North Korea tests nuclear weapon
More Amerikan chickens home to roost

On 9 October 2006 the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)—commonly referred to as north Korea in Western press—announced that it had successfully tested a nuclear weapon. The White House quickly denounced the test as “provocative” and “a threat to international peace and security,” but in fact the test was a reasonable response to 50 years of American provocations.

As we’ve consistently reminded readers, the United States stationed nuclear weapons in Korea for decades, and the use of nuclear weapons has been part of Amerikan contingency plans for war in Korea since General MacArthur first toyed with the idea during the Korean War. The United States has had tens of thousands of troops on Korean soil since the end of open hostilities in 1953.

If anybody has been “provocative” and “a threat to international peace and security,” it has been the United States.

Fellow imperialists echoed the Amerikan’s tough-guy rhetoric. Australia, the United Kingdom, Israel and Japan called for United Nations’ sanctions. Local capitalists China and south Korea did a poor job straddling the fence—they’ve leaned so far towards the U.$ position we worry they’ll fall off the rail and hurt themselves. The new Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed with President Bu$h that “decisive action” should be taken against north Korea; Japan and China released a statement again borrowing Bush’s words that a nuclear DPRK “would not be tolerated;” and the south Koreans borrowed U.$ press secretary Tony Snow’s script and called the test “provocative.”

The only state to come out and acknowledge the role of U.$. aggression in creating this situation has been Iran.(1) “North Korea’s nuclear test was a reaction to America’s threats and humiliation,” said an Iranian state radio commentary. “Not only did the United States not lift the sanctions it had imposed on North Korea, it even increased the diplomatic pressure. Such pressure finally led North Korea to conduct its nuclear test.”(2)

We predict that liberal supporters of imperialism will make a watered down version of this argument in the next few months. Seventy percent of Americans oppose sending troops to Iran,(1) but 42% would support Israel in bombing Iran.(2) The U.$ public through long cowardly habit distinguishes between bombing a country and sending troops.

Who’s the real threat? Amerikan make over Hiroshima, 1945.

U.$ public still sliding toward Iran disaster

Credit goes to the Iraqi people, because if they did not stop Uncle Sam, it would just have to be someone else. Amerikans themselves are incapable at this time of seeing the global picture and why U.$ imperialism is so radically wrong.

As a result, the U.$ public is scattered into a variety of places on views of the

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I am looking for political groups that accept as true Marxism the following “two step model” for international socialism:

1. Making the extraction of superprofits by the imperialists impossible through successful anti-imperialist struggle which liberates nations and peoples from imperialist dominance. (These successful anti-imperialist struggles do not have to result in socialism, but they have to be successful in the way that no intrusion in the economy by imperialism is tolerated.)

2. As the extraction of superprofits have become impossible, the working class in the global capitalist “center”, in the imperialist countries, have no longer a MATERIAL interest in maintaining and protecting imperialism which gave them many benefits, and thus they no longer have a MATERIAL interest in protecting or not confronting “their own” bourgeoisie.

Class struggle - which today does not exist in the Leninist sense (struggle for state power, not “economic struggle for higher wages” and the like, which is NOT class struggle by definition) - becomes POSSIBLE in the capitalist center/the imperialist countries for the first time.

Communist regards, X

International Minister for MIM

replies: You might want to consider that war is happening and would happen before your step two. So for example, these Middle East wars might be aimed at resources. Such wars will be going on the whole time of the international class struggle. For this reason, the international proletariat might IMPOSE its rule, before the imperialist country petty-bourgeoisie, the world’s elite 10%, gets re-proletarianized. So in the event of getting super-profits cut off, you are right that proletarian struggle becomes possible in the imperialist countries. We are just checking about your views of “peaceful co-existence.” Wars are going on the whole time. Would you oppose a military victory of the international proletariat over imperialism BEFORE re-proletarianization in the imperialist countries happens? Would you say it amounts to the view that socialism is “impossible” like our white nationalist critics do? (Because they assume that socialism is only socialism if carried out by the white so-called workers.) Would you demand that the international proletariat WAIT till re-proletarianization happens before counter-attacking imperialism and defeating it at its source?

Our critics are lying scribes of the imperialists. They say we believe it is “impossible” for imperialist country people to become re-proletarianized and revolutionary. What they mean is to define “socialist revolution” as political revolution to prop up the super-profit system.

What role the Western petty-bourgeoisie plays depends on the pace of the international wars against imperialism. For example, the Germans were put down at the source in 1945, before the people rose up for socialist revolution. The correct line does not pretend that the imperialists will peacefully co-exist while super-profits are being cut off in the Third World. If the imperialists were to stay in their barracks in the whole time as super-profits became cut off, then we could confidently endorse the two points you made. There is an imperialist World War III going on and what happens in the imperialist countries depends on the course of that war first and foremost.

