

This response is in regards to the Maoist International Ministry of Prisons (MIMPrisons) query pertaining to the Illinois Department of Corrections disapproval through Publication Review of the September/October 2017 Issue 58 of Under Lock & Key. Per the Publication Review Administrative Directive and the associated Department of Corrections Publication Review Determination and Course of Action form (DOC0212), any publication may be disapproved based on a number of criteria. In this case, the issue in question contains various articles that violate the following criteria:

- Advocate or encourage violence, hatred, or group disruption or it poses an intolerable risk of violence or disruption.

Below are specific articles and excerpts from those articles that are provided as evidence to the appropriateness of this determination. All examples are pulled from the above mention September/October 2017 Issue 58 of Under Lock & Key.

1. Page: 8 Article: *DPRK: White Supremacy's Global Agenda*
 - "The United States and all major countries of European descent have done everything in their collective power to keep these (nuclear) weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of nations, governments and people of color or hue."
Encourages Racial Division
 - "These global white supremacists have done everything they could to destabilize nation's governments that they could not control by creating borders on foreign continents, setting up puppet governments (often dictators like Saddam Hussein and Benjamin Netanyahu who use war as a distraction of their individual greed)..."
Encourages Racial Division
 - "Yet the media is far more dangerous than any of the ones before mentioned, due to its ability to influence the minds of those not fully conscious of the reality of being controlled by the designers of the Global White Supremacy Agenda."
Encourages Racial Division
- Page: 10 Article: *Organizing Requires Organization: Proposed Structures for Success*
 - "Political workers to inform and agitate within the state by promoting and organizing protest, phone calls and correspondence to state law makers, DOC commissioners and prison wardens and superintendents about complaints, proposed laws and policies to be adopted by the state officials."
Promotes Unauthorized Protests
2. Page: 11 Article: *Arbitrary Group Punishment*
 - "MIM(Prisons) adds: In July 2013 prisoners at MDF staged a hunger strike from Ad-Seg... We support these comrades just demands, which ally with ongoing campaigns to end long-term isolation as well as to provide proper avenues for having grievances heard."
Promotes Unauthorized Protests

3. Page: 12 Article: *Defend LGBTQ from CO Attacks*

- "It's hard to get 10 comrades to stand together as a whole so when a member from the LGBTQ community got jumped on and 30 comrades refused to leave the classrooms I was shocked."
- "MIM(Prisons) responds: This is a great example of people coming together behind bars."

Promotes Unauthorized Protests

4. Page: 13 Article: *September 9 – Day of Peace and Solidarity Initial Reports*

- "9 September 2017 marked the sixth annual Day of Peace and Solidarity in prisons across the United States. On this day we commemorate the anniversary of the Attica uprising, drawing attention to abuse of prisoners across the country through peaceful protests, unity events, and educational work."

Article contains further examples from 5 prisons in Arkansas, Texas, California, Nevada, and Arizona where prisoners initiated hunger strikes and unauthorized protests.

Promotes Unauthorized Protests

I believe the articles mentioned above provide enough evidence to show that Issue 58 of Under Lock & Key "contains various articles promoting racial division and unauthorized protest," and therefore met the criteria for being disapproved.

Additionally, after reviewing the issue a second time, I found this article:

Page: 14 Article: *A Contribution to Thoughts on Unity and Alliance*

- "MIM(Prisons) espouses a valid conviction that here and now is not the proper moment for a popular uprising (armed struggle)."
- "How do we succeed in armed confrontation?"
- "MIM(Prisons) responds: Of course we know that ultimately to overthrow imperialism armed struggle is necessary "

Promotes Violent Uprising

MIM(Prisons) provides on page 3 of Issue 58 that they believe in "Peace: We organize to end needless conflicts and violence within the U.S. prison environment." However, the implication of the page 14 article is that MIM(Prisons) believes that eventually an armed struggle must be initiated to overthrow what they perceive as the imperialist colonial government running the country and world. This is provided as evidence that MIM(Prisons) has an ulterior motive in promoting unrest and eventual violent protest within the prison system, which is another example as to why this issue was disapproved.

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