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## Ward Churchill and the Myth of Homeland Security

April 19 -- MIM led rallies for Ward Churchill in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cambridge, and Huntington, Ind. over the weekend of April 16. We also continued to collect signatures on our petition across the country, with a total now over 2,000. We present several reports from the scene of our agitation. --MC12.

### RALLY IN INDIANA STOPPED BY POLICE

Huntington, Ind.  
April 1

Police stopped a small rally for Ward Churchill after an hour. "The local car club who just happened to be having an event there at the same time as us were offended by our unpatriotic speech and offensive literature. The few people who stopped and listened to our line later on came back with the police. We tried to let the police know that we had a right to be in a public space and voice our opinion to no avail. We lacked permits for the event."

The Indiana rally is indicative of mainstream Amerika. For police to escort people off public property there has to be a law to delegate authority for that. According to the supposedly highest law of the land called the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment, there can be no such law.

Weak-kneed Liberals and libertarians have gone along with the bureaucratic permit system in the country; even though

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### SPEECH TO A LOS ANGELES RALLY FOR WARD CHURCHILL

I want to talk to you about homeland security.

The single most important thing you need to know, is that for Amerika today, there is no such thing. Ward Churchill's most grievous offense, the one most objectionable to his employers and the Amerikan people, was pointing out that citizens of this country — you, me, and the CIA functionaries who worked in an office in the World Trade Center — are collectively responsible for our government's war crimes.

Until we take up that responsibility and stop the genocide in Iraq, make reparations for the rubble our military has made of Afghanistan, cease all aid to the Israeli occupation of Palestine, remove the u.\$ military bases that violate Philippine sovereignty, and end the other terrorist campaigns Amerikan armed forces conduct, to preserve our car-driving, TV-watching, fast-food-eating lifestyle, none of us will sleep safely. And none of us will have earned the right to sleep safely.

Those who spend their lives in opposing imperialism can at least avoid the shame of those who have never lifted a finger for world peace. But we too are guilty of our government's crimes against humanity — not only because our privileged lifestyles are propped up by imperialism, but more importantly because we have not yet succeeded in overturning it.

Here's another one to think about: the very meaning of homeland security in this country is made hollow by the crackdown on all sorts of liberties since Sept. 11, 2001. The USA/Patriot Act, and similar legislation passed since 9/11, include all sorts of freshly legalized surveillance methods. Law enforcement is now using enhanced spying authority to dodge the

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# MIM petitions for Churchill at S.F. anarchist book fair

San Francisco, April 26 — The tenth annual anarchist book fair, attended by thousands of people, was a friendly venue for MIM's collecting petition signatures on our Ward Churchill campaign and distributing communist literature. Only a few people said anything negative about the attendance of a communist activist at an anarchist event, though no doubt others who refused our literature were thinking the same thing. To these people MIM responds that we do not see real anarchists as the enemy. Instead we consider communists the real anarchists. By this we mean that communists are fighting for a society without power of people over other people, essentially an anarchist society, but unlike the anarchists, we have a roadmap for how to get there that has been proven more effective than idealist anarchism.

Many anarchists have come to their political position out of an instinctively correct understanding of the need to eliminate power of groups of people over other groups of people. Seeing what is wrong in the world, real anarchists have a clear vision of what a better world would look like. And MIM agrees with this position. Where we differ is in the strategy to get to this ideal society. Among anarchists there are widely varying views about this, and certainly there are many anarchists who have not even thought this question through. But for MIM this is a

fundamentally important question, and one that can only be answered from studying history and taking what has worked and building on it to make it work better.

At this book fair in particular, MIM was out there to build unity with the anarchists around the campaign to prosecute those who are violating Ward Churchill's civil rights by threatening his job because of anti-imperialist statements he made. Churchill was among the writers who spoke at the book fair during the day long event, and many people in attendance were familiar with his case. In total we collected 162 signatures, and handed out many more flyers and copies of MIM Notes. For some of the day we were aided by a self-described anarchist film maker who was there to film Churchill's talk and who proved to be a very effective petitioner, flagging down everyone who walked by and convincing them to sign the petition. His explanation about our call to prosecute University of Colorado DiStefano: "The best defense is a good offense."

A reporter with a mainstream newspaper stopped to sign the petition and then changed his mind, saying that as a reporter he should not sign the petition even though he hopes Churchill does not lose his job. MIM challenged him by pointing out that David Horowitz, a reactionary activist who has put a lot of work into building the witch hunt against

Churchill, also claims to hope Churchill does not lose his job. This is not particularly meaningful from someone who is doing the work of those attacking Churchill, writing articles spreading lies and misinformation. Further, the whole idea that journalists are objective, and so should not sign petitions, is a bourgeois lie. All journalists bring some perspective to the table, and those who try to hide it are generally representing the capitalist line. We gave this reporter a copy of MIM Notes and encouraged him to educate himself on this issue.

In contrast we met some people working for bourgeois media who did not sign only because they feared their bosses might learn about it and fire them. But they pledged their support for the rally against Churchill and were excited to

learn about other ways they could help the campaign. Fear of bourgeois reprisals is a fine reason to withhold a signature, as long as this comes with an understanding that everyone has a responsibility to take whatever actions they can to fight the imperialist system.



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### What is MIM?

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

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

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

# Report from Boston campaign for Churchill

CAMBRIDGE, MA April 16—The rally for Ward Churchill at Harvard University had a disappointing turnout of 10 people, but the basis for future work is in place with hundreds of Boston area signatures collected and a five digit figure of posters, flyers and newspapers going out. Hundreds of passers-by heard a speech through a megaphone that touched on the difference between Lawrence Summers and Ward Churchill, the difficulties of Harvard students trying to demonstrate against the CIA, the historical role of Harvard and Yale in air bombing and the “psychological warfare,” the “collective responsibility” movement after World War II, a professor labelled “terrorist” in the Netherlands and the “war on terrorism” as it applied in Nepal. The theme of the speech stressed how the rulers scapegoat professors without state power to distract attention to the real problems of terrorism.

Within pointing range was a building where professors and researchers had a role both in World War II and the Vietnam War. The speaker pointed out that although the campaign against Ward Churchill has Fox News and other media outlets usually reserved to presidential candidates with hundreds of millions in campaign cash, history has shown that we can succeed in making the subject of 9/11 speakable again. The majority of the Americans and British favored the “collective responsibility” movement for Germany and Japan after World War II, especially in connection to their civilian casualties from air bombing. Sooner or later, the Americans and British will realize that 9/11 was not the first air bombing of civilians in history.

The speech started by mentioning how Ward Churchill was not speaking; no one from his Colorado American Indian

Movement (AIM) chapter was speaking; no one was post-modernist anarchist like Ward Churchill; probably no one had read all his books and no one there knew him personally. Nonetheless, we see the ramifications of this case both for academic freedom today and the interpretation of 9/11.

The speaker pointed out that by failing to adopt a consistent internationalist view, Americans contribute to neo-Nazi movements in Germany, Japan and places like Serbia. Other countries are less and less likely to take collective responsibility if Americans do not.

As for the Bush’s administration’s “fight for democracy,” the speaker pointed out that the god-king of Nepal has the Bush administration’s support; yet the god-king never won an election and never had a party elected in parliament. At the same time, the Bush administration scapegoated the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) for “terrorism” in order to distract attention from the people with connection to previous air bombings of civilians—people connected to the U.S. government. In fact it was the god-king air bombing his people who should have been linked to 9/11-type behavior, because as far as we know, the rebels controlling most of the country still do not have an air force. The secular forces in Nepal are in control of 80% of the country; yet the Bush administration chose to support the minority in Nepal. The speaker asked, “do you think if a god-king came to power here, there might be a civil war and if so we should not think people in Nepal are different than any other people. . . . It’s not terrorism: it’s a civil war. It would be like calling Abraham Lincoln a ‘terrorist.’”

Not all reactions to the Ward Churchill

campaign in Cambridge are positive. One passer-by said Ward Churchill “should be executed.” One woman walking through Harvard Yard said she wished she could fire him herself and another woman said much the same. On the other hand, in the campaign over days, MIM also spoke with several different people from Colorado in Cambridge for one reason or another. One expressed confidence that Colorado would shake its current image

of repressing Ward Churchill, because “Boulder is so not like that.” Another recounted going into a speech of Ward Churchill and coming out turned around. Churchill “knows how to defend himself. He was brilliant,” said another person. Most people are still in the stage of asking “who is Ward Churchill?” Based on previous experience in campaigns for individuals, we are confident we can turn that situation around with time.

## SPEECH TO A LOS ANGELES RALLY FOR WARD CHURCHILL

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Bill of Rights in routine criminal investigations. U.S. Attorney General Gonzalez has even admitted that the greatest success of the Patriot Act so far was in a murder investigation not related to “terrorism.” And that’s the case he picked to brag about, not the ones he’s keeping mum on.

So-called roving wiretaps, sneak-and-peak search warrants, and the FBI’s authority to subpoena email transmissions can all now be used to target both legal immigrants and communist groups like MIM, whose activities are deemed harmful to the government. The American Civil Liberties Union pointed out that these provisions bestow a dangerous amount of power on the executive branch, completely unchecked by judicial review. This bypassing of the courts and consolidation of power with the police is a step towards domestic fascism.

Some of these so-called “sunset provisions” of the USA/Patriot Act are up for renewal or expiration at the end of this year. You’ve no doubt heard that Bush and Gonzalez are campaigning hard to see these snooping powers renewed. We must not let that happen.

American founding father Ben Franklin chided: “those who would sacrifice essential liberties for temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security.” And as they have asked for the sacrifice of liberty upon liberty, not one government official has pointed to a single instance of these excessive spy tactics being used to stop terrorism. Their lies about security have been revealed. The only way we can earn the right to security is by getting right with the world’s people, and it is time to stand up for the liberty to be a revolutionary activist in this country so we can get on with the rest of our work.

The same laws that have curtailed Americans’ freedoms since 2001 overstep U.S. borders too. As in the case of Jose Maria Sison, the American government has granted itself authority to target “suspected terrorists” funds, including those funds held in other countries’ banks. A new law also makes it a deportable offense — even for people living here legally — to have participated in an armed liberation struggle outside the U.S. — even if the U.S. government only declares that liberation struggle to be “terrorist” after

the fact. Targeting immigrants in particular, it is now illegal to “knowingly harbor a terrorist” — a dangerous provision when the State Department has branded several lawful Islamic charities as terrorist organizations.

