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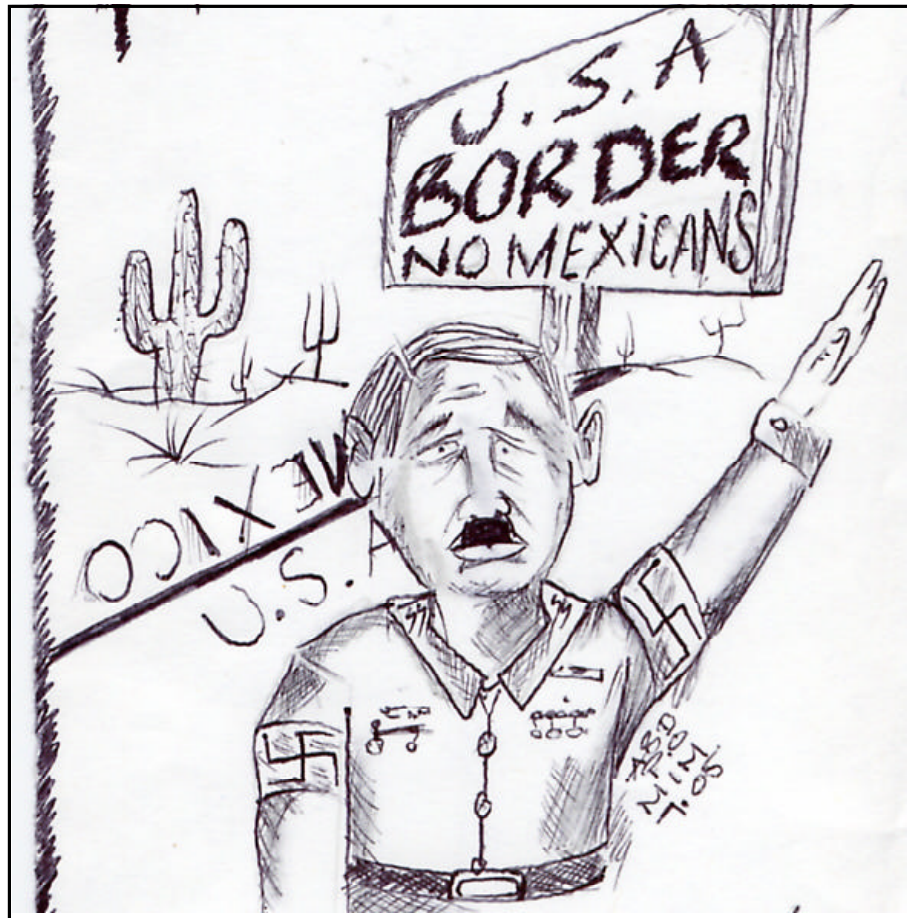


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GREAT OPPRESSOR CULTURAL COUNTER- REVOLUTION BEGINS

The release of a 125-page May 9th report by the University of Colorado defaming and discriminating against Ward Churchill marks the official beginning of an impressive historical event—the Great Oppressor Cultural Counterrevolution (GOCC). Prior to this, there was nothing from the University of Colorado that backed any of the ages-old charges against tenured Ethnic Studies professor Ward Churchill. The event signals that the political struggle in academia is officially on: though it was not our choosing for this struggle to start, we should not recoil from it either.

Initiated by the governor of Colorado Bill Owens and backed by candidates for president such as Rudy Giuliani, the Great



Hitler's Gestapo Minuteclans: Art by a prisoner.

Oppressor Cultural Counterrevolution aims at the firing of academic authorities through political means when all previous academic reviews of Churchill including the one granting him tenure turned up nothing satisfactory to the reactionaries.

In the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (GPCR) (1966 to 1976) that MIM upholds, the first important salvo was Mao's endorsement of a big character poster that appeared at Beijing University regarding academic authorities there. In the both the GPCR and the GOCC, the world outside the ivory tower became engaged.

