La semana pasada, miles de personas se manifestaron en San Diego, California, para apoyar los derechos de los migrantes. La manifestación se realizó el sábado, 8 de abril, en el Parque de los Chicano, donde cientos de personas se reunieron para celebrar la vida de Emiliano Zapata, un importante líder revolucionario mexicano. Las marchas duraron todo el día, y se esperaba que los manifestantes se mantuvieran en orden y tranquilo al solicitar los derechos de los migrantes.

La marcha se inició a las 1PM en el parque y a lo largo de varias calles de Barrio Logan y otros barrios de centro de San Diego, retornando al Parque de los Chicano. Algunos observadores de la casa se unieron a la marcha. Había una gran presencia policial, pero no tanto como en las marchas previas. Algunos marcharon con muñecos de cabeza grandes que llamaban por justicia para los miles de víctimas que han sido asesinadas en diferentes ciudades y pueblos a lo largo de la frontera sur de los Estados Unidos. También hubo varios gritos contra la policial y la inmigración, pero no se escucharon gritos revolucionarios o nacionalistas progresistas durante la marcha.

La marcha se realizó el día antes del aniversario de la muerte de Zapata (10 de abril), y varios marchadores llevaron carteles con imágenes de Zapata. El cartel que decía: "Zapata viva! La lucha sigue! Zapata vive viva! La lucha sigue viva!" Estaban en la marcha los estudiantes, adultos, niños y activistas por los derechos humanos y civiles, y simpatizantes de la causa de los migrantes.

Amerikkkkan labor unions feed the anti-migrant movement

By HC116, April 6, 2006

When we say that it is the labor aristocracy behind the anti-migrant movement, we are not suggesting that it is literally American workers in hard hats or work shirts in Congress who are engaged in the legislative wrangling. Indeed, the movement encompasses vastly more than just the legislative debate, and much less are the white nationalists arguing with each other in Congress, over how best to repress migrants without endangering imperialist privilege for Americans, just posturing for the sake of elections. The anti-migrant movement is not some “culture war.” This is not a “wedge issue.” The matter has to be put in these stark terms; otherwise, confusion is inevitable. The politicians are doing some maneuvering for votes, but real social and economic concerns (albeit reactionary ones) underlie the so-called immigration reform debate. The politicians try to give imperialist border repression some refinement by talking about “compassionate” immigration reform, securing the border while “reuniting families,” and so on, but the biggest impetus for the anti-migrant movement is located in the labor aristocracy, made up of the vast majority of Euro-American workers. Some critics of the anti-migrant movement equate it with election-year grandstanding, but this posturing is in...

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Nepal’s capital shut down
The only thing still going is the king’s military

Reports from Nepal show that the planned general strike starting April 6th went into effect as promised by the Maoists and seven parties from Nepal’s parliament shut down by the absolute monarch Gyanendra. Shoot-to-kill orders by the king took the life of at least one demonstrator on April 7. Nepal became the lead news story on the BBC’s web page. Schools and businesses shut themselves down in Katmandu. The only thing running appears to be the king’s military.

Maoists outside the capital have stepped up their attacks on police forces, according to imperialist reports. This leaves the king having to decide where to defend himself. According to the New York Times, the king decided to post his units in the open on the city streets of Katmandu while shutting down the mobile phone network and ordering a curfew.

We find it unlikely that the masses of Nepal will tolerate the killing of a demonstrator. The king’s “shoot-to-kill” orders demonstrate the king’s desperate situation. Last month the theocratic king staged fake elections that the whole world denounced and which failed to generate much turnout.

The exploiter press in India is openly speculating on the time ticking for the king.

http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/rail/impkills.html

What’s going on in Nepal?
See MIM’s Nepal page:
http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/countries/nepal/

What is MIM?
The Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) is the collection of existing or emerging Maoist internationalist parties in the English-speaking imperialist countries and their English-speaking internal semi-colonies, as well as the existing or emerging Maoist Internationalist parties in Belgium, France and Quebec and the existing or emerging Spanish-speaking Maoist Internationalist parties of Aztlan, Puerto Rico and other territories of the U.S. Empire.

MIM Notes is the newspaper of MIM. Notas Rojas is the newspaper of the Spanish-speaking parties or emerging parties of MIM. MIM upholds the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and is an internationalist organization that works from the vantage point of the Third World proletariat. MIM struggles to end the oppression of all groups over other groups: classes, genders, nations. MIM knows this is only possible by building public opinion to seize power through armed struggle. Revolution is a reality for North America as the military becomes over-extended in the government’s attempts to maintain world hegemony. MIM differs from other communist parties on three main questions:

1. MIM holds that after the proletariat seizes power in socialist revolution, the potential exists for capitalist restoration under the leadership of a new bourgeoisie within the communist party itself. In the case of the USSR, the bourgeoisie seized power after the death of Stalin in 1953; in China, it was after Mao’s death and the overthrow of the “Gang of Four” in 1976. (2) MIM upholds the Chinese Cultural Revolution as the farthest advance of communism in human history. (3) As Marx, Engels and Lenin formulated and MIM has reiterated through materialist analysis, imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of oppressor nation semi-colonized 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.”

New Yorker magazine
Nuking of Iran in the plans

Back in January, the New Yorker magazine reported stepped up covert activity of the Bush administration in preparing for a war on Iran. In the April 17 2006 issue of the New Yorker magazine, reporter Seymour Hersh revealed that troops are already in Iran and military leaders have plans for using bunker-buster tactical nuclear weapons on Iran, especially the town of Natanz where Iran has a nuclear facility. On April 12th, a chorus of imperialists—the British, French, Americans and Russians—railed on Iran’s parade concerning its just-announced achievement of being able to produce enriched uranium. Enriched uranium is necessary for the production of nuclear weapons.

Just prior to the announcement, Bush apparently responding to Hersh and the British Foreign Minister, who called the U.S. military plans “nuts,” said that the emphasis is on diplomatic means of change. Meanwhile, bourgeois reporter Hersh reported that U.S. combat troops are already inside Iran preparing lists of targets and looking for potential allies for a war. (1) There is concern that the Bush administration is also undertaking covert activities.

Lagging far behind Hersh are the alleged communist and pseudo-feminist organizations and individuals on the dole of the State Department. Prior to March 8, there was only one communist organization warning the pseudo-feminist movement not to get involved in singling targets and looking for potential allies for a war. Meanwhile, bourgeois reporters are already inside Iran this year—MIM. We warned that International Wimmin’s Day was going to be a target of the warmongers and we have proved right. Only morons need the original pay stubs from the State Department to the bribed in academia and the various movements. Maoists act according to the concept of “principal contradiction between imperialism and oppressed nations,” and we do not get caught up backing imperialist war drives, even if we do not know all the covert details.

Temporarily backtracking like Bush is not good enough for the anti-war movement. We oppose the U.S. agitation among women and minority nationalities in Iran and we also oppose anti-Islamic chauvinists. Those opponents of MIM on this score are not really opposing militarism and imperialism.

The backward are now saying this is only planning. That’s correct in a certain sense—planning by building public opinion. (2) It’s incorrect in that military operatives are already in Iran.

Richard Perle is at it again. He predicted also in 2005 that European diplomacy would run out of time. That’s right: he was building public opinion for war even in 2005.

