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Lynch mob attacks Ward Churchill for allegedly defending fragging in an unjust war

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ATTACKS
CHURCHILL--
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According to the Denver Post, Colorado Governor Bill Owens has called for Ward Churchill to “account for his words” on fragging.(1) Churchill is the target of a bureaucratic witch-hunt for speaking the truth on issues relating to 9/11. Last week in Portland, Churchill encouraged his audience to consider whether opposing reactionary wars might involve supporting u.s. soldiers who have fragged line officers.

The publicizing of this story by Bill O’Reilly on “The O’Reilly Factor” last night has within a matter of hours unleashed a whirlwind of media lynch mob attacks on University of Colorado Professor Ward Churchill. The lynch mob has made death threats against Churchill persynally even though Churchill obviously never encouraged people to



In Vietnam, U.S. soldiers killed hundreds or thousands of their own commanding officers.

organize u.s. soldiers to frag their COs.

Bill Owens has in the past repeatedly called for Ward Churchill to be fired for a variety of reasons, going so far as to ask CU officials to fire Churchill. In early February, Owens said “[i]deas have consequences, and words have meaning” and called for Churchill to resign. Now, Governor Owens twists Churchill’s words on fragging under the pretext of making Churchill accountable for their true “meaning.”

What this latest attack on Ward Churchill illustrates is that the scrutiny of Churchill has always been about his particular views on u.s. militarism and genocide. That’s the real issue, not the various unsupported and specious allegations of academic and research misconduct.

The Denver Post quotes a supposed anti-war Viet Nam veteran as saying: “I’m against this war. It’s a terrible mistake. But fragging—that road’s dangerous, and we shouldn’t be going down it.” This veteran certainly heard of

fraggings during the war, and these fraggings did not help the genocidal imperialists, so for whom are these fraggings dangerous is an important

question. This writer wonders whether Iraqi liberation fighters’ responding to united States-led troops is also “dangerous.”

Demokrats and other “anti-war” pragmatists ask: how dare opponents of the Iraq War actually support the Iraqi people?

The world’s exploited and oppressed deserve better support than that.

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WorldNetDaily, apparently cribbing from a blog post by self-styled witch-hunter Jim Paine, has accused Ward Churchill, target of a bureaucratic witch-hunt, of “suggesting” “anti-war activists should support those who kill their officers.”(1) Churchill was reportedly asked at a June 3rd forum in Portland whether the feelings of the line officers’ families should be considered. WorldNetDaily quoted Churchill as saying: “How do you feel about Adolf Eichmann’s family?” Eichmann was an SS officer who handled logistics for the Final Solution. The Israeli government executed Eichmann in 1962.

The reporting of these Ward Churchill quotes is meant to be some kind of slam dunk against Churchill, but even at first glance what Churchill is saying is not only legal but justified and true. Everyone takes a side in this imperialist war of aggression against Iraq whether they know it or not. So, do the critics of Churchill care more about u.s. commanding officers’ families than the families of Iraqi liberation fighters? This is what it comes down to, and the reactionaries side with the u.s. soldiers even though many times more Iraqi liberation fighters and civilians have died than u.s. soldiers.

This writer has reviewed the two-hours long “Ward Churchill [sic] 06-23-2005” audio file at <http://indytorrents.org/>. Churchill was not recruiting people to join the army and frag their COs. Rather, Churchill encouraged his audience to consider where they, as self-described opponents of the war, stood in relation to

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Surprise! O’Reilly lies about fragging

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Last night, Bill O’Reilly on “The O’Reilly Factor” accused Ward Churchill of “telling these pinheads in Portland, Oregon, that not only should they encourage conscientious objectors, but they should also encourage soldiers to kill their officers on the battlefield.”(1) Ridiculous O’Reilly said Churchill should be prosecuted for his words, but O’Reilly’s own guests, including conservative law professor Eugene

Volokh, said Churchill could not be prosecuted. Ward Churchill is the target of a bureaucratic witch-hunt for speaking the truth about World Trade Center professionals’ complicity in u.s. militarism and genocide, and the u.s. government’s double standard with regard to “collateral damage.” Churchill is a favorite topic of O’Reilly’s. O’Reilly was instrumental in publicizing a deceitful story on Churchill that originated in a Hamilton College student newspaper. Now, O’Reilly amplifies a story apparently originating in

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fragging. Churchill said that “how you see things is very much involved with how you act in the world. If you purport to be in opposition to war, well, for starters you might as well be purporting to be in support of the sky. We can all pose ‘war is bad’: we’ve just said nothing. Is there anything, any kind of specificity, that might be involved in that opposition to war? Is there a particular kind of war? Or is it just all war? ‘I oppose oppression. I oppose violence. I oppose everything not nice. I blow bubbles and look at butterflies. I am groovy and cool. Like me. I am different than the ones that would kill you.’ No, you’re not because you’re not stopping the killers from doing what it is that they do.” Churchill pointedly opposed lifestyle reformism. Later, he said that opponents of war ought to take personal risk; although, he said this does “not translate into picking up a rifle . . . it’s not that simplistic.”

Churchill asked the group whether they’d render support to soldiers who have fragged their leaders. “Lesson to be learned: the United States army in the field of Southeast Asia disintegrated in that field on the basis of, in 1970, the reported number of 1,100 incidents of which soldiers did exactly what I was talking about. The life expectancy in combat of a second lieutenant of an infantry unit was shorter than that of a sand flea. The ability of the military to

project what it was engaged in doing upon its opponents in the field disintegrated accordingly. That’s 1,100 reported incidents of what they call ‘fragging.’ . . . And the unofficial number put out by the Army that year was over 10,000. You cannot maintain a military projection of force in the field when your own troops are taking out the line officers . . . conscientious objection removes a given piece of the cannon fodder from the fray. Fragging an officer has a much more impactful effect. Now, if you would support, in opposition to war, in opposition to what it is that’s being done to the Iraqis, in opposition to what’s being done to the Filipinos, what’s being done all over the Third World in the name of the imposition of stability, democracy, and freedom, by the United States, what would be your response to someone who took in terms of doing material damage to the capacity of the United States to do what it’s doing, that you oppose, a much more impactful act? . . . The mass anti-war movement in the United States was neither anti-war nor did it achieve the effect that he [David Dellinger] said it did. It did not stop the war in Southeast Asia. What stopped the war in Southeast Asia was the refusal of the Vietnamese, and the Laotians, and the Cambodians, to accept the imposition of U.S. military firepower in terms of dictating their destiny. It was not a non-violent struggle. They lost three million people. That’s what brought the United States to a halt. That’s what destroyed the imperial adventure in Southeast Asia. I was there. I remember. I remember Bell helicopters at a half-million dollars a pop

being taken out of the air by people with catapults and log chains. . . . not that mass mobilization in the United States was utterly irrelevant. No, it had an effect. It just did not have the effect that its leadership announced for it. It had effect in concert only with the willingness of the people on the receiving end to return in kind what was being imposed on them. Giving back what was being dished out.”

During his speech, Churchill said he fought against the Vietnamese then, and that the least he can do is support liberation struggles now.

“People were not anti-war. Ultimately, they were anti-draft. They were not in solidarity with the Vietnamese. They were in solidarity with their own self-interests . . . This is a perfectly reasonable position, but let’s call it by what it was. It was narrow self-interest.”

People can become revolutionaries even out of narrow self-interest, especially in the Third World, but Churchill was correct to point out that many Americans who oppose imperialist militarism in a piecemeal way are not revolutionary or even progressive.

“You learn from the past. You pick up from where the past left off. We didn’t win that one because we’re back here doing it again. We’ve got a projection of U.S. power at a much more technologically sophisticated level all across the planet. The thing that they’ve done now is miscalculate and overreach to where they don’t have the man power because you still need man power to fight insurgencies. You can’t do it with smart bombs. You can’t do it with laser technology. You can’t do it with Star Wars. You can’t do it with any of that. You’ve got to actually put people on the ground with the training and with the willingness to close and kill the enemy.

The volunteer army is in decline. People were doing that as a career trajectory. They weren’t doing it because they had any conscious understanding of what it meant to fight a war, which is really ugly, dirty, stinking, boring, tedious, horrible business, nothing redeeming about it at all, and they actually got called to do what it is that armies are called upon to do, and that was a big shock. Now, they’re trying to get out. Now, they refuse to enlist. . . . But conscription being met with draft resistance and draft resistance only without the consciousness of what the draft is entailed to symbolize and imply is essentially useless—we’ll be doing it another thirty years, a repetition of the same thing.”

Most of Churchill’s critics during the question-and-answer session were phony leftists making idealist, unspecific criticisms of the “method” of violence but in reality putting American lives first in wars of aggression against the Third World. Churchill called them out on this. Others disagreed with Churchill because they felt imperialism in the belly of the beast was forever invincible to armed struggle. Churchill pointed out that the alternative is to let the enemy dictate the strategy of resistance. Churchill said it even leads to leftists fighting each other instead of the enemy.

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

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

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

Amerikans react positively to Bu\$h's speech, illustrate need to support Iraqi liberation fighters

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In his speech at Fort Bragg, President Bu\$h said liberation fighters in Iraq are just terrorists from outside Iraq. "The terrorists believe that free societies are essentially corrupt and decadent, and with a few hard blows they can force us to retreat."(1)

Apparently, Bu\$h did not notice what the media itself has called a "corruption epidemic" in Iraq.(2)

A year ago, about a month before the so-called handover to the lackey government in Iraq, Bu\$h admitted in an interview with Paris Match that not all liberation fighters in Iraq are "terrorists." "And they don't like to be occupied, and neither would I, and neither would anybody. That's why we're handing over sovereignty. Full sovereignty will be transferred here very shortly."(3)

Bu\$h was hoping that his audience didn't know that non-military occupation with a puppet government was still occupation. This is something that urgently needs to be understood otherwise there is a risk of legitimizing imperialism in Iraq: imperialism without a military occupation is still imperialism.