The difference between the GPCR and the GOCC is the class leading it. When Mao initiated the GPCR, he did so on behalf of the proletariat of China that was

facing the possibility of restoration of capitalism, as did happen in the Soviet Union and eventually China. When Bill Owens, David Horowitz and the Republican Party establishment in charge of all branches of government attacked academia, their goal was to discredit a power bastion of the Democratic Party while simultaneously turning the screws on the oppressed, indigenous people in particular. The white oppressor is leading the GOCC.

With all branches of power in Republican Party hands, the GOCC sensed the time was right to discredit tenured professors who are vastly disproportionately Democrats or progressive people, because what few intelligent people there are in the right-wing of white nationalism go to Wall Street and are too greedy to put up with the salaries of academia. In this struggle, most Democrats have also joined in the lynching of Ward Churchill.

MIM declares to the world that this is

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On May 15, Bush referenced the Minutemen in his televised address from the Oval Office. Days before, a Minuteman caravan had reached Washington, D.C. But momentum for the President to acknowledge the Minutemen had been building before then. The Minutemen are a vigilante group trying to stop people from entering the country, but only at the Mexican border.

Soon after their appearance on the national stage, the Minutemen drove the so-called immigration reform debate so far into the right-wing of self-defeating white nationalism that any proposal to the "left" was seen as somehow being moderate. The critics of Minutemen often immediately turned around and defended the repression of migrants, such as Arizona's notorious Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Arpaio back in April 2005 said a brazen vigilante was encroaching on the turf of his "Posse Comitatus," whom he wanted to be able to enforce federal immigration law. Arpaio, a pig with a badge, looked like a saint to some. Numerous others, including Demokkrats, criticized anti-migrant vigilantes only to join others in calling for the enforcement of immigration restrictions and the repression of migrants who couldn't or didn't want to go through the immigration system.

Joe Arpaio, President Bu\$h and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, who criticized anti-migrant vigilantes, are now on national television lending credibility to one of various pieces of legislation and proposals that would increase the repression of migrants. Politicians were and are still divided over the Minutemen, making the Minutemen's image less than pristine and in some ways less suitable for uniting more sophisticated white leaders and their lackeys against migrants, but these differences have ultimately contributed to the strength of the anti-migrant movement by creating the impression of nuance and refinement within white nationalism and fascism.

The left wing of white nationalism has had a tense but conciliatory relationship with the Minutemen. Soon after the Minuteman anti-migrant vigilantes began

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U. of Texas and Austin police suppress communist activism

Dear MIM:

As some purveyors of MIM Notes may be aware, during the Ward Churchill campaign, the Edith Lagos Brigade (ELB) was able to obtain over 1200 signatures on petitions supporting Prof. Churchill in his struggle with the State of Colorado and the University of Colorado. ELB also distributed 500 plus MIM Notes downloaded from MIM's website to signatories of said petitions. The Churchill Petition was circulated in the West Campus area of the University of Texas (U.T.) at Austin. Since then ELB has experienced police harassment and suppression in the U.T. area.

October of 2005, an ELB founding member was arrested on a trumped up weapons charge. When it was ascertained that the alleged weapon was nothing more than that of a damaged tool used by this comrade in their work and was to be returned to the place of purchase for an exchange, the charge was reduced to a lesser offense and a coerced pre-arranged plea was agreed upon.

Early the following November, the same comrade was again arrested at the U.T. law library under the pretense that they were stealing books from the library. As ELB is conferring with legal professionals and law students in the hope of establishing a pro bono legal aid clinic, the U.T. law library has become a de facto ELB base of operations. When it was concluded the books in question did, in deed, belonged to the comrade, the U.T. police charged said comrade with criminal trespassing. This charge is rather incredible as U.T. is a state sponsored university and the law library is considered

in the public domain replete with a public access computer lab.

Finally, on xmas eve, the very same comrade was strolling along the West Campus Drag when they noticed a large police presence in the West Campus area. Not wishing to have any contact with the pigs, the comrade removed themselves three blocks further west from the Drag. Presently not one but five police vehicles converged on the comrade. Approaching the comrade the pigs stated they didn't require I.D. as they already knew the comrade's name. When the comrade demanded the pig's probable cause for the stop, the pigs responded that this was a Terry Stop, referring to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Terry v. Washington, and that a disturbance had been reported and that the comrade fit the description of the perpetrator. Though the comrade was never charged with disturbing the peace or disorderly conduct, the pigs did charge the comrade with public intoxication, though the comrade displayed no signs on inebriation and, in deed, was not intoxicated. Other ELB comrades have experienced police harassment ranging from arbitrary identification stops to citations for obstructing sidewalks. The three above-stated incidents are the only episodes resulting in incarcerations.