In the bourgeois world, it is inevitable that each country will have nuclear weapons—richer and larger countries sooner. Even some imperialist analysts have said it does not stop Iran from building nuclear weapons if the United States bombs select facilities. In the lovely capitalist world, northern Korea may take a hint and sell a nuclear weapon to Iran out of the great profiteering spirit sweeping the planet and lecturing to Koreans so long. The capitalists should learn about “supply and demand” in their own stupid economic theories. War in regard to the inevitable in the capitalist world is a dangerous and retrograde waste.

Globally, there are those who have fought against the anti-Iran tide. An organization often appearing confused, dogmatic and lost in time and place called the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) put forward a February statement against Iran war plans:

“We support Iran in its struggle against U.S. aggression. As a Third Power Iran is fighting the U.S. imperialism, and we admire that.

We condemn the passive role of revisionists and the reactionaries which is helping to axe the Third Power. The heroic people of Iran are fighting against imperialism, and we support them wholeheartedly.

Another Indian Internet organization with sympathies to Western Trotskyism back in February put forward that Iran was the new flashpoint for U.S. war. (5) We support the specifically anti-Islamic chauvinism, the genuinely anti-militarist forces have beat back the U.S. imperialist war drive. When the comrades of India had Bush come visit and offer Indian national pride bribery for a vote against Iran, the comrades made no concession. Unfortunately, there were no those in the United States and elsewhere who sought to trade Bush support for war on Iran in exchange for abortion ‘choice.’

Notes:
1. http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/articles/060417fa_fact
2. Hersh responded to Bush’s phony peace blitz this way: http://www.democracynow.org/article.pl?sid=06/04/12/135926
4. http://www.defenselink.mil/speeches/2004/sp20040204-seedef0922.html has discussion of nuke’em guy Bill Schneider by Senator McCain; Schneider was one of the neo-conservatives who signed the letter to Clinton asking for a war on Iraq, “the great profiteering spirit sweeping the planet.”

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San Diego event draws hundreds

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weren’t protesting HR 4437 just to support some alternative repressive bill like Arlen Specter’s Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006. Instead, many were protesting the whole anti-immigrant movement. In contrast, some labor-union organizers of some much-publicized April 15 protests throughout the country endorse Specter’s bill. They trade one repressive bill for another. What they call “comprehensive” legislation is actually a compromise with fascists and white nationalists who want to increase the repression of migrant proletarians. The whole so-called immigration reform debate risks to intensify the repression of migrants.

Some have pointed out that anti-HR 4437 protesters differ over the issues of amnesty and open borders. Some people protesting HR 4437 don’t support legalization for undocumented migrants even if the legalization process would be difficult and take a long time. Some just oppose the provisions in HR 4437 that would criminalize undocumented migrants and those helping them, some without recognizing how the bill would affect documented migrants and entire communities. Protestors against HR 4437 in general have been progressive. Some groups have tried to channel these protests to other ends, trying to turn them into something that could be used to support repressive proposals like Specter’s.

A slick postcard-like announcement distributed at today’s rally in Chicano Park, listing some phone numbers but no names of organizers, calls for “comprehensive, humane immigration reform that rewards hard work, protects lives, & reunites families.” “United we stand! Immigrants are America!” These slogans are problematic. Even the Minuteman vigilantes say they are saving lives by trying to get the border sealed. Different pieces of proposed immigration and border legislation, including the so-called Kennedy-McCain bill, are said to be “comprehensive” but contain repressive or restrictive provisions (worsening the status quo of repression and racialization while wrongly defining settler Euro-American parasites as immigrants). It’s long past time to recognize that this writer predicts that the mainstream media will try to pit the different rallies and marches against each other, using the relatively tame messages of the larger events to marginalize the smaller ones. The media will also exploit disagreements over what they call a “nationalist” flag thing to turn it into a divisive issue.

Some demonstrators are going to put forward messages that are more establishment-based, trying to influence the legislative process, as if amnesty without more border repression were really part of this immigration debate. There are these kinds of differences. However, it is important to recognize that the different events may also represent different demographics and genuine political differences, not just different degrees of subjective distaste for amnesty or deportation. Some of the events have more student leadership. Others have more religious leadership and more union participation. Union-led contingents are particularly likely to support comprehensive legislation for certain reasons. The media likes to misrepresent open-borders advocates as unsophisticated people practicing racial identity politics, whereas people actually have different reasons for supporting open borders.

As with many other united movements, there are going to be political and tactical differences, and even differences in goals for the same movement. However, the demonstrations and rallies against the anti-immigrant movement have a progressive nature that makes it more difficult for reactionaries to draw from racist and imperialist repression fears to generate support for anti-immigrant repression. In the process, there is increasing awareness of the role of the police as an occupational force of oppressed-nation communities, and the failure of the system to uphold civil and human rights even for oppressed people inside imperialist countries.

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response to something real.

The unions in the United States do serve their oppressor-nation constituencies. The labor aristocracy is the majority in the Euro-American dominator nation. It can exercise huge influence on the government, and it is doing so now. Many liberals have pointed out that the anti-immigrant movement is just the latest in a series of cyclical reactionary movements with economic underpinnings. This is true; although, the Euro-American working class is even more bourgeoisified than it was before. Yet, the same liberals focus mainly on the racist, nativist and hyper-patriotic overtones of the immigration debate. These are very real overtones and reflect genuinely racist and xenophobic ideas, but a discussion of the labor aristocracy’s responsibility for the anti-immigrant movement has been lacking. The liberals raise the issue of the anti-immigrant movement’s economic motivations, but the question is left unanswered without drawing the appropriate conclusions. The history of anti-immigrant movements in the United States shows that even openly racist statements about migrants as having low intelligence, violent tendencies, etc., have economic, social and local underpinnings. Racism reflects class and social positions. Racists are not just something that floats above the social system.

The majority of American workers are not out on the streets defending HR 4437 and similar brazenly reactionary legislation. Some are. Not all American workers go to the border to get a thrill out of hunting migrants either. Some do. Instead, they call their government representative, talk in town hall meetings, call up radio talk shows to chime in on anti-migrant rants, blog on the Internet, distribute informative material, and complain about migrants at work and when they’re at the bar, and do things like sit on the couch watching students protest HR 4437 on TV, calling them “illegal alien” juvenile delinquents and brats, and rooting for the police who handcuff them and beat them up. Such is the nature of class politics in the United States. Not all imperialists are politicized enough to even go to party precinct meetings either. As a class, they still exercise control. The apathy of the couch-potato labor aristocracy is complicity. Much of the recent upsurge in the anti-immigrant movement is hidden or privately spoken; although, mainstream media outlets such as CNN

not just Lou Dobbs — have consistently described migrants and protesters in a prejudicial and racist way. Other kinds of opposition to open borders and hostility toward migrant proletarians are hidden. Umbrella bureaucracies like the AFL-CIO have made statements on different pieces of immigration and border legislation, while other organizations have remained conspicuously silent in public. Still, the state’s agents are happy to let their leaders get away with are telling.

Just recently, the AFL-CIO and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters have supported the repressive sections of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006. Both have expressed concern over the bill’s guest-worker provision, finding it to be “deeply troubling” and “deeply concerning.” The AFL-CIO unions have been more directly critical of the bill in public. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, denounced the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, claiming that the temporary-worker provision would in fact lower the living standards of the majority of U.S. workers. The AFSCME in one of its recent weekly reports had nothing to say about the enforcement provisions of the bill.