In the post-game show on "Larry King Live" after Bu\$h's speech at Fort Bragg, John Kerry said "Americans have a right to expect a higher level of accomplishment, and a higher level of safety and security" in Iraq than the government under Bu\$h had achieved.(4)

This and other comments in the media, such as other Demokrats saying that there was no "hotbed" of "terrorism" in Iraq until the united States-led invasion, shows

that Amerikans can disagree with the Iraq War on a variety of different levels, but still back this imperialist war against the Iraqi people.

The article "Amerikan 'anti-war' sentiments not enough to end Iraq War" (see below) points out that the imperialists will take advantage of the seeming inconsistency in the public's so-called opposition to the Iraq War. A Gallup telephone poll of Amerikans (adults) on June 28 shows that 46% reacted to Bu\$h's speech positively. 28% said somewhat positively. That's 74% combined. Only 9% indicated very negatively.

It is only "seeming" inconsistency because for Amerikans to disagree with the conduct of the Iraq War, but on tactical grounds only, is not really a contradiction. It is not as if these pragmatist Amerikans were conflicted. What this means is that the imperialists need only convince more Amerikans that the united States is succeeding in the Iraq War. The vast majority of Euro-Amerikans in particular have no principled opposition—not even in words—with imperialist wars, nor do they have any basis to, as oppressors who benefit from imperialism. Exceptions include those who feel that u.\$ militarism will eventually result in the united Snakes' using nuclear weapons and causing a disaster for the entire world.

The Iraqi people cannot rely on the Amerikan majority to end this war, and there is no piecemeal approach to supporting the resistance movement in Iraq.

On April 27-30, 2003, 75% of Amerikans approved of the way Bu\$h

was "handling the situation in Iraq." Now, about 75% have reacted to Bu\$h's Fort Bragg speech positively. On April 27-30, 2003, 70% of Amerikans thought "the war with Iraq was worth fighting" "considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States." On March 10-13, 2005, and on June 23-26 recently, 74% of Amerikans thought "the Iraqi people will be better off . . . as a result of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq."

The world's exploited and oppressed can't wait for Amerikans to catch up with them in opposition to imperialist wars and occupations. People in the internal semi-colonies of the united States, and altruistic Euro-Amerikans, must take responsibility and organize to help end this barbaric and predatory imperialist system.

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Surprise! O'Reilly lies about fragging

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self-styled witch-hunter Jim Paine's blog.

As usual, O'Reilly slandered Churchill. It is simply a lie to say Churchill was telling his audience to organize Amerikan soldiers to frag their COs. Context or no context, Churchill said nothing like that. Even in the seconds-long snippet of audio played on "The O'Reilly Factor," it is clear Churchill was just asking his audience last week to think about their attitude toward Amerikan soldiers who frag officers in an unjust war.

O'Reilly compared what Churchill said to conspiring "with my neighbor to kill the guy across the street, and we have discussions about, you know, if we remove this whatever and it's justifiable to do so, and a wiretap picks that up or an undercover agent is with us when we're talking about it."(1) But Attorney David Oblon said Churchill wasn't inciting anyone to murder Amerikan troops.

"Yes. He was engaging in what the Supreme Court calls hyperbole. We can look at this with a recent—not a recent case, a 1960's era Supreme Court case, where a guy was opposed to the draft. And he told the draft board, 'If you give me a gun, I'd like to get the president in my sights.' . . . And the Supreme Court said that speech was protected, because he wasn't really advocating going out and shooting the president. Instead, he have engaging in hyperbole and making a point. And that's exactly what this guy Ward Churchill seems to be doing."(1)

Even that is misleading because Churchill never said, even in an exaggerated way, that a u.\$ soldier should frag her/his CO.

O'Reilly finally conceded that Churchill couldn't be prosecuted "criminally," but still called for Professor Churchill to be fired from the University of Colorado. In the rest of the segment, O'Reilly ranted

about how maybe Churchill could be fired for alienating CU donors if not for Churchill's speech itself. David Oblon and Volokh disagreed with O'Reilly, but Oblon said Churchill should just be "publicly shamed" for his comments on fragging.

On the surface, O'Reilly just made himself look silly, but in effect the show came off as saying Churchill's statements might not be illegal, but ought to be. Yes, as if supposedly encouraging imperialist-army recruits to be conscientious objectors weren't bad enough, Churchill suggested that those who oppose reactionary wars might have to defend fraggers who have already fragged their COs. How dare he? That was the tone of the show.

To say that fraggers are murderers, but not u.\$ soldiers' doing their duty in this imperialist war against the Iraqi people, doesn't make any sense unless one wrongly assumes that the Iraqi liberation fighters are murderers. No, it is the u.\$ imperialist occupiers and their lackeys who are the murderers. Ward Churchill is right to encourage people to think about what consistently opposing the Iraq War, and supporting the Iraqi people, might entail.

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Amerikan 'anti-war' sentiments not enough to end Iraq War

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Bu\$h is going to give a speech Tuesday night at Fort Bragg to try to reverse a reported decline in public support for the war against Iraq.(1) The decline is said to be reflected in recent polls, such as the ABC News / Washington Post telephone poll on June 23-26.

Vague mainstream media reports of three out of five Amerikans having disagreements with the Iraq War are bound to put the imperialists in an awkward position, but anti-war activists need to have a more realistic picture of what they're up against and the contradictions in the public's "opposition" to the Iraq War that the imperialists will exploit.

Some have faulted the media for not paying more attention to changes in public support for the war against Iraq—as if Amerikans' perceptions of each other's opinions were the main factor in the continuing war against Iraq. This writer's answer to that is: get real. So 56% of Amerikans (adults) disprove of the "way" Bu\$h is "handling the situation in Iraq." And 53% think the war against Iraq was not "worth fighting" "considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States." Shit, that's one big "whoops." 70% of the gluttonous Amerikans, sitting comfortably in front of the boob tube, think the number of Amerikan military casualties in Iraq is "unacceptable." 62% of Amerikans think "the United States

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Fraggings reflect demoralized imperialist-army troops

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In June, charges were filed against Army Staff Sgt. Alberto B. Martinez of Troy, New York, in connection with the June 7th deaths of two other soldiers in his unit. Martinez, along with the two dead officers, Capt. Phillip Esposito and Lt. Louis Allen, were all members of the New York National Guard. This is the first documented case of fragging in Iraq.

Fragging originally referred to killing an unpopular member of a military unit with a fragmentation grenade. However, it has come to mean any purposeful killing of officers by those under them. Fraggings were a fairly common occurrence in Vietnam. Between 1969 and 1971, the u.s. army reported 600 fragging incidents that killed 82 Americans and injured 651. In 1971 alone, there were 1.8 fraggings for every 1,000 American soldiers serving in Vietnam, not including gun and knife assaults.(1) Although the two deaths in the Martinez case were initially thought to be a result of a mortar attack, investigators found the blast pattern inconsistent with such an attack.

This incident might be a sign that the powerful Iraqi resistance is proving to have a deeply demoralizing effect on the imperialist armies. Even though this is the first officially documented fragging, we should not forget that an earlier incident happened on March 23rd, 2003. In this incident, Sgt. Asan Akbar, after being reprimanded for insubordination, lobbed three grenades into tents, wounding twelve Americans, five seriously and killing at least one.(2) We should also

remember the desertion of Corporal Wasif Ali Hassun, a Lebanese-born Arabic translator, who disappeared from a marine base near Fallujah on June 21st, 2004, only to surface 19 days later in Lebanon where he turned himself in to u.s. authorities. Also, there are a number of soldiers who: refuse to report to duty, are AWOL, or are vocally resisting. These people, who in various ways have refused to participate in the unhindered repression of the Iraqi people, deserve our support. We don't know what the motives of Sgt. Martinez were. We may never know for sure. Early reports indicate he had been disciplined by his officers prior to the fragging. Whatever his personal motives, the effect of his actions is to demoralize the imperialist-army ranks.

We should also keep in mind that not all fraggings are discovered. In a war where so many deaths are attributed to bombs and small arms fire, it is likely that there have been other fragging incidents and either the pigs are underreporting them or they simply have not been identified. According to forensics experts, identifying a fragging is not an easy task.

All of this points to the truth of what the Maoist Internationalist Movement calls strategic confidence in the international proletariat. The imperialists are making mistake after mistake in this reactionary war. As MIM says, the imperialists have overestimated their own strength and cannot admit the truth: their pigdom is built on the sweat and blood of stolen Third World labor.(3)

None of these military pig deaths ought to take our attention away from the real



Ramirez is charged with killing Capt. Phillip Esposito, shown here with Bill Clinton at his graduation from West Point.

victims in the Third World and the rivers of blood being spilled by the Iraqis. We should just be glad that Iraq has two less pig occupiers to worry about. This recent incident will only compound the demoralization of an overextended pig army that already has to extend rotations and cancel vacations. If the draft is reinstated, we can only expect more of these kinds of incidents. Although we do not want to see parasite Americans in Iraq dying for u.s. imperialism—it would mean the war is still going on—we should not condemn those who are insubordinate like Alberto B. Martinez. In fact, the Black Panthers offered the Vietnamese a battalion to fight imperialist troops.

