will abolish luxury production of animal furs and other animal products."

For the complete resolution, see: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/wim/cong/vegan.html>.



A real Mideast peace initiative owed by united States

This passed at MIM's 2003 Congress.

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

The Soviet Union's leader from 1924 to 1953, Stalin attempted to establish a Jewish state on Soviet territory, but the one currently occupying Palestinian land was more popular. Non-Zionist Jewish nationalists considered the Soviet territory and other places outside of Palestine.

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

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

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

If all Jews are bankers like many deluded people seem to believe, then those Jews surely know that \$100 billion is nothing, especially given the power to print money and create credit under capitalism. \$100 billion would only be a difficulty in a world with no unemployed



people. Creating that much credit on paper or printing that much money for the future to do some work with people currently unemployed or moved from other jobs—such a feat is actually trivial, even within capitalism. Immigration and economic expansion only angers the out-of-luck “loser” minority of the labor aristocracy hankering for closed borders and an exclusive relationship with u\$. monopoly bankers.

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

The truth is that the United States also backed the despicable apartheid regime and related settler regime “Rhodesia” in southern Africa ruled by former Nazis and Nazi-sympathizers. In those regimes white minorities ruled African majorities without even granting those Africans the usual capitalist or “democratic” rights. There is nothing new about support for I\$rael and other settler societies: it's quite Amerikkkan, and has nothing to do with a Jewish mafia.

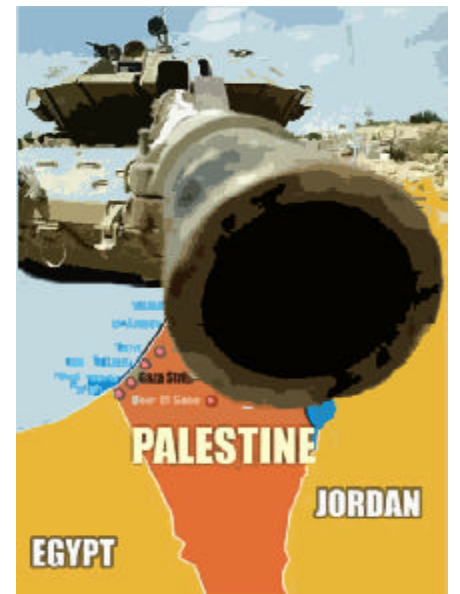
The example of I\$rael contributes to international instability and increases the likelihood of a species-ending disaster. In

the back of their minds, even the most apathetic Amerikkkans believe that the Mideast could be the world's undoing, even as they favor I\$raeli imperialism.

The example of I\$rael encourages all nations in the world to catch the eye of the united States and then take land from people not lined up with Uncle Sam's interests in oil or other resources. The example is receiving billions in rewards each year for carrying out land-grabbing war in the name of fighting “terrorism” or other bugaboos. Such an example sends the wrong message globally. What may not have resulted in nuclear catastrophe when President Andrew Jackson led genocidal raids against the First Nations might very well end the species in the year 2003.

The economical, technological and military level of development now enjoyed by I\$rael is artificially kept up from without—for the most part by direct aid from united States, as well as by I\$rael's participation, as an imperialist nation, in the super-exploitation of the Third World. I\$rael would be incapable of sustaining that level by itself.

The I\$raeli state, as well as thinking and practices of the majority of its citizens, are based on the vicious ideology of Zionism which, in its present form, may or may not qualify as full-fledged fascism,



but is certainly as genocidal, authoritarian and oppressive a form of bourgeois ideology as there could be. We should also note that I\$rael does not even qualify as a full-fledged bourgeois democracy, insofar as it is not a secular state—it privileges Judaism as a state religion.

We call for the unconditional stoppage of military deliveries to I\$rael by any foreign countries. We also envisage a thorough de-Zionisation of the country under international control. As we have no illusions about the present-day international community, we envisage this international control as a military dictatorship over I\$rael by the exploited and oppressed, similar to what happened to Hitler's Germany under Soviet occupation after the Second World War. It is the best thing the I\$raelis could hope for to move forward their own thinking as a people. We encourage individuals to think about what Germans had to face in 1945 and 1946 and how a change of thought had to come about.

We refuse to acknowledge the terrorism charge levied against the Palestinians. They only fight for their nation the way they can against occupiers. We also believe that indiscriminate violence by the Palestinians and other oppressed people against I\$raeli citizens, as well as all Zionists irrespective of their citizenship, cannot be condemned by Communists at the present time. However, indiscriminate violence or pogroms against Jews who are not citizens of I\$rael or Zionists, for the simple reason that they are Jews, is anti-Semitism and continues to be as reactionary as it always has been. On another count, we are opposed to *politically anonymous* violence, such as the bombings of apartment houses in Moscow in 1999. We mean attacks for which no political organization or group has taken responsibility. As a good general practice, we recommend revolutionaries to attribute any terrorist attack for which no one has claimed responsibility to the efforts of the secret services, such as the CIA, the Mossad or the Russian FSB.