As early as a few months ago, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO, openly supported the idea that migrants in general, not just undocumented migrants, were an obstacle to workers aspiring to middle-class living standards. This puts the lie to the notion that the anti-immigrant movement is just due to poor white workers “trying to get by” on “poverty wages.” In general, the U.S. minimum wage is a privilege compared with the wages of Third World workers and depends on the exploitation of super-exploited Third World workers, but the labor aristocracy isn’t satisfied with that. It wants even more, for some of the wealthiest bourgeois lifestyles. The anti-immigrant sentiment goes right to the bottom. It has little to do with labor bureaucrats just pandering to anti-immigrant sentiment for pragmatic political reasons. A cursory investigation of local IAM unions and other local unions shows them openly endorsing the idea that migrants in general, not just undocumented migrants, are obstacles to workers aspiring to middle-class living standards. In short, the writing of the line “Secure the border, protect our jobs, keep our communities safe,” it is clear that the unions have nothing to say about the bill’s temporary-worker provision. It is most significant to understand that the AFL-CIO has openly supported “securing the border,” in other words, more repression of migrants to enforce immigration restrictions. The AFL-CIO is hardly the only culprit. The largest union in the United States, the National Education Association, has supported limiting the number of limiting the number of temporary workers in education. At the same time, it has been silent about other immigration restrictions and border repression. The Laborers’ International Union of North America opposes guest-worker programs, just temporary workers with visas, are a threat to the so-called American Dream and endangering the very existence of America. The AFL-CIO is hardly the only culprit. The largest union in the United States, the National Education Association, has supported limiting the number of limiting the number of temporary workers in education. At the same time, it has been silent about other immigration restrictions and border repression. The Laborers’ International Union of North America opposes guest-worker programs, just temporary workers with visas, are a threat to the so-called American Dream and endangering the very existence of America. The AFL-CIO is hardly the only culprit. The largest union in the United States, the National Education Association, has supported limiting the number of limiting the number of temporary workers in education. At the same time, it has been silent about other immigration restrictions and border repression. The Laborers’ International Union of North America opposes guest-worker programs, just temporary workers with visas, are a threat to the so-called American Dream and endangering the very existence of America. The AFL-CIO is hardly the only culprit. The largest union in the United States, the National Education Association, has supported limiting the number of limiting the number of temporary workers in education. At the same time, it has been silent about other immigration restrictions and border repression. The Laborers’ International Union of North America opposes guest-worker programs, just temporary workers with visas, are a threat to the so-called American Dream and endangering the very existence of America. The AFL-CIO is hardly the only culprit. The largest union in the United States, the National Education Association, has supported limiting the number of limiting the number of temporary workers in education. At the same time, it has been silent about other immigration restrictions and border repression. The Laborers’ International Union of North America opposes guest-worker programs, just temporary workers with visas, are a threat to the so-called American Dream and endangering the very existence of America.
International Professors Serve U.S. Intelligence

Sexual Fantasies Interfering with Scientific Communism

Two days before International Women’s Day, Condoleeza Rice appointed a high-ranking diplomat to an office to focus on the rights of women, and specifically the rights of women in Islamic countries. As MIM pointed out, the offensive on women’s issues from the Bush administration is part of a huge new shift of funding and resources toward anti-Iran propaganda.

If we trace back Shirin Tahir-Kheli, a woman from Pakistan, we will find that she carries enough clout to fill in in some fashions for UN ambassador John Bolton on the subject of UN reform. She appears to have started her career in the Reagan administration on a wide variety of international assignments.

As of March 6, Shirin Tahir-Kheli has a new job in the State Department. “Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice has appointed Dr. Shirin Tahir-Kheli as her Senior Advisor on Women’s Empowerment, working with the Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. In this capacity, Dr. Tahir-Kheli will focus especially on multifaceted outreach to the women of the Muslim world.”(1) If we look at the office web page connected to this work, it reads like a web page some “Women’s Studies” department could have authored.

If we trace Shirin Tahir-Kheli back academically, we will find that she was just at John Hopkins University as a professor. Not surprisingly, she was in the same place as Azar Nafisi and did a roundtable with her.(2) MIM points this out mostly because we do not want any international confusion about American academia—the revolving door to the U.S. Government. There is literally no major research university touching on international studies that is not infiltrated by U.S. intelligence to the core. The documentation of just CIA ties to professors at John Hopkins and similar places such as the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Harvard University, Princeton etc. is in the thousands of pages before finishing with two universities. In addition would be such things as the setting up of academic presses by the National Security Council and work with the State Department.

It’s not surprising that pseudo-feminism lines up with the Bush administration. The U.S. government has penetrated academia for so long, that it’s hard to tell them apart anymore. Perhaps the pseudo-feminists should consider that if the Bush administration is saying the same thing they are, complete with web pages, that maybe it’s time to say something new to heighten the struggle for wimin’s liberation.

Notes:

What is Internationalism?


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

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

“I must argue, not from the point of view of ‘my’ country (for that is the argument of a wretched, stupid, petty-bourgeois national who does not realize that he is only a plaything in the hands of the imperialist bourgeoisie), but from the point of view of my share in the preparation, in the propaganda, and in the acceleration of the world proletarian revolution. That is what internationalism means, and that is the duty of the internationalist, of the revolutionary worker, of the genuine Socialist.” V.I. Lenin, “What Is Internationalism?”


Indonesian Playboy Debuts

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Dedicated to “Women’s Studies” in the imperialist countries, a subject as simple as the international distribution of pornography consumption is not a focus of study in these misnamed White Nationalism Reformist Studies departments. They are afraid to know the truth, which would disrupt their biological theories of feminism. When it comes to the consumption patterns of pornography, Lenin’s theory of imperialism and its decadence is more useful than pseudo-feminist theory.

Notes:
3. Very damaging to stereotype is that Norwegian females report higher favorability to pornography than Swedish males. http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2372/is_2_41/ai_n6112873
4. Russian Cosmo circulation is less than one-fifth that of American according to figures from the Moscow Times. http://www.fipp.com/1317
MacKinnon raises, dashes hopes again

Are Women Human? And Other International Dialogues
by Catharine A. MacKinnon
Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006

Reviewed April 5 2006

In this book, law professor Catharine MacKinnon ventures into Canada, Sweden, Bosnia and India. For that reason our hopes were raised and then dashed. That is more than we can say about many Euro-American pseudo-feminist projects which we know can never raise our hopes in the first place.

Still lacking a vehicle for change

In 2006, we should now make it official that MacKinnon is badly missing a revolutionary vehicle in her work. The Liberals would say she presents no "hero," the post-modernists no "agents" and we would say she simply mistakes the gender aristocracy for a group pushing for change.

The reviewer has not had a stomach-turning book-read in a long while. The details that MacKinnon presents are pornographic and sickening with regard to atrocities against Bosnian wimmin and Holocaust-era Jews; yet as she herself tells us, the Bosnian genocide followed on a World War II genocide of Serbs by the people that MacKinnon is legally representing today. That makes for a depressing story, and MacKinnon’s fine legal points do not make it any less depressing.

