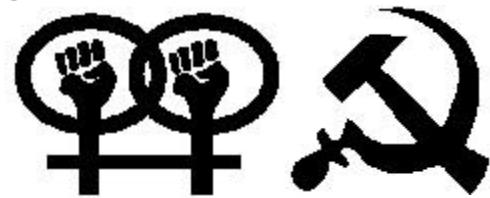


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Howard Dean represents Amerika



DESPITE WEAK INTERNATIONALIST RHETORIC, DEAN SUPPORTS IMPERIALISM

Howard Dean, a medical doctor and Governor of Vermont, is a surprise early breakaway Democratic candidate for president. He has attracted many people previously uninvolved in Presidential politics. His progressive appearance appeals to liberal Democrats, Dean remains firmly in the imperialist camp.

Last month MIM reviewed Dennis Kucinich, another Democrat running for president who appeals to progressives and activists. We pointed out that it is people like him who can be the most dangerous as they fool otherwise progressive people into serving imperialist goals. Dean also enjoys a significant following among anti-war activists and other progressives, so MIM now turns to review Dean.

Dean's opening statement on his web site jumps right in to addressing foreign policy: "I have serious concerns about the increasingly unilateralist approach to foreign policy we have seen from the current Administration, particularly in the President's posture toward Iraq. Any President must be prepared to use force in defense of our nation's interests. Had I been in Congress, however, I would have voted against the resolution providing the President sweeping authority to wage war against Iraq, because I did not believe the President made the case that war was justified. I am also concerned about the President's foreign policy priorities. The war on terror—against an enemy that has killed over three thousand innocents on our soil—is far from over, yet the President's decision to lead us into war in Iraq has distracted us from pursuing the known threat of Al Qaeda. Meanwhile, serious emerging threats—like North Korea's quest to become a

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England faces quasi-revolutionary opportunity

But umph for revolution lacking in British anti-war movement

Few have noticed (including those in the international communist movement), but since the Iraq War started, England has pushed itself to the brink of a revolutionary opportunity. The number of troops currently left "at home" to defend against a revolutionary movement is minuscule.

One officer in England said, "we have not only taken everything out of the cupboards, we've stripped all the shelves bare."(1) In one move in early 2003, the British sent over a quarter of the Army to the Gulf. Another 19,000 troops were covering for the fire department workers on strike, a fact that gives the fire workers' strike an objectively revolutionary character.

Mindful of this difficulty, England quietly cut back on its troop deployment to the Gulf. Of 30,000 sent in one move to confront Saddam Hussein, only approximately 11,000 remain on the ground in Iraq. More are in the neighboring countries. All told, 46,000

British personnel were sent to the Middle East to handle Saddam Hussein.(2)

To address U.S. concerns, England sent another 1200 troops back to Iraq in September 2003. Here is how the British military is still talking about the situation. "Defence Analyst Garth Whitty, a former Lieutenant Colonel in the British Army and weapons inspector in Iraq in 1992, says it may be all that the Army had to offer in the wake of their recent efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"GARTH WHITTY: I think the British Armed Forces are probably already overstretched, but the reality is there is no alternative but to maintain a presence until such time as Iraq is stabilized and that could take as long as five years."(3)

According to the British Army itself, it is "deployed in over 80 countries around the world."(4) With about a total of 107,000 Army troops probably since decreased from lack of re-enlistment, there are 5500 in Kosovo, almost 3,000 in Bosnia, 500 in the Falklands islands, about 27,000 "headquartered" in Germany and approximately 15,000 in Ireland—to name a few. In Afghanistan, Britain has 100 troops, but it has 4000 on stand-by as of October 2003. They would be there already except that the Northern Alliance

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Colorado: the intersection of insanity and irrationality

Kobe case brings out Amerikkka

The preliminary hearings for the Kobe Bryant rape case have already brought out the hopelessness of the dominant Amerikkkan views on crime, gender and race relations. As usual, MIM cannot guarantee that the media is reporting any factual truth in connection to the trial, or even more importantly, whether it has bothered to digest the facts in an intelligent way. However, we can speak as if the facts reported were true and we can also speak to the media's presentation in its own right.

We mean no disservice to the accused or accuser, but public opinion in this case, like similar ones, deserves dissection. Our



starting point has to be how individualism utterly fails to reduce crime.

These past few days, the fireworks in the case are reportedly about "shield law" logic and the evidence. On the one hand, Amerikkkans believe they can individually ascertain the truth about rape cases like this one and bring about justice. On the other hand, their laws are so self-contradictory thanks to their underlying ideology based on fantasy instead of reality that it is apparent that such an endeavor is impossible.

Under the "shield law" logic operating

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Tolerating the intolerable

NO DEMOCRATS TRULY HATE BUSH



The talk show circuit in Amerikkka currently features a conservative and liberal talking about hate for President George W. Bush. The supposedly remarkable thing is that a 31-year-old writer for the New Republic named Jonathan Chait admitted that he can't stand how Bush walks and talks in an article posted by the New Republic magazine September 22, 2003.

Supposedly, the subject of Bush's stupidity is now "out of the closet." In MIM Notes 271, MIM showed that at least at one Boston rally where we conducted a poll, there was a number of Democrats who thought the war on Iraq was the "dumbest" thing. These sorts of Democrats dominate in the rallies. They are astonished by Bush's "foreign policy" actions and do not see a system of imperialism, just actions carried out by the Bush administration liable to leave Amerikkka looking "terrorist" itself.

Regarding the discussion of Jonathan Chait, The Washington Post even acknowledged a website that pointed out the Bush family's doing business with Nazis. Of course, The Washington Post did not elaborate on that or other top U.S. officials doing business with the Nazis.(1)

In September 2002, other facts came out published in a new book based on U.S. Government archives about how the Democratic President Franklin D.

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Letters

Lifelong revolutionary

Revolutionary greetings,

Upon receiving your letter I was pleased to see the support you offer to us prisoners so we can better ourselves — or at least try — and also come to understand that imperialism is the highest form of capitalism and the United Snakes is all about capitalism.

I am originally a Mayan Indian from the Pipil tribe in El Salvador. I lived through 12 years of war in my country. The struggle of our armed movement (FMLN [Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front -ed]) became so powerful with the help of the people, we were ready to overthrow the corrupt government run by the oligarchy in my country, until the United Snakes came into the picture under the leadership of Carter and later Reagan.

My whole life I've studied communism and socialism. I've involved myself in youth parties and marches. I've been incarcerated for almost 5 years now. I have continued to study my political beliefs, but it's been much harder due to the lack of literature and money. I have also paid a great price by being put in the hole on false charges just because I refuse to shut my mouth . . .

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

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What is MIM?

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

"The theory of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin is universally applicable. We should regard it not as dogma, but as a guide to action. Studying it is not merely a matter of learning terms and phrases, but of learning Marxism-Leninism as the science of revolution." - Mao Zedong, Selected Works, Vol. II, p. 208.

George Weasel Bush getting away with murder

Proletarians fight hard to oppose Iraq occupation

**George W. Bush
before the Iraq war**

"Right now, Iraq is expanding and improving facilities that were used for the production of biological weapons."

—United Nations Address,
September 12, 2002

"Iraq has stockpiled biological and chemical weapons, and is rebuilding the facilities used to make more of those weapons."

"We have sources that tell us that Saddam Hussein recently authorized Iraqi field commanders to use chemical weapons — the very weapons the dictator tells us he does not have."

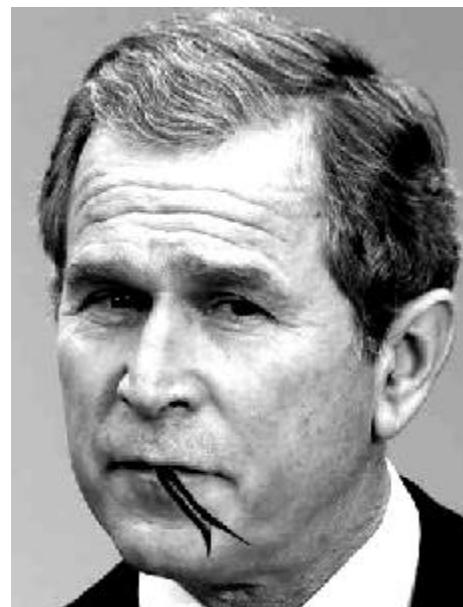
—Radio Address, October 5, 2002

"The Iraqi regime . . . possesses and produces chemical and biological weapons. It is seeking nuclear weapons."

"We know that the regime has produced thousands of tons of chemical agents, including mustard gas, sarin nerve gas, VX nerve gas."

"We've also discovered through intelligence that Iraq has a growing fleet of manned and unmanned aerial vehicles that could be used to disperse chemical or biological weapons across broad areas. We're concerned that Iraq is exploring ways of using these UAVS for missions targeting the United States."