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has gotten bogged down in Iraq," which could mean anything from wanting the united States to attack Iran or Korea instead, to wanting the united States to further militarize the united States-Mexico border.

Have ABC News and the Washington Post struck the mother lode of anti-imperialist sentiment—or even anti-war sentiment? The same poll shows otherwise. 58% want the united States to keep its military forces in Iraq. Only 41% want to withdraw at least some forces. And fully 75% think "in the long run the Iraqi people will be better off as a result of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq." An Associated Press / Ipsos telephone poll on June 20-22 has only 37% of Americans wanting the united States to "bring [at least some of] its troops home from Iraq immediately." A Gallup telephone poll on June 6-8 has only 28% of Americans saying the united States "should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq."

What these seemingly conflicting poll numbers show is that Americans who disagree with the war against Iraq disagree with certain aspects of the war

but not others. That's no surprise. What's disturbing (but still nothing new) is that, while many draw analogies between the Iraq War and the Viet Nam War, few are noticing the long-standing pattern in Americans' support for predatory imperialist wars of aggression, that is, supporting them and then trying to come up with an alibi for where they were when the war was starting and at its peak. Stories about a lying media and a lying President are popular with spineless oppressor Americans who waste what literacy they have on paying more attention to such burning issues as Michael Jackson, Scott Peterson, Jennifer Wilbanks, and "The Apprentice."

It's the same shit, different day. And instead of organizing to end this criminal imperialist system, many are choosing to exaggerate "popular opposition" to the war against Iraq by counting reactionaries and even fascists as "the people." Meanwhile, the imperialists' plans for more predatory wars, and their ongoing role in the repression of liberation movements in countries including Nepal and the Philippines, continue. Opposition to u.s. military casualties is confused in

the most simplistic ways with support for the Iraqi people. It paves the way for opponents of the Iraq War to join the Democrats, there to save the face of u.s. imperialism, instead of working to end this barbaric and predatory imperialist system. It is profoundly disorienting.

The world's exploited and oppressed don't have the time or the lives to spare for this confusion-spreading by the imperialists and their allies about who opposes the Iraq War. Imperialism must and will be defeated regardless of how many Americans back it. What the people of the world can hope for right now is a decline in Americans' support for certain wars on the basis of narrow self-interests about drafts or their own country's military casualties. That's it. Draft opposition is a reasonable position for Americans to take, but enduring opposition to imperialist wars cannot thrive on that. There has never been a massive political movement among Euro-Americans, or u.s. whites, against imperialism. The world's exploited and oppressed must have confidence in their ability to defeat imperialism. And the

exploited and oppressed in the internal semi-colonies in the belly of the beast, and their allies, must step up and organize to end this imperialist system, which endlessly engages in reactionary wars.

u.s. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Sunday said that the "insurgency" in Iraq may go on for twelve more years.(3) Rumsfeld's lowest estimate was five more years. That's some crystal ball. Those imperialists who really thought the resistance would peter out have miscalculated.

The imperialists are doomed. The resistance will never die out while the imperialist occupiers—or their lackeys—remain.

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Some thoughts on the growing wave of repression against migrant workers

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“[D]eal with fundamental socioeconomic issues that are, in my opinion, as threatening as terrorism itself: Failure of our public schools, decaying infrastructure, our broken borders, which 700,000 illegal aliens cross each year, the outsourcing of hundreds of thousands of jobs to cheap overseas labor markets and a population that is growing far too fast for our limited natural resources. . . . Those issues, and the way in which we resolve them, will shape our nation and our future economy.”

—Lou Dobbs, November 11, 2003

I want to talk a little bit about the “immigration problem” and so-called “immigration reform” in the United States, and what they mean for the fight to end the imperialist system, in which the criminal imperialists flout all borders except the ones they create and murder millions of the world’s people every year through economic and political domination.

There has been a lot of attention paid to border vigilantes and their allies recently even though the mainstream media has been reporting on border vigilantism on the United States-Mexico border for decades. The immediate cause of most of this interest in the Minutemen, the latest incarnation of border vigilantes, has been widespread coverage of the Minuteman Project around the time the project happened.

But even before the Minuteman Project

began in April, major TV news programs were covering the Minuteman Project and its predecessors. “Hannity & Colmes” interviewed Civil Homeland Defense Corps founder Chris Simcox in January 2003—almost two and a half years before the Minuteman Project. In mid-January, the same year, MSNBC interviewed Civil Homeland Defense Corps organizer Chris Simcox as well as some CHDC members. The MSNBC on the same program also interviewed Federation for American Immigration Reform Executive Director Dan Stein.

What else was going on around this time? Well, U.S. Senator John McCain in a hearing on the nomination of Asa Hutchinson for Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security said that “the entire border issues are in a situation that could be described as a crisis”—the same John McCain whom anti-migrant activists accuse of being soft on immigration. But what else did McCain say in front of dozens of U.S. Senators on January 22, 2003? He said: “Bisbee [Arizona] militia leader, Chris Simcox, says he is set today to launch the first patrols along the border with members of his homeland defense group. Simcox has said he plans to have groups of armed citizens patrolling three areas of the Arizona-Mexico line, although he wouldn’t specify the sites. A second patrol to be put on for the news media is scheduled for Sunday, et cetera.” That’s what McCain said to illustrate AmeriKKKan unrest with the so-called immigration problem.

Fox News repeatedly interviewed Chris



Simcox in 2003 and then in 2004. MSNBC reported on Chris Simcox’s Civil Homeland Defense Corps in January, 2003, too. “This is not the first group to converge on the U.S. border with Mexico to try to stop illegal entry. But the name Chris Simcox has given to his group, ‘Civil Homeland Defense,’ suggests an objective that is different: stopping terrorists from entering the United States.” The media associated border vigilantes with fighting terrorism.

“Hannity & Colmes” interviewed Minuteman Project co-founder Jim Gilchrist in late January of 2005. “Lou Dobbs Tonight” promoted the Minuteman Project in late March, right before the Minuteman Project began. CNN correspondent Jeanne Meserve said

“officials announced the first phase of the Arizona border patrol initiative a year ago, and they say it is purely coincidental that they are announcing this second phase [boosting the number of Border Patrol agents in Arizona by 500] just days before the Minutemen begin an action along the border.” Congressman James Sensenbrenner, sponsor the now-passed REAL ID Act, on the same program praised the Minuteman Project as an expression of Americans’ “extreme frustration” “at the fact that we are not having effective border security.”

So, the imperialists have known about the Minutemen and their predecessors for a long time. They have used the Minutemen to nudge already reactionary

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Unalienable Rights: Not so unalienable after all

By a California prisoner

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On May 15, in Colton CA, a 23-year-old named Jessie Ramirez was stopped for what police called “a routine pedestrian stop.” According to a police spokesperson, Ramirez was being patted down when he inexplicably decided to make a run for it. He wasn’t a suspect for anything, nor was he found to be in possession of any contraband. Tragically, though it isn’t a crime to run from the police, unless you are a suspect in a crime, the penalty for his innocence was death.

I was talking with Steven [not his real name] on the prison yard yesterday. The all-too-common subject of police harassment among minorities in Los Angeles came up. Not the subject as a circumstance against us, but rather the conditioning of the mind that makes what was once intolerable – now acceptable.

Steven, a 40 year-old, lived in St. Louis,

Missouri, prior to his arrest in the City of Angels 12 years ago. He explained that, like Beverly Hills here, there were certain out-of-bounds areas in Missouri for Blacks. One such city was Springfield. If a Black were spotted by the police in this area, predominately inhabited by whites, he could expect to be pulled over.

“But there, the police usually stayed within constitutional boundaries,” he told me. “They would ask for your license, registration, and proof of insurance. Then they would let you go.” Within months of his residence in Los Angeles he noticed the distinction. “I couldn’t believe it! We were riding in the car, minding our business and here they come. The police pull you over out here, with no probable cause or anything; and then they routinely ask if you have guns or drugs in the car. You’re suspect just because...,” he said.

This is a common experience in L.A. for minorities, as made evident by the many different testimonials, that, in the end, amount to the same story: a verbal

collage of harassment and trampled-over civil rights.

Animated by the experience, Steven explained how he and his friends had been stopped back-to-back, by different officers one day. “Get out of the car and lay on the ground, they command. Then they search your car, pat you down, and let you go.” They don’t ask permission, and they certainly don’t get a search warrant. He said it was like the Jim Crow era, when Blacks had little rights or civil protections. “But what really got me,” he complained, “was how the people out here accept it. Like it’s supposed to be like this.”

In contrast, he shared that in Missouri it wasn’t considered suspicious to ride four deep in a car. “If you have four passengers then that’s your business. They didn’t criminalize camaraderie. Here, every Black and Latino knows that a car full of people is an invite for this special attention from the LAPD.”

The consequence to such profiling can

prove deadly for minorities. Jessie Ramirez’s death is just one example of this. It will be interesting to see how this one is justified. I would imagine that it would be pretty hard to sing their unfailing mantra; “I feared for my life,” when Ramirez was running, unarmed, and away from the officers. But after several acquittals and justifications for these ever common incidents – some caught on tape – one just never knows.