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

Parasite Left runs to CIA en masse

Today, as the American socialist-democratic The Nation magazine just pointed out, the parasite Left is leaping into bed with “realists” in the State Department and CIA against Cheney’s attempts to create reality on the fly. (2) After noting the Democratic Party partisan blog “Daily Kos” praise Bush Sr.’s cabinet main Brent Scowcroft. The Nation pointed out that Kissinger and Scowcroft.”(1)

Bacevich is from the U.S. Military Academy, Chalmers Johnson has a tropism for military intelligence agent; Daniel Pipes is the bloody hand behind sectarian conflict in Iraq and the Danish cartoon attack on Islam. His father Richard Pipes was so right-wing and aggressive he lost his job in the Reagan administration while bashing the Soviet Union. The Nation called the Carter’s National Security advisor and lead Cold Warrior who started U.S. aid to Osama Bin Laden and his comrades in Afghanistan in the late 1970s. Kissinger was Nixon’s Secretary of State, a war criminal responsible for millions of bombing deaths in Vietnam and the killing of a quarter million people in East Timor.

Globally even many so-called Maoists are in fact CIA operatives busily promulgating the writings of U.S. President (1974-1976) Gerald Ford’s intelligence briefer Ray McGovern, the protests of Zionist and American intelligence cheer-leader Phyllis Chesler and assorted other culture warriors who put fighting Islam above the class struggle of the oppressed and exploited. At this crucial moment, it is not surprising that the underlying glue of white nationalism holds together the left-wing of parasitism and a band of war criminals, critical spooks and “national security” analysts. Underlying the common analysis is a common view of the white so-called working class, the majority of U.S. people, what it wants, what it will fight for and especially what it can accomplish including in places like Iraq or Iran. The representatives of the labor aristocracy may blame the imperialists and the imperialists may blame the labor aristocracy serving as the boots on the ground, but together today’s “realist” coalition does not believe it can implement so-called democracy in Iraq. Against the open realist imperialist re-co-optation of the left-wing of parasitism, some scattered and confused supposedly communist organizations that are not CIA assets maintain their independence from the Democratic Party without having specific real reasons why. It is the destiny of these organizations to realize that they have been “too far ahead of the masses,” in which they include the petty-bourgeois masses of America by way of false characterization as “workers.” Eventually they realize that if the so-called masses of which they speak cannot launch any kind of frontal assault on imperialism or even a skirmish, noises from the Democratic Party have to be magnified and called evidence of the stirrings of exploited or oppressed masses. That is why the MIM line is the only one truly opposing the imperialist parties.

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1. “The Left Gets Real: The promise and perils of a new alliance,” by Eyal Press August 14/21 2006 This is another example of “Left” means nothing today. MIM was the first to point out the deal offered by Democrats, CIA, State Department and other imperialists to the left-wing of white nationalism.

CIA used UN to spy on Iraq: Now UN deals carefully with Iran

U.S. gas prices on the street have plunged more than 10% and prices for oil fell below $70 a barrel in the last week now that Bush has soft-pedaled the Iran nuclear energy crisis. U.S. imperialism made up. MIM is going to guess that Iran and the world have made it through a potential confrontation until after November elections in the united States. If Bush were to ramp up a crisis now, gas prices would rise.

On August 31, Iran let a UN deadline pass for turning off its nuclear enrichment program— according to the Western media. MIM has no physical means by which to verify if the imperialists and their media are telling the truth that Iran has continued with a certain nuclear activity. The UN Security Council met and could have ramped up confrontation with Iran. Instead, Russia apparently said that ultimatums and sanctions would not work.(1) and that matters because Russia has a veto in the Security Council. Meanwhile, England said there would be no negotiations until after Iran stops its activities.(2) U.S. rep. in the UN Bolton said he wants sanctions affecting Iran’s weapons systems and individual leaders.(1)

Previous U.S. sanctions against Iraq killed 500,000 children according to the U.S. Secretary Madeleine Albright who carried them out.(3) In previous sanctions against Iraq, the United Nations was the justification for sending weapons inspectors to Iraq. One of the inspectors has since admitted that the United States took advantage of those inspections to spy on other aspects of Iraq’s government. The CIA infiltrated the weapons inspections teams, including with non-American nationalities. The united States always wanted the weapons inspections to fail and created that appearance until it was no longer possible when the united States itself became in charge of Iraq.

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Standing firm with anti-Amerikkkanism

The pressure to accept the Democrats and oppose Republican Party fascism

MIM has been offered the same basic deal offered to Gus Hall’s “Communist Party” back in the 1980s and a fake Maoist party— siding with Democrats and renaming our criticism of imperialism the fascism of the Republican Party.

Ironically the ruling class formula shades into opposing religious fundamentalism, which includes Christian, Islamic and Hindu fundamentalism. In partisan politics, the formula leads to the legitimacy of the Democratic Party which has a small minority share of Christian fundamentalist voters.

As funding from the Soviet Union dried up, Gus Hall’s “Communist Party” accepted new alliances. In the ground invasion of Iraq, the “CP-USA” covered for it with an elaborate opposition to the war combined with support to a fraternal party that took a seat in Bush’s puppet regime.