It seems to be MacKinnon’s style to issue books with repetitive essays on fine legal and moral distinctions. Over and over she tells us that she and Dworkin passed a law. She also tells us about a civic case she brought against a Serbian war criminal from inside u.$.

It’s been many years, but MacKinnon offers us no convincing study of the impact of her own work. She is still talking about fine legal distinctions, but where is the final product, the outcome? And no, even Supreme Court victories are not the final outcome. What happened with the law in Kanada? What did it produce other than the banning of Dworkin’s own work as pornographic? What was the overall effect?

Another tactic that MacKinnon employs to avoid discussion of political and social outcomes and the social vehicles that create them is the use of rhetoric. She sharpens her words. In this particular book we see a new set of tricks. Without prostitution there would be no pornography she says and anyway pornography is prostitution. We’re sorry, but we see hints of post-modernism in these word games, a sense that MacKinnon plays with words for effect.

The tell-tale sign of MacKinnon’s post-modernism is her treatment of sex slave trafficking: “Through its production, pornography is a traffic in female sexual slavery.” (p. 88) The contemporary reviewer had seen this same tactic a few times in the past year, but finally reading this book, the reviewer realized why MacKinnon says that pornography leads to sex slave trafficking and vice-versa.

MacKinnon makes it clear that there is male demand for pornography and that is the problem, not the wimmin in the pornography. At first this just sounds like MacKinnon being MacKinnon, until we realize what MacKinnon sidestepped throughout the book.

The formulation that demand for pornography leads to sex slave trafficking aside from being an indirect word game evades that closed borders make sex slave trafficking possible. It is the threat of imprisonment, torture and deportation that makes sex slave trafficking work, just as sub-minimum wages go to Mexican migrant workers who face deportation if they complain.

MacKinnon leaves the border out and we cannot help thinking that this is a conscious elision on her part. Rather than face the border question, MacKinnon backs up a step further to look at demand for pornography on one side of the border and then covers up her step backward with a word game.

Even by her own explanation, the battle against pornography pits one half of society against the other. In that situation, how is it wise for wimmin not to ally with migrant men who also want to cross the border, legally? For that matter there is even a potentially vacillating ally there in the employers who want greater choice in hiring. An even better ally will be the Latino community already inside u.$.

It would seem that with wimmin plus these allies, and others wanting to see increased immigration, MacKinnon should be building up a pretty hefty majority to eliminate sex slave trafficking and therefore prostitution and pornography according to her own analysis.

Instead, MacKinnon punts the border question and retreats to the formulation that pornography causes sex slave trafficking. This formulation is safe to the all-American female’s identity as it blames the problem on biological males. The problem is—when is MacKinnon’s attack going to win?

The chapters about Bosnian wimmin raped by Serbs raise another problem with MacKinnon’s perception of social change. She knows well the back-and-forth of international courts in handling wimmin’s rights. So she finds nothing wrong with going to U.S. court to stop Serbian genocide and rape. Then she wonders why people say that feminism means putting gender issues first. She sided with the biggest war criminal in the world to prosecute the crimes of lesser imitators. And she claims she “does not do hierarchy” (p. 51).

The implicit vehicle of progressive change for MacKinnon is the U.S. Government then. In her essay on 9/11, MacKinnon correctly points out how few deaths there were compared with other causes of death that receive no such response, but she also leaves no doubt that she is only a few steps away from Phyllis Chesler in seeing calling in the Marines (p. 272) as necessary for global equality for wimmin. (We do not mind telling MacKinnon that second-hand smoke kills more wimmin inside u.$ than borders than domestic violence. So she really needs to expand on her list of things that 9/11 did not surpass.)

If any of the big-name Amerikan theoreticians were going to come clean on feminism, we would have guessed Robin Morgan or Catharine MacKinnon.

With MacKinnon attaching herself to U.S. imperial power, we can write off the entirety of Euro-American pseudo-feminism: It just is that bad. There are wimmin who are Marxists and there are big name people like MacKinnon and Morgan who are ultimately working on nationalism refinement projects. MacKinnon is the exception that proves the rule.

MacKinnon has read enough theory and Marxism that we at MIM suspect the following: MacKinnon knows she has no vehicle of social change among Euro-American females. Correspondingly, she places her faith in male-dominated courts and now even the Marines instead. That is also why she does not take on the border struggle head-on despite her rhetoric connecting sex slave trafficking to pornography. She connects issues that way precisely to avoid confronting the issue at the border, where she knows that Euro-American females won’t even support dating visas, never mind opening the borders to wimmin as workers; even though that is what wimmin need to be less vulnerable to sexual slavery.

What MacKinnon and others are likely to refer to as the “left” or “male left” have an historical experience with the question of revolutionary vehicle for social change. Trotsky rode around on a horse in civil war. If troops did not show up, or proletarians were not ready for change, he was going to die outnumbered in battle. Likewise, when Zinoviev and John Reed rode around in an armored train, there either was or was not an oppressed nation that was going to back their calls for armed struggle against imperialism. If not for sufficient support, their train would be intercepted and they would die.

Later in World War II, Trotsky made the prediction that German workers would fraternize with their victims of conquest and unleash the socialist revolution that would end capitalism. That had big implications for being wrong about the revolutionary vehicle. It did not happen and now Trotskyism stands much more in disgrace for pointing us toward the German so-called workers at that time. Being right about the nature of social reality matters.

Catharine MacKinnon has not really accepted the political implications of her analysis. That’s why when she attacks post-modernists and stands for a positivist view, she should know how we regard her own attitude toward finding a revolutionary vehicle. MacKinnon says, “doctrines of racial supremacy are based on the lie of the superiority of some races over others. . . . But on the level of express principle, CEDAW [a statement “Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women”]

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‘We don’t need no stinkin’ green cards.’

MIM will unite with any open-borders Catholic or Quaker any day over that portion of the reactionary Euro-Amerikkkan working class that just wants an “enforcement-plus” bill. Such bills are aimed at increasing the repression of migrants while legalizing some migrant workers just to control their impact on the white workers’ parasitic wages or put the migrant workers into indentured servitude in a limited set of occupations. Even if a so-called enforcement-plus or “comprehensive” bill came complete with citizenship papers and U.S. passports for undocumented migrants, MIM would still denounce it as a move to an even more militarized border and more repression of the oppressed in the United States.

At an organizing event in San Diego today meant for student youth, but open to the public and attended by adult activists, supportive parents, teachers, and others (including police and reactionary media), there were some interesting critical comments about so-called guestworker proposals for exploiting. Several people acknowledged that the alternatives to HR 4437 weren’t good either and were just ways of trying to get desperate migrant workers and their supporters to settle for less than full legalization. MIM would add, even people who don’t want to get papers in this imperialist country should not be subject to any kind of repression or discrimination. Short of open border and the border or in the country, or more immigration and naturalization restrictions and less repression than what exist now are necessary, winnable reforms. Right now, the white-nationalist premise of the so-called immigration debate — actually strategic planning for the repression and continued exploitation of oppressed-nation workers — must be rejected.

Event attendees also criticized the idea of legalization provisions that would force migrants to become proficient at English, saying that such proposals are part of an overall racist and discriminatory attack on migrants, and a larger hostility toward Third World peoples.