One stunning statement by Steven was that we are treated like this in our own neighborhoods. In Missouri one has to go blatantly “out-of-bounds” to attract such a traffic stop. But even then it isn’t likened to the extent it is here. A unique perspective seldom confronted for sure. He’s right, we have apparently been conditioned to accept this systematic denial of our civil and constitutional rights. It appears that our unalienable rights are not so unalienable after all.

Notes: KTLA News, Ch. 5, May 16, 2005.

Repression against migrant workers

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migration policy in a reactionary direction. Some have dismissed the Minutemen as “vigilantes,” but only to make their own reactionary imperialist migration policy seem harmless in comparison to the Minutemen’s activism, if not the Minutemen’s proposals. Some imperialists, such as Bu\$h, want to distance themselves from the Minutemen. But other imperialists, finding the already harsh and lethal repression of migrants to be inadequate, ally themselves with the Minutemen to garner support for even more ruthless migration policy.

Buoyed by anti-migrant radio talk show hosts and speakers at anti-migrant activist gatherings such as last month’s Unite to Fight Against Illegal Immigration Summit in Las Vegas, and praised by politicians in the highest levels of AmeriKKKan government, the Minutemen seek to whip up more public and political support for intensifying the repression of undocumented migrants and would-be migrants. Barely disguised racism, and thinly veiled threats to repress those who protest the Minutemen, permeate this movement. But this vicious movement to raise the repression of migrants to an even more ruthless level is thoroughly white nationalist in character.

The white nationalism isn’t limited to those, such as Ventura-based Save Our State and the Council of Conservative Citizens, who fear the decline of white European AmeriKKKa. In fact, there are various manifestations of white nationalism. Whenever someone takes settler-created borders for granted, and says there is an “immigration problem” that needs solving, that’s white nationalism. Whenever someone talks about protecting “national identity” as if different nations, such as Aztlán, the Black nation, and First Nations, didn’t already exist inside u.\$ borders, that’s white nationalism, too. Everyone who evaluates “immigration issues” on the basis of whether migration benefits the “American people” or “American workers” is using the selfish and callous chauvinist criteria of white nationalism.

White nationalists vary in the sophistication of their arguments. Some, such as NumbersUSA.com Executive Director Roy Beck, say that repressing migrants is beneficial for documented migrants already inside the united States. What such arguments neglect to point out is that borders themselves contribute to standard of living differences between the united States, and Mexico and other Third World countries, and that it is imperialism that keeps the standard of living of oppressed-nation documented migrants low.

The white nationalists try to come up with various ways to pit oppressed-nation persyns, such as Blacks and Latinos, in the united States against undocumented and also documented oppressed-nation

migrants. Some oppressed-nation persyns have bought into this lie, believing that migration is against their short-term interests. But reactionary migration policy reinforces the same imperialist system that oppresses the internal semi-colonies inside the united States. Some anti-migrant activists have highlighted this fact by saying that all migrants, documented or undocumented, African, Asian or Latin American, are incapable of assimilation. But these anti-migrant activists don’t really want integration, or even forced integration, but the subjugation of all those living in the united States. They don’t want to integrate with Asian-descended persyns, Blacks, First Nation persyns, and Latinos—they want to subordinate them.

In the face of certain “immigration reform” proposals, some chauvinists have been calling for the unity of all workers in the united States on the basis of imaginary shared material interests. The fact that these chauvinists stop short of calling for eliminating imperialist borders shows their true nature. Fully invoking the same sentiments that open fascists such as Save Our State do, even some so-called socialists have objected to the imperialist Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act for the reason that it would contribute to the “Third Worldization” of the u.\$ working class, by which they mean the Euro-Amerikan working class.

There are divisions in the oppressor Euro-Amerikan settler nation. The imperialists support migration policy that highly privileged workers perceive to be against their interests. The labor aristocracy supports migration policy that is out of step with the imperialists’ own plans. Simultaneously, there are divisions among the imperialists themselves. All of this is the case not just with current “immigration reform” proposals, but with Operation Jobs and the earlier INS-named Operation Wetback of the 1950s.

There is a dynamic at play here where each side criticizes the other for being ineffective in “solving” the “immigration problem” or “fixing” the “immigration system,” but the end result is an overall reactionary imperialist policy toward migrant workers. All sides seek the backing of the “American people” for legitimacy. But are they genuinely concerned with the interests of the world’s people or Third World workers? No.

The anti-migrant activists’ loftiest goals represent an incipient, budding, fascism—against migrant proletarians. Even if they and their allies in the media and government don’t get what they want—the unhindered repression and mass deportation of undocumented migrants—in the near future, their presence will still be a force shaping migration policy. When the imperialists no longer need migrants, this fascist and virulently white nationalist tendency will flare up and lash out against migrants—but this time with the full force of the imperialist state machine.

The fascists represent the most desperate and reactionary Amerikans who believe the demise of white European AmeriKKKa is at hand even though Euro-Amerikans are still the majority and there is hardly any armed national liberation struggle to speak of inside the united States. What the reactionaries don’t realize is that they are able to keep their power even if Euro-Amerikans are the numerical minority. Look at the existing discrepancy between the proportion of the u.\$ population that is oppressed-nation persyns and the number of oppressed-nation persyns in business and government. For all their talk about subversive migrants, the reactionaries are really just responding to a perceived future demographic disadvantage.

This does not stop the anti-migrant activists and other reactionaries from stirring up fears about allegedly violent “illegal alien invaders.” They oppose migration because they believe migrants threaten Euro-Amerikans’ share of the economic and political pie. But bound up with this concern with preserving Euro-Amerikans’ political domination at the voting booth is the deeply reactionary fear that migrants pose a revolutionary threat

to the oppressor Euro-Amerikan nation’s power. The fascists aim to put down alleged revolutionaries even when there is no revolutionary situation. By describing migrants as terrorists, they aim to combine the “War on Terror” with an attack on activists, among migrants, who aren’t terrorists.

Already, there is the Patriot Act, which targets non-citizens for detention and deportation even when they aren’t even suspected terrorists. So, there is clearly a basis for fascism against migrant proletarians to take shape given the necessary conditions for fascism to develop within u.\$ borders.

The imperialists and their allies are dressing up the repression of migrant workers as an issue, “immigration reform,” bearing on “national interests.” But there is no “immigration problem” except for the imperialists and their allies. What’s wrong is this imperialist system that keeps exploiting and then repressing oppressed-nation migrants and workers in the Third World. Nothing short of organizing for revolution, no “fixing” the “immigration system,” can end this criminal imperialist system.

Notes: Lou Dobbs, “Jobs cause for applause,” Daily News, 9 November 2003, 30.

What is militarism?



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

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

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

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

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

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

ALIPAC illustrates anti-migrant activists' fascist and white nationalist aims

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The Center for New Community recently released a report documenting Americans "for Legal Immigration" PAC President William Gheen's "association with some of the most bigoted of the anti-immigrant activists."(1)(2)

Such information is interesting from the viewpoint of looking at how anti-migrant activists organize. Other sources, in addition to the Center for New Community, have said that Federation for American Immigration Reform Western Field Director Rick Oltman, another speaker at last month's "Unite to Fight" summit in Las Vegas, not only has worked with the Council of Conservative Citizens but also is a member of this openly white supremacist group. The CCC believes "that illegal immigration must be stopped, if necessary by military force and placing troops on our national borders; that illegal aliens must be returned to their own countries . . . We also oppose all efforts to mix the races of mankind" ("A Statement of the Principles of the Council of Conservative Citizens," <http://www.cofcc.org/manifest.htm>).

What William Gheen himself thinks is important, too. Gheen, like other prominent anti-migrant activists, illustrates where anti-migrant activists' concerns really lie. Open white supremacists aren't the only threat to migrant proletarians. The fact that some of those whom Gheen associates with are open white supremacists is just icing on a foul-tasting cake.

The Center for New Community report, entitled "Americans for Legal Immigration (ALI-PAC): Xenophobia, Nativism and Anti-Immigrant Hysteria," correctly

points out that ALIPAC opposes both documented and undocumented migration despite ALIPAC's thin pretense of supporting "legal immigration"; mimnotes.info reported this a while ago. Indeed, ALIPAC puts the interests of Americans first and above all else even when it means continued super-exploitation of workers in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, and elsewhere in the Third World.

ALIPAC's opposition to the pending Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 is also telling. This legislation represents a thoroughly imperialist migration policy—make no mistake about it. The Act would result in beefing up already repressive u.s. borders with personnel and/or technology. The Act would result in further surveillance of both documented and undocumented migrants. And its visa limitations would potentially limit oppressed-nation migrants' upward economic mobility. In fact, the Act's fine requirements target the poorest migrant workers.

But that isn't enough for ALIPAC. Like many other anti-migrant activists, ALIPAC opposes any semblance of amnesty even when the legislation in question would not end the repression of migrant workers. That is, ALIPAC wants even more reactionary imperialist migration policy and even more reactionary imperialist borders. It objects to the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act, not because the Act doesn't do enough to "secure the border," but because the Act supposedly legalizes undocumented migrants in the united States when it does not. In other words, ALIPAC's activism could have the effect of reinforcing the exploitation of

undocumented migrant workers.

The Center for New Community report points out that the Americans "for Legal Immigration" Political Action Committee actually had very little money in 2004. Well, ALIPAC was founded in 2004, but ALIPAC's funding is still somewhat surprising because at the May Unite to Fight Against Illegal Immigration Summit in Las Vegas, ALIPAC President William Gheen proposed withholding donations from candidates who don't support intensifying the repression of migrants. What donations? In May 2005, with all the talk about withholding donations, it were as if ALIPAC had hundreds of thousands of dollars at least.