"The evidence indicates that Iraq is reconstituting its nuclear weapons program. Saddam Hussein has held numerous meetings with Iraqi



nuclear scientists, a group he calls his "nuclear mujahideen" - his nuclear holy warriors. Satellite photographs reveal that Iraq is rebuilding facilities at sites that have been part of its nuclear program in the past. Iraq has attempted to purchase high-strength aluminum tubes and other equipment needed for gas centrifuges, which are used to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons."

—Cincinnati, Ohio Speech,
October 7, 2002

"Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent."

—State of the Union Address,
January 28, 2003

"Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised."

—Address to the Nation, March 17, 2003 (1)

George W. Bush after finding no weapons of mass destruction.

"Let's get the words right. I said Saddam had weapons of mass destruction and he used them. Which he did. And second I said he was a gathering threat. And that's an important distinction."(2)

The above refers to weapons that may have been used by Saddam Hussein before 1991. It is a continuous trick of the spinmeisters Blair and Bush to jump around from before 1991 to 1998 to 2003. Bush has said repeatedly that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in 2003. That is what is important.

As we go to press, the Iraqi people fighting for their freedom have killed another two U.S. soldiers occupying their country near Kirkuk. "With the latest deaths, 338 U.S. troops have been killed in the Iraq war since it began in March — 218 of those by hostile fire."⁽³⁾

Many of those who died knew before they died that Saddam Hussein had told the truth. He had had no weapons of mass destruction for many years. It was the product of the "democratic system" Bush who lied. Those who believe in bourgeois democracy will say that Bush is

undermining it while we Marxist-Leninist-Maoists will say that political truth production suffers where politicians depend on corporations for campaign contributions: secure dictators may in fact tell more truth without fear of retaliation for the good deed.

Before the war, the bourgeois reformists said that U.S. troops could not do any better job of inspecting for weapons than the UN. In fact, as Putin pointed out after the war started, no one would believe U.S. weapons inspectors unless the weapons had appeared right away, which they didn't. Whereas UN weapons inspectors would have some bourgeois credibility, few would put it past the CIA to plant some weapons of mass destruction and then "discover" them.

Some of the people in charge of finding WMD in Iraq have a vested interest in finding them. David Kay had said the UN could not find them: "For me, the real change occurred in '94. By 1994 I was no longer an inspector, but I was testifying and writing on Iraq that 'There is no ultimate success that involves UNSCOM. It's got to be a change of regime. It's got to be a change of Saddam.'"⁽⁴⁾

Now with the U.S. invasion, we learn further details of the real motivations for the U.S. refusal to let UN sanctions on Iraq die. "By that time [1994—mim3@mim.org], all that was left of Iraq's WMD programmes were reports, memories and ruined establishments.

Hussain Kamil, who headed all Iraqi WMD programmes, had attested to that in his testimony to Hans Blix, who was in charge of UNSCOM in 1995.

Kamil died in 1996 but his testimony was suppressed for another seven

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San Fran rally to shut down the Security Housing Units

October 18 — In solidarity with other prison activist organizations, MIM, RAIL, the Barrio Defense Committee (BDC) and the Prison Reform Unity Project held a four-hour rally in San Francisco demanding the Security Housing Units (SHUs) in California prisons be shut down. October 18 was the day of rallies across the country called for by the Prison Reform Unity Project. MIM and RAIL have been on the streets in San Francisco and Oakland most Saturdays protesting the SHU, collecting petition signatures and distributing literature. We organized this protest on the 18th as a part of our ongoing work around this issue.

The SHU is another name for a control unit. Internationally condemned as a form of torture by the UN, Control Units are prisons within a prison. Prisoners are locked in these cells for years at a time under conditions that include solitary confinement, 23+ hours a day in a tiny cell, sensory deprivation, no education, no job training, and little exercise. Under

these conditions many prisoners have serious mental and physical health problems. In California, close to 3000 prisoners are locked in the SHU, disproportionately Blacks and Latinos. Many of these prisoners are put in the SHU as punishment for their political activism behind the bars. California SHU prisoners are notorious for their human rights violations.

This demonstration was effective in reaching large numbers of people on the streets of San Francisco on a busy Saturday afternoon. MIM, RAIL, the BDC, and the African Peoples Solidarity Committee (APSC) committed members to spending the afternoon at the rally. We were joined by members of a few other prison activist organizations who helped collect petition signatures or just stopped by to show support and talk about organizing work.

We set up a literature table, some big banners and a cardboard replica of a

SHU cell at the protest. Signs around the outside condemned these torture units. A wooden SHU replica built by the APSC has worked well at rallies in the past but is very difficult to transport. Activists in San Francisco have been experimenting with other models and we would welcome design input. The set up at this protest was very effective at getting people's attention. A 6 by 8 cell is very small and the visual provides an excellent reference for people on the streets while we explain the conditions prisoners face in the SHU.

Many copies of MIM Notes were distributed with a cover story on the SHU hearings in Los Angeles. And hundreds of petition signatures were gathered from passers by who stopped to learn more about the SHU prisons. Several people asked incredulously if these were really in the United States and were shocked to hear that we were talking about California prisons. This education work is one of the important reasons we hold protests like

this one.

A member of the Barrio Defense Committee whose son is locked up in the SHU spoke eloquently about the need to hold these protests: "The legal battles in the courts of the U.S. government are not enough to seek justice. [T]he people must be informed and won over to shut down these institutions of repression. These actions will not only free my son Jose Luis but all of our gente from these prisons of hell!" Props also go to the BDC activists whose primary language is Spanish but who struggled with English speaking people walking by and engaged in some heated arguments refusing to let the language barrier stop them from doing this important work.

Activists at this rally agreed more regular actions like this one are needed. We need help from people throughout the Bay Area who would like to help organize a rally in their city. It doesn't take hundreds of people to make a big impact.



Tolerating the intolerable NO DEMOCRATS TRULY HATE BUSH

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Roosevelt was pursuing a separate peace with Nazi Germany in World War II, contrary to his open deal with Stalin which aimed at Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies jointly. The picture starts with the Nazi dealings of the Dulles brothers, one who came to head the CIA and the other who came to be Secretary of State.

Since Allen Dulles was a father figure for the CIA, it's not surprising that the CIA whitewashes his business dealings with the Nazis by giving him credit for getting his law firm to shut down offices in Berlin,(2) when most of his business dealings with Nazis were in Switzerland and Sweden anyway, including after the Nazi invasion of Poland that caused England and France to declare war.(3) On the other hand, ever so obliquely, the CIA has now admitted that Allen Dulles was trying to negotiate a separate peace with Nazi Germany and that "Operation Sunrise" did at least come to fruition in Italy, where the CIA claims at least a few hundred lives were saved by negotiations with officers in Germany other than Hitler, one SS General named Karl Wolff being named in particular.(2)

One reason we have not heard much of these records before is that the CIA was not to offend Stalin publicly while the war was on. The negotiations had to be in secret. Another reason we have not heard much about these records until now is that they proved the U.S. strategy to be daffy to such an extent that they proved what communists had always said about Nazism arising from capitalism. Release of the truth damages liberal capitalism's claim to being highly opposed to fascism.

It turns out that the CIA's and FDR's idea for a leader for a more "moderate"

Germany was SS Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler.(4) The Democratic administration sought to make deals with Himmler to end the war and turn him against the Soviet Union. This in itself would have made huge Cold War propaganda, which is why the United States did not admit this before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

There should not be a single Jew, Gypsy or persyn of Roma, Russian or Slavic descent who is unclear about this. The Democrats in power in the quintessential liberal Democratic administration did not care about the above list of peoples anymore than the Republicans. In principle the Democrats had not a whit of concern if Himmler managed to wipe out every last one of those peoples wedged between Germany and the Soviet Union, as long as Himmler fought the Soviet Union. We at MIM cannot understand how any of the above mostly white people could possibly not be communists in the tradition of Stalin.

Just as we said in MIM Theory #6, the facts give the lie to the various Trotskyists and crypto-Trotskyists who said Stalin did not have to worry about the imperialists uniting to divide the Soviet Union. Even the FDR administration that earned its laurels lambasting the patriotism of Republicans opposed to war against the Nazis was itself trying to make a deal with the Nazis. Had Stalin not been very active on this front, FDR may have succeeded. That's not to mention what the German-leaning Republicans of the time would have done had they been elected.

A joke about the Democrats asks "do you belong to an organized political party?" And the answer is "No, I'm a Democrat." However, if there is one thing

true about the Democrats, it is that they alternate power with Republicans. Whatever good things Democrats may do in power can be undone by Republicans. More likely, as the example of the Dulles brothers working for FDR proves, the Democrats just do the same things as the Republicans.

That's why it's not true that any Democrats truly hate Republicans or even fascists. To truly hate Republicans, one must fight for a system where a President George W. Bush's failure to oppose the Confederate flag flying in South Carolina state government buildings(5) would be as impossible as slavery.

There are times in history when hatred is justified. We live in one now just as Abe Lincoln lived in one in his day. Try as they might, the North and South were not able to get along in Abe Lincoln's day. It was intolerance, not tolerance that made Abe Lincoln the most beloved president in U.S. history. It's by eliminating possibilities of backwardness that the whole people move forward.