Million Youth March brings forward progressive Black nationalism

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“Black knowledge is Black power,” said one speaker. Another speaker said, “I don't want to know what kind of furniture you have in your living room. I want to know how many books you have on your shelves!”

There was a positive mention of the Azanian struggle in Soweto. A speaker said that the struggle is not going on with the ANC in South Africa anymore. While referring to Nelson Mandela as a “great man,” the speaker made it clear that “putting a Black man in charge of a white

power structure” is not going to solve Black people's problems.

Speakers opposed the war in Iraq and activists with tables passed out literature opposing the war. One speaker demanded reparations and to “stop this unjust, unfair, immoral war in Iraq.”

One of the very last speakers addressed student organization. He asked students that if their Black student union is only organizing parties and social events, “then you need to get another one!” Likewise, another speaker said there was no

excuses, because “if you don't like any of the organizations you see here, then make your own.”

On hand in addition to the NOI and New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense were the newspaper sellers for the International African Militant, Nation Time: The Voice of the New Afrikan Liberation Front and People's War Magazine. This last magazine devoted much space to hip-hop. The Ghetto Liberation Political Party provides its political leadership and has issued joint statements with MIM in the past.

Freedom in action for ex-Soviet peoples

Taking a tour of Brighton Beach in Brooklyn

As the ex-Soviet Union continues in its second decade of “freedom,” I went to check on what it all means to the Russian community in Brooklyn and some of the most politically correct communities in North Amerika containing ex-Soviet people. Something I hadn’t noticed in Brooklyn before was the “Baku Palace.” It looks new.

On the outside, the Baku Palace is the snazziest building in Brighton Beach, the Russian-speaking community. Water flows down the side. Outside, wimmin in dresses and high heels and men in suits stand around smoking. The operative rule: if you have money, flash it. If you don’t have money, pretend that you do and flash it anyway. I didn’t dare go in and that was part of the point for riff-raff like me.

The next stop is a Russian bookstore in Montreal. I find myself surrounded by alternative healing, psychic reading, aura photographing and sex-life-improving manuals. Between them here and there are some cheap detective novels. Naively, I asked the shopkeeper if by chance they have Lenin’s full oeuvre. “What, what, what?” — she uttered in utter surprise and disbelief. I repeated my silly request. “God forbid, who needs him... Here is a good book. Very popular. ‘How to decode inner voices speaking in your head.’ Trust me, this is what you need. This is what everybody needs.” I left the store wondering if she just offered me the local best seller or assumed that something is wrong with my head.

Next I checked a CD store in Brooklyn. My degenerate eyes turned toward a whole section. What was it, I asked myself. Was Russia now exporting CDs filled with pornographic images? Just imagine how much could fit on each CD with modern technology. And how many wimmin could be employed in a profession disallowed by Stalin, in his obviously economically inefficient ways, but then I wondered how they would be able to pay the thousands of models all fitting on one cheap piece of plastic. As I was pondering this mystery of pay for Russian porno models, I figured, out, no, it’s just that Russian singers know even better than Britney Spears and Beyonce that a direct pornographic pose on a CD

jacket will do more to sell than anything else. So I was in the “free” music section. I can see it already, the liberation of teenage boys and the teenage boy in everyone—brought about by the open return to capitalism in the Soviet Union. There should be a day of memorial just for that. We had October Revolution holidays in the past and now we can have “Long Live Britney Spears Day!” and the Russian equivalent of course.

The high point of my investigation was the newsstand in Brooklyn—the wonders of freedom. “New Russian Word” is the most serious of the newspapers available. It’s filled with hatred for various targets, including some ignorant discussion of “affirmative action” in recent years. It seems that the “New Russian Word” wishes to speak for all those downtrodden and exploited whites of Eastern Europe wishing to replace Blacks in Amerikkka if only they could get the green card. If only the Amerikkkans would push down the Blacks, Latinos and others some more, there’d be more space for the whites or something like that. In point of fact, in real freedom, there’d be freedom of the borders, and everyone would live in Brooklyn, perhaps with some overflow into Florida.

However, I digress. It’s not just “New Russian Word.” Heavens, everyone knows you might disagree with one newspaper, but freedom will protect us. There are stacks of papers—testimony to the greatness of Western-style freedom. Each one of them brings something “diverse” to Liberal society especially now that Russians have tasted freedom for so long, the product is especially rich.