At the moment, it is the turn of another fake communist party to prove its loyalty, yet again. The “Revolutionary Communist Party-USA” makes noises about opposing Bush and fascism and even war on Iran, while its sister party actually prepares defeat of Iran, with American zombies as a cover. Both parties took the wrong line on the Iraq invasion, both parties changed their lines on Democrats and both parties are serving Uncle Sam in neighboring Third World countries.

Branding strategy for imperialism
Just as a multinational corporation with a reputation for corruption manufactures and sells products under a different name, the imperialists seek to control their opposition to the extent that opponents only attack the subsidiary...
Celebrity death proves decadence of imperialism

The son of famous porno star Anna Nicole Smith died at age 20. The public immediately blamed it on a drug overdose. The suspicion was basically right, but not exactly.

A pathologist is now saying that Daniel died from a combination of two anti-depressant drugs and methadone. In other words, MIM is interested in like Daniel was trying to “clean up” his act when he died. Perhaps the pathologist is trying to cover up for the family image, but the report confirms that drugs had something to do with the death.

A multi-millionaire and famous from television appearances in his own right, Daniel is yet again another proof of the decadence of imperialism. It seems that things could hardly be better for an individual under imperialism, and yet, that is exactly what depressed a man with his whole life ahead of him.

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40th birthday of the Black Panther Party

October 15th marks the 40th birthday of the Black Panther Party, the most formidable revolutionary party in history inside u.s. borders. The Maoist Black Panther Party started in 1966 and eventually attracted the plurality of Black support according to bourgeois television polls. Had it been up to Blacks and students in the 1960s led by the Black Panther Party, there would have been a civil war for revolution, but the white so-called workers held the line for imperialism.

Shifting grounds of criticism

Over the years, the primary criticisms of the Black Panthers have varied. From the days that Black Panthers appeared in television interviews and film clips, guns in hand, white hysterical fear has been the main problem. Even could we use our own process what the Black Panthers were saying, because they stayed at the level of fear and related ad hominem thinking. There was no solution for that problem, because disarming a legally and correctly constituted armed struggle would have been wrong, but the white exploiter population had no material force to correct its thinking either.

Substance-level questions concerning the issue of race versus nationality versus intercommunalism do not appear often in discussion of the Black Panthers. Even in the main circles, the clear focus was on the Black Panthers themselves. Bobby Seale made it be known that he was a comedian who sells cookbooks and ice cream. Then Eldridge Cleaver claimed to be reborn Christian and toured with the Moonies against communism in the 1980s. All we can prove exactly what Huey Newton said, they did not pretend to be something they weren’t anymore.

If those experiences do not teach people to oppose identity politics, then nothing will. If we follow Bobby Seale the identity, we end up perhaps as progressives, a little more light-hearted than before. If we follow Cleaver into capitulation, re-adjustment and reconciliation with the power structure—sometimes to the point of caricature as in the case of Cleaver’s sell-out. If Cleaver could make a caricature of himself, then we all stand warned what can happen.

Revolutionaries should not blame themselves for all the various ways that people bump into and off of them. The imperialist system is always waiting to prove exactly what Huey Newton said, they did not pretend to be something they weren’t anymore. The will to criticize the Black Panthers, even after Huey Newton died continued. The state agent with the most changes in line on the question is on record saying that Huey Newton said power is the ability to define a phenomenon. As criticism, the charlatan said a persyn trying to evade bullets fired at him by defining them as pillows was not going to get anywhere. The point that this charlatan was trying to make is to criticize people, even Huey Newton. Unfortunately, even the criticism of Huey Newton was wrong. If someone died because bullets could not be defined as pillows, it would prove exactly what Huey Newton said, which was that the persyn lacked the ability to define the situation. Typically, in contrast, the white oppressor nation has had the power to define the situation. U.S. borders, especially the borders between First Nations and American exploiter territory or between Amerikkans and Aztlan. What whitey said has gone as truth for the borders.

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moment to deprive the Khatami speech of state funds for police protection accorded to other presidents and former presidents such as Khatami. Echoing the Secretary of State Rice, one demonstrator called Iran the united States’s biggest enemy, and a reporter pointed out that the demonstrator was not Jewish.(4)

Scatter-brained sexual liberals in the United States are a big problem, particularly right now, when it comes to the anti-war movement dealing with Iran and Afghanistan. The imperialists have found that they can tap into virulent white nationalism via sex and that works in Blue State bastions like Cambridge, Massachusetts. These Harvard liberals are warmongers. In their publication they openly refer to themselves as “left,” which only goes to show there is a left-wing of white nationalism and a right-wing.

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Hilliard does the least damage to the real truth of the Black Panthers. His explanations of the Black Panthers’ problems centered on drugs and getting the subjective will to continue the struggle. One state agent who shall go nameless is by himself typical of the shifting grounds of criticism of the Black Panthers. At first when the main leaders left the Black Panthers and even went Moosie, it was clear that a different labor aristocracy party rank-and-file presented itself as ready to kill the ex-Black Panthers.