In Lincoln's day, intolerance of slavery and the eventual abolition of slavery made it possible for North and South to live together again. It is unity around intolerance of starvation, homelessness and preventable disease that need to unite the humyn race this time around.

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Flashback to MIM Notes 144 on the Dulles brothers

The Swedish family that owns half of Sweden has long had a reputation in the bourgeois media for helping the Jews avoid the Holocaust. Now it turns out that diplomat-legend Raoul Wallenberg's family profited from the Nazi murder of Dutch Jews.

The Swedish capitalists bought the Nazi-stolen bonds of the Dutch Jews and accepted Dutch Jewish gold in payment for weapons. Assisting the Wallenberg family was future Secretary of State and past U.S. Government lawyer, John Foster Dulles, who was the grandson of one Secretary of State and the nephew of another.

After the Nazi invasion of Poland, John Foster Dulles arranged the legal work for the Nazis to have Amerikan companies front for them through a Swedish intermediary, so that the Nazis could carry out their war-time business without being taken over.

John's brother Allen was instrumental during World War II in starting a program of infiltration of communist parties with the aim of their "peaceful evolution" after the war. He also helped Nazis escape and join the precursor to the CIA once the Nazis lost.

Both Stalin and Mao specifically mentioned the Dulles brothers and their strategy, but many at the time did not believe these communist leaders. This includes the petty-bourgeoisie in the party of Mao, which eventually became the new bourgeoisie of China. It is a stark reminder how proletarian leaders must deal with the petty-bourgeoisie and its paralysis — being lodged between the two great classes — right in the party.

Allen became director of the CIA and John Foster Dulles became Secretary of State in 1953.

We communists are fortunate that some older Jews still living did not keep their mouths shut till death. Many who know the facts kept quiet while they sided with the United States in the Cold War. Now the truth is coming out thanks to the collapse of the Soviet bloc and thanks to the Jews' self-interest in the matter.

Now Sweden is being blamed in addition to Switzerland for holding Nazi gold — 7.6 tons. The discussion of this matter vindicates Stalin repeatedly.

Note: Boston Globe 6Jul97, pp. 1, A10.

Lessons from the California recall *Harbingers of fascism: imagined and real*

Throughout the campaign leading up to the California recall election, numerous print and TV “analysts” drew more or less flimsy analogies between new California governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger and Adolf Hitler—ranging from “they were both Austrian emigrants” to “Arnold’s dad was a Nazi Party member” to “Arnold’s movies are reactionary.” These charges do not justify calling Arnold a fascist in MIM’s view. Or, if you’re going to call Arnold a fascist at least be consistent and drop that label on his Democratic competitors—to say nothing of the 25% of the Amerikan public who said they would vote for Klansman David Duke.(1)

Outside of a promise to lower “the car tax”—which will likely be difficult to implement(2)—Schwarzenegger studiously avoided saying anything of substance during the campaign, relying instead on clichés about “puke politics,” “biased media,” etc., posing as Hercules poised to clean out the Augean stables of Sacramento. After he won the election, Arnold appointed a transition team that

MAO ON JOHN FOSTER DULLES

There is a silver lining to having scumbag reactionaries like the Dulles brothers in power. Few people give Dulles enough credit for inspiring Mao to launch the Cultural Revolution.

“Khrushov’s revisionism entirely caters to the policy of ‘peaceful evolution’ which U.S. imperialism is pursuing with regard to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. John Foster Dulles said:

‘...there was evidence within the Soviet Union forces toward greater liberalism which, if they persisted, could bring about a basic change within the Soviet Union.’

“The liberal forces Dulles talked about are capitalist forces. The basic change Dulles hoped for is the degeneration of socialism into capitalism.”

—Mao, “On Khrushchov’s Phoney Communism and Its Historical Lessons for the World: Comment on the Open Letter of the Central Committee of the CPSU (IX),” Foreign Languages Press, Peking, July 14, 1964.

Mao was the first communist leader to talk about the Dulles “peaceful evolution” strategy as a real possibility. He was right: the Soviet Union dissolved itself without a civil war, contrary to other theorists including Trotsky.



The next governor of California.

includes prominent Democrats like San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown Jr., Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn, and Susan Estrich, who managed Michael Dukakis’ 1988 presidential campaign.(3)

At the same time, backers of Democrats Davis and Bustamante principally relied on *ad hominem* attacks on the big Austrian, calling him inexperienced, a Nazi sympathizer and a male chauvinist. Davis signed some progressive legislation during the campaign, including laws protecting domestic partners’ rights and a law allowing undocumented immigrants to get California drivers licenses, but it was a case of too little, too late.(4)

There is a kernel of truth to the “Arnold = Adolf” prattle, but it applies to many more Amerikan politicians than just Arnold: Democrats, Republicans and Independents included. German columnists have picked up on it. One wrote, “The more confused we are by what [politicians] say, the greater our longing for a man or woman with simple words. The only problem is that it’s the wrong ones who usually master simple language.” Another paper “voiced concern about calls for straight-talking leaders, noting that Hitler had attacked German parliament as a ‘Talking Shop’ before abolishing it.” An “ordinary German” interviewed by Reuters got into the Hollywood spirit of Amerikan politics: “We need someone like that to clean up the mess and blow away the lousy politicians.”(5)

Criticism of the corruption and lack of accountability built into bourgeois democracy was indeed part of Hitler’s strategy, as it was a part of Arnold’s. Hitler was correct to say that rulers should be held responsible with their own money and blood(6), as MIM does, but Hitler wanted to replace one kind of bourgeois leadership with another, not overthrow the

imperialist hawk into a proletarian dove.

So the specter of fascism did pop up during California recall election, just not where most pundits saw it. The danger lies in the populist demagoguery adopted by Arnold and others—rhetoric already popular among more extreme national-chauvinist forces. The challenge to proletarian revolutionaries is to defeat this demagoguery without becoming apologists for bourgeois democracy. As we wrote in our review of Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*: “If the party can avoid pacifist and parliamentary errors, it might be able to squelch the fascist movement before it arises. On the other hand, the strength of the labor aristocracy may guarantee the fascist movement a foothold that we cannot handle at this stage in history.”(6)

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5. Reuters, 10 Oct 2003.
6. “Hitler with an eye on today,” MIM Theory 13, pp. 125-129.
7. While MIM has always criticized bourgeois democracy in the strongest terms—see the Frequently Asked Questions page on our website—we struggle for bourgeois-democratic rights, such as freedom of speech and assembly. In the words of Josef Stalin, “The principle of equal rights for men and nations has been trampled in the mud ... The banner of bourgeois-democratic liberties has been thrown overboard. I think that it is you, the representatives of the communist and democratic parties, who will have to raise this banner and carry it forward, if you want to gather around you the majority of the people. There is nobody else to raise it.”



Adolfo Olaechea's opinion on the British situation in February 2003

Illegally deported by Spain, long-time Peruvian exile Adolfo Olaechea sits in prison in Peru last we knew.

After attending yesterday's mammoth march [in February prior to the war—mim3@mim.org], reading the proposals of certain groups taking part on it, and later hearing Mr. Blair and other members of his entourage haughtily dismiss as fools the millions of people who have "spoken for Britain" both in London and Glasgow, the only conclusion one can derive is that this government is actively seeking a confrontation with the people. They are infuriating them with a view of justifying the entrenching of their dictatorship with a pool of gore, either before, or during, the war they are determined to implement. If the masses will not listen to their hare-brained reasons, they are determined to follow Franco's dictum: "the law is etched on people's minds by blood shed!" (La ley con sangre entra). There are plenty of starry eyed fools around who—having seen the masses for the first time "on their side"—in consequence, will naturally derive such conclusions as will deliver them into Blair's hands. The masses of this country are now awakened, and therefore they must keep their cool and are quite capable of doing so. They must be vigilant and reject the faulty advice of all those who so easily preach revolutionism as a nostrum for every occasion. We are indeed in a revolutionary situation, and,

moreover, there is a revolutionary crisis approaching. War and revolution are two sides of the same coin, and both are approaching at increasing speed as anyone who is not blind can see. Any analyst worth its salt can demonstrate this situation is indeed a fact. However, precisely because of this, no one in the people's camp should play at "insurrectionism", or worse, call for a General Strike, solely with the aim of protesting the government's actions. Every serious working person knows that a General Strike should only occur for the concrete purpose of overthrowing the government and establishing a government of the people. We are not there yet! The people of Britain are happily averse to "somersaulting goats" bearing stupid proposals under revolutionist banners! First, before any acts of civil disobedience or strikes should occur—no matter how justified—the masses must exhaust every avenue to obtain redress and the dismissal of a government that mocks and incenses them, by all possible peaceful means. Petitioning the monarch to dismiss Blair, is precisely the yet untried road the people must follow in order to exhaust their search to make their will prevail peacefully. In Britain's concrete conditions, this is the only truly revolutionary road at present. And that is what we, at Justice International, have launched together with other

organisations, the NOT IN HER NAME CAMPAIGN, who you, alongside the entire press of the establishment in this country, have seen fit to try to pigeonhole and hide. This is no coincidence in my opinion, and leads me to question how sincere is the media's desire to preserve the internal peace and the democracy of this country!

mim3@mim.org comments: We would not call that a revolutionary situation, but a revolutionary opportunity there was. The millions marching in England were petty-bourgeois vacillators who promptly shut up and swung behind Blair when the war started.