This week, there was no contest. All the papers offered standard pornographic covers and headlines, but one scooped all the rest: “Elena Proklova running naked in the street after husband.” (Elena Proklova is a well-known Russian actress.) This made me feel quite optimistic about Russia and the future of all humynkind. Two or three generations ago, Russians had to fight to defeat Hitler and build rockets. Now they can relax and enjoy themselves with Elena Proklova, because capitalism has

liberated the media to compete for our money. Who would have known about Elena Proklova’s talents for entertaining us this way without a free press? What could any of Lenin’s or Stalin’s newspapers say to that?

Then I think of the writers employed in such trade publications as did not exist in the bad old days of Leninist censorship. Not only was Elena Proklova entertaining all of us, but she was bringing such meaningful employment to writers, not previously allowed under the inefficient economic system of Lenin and Stalin.

Next I turned on the radio in Brooklyn. It just so happens the Russian language radio station was talking about a heroic escape of a Soviet Jew to the United States. The hero of the story, the Soviet Jew expressed his appreciation of one those who contributed to his successful escape in the following terms: “He was a very nice man. Even though not a Jew. Well, it happens sometimes.”

What with such freedom of the individual to speak, it will be a matter of just a few years before we achieve harmony of the nationalities, probably starting with the richest ones in Amerikkka first, before Liberalism penetrates the thick skulls of the ex-Soviet Union some generations hence.

Lest anyone think that it is only the Jews making contributions to the good Liberal society to come, I have found that other nationalities contribute 10 times more. I visited a church where former Soviet Armenians had the following discussion. It was about the difference between life in one part of Armenia versus another—separated by a distance about the diagonal length of Brooklyn. It turns out that one type of Armenians was so foolish as to live too far away from the center of Armeniadam, and they were now known as “whores of the Muslims” not “true Armenians,” because they had “mixed with them” and don’t even have the “right accent.”

There was one ex-Soviet perysn I met

that confessed to not being able to make contributions to the good Liberal society to come. In a third Amerikkkan haven of political correctness, I sat in a cafe with a well connected Azeri from Azerbaijan. It seems that some Amerikkkan Christian missionaries have sought permission to spread their views in Azerbaijan. The local police chief would not allow it even after an order from the national government. Then a congressman from the United States got involved. Everyone thought that now Azerbaijan was going to see the light of liberty for sure. However, the police chief insisted that if he allowed Amerikkkan Christians to preach, he would have to let the others preach as well and in a region with Georgians, two types of Muslims and even some Jews, this was going to result in a virtual civil war, because they were that close to killing each other anyway.

Not to worry though, because the Azerbaijan man assured me that it was the older generation who had some reference point in handling the nationalities. In the future the young “hot-heads” will simply not know how to deal with each other at all, and the various nationalities will kill each other off. They will exercise the freedom of speech and elections (voting to kill off the other side). Then the remainder that survives will grant itself rights that all Amerikkkans hold dear—just like that great model of freedom, the Wild West.

How silly it was for Stalin to force all these people together in his brutal dictatorship in one economic system. In time though, we can forget about him, and think of him as a quaint relic, because by airing our diverse differences we will come together. We will live a life of great freedom and diversity. Yes, as long as our children grow up in an atmosphere where they can turn on the Jewish radio station or go to the Armenian church, they will find the final solution to the nationalities question that Stalin never could have.

What questions do YOU have?

Wasn’t Mao a butcher? Why do you spell it “Amerika”? Shouldn’t you try non-violence first? What is internationalism? Isn’t hating white people reverse racism? Why don’t you leftists work together? Why don’t you tone it down? What is a cardinal principle? What is your program? What is necessary to join MIM? What concrete actions can I take? How do I write articles for MIM? What is your copyright policy?

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American, Sunday effectively dramatize relevant history

The Quiet American (2002)
Phillip Noyce, dir.
Starring Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser, Do Thi Hai Yen

Bloody Sunday (2002)
Paul Greengrass, dir.
Paramount Classics

MIM recommends both of these films as artistic portrayals of real-life events. *The Quiet American*, based on the Graham Greene novel of the same name, is a stylized account of early American intervention in Vietnam. Although fictionalized, the characters and events are based on real people and events, and the film manages to convey under-the-surface truths in a powerful way. *Bloody Sunday*, on the other hand, is shot quasi-documentary style, and effectively captures the feeling that anything was possible at the height of the civil rights movement in the early 1970s in British-occupied northern Ireland.

Both films have contemporary relevance. *The Quiet American* shows how the American CIA used Vietnamese middlemen to carry out terrorism to further its own, ostensibly “democratic” ends. These tactics ultimately convinced many Vietnamese (and their friends) that the Americans and their quislings were enemies of the Vietnamese people. Faced with overt and covert violence, the Vietnamese took up arms to defend themselves.

The march at the center of *Bloody Sunday* was to protest the British policy of internment, which gave the army and police the authority to hold people without trial. Similar measures are part of the USA Patriot Act. Again, rather than quell dissent or stop the nascent movement for armed struggle in British-occupied Ireland, the abusive internment policy sparked an anti-internment mass movement—and the murderous crackdown on this movement led many to conclude that only armed resistance could be effective.