This same new law also provides for 10,000 new border guards, and 40,000 new immigration detention beds — all to be added in the next 5 years. All the while, the populist pigs in the Minuteman Project are doing their part to make America unsafe for immigrants — conducting vigilante raids along the Mexico-Arizona border. The only Americans who complain about the vigilantes’ activity are the cops who want the job of repressing immigrants for themselves, and the liberals who say we should really just hire more border guards and get this job done right.

No amount of bank-account freezing, border closing or war mongering can secure the American people’s safety. Imperialism not only saps the human and natural resources of the majority of the world’s countries, it has made the earth a much smaller place. This is not a recipe for stability.

You cannot bring people here to work for cheap, go to their countries to suck out resources, and then shut down the flow of commerce when it’s convenient. If you don’t think that puts your country on a permanent war footing, ask any Israeli. The Europeans worked this system pretty well in colonial times when international travel could take days or weeks. And you can ask a French person the fate of their possessions in Haiti if you think that worked out well. As much as the advanced capitalism we know today has made warfare more bloody, it has made bringing the war to the U.S. homeland that much easier — for every last enemy America has made overseas.

America: you can’t have it both ways. You can live self-sufficiently, and make reparations and peace with the rest of the world, or you can wait for the rest of the world to take its reparations by force.

Let’s do what we can to shut down the U.S. war machine, before more Third World people have to give their lives doing our job for us.

White America, you can’t hide. We charge you with genocide!

## RALLY IN INDIANA STOPPED BY POLICE

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it is obviously impractical and not all expressions (speeches or assemblies) can be planned out to the satisfaction of a bureaucrat. We are to picture people pushed off public property or arrested after the Boston Massacre. Conversely, we are sure these biased bureaucrats did not in most communities stop the spontaneous assemblies and candle-lighting on public property after 9/11. The Indiana event for Ward Churchill is typical and indicative of the relationship between power and truth: reading comprehension of the First Amendment depends on the distribution of power. The demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in

1989 had more than an hour before social-fascists shut them down. The demonstrators in China were there for weeks.

The Bill of Rights and the laws against civil rights violations are just pieces of paper. The governor of Colorado Bill Owens has proved that as have the police in Huntington, Indiana. There is a federal prosecutor that is supposed to look out for Ward Churchill when he faces death threats, but though we petition that office, an intervention by that office would likely only happen to twist events further. To sum this up, MIM sometimes reminds people there are “no rights, just power struggles.” It’s important not to mistake a piece of paper for reality.

# Pesante-USA on Ward Churchill and Joma Sison

[The rally for Ward Churchill at Harvard University heard the following statement from Filipinos organizing for Ward Churchill read out with frequent interjections from the reader to remind the listeners who Joma Sison is and the parallel to Ward Churchill.]

A Message from Pesante-USA for the MIM Rally to be read at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 16, 2005

Defend Prof Jose Ma. Sison and Ward Churchill and other targets of US Imperialism

On October 28, 2002, the Council of the European Union added Jose Maria Sison and the New People's Army (NPA) of the Philippines to its list of "terrorist" persons, groups and entities. This decision was taken by written procedure, without discussion or due process, without motivation whatsoever. Measures to be taken against the organizations and individuals on the list include "the freezing of funds and other financial assets or economic resources, as well as police and judicial cooperation." With this decision, the European Union toes the line of the United States. On August 9, 2002, the U.S. State Department listed the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army as "foreign terrorist organizations," asking other governments to do the same. On August 12, 2002, the U.S. Treasury Department listed Jose Maria Sison as a "terrorist" whose assets must be frozen.

The US blatant intervention in the internal affairs of the Philippines has resulted in the collapse and indefinite suspension of the peace negotiations between the Philippine Government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) since 2004. Since then hundreds of activists and progressive leaders have been killed or detained by the fascist US-Arroyo government.

The U.S. is targeting Prof. Jose Maria Sison because he has been a leading figure of the Philippine national democratic revolution for almost forty years. He was one of the pioneers who revived the anti-imperialist movement in the Philippines in the early 1960s. He reestablished the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP). For nine years, he was dictator Marcos' most prominent political prisoner.

Today, Prof. Jose Maria Sison is living in the Netherlands as a political refugee under the protection of the Refugee Convention and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. He is the chief political consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP, the revolutionary alliance to which the CPP and NPA belong) in the peace negotiations with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP). These negotiations have been facilitated by the Norwegian, Dutch and Belgian governments, and the European Parliament has endorsed them through several resolutions.

The CPP, the NPA and the NDFP have been leading an exemplary people's struggle for national liberation and democracy, against foreign domination, exploitation and oppression. We reject the notion that the struggle for national liberation, including armed struggle, is equated to terrorism. We are concerned that legitimate political organizations and individuals, including legitimate asylum seekers and recognized political refugees, may become the target of unjustified repressive measures in the guise of fighting terrorism.

The blacklisting of Prof. Sison and various revolutionary movements by the European Union does not bode well for democracy in Europe. Groups and individuals who express and concretize their solidarity with them may be the next victims. The democratic rights of freedom of expression and of association are at stake. The human value of solidarity is under threat.

The same is true with the case of Ward Churchill. At the request of the Colorado governor, the University of Colorado is considering firing him as a tenured professor for a speech he made about 9/11. This is a legalized lynch mob and a bureaucratic witch-hunt — a throwback to the United States era of bigotry and repression.

We call on all freedom loving people in this country to defend our civil liberties now under attack from the racists and neo-fascists disguised under the cloak of "defending freedom and democracy" and using "9/11" as mantle of authority. Defend Ward Churchill! We demand from the Government of the United States, the Philippines and the European Union and its member states the removal of Prof. Jose Maria Sison and the New People's Army from the list of the Council Common Position 2002/847/CFSP and Council Decision 2002/848/EC;

\* full respect for the protection of Jose Maria Sison as a refugee under the relevant international conventions;

\* encouragement for the resumption of the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations in accordance with the Hague Joint Declaration of 1992 as the framework agreement, and respect for the 1997 and 1999 resolutions of the European Parliament supporting the aforesaid peace negotiations;

\* the refusal of any possible demand for his extradition.

We demand that the Government of the United States, the Philippines and European Union and its member states refrain from any legislation or action that may hinder the legitimate political activities of organizations and individuals.

We support the procedure introduced by Prof. Sison on February 7, 2003, with the help of an international team of human rights lawyers, before the Court of the European Community in Luxembourg, against his inclusion in the EU's list of "terrorists." We vow to extend Prof. Sison financial support for his basic necessities and for his legal defense, even if this runs

counter to the decision of the Council of the European Union or to similar decisions in our respective countries of residence. To us, the values of justice and solidarity are more important.

In solidarity,  
Philippine Peasant Support  
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Los Angeles, California  
April 16, 2005

## Lawrence Summers v. Ward Churchill

In the past week, a poster campaign has hit Harvard University drawing the distinction between Harvard University President Lawrence Summers and Ward Churchill. Lawrence Summers is the first president in 400 years of Harvard history to receive a lack of confidence vote from the faculty, by a vote of 218-185 on March 15 for various unsubstantiated comments about the alleged lack of ability of wimmin in science.(1)

As we go to press, the Summers administration has prepared a further crackdown on free speech at Harvard by telling some students it does not permit a demonstration against the CIA on April 12. A group called the Harvard Social Forum and "No War" and an Arab Students group are having difficulty with the Harvard administration. Regarding a demonstration against the CIA and Department of Homeland Security the Summers administration said: "This demonstration does not have our approval and you will not be allowed to demonstrate," according to Harvard Social Forum. So once again, a university administration demonstrates its illiteracy: the First Amendment distinguishes between "government" and the "people." The CIA is government. It is not the CIA that has freedom of speech guaranteed by the highest law of the land, contrary to functional illiterates such as Nathan Glazer.

Harvard police have also tried to shut down activism for the Ward Churchill rally by initially calling it "soliciting" to be asking for a petition signature. Fortunately, Harvard has a ring of city property around it where people can petition, but the day when academic freedom exceeded "townie" freedom is gone. Judging from signs the Harvard administration posted in support of the City of Cambridge's interpretation of the First Amendment that allowed some city bureaucrats to withdraw from the public posting access to public property such as lamp poles, Harvard has become a negative influence in the community as well.

There are numerous reactionary activists who try to draw an equivalence between speech by an administrator in charge of wimmin and speech by a former administrator not in charge of 9/11 victims. An example would be comments at the reactionary publication for intellectuals, the National Review.(2)

Ward Churchill made a comment about "little Eichmanns" and Summers made a comment on wimmin, so some are trying to protect Summers by pointing to Churchill. The astonishing thing about this argument is that Ward Churchill already resigned his administrative duties as chair of Ethnic Studies after the furor concerning him, so there should be no analogy drawn in the first place, since Summers has not

resigned his administrative duties as some have asked.

Churchill is now fighting for all those faculty who would like to keep their tenure and academic freedom. Summers is a university administrator in charge of many wimmin.

If Summers wants to leave the presidency and take up research on wimmin's issues, he should join a wimmin's studies department and leave the presidency behind. Otherwise, he should have read some of the books by Harvard faculty such as Ruth Hubbard's Biological Woman or Genes and Gender II.

In contrast, Churchill's speech that caused the Colorado governor Bill Owens to ask for his firing was on the topic of comparative genocide, something Churchill has done published work on. Even so, Churchill is not in charge of anything in connection to 9/11 victims, such as any victims memorial fund.

Another difference is that Churchill has received over 100 death threats and he has had speeches cancelled and discussions about police ability to protect him in various places. No such violent threats have arisen in connection to Summers.

Under Lawrence Summers, police cordoned off Harvard Yard and asked for identification to enter a demonstration concerning wages at Harvard, the first time in history that MIM is aware this has happened to Harvard Yard. Usually, Harvard Yard is shut down only for the annual regatta on the Charles River (boat races) and partly for the commencement. Harvard police have also tried to shut down activism for the Ward Churchill rally by initially calling it "soliciting" to be asking for petition signatures.

Furthermore, although the poster kiosks that are patently too small to hold all the posters for all the talks, parties and performances at Harvard arose before Summers, the little notification on each kiosk threatening fines against student groups for not posting the right number of posters in the right place and in the right size came under Summers. Not that Harvard is the first university to sterilize its atmosphere for the benefit of appearance to conformists, major classroom buildings Harvard and Emerson have had their bulletin boards removed wholesale.