In May, this same Peruvian Adolfo Olaechea gave a speech on the same issue without once using the phrase "labor aristocracy" while also using repeatedly the vacuous term "the Left." His speech ended by saying, "Brother, you are being deceived. Our interests are the same. Whatever I demand, you want as well; the emancipation which I claim, will be yours too."

This is an example of staying within bourgeois bounds and confusing Marxism-Leninism-Maoism with the petty-bourgeoisie. It is not that the English population needs another lesson in the lying nature of politicians. What needed to happen was some of the petty-bourgeois opposition to war needed to convert to more militant proletarian forms.

While we agree with Adolfo Olaechea that the tactic of petitioning the Queen to set aside an illegal government would have been better than demonstrating in front of a Parliament already politically exposed, what needs to happen is a qualitative rise in political consciousness. That cannot happen in England without a party guided by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and MIM Thought able to separate petty-bourgeois opposition to war and proletarian opposition to war.

Adolfo Olaechea's speech reflects poorly on those claiming to be influenced by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism Gonzalo Thought. To speak of a situation of "The Left" as if the country had been split in two waging battle in the street is social-democratic illusion. It never happened. Such a term can only have meaning in a battle against fascism where the military lines have already been drawn. Yet, "the Left" failed even to provoke a military clampdown within England; hence it was improper to use the term "Left" without a context, unless the context was the whole country divided into two military camps—which it certainly was not.

Source: <http://es.groups.yahoo.com/group/chimu/message/44962>.

See also <http://groups.google.com/groups?q=%22Adolfo+Olaechea%22+%2Brevolutionary+situation%22&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&selm=9c11b028.0305251936.3be8f8a5%40posting.google.com&rnum=2>.

George Weasel Bush getting away with murder

years."(4)

Blacks were right, whites wrong

We at MIM also believe it is important to look at the U.S. population before and after the war, not just Bush. Before the war, the Amerikkans said they would support it even if there were no weapons of mass destruction. Now with a steady stream of U.S. casualties, the Amerikkans take a noticeably more realistic view. Already in July the tide was turning, "Less than a majority said the war would be worth its costs if such weapons were not found, down from 56 percent in May."(5)

At the beginning of the war, "Sixty-one percent of African Americans who responded to questions on the poll said they opposed 'the United States having gone to war with Iraq,' compared with 20 percent of white Americans who answered the poll."(6)

As MIM pointed out about polls before the casualties mounted, "If there are hundreds of American casualties, support for the war drops to 62%, while 35% oppose it.' ... It's not that Amerikkans oppose the war in principle. They just want their cheap gas and world dominance without killing too many Marines. At some

number in the thousands of Marines dead and the war still going on, Amerikkans will want out of the war."(7) It is the petty-bourgeoisie that is calculating this way. It could be for the war or against it, just depending on how much it costs in blood, just as the gallon of gas at the gas pump may be too much for a Sunday drive. Most opposition to the war in the United States is petty-bourgeois. The basis for opposition to this imperialist war in principle has to come from the proletarians. Also indicative is sympathy for the Iraqi freedom-fighters. People more sympathetic to the freedom-fighters than the U.S. troops are taking a rare proletarian line in the imperialist countries. As a proletarian party, MIM does not wait for any tactical majority to support MIM's views. MIM puts forward unpopular views within the United States regardless or it would be guilty of petty-bourgeois vacillation against the interests of the international proletariat.

Remembering the excuse for sanction on Iraq

While U.S. views are slowly changing and point to the effectiveness of the long-term action of Iraqi freedom-fighters, it

would be a mistake to believe that the main impact of the weapons of mass destruction question is in the psyches of Amerikkans. It was the Iraqi people who suffered years of economic embargo enforced by the UN and not lifted after 1991 thanks to the U.S. and English vetoes. "When Denis Halliday, the courtly Irishman who spent 34 years with the UN, resigned in 1998 as the UN's Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq in protest at the effects of the embargo on the civilian population, he gave the following explanation: '...the policy of economic sanctions is totally bankrupt. We are in the process of destroying an entire society. It is as simple as that ... Five thousand children are dying every month ... I don't want to administer a programme that results in figures like these.'"(4)

Clinton's Secretary of State Madelaine Albright admitted it. Asked whether the embargo was worth the death of 500,000 Iraqi children, she responded on a May 11, 1996 "60 Minutes" (television news show) that, "It is a very hard choice, but I think, we think, the price is worth it."

Notes:

1. The above quotes collected by none other than Richard Nixon's former lawyer John Dean,

a big part of the Watergate scandal. <http://writ.news.findlaw.com/dean/20030606.html> His four months in prison seems to have improved his integrity. To see what has become a popular MIM article after the war started, <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/bookstore/books/violence/ritter.html>

2. Reported in the Associated Press in the following context: "Asked if Americans should feel deceived about his rationale for the war because no weapons of mass destruction have been found in the six months since major fighting ended, Bush told Tribune Broadcasting," <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uslatest/story/0,1282,-3260507,00.html>

3. <http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/meast/10/19/sprjirq.main/index.html>

4. <http://English.aljazeera.net/special+reports/circle+of+lies.htm> (For an explanation why Clinton sabotaged UN weapons inspections to make it appear Saddam Hussein was not complying with UN resolutions, read <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/iraq/ritter2.html>)

5. <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/17/national/17VOIC.html>

6. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A21346-2003Mar24.html>

7. <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/iraq/antiwarpolls.html>

England faces quasi-revolutionary opportunity

governing Afghanistan said they would not be welcome.(5) Many speculate that Afghanistan is already descending into "chaos" and that it simply cannot be managed. Of course, ending troop involvements in Afghanistan cut back on deployment problems, but they leave Blair and Bush the political problem of a Taliban comeback.

The British troop deployments and shortages faced by U.S. and British imperialism show that the Third World does have strength in unity. The imperialists cannot send enough troops to keep the whole exploited and oppressed world down. If the oppressed nations put aside their own conflicts and follow proletarian leaders, they can turn the world upside-down.

We can say there was a revolutionary opportunity in England in 2003, but there was no revolutionary situation. That means that physically the government was stretched thin, but subjectively the population of England—which benefits from the super-exploitation of the Third World by British imperialism—did not want any revolutionary upsurge. It's not just that it let itself be robbed and had to learn political tactics. The population of England is predominantly petty-bourgeois.

The same exact thing happened in Paris in May 1968, except in a more intense way. There was a definite physical opportunity for revolution vastly better and more clear-cut than the one in England in 2003. Yet, there was no proletarian pole that could attract the petty-bourgeoisie. There was no strong party guided by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism MIM Thought; thus there was never any chance that a proletarian minority with revolutionary desire could swing the whole country in its direction.

In Iraq, a population of a mere 22 million is holding down about 150,000 of the world's best-armed imperialist troops and causing about half of them to say they won't be re-enlisting when their tours are up. So the question arises, if the English had the same determination to end the war, how many troops would it take to hold down 58 million English? The answer is more than the troops available to England, far more. For that matter Uncle Sam would not have enough spare troops to quell an insurrection in England either. The imperialists would have to make a choice, and they would be forced to recall troops from abroad in a hurry—no small contribution to the international struggle against imperialism. That is the minimum success that a revolutionary movement would have in England.

Of course, it is true that the English people had no preparation for armed struggle while Iraqis did. The fact remains that had the English wanted an



London demonstration, September 27 2003 (<http://www.indymedia.org.uk>).

insurrection to end the Iraq War or for their own reasons, the numbers, organization and communications advantages the English revolutionaries could bring to bear on the situation would make up for their initial lack of weapons. Thus, the problem in England was a lack of revolutionary desire.

In England, most of those calling themselves "communist" are some kind of Trotskyist or another. They believe their "workers" are among the most advanced in the world, the way all national chauvinists do. They had their chance for revolution in 2003. Where is it?

The answer to this question lies in economics, not political leadership and military factors. The majority of England is petty-bourgeois. When given the chance for revolution it does not want it. A determined proletarian minority must form its own pole, fly its own banner and give the petty-bourgeoisie another option to vacillate toward.