Through stunts like agitating against the Channel 62 billboards in Los Angeles, ALIPAC seeks to whip up support for the mass deportation of all undocumented migrants inside the united States. "We need to block any guest-worker, new and improved, disguised amnesty bill from passing before the next election. . . . They want to lock in the 10 to 20 to 30 million illegal aliens because they're already telling us 'they're not going anywhere.' I say that's an opinion statement. It is an opinion statement." (What precision from a hysterical reactionary. One of those is bound to be right. In fact, the number is closest to 10 million.) During the same speech, Gheen ridiculed migrant workers who were deported during the INS-named Operation Wetback, raising the specter of another buslift.(4)

"Study after study shows that Americans work harder than any other industrialized nation in the world. Don't tell me we don't want to work."

There is a fine line between ALIPAC

and many Americans who believe that bourgeois myth, which confuses dollar output per hour with "working hard." White nationalism in all its manifestations must be opposed. This vicious movement to heighten the repression of undocumented migrants and would-be migrants must not be allowed to pave the way for even more reactionary imperialist policy toward Latin American and other oppressed-nation migrants.

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"About 25 monument supporters split from the larger group to confront SOS members several blocks away. . . . Turner faced them, flanked by about 50 supporters, members of other anti-illegal-immigration groups and a sprinkling of white supremacists from White Pride World Wide."

Report calls for militarizing the united States-Mexico border

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Writers for MIM Notes and the Web site of the Maoist Internationalist Movement were saying as early as April 3 that the fascist Minuteman Project, a project to assist in the repression of undocumented migrant workers and whip up support for further repression, had violated its own Standard Operating Procedure.(1)(2) Now, a recently released June 17 report by Congressman Charlie Norwood (R-GA), "Results and Implications of the Minuteman Project : April 1-30, 2005," submitted to the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus (CIRC), admits that the incident involving the Guatemalan migrant at the Miracle Valley Bible College "was a rules infraction, although no disciplinary action was taken."(3)(4) The Bible college is where the Minuteman Project had its

main base camp. Charlie Norwood is himself a member of the CIRC (<http://tancred.house.gov/irc/members.html>). Since the Minuteman Project's publicly available Standard Operating Procedure allowed volunteers to give water to persyns who asked the volunteers for aid, the incident at the Bible college, for it to have been a rules infraction, clearly involved more than just giving someone water.

Although MIM was among the few sources who at least considered that the Minuteman Project was itself detaining alleged undocumented migrants, there was not any guesswork on the part of writers for MIM Notes and the Web site, just careful attention to what Minuteman Project leaders and volunteers themselves said about the Bible college incident. It goes to show that it is possible to know the truth even when people are

lying. The fact that this or that leader lied is no excuse for inaction and does not give any AmerIKKKan an alibi when it all comes out in the open.

"Results and Implications of the Minuteman Project" lists as an "actionable item":

"California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, and Texas Governor Rick Perry should immediately request full federal funding from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld for the mobilization of 36,000 National Guard troops for border duty within 30 days, as authorized under Title 32 Section 9 U.S. Code."(3)

The 30-page report signed by Charlie Norwood (Fred Peterson and John Stone are listed under "Author Contact Points") calls for militarizing the united States-

Mexico border by placing u.s. Army National Guard troops there. Yet, this contradicts the notion that the Minuteman Project was effective by just "watching" the border. Minuteman leaders have openly supported intimidating and terrorizing would-be border-crossers to prevent them from crossing in the first place, and Norwood's report itself states: "Many volunteers were former military, while some had previous law enforcement training. Operational organization was military in nature." "It appeared more than half of participants were prior military."

Other Minuteman organizations have called for people with military and law enforcement pig experience to volunteer while at the same time claiming such skills will not be used in the "border watches." Minuteman Civil Defense Corps and these other Minutemen inspired by the

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James Chase postpones Border Watch at Campo

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North County Times reported on Monday, June 20, that James L. Chase was no longer going to lead his border vigilantism project in Campo, California. Chase's Campo Border Watch was going to begin in mid-July. Chase's organization, USA Minutemen (formerly known as the United States Border Patrol Auxiliary), recently updated its Web site, saying that the Border Watch at Campo "has been postponed." This writer does not yet know whether USA Minutemen's New Mexico project is still going on. Campo is northeast of Tecate in Mexico.

USA Minutemen (a.k.a. California Minutemen) is just one of several border vigilante groups that have planned "border watches" in Kalifornia. Friends of the Border Patrol and Minuteman Civil Defense Corps plan to begin patrols in Kalifornia in the fall. Friends of the Border Patrol's border vigilantism project is also called "Border Watch," the "FBP Border Watch."

USA Minutemen has puts on its Web a revealing March 2005 e-mail from Chris Simcox to James Chase. Chase's intention in posting this e-mail on his Web site is not absolutely clear. On the surface, Chase is just building his credibility after squabbling with other Minuteman leaders, but may be trying to suggest why he left the April Arizona

Minuteman Project early. According to Chase, he was "in-charge of covert operations outside the posted MMP SOP, per this email from Chris Simcox."(2)

In the e-mail, Chris Simcox says he would like James Chase "to be in charge of our most concentrated sector of the border, that would be the sector we went on Saturday that you missed. . . . Plenty of places to hide and set up ambushes 500 to 1,000 yards inside the line. It is exciting in this area because you trap them, too far inside the line and they typically run north instead of south, great opportunity to track them and B.P. [Border Patrol] usually arrives within 20 minutes to run them down the rest of the way" (my emphasis).

MIM Notes has for months said that Minuteman Project leaders were interested in doing more than just watching the border. The "no contact, no engagement" policy was just tactical only by the Minuteman Project's own admission in its Standard Operating Procedure and probably related to a concern involving the media. Now it comes out in the open that Civil Homeland Defense Corps was doing "sweeps." In the e-mail, Civil Homeland Defense Corps leader Simcox says he is "set on you being a competent leader who can lay down the law," corroborating reports that the CHDC has itself detained suspected undocumented migrants before the Minuteman Project. Civil Homeland

Defense Corps is now known as Minuteman Civil Defense Corps.

These fascists and self-styled pigs aren't the only Americans threatening further repression of undocumented migrants and would-be migrants, but they are at the forefront of an effort to influence public opinion to intensify the already harsh and deadly repression of undocumented migrants and station military troops at the border. They are the flip side of those who would keep undocumented or documented migrants in the united States to continue exploiting them, as well as those who want to keep repressive imperialist borders but with a friendlier face. All of these people have no problem exploiting proletarians. Some pretend to oppose the exploitation of undocumented migrant workers in the united States, but do so only insofar as they believe American citizen workers or American citizens' quality of life are harmed. This vicious cycle wherein the imperialists oppose each other, but only to move forward with plans that are overall and inevitably imperialist and reactionary, must be stopped.

Director of the Independent Task Force on Immigration and America's Future, Doris Meissner, says the "unauthorized population . . . is the clearest example of how badly the immigration system is broken."(3) But "immigration" is a "problem" only for the imperialists,

reactionary Euro-American so-called workers, and their allies. The proletariat does not need "immigration reform" because there is no "immigration problem" except for fascists and white nationalists who evaluate migration on the basis of how much migrants benefit or don't benefit Americans.

"Fixing" "broken borders" is not needed. What's needed is an end to this imperialist system that repeatedly creates these so-called immigration problems and threatens fascist repression against undocumented migrant workers and other oppressed-nation persyns.

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U\$ fascists further isolated in Nepal

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After more than four months of martial law the u\$-funded god-king of Nepal, Gyanendra, stands alone with fellow Rana and Shah caste members and his increasingly demoralized Royal Nepalese Army being payed off with imperialist dollars. The bourgeois parties of Nepal have announced that they will boycott proposed elections as long as martial law

is in place and have made moves to unite with the proletarian forces of Nepal for the common goal of democracy. The bourgeoisie cannot deny that elections are not democratic when there is a gun to the heads of the electorate.

The ruling government in Kathmandu threatened to extend the fascist tactics they have used against the peasants and lower castes to the bourgeois parties who have increasingly faced repression in clashes with police and mass arrests and

imprisonment since the February 1 declaration of martial law. In response to signs of a United Front between proletarian and national bourgeois forces, a government spokesperson said, "We urge the parties not to compel us to treat them in similar manner (like the Maoists)."(1)

The majority of the Nepali citizens live in the countryside where some degree of Maoist governance is in place. These peasant and proletarian forces are seeing

the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie of the urban center refusing to work with u\$ imperialism and its god-king puppet and instead joining the patriotic struggle for national self-determination. These parties have acknowledged a common goal of democracy that has been a thwarted struggle in Nepal for decades.

While the u\$ continues its massive slaughter in Iraq in the name of disposing dictator Saddam Hussein, u\$ Ambassador

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Report calls for militarizing the united States-Mexico border

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Minuteman Project are actively trying to present themselves as a military threat to undocumented migrant workers. And they stir up sentiments that there is a war situation at the border when there is not. Minutemen and their supporters are fascists.

Some critics of the Minutemen still want repressive imperialist borders but with a friendlier face. But they are white nationalists like the Minutemen. Demographer Jeffrey S. Passel says that 6% of undocumented migrants are from Europe and Canada.(5) Yet, anti-migrant activists concentrate on oppressed-nation migrants from the Third World. In Britain and Kanada, too, there is much hostility

toward oppressed-nation undocumented and documented migrants.