The Quiet American. The central conceit of this film is the conflict between the idealistic American Pyle (Brendan Fraser) and the jaded English journalist Fowler (Michael Caine) over Fowler’s lover, the Vietnamese woman Phoung (Do Thi Hai Yen). Pyle—who is in fact a CIA agent—presents himself as a medical aid worker who cares too much about the people of Vietnam not to get involved. Fowler claims he never gets involved and just wants to live his life in peace. The central scene in the film is an act of terrible violence which pulls down Pyle’s “caring” façade and convinces Fowler to take action on behalf of the Vietnamese—in the right way and for the right reasons. The scene is moving in its own right and noteworthy because it says so much (correct) about American rhetoric, motivations, and actions in Vietnam as well as the Vietnamese response—all in about five minutes. It conveys the kernel of what we Maoists call rational or



Michael Caine in *The Quiet American*.

theoretical knowledge about the war in Vietnam through art, rather than through journalism or history.

The character of Phoung is the weak link in the triangle. Both as a woman and as a symbol for Vietnam she is far too passive and dependent on Western support—although one could take this as a criticism of Vietnam’s colonial status at the time.

Bloody Sunday. Often historical films portray the past as something monolithic and mechanical, as if history were a train chugging along its set course. *Bloody Sunday* avoids this temptation. It evokes the feeling that no one (outside perhaps of a very few army officers) knew that January 30, 1972 would end with a massacre of unarmed marchers by the British army. It also manages to portray history as a struggle. There is a struggle between the Irish and British camps, and there are struggles within each—between pacifists and radicals among the marchers, and between “moderate” officers who preferred to quietly arrest a few leaders and aggressive officers who wanted (and got) a wide-spread crackdown. Aside from its artistic merits, *Bloody Sunday* deserves credit for popularizing what is now known about the British army’s plans that day and the subsequent cover-up.(1)

Although shot in a realistic style, using hand-held cameras and few professionally-trained actors (former marchers and soldiers play themselves),

the filmmakers put a lot of thought into exactly which events to portray and how, so viewers get a sense of the causes underlying the events of the day, even while they experience some of the confusion that always accompanies political struggle and military action.

On the protestors’ side, *Bloody Sunday* focuses on Ivan Cooper of the Social Democratic Labor Party, a supporter of non-violence. As is clear from the film’s ending and the DVD commentary, the filmmakers share Cooper’s analysis that *Bloody Sunday* was the high-water mark of the non-violent civil rights movement; after the British army’s crackdown prolonged armed struggle was inevitable. Cooper concludes the film saying the British army’s “Bloody Sunday” massacre was the IRA’s biggest victory, in the sense that it was a crackerjack advert for the IRA.

MIM agrees with Cooper on this point and has often said similar things in the past, namely that the brutality of the status quo and its defenders does more to create allies for MIM’s revolutionary cause than MIM’s eloquence alone ever could. However, there is an implicit criticism in Cooper’s stance, to the effect that armed struggle is always an impetuous mistake with particular appeal to the youth. While this is true in particular circumstances—MIM does not advocate armed struggle in America today and is critical of groups like the American Weather Underground, who made armed struggle a point of morality, rather than an issue of strategic effectiveness—it is not true in general. When non-violent struggle to eliminate the everyday violence of hunger and poverty is consistently opposed with violence, the oppressed must consider all of their options. There is no moral value in using an ineffective weapon. Historically, violent struggle to overthrow the oppressors has done more to end violence than appeals to God the oppressors’ conscience—witness the American Civil

War and the great gains in life expectancy in the Soviet Union and China after their successful socialist revolutions.(2)

Both of these films are out on DVD as of July 2003. The many extras on “*Bloody Sunday*” are full of historical details that deepen the viewer’s understanding. For example, the director’s commentary includes an interesting discussion on the relationship between the armed Republican movement and the marchers—which was not one of 100% agreement, but neither was it antagonistic. The extras on “*The Quiet American*” are shallow and can be skipped, except for the comments of the Vietnamese filmmakers on the central bombing scene. Interested viewers can check out further reading on Vietnam at MIM’s bookstore: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/bookstore/books/index.html#A>.

Notes:

1. For more on the background to *Bloody Sunday* and the British Army’s cover-up, see our review of “Sunday,” another docudrama.

2. For more on questions of armed struggle, see MIM’s Frequently Asked Questions pages: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/faq/violence.html> and <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/faq/philviolence.html>.

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What's New @ MIM's Homepage

Florida Latin Kings targeted

May the Almighty bring the blessings to the Latin King Queen Nation. This is to let you know that Latin Kings here in Florida struggle likewise. In the state of Florida Kings are the most sought STG. The administration tries to keep five members minimum in population. As we are pinpointed it only makes it worse. I feel for the Lord whose mail and phone calls are monitored. . .