The inability of Harvard to fine the military for posting recruiting posters on the same kiosks also exacerbated itself under Summers. Those posters have gone up at the same time as posters for Ward Churchill, but the military recruiter posters violate the university's size regulations. We are waiting to see that fine on the Pentagon.

On Summers's watch, the Harvard Law School took a threat from the Bush administration and had to allow anti-gay discrimination by military recruiters, until the Third Circuit court overturned the Bush administration and Harvard Law reinstated the ban in December, 2004. The fact that

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# Giuliani, looking to election, takes aim at Churchill

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April 12, 2005

Various commentators and at least one poll suggest that former New York mayor and imperialist megalomaniac Rudy Giuliani should run for President in 2008, though he will not be running for the u.\$ Senate or New York Governor.(1)(2)(3) However, “the possibility of a White House run in 2008 is not out of the question” according to Giuliani’s aide.(4)

On Sunday, April 3, at the University of Colorado at Boulder campus Giuliani went out of his way to accuse CU Professor Ward Churchill, target of a bureaucratic witch-hunt because of his essay on 9/11 and the Amerikan “collateral damage” double standard “Some People Push Back,” of being “hurtful” and also incompetent.(5) “He said that Churchill’s grasp of the country’s political situation may show that [he] isn’t responsible enough to teach, likening his essay to a geography teacher teaching that Earth is flat.”(5)

As Pierrette J. Shields’ relatively factual article points out, Ward Churchill said only that “those working in the trade centers in technical or bureaucratic jobs weren’t innocent victims of the attacks” (my emphasis), though other u.\$ citizens were similarly complicit in u.\$ imperialist militarism and genocide. This stands in contrast to numerous news stories portraying Churchill as saying that all the 9/11 World Trade Center dead were part of the “technocratic corps”—even after Churchill unnecessarily clarified his statements for those with utter reading comprehension problems—when obviously Churchill does not say that in “Some People Push Back.”

Giuliani’s statement, including his comments in a news conference before his speech at the Coors Events/Conference Center in Boulder, is an example of subjectivism. Giuliani forecloses the scientific debate and does so in a way that has even offended some quasi-materialist-minded Liberals. Giuliani defines truth (and falsity) in terms of what (dis)comforts him from his “very personal perspective.”(5) And on top of that, Giuliani is wrong. The role of exploiter typical Amerikan parasite in repeatedly supporting militarism and genocide is not so controversial to the scientific-minded as to be out of the question. In fact, the onslaught of emotive, prescientific and frankly preverbal response to Churchill’s essay indicates just how scientifically provocative the essay is. “Some People Push Back” does not claim to prove its thesis conclusively, but it is still provocative to the scientific materialist, making its point clearly and concisely, and drawing the reader’s attention to the urgent need to consider their own responsibility for militarism and genocide.

Giuliani deserves some credit for at least focusing on the real issue —Ward Churchill’s ideas in “Some People Push Back”—if only by accident or due to his “very personal perspective.” That is more than MIM can say for the white

nationalists, crypto-fascists and assorted lackeys who presume to disprove Churchill’s indigenous identity on the basis of his lack of full enrollment in an Uncle Sam-recognized indigenous organization.

The reason why Rudy Giuliani attacks Ward Churchill is that Giuliani realizes that Churchill’s ideas are unpopular with most Amerikans. Giuliani is milking his 9/11 experience for all it is worth morally, and he may think that his statements about Churchill will help him to win the presidency in 2008. Although President Bu\$h won’t be able to run for re-election in 2008, it is interesting that Bu\$h has not publicly commented on Ward Churchill, but Rudy Giuliani has remarked on Churchill negatively and could be President someday. It will be an awkward situation if Giuliani becomes President, and Churchill is still a Professor.

Although Rudy Giuliani pretended to support Ward Churchill’s “freedom of speech” on April 3, only suggesting that Churchill should be fired for alleged incompetence, it is disturbing and deeply symbolic of the ongoing bureaucratic witch-hunt against Churchill that he so deliberately attacked Churchill during a speaking event organized by University of Colorado at Boulder’s Distinguished Speakers Board, on the CU at Boulder campus.(6)(7) Churchill is a Professor in the same university’s Ethnic Studies Department. Career bureaucrat Giuliani evidently does not understand that firing Churchill would be a civil rights violation and it gives credence to those who say they faced repression in New York City under his rule. The freedom of speech question can’t be separated from the firing question. Even the Phil DiStefano-led investigation committee concluded—for a deceitful tactical reason—that Churchill can’t be fired for what he said in an essay written for Dark Night. Now, the CU officials and government bureaucrats are going after Churchill ostensibly for what are specious allegations of plagiarism and “fabricated” indigenous identity.

Giuliani is old enough to have had a chance to study some history. There are over 200 links in Google searches requiring the words “bombing,” “Dresden” and “collective responsibility” alone. The incompetent one is a Giuliani forced to appear stupid for political reasons or sheer viciousness.

At least in Newt Gingrich’s case, there is a broader agenda and we cannot say he is unaware as Giuliani claims to be: “We ought to say to campuses, it’s over... We should say to state legislatures, why are you making us pay for this? Boards of regents are artificial constructs of state law. Tenure is an artificial social construct. Tenure did not exist before the twentieth century, and we had free speech before then. You could introduce a bill that says, proof that you’re anti-American is grounds for dismissal.” (9) Newt Gingrich just wants a purge based on “anti-Americanism”—by which everyone would be purged because there

are no Americans anymore, only Amerikkkans.

Governor Pataki, another candidate for president was perhaps the first to get on the purge bandwagon, the Amerikkkan answer to the Amerikkkan vision of Mao’s Cultural Revolution: “I am appalled first that this person with such a warped sense of right and wrong and of humanity teaches at a higher education institution anywhere in America,” Pataki said in Albany, N.Y.”(10)

At the moment, we do not know where another likely candidate for president Senator Frist stands on the question. We do know he recently backed the courts on the Schiavo so-called right-to-die case and George W. Bush himself said he was for checks and balances.

Many have already compared the anti-Churchill politicians to Stalin and Mao for wanting a purge of academia. At the same time, Giuliani, Gingrich and Pataki would all claim to oppose Mao’s Cultural Revolution. So the question becomes who is right, the liberals or the purge-oriented Republicans.

MIM would say that these Republican candidates for governor do oppose Mao’s Cultural Revolution. Wags could point out that so-called workers are most in favor of firing Churchill, but as MIM has said all along, the proletariat is a tiny minority inside u.\$ borders. The people Giuliani, Pataki and Gingrich pander to for votes are labor aristocracy. That’s why this movement against Ward Churchill has no potential for revolutionizing education and the rest of society. The Chinese Cultural Revolution targetted power-holders on the capitalist-road. Ward Churchill is targeting war criminals and facing punishment and death threats as a result. It’s a different set of emphases.

The other main difference between the purge of Ward Churchill-like professors and the Chinese Cultural Revolution, is that in the Chinese Cultural Revolution the aim was to “consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat.” Though there was more free speech in China than in cities like Cambridge, Massachusetts that do not allow postering on public property (with the exception of criticism of Mao himself which was not allowed), China claimed to be a dictatorship of the proletariat. China did not claim to be a “free country,” because Marxist theory says such is impossible till classes are gone. In contrast, Giuliani et. al. say the united States is a “free country” while

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the Bush administration dared pass such a law shows the weakness of people in power such as Summers. The fact that Summers did not then lead effective resistance shows the misplaced priorities and concerns of the university.

All of these practices compare unfavorably with the attitude toward postering and demonstrations in Mao’s Cultural Revolution. More importantly, all these practices have shown an increasing repressive trend over time at Harvard. Lawrence Summers is no poster boy for

leading the lynch mob. The existence of the movement to purge academia in the united States is further proof that Marx was right that freedom is impossible in class society. They call it “freedom” and then slime people for their speech.

The bureaucratic witch-hunt targets Ward Churchill not just for daring to differ with popular Amerikan opinion on 9/11 or the Bu\$h government’s foreign policy more specifically, but because of Churchill’s particular ideas. This is not a witch-hunt against dissent in the abstract. That is not how ideological struggle and repression work concretely. However, stunts such as Giuliani’s have the potential to result in further civil rights violations. MIM condemns this despicable use of the World Trade Center dead for grandstanding. It is deeply hurtful to the world’s people. Those Amerikans who want to avoid future attacks arising from u.\$ militarism and genocide should support Ward Churchill’s freedom to speak the truth, and oppose Giuliani’s callous abuse of the WTC dead. It will be a small step toward taking collective responsibility.

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# Andrea Dworkin, September 26 1946-April 9 2005

Andrea Dworkin had the image of being the most inflammatory Amerikan feminist. Few would know that a husband survived her and she said she was not a man-hater.

In fact, Andrea Dworkin was not quite a real feminist. That she pointed out many things wrong with liberal feminism and opposed many overly male-identified ideas is not in doubt, so many of her ideas must be defended. Perhaps her contribution is really that she raised the notion of thinking outside the box as necessary for the feminist cause, in a country where the people calling themselves feminist are in a terrible rut. Dworkin tried desperately to fire the imagination in her fiction work and slogans.

Dworkin marks an important boundary between mainstream acceptable views and revolutionary feminism. She said it herself that she intended herself as some kind of bouncing point between radicalism and liberalism: “I have a really strong belief that any movement needs both radicals and liberals,” she explained. “You always need women who can walk into the room in the right way, talk in the right tone of voice, who have access to power. But you also need a bottom line.”<sup>(1)</sup>

Dworkin’s line reminds MIM of how some organizations use armed struggle to go back to the negotiating table as a strategy of life—something MIM regards poorly in class struggle. We may regard Dworkin as the African National Congress (ANC) of Amerikan feminism. The ANC and Dworkin both engaged certain subjects of interest to MIM, including Marx, Mao and the Black Panthers. Yet they reached different conclusions and we cannot sweep that under the rug in this obituary.

With MIM’s theory of imperialism, sometimes we find it difficult to see the distrust between men and wimmin or among men or among wimmin as anything but an historical stage of decadence. A contradictory system brings forward contradictory ideas with no possibility of stability. Dworkin may claim to be something new under the sun while just being a new turn in imperialist decadence.

It remains true that Dworkin’s line would be a disaster in most Third World countries, because it would lead to fighting among the most oppressed people. Yet in the imperialist countries, if we do not allow the Dworkin or even less radical lines to take over the party, then we can see the Dworkin line play a positive role. Sowing distrust among exploiters or oppressor genders is a good thing. Where we question Dworkin is on the question of the oppressed gender in relationship to the oppressor.