The original criticisms of the Black Panthers had the merit of being at least principled. The anti-Black Panther line ran that the Black Panthers did not have faith in the white workers. As a result the Panthers supposedly played down class and fell into revisionism. As time wore on, this explanation wore thin, especially as MIM’s counter-attack took hold in the public’s imagination. After MIM’s re-distributing millions of Black Panther documents and explanations of those documents, the watered down version of the dumbed down account of people running around calling the Black Panthers did not have faith in the white workers.

Bunker, MIM was not surprised. Today the same exact people who used to say the Black Panthers lacked faith in the white workers are now running around saying that the Black Panther Party was a multinational party all along. Then as facts, they point to facts about the united front the Black Panthers had, not the party itself. So now there are actually those running around saying that the Black Panther Party had thousands of white supporters. It’s a factually true statement but misleading in terms of the party and class analysis.

Supporters are not party members. The pro-BPP section of SDS did indeed exist and make contributions to struggle, but it was not one party with the Black Panthers.

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North Korea tests nuclear weapon

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weeks (few will have the honesty or courage to blame for the threat of war in northeast Asia on the United States). Instead, these diplomats and spies will make the argument that the United States has made tactical blunders and repeatedly missed the opportunity to bring the north Koreans into the capitalist fold. These talking heads obscure the imperialist nature of American society—from the economy up to the legal system, culture, etc.—and they miss the key point that that war is built into the imperialist system. Clever diplomatic tricks, an individual leader’s charisma or lucky chance might defuse this or that crisis, but that only means war will break out somewhere else or at some other time. The imperialists cannot concede their main demand—their continuing dominion—just as the oppressed nations ultimately will not concede theirs—liberation from imperialist oppression.

The Iranians seem to have learned part of this lesson from school of hard knocks. “Instead of imposing comprehensive sanctions on North Korea,” continued Iranian state radio, “it would be better if the U.N. Security Council adopt a wise decision and seek full implementation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. That is to say, it should seek to disarm the countries that currently possess nuclear weapons and provide conditions so that signatories to the treaty will be able to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.” Despite its official commitment under the Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) to reduce and eventually eliminate its nuclear arsenal, the United States has used the NPT to keep other nations disarmed while it expands its nuclear arsenal. The alleged threats from the DPRK and Iran have been used to justify U.S. plans to develop new “bunker buster” nuclear bombs, and the U.S. military leaked strategic plans that included a nuclear first strike on north Korea.

As we reported in a recent MIM Notes, the imperialist camp doing the most saber rattling against Iran has tried to paint the picture of high-level collusion between Iran and north Korea as part of the “Axis of Evil.” Regardless of whether the DPRK and Iran are secretly sitting down together and coordinating their nuclear strategies—MIM has seen nothing to suggest this besides fanciful reports that appear to be disinformation, but, of course, we have little of knowing—the United States has nobody to blame but itself that “when it rains, it pours.” The United States has its talons full with Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and north Korea—to say nothing of Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Lebanon, the Philippines, Venezuela, etc. etc. Oppressed nations will take this opportunity to press their advantage. When one country intensifies the struggle against U.S. imperialism, it creates opportunities for others. This is the material reality behind Mao’s slogan, “The nationalism of the oppressed nations is internationalism.”

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1. To the best of MIM’s knowledge as of the evening of 9 October.

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intensification of war with Iran. The obvious path for the rulers is to bomb or approve Israels to bomb Iran and then slide into a ground war after the inevitable Iranian response to the bombing. We should also report another poll done by the BBC that shows that even majorities of Americans and Israelis do not support a bombing of Iran. The three countries with the most aggressive attitude according to polls are Iraq, Israels and the United States when it comes to Iran.(4) This is in line with MIM’s theory of the labor aristocracy. Usually the most aggressive countries in terms of opposing Iran worldwide country are a Snelis U.S. imperialism, English imperialism and Israels imperialism, followed by Australia and the EU.

MIM has no certain explanation why there is a wide divergence of the polls. Perhaps the petty-bourgeoisie of the imperialist countries is literally vacillating as it digests the news. We can always hope that the Americans link low gas prices to peace with Iran, because that is something we can expect the petty-bourgeoisie to be concerned about, not peace based on internationalist principle.

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Standing firm with anti-Amerikkkanism

The pressure to accept the Democrats and oppose Republican Party fascism

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brand, not the parent company. The imperialists seek to corral opposition into legitimate two-party channels.

Emphasis on Bush, the man, plays into the imperialist branding strategy. When Bush is gone, all the opposition built to him will also be gone—effectively diffused. Now the political activists will have to start anew, with questions such as “who is that?” when a new president or congressional majority comes to power.

Appealing to the vanity and subjectivism of the tiny number of communists, the two-party system says that those communists are a good enough reason not to generalize about U.S. imperialism. In contrast, we in MIM organizations inside U.S. borders are anti-American; even though we are Americans. There is especially no Euro-American proletariat worth considering on the question of anti-Amerikkkanism. The generalization about anti-Americanism is far more accurate than not.