In an "editorial" attached to the report "Results and Implications of the Minuteman Project," Congressman Tom Tancredo's ex-Marine senior homeland defense adviser, Frederick A. Peterson III, disingenuously asserts that "open borders humanitarians" contribute to migrants dying in the desert when in fact it is u.\$ migration policy that causes these deaths by pressurizing migrants to cross into the desert. Peterson denies that American citizens benefit from oppressed-nation workers' labor, whether they are inside or outside the united States, and says that migration is a threat to "cultural cohesion" as if the united States had only one culture. "Mass illegal

migration . . . is rising without measure and eroding the very fiber of our safety, life and culture." But Peterson does not want to end the repression of migrants that turns them into "illegal immigrants." No, in reality, Peterson opposes migration in general, documented and undocumented, just as the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus openly says it does.

This reactionary movement to intensify the already harsh and lethal repression of undocumented migrants and would-be migrants must be defeated.

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See also: "Public opinion work versus party-building work," on MIM's Web site.(2)

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Nepal

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James Moriarty is playing golf with Nepali royalty(2) who lead the world in civilian abductions and assassinations according to Amnesty International. While giving repeated lip-service to 'restoring democracy,' Moriarty has clearly stated that the u\$ opposes the efforts of Nepal to attain true democracy and to provide for the needs of its people.(3) Anyone

who questions what the u\$ means by restoring democracy need only to look at Iraq today.

While the desperate measures of martial law and fascism have created greater unity in the national struggle in Nepal, the People's War continues to advance as well. On June 21, Maoists led an attack on government buildings in the town of Diktel that freed 66 prisoners and killed 8 after over five hours of battle.(4) People's War remains the primary front of the revolutionary struggle of the oppressed nations for liberation

from imperialist domination. The Nepali people learned this lesson after the bourgeois-led "People's Movement" that led to a short-lived and ineffective parliamentary democracy. This lesson brought Nepal to where it is today with a proletarian-led movement dominating the countryside and exerting scientific leadership in the latest attempt by the people of Nepal to achieve the basic needs and security that is due to all of humnity.

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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.

Have You Ever Been A Slave?

Everyday here at Two Rivers Correctional Institution's Physical Plant, General Maintenance Crew 6 goes to work under C/O K. Wright. We work really hard. We use some equipment that isn't quite up to par. For instance our lawnmowers. These are manual push mowers. No gas at all. The blades are dull, the wheels squeak and their hard to push. If this sounds like hard work try it with this prison guard during the hot summer days, blisters on your hands and the sun high in the sky. The heat is so hot, making you feel like you're going to pass out. You try to stop only for a second—maybe to catch your breath, wipe the sweat out of your eyes or to get the hair out of your face—and Wright yells at you to keep working.

She doesn't allow you any water. No refreshing drink, keep moving. No breaks, keep moving. I can't believe she gets away with this. Slavery was supposed to be done and over with. I told her that I needed a break for a second. I did this in front of my other co-workers. She said "Keep moving, don't stop working." Everybody I worked with stopped and took a break with me because we all needed it. I'm one of the young guys on this crew, can you imagine what it must be like for my co-workers that are in their 40s?

After the day was over one of the older co-workers said he was proud and respected me for speaking up. Someone needs to. Later I received a daily fail. Didn't get paid or even credited for the day. I worked very hard. Now I know how it must have been to be a slave.

— A Prisoner in Oregon, April 2005

Under Lock & Key

News from Prisons & Prisoners

Access to Elected Officials Denied

This is my second letter to your organization. I received a letter from you about a month ago. I would like to receive your newsletter. Also I am having problems with my other mail being rejected by the mail room here at WSP [Washington State Penitentiary]. I wrote to our legislature and asked for contact information to our elected lawmakers for my state. Now the mail room is improperly labeling this directory a telephone book and not allowing me to have it. This to me seems flatly wrong - like every other policy. We only have 3 hours per week of law library access. So I am trying to grieve this along with the mail issue. If you have any information on these subjects please send it along. Everyone needs a hand battling the diabolical Mechanism. Thank you for your time and attention and have a nice day.

— a Washington prisoner, May 2005

MIM responds: We sent this comrade a copy of our prison censorpack with information on how to battle censorship behind the bars. Censorship is a major focus of MIM's Prisoner Legal Clinic and we always welcome reports of censorship in the pages of Under Lock and Key as well as updated information on winning such battles. MIM is actively tracking censorship in prisons all around the country in an effort to further coordinate this struggle.

Kansas SHU: "Martyring supporters of our cause"

I am currently isolated in the Supermax (SHU) Unit in the Kansas Department of Corrections. I have been in isolation for almost two years now, with no sign that I'll be getting out soon. My initial placement was questionable to say the least. One day I was grabbed by the facility "pitbulls" and thrown into isolation without being given any reason. Almost a week later, a report was given to me claiming I was a member of a "Security Threat Group" (STG), and that I had been involved in assaults on and intimidation of inmates. But they refused to allow me to present any argument or to gain any adjudication on these allegations through disciplinary procedure. The officials' accusations are speculative at best; this is certainly the reason for their circumventing established procedures.

The truth is: agencies such as KDOC enjoy power, and it is as much a vice to them as a responsibility. They fear resistance. But I say if they fear resistance then perhaps they should violate fewer inmates' rights. They believe that the SHU will quell this resistance when in fact they support the basis of our movement by martyring the supporters of our cause.

— a Kansas SHU prisoner, May 2005

MIM adds: We couldn't think of a better way for you to celebrate Malcolm X's birthday than by writing to expose the SHU — a drastic form of the national oppression Malcolm spent his life working to understand and eliminate.

Prisoners: write us for a copy of the United Front to Abolish the SHU's petition to circulate behind bars. People on the outside: check out <http://www.abolishcontrolunits.org>. Learn about the

horrors of the SHU, grab the petition, and make plans to attend the Unlock the Box Conference in October.

OR Law More Repressive

Dear MIM:

Are you or your members familiar with Oregon's Ballot Measure 11, mandatory minimum sentencing law? Did you know that a first-time offender can do as much as 600 to 800 months! And not only that, but hearsay is treated as the gospel truth. Or that Oregon's legal statutes are copyrighted! Yes, it is true. I have a legal copy of a copyright form, showing the ONLY legal applicant able to use Oregon's statutes is the Oregon Legislative Council. Why would public law need a copyright? These are only some of the things I have found out about since leaving the deluded masses of the general public.

— an Oregon Prisoner, May 2005

Prisoners prosecuted for guard brutality

I'm currently being held in the new modernized and legalized plantation called California Department of Correction(?) where daily it seems adult males have been hypnotized into believing they are being recognized as men. As they go about their pre-programmed ways of picking cotton (yard crew) for free, keeping the big house clean (porters) for free, fetching and stepping (program office workers) for chump change, and making sure when the master loans you out, you do a mighty good job so master gets more (P.I.A.) for chump change.

But what is master (Director of CDC) getting more of? Well as the overseer (CCPOA) continues to make doing whatever time one has conducive to their way of thinking (greenwall, Corcoran sharks, set-ups, all around hard time to spread racial and/or ethnic discord in riots, rapes, murders, attempted murder) for the slave (prisoners) the slave maker (capitalist whoremonger Governor of California) really has no reason to parole, rehabilitate, or educate, the saga of mass production of cheap labor (legalized sweatshop) and low, low wages (chump change).

I'm waiting for a court date for alleged attempted murder of two guards at CSP-Corcoran. I was beat unconscious several times while handcuffed and shackled, my pants and underwear were pulled down and my testicles yanked and pulled. I was commanded to yell yes sir, master to these correctional officers. I'd like to say I held back the pain and refused yet I can not. My head was busted, I have disk damage in the spine, seizures, and not one civil attorney has agreed to assist me without funds.

— a prisoner in California prison, May 2005

Leadership Behind Bars

[After being relocated to a new program] I have taken this opportunity to subvert their intentions by talking to others in my team about true social consciousness and laying out baldly, the evils perpetrated on society by capitalism and internationally by imperialism. I encourage them to devour the information provided in the program about

changing their thinking patterns and behavior, but not to fall prey to the propaganda insinuated by the teachers about the limited role they can play in THIS society.

I enhance my argument with a little manipulation and propaganda myself, I use emotional issues, for example, "Do you want to come back to prison?" When they answer no with conviction I then give them a plan on how changing (and changing is necessary) of the present class oppression policy of the U\$ will alter the environment society is immersed in and no one, including them, will have the threat of incarceration constantly over their shoulder.

I impress upon them the importance of society being the most important concern when their needs are to be met. If society is oppressed, the individual is oppressed and until society is free of its burden of oppression the individual will never be truly free. I try to get them, somewhat successfully, to relate their needs to the needs of society.

— a United Struggle from Within comrade

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.

Formal mis-education not necessary

I have very little formal education, the last grade of school I completed was the 6th grade. Some people would consider that a curse, yet it has proven to be a blessing. It has allowed me to be more objective in my studies.

I watch shows like Meet the Press, Hardball with Chris Matthews, the Wall Street Journal Report, the CBS Market Watch, etc. These shows interview the top business and political figures in this country, all of whom are products of America's educational system. They all seem to be robotic, and they use a lot of flowery speech. They remind me of Baptist preachers. They can talk for three hours about nothing and make it sound good. And just like a preacher, when you question them on the particulars of the sermon, they give you an answer more confusing than what they already have said, and then try to get away as quick as possible.