—a Florida prisoner, 24 August 2003

MIM replies: This letter highlights some of the specific repression that organized political prisoners face. This prisoner went on to offer hope for a religious salvation from this repression. MIM disagrees with this writer that god will save the Latin Kings and Queens and reminds our comrades that only sustained political struggle and eventual revolution will bring about real change for prisoners in Amerika!

Staying in touch and spreading the word in Florida

I'm writing this letter in response to concerns of my comrades. First off it's been over a month since I last wrote and I would really love to receive the MIM Notes and anything else that will help me in the future. I've also been doing what I can to spread the word but it's rough. When you mention what we stand for people get scared. Believe I haven't given up the struggle and never will as long as y'all don't give up on me. . . Keep up the good work.

—a Florida prisoner, 18 August 2003

MIM responds: We know that a lot of our comrades have been concerned that since they may not have received MIM Notes in a while that we have forgotten about them or that they've been censored. We can assure you we have not forgotten you, but our mailing system has been irregular and we are working on catching up. In the meantime, keep spreading the word with the papers you do have and keep us informed of censorship notices you get.

Rhode Island mailroom censors, ignores its own rules

I received your letter dated 28 July 03 about a week or so ago. In regards to receiving notice about the Red Book [rejection]. No, I was never given notice in writing as R.I. DOC policy for mail 24 01-3 requires. I was not given verbal notice either. Too, the mail policy does not allow for the mailroom officer to send any books back. An inmate is required to put in a request form or grievance when mail is not delivered, pending the decision it is supposed to be kept with storage. If denied, which usually happens, then it is on the inmate to pay to have it returned to sender or have it sent out with a visit.

This is part of a campaign by the prison administration to harness me. Counting the Red Book, this is the 6th time books were sent here only to be rejected on security or other frivolous grounds. I have been grieving

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all of this only to be denied. The lawsuit with the ACLU has yet to be filed. I think we prisoners are getting jerked around by the ACLU.

My mail in particular has been tampered with both incoming and outgoing. All my legal motions which I have sent to Providence Superior court, which deal with me seeking to be released from prison, the court clerk claims they haven't received them. Between the courts or prison, I'm being messed with.

—a Rhode Island prisoner, 11 August 2003

The oppressive conditions at Georgia State Prison

The oppression begins with the issuing of food which has been poorly prepared. The powder eggs carry odor that make them impossible to eat. The beef gravy without the beef, the watered down juice, the small portions which is so often cold when trays are delivered. This is an ongoing deprivation of proper nourishment.

I'm limited to 1 bar of soap, 1 roll of toilet paper and 1 tube of toothpaste a week. Because prison officials have disregarded their own policy of replacing hygiene items on an as needed bases, and has trained its officers to disregard the need for replacement of hygiene items.

In the lock down unit in which I'm confined to my cell 24 hours a day, "M-2" convicts are not allowed to flush the toilets so they won't flush from the inside of the cell, and officers have control of flushing the toilets. We are forced to live with body waste in the toilets until the officers decide to flush them.

In this same lock down unit "M-2," we are not being allowed to clean the cells out on a regular basis. It has gotten so bad as once a month.

The laundry service is so poor that when sending laundry out, you can expect it to be half clean and dingy.

There are also no religious services of any kind.

Although the policy states that I'm supposed to be allowed one hour of outside yard, 5 days a week, we are not allowed out five days a week or given 5 hours a week.

There are no educational programs of any kind.

We are not allowed to view the news or newspaper provided. The library may deliver books once a month and if they do, it's never what I requested or close to it. The law library is rarely open, and we are not being allowed the 2 hours a week as the policy required.

The overall problem at this prison is the oppression that's directed by prison officials. It's also directed to stop the uplifting of fallen humanity or any hope of rehabilitation and supports the recreation of idleness and illiteracy.

—a Georgia prisoner, 19 August 2003

IMU in Oregon

I finally got my MIM Notes and I really enjoyed reading about how you expose the department of corrections dark side. Here in Oregon you see a lot of human rights violations such as: being placed in a program called IMU (Intensive Management Unit) without a probable cause, if your institution feels you're a threat to them or the prison population you're placed in this program, but first you go to segregation for six months, then you go to IMU and depending on what DOC says you could stay there up to five years. IMU is a max custody unit. But they have made it out to be like segregation. According to DOC if you're in a max custody unit you're supposed to receive your property in IMU. You have to earn it by doing programs. Because you people expose such acts and believe that it should be changed I enjoy your MIM Notes.