Defeating lackey fascists of imperialism and autocrats inside U.S. borders

The Democratic Party tolerates the Republican Party and it cannot do otherwise with its basis in the oppressor nation white middle classes. We do not consider it to be real anti-fascism to oppose fascism just inside U.S. borders. That leaves out support for fascist Third World lackeys by the Democrats, people such as Marcos, Arroyo, Pinochet and the like supported by both Democrats and Republicans.

True, inside U.S. borders, the Republican Party can claim part of Dimitrov’s and Stalin’s definition of fascism by being the “most reactionary segment of finance capital.” There is a case to be made for that, but not for the idea that it has imposed its rule openly. There is a still a two-party system. It’s still more like a “rule of both sections of finance capital.” The problem with the focus on Bush and Republicans is that these complaints could be gone after the election in November. Had Bush thrown Democrats and large sections of the CIA and State Department in prison, we might have to see differently. That would be a good case for the open dictatorship of the most reactionary section of finance capital.

The United States and similar countries have petty-bourgeois political diffuseness and we can count on that. We need to saddle the imperialists with their petty-bourgeoisie while we oppose them both. The position that we should adopt the imperialist branding strategy is a failure in strategic confidence in the international proletariat. Whether an all-Democratic Party government or an all-Republican Party government, the United States is the principal enemy of the world’s people. We must reason from that certainty. There are no parallels from the 1930s and 1940s in that sense, because the contradictions then and now are too different.

When Bush calls for military tribunals run by the United States for the rest of the world and also internally, he is creating the impression of Americans who have allowed themselves to slide to that point. Polls show that vast majorities of Americans do not believe so-called terrorism will ever be gone. We also agree with over 80% of Americans that it does not matter which party is in power, because the terrorism and weapons of mass destruction question will go on. Neither Democrats nor Republicans as parties of capitalism can admit that it is they who are for the privatization of the nuclear weapons industry, even more so than the Kim Jong Il’s of the world, so this problem looks set to go on as it is for the strategic future.

The reactionaries and their military tribunals, secret prisons and torture should have been impeached long ago. No one of importance that MIM has seen is saying the “war on terror” will be won on a quick basis like World War II. What the U.S. rulers are doing is a permanent suspension of the Bill of Rights and Constitution.

The rulers should have been impeached before they reached this point—after the disclosure of surveillance on Americans for example. The fact that Bush and crew were not brought to justice legally before now proves something about the American population in general, not just Bush. For example, Democrats never ran on a platform of impeaching Bush and defending the Bill of Rights against permanent suspension in the “war on terror.” Democrats are too afraid of alienating Bush voters and their own voters to even try to pass a bill of rights. Democrats in congress for 1930s and even during World War II were afraid of working with communists or saying anything too direct about Hitler. That is the nature of electoral politics in imperialist countries today. If the voters were there to defend the Constitution and Bill of Rights against permanent suspension in the “war on terror,” the Democrats would have grabbed them.

In the Third World countries, we believe it is falling for the branding strategy and confusing our class to oppose Bush, fundamentalism and fascism as politically principal. We do not insist on this point, because each party must decide how to handle religious fundamentalism in its own country. In terms of preventing imperialism and setting it back, anti-Amerikkkanism is what does the job.

Our prisoners were willing to call the united states “fascist” back in the 1980s, from the beginning of MIM’s existence. If they are right and our other critics are correct, then MIM is “right opportunists” for not launching the armed struggle against fascism. MIM sees no reason to turn the word “fascist” into a Democratic Party swear word with a new meaning. It’s not even clear which party has a bigger wing opposing the “Patriot Act” for example, as Republicans often draw the libertarian votes. Again, had Democrats opposed the “Patriot Act” instead of co-sponsoring it and had they ended up with a ramp thrown out of Congress, we would have to change our analysis.

If Republicans win the 2006 elections, there will be temptation to push on with a fascist agenda. The case for “fascism” would be that the Democratic Party wing of finance capital is comatose and does not have to be openly dictated to. There may be no reason to dictate to a corpse. That judgment has to be made at that time. If Democrats in 2006 win, Bush may still try to rope them into his agenda or even impose it. Again that judgment has to be made then. We cannot spread divisive ideas about that before it happens.

There are those who believe the Democratic Party has a proletariat base to it. These people believe a proletariat of hundreds of millions could be an inert object. This is even worse than saying German Social Democrats in the 1930s had a working class base. Moreover, there is no socialist camp to defend or even a bourgeois-led Third World liberation army coming forward. Unless Bush represses the other sections of finance capital and even if he does, it will be hard to come up with a more effective strategy than anti-Amerikkkanism.

Most of the world knows what it thinks of 90% of Germans for not overthrowing their Nazi government in the 1940s. Sometimes it just happens that 90% of a country has to be condemned.

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 preparation or war prostitution.