But they all agree they value profits over life. It's just like the guy from The Matrix [see MIM review of this movie on the MIM web site] said, humans are supposed to be mammals. Mammals are supposed to live in harmony with their environment. On the other hand, parasites destroy their environments and then move on. He was reasoning that humans behaved more like parasites than mammals. I think about Europe and how they colonized the world, and murdered millions in the name of money. How they continue to murder millions, and destroy the environment world wide for money, and they will seek to destroy anyone who opposes them. It is inhuman not to fight these people. Time has shown they cannot be reasoned with. Killing them is like self-defense.

The U.S. is the offspring of the greatest colonial power, and is the greediest of them all. Resources are limited to non-existent in Europe as the continent started to become industrialized through military might, they started to rob the world of its natural resources. A practice that carries over even into today with no end in sight (imperialism). They are buying the world and those who are not for sale are only those countries with their own imperialist designs. Kill or be killed. Wow, some civilized world.

— a California prisoner, March 2005

Educating the people

You wouldn't believe how many prisoners are illiterate and can't write or read. I've run into a lot of brothers like this. And it's a shame, because the government agency which calls itself "corrections" prevents a man from educating themselves, and practicing their human right to pursuit of knowledge. This system has failed us, and I will not fail my people, those of the struggle for liberation. I spend a lot of my time in here, helping uplift others, because I see potential revolutionaries

in many. And if it means teaching a brother how to read and write, or passing on beneficial revolutionary literature, then I'm doing my duty. Serving the people in everything I do. Because once you're committed to doing right, the power of righteousness will never betray you.

— a California prisoner, Feb 2005

Lockdowns at Soledad

It's next to impossible here to organize a study group with the constant lockdowns. We ain't getting but 2 ten minute showers per week, cuffed and transported from one cage to another. And the rest of the week it's 24 hours in the cell. And this is on the mainline. They fuckin' us in 10 different ways.

We're supposed to get at least 3 hours sunlight and exercise a week to meet the minimum life necessities. But since I been here 2 1/2 years, they are only meeting the constitutional requirements in the hole.

- a prisoner at Soledad in CA, June 2005

Broken Homes

Broken homes in an hour glass after dark sing and dance, watching the sands of my sanity slowly pass

Laying on make believe grass, listening to homes knocking on doors where there's no homes

From the inside the voices don't hide as they're calling out my name, I go insane

The names on the wall don't talk back at all, the stories they could tell have broken free from this IMU cell

Soon I'll be free if I make it mentally in a world that will not accept me

Walking the endless streets, tripping over where I stand in this so called promised land with no shoes on my feet, hungry for new friends and something to eat

Homes might sing and dance yet never sleep and their feet are made of concrete

— A Prisoner in Oregon

Filth at California Medical Facility

I arrived here at the California Medical Facility three years ago from Pelican Bay State Prison and I am astounded at what I have seen and experienced here. You would think that because this is a medical facility their standards of cleanliness would surpass the standards of any other facility. That's not so. For a hospital, this place is filthy and a breeding ground for germs and potential sickness.

Upon my arrival here at CMF I was issued a clean blanket. Three years later, I still have that same blanket. They have never offered me a chance to clean this blanket nor have they ever offered a clean blanket exchange. There is no excuse for this. It is the responsibility of the prison administration to assure that the inmates at this institution

always have clean bedding. While at Pelican Bay we had blanket exchanges, dirty for clean. I have brought this issue to the attention of the prison COs, but they don't seem to care.

The handling of getting clean sheets is also a problem. We hand in our sheets on one day and get new ones two days later. I've seen sheets handed out that were ripped up so bad you can't possibly use them. I've also seen sheets so badly stained that they're not usable. When you bring this to the attention of the COs they just blow you off and tell you that's all they have, there are no extras. So you have to wait an extra week to see if you will luck out and get a decent set of sheets. My celly calls it the sheet lotto.

Never in my life have I been plagued with skin problems until I came here. I caught Staph infections three times already. This place is a breeding ground of filth and germs. I wonder what it will take to wake up the administration to the fact that this is a hospital and if nothing else, it should set an example of cleanliness and health for other prisons to follow.

- a California prisoner, May 2005

Casualties of War

By a Washington prisoner

From the tower shots ring out,
From the eyes tears cry out,
From the heart blood flows out,
and as the body hits the ground
life dies out.

Killed by a police sniper for a
fist fight, never had a chance in
America's Penal vortex.

Government and Correctional
corruption at its highest level.
Civilians and convicts, brain-washed in
chaos with no unity.

Plutocracy, and stolen presidential
elections go hand and hand.
It's time for the third world nations,
urban ghettos, indigenous natives,
proletarians, lumpens to make a stand.

A Global class war is on the
horizon. The struggle for human
emancipation continues.

This is dedicated to the two unarmed
prisoners that were shot dead at
Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) in
2002, by tower prison guards, and
to all the other innocent victims of police
homicide.

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.

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«TODA UNA VIDA NO SERÁ SUFICIENTE PARA AGRADECER LO QUE HIZO EL EJÉRCITO ROJO POR LA LIBERTAD».

(ERNEST HEMINGWAY)

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Casi sin excepción los medios de comunicación y la mayoría de los intelectuales de Europa occidental han pretendido escribir su propia historia sobre los acontecimientos de la segunda guerra mundial. Su propósito, que alcanzó proporciones groseras, fue echar una cortina de humo sobre el rol preponderante e histórico del Ejército Rojo de la Unión Soviética en la derrota del fascismo hitleriano. Lo curioso es que hasta los grupos y medios de comunicación de izquierda, de palabra antifascista y antiimperialistas, bailaron al ritmo de la orquesta de la gran burguesía de los países ricos y se refirieron a la guerra mundial en términos abstractos y antihistóricos. Pero todo no fue “olvido” (voluntario por supuesto) sino también vulgar tergiversación de los hechos históricos. La mayor parte de la prensa francesa de Europa (Francia, Bélgica, Suiza) se refirió al Ejército Rojo, no para reconocer sus meritos en la guerra, sino para acusarlo de “invasor” de los países bálticos”. Un poco más y se declara a los soviéticos de la segunda guerra mundial tan culpables como las tropas hitlerianas.

Gunter Verheugen, vicepresidente de la Comisión Europea, exigió a comienzo del mes de mayo, que Moscú reconozca que el Ejército Rojo “había ilegalmente ocupado los países bálticos” (Letonia, Estonia y Lituania). Sobre el mismo tema, La Libre Belgique (un cotidiano cristiano de Bélgica), anunció (6 de mayo 2005) que “Rusia había estado invitada con insistencia por Occidente a reconocer la ocupación de los países bálticos por la URSS de Stalin”. El mismo George Bush, no tuvo ningún problema para denunciar a los “invasores soviéticos” en la segunda guerra mundial.

La política de arrasar de la memoria los verdaderos hechos históricos, es un arma estratégica de los herederos del fascismo Europeo. Su propósito fundamental es que los pueblos olviden a los verdaderos culpables del horror del pasado, y en tanto ello dejarles el camino libre para el resurgimiento del terror nazi y criminal. Por lo pronto, en Alemania, cuna del nazismo, Austria, Italia, España, así como en Bélgica, Holanda, Dinamarca, y otros países del eje de la Comunidad Europea, ya los grupos ultra reaccionario son fuerzas políticas oficiales que deciden directa o indirectamente las decisiones políticas de los gobiernos. Tienen ministros, alcaldes, curas y ocupan altos puestos en la administración del Estado. Son los mismos estados, y las grandes transnacionales los que financian y sostienen a las organizaciones de extrema derecha. Por ejemplo, en Bélgica el grupo nazi llamado Vlaams Belang es la tercera fuerza política en la parte nerlandofona de este país, y su influencia es tanta que los mismos partidos llamados democráticos comienzan a cumplir los dictados y programas de esta organización que reivindica el nacional socialismo hitleriano. Este partido recibe anualmente varios millones de euros del Estado belga y tiene acceso a los canales de televisión y otros medios de comunicación. En Europa, en medio de una creciente crisis económica, se aperturan los estados

policiales, crece el odio contra los extranjeros, y comienza a reimplantarse las fuerzas retrogradas de la iglesia católica cuyo actual Papa, el ex militante de la juventud hitleriana, es expresión del avance fascista en los países de la Comunidad Europea. Es en este contexto, controlado por las fuerzas más retrogradas del sistema capitalista, que se tergiversa la historia y con ello se facilita la reimplantación de antiguos colaboradores nazis y simpatizantes del dominio racial.

Síntesis de la verdadera historia

La forma como la burguesía internacional ha tratado el 60 aniversario del triunfo sobre el nazismo hitleriano, muestra que hasta la historia tiene carácter de clase. Los verdaderos hechos deben ser rescatados en su autenticidad en tanto ello sirve como prueba del heroísmo de un pueblo que luchó no solamente por su libertad sino la de todos los habitantes del planeta. Es bueno recordar que un factor histórico-político fundamental en la ejemplar resistencia del pueblo soviético frente al invasor alemán fue el Partido Comunista de la Unión Soviética (PCUS). Esta organización revolucionaria, creada por Lenin, dirigió la unidad y la lucha del pueblo contra las tropas nazis. Los más destacados combatientes en el frente soviético fueron, sin duda alguna, los militantes comunistas provenientes principalmente de las fábricas. Por ello, las tropas hitlerianas, lo primero que hacían cuando tomaban el control de pueblos y ciudades, era ejecutar masivamente y en el acto a los cuadros y militantes comunistas.