Notes:

1. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/01/21/nirq21.xml> The Telegraph is close to British military intelligence
2. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/military/story/0,11816,1007936,00.html>
3. <http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2003/s941828.htm>
4. <http://www.army.mod.uk/aroundtheworld/index.htm>; see also, <http://www.globalsecurity.org/org/news/2002/020324-attack01.htm>
5. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/cmss.d11/htm/u_ncomp/articleshow?art_id=164203340

Public opinion on the lies in England

The mainstream bourgeois magazine The Economist has admitted in retrospect that the Bush-Blair combo "stretched" its case for war.(1) The Economist supported Bush and Blair's claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

"No actual WMD has come to light, let alone the terrifying arsenal the world was led to expect," admitted The Economist.(1) At the same time, 59% of the British public believes that Prime Minister Tony Blair simply lied to the public in order to get it to back war against Iraq.(2) Despite everything that happened, The Economist still says Blair did not lie. It suggests at most that the intelligence community failed, which is known as passing the buck.

A proletarian party would be able to put that kind of nonsense in perspective fast, but the English population would rather let its politicians slide. One of many examples is Tony Blair's claim that weapons of mass destruction in Iraq were ready to launch within 45 minutes. It turns out that Blair found someone willing to make an uncorroborated claim based on the word of a single Iraqi officer and Blair was willing to use that. However, in the intelligence world, especially in the exile world, there will always be someone willing to claim—without corroboration—anything that the prime minister wants.

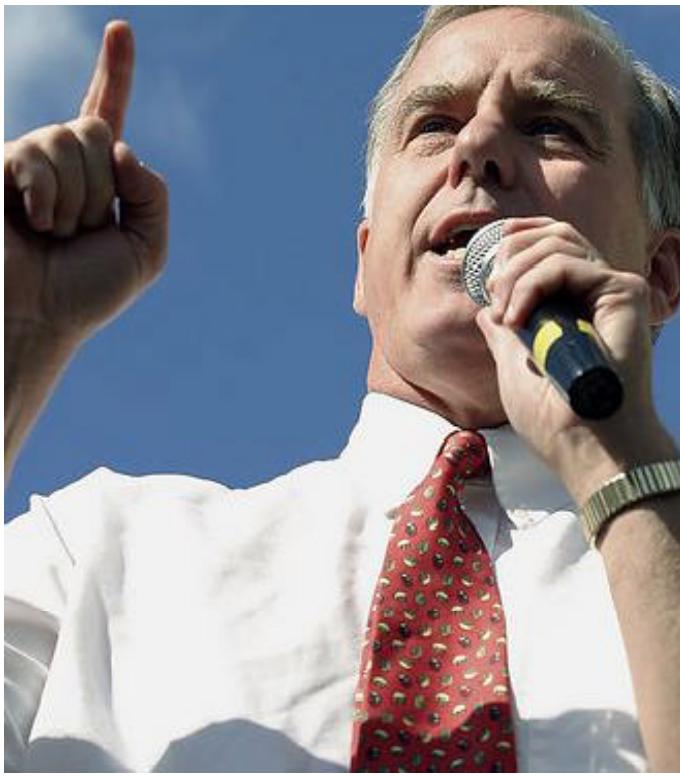
One of Blair's aides turns out to have said of the intelligence that Blair received, "the dossier does nothing to demonstrate a threat, let alone an imminent threat."(3) The question is why Blair's aide and various intelligence officials could interpret the report but Blair could not. It stretches belief.

The question arises, that if the rulers knew that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, why is it that six months later they still have not found them? Either they had concrete information on the weapons of mass destruction and where they were or they did not. It is now evident that all the talk about 45 minute launchings and red zones was faked. The Iraqis did not use any WMD and this is something that the U.S. and British militaries have thus far admitted. The case should be closed, but in infinite tolerance, the chauvinist English petty-bourgeoisie lets Blair live on to another day in politics. A majority says Blair lied on a matter of war and peace, but only a minority wants him to resign, never mind face a revolutionary firing squad.

Notes:

1. The Economist 4Oct2003, p.13.
2. The Economist 4Oct2003, p. 14.
3. The Economist 4Oct2003, p. 24.

Howard Dean represents Amerika



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nuclear power—remain unaddressed.”

Here Dean is being clear he is on board with imperialism; he just has disagreements with Bush and the Republicans about who the main enemy of Amerikan imperialism is at this time. In other areas he lines up with the rest of the imperialists, Democrats and Republicans alike. For instance, Dean is firmly in support of Zionist Israel.

Dean is as deluded (or as good at double speak) as the rest of the imperialists, claiming “The United States has a special role to play in world affairs as an historic inspiration to those around the world seeking democracy, freedom, and opportunity. Our own fight for independence, democracy, and basic human rights has allowed us to act as a moral force in world affairs and a guiding light for other nations.” Amerikan politicians love to take the high moral road as if Amerika was not the biggest terrorist in the world, setting the worst example of supporting military dictatorships and perpetuating humyn rights violations around the world. Dean’s goal to “restore America’s rightful place in the world and its moral leadership in world affairs” will never be possible, but we can look to the day when imperialism in Amerika is overthrown and the country will no longer be the immoral leader in world affairs.

Dean does talk of “enlarg[ing] the circle of beneficiaries of the growing world economy” and puts in some good lip service about “draw[ing] upon the genius of our people to help societies who need help in the battle against hunger and illness, ignorance, and despair.” Dean’s vision is clearly global. He is more sophisticated than Kucinich who virtually ignores the international situation to the extent of joining the protectionist camp. But Dean’s vision is no more realistic. Imperialism is a system that requires poverty so that corporations can have

resources and labor to exploit to make a profit. Amerika is wealthy because of its imperialist policies throughout the world, enforcing poverty and terror on the Third World so that its corporations can bring home the wealth.

Dean does put forward some relatively progressive sounding domestic policies but they are just window dressing. He says he will oppose the expansion of the Patriot Act and the repeal of parts of it that are unconstitutional, but he will otherwise keep the existing

Patriot Act. He wants ex-felons to have the right to vote, but does not address the criminal injustice system as a whole. Dean wants to expand DNA testing and access to lawyers for those on Death Row, but does not take a stance against the death penalty, which can never be reformed under capitalism. He will define racial profiling as discrimination but does not propose to do anything about the police occupation of oppressed communities.

Within imperialism, for Amerikan citizens, Dean promises to expand rights to those already benefiting from imperialist wealth. He stands for expansion of gay rights, wimmin’s right to choose, and affirmative action. These are all reforms that will not fundamentally alter the nature of national oppression within Amerika or Amerika’s imperialist domination of the oppressed nations of the world.

Dean talks about balancing the budget in Amerika, creating a system of simple and fair taxation and funding education programs, healthcare, Social Security and Medicare but offers no facts on how he will do this. The fact is that all Amerikan programs are financed with the blood and sweat of Third World workers. It is definitely possible for an imperialist country to have a balanced budget, but this will not reduce the suffering of the majority of the world’s people who are financing that budget.

Dean recognizes that the white “working class” in Amerika is really the middle class. He notes: “The American labor movement has allowed millions of hard-working Americans to move into the middle class and create better lives for themselves and their children.” But he goes on to say “It is the absence of labor unions in many third world countries that has caused the hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs from U.S.-based

factories to offshore plants.” This absence of labor unions is a result of US\$ terror policies in Third World countries which backs dictators who eliminate labor unions so that Amerikan corporations can use cheap labor to bring wealth back home.

At root Dean represents the liberal wing of the imperialists. He is a viable candidate for president as someone who has realistic (within imperialism) domestic and international policies. And he is

mobilizing mass support through the Internet in a campaign that so far is fueled by large numbers of regular Amerikans taking up the work and raising the funds. This is a good example of how far white Amerika is willing to go: some progressive-sounding rhetoric on domestic policies that won’t threaten the fundamental order of national oppression and dominance.

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.

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?

Go to <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/faq>
and get real answers to these and other questions.

MIM runs successful education program in California prisons

This year MIM initiated a statewide study group in the California prisons focusing on the criminal injustice system. United Struggle from Within (USW) leaders has run the study group, for the most part. USW is a MIM-led prisoner organization for political leaders behind the bars. USW members in California prisons took responsibility for writing up an invitation letter, study questions, and needed responses to questions posed by participants. The participation has been strong and members of the study group have written enthusiastically about what they are learning, their goals to turn the education into action with effective organizing, and their desire to continue the study group. One of our participants commented, "I'm pleased, ecstatic at the growth of participant comrades." Many others echoed this sentiment.

Education in prisons across the United States is dismal. Prisons no longer even put up the front of rehabilitation and so education programs are few and library books, when available, mostly consist of trash novels. MIM runs one of the few Books for Prisoners programs in the country, and we focus on sending in political literature. A lot of books, magazines and newspapers we send in are censored because the prisons consider education "a threat to the security

of the institution" or some variation on that excuse. In fact, several of the prisoners who signed up for this California study group were unable to participate because their prison censored the reading material.

In the introductory letter to study group participants the USW leader quoted Karl Marx: "The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point, however, is to change it." Much of the heated discussion in the study group has been focused on analysis of strategies. Among many other topics, we have discussed and debated the ideology of focoism which uses sensational actions to try to inspire the masses and build the revolutionary struggle, the use of prison labor under imperialism and in revolutionary China, and the use of criticism and self-criticism under the imperialist system. Discussion of these questions of theory have been related to practice by many of the participants, talking about legal battles we can and are waging against the California Department of Corrections right now like the fight against the Three Strikes law.