The increasing recognition that the whole immigration reform debate is bogus and just a way of increasing repression while perpetuating the exploitation of oppressed-nation workers, whether inside or outside the United States, is good. The walkouts and the border or in the country, or more immigration and naturalization restrictions. Advocates of such compromise legislation have criticized the student walkouts as counterproductive to their legislative struggles. But the mainstream media has taken advantage of these criticisms to continue portraying the students as indifferent delinquents without any legitimate gripes. In San Diego and in cities throughout Aztlan, officials have locked down schools, forcing students to leave before school started and miss more class periods than they wanted. Police in cooperation with school officials have violently repressed students trying to walk out, handcuffing junior and high school students and beating them up. The police have detained hundreds of students and arrested others. Crackdowns on truancy have resulted in hundreds of citations. School officials have disrupted students’ activism and done petty things like assign exams on days of expected walkouts, possibly breaking the law and their own rules in doing so. Schools have also threatened protesters with exclusion from school and extracurricular activities. Racist colleagues have harassed Latino teachers, blaming them for instigating the walkouts. The police have surrounded rallies and followed students on marches. The pigs have stepped up their function as an imperialist occupying force in the oppressed communities and barrios. As one student pointed out, the repression of students has shown how society treats youth, demeaning, dehumanizing and ultimately using force and violence to subjugate them.
MacKinnon raises, dashes hopes again

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Women”—ed.] never says that sexism is a lie.”(p. 11) MacKinnon rightly points out that that sort of approach leaves the struggle at a purely moral level, but that is how we see her leaving the question of revolutionary vehicle.

Part of the point of defining a group “oppressor” is to determine which powers are going to fight gender hierarchy. Agree or disagree, Zinoviev spoke to oppressed nations in his train venture with John Reed. Without the support of oppressed nations escaping tsarism, the Bolshevik Revolution and Zinoviev himself would have died if not in 1917, surely by 1921.

There is a sort of evil going on here where MacKinnon says that states and wars are men’s business. Then she feels no obligation to name a revolutionary vehicle, since that would be to smash the state anyway—men’s business. Yet even if we accept her leftist perspective, what can we do about the ignorance of gender and border question in sex slave trafficking?

Naming the organization of states and wars men’s business is also an example of segregating winim from power. How many times has MacKinnon told the world that the winim in the pornography are being forced off-stage and off-camera? How many times did she tell us not to take them as representative of real winim—powerless, but wanting sex? Then why like the porno model does MacKinnon tell us that state power is men’s business and why does she repeat the false factoid that winim have 10% of the world’s income and 1% of its assets?(p. 2) In fact, inside U.S. borders, females own the majority of assets, and that by itself is more than 1% of the world’s assets.

MacKinnon’s politics are on the edge between pornographic invocation of male power and feminism. The porno model tells us that she likes to be conquered and with the exception of a couple demagogic stories about mobs of winim attacking their oppressors MacKinnon tells us that her vehicle for change is conquered. MacKinnon can sometimes be the leader of a real and theoretical symbol of American pornography. Yes, she “doth protest too much.”

As we have said before, her failure on the revolutionary vehicle question is why MIM cannot in full faith criticize the Lenin of yesterday opposing her in court in the name of feminism. Without a revolutionary vehicle to implement them, her words become inviting excuses for fascism.

We agree with any exceedingly rare attempt, however willing, to admit as MacKinnon does that the media do play a role in the oppression of people by gender and nationality. Speech is not just speech if it has implications in action, which it almost always does in this imperfect world. The “Media Case” in Rwanda convicted three media people for inciting genocide against Tutsis.(p. 12) For a leader of the Rwandan proletariat to point out that at the time would have been a great thing. For Armand Gbenchikho who best presided over a U.S. military intervention in a Rwanda or similar countries, the ledger balance is negative. If MacKinnon’s words will spur no revolutionary activity that will stop the genocide and may in fact whitewash the world’s number one oppressor—and even as she admits, number one exporter of pornography, then maybe it is better to be quiet and do some investigation on the social vehicle that could have done something about the problem.

What MacKinnon did not gather from Bosnia: the gender aristocracy

The hundreds of thousands of rapes connected to the collapse of the “legal control” oriented Yugoslavia so beloved by social-democrats and pseudo-anarchists up into the 1980s are the subject of some of the essays in MacKinnon’s book. Leaving aside that MacKinnon ended up leading a cheering section for the Serbs in Kosovo, we also disagree with her interpretation of the Bosnian rape situation.

Together we surely agree that the factual situation in Bosnia points to a heightened level of oppression for winim. This is oppression that goes beyond a peace-time to a whole genocidal level. First the Serbs killed the men and then they raped so many winim so long that they created 30,000 children with Serbian fathers. It is a classic “in group” versus “out group” conflict. The Serbs treated Croats, Muslims and Albanians as “out groups.”

In MIM theory, in-group versus out-group struggles gather their primary character from imperialism. Where imperialism has placed the seal of parasitism as Lenin called it, it becomes possible to organize winim as winim for winim in创造性 creating a new social group of oppressors. In the case of ex-Yugoslavia, there was no dominance of finance capital in any nationality. Hence, the violent repression and rape had a circular character. As Lenin pointed out in World War I, this type of violence is called intra-proletarian bloodletting. The World War I model remains relevant for eastern Europe, where no nationality located between Germany and Russia has achieved the finance capital stage of capitalism.

Again and again, MacKinnon reports that winim in Bosnia want to “disappear.” The winim that did not die do not want to fight the battle to the extent of clarifying fake pornography videos. When videos showed Muslim winim raped by Serbs, and called it Serbs raped by Muslims, the winim in Bosnia wanted to fight the question. We’re sure that in the situation of tables turned in ex-Yugoslavia, the situation was the same. We can fault the cowardice of winim left surviving only to set an example to others, but we cannot deny the social fact that “disappear” is what these winim wanted. That was the intention of the rapes—anyway to intimate people leaving the country. So then as MacKinnon admits, how is it that the united State is the leading exporter of pornography? Are winim being ejected from the country? No, quite the contrary, Hollywood and the like are importing pornographic icons from Latin America and the rest of the world as racial tokens for re-export.

In fact, at this time, the dominance of American/Hollywood pornography is tied up with the exclusion of the Third World oppressed gender people from inside u.s. Borders. That is the difference with Bosnian pornography. U.S. pornography drives people out of the United States by raising up a gender aristocracy to aspire to. This gender aristocracy then allies with imperialists to close the borders, and won’t be found advocating freedom to cross borders to date. Bosnian pornography drove people out of the country. If it did not do this the war would never have ended.

The difference of the effect of the pornography on migration points to the underlying structural difference: U.S. pornography glorifies a gender oppressor group while Bosnian pornography degrades a target for “ethnic cleansing” from within. Britney Spears does not want to disappear. She wants to be on every gas station window selling Pepsi and she was. Brandi Chastain did not want to disappear when at an international sports tournament, so she tore off her clothes, was men comfortable appearing naked in the world. Even many biological men will be more embarrassed in some naked situations than professional Britney Spears or Madonna. Despite their biology, Britney Spears and Brandi Chastain are men. They make no sense to the vast majority of the world’s people who can much more relate to what happened in Bosnia and wanting to disappear from pornography.