—an Oregon prisoner, August 2003

Letter to ULK Writers

We are extremely fortunate that MIM Notes has extended itself to open its pages to our inside voices here in ULK. Therefore, we have an obligation and should be mindful not to diminish these few precious pages into mere complaint columns. We must now take further advantage of this revolutionary tool and use ULK as a vehicle for organization, mobilization, agitation and propagation of strategic prison resistance, as well as a monitor for these progressive activities such as the National Plantation Psychosis Awareness Committee is doing with its state-wide and progressive 3-strike backlash campaign to resist CDC's illegal practice of FORCED double celling of which we encourage you to support, promote, propagate and participate in. For further details on this state-wide e-strike Backlash Campaign see ULK #271 "Fighting the 3-strike law in California."

Our overall journalistic skills are well honed, in that our conditions of deprivation, degradation, etc. have been well defined and documented throughout ULK. However, what we intend or propose to do about these conditions remain for the most part silent, un-addressed and outright avoided, altogether, which is a grave injustice to the full potential of ULK and a disadvantage to our own struggle. This brand of so-called "discretion" of which we are currently practicing in ULK is but a cover-up and fancy term for revolutionary default, in that with each article of oppression that we submit we must also submit a proposed course of action to be taken against these oppressions and follow through with regular updates and developments of these proposed courses of action.

If you don't know how to organize, mobilize

or agitate your environment into a collective resistance against these oppressive conditions of deprivation, exploitation, racism, degradation and imperialism then I suggest that you take further advantage of the MIM Theory study group in California and sign up for the upcoming course on political line, strategy and tactics to further develop your social/political skills in organizing and mobilization. Remember, change is not an issue, it is an ACTION.

In struggle, NPPAC-MOD, Sept 2003

MIM adds: We agree with our comrade from NPPAC that it is not enough to just describe the conditions of oppression, we must go further to organize and make change. Your ideas for action can include suggestions for what people on the outside can do to help with the struggle. And you can work with the MIM-led prisoner organization, United Struggle from Within (USW), to build a strong movement against the criminal injustice system. In addition to the study group for California prisoners, MIM offers many opportunities for political education and

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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.

struggle. So if you're not sure what you can do to contribute check out the pages of MIM Notes and write to us with your questions and ideas.

CALIFORNIA PRISON NEWS



Repression in Soledad

I'm in Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP) [in Soledad] "new" ad-seg building, and if you haven't heard yet, it's the Department of Corrections latest attempt to further dehumanize the prisoners. The space is illegally too small for the two men they cram together. The urinal is literally less than 3 feet away from the bottom bunk facing you. The 4 foot by 4 inch window at the top of the roof barely provides anything more than decoration. Sometimes when they find they are bored we'll be allowed yard time, where you and your cellmate are put in a dog-like cage with a sink and toilet. I just got here but I'll be here, maybe till November. Things are getting worse every day.

- a California prisoner, August 2003

I am writing to let you know that the book you have sent to me called "Bury my heart at wounded knee" is here at the institution. I have not been able to retrieve the book because of a state of emergency lock down which we have been placed on. A correctional officer was seriously injured by an inmate with a weapon on a totally different facility, but yet those that are housed on other yards and facilities are subjected to the same oppressive treatment and lockdown as those on the facility where the incident actually occurred.

Here are some of the conditions in which we suffer at the present time. 1. We have been locked in our cells since June 23 of this year. 2. We have not been given an hour a day of

exercise yard or had any fresh air or exposure to the sun since June 23. 3. We are being cell fed very small portions of half cooked food. 4. The administration is using the state budget as an excuse for not providing the staff to run any programs, that includes shower programs, yard programs, education and vocational programs, etc.

The administration and institutional staff are ignoring the fact that most of the inmates in SVSP need a trade in order to be considered for a parole date. We are not being provided with the opportunity to accomplish a trade or a GED.

Salinas Valley State prison is quite oppressive, and its agenda is industrial rather than rehabilitating.

— another SVSP prisoner, August 2003

I am a California state prisoner housed in the illegal custody of Warden Tony A. Lamarque here in solitary confinement administrative segregation on non-disciplinary charges since December 2002. I was removed from the general population out of retaliation for challenging an illegal operational procedure. OP #23 requires inmates to snitch on each other. I refused to attend the illegal questioning of a crime in which I had no involvement.

This is the justification the prison officials used to lock me down in the Administrative Segregation unit (ASU)... They claim that because I refused to cooperate with the interview process they were concerned that I may be promoting violence against staff.

The prison officials and the director's of corrections refer to an old incident from September 1999 when I committed a battery offense against a Lieutenant and since he was assigned to work in the program area of the facility, that's the reason I was removed from the general population.