Relating these discussions to conditions within California prisons some of the discussion has focused on prison gangs and the ways the CDC manipulates gang

classifications to create divisions between prisoners. One study group participant wrote: "I find that any time we can unite to overcome these oppressive conditions that these barriers come down. This can be done with group grievances (group 602s) and sharing legal work and things like MIM Notes or study books. I agree ... that even these study groups can help. The more prisoners realize that these gangs as they are structured only serve to make prisoners puppets of this imperialistic system, keep us divided, as more prisoners come to realize that we help to fashion more chains around our own necks, we will find that enlightenment serves show forth the truth. Truthful analysis and correct political ideologies will help us overcome these divisions. In the mean time, we should use our common oppression to forget bonds of unity in areas of: grievances, sharing legal work and solutions, and political literature. In California, prisons are becoming more oppressive each passing year. In the last 23 years conditions get worse every year. I am strong believer that we must learn to use this legal system to our advantage and fight the imperialists with their own system."

Running a study group with prisoners is no easy task. Because of policies

banning prisoners from receiving mail from other prisoners, MIM activists have to support the study group by compiling and typing up responses to circulate to participants. And with frequent mail censorship, several of our study group members were cut off after the first batch of questions because they never received subsequent mailings. After repeated attempts some of the mail got through, but this resulted in a great delay and increased cost. Because of the work and cost required, participants in the study group had to demonstrate commitment to participation and were asked to help cover mailing costs if they could. Several prisoners sent more money than requested to help cover those who could not afford to send anything.

But the labor is paying off as we see USW leaders stepping forward and developing their political understanding and then turning that knowledge into organizing and action.

Reading materials for this study group, along with study questions, are available from MIM and include MIM Theory 11 "Amerikan Prisons on Trial" and a selection of readings about prisons in revolutionary China. If you are interested in using these materials in a study group, contact MIM for more information.

Kobe case: the intersection of insanity and irrationality

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today, defense attorneys are not supposed to question the sexual histories of the accusers. On the other hand, defense attorneys are supposed to have the right to cross-examine evidence and not take it at face value as reported by prosecutors.

Let us assume that espn.com reported the following correctly: "On Wednesday, defense attorney Pamela Mackey got the lead investigator to acknowledge the panties the woman wore to the hospital fewer than 24 hours after the alleged assault had sperm and pubic hair that did not match Bryant's."(1)

So now the defense is not supposed to question sexual history other than with the accused, but physical circumstantial evidence obviously points to sexual history. This case also raises another question: why is physical evidence pointing to sexual history accepted while other forms of evidence are not?

According to "shield law"(2) theories, a womyn is supposed to have the right to individual consent even if she is "loose." In any circumstance, no matter the prior ones, she has that right.

However, this ideology as law comes into conflict with other laws, because the existing Injustice System was not meant

to be a place to carry out social justice. It is not a place where problems affecting entire groups of people can be solved. The shield law itself in Colorado mentions some of the difficulties, but it is stereotyped legal practice that decides in reality how such problems resolve themselves. Hence, the judge reportedly blasted the defense lawyers at first but had to accept aggressive accusations from the defense attorneys in the Kobe case later.

The individual supposedly has the right to point to other potential suspects in the case. That's true in murder and other crimes. In this case, Kobe Bryant may succeed in making a strong case on the physical evidence. What is left might be "he said, she said." It is this possibility that CNN has discussed.

CNN has put forward that it is perfectly possible to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" just based on "he said, she said." "Assuming the physical evidence does not aid the jury in a 'he said, she said' case, how does it decide whom to believe? In general, jurors can draw on everyday experience to determine who is lying and who is telling the truth — a skill everyone employs (with varying skill) in his or her daily life. But jurors can also look to the

witnesses' motives to lie."(3)

No wonder the United States is the leading prison-state in the world per capita with attitudes like this backing up a sick system.

The interpretation of "beyond a reasonable doubt" should not be "whoever is more credible." Outside an open dictatorship, "beyond a reasonable doubt" should be 95 or 99% certainty and we at MIM doubt that anyone can accuse anyone else of anything at that level without third party witnesses. To believe otherwise is to give in to a classic class distinction, where one persyn can be so much more highly regarded than the other. The jury will consciously and subconsciously choose on that basis.

The solution to rape is found by addressing its causation, not by creating pornographic court case spectacles. The United States stands out in the world for its rape problem, and CNN and the rest of individualist Amerikkka is barking up the wrong tree.

The real solution comes from looking at the formation of social relations. We find it unacceptable that CNN is willing to put Kobe or anyone in prison just because CNN finds one persyn "more

credible" than another. It is a lesser evil to censor the media when it does not contribute to socialist relations between the genders. We should ban advertising and other pornography that depict wimmin as willing sex objects. Some wimmin we call gender aristocracy may truly enjoy that kind of message, but some men are copycat morons and the rest will absorb the message subconsciously and it surely cannot be good for all wimmin.

We at MIM are also willing to say that in the short-run, wimmin should give up the right to visit men in their hotel rooms if they expect to be able to accuse them of rape later. Fighting for such a "right" now is ultra-left (which means a dream ahead of actually existing conditions), because we still have a patriarchy, which means that men cannot be trusted or reformed on an individual basis. They can only be revolutionized.

Notes:

1. <http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/news/story?id=1639723>
2. <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2269/CO18.html#18-3-407>.
3. <http://www.cnn.com/2003/LAW/07/24/findlaw.analysis.dorf.kobe.bryant/>

Cover Up in Washington

The Washington Department of Corrections is literally involved in a cover-up. Its Intensive Management Units (IMU) are using a statewide practice of obstructing justice by covering IMU inmates cell windows with magnetic covers, so that inmates can not see out of their cells during incidents that happen within the IMU pods. This type of practice obstructs and eliminates inmates to view what's going on outside their cell door as well as what correction officers can see inside the cell at the time. It also is eliminating any witnesses other than DOC staff on the scene.

The following is a narrative of a grievance filed and the response given to the complaint by regional administrator Mr. Thomas D. McIntyre, on 10/21/02:

The Stafford Creek Correctional Center F-Unit staff is using a procedure of placing magnetic covers over inmates cell windows during emergencies, or otherwise. This is in violation of their own Washington Administrative Code policy, and an obstruction of view into all inmates cell. On numerous occasions magnetic covers have been placed on windows for hours.

On July 23, 2002 for 4 hours, July 26, 2002 10 hours, August 17, 2002 8 hours, August 19, 2002 5 hours and August 29, 2002 for 7 hours without any staff looking in to cells for visual observation. This violates their own DOC 320.255 policy directive section VIII (8): staff assigned to an IMU/seg unit shall conduct cell checks on a regular schedule that is no longer than 30 minutes apart to personally observe inmates/offenders.

Action requested by grievant: That this active practice be stopped immediately, staff can not have visual observation or sight into cells with this procedure. An inmate at the scene of an incident has a right to be a witness, and be able to report the incident.

Mr. Thomas McIntyre Department of Corrections, office of correctional operations response to complaint:

There is nothing to support your allegation that covering cell windows during an incident violates any Washington administrative code or policy. Your argument that staff can not cover the windows because offenders/inmates are not allowed to do the same is also not supported. The use of magnetic covers during incidents in the IMUs is a statewide practice and is a prudent practice in regards to safety and security.

USW prisoner adds: This policy is hypocritical; it is to be noted that when inmates cover their cell windows in protest or otherwise, they are infracted in violation of 320.255 sec. VIII (8) and other policies. That can justify a cell extraction and use of force supposedly to make sure an inmate is safe. This practice gives the DOC IMU staff an open invitation for excessive force, false reporting and abuse of power. It eliminates opposing statements from witnesses.

In 2002 Walla Walla police detective Mike Boettches investigated an officer shooting an inmate at Washington State Prison. When a WSP lieutenant conveniently "forgot" to hit the record button for the camera monitoring the yard, however there was no video tape of the shooting. Therefore Boettcher was relegated to investigating via interviews. Numerous prisoners witnesses said the fight was but a mere wrestling match, even so Jim Nagle the Walla Walla county prosecutor, refused to prosecute. Nagle claimed that prisoner witnesses would not

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be credible enough to get a manslaughter conviction. Oddly Nagle's office has been suing prisoners witnesses to convict other prisoners of crimes committed at WSP.(1)

On May 28, 2002 John Anthony Brown, 31, hanged himself in IMU at Washington Correction center in Shelton. Brown allegedly tied a sheet around the TV stand in his cell and died of suffocation; two other prisoners at WCC IMU attempted suicide the same ay that month.(2)

The covering of cell windows practice is also a torture tactic which enhances sensory deprivation creating symptoms of claustrophobia, anxiety attacks and disillusionment. If you already suffer from mental illness, these symptoms are even more exacerbated. More than 95% of those who take their own lives in correctional facilities have a diagnosed treatable psychiatric illness. According to federal surveys 16% of those in prison or jail are classified as mentally ill.(3)

It is ironic that this same tactic is used on animals, especially birds. When you want to put a caged bird to sleep you just cover up their cages, and leave them in the dark.