To say that Britney Spears does not like her pornographic role the same way men do is tantamount to saying that capitalists do not enjoy exploiting people either. It may be a twisted sense of happiness, but that is what it is in imperialist society right now. We should distinguish between Liberal happiness for the privileged and the unhappiness of the people of Bosnia.

India

After getting her credentials defending Muslims in Bosnia, we are not surprised to see MacKinnon move over to discuss India. Inevitably the topic became Muslim polygamy.

The real answer to Muslim patriarchy is Stalin and maybe Sultan-Galiev Songhel. Today the Muslims that Phyllis Chesler and the like are trying to stir up outsiders to attack Islamic patriarchy. Hence, the United States went to war on Afghanistan.

MacKinnon proposes that Indian winim have the choice between signing up for Muslim culture and law or Indian state law.(p. 136) In general, MIM concurs that is a progressive solution. By arguing that those that think the marriage that would be otherwise polygamous, we get into the territory where the state is paying people to leave a culture. There will also be resistance at the parental level when the state comes to tell the Islamic minority that it must now hand over daughters for education in mainstream culture and values to maleCOMPUNd.COM. The men.

Ultimately, the sort of “choice” MacKinnon opted for for India ends up favoring rich cultures. MacKinnon pointed this out in the midst of avoiding the closed borders question and how it creates sex slavery. Winim from poor cultures will leave those cultures to join cultures of rich men, if those winim are so allowed.

This is the evil of today’s class society. The intertwining of class with national oppression will tend to make gender struggles more bitter. We should be for choice for all the world’s winim, choice that is what it is in imperialist society right now.

That is why all third world nationalities should intensify their struggle against imperialism, because choice comes with many terrible contradictions. On the one hand, we want choice. On the other hand, we have to admit that the decision to restrict winim from leaving the country also makes sense—only because of the destinations many such winim may end up in. “Choice” is a weak approach to feminism, even in semi-feudal countries. The moving of winim from one culture to another through mostly unconscious and conscious economic means is Brain-Drain-lite.

One thing MacKinnon claims not to see in connection to India is how Western feminism benefits the West in India.(p. 130) By 2006 she should have known that India was the only Third World country that was funding multiparty by the united States, according to public opinion polls. In today’s geopolitics, the most relevant fact population-wise is that Hindu fundamentalists are locked in battle with Muslim fundamentalists. For Bush’s “War on Terror” focusing mostly on Muslim groups and a handful of communist ones, Western feminism is helpful in lining up India.

Dialectical materialism

We must agree with MacKinnon’s essay blasting post-modernism. Most of what she says in “Postmodernism and human rights” is correct—a bright spot in the book.

Where she goes wrong is her own relationship to postmodernism. Toward a Feminist Theory of the State was MacKinnon falling into postmodernism. She almost admits the point in giving a black power back-up against postmodernism. Nor were these ideas stolen by postmodernism. (p. 49) The idea of objectivity being the outlook of the oppressor is very old and a central tenet of postmodernism.

More importantly, probably MIM is the only organization or group of writers that...
Dworkin was not Zionist enough, a virtual and go Bolshevik in the midst of World Germans to fraternize with their victims fight and how hard and in what conscious horseback. Who is going to show up to resources to do it. This brings us to from inside the u. $tate is not something for more. For example, we do not gender at the top of some hierarchy of in the united $tates, it is true generally. so far ahead of it. If that is true in such subsumed by Christian and postmodernist communism became co-opted for the threatening to drown every last scientist the swirling waters of identity politics themselves Marxist at the activist level fact more postmodernists calling are a hodgepodge of ideas. There are in read in the united $tates, but the activists evidenced by the essay “Postmodernism is justified in singling out MacKinnon out of justifiable in singling out MacKinnon of Euro-American attempts at feminism, as evidenced by the essay “Postmodernism and women’s rights.”

In Marx we also have a kind of democracy where MIM may be the most-read in the united States, but the activists are a hodgepodge of ideas. There are in fact more postmodernists calling themselves Marxist at the activist level than there are scientific communists. We threat with keep our own hands above the swirling waters of identity politics threatening to drown every last scientist in Liberalism. When scientific communism became co-opted for the creation of “political correctness” it was only a matter of time before culture washed back-up on the shores of the Marxist movement. Communist activists subsumed by Christian and postmodernism currents are the proof that we are all products of our culture and can only get so far ahead of it. If that is true in such movements so marginal as communism in the united States do not provide homes) and by addiction, and homelessness (where states do not provide homes) and by employment discrimination based on sex and race. So long as women are discriminated against in the paid workforce and kept poor as women, as they are in most places—women of color, foreign-born and noncitizen women in particular—women will be in pornography and prostitution, pornographed and prostituted. As long as some countries are impoverished while other countries are rich, women from poorer countries will be sexually preyed upon by men in richer countries.”(p. 98) In this quote she finally ties nation, class and gender together. The dialectical aspect comes from tugging on the various pieces tied together.

There was a recent newspaper article along the lines that the u. $ is an hour. That’s not $400 a week or a year, but per hour. Yes, they do exist in ordinary neighborhoods, though these wimmin may reach of sexual service. Closing the borders to end sexual slavery in its own right, then we better prioritize another battle. That is the substance of dialectical materialism. It means prioritizing battles not strictly for ideological reasons but on account of the nature of the social vehicles for change available.

Mexicans, Latinos generally, some capitalists, the radical communists—these are the people fighting hard to open the borders, workers in the united States do not provide homes) and by addiction, and homelessness (where states do not provide homes) and by employment discrimination based on sex and race. So long as women are discriminated against in the paid workforce and kept poor as women, as they are in most places—women of color, foreign-born and noncitizen women in particular—women will be in pornography and prostitution, pornographed and prostituted. As long as some countries are impoverished while other countries are rich, women from poorer countries will be sexually preyed upon by men in richer countries.”(p. 98) In this quote she finally ties nation, class and gender together. The dialectical aspect comes from tugging on the various pieces tied together.

MacKinnon has admitted that females make more money than men in entertainment related to sex. How far did she go in incorporating that fact in her work? Ending poverty is not going to stop strippers who make $400 an hour. Liberalism is more resilient than that. Nonetheless, poverty may be most responsible for the greatest amount of sexual hierarchy and it may be best tackled by mobilizing the oppressed nations against the imperialists super-exploiting them. That’s what we mean by principal contradiction, a dialectical term from Stalin and Mao. Even if we eliminate poverty we may still have $400 an hour strippers. Yet we still say we get at most of the problem by eliminating poverty. That is either true factually or it is not; hence the materialism. Moreover, it is either true or not within the social facts and corresponding strategies possible that some strategies work better than others. That’s where dialectics intervene.

In fact there are many aspects of MacKinnon’s work that point in the direction of driving wimmin into the upper reaches of sexual service. Closing the borders and focusing on how rich men prey on poor ones is the wrong way to go. This only results in the creation of a group of highly-paid wimmin removed from reproduction and marriage and put into sexual service. At the same time, it divides wimmin internationally and creates the pre-conditions for sexual slavery.

That phrase from MacKinnon “women from poorer countries will be sexually preyed upon by men in richer countries” is tantalizingly close to the viewpoint of the gender aristocracy. Is it saying that rich men should prefer rich wimmin? Or is it saying rich men should prefer wimmin provided strictly for sexual services in a closed-borders situation? Either way, it is tantamount to saying that international control of sexual slavery will mean processing this question correctly. When it comes to dating, there is no way to restrict man’s choice without restricting woman’s choice. We could decide we do not care, but both MIM and MacKinnon do care, because of sexual use. The problem of wimmin both in is their cross-border unity. Getting international dating to a universal Liberal stage is still unfortunately progressive.