In response to the above said occurrences, ELB re-examined its above-ground operations—temporarily desisting from street activities. Pursuant to a communiqu from MIM stating MIM was willing to transmit MIM Notes to ELB at a reduced rate, core ELB members convened an ad hoc meeting resolving to not only again distribute MIM Notes in

the U.T. campus area, but to redouble ELB's efforts in agitation, propagation, and proselytization for the Marxist/Leninist/Maoist revolutionary cause. Though the oppression and harassment described above is relatively minor when compared to the oppression suffered by the international proletariat in general, ELB would encourage other communists following the MIM internationalist line located in the imperialist countries to intensify their efforts in support of the international proletariat and world revolution.

**WORKERS OF THE WORLD
UNITE! ALL POWER TO THE
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February 2006

mim3@mim.org replies: We hope that our comrades around the world will read this and learn what Amerika is really like. It's not what we see on television. Public

libraries and public streets are for the Democrats and Republicans. Beyond that and free speech for commercial vendors who pay the right authorities, there is often no free speech in practice. If the imperialists lived by their Constitution and civil rights laws on the books, then some Austin police would have to be arrested for conspiracy against the ELB comrades.

The University of Texas, Austin has decreased its prestige in the bourgeois world by allowing this sort of thing to go on. Students and scholars everywhere will read this and learn to avoid the University of Texas as a place too afraid to deal with communists. We encourage students in any college facing a similar situation to make it clear to the world why their university does not deserve its prestige. That is one way to catch the attention of college administrators.

Due to an oversight this letter was not published when it was submitted, in February 2006.



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 humyn history. (3) As Marx, Engels and Lenin formulated and MIM has reiterated through materialist analysis, imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of oppressor nation so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy. These classes are not the principal vehicles to advance Maoism within those countries because their standards of living depend on imperialism. At this time, imperialist super-profits create this situation in the Canada, Quebec, the United States, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Israel, Sweden and Denmark. MIM accepts people as members who agree on these basic principles and accept democratic centralism, the system of majority rule, on other questions of party line.

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

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

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Fake Maoists attack Iran's nuclear energy program in synch with imperialists

After two months of MIM's exposure of their work for the State Department, the RCP=USA brought forward their tie to an organization that is working with the Iranian Muhahedin as a stooge of u.s. imperialism.

This latest article uses some political rhetoric to conceal services to imperialism. For that reason, MIM goes through it separately, line-by-line below with our own comments interspersed in red.

U.S. imperialism is the world's number-one enemy, the principal enemy of the world's people. It is not the principal enemy of the world's people, except if we are talking about wimmin, except if nuclear energy is involved or except when u.s. imperialism is attacking

mullahs. All the "exceptions" are a long-standing position of Bob Amerikan on the world's principal contradiction, as meaning nothing, especially now when the world's genuine Maoists agree that the principal contradiction is between imperialism and oppressed nations with the u.s. imperialists as the principal enemy within that. It's hard for the State Department to maneuver around the formulation that the united States is the principal enemy of the world's people. When we see people doing that and calling themselves "Maoist," we better look out.

There is nothing in materialism by itself that guarantees a non-eclectic line. Feed enough granola and California sunshine

to someone and that someone may interpret dialectics as meaning "the web of life." While it is true that dialectics is about interconnections, Mao's version of dialectics is not about an ultra-democratic, egalitarian and thereby scattered view of dialectics. Stalin and Mao both used the term "principal contradiction" and Mao enshrined it as his philosophy. The whole idea of a principal contradiction is dead-set against eclecticism and it is what prevents flim-flam artists masquerading as Maoists.