I seek advice, and help with litigation in this matter to stop this practice, because without such efforts this obstructive policy will continue. Please send letters of protest to:

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PO Box 41118
Olympia, WA 98584-1118
Thomas D. McIntyre

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OCO 4317 6th Ave S.E.
Olympia, WA 98504-1120
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Superintendent Doug Waddinton
Stafford Creek Corr. Center
191 Constantine Way
Aberdeen, WA 98520
Fax: 360-537-1807

— a Washington state prisoner, October 2003

Notes:

1. Prison Legal News, July 2003, Washington Guards shoot now ask questions later.
2. PLN, August 2003.
3. Vol 4, No3. The Plagues of Prison, Western Prison Project, Winter 2002

Pennsylvania fight for decent food

Today I am battling SCI at Albion in regards to the quality of the food that I am being served. You may be thinking that prisoners have little to complain about, so the food is first on the list. Well, many prisoners do complain about the food because it is the first thing that you need. If you don't eat you will get weak, sick, starve and die. That is reality.

For many years now [this prison] has been serving less and poor quality food. Oh, except someone important comes to the prison.

Some rumors say that if a kitchen supervisor can cut food cost they get what they saved as a yearly bonus.

Once every so often, I don't know exactly when, the Health Department comes to the prison. We all know beforehand because the employees work hard to get everything just so. Oh, that's another day we get fed food that you can eat.

As I am a prisoner, I must depend on these prison employees to feed me. I need the food to stay healthy and alive.

Now comes the fun part. I'm not allowed to get a lot of fellow prisoners to complain. And most won't in fear of retaliation. So I take this step on my own.

Is there a way I can get the health department to come and inspect without forewarning the prison?

—A Pennsylvania prisoner

MIM adds: Prisoners have been reporting in ULK for years that the prisons are either cutting back on portions of food served, or serving fewer meals on the weekends and holidays to reduce staffing. The New York Times recently noticed this trend as well, reporting that some states are actively cutting down on prisoner food as a means of reducing budget deficits.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), whose captives often put in long days of hard labor in the sun, has cut prisoners' daily caloric allotment from the Department of Agriculture-recommended minimum of 2,800 for active men to 2,500. North Carolina now gives 2,700 calories per day, down from 3,300; and Virginia has cut out breakfast on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

Of course the states can be as cheap as they want with prisoner food and it won't do much to help their budgetary problems — not with guards' salaries soaking up 80 percent of corrections allotments and the courts and parole boards enforcing long and often unreasonable sentences. If there are food shortages under socialism we too would cut allocations for prisoners before, say, members of the people's army. But prisoners would be enemies of the people, tried by proletarian tribunals, their numbers would not be swelled by oppressed nationals on petty drug charges. And we would be reducing their food allowances to feed others, not to make prison a more profitable enterprise.

Source: "States Putting Inmates on Diets to Trim Budgets" 30 Sept. 2003, NYT.

Struggle and study in Massachusetts

Clenched fist salute! I am writing to let people know about the struggle I am involved in daily as a young revolutionary - in Plymouth, Massachusetts. There are approximately 500 of us state prisoners being held hostage in the Plymouth County Correctional Facility due to overcrowding in the system. That this is a privately owned facility only in operation to make money is obvious in everything that happens here. Dietary insufficiency, extortionate prices at the canteen, forgery, useless and spiteful

caseworkers, and a blatant disregard for even their own rules and regulations are all things used to cut corners to increase the profit margin at our expense. That it is located in a rural area of Massachusetts, and most of the staff are from this area, which with its low percentage of minorities makes for a lot of tension between the staff and us who are doing time. . .

During my many trips to the hole I have started a kind of informal study group, to which anyone with a legitimately revolutionary attitude or a real desire to learn about the issues that really matter is welcome. Most of us are "hole regulars" because the COs will always find a way to segregate politically minded prisoners. We pick an issue in the morning at breakfast and take all day to write or think about it, and the opinions and ideas all get shared after 10 p.m. head count because that's when it gets quieter. The only drawback to this is that the COs and the racist inmates use our meetings to mark for retribution those who dare to express ideas contrary to their own. Whether it be the COs taking our one hour of recreation or another prisoner trying to throw feces into our cells,

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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.

we stay united and strong.

In closing, I would like to let all the revolutionary prisoners out there, who are being persecuted for their views, know that they are not alone and it is necessary to keep up the struggle for "each one to teach one."

—a prisoner in Massachusetts, September 2003

Oklahoma censors "internet pages"

Dear MIM,

The mail guard sent me a note saying they were stealing "internet pages" I was mailed or could send them "home" or "to sender." They deliberately sent the package these pages came in to the wrong building and delivered it with my other mail eight days later. Today I found it was from you and that they prohibit "internet pages," but I learned nothing of these pages' content. The delay was to help burn up 15 days, after which protest is ruled waived. It also seeks to prevent time enough for copying the [rejection] notice, which must be attached to the grievance and often vanishes while in their hands, nullifying the grievance. Mail won't go out again until Monday. I'll begin the grievance procedure then, because Friday they had no g-forms available.

Filing a grievance forces the guards to forego destroying the mail until after the final word is reached on the grievance. The most likely result is I'll send your package out somewhere and have someone write me a description of its contents.

Sorry for the trouble. I have not had any net pages stolen this way before. Hope we can win this, since it's free speech, something Americans think is allowed. Take care.

In struggle,
— an Oklahoma prisoner 3 October, 2003

MIM adds: The offending "internet pages" in this case were news articles from MIM's website, some on the current situation in Nepal and some on Peru.

Fighting repression in California

I have been here in California's state prison at Corcoran's segregated housing unit since June 1995, I have been witness to countless acts of brutality by prison officials, mainly correctional sergeants and correctional officers.

Just this past week a convict had a serious medical problem, and requested aid. The guards kept telling him there's no medical staff etc., because they didn't feel like escorting him to the acute care hospital. It was Thursday and I know for a fact that there are medical personnel here 365 days a year 24 hours a day.

This is just one example of the type of neglect and such the medical and correctional staff perpetuate, the above incident ended

by the sergeant's and their jackbooted friends spraying over 9 cans of OC pepper spray and three grenades exploding in the man's cell. Procedure states such actions are supposed to be recorded by motion video yet. No video recording was made, they do this so that in the event of legal ramifications they don't incriminate themselves by video.

What needs to be done is convicts must act in unison in order to ensure our rights guaranteed by the constitution are not violated period, regardless of the threats made by these government whores! Stand up and be counted as one of the truly courageous! Stop speaking of battles fought against one another when you won't even take part in the most important battle of all. Liberation!

— a CA prisoner, September 2003

California guards set up fights

On June 16, 2003 on C yard the white inmates attacked the Black inmates. The day before, on the 15th a white inmate took a knife to the PoPo and told them the plan to attack the Blacks. So these people here started searching Blacks and no one else. They knew what the whites were planning and they let it happen. 20 white inmates with knives attacked the Blacks and 17 Blacks got stabbed. No one died. A few whites got beat down pretty bad.

We have been on lock-down for close to three months. They let up upper C yard and we were up for a week, then the Blacks attacked the whites on September 6. I wasn't on the yard so I really don't know what's up with that incident yet. But the real fact of the matter is that this prison knew what was up and did nothing about it.

We are being manipulated by this prison. They just finished a new hole here and they need to fill it up and with the racial tension here they will succeed. I hope you get this letter because things have been happening to our mail and 602's [appeal forms]. For the last week since the incident happened they have been coming taking Blacks to the hole. PoPo have been saying that we will be on lock-down for a year. Every day it seems like the food is getting worse. We find hair in our food. The PoPo are perspiring bad but they don't care. They are planning on taking the packages and have us buy from a vendor.

— a California prisoner at High Desert, September 2003

Inhuman conditions in California SHU

The California Code of Regulations (CCR Title 15) section 3331 mandates by law what the "conditions of detention" should be. CCR Title 15 Section 331 paragraph (h) dictates

Facts on US imprisonment

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

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

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

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

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

2. Ibid., 1992 report.

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

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

5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.

the amount of "out of cell" exercise a prisoner is allowed. It states in part, "inmates will be permitted one hour per day, five days a week, of exercise a week." Here in my unit inmates receive 3 hours at a time, approximately once every 10 days. This unit has two "S.H.U. yards", and numerous "exercise cages" available. However, the administration here places so many prisoners on "walk alone" status, that it is impossible to facilitate our allowed yard time. It is clear that this administration uses "walk alone" status as a way to deny us yard. Extensive cell time is not only detrimental to physical health, it leads to mental depression, paranoia, and panic attacks. It would be quite simple to assign yard groups, but it is easier for the staff to use "safety + security" issues, to not do that.