In “Pornography’s Empire,” MacKinnon owns up for the u. $ role in pornography in the world, though she could have done more with the u. $ military’s role in distributing pornography. Yet while she admits the u. $ role, she makes an argument that easily backfires: “If spreading your legs for a camera is a woman’s autonomous choice, as the myth goes, then women will have the most options rather than the fewest, with the most preconditions for autonomy rather the least, would be the women doing it?”(p. 115) This is something we cannot have both ways: either Hollywood is dominating the world or it isn’t.

From the perspective of most people in the world, American pornography is the example and quantity available. It is not pornography of Tutsi wimmin before the slaughter that dominates the world scene. The example MacKinnon gives of Yugoslavian pornography being led by wimmin calling themselves “feminist” is actually quite typical on a global scale. The call to follow the American example privileges a gender aristocracy. That is the real difference MacKinnon’s Bosnia research should have made. People of the global South have been more autonomous than most of the world’s people. It is Madonna, Britney Spears, Pamela Anderson, Paris Hilton etc. The division of the world’s wimmin has made the struggle a little more difficult and the need for a dialectical materialist analysis more urgent.
Horrifying medical care in CA prisons

Recent testimony in a prisoner’s class action (Plata v. Schwarzenegger Col1351) complaining about poor medical care is to be read and believed.

U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson made it clear in may that he’s so fed up with the state’s slow progress on fixing the prisons’ “horrifying” medical system that he’s ready to appoint an outside receiver to take over.

How can a system that spends $1.1 billion per year be so bad? A Chicago-based osteopath originally hired as a consultant by the Department of Corrections, was called to the stand to describe his review of 200 inmate deaths in California prisons in recent years. He testified that at least 34 deaths were potentially preventable and that hehythmself had reached the same conclusion about 65 other deaths except that shoddy record keeping by prison officials made a thorough review impossible. He also testified that supervising medical officials in the state’s prisons routinely fail to investigate deaths and sometimes ignore malpractice committed by staff doctors.

The judge asked whether the main problem is in competency or indifference. Answer: it’s a combination of both, and he added that in some cases “we saw extreme indifference to the point of callousness.”

So says Los Angeles Daily Journal, June 1, 2005. www.dailyjournal.com
- a California prisoner, October 2005

Keeping prisoners on lockdown

Through MIM Notes and other publications that I receive I have noticed that the California Department of Corrections is managing an undue number of prisoners at level IV facilities on current lockdowns. You name it, CHDSP, SVSP, Tehachapi, Corcoran, PBSP, etc., inmate grievances are not working and violence will not be tolerated either. Violations will only give the pigs a motive to shoot down a few inmates, extend the lockdowns, and the excuse to ask for a raise because it is “such a dangerous job.”

I have learned to read and write English on my own within these 4 walls. I hooked up a grievance (CDC 602) which was not even received due to their stupid 15 day time limit. But I did not give up, I went ahead and filed a 42 U.S.C. 1983 civil complaint. The court decided that my claim had merit and set up a trial court date.

As of today I am waiting for the court response to a motion I filed questioning a summary judgment motion to dismiss my response to a motion I filed counterattacking trial court date.

But I did not give up, I went ahead and filed a grievance (CDC 602) which was not even received due to their stupid 15 day time limit. But I did not give up, I went ahead and filed a grievance (CDC 602) which was not even received due to their stupid 15 day time limit.

Last time they supposedly lost a clip off some hair clippers in a building. So they tossed up the whole yard. Cell by cell they searched, scanning mats with metal detectors, running metal detectors thru every inmate. They took whatever they considered “contraband,” simply things like extra pens, toothbrushes, empty plastic containers, and cardboard that comes from writing tablets and soup boxes bought at canteen.

Now they claim that materials used in the prison kitchen are missing. Not a piece but several things not being specific this time. They took everything that was missing. They claim that there were no words on it if they found what they’re looking for, matter of fact, no word on the status of this lockdown. We’re on hold until further notice.

Rumor is that this all has to do with the upcoming murder that’s supposed to take place in San Quentin on December 13th. The pointless murder of Stanley Tookey Williams, another victim of the injustice system. Someone is in that kitchen and there are not taking any chances. Of what? Do not know, that’s just the word. I really don’t know how true their paranoia is or perception. To my knowledge and observation, this has been going on for a while now and will continue to go on. They know how to play it right and they will keep on playing these mind games. They have a give and take policy quite easy to understand too.

See this last lockdown and search that just passed they didn’t find that missing piece according to CO’s themselves. However they were nice enough to get the search done by Thanksgiving Day or as I call it - Invasion Day.

Here we are on lockdown again and again the reason is “something is missing.” This happened Saturday and today, Sunday, the good ‘ol boss was kind enough to give out a great deal of new clothes to the pigs. Another day I told Clay I was sick and was going back to my cell. He said, “You don’t have that option.” Then he tried some power trip games in order to have me put into the hole. Another job is to serve food at lunch. I had a certified nurse tell me that I had staph. I asked the food coordinators if they wanted me to serve food at lunch. They asked me if I had seen a doctor. I said, “No, the nurse told me I had staph and to put in for sick call right away.” They acted as if the nurse wasn’t qualified and told me I had to serve food. Food coordinator Clay seemed to be the one who made the decision.

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MIM on Prisons & Prisoners

MIM seeks to build public opinion against America’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.


**Censoring MIM as “gang related” and “racist”**

As of March 23, 2006 mail room staff here at FSP have confiscated your magazine. Mail room staff take the position that your correspondence is “gang related” but the primary cause is officially “racism material.” This is regarding the magazine Amerikkkan Prisons on Trial. I did respond to this action by many inmates. "racist" "gang related" and I'm already in contact with my lawyers. I'm not sure what action your office will take on this matter. I would strongly suggest that your office carefully look at the material you send to us as these days anything that appears to be anti-government is now grounds to label one as “terrorist” and treat us as such. At this time I'm just informing your office about what sanctions the prison has taken against us. - a California prisoner at Salinas Valley State Prison, March 2006

**Victory over grooming standards**

Writing to let you know the California Department of Corrections no longer has grooming standards! American Indians made this happen! We beat them, everyone can grow long hair.

- a California prisoner, March 2006

**We need books!**

I'm an inmate at Salinas Valley State Prison and am on a yard that's been on lockdown off and on for approximately 4 years. Therefore I'm unable to get to the library here. I've read every “float” here. I would be very grateful for any soft back books you could send. Anything you send will be read and reread by many inmates.

- a prisoner in California, March 2006

**MIM responds:** This is just one of many requests we receive daily from prisoners across the country who have virtually no access to reading materials. Even those prisoners who can get to the prison library find very limited selection and usually only trash novels. MIM sends political literature to prisoners and for this service, the prisons frequently censor MIM. Books and magazines we sent in are rejected for a variety of premises that usually boil down to threatening the security of the prison. The idea that education is dangerous in prison is perpetuated by people who have a strong interest in continuing the revolving doors of prisoners where people leave with fewer options than they had coming in. Support MIM’s books for prisoners program - donate money or books. Contact us at the address on page 2.