Already in 1921, the Soviet Union's Commissariat on the nationalities question published that without fail the imperialists will try to win over the wimmin and intelligentsia by talking about Islam's faults

on the veil. Sadly, nothing has changed. Today we see the imperialists and RCP=USA doing the same thing on the Islam question that Lenin's party already warned against. They fail to offer a way out of exploitation in general and they only offer the fight against the veil as a means of subservience to u.s. imperialism.

Also, see our web page on crypto-Trotskyism, the RCP=USA and the RIM which stole our name: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/wim/wyl/crypto.html>

See the article from the Iranian stooges of U.S. imperialism belonging to the RIM: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/wim/wyl/cryptorcpusairansectiononnuke.html>

Evaluating the success of a rally:

Hands off Cuba and Venezuela!

Washington, DC 20 May 2006

About 500 people held a rally for "Hands off Cuba and Venezuela." Marchers chanted against democracy's being controlled by an elite. There were banners to free native leader Leonard Peltier, free the Cuban Five and for Venezuela's relationship with Iran. We heard a very short pep talk to free Puerto Rico too and there were banners for African Liberation Day, May 25th.

We were happy to attend the rally and oppose Uncle Sam's economic blockade on Cuba and CIA coup attempts against elected bourgeois politician Chavez in Venezuela; even though we do not see Castro or Chavez as models.

The endorsements list had almost as many people as the rally. There seemed to be good cooperation among the participants, mostly Trotskyists. In rough order of numerical significance, there were contingents from Workers World Party, Socialist Workers Party, Freedom Socialist Party, "World Can't Wait" and some more hard-core Trotskyist splinter groups.

The organizers did hard work putting up posters for the rally. The posters and their big black letters were highly visible in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The rally seemed to happen at the right time and place. Trotskyists of various shades had publicized the rally up and down the East Coast, especially at the migrant rallies, in both English and Spanish.

The initial gathering point at Malcolm X Park was close to the heavily Latino and chic Adams-Morgan district. Despite the timing, place and mechanical sociology of the event, organizers must have been disappointed with the turnout.

We say "mechanical sociology" to refer to a common way of thinking in political

activist circles "aiming" at a certain "social base." Evidently, talking about Venezuela does not guarantee a Latino turnout.

There is a lesson that we need to draw out from time to time. We call it "mechanical sociology," because the reasoning is too simple—going straight from point A to point B without struggle. Mechanical sociology lands us in identity politics where the correctness or otherwise of one's politics stems from the individual's ethnic background.

First of all, generalizations about ethnicity are just that—generalizations true at the group level, not the individual level. Secondly, the sociology does not come into play without a struggle.

So for example, had the bourgeois press covered an invasion of Cuba in recent days, we're sure the turnout would have been higher. On the other hand, Uncle Sam's blockade does not register as well in public opinion as war by occupying troops.

Another lesson we can learn from this particular rally is actually quite important but difficult. It has to do with numbers and unity of so-called socialist groups inside u.s. borders.

At this rally Trotskyism and the old "Communist Party USA" united. The Trotskyists allowed the Freedom Socialist Party to speak for example, so there was no attempt to hog the whole rally.

We often hear that the so-called socialist organizations should all unite and then there would be victory for them in the united States. This is not true. The Trotskyist spectrum did unite today, but the result was not earth-shaking. That is how it would be for any unity of "socialists" inside u.s. borders.

When we blame the political leaders for not being able to walk on water, we



A banner at the rally.

engage in a form of historical idealism. Instead, we need to learn when material conditions are to blame for the lack of a movement.

In truth, the bourgeoisie is going to organize most of our socialist revolution in spite of itself. In the Soviet case, the tsar organized the army and then the army fell apart and used its internal organization for revolution. Today, the migrant movement stems from national and religious organization. The migrant movement is not a result of heroic individual communist leadership or even a combination of parties. Such a view that leadership created the migrant movement or lack of a Cuba solidarity movement is idealism—a lack of attachment to reality that hurts our movement.

Even the trade union is not going to play a role in the U.S. revolution, except among migrant workers. What leaders can affect is the direction of a movement, possibly.