The day I was to be placed in ad seg Correctional Lt Muniz informed me that I was going to receive an administrative review by Glenn Ponder who was now a captain. Ponder was a LT at the time when I was charged with a batter offense against him in 1999. I explained to Lt Muniz that I did not want G. Ponder to conduct the review, I alleged it was a conflict of interest among me and him. This Lt. Muniz was aware of the prior battery offense because both of them worked together in administrative segregation at that time and I believe both of them conspired against me to lock me up, but they did not play their cards right. I saw through their weak tactic and now other administrative officials are caught up in their misconduct.

I assert they have lied, conspired, and are

illegally holding me in ad-seg going on 9 months. I am up for transfer but they said my transfer is on hold pending resolution of court proceedings in Monterey County Superior Court. I have no court cases pending at all, nor is it anything mentioned on my classification choronos stating anything about a court case pending. The warden and those he supervises intentionally deprived me of my constitutional rights while in state custody.

I have a right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment, right to due process of law, and to be free from undo harassment and ongoing retaliatory attacks while in Salinas Valley State Prison.

—a third SVSP prisoner, August 2003

CSATF censorship fight continues

I spoke with Sergeant Pugliese in regards to the censorship of the MIM journal "A Spiral Trajectory." I was informed that the MIM materials were being returned because of your using a non-profit org stamp on the envelope. Currently this kamp has a rule that mail that comes from non-profit organizations can be returned without notice. I find this odd. But upon obtaining the operational procedure manual I saw it in writing. This I was told was the only reason why they are being returned. I know better than this though, because you sent me a copy of the original envelope and on it was placed stamps [and no non-profit org stamp]. I believe that the letters to Darrel G. Adams (Warden) advising that legal action will be taken have helped.

The Sergeant has since advised me that he will not obstruct the MIM materials so long as a non profit stamp is not on the envelope.

Onward, upward! - a California prisoner at CSATF, August 2003

MIM adds: We continue to experience censorship at CSATF. Letters of protest do help. Readers can send letters to the Warden there demanding that they let books and magazines in to prisoners: Warden Darrell G. Adams, CSATF, PO Box 5246, Corcoran, CA 93212.

Corruption at Corcoran

On July 3, 2003 I was assaulted by Officer Morales who works in the SHU and was also threatened with great bodily harm unless I change my story that they stole my books without a confiscation form and planted a weapon in my cell. I found it and sent it to Captain Means.

C.O. Morales did not like this so he slammed my fact in to the door and my chest and side of head against the wall several times. I wrote a complaint to Associate Warden D.D. Ortiz. But you know she will most likely not get it and even if she does they will deny it and cover it up. I told you last time this was going to happen and they are not finished yet. I feel it. They are going to do more. I was told to quit filing 602s (complaint forms) which is not going to happen. So the ass kicking is coming up sooner or later.

On July 6, 2003 an inmate in this prison put his arm out of the food port and asked to see Sergeant White. The C.O. assaulted him, grabbed both his arms and tried to pull him out of the food port while twisting his arms. I believe he tried to break this inmate's arm.

Enclosed is the latest on special purchase and packages. Thought you might want to see it. Beginning August 1 CSP-Corcoran is implementing a mandatory vendor only package program which requires prisoners to purchase their own packages of supplies directly from one of six approved vendors. The packages can not be purchased for them by anyone else and no packages can be received from the outside. SHU and ASU prisoners are limited to purchasing only from Walkenhorst. This new policy is only so that the CDC can get more kick back on money from the authorized vendors. Everyone knows this! Also a lot of people who owe CDC can no longer get packages unless they first pay what CDC wants them to which is mostly "you have to pay us in order to pay us even more money."

- a California prisoner, July 2003

CDC tries to divide oppressed nation prisoners

Here in the California DOC an injustice is being carried out against people of color i.e. Africans and Hispanics. Instead of equal opportunity, we are subjected to acts of racism and unjust segregation. While white men are treated as a white collective populace we are divided into group segments Blacks: Crips, Bloods, 415 (bay area), non-affiliate. Hispanics: North-Mexican, South-Mexican, Bulldog Nation, Mexican Nationals. By doing so, the state creates division amongst the masses, and instead of locking "us" down, only some get locked down, leading to hostility amongst people of color.

I myself am categorized as a Northern Hispanic. Since coming to prison I've been subjected to lockdowns for nothing more than falling into the Northern Mexican category. I have been subjected to 24-7 lockdown, no general population yard, no access to education or trades, no access to canteen purchases (making me dependant on scarce meals provided by the state, minimal access to medical services, no access to telephones, no visitations, no packages receivable.

All this is done to break the spirits of those of us who more rigidly opposed to becoming informants or victims of suppression. We are those who strive for equality and just treatment versus fear tactics and intimidation.

- a California prisoner at Folsom State Prison, August 2003

Facts on US imprisonment

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

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

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

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

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

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El Tío Sam no siempre sabe

El lío en torno a las armas de destrucción masiva en Irak: una revelación para luchadores que llevan las de perder.