The ANC vacillated between armed strategy and negotiation. Dworkin vacillated between lines such as “dead men don’t rape” and integrationist strategy for wimmin much along the lines of the ANC for Blacks and whites.

The problem with catchy slogans that Dworkin was good at coining is that they always presume more than is possible

between men and wimmin. There is nothing about the romance culture worth preserving with slogans like “dead men don’t rape.” Such a slogan implies something so important between men and wimmin that it is necessary to issue such slogans. That’s what MIM means by decadence. It’s as if the trashiest romance novel were true and the be-all-and-end-all is the romance culture, because it’s worth killing for. Quite the opposite, the historical appearance of the Dworkin trend indicates the dead-end for gender relations under imperialism.

While many pointed out that Dworkin seemed to reject the romance culture in the trivia—the shaving, the make-up, the weight—MIM would say that much more important was that her line was still intellectually stuck in the romance culture. Nations and tribes often claim not to obtain any benefit from each other. That is not a possible approach for wimmin living with men. Wimmin and men can separate. There is nothing between men and wimmin worth preserving with violence. In this sense, Dworkin is clear and appealing mainly because she talks like the twisted men she berates. It’s at that point where we speak of the oppressed gender being converted into the oppressor gender. Slogans like “dead men don’t rape,” teach people to think like oppressor men. In contrast, MIM does not seek to make the oppressed more like the oppressor so much as we intend to change the system to benefit the oppressed.

The bouncing between liberalism and radicalism may be the reason that Dworkin and MacKinnon both denied “all sex is rape” despite being the two most famous wimmin of recent times whose work came closest to suggesting that. MIM too could deny that all sex is rape, because we cannot say we know how humyns existed in tribes of primitive communism ten thousand years ago. Very possibly sex was not rape then. In the distant communist future, all sex may not be rape. Despite that, MIM does not see any need for denying that “all sex is rape,” but that was inevitable as MIM was going to refract MacKinnon through Lenin. Dworkin has gone further in the opposite direction than MIM would: “I think both intercourse and sexual pleasure can and will survive equality.”<sup>(2)</sup> MIM is not so sure. As people’s consciousness improves, even people like Dworkin who believed there is some liberating sex may come to believe there is not. This is not something that should be pre-judged before the abolition of power relations.

The trouble with Dworkin’s view is that it is too anti-structural and encourages sub-reformism. When we Marxists say proletarians are by definition exploited under capitalism, we mean that that cannot change until socialism, and it is true for all proletarians. That was always Marx’s position. We should not deny that all proletarians are exploited, just because under socialism proletarians will not be. We should say, “under socialism,



proletarians are not exploited.” When Dworkin said not all sex is rape, she implied that there are conditions right now under which sex is not rape, and in a single sentence she cut herself off from the oppressed gender as a group, as if the sex she had could possibly be independent and not influenced by the sex that other wimmin had. If wimmin are not a group, then there is no point in talking about feminism. We’re sure Dworkin was aware of the “iFeminists” trying to subvert feminism with appealing statements about civil liberties that take advantage of the correct distrust of the imperialist state. Surely no consistent feminist should allow any crack for the iFeminists to pass through.

The only exception we can entertain for “all sex is rape,” is the notion that perhaps among men all sex is not rape. Yet even if Dworkin were capable of social male status, and enjoyment of sex, we would want her and others to betray her enjoyment of sex to stand with the oppressed, including and mostly children.

Dworkin was also a Zionist and drew parallels between how I\$raelis fight and how wimmin should fight and this brings us to the question of internationalism. Real feminists believe that it is not possible to fight for wimmin as a group by backing Zionism. It could be that Andrea Dworkin fought for narrow interests of the Zionist and Amerikan wimmin, but that would make her an oppressor nationalist, not a feminist. Since the majority inside most countries outside China and India is wimmin, the most efficient way to be a nationalist is by getting to the wimmin in a way specific to one’s culture—despite whatever some extremely narrow pig-headed male chauvinists might say contrary. Dworkin’s work aims at a more perfect nationalism than allowed by previous nationalists.

Ultimately, the same basic ideological critique also applies to MacKinnon. Dworkin and MacKinnon only talked about something that Mao actually accomplished when it came to abolishing pornography and going much further. Yet, one will hear scarce mention of Mao by either of them. Dworkin weaves Mao and the Black Panthers into her fiction, but it’s more as an encounter. Along these lines we can read more substance in Kate Millet’s encounters with Maoists and we would think even John Lennon would have

had more to say. For MIM, this is blindness indicating a lack of seriousness. We do not want to fall into the same error, so we must engage Dworkin just as we would have wanted Dworkin to come to terms with Mao.

One would think it would be people like Dworkin looking at the world’s fastest progress for wimmin and trying to figure out systematically what it was that worked. Some comparison or settling of accounts with Mao is really necessary, because there is an important underlying view of power in the work of Dworkin and MacKinnon. Dworkin saw herself working with the liberals and passing anti-pornography laws. We can say at the very least there is a reform versus revolution question there and we did not see a satisfactory answer as to why wimmin are not revolutionaries or cannot succeed that way.

Our readers may ask why we are always talking about MacKinnon then, if MacKinnon and Dworkin were not an internationalist duo. The answer is that if Engels were still around writing books about gender conditions, we might have much less to say about MacKinnon. As it stands, in the united States MacKinnon fights for theory, and this makes her seem as isolated and extreme as Dworkin was in politics, if we look at 99.9% of writers in the same subjects. MacKinnon’s theory boils down to saying that the way wimmin fight requires a subjectivist road. MIM finds this unsatisfying, because we look for a comparison of historical practices. Dworkin seems to say we have to encounter those Maoists in day-to-day life the same way MacKinnon says it is necessary to engage Marx for theory purposes, but MIM says that’s not enough.

What Dworkin did that is of interest to MIM is address current conditions of imperialist country wimmin. Just as MIM pays attention to other views calling themselves “Marxist,” MIM also pays attention to other views calling themselves “feminist.”

Dworkin spent her life pointing out what pseudo-feminists would call the objectification of womyn—the treatment of womyn as cattle to be diced, sliced and served up raw or cooked. Her main message seemed to be to have some reference point in power struggle and not always compromise or erase. Men tend to think they have some intrinsic desire for sex, but if wimmin can only achieve equality by thinking of it as a business deal or armed struggle of two equal sides in the bedroom, in order to “get something” out of it, then men and wimmin should just realize that they don’t have enough in common. Alternatively, if men really do not desire sex but just violent dominance, then again, the answer is the same, that there is just not enough common ground for a romance culture.

MIM expects the true parts of Dworkin’s work to be watered down and reconstituted in a non-threatening form

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# Obituary: Pope John Paul II

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Pope John Paul II died April 2, after 26 years as pope for the Catholic Church. The Pope rules the smallest country in the world, Vatican City, but is arguably as powerful as the rulers of big imperialist countries.

John Paul II is being eulogized as the most loved Pope in recent history. His rule in the Catholic Church increased outreach to the people, both Catholics and other religions. Among other acts, this Pope made more people into saints than any previous Pope. The creation of new saints, spread throughout the world, provides examples of holiness and good Catholics everywhere. While some see this outreach to the people as progressive, MIM sees it as a political move to increase the reach and power of the Catholic Church, a reactionary and repressive force in society.

Historically the Catholic Church has been one of the greatest promoters of evil in the world. By evil MIM does not mean the devil, but rather death, destruction and repression, the cause of harm to humanity.

During the time period known as the Middle Ages or Dark Ages, the Catholic Church repressed intellectual and artistic creativity and education. This was a strategic move to keep people from challenging the Church, and to keep the Church as the ruling force in education and throughout people's lives. During this time, at the height of the Catholic

Church's power, the clergy worked with feudal lords to maintain the system of feudalism by spreading lies that reinforced the need for people to stay in their place as serfs. The Church also spread the idea of the divine right of kings, an idea in the Bible which says that God supports the rulers of people.

The Catholic Church continues this role today by justifying the plight of people in this life who are suffering but will be saved in the next life. This is another way of telling people not to fight back against their oppressors, but instead accept their lot and pray for salvation. In this way religion works very well to reinforce reactionary governments. Convincing the people that their suffering is either punishment from God, or even just their fate which will lead them to a better afterlife, keeps people passive.

While in some countries, like the United States, the government has the veneer of secularism, religion still pervades the political system. For instance, it is the Catholic Church that is behind the idea that marriage is between a man and a womyn, now a popular political campaign in Amerika.

Among its reactionary political actions through the ages, the Catholic Church has played an important role in supporting fascism. In 1922 Pope Pius XI paved the way for Fascism in Italy by banning participation in the Catholic Party, paralyzing what had been a serious obstacle to fascism. In return Mussolini had the Italian state bail out the Bank of

Rome which was controlled by the Catholics and was on the brink of bankruptcy. The Church openly praised the fascist government and the two worked together to maintain both religious and political rule over the Italian people.(1) Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) continued in the Pius fascist tradition by supporting and aiding Hitler as well as Mussolini.(2)

Pope John Paul II himself, prior to becoming Pope, was an outspoken anti-communist Cardinal in Poland. But he refused to give support to Catholic priests fighting against reactionary regimes in South America in the 1970s and 1980s, and has attempted to stop priests from taking up liberation theology while at the same time promoting the Opus Dei, a group that has a history of supporting General Franco and Spanish fascism.(3)

This Pope has also declared all forms of contraception evil, even used within a marriage. This position is anti-scientific and very dangerous for the health and well being of those who follow the Catholic Church. In particular, the Church's condemnation of condoms and questioning of their effectiveness against HIV has led directly to thousands of people's unnecessarily being infected with this virus.

And finally, among the highlights of his career, Pope John Paul II oversaw the Church during the biggest scandal in its recent history: the sexual abuse of children by clergy. And he oversaw the foot dragging and resistance of the Church leadership in addressing this

abuse. Ever interested in protecting the power and image of the Church, the Vatican's response to the sexual abuse scandal is not unexpected. On questions of gender in general, the Catholic Church is among the most reactionary forces in the world. When Americans point to Muslim religions critically on this question, while praising the Pope as a great leader and holy man, we call out their hypocrisy.

The death of Pope John Paul II is overall unremarkable except as an opportunity to review the reactionary history of the Catholic Church from the Inquisition through the Dark Ages, in support of fascism from its inception in Italy until its modern day manifestation in Third World countries where the Church helps to prop up reactionary governments, and even encourages people to avoid condoms in regions plagued by AIDS. Overall the Catholic Church is a force on the side of exploitation, oppression and death in the world, and Pope John Paul II did his part to further this work through a lifetime of service to the Church. His death will only mean new leadership to the same old reactionary religion.