Uniting all 500 people today was good

for a rally, but the same unity shows the limits of what uniting the left-wing of white nationalism can accomplish. Numbers are good for self-assurance, but what else could we accomplish with all the people that showed up today is the question that people need to ponder more deeply. The Americans are the last people who should give up scientific struggle for the sake of an easy-going unity. There is not much to gain from an easy-going unity and everything to lose in terms of ideological quality. Comrades who struggle to reach a higher quality of political understanding can still do their "share" of internationalist preparations for a communist future—regardless of what the rest of the u.s. population is doing or what class it comes from.

The Trotskyists worked hard for this event today. People did not turn out to stop the blockade of Cuba or Uncle Sam's interference in Venezuela. Shame on the u.s. population for that.

Minutemen get some recognition in Bush speech

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their Arizona project a year ago, the Minutemen had popular support among Euro-Americans. Some Minutemen were in fact professionalized or disguised neo-Nazis. Most of their members, supporters and fans were not. Liberals still treated the Minutemen as a fringe group located safely outside the mainstream. They had an overly optimistic (utopian ultra-left) view of Euro-Americans. So did phony leftists who reached out to the Minutemen because they thought they all had something in common, which they did: U.S. worker chauvinism and vague opposition to some “bosses” and corporations. They also had in common a desire to defend imperialist living standards and other privileges that are parasitic on Third World people.

The idiotic and reactionary so-called left told Asians, Caribbeans and Latin Americans that the Minutemen weren't so bad and could be dissuaded. The Minutemen are even more indisputably popular and mainstream than before, but today they still prompt quaint calls for “multiracial,” “multiethnic” unity with the majority of whites, rather than a struggle against the white settler labor aristocracy that created the anti-migrant movement, and against white chauvinism and white dominance. The pseudo-leftists expect some kind of white savior, yet even “minorities” in Congress are trying to sound tough on border security — fulfilling a goal of the Minutemen. Not all Minutemen openly called for more immigration restrictions, though that was certainly a subtext. Calling for border security was just a way to get the rest of the population to enforce immigration restrictions, and a way to reinforce the idea that the restrictions, and maybe more like them, were needed.

The Minutemen confused the “best” of the so-called left in the United States, “socialists” who on paper opposed fascism but otherwise had ideological unity with the Minutemen, on questions such as ordinary Americans' living standards. The Minutemen are a movement of the Euro-American working class, showing its true face, and that confuses (or inconveniences) people who believe (or deceptively only want others to believe) that the white working class has a progressive nature. It hardly came as any surprise when Bush courted the Minutemen and reached out to their supporters, just as so-called leftists had done. Last Monday, Bush gave a nod to the very same anti-migrant vigilantes he criticized months ago. As Bush himself suggested, it was what Americans, uncomfortable with the unavoidable sight of massive migrant rights demonstrations, wanted to hear. Bush said, “On the streets

of major cities, crowds have rallied in support of those in our country illegally. At our southern border, others have organized to stop illegal immigrants from coming in. Across the country, Americans are trying to reconcile these contrasting images.” Bush then announced a plan to deploy National Guard troops — military troops — on the border, something that the Minutemen had always demanded. Bush put the Minutemen and their supporters on par with the millions of people who had demonstrated in the streets and rallied for migrants' rights. This was possible because the anti-migrant movement and even the Minutemen had widespread support among ordinary Euro-Americans, who want to have more control over migrant proletarians and prop up the borders that help make U.S. living standards, and the super-exploitation of Third World workers, possible. And many Euro-Americans who say they support migrants refuse to put their money where their mouth is and let the Minutemen speak for them. By referencing the Minutemen, Bush spoke to the reactionary anger of Euro-Americans.