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 a real chance of world 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.
World Bank data: Imperialist countries never balance on paper

World Bank data on “net current transfers from abroad” and other financial statistics explode myths about the normal operations of the imperialist countries. Data from 1960 to 2005 that MIM recently obtained show that the United States has never had a year of overall positive receipts since 1960. Some believe this is some kind of statistical American exceptionalism, but in fact negative “net current transfers from abroad” are almost a perfect indication of imperialist status.

“Current transfers comprise transfers of income between residents of the reporting country and the rest of the world that carry no provisions for repayment. Net current transfers from abroad is equal to unadjusted for inflation over the years. The three countries with the largest “net current transfers from abroad” are Mexico, Indonesia and China. This is not surprising to MIM, because they have the most labor and low asset to labor ratios. Yet it is true of the entire Third World—a very challenging task, because there the countries do not have the net financial asset position, but they do have the net income position right now. That’s pretty amazing evidence that something is going on in the financial community that we do not even mean the Japanese and Chinese owning the debts of the United States and England. It’s the question of how this “property income” shows up from abroad.

The United States and England are quintessentially imperialist. They can borrow money from abroad and be in overall debt and still make money abroad. It’s like taking out a loan at the bank for 6% a year interest and going out and doing better than that 6% abroad. That’s the common sense way to interpret what having net negative financial assets means while having net positive income flow from abroad. The combination of facts leads one to believe that English and U.S. capitalists are above-average in extracting super-profits abroad, which would tend to justify investors in giving them loans.

So the point is that when we hear about an economic statistic that would seem to indicate imminent financial crisis for the system, we also need to look at what hidden flows of labor are propping up the system if such flows are relevant to the particular statistic we are looking at. This is a very challenging task, because there is no bureau of labor exploitation statistics.

The countries most enabled to run a trade deficit year after year are imperialist countries. Out of 149 countries, the bottom six by trade deficit are imperialist countries—Italy, France, United
Engels said in an 1883 letter to Kautsky: “You ask me what the English workers think about colonial policy. Well, exactly the same as they think about politics in general: the same as what the bourgeoisie think. There is no workers’ party here, there are only Conservatives and Liberal-Radicals, and the workers gaily share the feast of England’s monopoly of the world market and the colonies.” At the time he said that there were 181 strikes that year in England, a country of about 25 million people. Since that time the English population has doubled. Yet there were actually fewer strikes in 1998 than Engels’s 1883.

If Engels said what he said in 1883, can we imagine what he would have said today? It would be the same or likely an even more harsh judgment. That’s not to mention that Engels would not even count the English and U.S. strikes, because they would be apolitical and over economics only.

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Tex. prisoners hunger strike to end lockdown

Here at the Connally camp oppression is at an all time high and steadily reaching new levels. At the present time 7 building H pod has been on lockdown for 67 days (it began on July 6). We have had no hot meals (only “johnnies”), no commissary, showers only 3 times per week, no recreation, access to only 3 photo copied legal items from the law library and remote TV. This is an overbearing denial of custody/class promotion even though none of us on lockdown had anything at all to do with its initiation and most of us had no discourse in it all in 12-24 months! The lockdown was initiated due to one convict simply grabbing the pig’s arm. He is now in segregation. Head pigs Warden Bright and Warden Hunter said they are going to make examples out of us and teach us a lesson. The convicts on 7 building H pod are fed up and we are getting to stage a 144 man hunger strike in protest.

I have been here 15 years and seen that things don’t change when we back out if we live or die. Something must be done! There are a few “uncle Toms”, “coconuts”, and “white boys” that won’t participate but those of us sacrificing and putting our health and lives on the line, we need all the support we can get from MIM and free world people.

We ask people to call and e-mail/write Executive Director Brad Livingston at 936-437-2101; P.O. Box 99, Huntsville, TX 77342, Chief of Classification Pamela Williams at 936-437-2102 (same address as above), Ombudsman Arthur Addams at 936-437-6791 (same address as above) and Senior Warden Morales at 936-583-4003, 899 FM 632 Kennedy, TX 78119.

A Texas prisoner, September 2006

Prison discards appeals

I am writing to you today to report and ask for some advice concerning a serious issue. On August 28, last Monday morning at about 8:30 am, I was on my way back to my housing unit to perform some work duties when I stumbled upon a 602 complaint form sticking out of a trash bin. I immediately pulled it out, opened it and observed the date of 8/27/06 on it. I wondered what this was doing out of a trash bin. I immediately pulled it out and opened it only to observe the date of 8/27/06 on it. I wondered what this was doing in the trash as I also got curious as to whether there were more of these complaint forms inside. As I proceeded to dig through the trash bin I immediately found about five or six more, including my cell mates 602 [complaint form] whom I personally helped write and mail out the same day before. Needless to say I was utterly surprised. Not only were there complaint forms in the trash but any kind of outgoing mail to anyone with authority in this institution, as well as forms requesting legal supplies from the law library, inmates getting mailed to counselors and 985 forms (these are applications for restoration of credits). I also witnessed one confidential letter sealed and stamped with a red institution insignia.