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by pseudo-feminists. MIM asks all real feminists to fight this tendency which would degrade her life's work.

Pseudo-feminists like Hillary Clinton or Camille Paglia tell wimmin, wrongly, that they can have it both ways: that wimmin can have their imperialist super profit exploitation cake (the bennies of exploitation of the Third World) and whine about being exploited. In truth these gender bureaucrats have abandoned the oppressed and speak for a social group that already has privilege.

To put this in language for Marxists, pseudo-feminists are the revisionists of the feminist movement. Their existence explains the necessity of a Leninist vanguard party operating under democratic centralism: otherwise, backsliding, revisionism, and capitalist restoration occurs.

The existence of pseudo-feminists underlines MIM line that biological gender is not the same as social gender. Andrea Dworkin was a biological womyn who tried to understand gendered wimmin. Camille Paglia is a biological womyn and a gender man or we can say Paglia expresses the line of successful male identification regardless of gender. We cannot say that Paglia's line is unreal in any way, because the reality is that those of her biology do become gender

oppressors in the united States and similar countries.

Failing to become gender oppressors when offered the chance may even come with penalties. We would rather a womyn come to a simple but wrong Freudian line on sex if it would only allow her to go on in life onto other subjects without wasting too much time. People often stumble on the question of persynal life in an oppressive system and it's difficult to predict what will bring comfortable clarity that contributes to revolutionary cohesiveness. Dworkin was the marker on that boundary between accepting and denying privileges. She told wimmin to take the punishments of the patriarchy and stand up independently anyway. Yet we consider this a secondary question. If even someone like Gloria Steinem had managed to become a revolutionary, her line on her own peculiar position as a persyn capable of joining the gender oppressors would be secondary. The reason we say that is an underlying theory of power behind the patriarchy. Paglia versus Dworkin does not represent the most important part of gender dynamics.

This is opposite to what patriarchy, its pseudo-feminists and assorted other imperialists would say. So what. Truth is truth. Even though pseudo-feminists sometimes have inklings that gender and sexuality occur on a spectrum, just as race, they ignore the dynamics of the imperialist system of exploitation because it lines

their pockets.

Andrea Dworkin will perhaps best be remembered, at least in MIM circles, as having co-authored with MacKinnon a law against pornography and for working tirelessly to link pornography to rape. Dworkin could be seen as the hammer: righteous outrage in the face of exploitation. MacKinnon would be the anvil: the calm, solid, jurist, taking the firebrand's dream and helping forge it into reality by grounding the theory. MIM cannot say how much Andrea Dworkin inspired, corrected or guided MacKinnon.

Typical Republican Party activists have already issued obituaries calling Dworkin a feminazi. For different reasons, because Dworkin worked for reform within the existing system, MIM cannot completely discount that argument. Trying futilely to patch up a morbid imperialism does lead to fascism, especially piecemeal, because there is no social force unleashed by the Dworkin line to prevent the fascism.

Recently, a womyn stopped by a campaign to say that in her country of Kanada, she was glad that people like Ward Churchill could go to jail for hate speech. It's true that MacKinnon and Dworkin have had a big hand in the political atmosphere in Kanada and politically correct circles in the united States. Here again nationalism plays its deadly role: with the assumption of angelic white workers or an historically progressive Aryan race, it becomes

possible to think that anti-pornography reforms would have good implementation instead of serving as a guise for fascism and national oppression.

Dworkin's death at 58 by imperialist standards is too early. However, measured by the life expectancy of the international proletariat, overwhelmingly found in the Third World but just about nonexistent in the First World, she had a long life. A poet would say, even in death, she wanted to lead, but not overtake, the proletariat.

MIM extends its condolences and a clenched fist salute to the family and friends of Andrea Dworkin. We're sorry not to have had more chances to struggle with her.

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# Fascist mass organization aids repression of migrant proletarians in Aztlán and First Nations territory

By HC116, April 13, 2005

The Associated Press reports that an Army Reservist and Iraqi veteran sergeant Patrick Haab has been charged with seven counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, against undocumented Mexican persons in Arizona, hundreds of miles away from Minuteman Project activity on the Arizona-Sonora border.(1) Haab claims that, while one man walked past him to a vehicle, six other men, wearing backpacks, “rushed” him. Supposedly, they were standing around wearing their backpacks, thought that the sergeant was a Border Patrol agent, and attacked him; the sergeant was just acting in self-defense when he detained them. The sergeant claims he did not engage the group, but he commented: “It would be nice if, when people come to the country they would come in the right fashion, legally.” The sergeant gave a gun to another, helpful motorist to hold while Haab questioned the Mexicans in Spanish.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio doesn’t believe Haab’s story. Apparently, not even Minuteman Project co-founder and leader Jim Gilchrist does either, saying that Haab’s “weapon should have been his cellphone.”(2) The undocumented migrants are now being detained by the Border Patrol in Yuma. However, three Minuteman Project volunteers themselves were implicated in a possible illegal detention of an undocumented migrant on Wednesday, April 6. The undocumented migrant was photographed holding up a mocking T-shirt reading: “Bryan Barton [one of the Minuteman Project volunteers] caught an illegal alien and all I got was this lousy T-shirt” among other things. Minuteman Project organizers admitted Barton violated their own Standard Operating Procedure. This may not be the first time Minuteman Project volunteers have violated their own Standard Operating Procedure. The Minuteman Project has admitted to “handing” over a Guatemalan migrant to Border Patrol after the migrant went to a bible college looking for food and water, but unwittingly ran into a Minuteman Project base of operations. Due to their undocumented status, undocumented migrants typically are unwilling to cooperate with the pigs in investigations generally.

Minuteman Project founder Chris Simcox’s Civil Homeland Defense Corps has been accused of detaining undocumented migrants before.(3) Civil Homeland Defense leads the Minuteman Project. The Associated Press reported that “[i]n the six months the militia has operated, Simcox claims 600 to 700 people have been turned back from illegally entering the United States or have been detained and turned over to U.S. Border Patrol agents.”(4)

The Minuteman Project organizers’ pretense of opposing the use of force is a

farce. In their own Standard Operating Procedure, they say that “Future efforts will likely involve the tracking and containment of groups of people who have entered our country illegally. For this mission, you will resist in every way confronting or attempting to make contact with illegals” (italics in original).(5) The Minuteman Project openly encourages types like sergeant Patrick Haab to volunteer: “Due to their proven ability to handle stressful situations current or former members of any law enforcement or U.S. military organization are enthusiastically invited to join this mission.”(6)

The Associated Press reported, April 12, that the Mexican government was investigating reports that u.s. volunteers illegally detained thirteen Mexican migrants.(7) Minuteman Project spokesperson Fred Ebel denied knowledge of the accusations. However, Minuteman Project organizers have been tightly controlling volunteers’ communication with the media.

“Anita Randall, a second-grade teacher from Norco, Calif., said it had crossed her mind that she and her husband [Minuteman Project volunteers] could be shot at along the border. . . ‘But I believe in this,’ she said. ‘This is important. And it’s important to take a stand.’”(8) MIM has to hand it to these petty-bourgeois so-called workers: they know what their priorities are. They are willing to die for—out of patriotism for militarist and genocidal u.s. militarism, and the Amerikkkan people.

The Minuteman Project will supposedly end in May. Although the Minuteman Project, whose registered and trained volunteers closely coordinate with each other and are a source of recruits for the Civil Homeland Defense Corps, is a cross between an organization and a campaign, the vast majority of distinct anti-imperialist mass organizations in the united States are smaller than the Minuteman Project by any estimate of the project’s number of volunteers.

Mao taught us that when we encounter a movement of a class we should not prejudge it. The Minuteman Project is a kind of rebellion against the government with a very strong class element behind it, one of the labor aristocracy rejecting the imperialists’ desire for migrant labor. Yet ironically, the organizations organizing for labor aristocracy demands are sometimes rejecting the Minuteman Project at least verbally. It’s a case where the class is not confused in action, but where some of the people calling themselves “Marxist” in small organizations are confused.

The distinction between detaining alleged undocumented migrants and phoning Border Patrol to have them detain suspected undocumented migrants is almost trivial, but if the Minuteman



Project has been particularly effective, it is from the organization of violence. Minuteman Project organizers have admitted this, saying they don’t object to scaring potential migrants from even crossing the border in the first place. In a way, the Minuteman Project benefits from the media’s portrayal of the organization as armed and unstable vigilantes, and this fact may be a factor in its strategy.

The detention and deportation of undocumented oppressed-nation migrants is intrinsically violent, and it targets a large section of the proletarians who actually exist within u.s. borders. On the other hand, the non-fascist imperialist class dictatorship is also repressive toward the oppressed classes in particular.

The proletariat is such a small proportion of the population inside u.s. borders that the open terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary elements of finance capital, if it were to coalesce today, would in the united States concentrate first in the margins of society—socially and also geographically at the u.s.-Mexican border. Although fascism does not yet exist qualitatively in the united States on a country-wide scale, what the Minuteman Project expresses is proto-fascism going through the motions of fascism. It seeks to repress at a qualitatively higher level the whole of undocumented proletarians, but right now it targets undocumented migrant proletarians at the u.s.-Mexico border for this special consideration.

The Minuteman Project is a deeply reactionary organization that is fascist in character. It is fascist in political effect. However, the Minuteman Project has adopted the deceitful white-supremacist tactic of equating white supremacist formations with oppressed-nation narrow nationalist formations. “The Minuteman Project has no affiliation with, nor will we accept any assistance by or interference from separatists, racists or supremacy groups or individuals, no matter what their race, color, or creed”(http://www.minutemanproject.com/), thus encouraging oppressed nationalities to confusingly take up racial-nationalist ideology. The Minuteman Project openly advocates cultural purity:

“Future generations will inherit a tangle of rancorous, unassimilated, squabbling cultures with no common bond to hold them together, and a certain guarantee of the death of this nation as a harmonious ‘melting pot.’ “ (http://www.minutemanproject.com/

AboutMMP.html)

The Minuteman Project’s concern with terrorists and drug traffickers crossing the border is secondary. Marty Lich, writing in the Borderline Politics newsletter of the Civil Homeland Defense complains:

“My belief has always been that “law-abiding, good hearted, putting food on their families tables” people, aka legal residents of the United States of America were the ones most respected, the ones most responded to, and the ones who made America the great and prosperous country that She is today.” (http://www.civilhomelanddefense.us/html/december\_30\_2004.html)

The concern with the Amerikkkan so-called worker (unemployment and supposed low exploiter so-called wages) runs throughout Civil Homeland Defense and Minuteman Project volunteers’ ideology. Beside the Minuteman Project’s distributing articles encouraging stricter bureaucratic oversight of the INS’ contracting practices, Civil Homeland Defense wants more Amerikkans to be employed as Border Patrol agents while criticizing the effectiveness of high-tech border surveillance technology.(9)(10) The appeal of the vigilantes is class-based. The bought-off Amerikan so-called workers aim at squeezing out potential economic competitors while lobbying for more jobs that do not create any wealth.

mim136@mim.org adds: HC116 notes that the Minuteman Project is supposed to end in May (although the vigilantism that spawned the project will no doubt outlive it as well). We should point out that even if the MMP ends as scheduled, it will have succeeded in more than just scaring migrants away for the month of April.