At the same time, the anger has an economic basis in the kinds of jobs Euro-Americans are used to demanding. Here we have many former police and military people taking vigilante action and demanding more jobs for more border guards. This is a perfectly representative reflection of the whole insanity of decaying imperialism: whites are so removed from economic reality that they want jobs producing nothing just to guard the border against people who are doing the farm, manufacturing and transport work of Amerika. According to BBC, 6000 National Guard people will go to the border thanks to Bush's move to appease the labor aristocracy.(2)

Bush's indirect acknowledgment of the Minutemen is not surprising. From early on, many critics of the Minutemen only disagreed with the Minutemen's vigilante tactics and careless rhetoric sometimes bordering on open racism. And other critics only pretended to oppose the Minutemen's ideological positions. Now that the Minutemen have gained respect from the media, they have dropped this pretense. Still others are adjusting their stances due to the popularity of the Minutemen and the popularity of the most repressive proposals to come out of the anti-migrant movement. Emboldened by widespread anti-migrant sentiment, the media has put forward the Minutemen as the American majority's response to migrants' rights demonstrations. According to the white media, the Minutemen are emblematic of angry ordinary Americans, and this is true. The

Minutemen, and their supporters among some imperialists, are a force to be reckoned with by politicians. There is still a rift between Bush and leading anti-migrant advocates, but Bush's Monday Oval Office address illustrates how much the bourgeoisified Euro-American so-called working class is shaping the outcomes of the anti-migrant movement, which it initiated with the help of extremely reactionary imperialists. Although Bush supported a temporary-worker program, Bush's speech reflected the demands of the Euro-American so-called working class. Various things Bush said indicated this, not just his recognition of the Minutemen.

Bush framed the immigration reform debate in a reactionary way, in terms of a tension between the United States' existence as an “immigrant nation,” on the one hand, and lawfulness and security. Bush announced a plan to increase the number of Border Patrol agents, in addition to the temporary deployment of National Guard troops, and supported training and increased funding for local enforcement agencies to assist with enforcement—all a waste of resources that could go to making people better off here and in Mexico. Also, Bush wanted to make it easier to quickly deport any undocumented migrant who is caught, regardless of the distance he or she came from. Bush said additional detention beds and “expedited” legal processing had already helped and said he would ask Congress for more “funding and legal authority.”

Euro-Americans use the idea that they are part of an immigrant nation to justify their presence in and dominance over North America. They pretend to be generous when “welcoming” new migrants. This also makes it seem like Americans deserve their privileges.

If allowing migrants in the United States is just a matter of generosity, then barring them then becomes justified for any number of reasons that Euro-Americans can invent. Implementing immigration restrictions in a more effective way — intensifying the repression of migrants — is also seen as legitimate. By supporting enhanced repression, Bush supported the demands of Euro-American settlers and the settler nation workers in particular.

Bush treated all the causes of migration as external and even said undocumented migration “[brought] crime to our communities.” Actually, the United States is the biggest perpetrator of injustice on the planet. The snooty, hypocritical Euro-American labor aristocracy looks on the world's workers and wimmin with disdain. Bush flattered the Euro-American so-called workers. For example, bringing in Asian and Latino migrants actually

reduces the drug abuse rate in the United States, according to Bush's own statistics, because those two ethnic groups have the lowest drug abuse rates.(3) The reason for that is obvious: the reason again is the decadence of U.S. imperialism that drives people to purposeless jobs like guarding borders and directionless boredom, the longer people stay in the United States and become privileged parasites. This is also another reason MIM supports the nationalism of incoming migrants: they may be able to carry out some economic activity without getting sucked into the U.S. drug culture and then go home.

Bush told Americans to remember that undocumented migrants “work hard” and “support their families” and “lead responsible lives.” This was also a way of pandering to Euro-American so-called workers, who think of themselves as hardworking. In the same sentence, Bush also pandered to the labor aristocracy's fear of crime and nervousness about “external” threats to their white communities and white enclaves, which are based on violence and theft against the world's exploited and oppressed.

Moreover, Bush supported increased enforcement of immigration restrictions. “We will construct high-tech fences in urban corridors, and build new patrol roads and barriers in rural areas. We will employ motion sensors infrared cameras and unmanned aerial vehicles to prevent illegal crossings.” This policy would likely increase the number of migrants' deaths near parts of the border away from urban areas.

Bush later in the week, after his address, expressed support for massively increased border fencing. Some find this remarkable, though Bush has long supported the construction of at least some new fencing. Border barriers versus so-called virtual fences is a debate in which both sides are reactionary. Border fences should not be opposed just to support a virtual fence. High-tech virtual fences are also repressive and partly serve to deflect criticism of border militarization by making it seem less tangible.