I immediately went to the building to return the documents to the people they belonged to and to let them know how it was that I happened upon them when I was overheard by a fellow inmate on the MAC concerning a lady in the law library, innmates looking at these sites and I wanted me to hand over all documents so that it could be brought to the yard sergeant’s attention. Afterwards that same morning the Sergeant called me into his office to let me know how I found everything. I was questioned briefly and told that they would be talking to me soon. I left with the impression that nothing of any real significance would be done about it. Last I heard from an inmate out the MAC there was supposed to be some kind of investigation into it, but somehow I doubt that.

It has now been eight days since this violation was first discovered and I have yet to hear from anyone “investigating” the matter. I fear that this has already been swept under the rug. I’d like to know what I could do to make sure that something will be done. I’ve already written to the Ombudsman, the Inspector General, and the Prison Law Office. I’m open to any more suggestions you might have.

A California prisoner at Soledad, September 2006

MIM responds: We’re not surprised to learn that prison officials are throwing out prisoner’s legal mail and appeals of misconduct, what is surprising here is that they don’t even try to hide these actions. We get reports from prisoners across the state of California, and the rest of the country, complaining that prisons don’t even follow their own rules and ignore appeals from prisoners attempting to enforce these rules. We commend this comrade for taking action on what he found and will publicize this widely until the prison investigates and punishes those responsible. This may not improve conditions in the prison, but at least it does send a message that prisons can not blatantly ignore their regulations and the laws, violating prisoners’ rights with impunity. Write to the wardens of Soledad and demand punishment for those responsible. Warden Mike Evans, P.O. Box 1020, Soledad, CA 93960-1020

Beat up prisoners in New Jersey

Revolutionary greetings to all in the struggle. I have finally got your address from a fellow comrade. During my last incarceration in the Northern State Prison Gang Unit, I used to receive MIM Notes and MIM Theories. I am on a new sentence serving a 5 with an 85% for a crime I did not commit ... I had a paid lawyer and he tricked me to take a plea... I had a 27/06 on it. I wondered what this was doing and opened it only to observe the date of 8/27/06 on it. I wondered what this was doing in the trash as I also got curious as to whether there were more of these complaint forms inside. As I proceeded to dig through the trash bin I immediately found about five or six more, including my cell mates 602 [complaint form] whom I personally helped write and mail out the same day before. Needless to say I was utterly surprised. Not only were there complaint forms in the trash but any kind of outgoing mail to anyone with authority in this institution, as well as forms requesting legal supplies from the law library, inmates getting mailed to counselors and 985 forms (these are applications for restoration of credits). I also witnessed one confidential letter sealed and stamped with a red institution insignia.

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MIM replies: We join these prisoners in New York and California in calling for our comrades behind bars to step up and get active organizing against inhuman conditions. Join United Struggle from Within (USW), a MIM-led organization for prisoners, and get involved in organizing and fighting the unjust systems.

It’s the system that needs corrections, rehabilitation

It was kind of like asking a captured robber to voluntarily hand himself over to the threat of authority, or expecting a racket to hold still while you aim and fire. Today, the prison guards distributed a survey asking if we’d be interested in voluntarily transferring to out of state joints to help them ease overcrowding. This survey, as if we didn’t know, that the prison system is dangerously overcrowded and voluntary transfers would help relieve the pressure. The stakes are high, so they want us to help dig them out of this mess.

So, let’s say the needed 5,000 of us agree to transfer. The problem is temporarily countered. Yet laws like Three Strikes continue to gobble up petty thieves for life, the Board of Parole Hearings, which is designed to actually parole people, continues to release its annual 2 percent trickle and the newly released continue to get tripped up on technical violations and revocation. Before you know it, we’re up to the brim again. Then what?

Meanwhile, for the rest of us, there’s little by way of job training, or rehabilitation or drug treatment - though 85 percent of offenders have drug or alcohol directly or indirectly related to their imprisonment. Opportunities to gain productive skills are slim to none in California prisons, so we abide in a world of idleness where violence reigns as a result.

That pretty much describes the cycle every time they build a new prison as well. California has been trying to build its way out of overcrowding - without releasing lifers or rehabilitating those with fixed sentences for over 20 years. It hasn’t worked in the past and nothing suggests that failure won’t repeat itself with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s two proposed prisons or multimillion dollar extensions to existing ones.

The survey listed 28 applicable states, from Alabama to Wisconsin, none of which lock up their citizens for 25 years to life for video game theft or other such petty offenses.

So “what do we get out of the deal?” was the echo on the yard. Or how does the taxpayer benefit, for that matter? It’s just a shell game, but with bodies. Just more of the same.

They should honor the punishments originally meted out and start releasing the thousands who have met their Board of Parole Hearings requirements. The legislature should enact sentence reform, and implement genuine rehabilitation like other states with successful prison systems.