The MMP has forced a lot of migrants to delay their border crossings, pushing them into the more dangerous months of the year, when desert temperatures rise into the 100s and a migrant’s chances of dying in the desert for want of water or shade are higher. The Mexican and Central American people will hold the MMP responsible for these deaths, just as if they had stayed around to shoot these individuals.

Readers should also remember Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa Cty., AZ as that notorious pig who has made himself a name by housing his captives in a tent city (in the southeastern Arizona heat).(11) The jail-issue postcards Arpaio had printed make sport of the fact that

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# Harvard puts on politically advanced play

CAMBRIDGE, MA April 2 2005—The Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard put on Tony Kushner's "A Bright Room Called Day" (1985) with the help of the Moscow Art Theater (MXAT). We hope this version of the play gets out into the world beyond Harvard Square. Our review will reveal much of the plot.

This is a play about the intelligentsia for the intelligentsia. Tony Kushner says, "I would like my plays to be of use to progressive people. I think preaching to the converted is exactly what art ought to do." Playing in Harvard Square with posters juxtaposing Reagan's patriotism with Nazism, it was inevitable that the audience would be the intelligentsia.

Despite some definite white worker utopian overtones and an incorrect interpretation of the rise of fascism, this play works well for MIM—mostly because the character development and drama of the assorted characters' decisions are helpful.

There are three characters from the Communist Party of Germany (KPD) in the play. One is an artist who makes posters for the revolution. In her circles, she's the only one who has her head screwed on straight, the only one who seems to meet the fascist machine head-on.

Then there are two more communists—"sent by the Central Committee" to talk with the main character, Agnes Egging. These two comrades fight out the internal conflicts of the KPD in front of Agnes. One interesting part of this is that looking at Agnes Egging, we question right away how much of that debate she is really able to follow. The dispute in front of her tends to underscore the need for centralism. Conflicts within the Comintern receive an entirely wrong interpretation for those who have not followed the twists and turns of struggle. It becomes a sort of opportunism to play out such questions in front of people who are not going to engage them fully. The play also succeeds in presenting the need for secrecy in the party.

Although we doubt most of the audience will agree, MIM sympathizes more with the comrade who argued that it was incorrect to blame Stalin, the Soviet Union and the Comintern for German failures to organize revolution. The other comrade sent by the Central Committee to talk to Agnes argued that Stalin and the Comintern sacrificed the German revolution. She argued for the German worker dream. Today, we have to realize that that character was in fact a white worker utopian (played by a Black womyn actor). Stalin or no Stalin, Comintern or no Comintern, there has been no German worker revolution in the 60 years since 1945 or the 52 years since Stalin's death. If there had been such a revolution, we would have to go back and look at whether big, bad Stalin sitting in Moscow really could have delayed the revolution in Germany. The history since

1945 including the chance provided in 1945 itself are the proof that something more profound was going on than a few tactical mistakes here and a few there.

In fact, the play rather over-represents the resistance to Nazism while succeeding in depicting the paralysis and ineptitude of the "Left." Every single character does in fact put in two cents for the cause. An actor of some fame slaps a Nazi in time to let a Trotskyist escape a brawl. At the end, even the most ambiguous character, the anarchist gay seems more together than Agnes Egging.

The gay anarchist character raises an eyebrow for MIM. At the time, gay characters received rather unfavorable treatment by the "Left." The Germans in this play seem rather tolerant by comparison. In any case, the gay anarchist is an example of what MIM now refers to as a "gender bureaucrat." He articulates an ideology of orgasm as the reason not to be in the KPD. It's not so much an explanation of economics that the character wants but a lifestyle of leisure. Our slight difficulty with this presentation is that there are now hundreds of millions of his type and most are heterosexual. People who cannot peg what MIM is talking about with the "gender aristocracy" should see this play and realize that the character really is typical of millions. Gays just stand out more and draw more attention for their minority status. On the other hand, it certainly is interesting to have a gay character in the play. Those of us who find this sort of character frustrating and indirect will make good communists. Those who identify with the gay anarchist have their direction pointed out for them—ineffective lifestyle pseudo-anarchism. Lifestyle pseudo-anarchists often question the wasteful and unnecessary conformity of the status quo, but in the end they are just Liberal props of the social order.

The main character Agnes Egging put on a play for the German communists but eventually withdrew from activity as she always does according to herself. The play offers an interesting explanation why Agnes Egging should risk losing the lease to her apartment for the cause. It turns out she survived the whole Nazi ordeal and all her Bolshevik friends left her alone as she asked. She died lonely and unhappy. The KPD artist-activist had told her that she should live for her dreams, and rightly points out that the people of her age will all be remembered for Nazism otherwise.

The historical context of this version of the play was pretty good. Yet, it seems that drama is better for bringing out existential dilemmas behind history better read in history books than plays. Here we have the personal motivations of various characters—and there are three from the KPD, a Trotskyist and a sexual-liberation-anarchist. Agnes is a typical petty-bourgeois vacillator considering the KPD. Since the MIM view of history does

have at least tangential representation in the play and because the play zooms in on the vacillations of the petty-bourgeoisie, we approve it and see in it an example of what other plays can do. Plays are not history books. They can dramatize decisions that need to occur without getting every last historical detail correct.

There is no doubt that the communist circles saw what was coming with Hitler in the early 1930s and let the whole world know. Yet as one of the play's characters says, it could just be that a whole generation of people had not the leaders and ferocity to meet Hitler on his own ground. MIM would only add that the white worker activists in Amerikkka today are even a few shades paler than those of the KPD unable to win. The KPD was far more substantial than what we have for white communists in the majority-exploiter countries today.

Dreams derive from material reality. When we do not assess that reality accurately and confront it fully, we cannot subsequently dream about the right things. The consensus of the historians and older generations is that the social-democrats and communists should have worked together to forestall Hitler. Yet at least in this version of the play, we heard that the social-democrats wanted to make war on the Soviet Union.

To put this in pragmatic language, the German social-democrats lacked the "flexibility" to be a credible partner to the

communists—no matter what they did in 1932. Not only had they killed communists in recent years leading up to Hitler's seizure of power, but also the social-democrats spewed imperialist hostility toward the Soviet Union. They could not then turn credibly toward alliance with the Soviet Union and the German communists. After World War II, communists and social-democrats vowed never again, but the resulting strategic fantasy of how Hitler should have been prevented is wrong. For the people locked in the history of that period and a particular fantasy of worker revolution, there is no other solution and the result always tends in one way or another to be more criticism of Stalin as a means of escaping what has happened in Germany and similar countries since 1930; even though Stalin died in 1953 and most of history since 1930 has been after him.

We need to emphasize that people can be dreaming about the wrong things. Hitler also had a fantasy that he convinced the German workers of. If dreams do not reflect the correct material reality, they will lead the people astray. Though it may seem hard-to-swallow for historians and older generations still alive from World War II, we have to confront youth with the whole problem of German history and not sugar-coat it. Only then can we start to dream the dreams we need to have.

Source:

<http://www.motherjones.com/arts/qa/1995/07/bernstein.html>

## Minutemen

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prisoners work the chain gang and are suggestive of jailhouse rape. Arpaio boasts of being "America's Toughest Sheriff;" banning coffee, cigarettes and porn; and serving meals that cost less than 20 cents a piece.(12)

Arpaio can also be proud that he was cited by Amnesty International for "excessive use of restraint chairs, pepper spray and stun guns by guards, and also documented 12 cases of excessive use of force during an 18 month period, including one incident that sparked the riot of November 17 1996." That rebellion began when a prisoner died from a lack of oxygen while strapped in a restraint chair.(11) Arpaio may not like the Minuteman Project's activity in his county, but his only imaginable objection is that these vigilantes are encroaching on his repressive prerogative.

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## Build for the Unlock the Box conference

For years we've been asking our comrades behind bars to send information on conditions to help us build support for struggles like our campaign to shut down prison Control Units. We are currently working to bring this movement to a higher level through an upcoming conference called "Unlock the Box" on October 8 in San Francisco.

We invite prisoners to help recruit for this event and build support for this movement. We want to reach out to and involve as many people and organizations as possible from across the country. You can help by:

- 1) Creating a list of organizations (with contact info) who are interested in this work to reach out to
- 2) Contacting these organizations to see if they will participate or support our work
- 3) Getting people on the streets building awareness of the conference
- 4) Getting interested organizations to host events or meetings with representatives from our campaign to present on the topic of the control units and recruit support for the upcoming conference

Prisoners can help support this work by spreading the word about the conference within the prisons and encouraging our supporters on the inside to send information to their people on the outside to build participation. Those who can commit to this recruiting and who want more information, letters, fliers, etc should contact MIM. As always, we also need information from our comrades in the control units: statistics on the control units in your state or facility and reports on conditions in the control units are important for our educational and agitation work.

## Security housing units and socio-political repression

Most people are unaware that the imperial military strategies used in the 16th and 17th centuries, to conquer and suppress nations, are used on prisoners today by California department of corrections (CDC). Since most people, especially prisoners, are not revolutionary nor political, they are unable to comprehend the socio-economic and cultural consequence of CDC's rules and regulations, particularly those governing the security housing units (SHU). This article will deal specifically with the cause and effect of CDC's SHUs and it's historical correlation to imperialism.

For the most part SHUs are designated housing units where cells are windowless and empty (with the exception of a sink and a toilet) in which particular inmates are permanently housed. These units are designed after "stammis model" perfected in west Germany during the 70's, for the purpose of eradicating certain political views and/or eliminating political dissent. CDC's SHUs are primarily intended for "influential prisoners", "political prisoners" and "aggressive reactionary prisoners." The objective of CDC's SHUs is to precisely and systematically remove these prisoners desire to resist the U.S. socio-economic/cultural status quo. This socio-imperial compliance is attempted through sensory deprivation via solitary confinement. By reducing these prisoners to a primal, hypersensitive reactionary state, CDC can efficiently control them both externally and internally.