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

A menudo oímos la aserción que la lucha política es inútil porque cada año el Tío Sam gasta miles de millones de dólares con el fin de espiar a todo el mundo a través de satélites y submarinos. Los medios de comunicación árabes dijeron que el Tío Sam sabía de qué color era la ropa interior de Saddam Hussein. Hace poco el sitio de Internet "marxists.org" (1) dijo que era posible identificar cada computadora por medio de equipo colocado en servidores remotos. Semejantes argumentos apuntan a la idea de que cualquier tipo de lucha contra el Tío Sam es futil y que, por lo tanto, hay que unimos a la lucha propagada por el Tío Sam y respetar sus reglas del juego; sin embargo, el lío en torno a las armas de destrucción masiva (ADM) revela el fallo de asumir una actitud liberal hacia el tema de la lucha y seguridad.

Diez meses antes del discurso equivocado sobre el Estado de la Unión en el que George Bush citaba pruebas falsas sobre la supuesta venta de uranio por parte de Níger a Irak, la CIA le dijo a Bush que dicha información era falsa. Aparte de la CIA, un embajador también informó a la administración Bush que esta información no era cierta. Esto significa que hasta la posesión de información correcta no garantiza el uso de la misma. (2) La administración Bush ha emitido un sinfín de otras declaraciones falsas sobre la naturaleza y la justificación de la guerra contra Irak. (3) Basándose en fuentes de información estadounidenses, Tony Blair declaró que Saddam Hussein estaba listo para utilizar ADM 45 minutos después de un aviso algo que jamás sucedió. (4)

Los estudiantes probélicos y los que asumieron una postura neutral desconocían el hecho de que el archivo de inteligencia compuesto y utilizado por el gobierno británico con el fin de justificar la guerra contra Irak, provenía en gran parte de un trabajo no citado de un estudiante estadounidense disponible para el público. (5) En nuestro periódico

MIM Notes 274, criticamos a un estudiante quien asumió la típica postura monárquica que justifica la apatía y la falta de lucha contra la guerra. Según el estudiante, "Basamos nuestras opiniones sobre la política externa e interna en la información que recibimos de coberturas parciales de medios de comunicación, opiniones de nuestros amigos y preguntas de nuestros profesores. Bush basa sus opiniones en datos secretos de inteligencia obtenidos a través de múltiples fuentes, estimaciones nacionales de altos funcionarios de servicios de inteligencia y consejos de expertos. Si ni siquiera él tiene la información completa, nuestro entendimiento de la situación equivale a una pieza insignificante del rompecabezas". Resulta que a alguien le entraron ganas de tomarle el pelo a la administración Bush mediante una falsificación de documentos sobre los programas de armas nucleares de Irak; éstos fueron utilizados por Bush con el fin de promover su plan bélico contra Irak diseñado antes del año 2000. Resulta, por lo tanto, que la posesión de inteligencia secreta fue un impedimento más que una ventaja. La mera posesión de la información "completa" no garantiza el uso correcto de la misma.

Los luchadores por la justicia que llevan las de perder deberían tener en cuenta que un acceso a todas las fuentes de información no garantiza el uso de las mismas por parte de los que los que están en el poder. De hecho, el capitalismo corrompe toda la producción del conocimiento, desde el conocimiento de medicinas cuyas ventas se someten a fines lucrativos hasta los análisis de la eficacia de sistemas de armas adquiridas por el Pentágono. Como ya hemos mencionado en la sección sobre la seguridad en nuestra página web: "El imperialismo estadounidense de ninguna manera se puede permitir el lujo de filtrar la información correcta y separarla de la falsa." En este sentido, el MIM ha señalado que la acumulación de información proveniente de una fuente no garantiza que el propósito de dicha fuente sea el de desviar información.

Los imperialistas buscan un

conocimiento que les otorgue ganancias individuales. Como consecuencia, los imperialistas jamás podrán alcanzar la capacidad que tiene el proletariado para encontrar la verdad. Aunque los gastos monetarios de los imperialistas en servicios de inteligencia sobrepasen los del proletariado, los imperialistas son incapaces de usar la información obtenida, y si la llegan a usar, entran en conflicto con otros imperialistas cuyos intereses de propiedad y agendas políticas son distintos. Por esta razón, cualquier tipo de lucha que dificulte el espionaje de los oprimidos y explotados por parte de los imperialistas es siempre justificado. Como ya hemos mencionado en nuestra reseña del sitio marxists.org, "Hay múltiples razones para no someterse: 1) Existe la posibilidad de aumentar el costo del enemigo ya que cualquier forma de espionaje correcto cuesta. 2) Una vez que se obtenga información, el enemigo tiene que separar la información correcta de la falsa. 3) Puede que el enemigo no haga nada."

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¿Que es el MIM?

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

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

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

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