Prisoners also are to be provided means to keep themselves clean and well-groomed. Each inmate is provided 1 roll of toilet paper, 1 bar of soap, and 2 teaspoons of tooth powder per week. There is a canteen where you can buy 5 bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, a comb once a month. Neither combs nor deodorant are issued. You must purchase these items. So if a prisoner is indigent he has no comb. I don't recall my sentencing judge saying I had to have money to comb my hair.

Now on to what I feel is the largest problem here at Corcoran. Reading material. By law state supplied reading material will be provided for prisoners undergoing disciplinary detention. Such material will represent a cross section of material available to the general population. Here at Corcoran that is laughable. There is a book cart of about 30 dilapidated romance novels for about 120 prisoners. You are allowed 1 book per week. I think it goes without saying that the library here is lacking.

Being in a 6x8 cell 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for extended period of times, without something to read borders on cruel and unusual punishment. Now some convicts are fortunate enough to have TVs or books mailed from the street, but most don't. Most only have four concrete walls and a life sentence to ponder.

Because there is no inmate movement the staff are responsible for the sanitary conditions of the unit. The simple fact is, the staff does nothing to keep these units clean. The showers are filthy, the tiers are never swept nor mopped, the unit is infested with insects and mice. Almost all prisoners keep their own cells very clean. But the unit should be kept sanitary also. It simply is not.

Now any human being will adapt to ones environment. But the simple fact is, this SHU is a warehouse for human animals. Animals in pet stores are treated more humanly than we are. There are almost 2000 prisoners here in the SHU, all housed in "living coffins," fed just enough to be kept alive, and not much

else. These conditions breed hard, bitter people. Cut off from every one and everything. The [prisoners] are human product, for the business called the California Department of Corrections.

— a California prisoner at Corcoran, September 2003

Fighting brutality in California

I feel it is imperative to bring to further light the corrupt regime that is commonly called the California Department of Corrections and their obvious abuses of civil rights and human decency.

I have been in the Security Housing Unit here in Corcoran since 1996 and have endured and seen many wicked deeds perpetrated by guards or COs [correctional officers], and because of the low end education of most inmates, retribution for these deeds aren't productive, as they are usually violent and in the long run do far more harm to the inmate than the guard/CO.

What I have found is that every inmate that is abused while in manacles/handcuffs should and must file staff complaints every time. Then file group civil suits against the institution heads, individual civil suits are useless. We must work in tandem if we are to change the way the SHU is. These violations are often blatant and done in the view of many people. Inmates and correctional officers alike are morally obligated to assist in the prevention of torture; cowardly attacks, etc, by guards etc. Whether you think the guard will speak the truth or not is irrelevant. You must endeavor to put them on the stand as witnesses to the brutality of this environment. We must use all tools at our disposal.

— a prisoner in California, August 2003

What is internationalism?

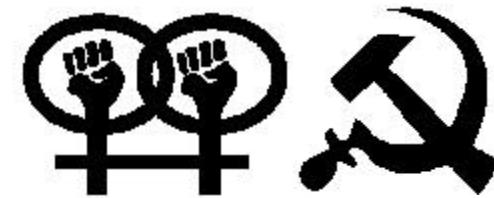
From the MIM "Frequently Asked Questions" page, <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/faq>.

Internationalism is the ethical belief or scientific approach in which peoples of different nations are held to be or assumed to be equal. Internationalism is opposed to racism and national chauvinism.

We Maoists believe the nationalism of nations experiencing oppression of imperialism is "applied internationalism." We oppose nationalism of oppressed nations directed at other oppressed nations, because the economic content of such nationalism is intra-proletarian conflict. We seek a united front of oppressed nations led by the international proletariat against imperialism.

"I must argue, not from the point of view of 'my' country (for that is the argument of a wretched, stupid, petty-bourgeois nationalist who does not realize that he is only a plaything in the hands of the imperialist bourgeoisie), but from the point of view of my share in the preparation, in the propaganda, and in the acceleration of the world proletarian revolution. That is what internationalism means, and that is the duty of the internationalist, of the revolutionary worker, of the genuine Socialist."

V. I. Lenin, "What Is Internationalism?" *The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky* (Peking: Foreign Language Press, 1965), p. 80.



Adolfo Olaechea arrestado en España: el chivo expiatorio de lacayos estadounidenses en el Perú

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Según los periódicos peruanos y la publicación de Yahoo!, el Europe Press, Adolfo Olaechea fue arrestado por las autoridades españolas el 4 de julio de 2003. No disponemos de detalles confiables pero, según varias fuentes, Adolfo Olaechea estaba de viaje de negocios en España.

El embajador peruano solicitó una extradición de Adolfo Olaechea al Perú denominando a éste un "terrorista" y sosteniendo Olaechea había tenido lazos con el Partido Comunista del Perú y la guerra civil peruana desde el año 1980, a pesar de que la guerra civil peruana comenzó años después de la salida de Olaechea del Perú.

El título del artículo que aparece en

Yahoo! dice: "El terrorista peruano Adolfo Olaechea..." De modo que la histeria gringa en torno al "terrorismo" tiene resonancia en todo el mundo- algo común entre la popular retórica "antiterrorista" propagada por gobernantes que buscan encubrir cualquier tipo de oportunismo y fechoría.

Adolfo Olaechea lleva casi 40 años fuera del Perú. Ha sido residente permanente de Inglaterra durante los últimos 25 años. Según una entrevista realizada por El Comercio, Olaechea no formaba parte del Partido Comunista del Perú. Tenía un documento emitido por la Embajada peruana que le permitía viajar dentro del Perú, por lo tanto, Olaechea no tenía problemas con viajes a Perú durante dos semanas. La pregunta es ¿a qué se debe la acusación reciente de "terrorismo", si los gringos no están moviendo los hilos de los títeres? Como señala la entrevista de El

Comercio, las personas que han acusado a Olaechea en el pasado hoy en día están presos por acusación de tráfico de drogas, soborno y asesinato en masa. El jefe del servicio de inteligencia V. Montesinos, quien ocupó el cargo durante la presidencia de Fujimori, se encuentra encarcelado.

A la luz del reciente descontento con el fallido régimen peruano, los resultados de la encuesta sobre la popularidad de Toledo quien había obtenido su educación en la Universidad de Stanford, y el descontento global con el patrocinador de Toledo, los EE. UU., no nos sorprende el amplio alcance de la búsqueda de chivos expiatorios, aunque los detalles de tales noticias siempre son muy raros. Mientras el pueblo peruano organiza marchas en contra del desempleo y se preguntan porqué Toledo no lleva a cabo sus promesas electorales, resulta fácil hacer demagogia y distraer a la gente con la aserción de que la guerra civil peruana originó en Londres.

En su publicación, Caretas afirma que Adolfo Olaechea "propaga a favor del Sendero Luminoso". Burlándose de las denuncias que Olaechea hizo en contra del régimen peruano desde Londres, Caretas lo llama un trabajador cultural que debería ser castigado aunque Olaechea no fuera "un líder histórico" del Sendero Luminoso.

Les sugerimos a escritores tipo Caretas que en vez de buscar respuestas fáciles como la caza de refugiados en Londres, amplíen su información, por ejemplo, con una reseña de las condiciones en el campo para entender a qué se debe el origen de la lucha armada. Si un gobierno no sabe aguantar ciertos discursos o artículos escritos desde Londres, a este gobierno le tocará caer tarde o temprano; cuanto más pronto se reconozca este hecho y se abandone a este tipo de gobierno débil, menos sangre será derramada.

Uno de los pasos tomados por

Olaechea en Inglaterra antes de su arresto fue el intento de asegurar el apoyo de los Tories en contra de la guerra con Irak. Olaechea instigó a Inglaterra a que "salvara nuestra democracia"- una posición afín a la opinión inglesa, según la cual en un país que tiene sus propios recursos petrolíferos, la mayoría de la gente no estaba a favor de la guerra, sino que fue obligada a brindar su respaldo a favor de la misma por Bush y su títere Blair.

Mao dijo una vez que un ataque del enemigo es un honor y un hecho positivo. En el caso de Adolfo Olaechea, el honor de haber sido convertido en un chivo expiatorio es extraño pero significativo. ¿Es posible que el régimen peruano tenga tanto pánico a los escritos y los discursos de Olaechea que decida correr el riesgo de aparentar desesperado en público?

Surge la pregunta de qué tan eficaz es el motor de la justicia. Aún está por verse si lo que está pasando es un resto del despotique anterior de Fujimori, ahora que existe una orden internacional de arresto en contra del mismo. La imagen que se crea en torno a Perú es la imagen de una "república bananera" caprichosa y arbitraria. Según la entrevista de El Comercio, en una ocasión Perú le otorga a Olaechea una entrada para su luna de miel por dos semanas. En otra ocasión se ordena un arresto de Fujimori/Montesinos por cargos de corrupción, tráfico de drogas y asesinatos en masa. Encima de esto, el Perú parece actuar según órdenes que tal vez hayan sido emitidas por Fujimori.

El MIM espera obtener más detalles sobre esta rara historia.

¿Qué es el MIM?

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

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

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

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

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