El 22 de junio de 1941, la Alemania nazi ejecuta el “Plan Barbarota” y ataca la Unión Soviética. Para los soviéticos se inicia la guerra Patria, y se convoca a la más grande movilización de masas jamás vista en la historia de la humanidad. Obreros, Campesinos, amas de casa, jóvenes y viejos se unen a la resistencia armada y se inicia la gran epopeya de lucha contra el nazismo. Hitler utiliza para atacar a la URSS un ejército de más de 6 millones de hombres que a la época fue la más poderosa fuerza militar del mundo capitalista. En noviembre de 1941, es decir a un poco más de un año del inicio del “Plan Barbarota”, las tropas alemanas ocupaban militarmente un territorio soviético de 1’800,000 kilómetros cuadrados donde antes de la guerra vivían 80 millones de personas. En términos comparativos, el territorio ocupado por los nazis, era en conjunto la dimensión de Inglaterra, Francia, Italia y Suecia.

El frente Soviético fue decisivo en la segunda guerra mundial. En el periodo de junio de 1941 y 9 de mayo de 1945, las fuerzas armadas nazis (La wehrmacht), perdieron en la guerra contra los soviéticos el 80% de sus efectivos. Es decir 607 divisiones alemanas fueron liquidadas y hechas prisioneras. Esto significó 3 veces y medio más que lo que perdieron los alemanes en los frentes de África del Norte, en Italia y Europa Occidental. Solo en la batalla de Stalingrado del 17 de julio del 42 al 2 de febrero de 1943, los nazis perdieron 1’500,000 soldados y oficiales, lo que fue igual al 11% del total de pérdidas alemanas en la segunda guerra mundial. Las tropas de Hitler, cuando fueron derrotadas dejaron en suelo soviético 3,500 tanques, 3,000 aviones de combate y transporte, 12 mil cañones y morteros y otros materiales de guerra. En todo esto, los soviéticos, como muestran nuevas investigaciones, perdieron entre 26 y 27 millones de habitantes. Dos hombres sobre 5 de aquellos que perdieron la vida en segunda guerra mundial fueron soviéticos.

Otro elemento importante a resultar es que la segunda guerra mundial mostró el rostro extremo del sistema capitalista mundial y la voracidad imperialista. Decir que Adolfo Hitler fue un aventurero o loco como muchas veces es calificado

por los historiadores burgueses tiene el propósito de ocultar la esencia política de la segunda guerra mundial. La Alemania hitleriana, fue la expresión social y política de una fracción de la burguesía internacional, y ahí radicó la medula del odio de clase contra el socialismo soviético. Diversos historiadores, incluso algunos de la burguesía, reconocen que el objetivo fundamental del gobierno Alemán fue el exterminio de la Unión Soviética como República Socialista.

A propósito de la segunda guerra mundial y la participación gloriosa del pueblo soviético, hemos creído conveniente traducir del francés un excelente artículo, que como una flor en el desierto de la prensa burguesa y que milagrosamente pudo escapar la censura de la Santa Inquisición, relata con extraordinaria objetividad las razones por las cuales la historia ha sido tan burdamente distorsionada. Los autores son belgas, y se trata de Guy Spitaels, ministro de Estado, el escritor Jean-Marie Chauvier y el periodista Vladimir Caller.

¿Por qué minimizar la victoria roja? (*).

Los autores inician su recuento con una pregunta bastante sugestiva:

“¿Por qué aquello que era una verdad en 1945, al momento de la victoria sobre el nazismo, no lo es ahora? Esta victoria tuvo por principales protagonistas el Ejército Rojo y el pueblo soviético. La mitad de las víctimas de la segunda guerra mundial fueron soviéticas. Los jefes nazis habían previsto la desaparición de por lo menos 30 millones de “Untermenschen” (sub hombres) soviéticos, y la deportación de otro contingente de 30 millones. En los territorios soviéticos ocupados los nazis lograron exterminar 10 millones de personas, de ellos 2’7 millones de judíos. Solamente entre 1941 y 42 hubieron 3’3 millones de prisioneros soviéticos eliminados en la “muerte programada”. El cerco de Leningrado, los “millares de Orador” en Bielorrusia, en Rusia y Ucrania, las 70 mil ciudades destruidas, las innumerables masacres perpetradas por los Einsatzgruppen, los SS, la Wehrmacht y sus auxiliares nacionalistas o fascistas (polacos, bálticos, letones, lituanes, ucranianos). Un genocidio frente al cual los soviéticos pudieron salvar un millón de judíos...Lo dicho hasta aquí no se trata de una opinión, y es más bien hechos históricos pocos conocidos por las nuevas generaciones”.

Según los autores, “El presidente Franklin Roosevelt, el primer ministro británico Winston Churchill y el general de Gaulle, principales jefes políticos y militares de los países de la coalición anti-hitleriana, reconocieron el rol principal de los soviéticos en la victoria contra el nazismo en 1945. ¿Nuestra liberación habría sido posible sin las victorias soviéticas logradas sucesivamente en Moscú, Stalingrado y Koursk?, ¿o sin la inmensa contraofensiva llevada por los ejércitos del mariscal Joukov que concluyó cuando se colocó la bandera roja sobre el Reichstagen en Berlín?. Sin estas victorias rojas, el judocidio por parte de los nazis hubiera continuado hasta la liquidación de 11 o 12 millones de judíos de Europa que habría sido el objetivo hitleriano. Pareciera que se desea hablar lo menos posible de esta contribución soviética a la libertad, que como dijera Ernest Hemingway, “Toda una vida no es suficiente para agradecer lo que hizo el Ejército Rojo por la libertad”. (Chaque être humain qui aime la liberté doit plus de remerciements a l’Armée Rouge qu’il ne puisse payer durant toute une vie) ».

Los autores señalan que habría ocurrido un « tabú a posteriori » respeto a reconocer la participación fundamental de la URSS en la segunda guerra mundial. Para sustentar dicha versión recurren a los argumentos del historiador Marc Ferro, especialista en Historia Rusa, quien afirma

que fueron los soviéticos quienes destruyeron la poderosa Wehrmacht y que ello sirvió para llevar a cabo en éxito el desembarco de los aliados. Y que gracias a ello los americanos y los ingleses pudieron liberar Europa del Oeste. El historiador explica que al momento que se instaló la “guerra fría”, cambio la historiografía occidental la que redujo a la nada el rol jugado por el poderío soviético en la lucha contra Hitler. Y ahora, dice Marc Ferro, la tendencia es exclusivamente a resaltar el rol de los anglo-sajones en los triunfos de la segunda guerra mundial. “Hay sobre todos ese rechazo a admitir que pudo haber en cierto momento de la historia, una superioridad técnica industrial de los rusos sobre Alemania durante la guerra”, dice el historiador. Como prueba cita el tanque T 34, “el mejor tanque de la época, que provocó el pánico en los alemanes, la producción de cañones de gran calidad. Dice también el especialista, que la ayuda en materiales de guerra entregados por los anglo-sajones a los rusos, tuvo lugar solamente después de la victoria Soviética en Stalingrado.

En 1941 cuando parecía el fin de la URSS, dicen los autores, este país se recompuso mediante una gigantesca e impresionante movilización patriótica. Para luchar contra el invasor se juntaron rusos, judíos, ucranianos, bielorrusos, georgianos, armenios, musulmanes del Caucazo, de Grimea de Asia Central, batallones reclutados en los Goulag (cárceles), etc. Esta resistencia fue también un lugar de iniciativas espontáneas y de una gran creatividad social y artística. Algo sumamente importante es que nuevas investigaciones en los archivos de la segunda guerra mundial confirman que el genocidio perpetrado por los nazis contra los “sub hombres” slavos y el comienzo del genocidio contra los judíos fueron parte de un solo proceso dirigido contra el bolchevismo, y que ello fue de naturaleza colonialista y racista.

Dicen los autores, que la cifra de “20 millones de víctimas en la URSS” muchas veces ha parecido exagerada, pero no es así. Recientes investigaciones muestran que las víctimas soviéticas en la segunda guerra mundial serían de 26 a 27 millones de personas. A esto hay que agregar decenas de millones de mutilados, huérfanos, de gente sin vivienda, y sobre todo dicen ellos sin “Plan Marshall” para reconstruir una URSS cansada y duramente destruida. Otra verdad señalan los autores, es que el “Frente del Este” contra el “judío-bolchevismo”, (según la definición nazi del poder soviético) no estaba integrado solo por los alemanes. Había tropas aliadas de Rumania, de Hungría, de España, de Italia, de Croacia, de legiones y divisiones de SS llegados de toda Europa, y comprendidos flamencos, wallones (Bélgica) quienes apoyaron los planes hitlerianos mediante “la bendición de ciertos clérigos”. Señalan que una tesis malsana que encubrió la colaboración con las nazis fue aquella que hablaba de la “Europa cristiana y civilizada” contra la “barbarie bolchevique”. Y eso precisamente, dicen, sirve ahora para que rehabilitar en Alemania a los herederos del nacional socialismo, y a los colaboradores nazis en Ucrania, en los países bálticos y mismo en la Flandria (flamencos de Bélgica). Así dicen los autores, “nosotros deseamos simplemente que este 8 y 9 de mayo, días de la capitulación nazi, ciertos hechos históricos no sean víctimas de la mentira por omisión. Y que la ocasión no sirva para rehabilitar la colaboración y levantar monumentos a los antiguos SS”.

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