Understanding the purpose of these units we can deduce unequivocally that SHU'S are the means to weaken and undermine any political progressive apparatus prisoners may

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attempt to build. It is in CDC's interest that prisoners remain fragmented, debilitated and impoverished.

Along with the above mentioned ramifications, it's a huge economic incentive for CDC to keep SHUS filled to capacity (as CDC receives more money from the state to operate its new world order high security units ) It accomplishes this by seeking out and rewarding with petty prison privileges, the prisoner comprador class (men of weak resolve) for the incrimination of "influential prisoners." Removing influential prisoners from the general prison population (g.p.p.) reduces the collective consciousness of the gpp to an easily manipulated tool of the state. It has always been imperial policy to reward collaborators/conformers and destroy or attempt to destroy resisters. (see Iraq 2001-?) And while the reactionary prisoners focus is fixated on the "snitch", the progressive prisoners focus is on the system that created the "snitch."

In order for an elevated consciousness to emerge amongst prisoners it is imperative that they acquire an in-depth comprehension of their captors objectives-i.e., understand the political aspects of the SHU experience. Therefore it is appropriate to include a few quotes.

"In order to produce marked changes in behavior it is necessary to weaken, undermine or remove support for old attitudes. I would like to think of brain washing not in terms of ethics and morals, but in terms of a deliberate changing of human behavior by a group of men who have relatively complete control over the environment in which the captives live...these changes can be induced by isolation sensory deprivation, segregation of leaders, spying, tricking men into signing written statements which are then shown to others, placing individuals whose willpower has been severely weakened into living situations with those more advanced in thought reform, character invalidation, humiliation, rewarding subservience and fear."(1)

"Through a year or more of sensory and psychological deprivation, prisoners are stripped of their individual identities in order that compliant behavior patterns can be implanted a process of mortification and depersonalization."(2)

"The purpose of this new counter-intelligence endeavor is to expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of black nationalist hate-type organizations and groupings, their leadership, spokesmen, membership, and supporters."(3)

Understanding not only the tactics but strategies of their captors, prisoners can make those necessary preparations to convert their repression into liberation. In the SHUs, one should fully and completely embrace the notion that survival is synonymous with struggle. Indeed the effectiveness of one's "struggle" will eventually become measurable by the degree of repression this system applies. This requires complete dedication to those pursuits— by complete dedication I mean a staunch allegiance to the demise of those material conditions that sustain the prison industrial complex.

Prisoners must realize the stark distinction between one who breaks laws and one who rejects them — the first is a criminal; the latter a revolutionary. That is, the latter does not affirm (by conformity) U.S. imperialism. This does not imply that one is in denial of his/her material conditions it means s/he does not suffer from a neo-colonized inferiority complex. If one refuses to be the prey and property of imperialism, one must completely reject those values and interests that make one ripe for ruling and exploiting. In the bowels of imperialism, liberation begins in the mind and can only be actualized through struggle.

Footnotes:

1. Dr. Edgar Schein, addressing wardens of federal maximum security prisons.
2. The John Howard Association, Chicago-based prison reform organization.
3. Internal memo of FBI.

— a prisoner at Corcoran, January 2005

## Bogus evidence for lockdown

About three months ago my celly and I were both brought to administrative segregation (the hole). We are accused of being in possession of deadly weapons. They say that 8 small razor blades were hidden in between the two lockers that are attached to a section of the wall in our cell. We did not know that there were any razors in our cell, and we doubt there ever were! Many inmates are here under the same circumstances.

Razor blades are not accessible to use here at Pelican Bay State Prison. We are only allowed to shave every other day. What they do is lend us (new) razors for a few minutes and then they come back to pick them up from us. There's no way for us to keep the blade part without the officers noticing it missing, because they always check them.

From what I know, this "hole" we're at has only been open for a little over a year so far. There are other "holes" here at this institution but this one is their newest project. The cells are extra small with no windows and two bunk beds (of concrete).

Everything is fairly peaceful at this prison (no racial or gang violence). Because of that, this new hole here has been on the verge of being shut down since not enough inmates were getting in trouble and being brought to the hole. For the officers it is more convenient that the holes remain open because it means they can keep their jobs.

With that in mind, many of us suspect that the security squad officers (aka goners) are involved in planting contraband in the cells of certain prisoners. Of course, we have no way of proving this, but on a particular case a few months ago, a group of inmates noticed (from pictures of the evidence) that the same exact razor blade was being used to charge all of them with possession of a deadly weapon (the razor had distinguishable rust marks on certain parts). In other words, the same so-called evidence had supposedly been retrieved from a cell and then later on somehow found in the cell of other inmates. In a way, those inmates got lucky because their cases were dropped. Possession of a deadly weapon is a possible third strike (life sentence) here in California.

My celly is already sentenced to life and has decided to plead guilty with the hopes of helping me avoid the threat of my third strike. He says we should not risk fighting this because it could only mean adding another lifer to the belly of the beast.

I have not been able to respond to you all these months because we are not allowed any of our property here in the hole — only two weeks ago was I able to receive some cosmetics (hygiene) and 3 books from my confiscated property. Amongst those books was the book that you sent me, and I discovered that your address was stamped onto it. Good thing it was because I have not been able to receive my address book.

- A prisoner in California, Pelican Bay State Prison, March 2005

## Psychology, imperialism in prison

I received MIM Theory 9, Psychology and Imperialism, after reading it I had to re-evaluate what I thought I knew, or more accurately, abandon what's left of this bourgeois's pseudo science that I retain. For over a decade I read every psychology book

## MIM on Prisons & Prisoners

MIM seeks to build public opinion against Amerika's criminal injustice system, and to eventually replace the bourgeois injustice system with proletarian justice. The bourgeois injustice system imprisons and executes a disproportionately large and growing number of oppressed people while letting the biggest mass murderers — the imperialists and their lackeys — roam free. Imperialism is not opposed to murder or theft, it only insists that these crimes be committed in the interests of the bourgeoisie.

"All U.S. citizens are criminals—accomplices and accessories to the crimes of U.S. oppression globally until the day U.S. imperialism is overcome. All U.S. citizens should start from the point of view that they are reforming criminals."

MIM does not advocate that all prisoners go free today; we have a more effective program for fighting crime as was demonstrated in China prior to the restoration of capitalism there in 1976. We say that all prisoners are political prisoners because under the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, all imprisonment is substantively political. It is our responsibility to exert revolutionary leadership and conduct political agitation and organization among prisoners — whose material conditions make them an overwhelmingly revolutionary group. Some prisoners should and will work on self-criticism under a future dictatorship of the proletariat in those cases in which prisoners really did do something wrong by proletarian standards.

that crossed my path, in an attempt to understand human relations and conditions. Although I have since rejected psychology, occasionally the vestiges of that flawed process of analysis creep back into my vocabulary. And I find myself using terms like "criminal mentality syndrome." Which I used in my agitation, not to justify this bullshit justice system, but in the vein of self-criticism, explaining to prisoners that their mentality and subsequent actions (or inactions) keeps them oppressed.

Reading MT9 makes me rethink my notion of "self oppression." Again, not to divert the focus away from the oppressor but to explain how people can actually work against their own interest. Here's an example: when 911 occurred a few Mexican and Black inmates (lifers), in the SHU for life, all of a sudden became pro-american/military. Of course that position was easy for me to beat up. But I was surprised by their initial reaction. They had absolutely no material interest in being pro-american/military, and yet they were. I related their reaction to Pavlov's "classical conditioning." I must rethink this position.

I can especially relate to how "politically motivated definitions of mental illness," is a reactionary tool of the ruling elite. Every time I go before the board, they deny me parole and cite that I'm "anti-social." Anti-social means being opposed to or against society. This is extremely ironic since all my education, effort, and time for the last 16 years has been dedicated to the progression of society. If the imperialist definition of "anti-social" means being opposed to a social order/structure that results in individualist-consumerist-geo parasites, then they're correct.

The remnants of this bourgeoisie's pseudo science will fade from my vocabulary as I acquire a better grasp on material analysis. Thank you for the literature and as always I will share it with all who are interested.

- A prisoner in California (Corcoran SHU), February 2005

**MIM responds:** On the question of why Black and Latino prisoners (or non-prisoners) are pro-american, MIM holds that citizens of this country are all partaking in the superprofits of Amerikan imperialism. Blacks and Latinos are a part of oppressed nations, but even these oppressed nations enjoy higher living standards than oppressed peoples in the Third World. This is because of the role of superprofits in Amerika.

It is impossible to live in this country and not see some benefit, whether it is from cheap clothing that was sewn for pennies by people in sweatshops in Asia, or food that was grown for export in Latin America while the people there do not have enough food to eat. Corporations can afford to pay higher wages here at home because of the superprofits they extract from workers in the Third World. National oppressed within U.S. borders means

that whites get the largest share of these superprofits, but all U.S. citizens see some benefit. It is their class interest that leads to some Blacks and Latinos waving the pro-american flag. But it is the national oppression faced by Amerika's internal colonies that give them a material interest in revolution.

### Prisons Breed Division, Mistrust

I'd like to touch on a problem the terror state is creating among people locked down as I see them from Oregon lock up. The rules in Oregon's system promote, create and encourage anti-social tendencies. People are not allowed to be in groups of more than 4, we are not allowed to share ANYTHING; reading material, food, or even helping out a comrade with necessities like toothpaste or envelopes to write their family.

We are taught to not trust anyone not even our cell mates, we are made to padlock our lockers in our cells while we're in our cells! Official sadism is a daily occurrence, disrespect to the furthest degree of our property, our persons, and our families. The guards only laugh at these occurrences and at other sufferings we go through EVERYDAY.

Peaceful protest is not tolerated and brings retaliation to the utmost, lock down for some, more drastic measures for others. I personally have comrades who have been in our illegal IMU for 3-5 years. I myself was in solitary segregation for 13 months. The only reason I stayed sane was because I nurtured my hate and used it constructively and educated myself with books on revolution and communication.

Revolution gave me hope! Mental Revolution occurred for me but not many go that route. Others die, maybe not physically, but socially, mentally or in other 'spiritual' deaths. I'll not stay on this subject though there is much more I can and will say in future letters and writings. Let's just hope the policy of the Department of Corruptions backfires and inspires great minds to do great things.