**COs get away with crimes**

I've been down for 15 years and within those years I've been through a lot and seen a lot. I've seen a lot of Correctional Officers being led off of the property for the same shit and more that we get prison time for! But because they belong to a COOP, the union, they think they can get away with shit and not be touched. A very small number of them do pay for their crime, but like I said, a very small number. The rest of them get put on paid leave, what kind of shit is that! Time or you do this or the same shit they do, we get prison time and some of us even get life. Where is the justice?

Within the time I’ve been down I’ve been to 12 different prisons, and I see the same shit, over paid baby sitters, and yes, when you do ask them with respect for something, they look at you like we are all shit! But when they tell us to do something they want we do it right then. I’m sick and tired of being their pets.

In December 2004 I came to Solano State prison and two months later I came to the hole. Wile I’m in the hole, one day, I went to write a write up for something the staff thought I said. At first the Lieutenant found me guilty but after I got a new hearing I was found not guilty. But this fucking up prison made me do a 5 month SHU term, then later they vacated all of the write up and all I got was a “oops, sorry about that.”

I'm so tired of them getting away with this. I'm already in contact with my lawyers. I'm one convict that’s not scared to voice what's wrong. I'm one convict that’s not scared to voice what’s on my mind! I see so many times the CO does things to people and they just let them get away with it. Then they cry when they fucking! If more people would stand up for their rights, we would get what we coming. Brothers and sisters, stand on your feet and grow some courage and stop letting this place fuck us.

- a prison in California, March 2006

**Facts on US imprisonment**

The facts about imprisonment in the United States are that it 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” how the U.S. is a country 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.

- A California prisoner, November 2005

**Violence provoked by officers in prison**

The current prison system in the U.S. is very oppressive. In the U.S., specifically California, the minorities are most likely to end up doing time behind bars. While incarcerated we pretty much have no rights, but the very few rights that we do have are, in some way or form broken, bended, violated, or twisted. There are no rehabilitation programs to help us become better individuals. If that was possible there wouldn’t be so many prisoners, and if there weren’t so many prisoners, there wouldn’t be so many correction officers working 4 hours a day but getting paid for a full 8 hours a day. They wouldn’t be making money, lots of money.

While in prison, the major thing that is promoted is violence. We are constantly being provoked, they cause emotional and psychological stress and trauma. Correctional Officers can now sue an inmate for staff assault, but what leads the inmate to assault the staff in the first place? If the prison system wasn’t oppressive, if the COs were truly the professionals that they claim to be, if there was true rehabilitation for inmates, prisons wouldn’t be a breeding place for violence. If that’s what a prisoner learns in prison, he will use that as a tool when he gets released. We all use what we learn or what was taught to us. If only we were taught how to make a living, an honest living in prison, there wouldn’t be so many people coming back to prison.

- A California prisoner, November 2005

**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 website: http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/agitation/prisons

Stop Censorship in Prison: Prisons frequently censor books, newspapers and magazines coming from MIM’s books and magazine 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 prisoners 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?

Notes:
2. Ibid., 1992 report
4. Figure of 51.2 percent for state prisoners there for non-violent offenses. Abstract of the United States 1993, p. 211.
Sondeo de Gallup muestra que la mayoría de Americanos están opuestos al retroceso de tropas de Iraq

Según el Servicio de Noticias Gallup, una encuesta Gallup echa por teléfono en julio 29-30, dos días después del discurso (en Fort Bragg) por el Presidente Bush, muestra que más o menos el 64% de (adultos) Americanos creen que el retiro de Estados Unidos de sus tropas de Iraq antes que las cosas se estabilicen, crearía más daño de lo que haría bueno para los Estados Unidos.(1) Sin embargo, el 55% pensando en la situación concurrente, piensan que es necesario que los Estados Unidos mantengan sus tropas en Iraq ahora para prevenir actos adicionales de terrorismo en los Estados Unidos.(1) En otras palabras, algunos Americanos no están de acuerdo que las tropas estén en Iraq ahora (al opuesto que en algún tiempo en el futuro ó cuando los Estados Unidos invadió Iraq) impedirá terrorismo en los Estados Unidos, pero aún piensa que las tropas Estadounidenses deberían permanecer en Iraq por lo menos hasta que la guerra sea consolidado en Iraq.

Estos porcentajes diferentes sugieren que para algunos Americanos, el mantener tropas estadounidenses en Iraq sirve un propósito aparte de prevenir el terrorismo en los Estados Unidos. Lo que representa el “Espacio de Comformidad” para los imperialistas, que buscarán la diferencia entre el 64% y 55% y consideran “sobre glorificación” de otros justificaciones para la Guerra en Iraq.

Sin embargo, los dos porcentajes ilustran la diferencia entre Americanos y sus aspectos opuestos hacia la Guerra en Iraq en reacciones pragmáticas, y oposición hacia la Guerra en Iraq por pacifismo, ó apoyo por la gente Iraq en su lucha contra los imperialistas ocupantes y sus soldados de pie. Varios fuentes de información han reportado en una manera imprecisa y engañadora que seis de diez Americanos están opuestos a la Guerra en Iraq, pero ahora se revela - una vez más - que ésta oposición limitada ésta continúa al tiempo que la mayoría de los que mantengan en la guerra siguen manteniendo que no es Dios o que la Guerra en Iraq es un lamento erróneo., pero que cuantos Americanos (en realidad) quieren retroceder las tropas? Una pregunta aún mayor y más reveladora sería: ¿Cuántos Americanos piensan que la guerra fue injustamente perpetuada contra la gente de Iraq, quienes resistencia merece apoyo? Enfocando solamente en la primera pregunta, tratando solamente con una de los imperialistas camarillas y su manejo de la guerra en Iraq, pinta una extrema y engañadora imagen de la oposición a la guerra en Iraq por los Americanos y sirve solamente para pacificar activistas anti-guerra.

Presos de California en huelga de hambre para protestar encerramientos

Hay algunos presos en mi edificio en la prisión del estado del valle de Salinas que han decidido participar en huelga de hambre (yo mismo incluido). Hemos estado bajo encierro por rezones frivolas por la mayoría del año. Empezando en julio, nos pusieron bajo encierro por un ataque contra un oficial correccional que ocurrió en otra yarda. El encierro fue suspendido por dos días sin ningún incidente y después fuimos puestos bajo encierro nuevamente por rumores nebulo.

Los presos en mi edificio decidieron que nuestra única opción era el entrar en una huelga de hambre. Nuestro sistema de quejas (llamado: forma de apelación CDC - un prisionero de Califoaria, 5 Octubre, 2005) no funciona. Esta es la única manera de que podamos darle voz a nuestras quejas aparte de participar en comportamientos futiles que crearían más problemas de los que resolvirían. Por lo tanto, estamos organizando esta huelga de hambre con la esperanza de que podamos atraer atención a las condiciones aquí en el valle de Salinas (prisión del estado del valle de Salinas) que no funcionan. Esta es una manera de que podamos darle voz a nuestras quejas.

¿Puede hacerlo mejor? MIM necesita ayuda con traducción y corrección del MIM Notes. Contáctanos para asistir esta publicación importante

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

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

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

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