I checked the “Not Interested” box on the survey without the slightest hesitation. In spite of the threat of a capital all charges we see those in power spin their way out of, they hold us responsible to the nth degree for our actions.

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.
Support the Pelican Bay Peace Summit

In 1989, the California Department of Corrections (DOC) opened Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP). Their primary stated reason for its construction was to reduce prison violence by segregating alleged gang leaders and members. But contrary to their stated purpose, prison violence has increased tremendously and dramatically. The CA prison system is more violent now than it was before the opening of PBSP. In fact, it’s the most dangerous and deadly prison system in the country, as the statistics will clearly attest.

In Feb. 2001, CA witnessed one of its most violent race riots here at PBSP, where approximately 380 Native Americans (Black prisoners) were stabbed. A message was delivered to me the next day from a group of brothers who had been involved in the riot, requesting my assistance with resolving this racial conflict/war. I am being housed in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) here at PBSP (solitary confinement), so I am in a position to talk to certain influential Mexican and white prisoners.

That night, I wrote to Warden Ayers, explaining to him that I would like to initiate peace talks designed to resolve this conflict. The following morning, I was escorted to the warden’s office. He was interested in my proposal. While I was there, he asked what he could do to facilitate this peace process. I told him I needed to speak with a number of prisoners, and he told his staff to accommodate my endeavors. I was able to bring all relevant parties to the table, a peace plan was adopted and a cease fire was implemented.

We knew there were a number of associate wardens here at PBSP, as well as Institutional Gang Investigation (IGI) unit administration in Sacramento, along with the CA Corrections Association (CCA) and various prison staff. The facilitators will assist those volunteers to serve as facilitators and peace resolution. At present we are not allowed to take hold of the Department of "Corrections" responsibility for the mess of overcrowding, mismanagement, and inhuman conditions they have created in the prison system.

We do not agree that there are other states with successful prison systems. The entire criminal justice system in the United States is a failure at doing anything but prop up imperialism by locking up oppressed nations. It is true that some states are less brutal and have a lower recidivism rate than California, and it is good that some states actually grant parole dates to their prisoners. But there are no states that I know of that have dramatically improved rehabilitation programs for all prisoners. And no states that have comprehensive programs for all prisoners. And no states that have comprehensive programs for all prisoners.

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 telling us about a Soviet "evil empire" being the cause of an American 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 South Africa.

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

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 book and magazine exchange program. Write to us for a complete list of books that have been censored.

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 us 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 in cells in prisons that lock prisoners up in solitary or small group confinement for 22 or more hours a day. 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?
Las Asambleas de migrantes revelan la verdadera gente plebeya; nacionalismo anglo debe ser opuesto ya!

La responsabilidad no cae solamente en BuSh o su administración, ni sus constituyentes Republicanos por echo, pero BuSh ofrece poca esperanza en frente de los políticos y obliga más conservativismo que a si mismo. Recientemente BuSh ha reiterado su propuesta para estado legal temporario para ciertos trabajadores migrantes. BuSh se quiere dar a representar como la voz de razón y moderación; sin embargo, sus propuestas y acciones de migración y línea fronteriza, el prohibimiento de más posibles migrantes y el hacer la vida más difícil para los migrantes en los Estados Unidos, demuestre que el no es ningún defensor de los derechos migrantes.

Es más propuestas como las de BuSh de legalización temporaria pueden ser echas compatibles con los enforsamientos y cruéis propuestas de restricciones migratorias. BuSh es una voz de racionalidad en el debate de reforma migratorio para los economistas Euro-Americanos, pero no ha echo nadad para rechasar la mira repressive de este debate/esfuerzo. En el tramo de las cosas, BuSh está solamente creando algunas cosas para consideración en un movimiento anti-immigrante que está dirigiéndose hacia adelante salvajemente.

El movimiento anti-inmigrante está fuera del control de BuSh, y no era su movimiento para comenzar, sino un típico movimiento reaccionario de la nación Euro-Americanos, construida por según trabajadores Euro-Americanos, y propuestas más reaccionarios que BuSh.

BuSh no es ningún Salvador, pero el criticar nada más la administración de BuSh sobre HR4437 y propuestas similares es estar dirigiéndose al camino equivocado. Ahora, más que nunca, el nacionalismo Euro-Americano en todas sus formas y manifestaciones debe ser condenado y contra el debe ser luchado.

No debe de haber ninguna concepción mutal. Los democratas y más a menudo los facistas Euro-Americanos han expuesto su cooperación y su papel en está ola de reacción anti-immigrante. Apressurando a los Euro-Americanos a que pensaban su deber hacia los derechos civiles, derechos humanos, y la constitución (tomando la poca obligación que les sobra), es necesario urgentemente, pero también debe de haber lucha abierta contra el nacionalismo y la supremacia Anglo. De ésta manera podremos establecer una fundación para una lucha nacional liberadora para dar fin al imperialismo.

Invólvérnate en la revolución!
Nullifica todas las fronteras ilegítimas!