— an Oregon Prisoner, March 2005

### Retaliation in Washington

Please be advised that the imperialist swine have retaliated back for bringing up the issue of censorship of MIM Notes, literature, etc. Department of Corrections enemy forces are now using the too much property excuse to destroy trial transcripts, exhaustion grievances, remedies, legal notes from research, attorney letters, etc. I have been transferred to Shelton Receiving Units from Clallam Bay Corrections Center awaiting classification for a bogus crime of Persistent Prison Misbehavior (RCW 9.94.070) and some counts of custodial assault for spitting into the faces of my enemy at Clallam Bay Corrections Center. Today I received a letter dated September 17, 2004 by an imperialist corporate agent who is not brave enough to give his first name, only gives first initial, G.

Schave - Property Room. The so-called warning letter states:

RE: UPS Package(s): 22192

You have one (1) box of property at Clallam Bay Corrections Center Property Room to be shipped to you. Your account at CBCC has insufficient funds.

It is your responsibility to ensure you send funds to cover the costs for shipment of your property. Please send an institutional check from your offender account in the amount of \$9.95 payable to Clallam Bay Corrections Center.

On your envelope, write "Attention Property Room."

Money orders from outside sources will not be accepted to pay for shipment.

This amount is needed to send this property out of the institution within 30 days from the date of this memo, or it will be disposed of per policy WAC 137-36-040.

Thank You

G. Schave, Property Room  
Clallam Bay Corrections

The department of Corrections knows I have no money so they are using this for an excuse to retaliate against me for fighting back against the enemy oppressor.

G. Schave at Clallam Bay Corrections has put it upon himself to destroy legal papers, pleadings, and grievances on the excuse of the excess legal property of UPS Package #22192.

These actions are not uncommon at Clallam Bay Corrections Center who have hired about 80% of their work force from the failed logging industry in the area.

Please send protest letters to the address below (and send a copy to MIM):

Sandra Carter, Superintendent  
Clallam Bay Corrections Center  
1830 Eagle Crest Way  
Clallam Bay, WA 98326-9723.

Demand that this property issue on legal papers, literature, and papers in general excluded from DOC policies because it punishes prisoners for having too much information in their property and prisoners, especially indigent who cannot afford the shipping costs are being wrongfully punished for their poverty.

I am now going to lose all contents of UPS #22192 package due to DOC retaliation.

Let the world know what is going on in these gulags.

— a Washington Prisoner, October 2004

## Join the fight against the injustice system

While we fight to end the criminal injustice system MIM engages in reformist battles to improve the lives of prisoners. Below are some of the campaigns we are currently waging, and ways people behind the bars and on the outside can get involved. More info can be found on our prison web site: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/prisons>

**Stop Censorship in Prison:** Prisons frequently censor books, newspapers and magazines coming from MIM's books for prisoners program. We need help from lawyers, paralegals and jailhouse lawyers to fight this censorship.

**Books for Prisoners:** This program focuses on political education of prisoners. Send donations of books and money for our Books for Prisoners program.

**End the Three Strikes laws:** This campaign is actively fighting the repressive California laws, but similar laws exist in other states. Write to us to request a petition to collect signatures. Send articles and information on three strike laws.

**Shut Down the Control Units:** Across the country there are a growing number of prison control units. These are permanently designated prisons or cells in prisons that lock prisoners up in solitary or small group confinement for 22 or more hours a day with no congregate dining, exercise or other services, and virtually no programs for prisoners. Prisoners are placed in control units for extended periods of time. These units cause both mental and physical problems for prisoners.

Write to us to request a petition to collect signatures. Get your organization to sign the statement demanding control units be shut down. Send us information about where there are control units in your state. Include the names of the prisons as well as the number of control unit beds/cells in each prison if that is known. Send us anti-control unit artwork.

**MIM's Re-Lease on Life Program:** This program provides support for our comrades who have been recently released from the prison system, to help them meet their basic needs and also continue with their revolutionary organizing on the outside. We need funds, housing, and job resources. We also need prisoner's input on the following survey questions:

1. What are the biggest challenges you face being released from prison?
2. How can these problems be addressed?
3. What are the important elements of a successful release program?

## 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.

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5. Atlantic Monthly December, 1998.

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## LA GUERRA EN IRAK Y EL SÍNDROME VIETNAM

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### El “Síndrome Vietnam”

El primero en hablar del “Síndrome Vietnam” en EEUU fue el senador demócrata Edward Kennedy quién advirtió a Bush que su administración en Irak estaba produciendo un fenómeno similar al producido por la guerra del sudeste asiático, en la década del setenta, donde EEUU tuvo que retirarse después de perder miles de soldados en la contienda.

IAR-Noticias señaló, en noviembre pasado, que, en términos políticos y sociales, y a corto plazo, el empantanamiento de las tropas norteamericanas en Irak le iba a costar a Bush y a su administración una reacción -de características todavía no mensuradas- dentro de EEUU, donde la oposición y familiares de las víctimas esperaban el momento oportuno para protestar por la muerte y mutilación de soldados norteamericanos en Irak.

Habíamos señalado que la oposición política y mediática “anti-Bush”, los perdedores de la elección del 8 de noviembre, con The New York Times y The Washington Post a la cabeza, retomarían las campañas contra el presidente apuntando a su flanco más débil: la ocupación militar y los muertos de Irak. (ver: La nueva estrategia editorial

de The New York Times).

Por más que Bush y su administración salieron fortalecidos con el triunfo electoral, los comicios, reñidos como nunca históricamente, polarizaron a la sociedad norteamericana alrededor de lo que estaba pasando en la ocupación militar de Irak.

Toda la política editorial, tanto de The New York Times como de The Washington Post, se orientaron, tras los comicios, a crear un “síndrome Vietnam” en sintonía con la estrategia de los demócratas en el Congreso norteamericano, en una puja por el poder con los halcones del Pentágono a quienes no pudieron arrebatar por vía electoral los negocios y el poder de la Casa Blanca.

En enero de año esa maniobra adquirió una evidencia clara cuando 16 representantes demócratas del Congreso exigieron a Bush la retirada inmediata de las tropas de Estados Unidos de Irak, según informaba la prensa norteamericana.

Encabezados por la representante Lynn Woolsey, los congresistas pidieron al mandatario iniciar de inmediato el retiro de los 150 mil efectivos estadounidenses, en una carta pública enviada a la Casa Blanca.

Hay que recordar que en los últimos días de diciembre pasado el jefe de la Casa Blanca había decidido incrementar

la presencia militar en esa nación ocupada, a fin de intentar “preservar la seguridad” en torno a las elecciones del 30 de enero.

Además, Bush y el Pentágono habían ratificado que las tropas norteamericanas no se retirarán hasta tanto las fuerzas iraquíes, armadas y entrenadas por Estados Unidos, sean capaces de hacerse cargo de la situación.

La misiva de los legisladores demócratas fue enviada a diversos sectores políticos de Washington, a fin de “promover el debate” sobre cómo Estados Unidos podía retirar sus unidades militares de aquel país del Golfo Pérsico.

La carta a Bush se dio a conocer justo cuando Brent Scowcroft, ex secretario de Seguridad Nacional bajo la presidencia de Bush padre, decía en Washington que la continuación de la insurrección trae a discusión el asunto de cuándo “nos vamos a ir” de allí.

Woolsey y otros demócratas de la Cámara Baja, entre estos Sam Farr, de Carmel, Pete Stark, Fremont, y Barbara Lee, Oakland, urgieron al mandatario a sacar a los ocupantes.

La retirada es “el único camino para ayudar realmente a nuestras tropas”, afirmaban los congresistas en el texto enviado a Bush.

A diferencia del sentimiento genuino de los familiares de las víctimas y de la población en general, la maniobra de los políticos demócratas y de un sector del establishment estadounidense no está exenta de oportunismo y doble discurso.

Estos mismos demócratas (tanto como Kerry que fue su candidato en la últimas elecciones) apoyaron la invasión a Irak en el 2004 y suscribieron todos los presupuestos militares solicitados por Bush en el marco de la ocupación de Irak como en el de la “guerra contra el terrorismo”.

No obstante, en su carta pública, sostenían que la invasión ha provocado renovados sentimientos antinorteamericanos entre la población iraquí y otros pueblos árabes.

Consideraban además que la agresión hizo a Irak un país “menos seguro”, en franca contraposición con la postura de la Casa Blanca. Afirman que la mejor

manera de combatir a la insurgencia es sacando a los militares del Pentágono.

En eso de que Irak es un país “menos seguro”, no se sabe bien que querían decir estos legisladores, “ya que la invasión de 140.000 soldados y tanques norteamericanos, que ellos avalaron y apoyaron, le quitaron la seguridad y la vida a 100.000 iraquíes, entre ellos niños, mujeres y ancianos.

Pero aunque oportunista, la movida de los demócratas tiene su lado positivo, dado que a través de ella se orienta a crear el gran debate nacional “sobre los muertos de Estados Unidos en Irak” que estaba previsto para el último tramo de la campaña electoral de Kerry antes del 2 de noviembre, y que finalmente fue desechado por su equipo de campaña.

Siempre se dijo por otra parte -todos los expertos en Estados Unidos así lo sostienen- que el Talón de Aquiles de Bush en Irak eran los soldados estadounidenses muertos o heridos que dejaría la ocupación.

El sentimiento “anti-Vietnam” es tan fuerte como el miedo al “terrorismo” en las franjas mayoritarias de la sociedad estadounidense. Bush, así coinciden todos los especialistas, ganó las elecciones con el “miedo al terrorismo”.

La movida de los legisladores demócratas solo se trataría de la primera fase de una ofensiva para exigirle a Bush que transparente la verdadera cifra de muertos y heridos estadounidenses en las masacres del triángulo suní y en todo Irak.

De esta manera tratan de que Bush, que contó hasta ahora con el silencio y la complicidad de la opinión pública internacional para ejecutar su genocidio militar en Irak, encuentre su Waterloo político dentro de su propio Imperio.

El “Síndrome Vietnam”, a medida que se suman los marines muertos y heridos en Irak, y con el programa de rechazo y movilizaciones que se avecina tanto en EEUU como en el mundo, se cierne cada día con más certeza sobre la cabeza de George W Bush.

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### ¿Que es el MIM?

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

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

El MIM difiere de otros partidos en tres puntos básicos: (1) El MIM sostiene que después que el proletariado conquiste el poder estatal, existiera 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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