On Monday, Bush talked about a middle ground between automatic citizenship and mass deportation. Another middle ground Bush and others are implying is a middle ground between a physical barrier all along the southern border with Mexico, physically dividing it from occupied Mexico, and an invisible barrier with surveillance. The middle ground is a combination of both physical fencing, and aerial and electronic surveillance and more border patrol personnel. All of these supposed middle grounds are openings for increased repression. Furthermore, high-

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MIM Central Committee

A new development in the international communist movement

May 17, 2006

The April 30th 2006 demonstration of former Iranian Marxists outside the United Nations against Iran's uranium enrichment program has been a last straw of sorts in MIM's relationship to the international communist movement. We can no longer abide by the slow pace of developing class consciousness. Seeing former self-described Marxists reduced to such a pitiable state reinforces our determination to keep Marxism-Leninism-Maoism fresh instead of pretending that strategic evaluations never change or that an accumulation of strategic problems since the death of Mao in 1976 could not make a self-described "Marxist" organization become a stooge of imperialism.

It's been 30 years since Mao died, and plenty of big problems have arisen on the boundary between strategy and line. Most damaging are those problems concerning how local comrades implement opposition to U.S. imperialism.

When we at MIM ask ourselves about some chance that Bush will use nuclear warheads on Iran—including new tactical ones the imperialists are claiming—and picturing that and the aftermath, will MIM be able to say it did everything possible to prevent it? When even paleo-conservatives are saying now is the

moment to act against this threat and they are giving us all the inside poop on their former conservative comrades to get this done, can it be said MIM does not have a glimmer of recognition? We also have our former comrades who are not up to the tasks at hand for various reasons. Some have poor leaders. Some may even have geopolitical interests that are somewhat congruent with U.S. imperialism at the moment. And if our reader can picture the use of nuclear weapons by the United States again, then our reader will also know why we have to break at this time with our former comrades—including some parties conducting Peoples' Wars but without an immediate U.S. occupation to contend with.

In the ideal world, the masses doing the most to fight U.S. occupation would have the best Maoist parties leading them. Then there would be no conflict between our goal of opposing the number-one enemy of the world's people and supporting the Peoples' Wars. Alas, the people of Iraq are doing far more to shake the empire than any other armed struggle. Places two through five might very well go to Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Palestine.

Specific calculations causing the appearance of this new line

Overall, MIM finds the likelihood of anti-Islamic war higher than the likelihood

of imperialist occupation of countries of our ex-comrades. The Islamic countries are at this moment tying down more imperialist troops than our ex-comrades are. Some of our ex-comrades have tolerated a party that formed on the basis of opposition to seeing the principal contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed nations. These ex-comrades stupidly tied themselves to a tool of anti-Islamic chauvinism.

Between 1917 and 1923 Lenin and Stalin worked with Sultan-Galiev. Later Sultan-Galiev is reported to have regretted the work and rumors say that Stalin had him shot in 1940. Nonetheless, the period of work with nationalities from 1917 to 1923 and Sultan-Galiev's role in founding the Communist University for the Toilers of the East were very productive. Without that work, we can say there would have been no Soviet Union. It was the fact that Lenin's party was far ahead of the Russian imperialists on the national question and far ahead of imperialism generally on colonialism that brought victory to Lenin, even just in the regions associated with Russian empire historically. Today, we are still talking about roughly the same peoples and their difficulties with imperialism.

We have our doubts that our ex-comrades would be saying and doing the

same things if the United States were occupying them. Without breaking with these ex-comrades, we are not doing them any favors. They pig-headedly refuse to acknowledge Aztlán while recognizing Kanada and this confuses our young comrades, like many other wrong points in the international communist movement. MIM needs to stand up clearly for the Aztlán struggle, including by public criticism of our ex-comrades. This is "for their own good" in the case of the Third World peoples misled by ex-comrades with illusions about the nature of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. If the super-profit gorging parties win the day, it will only mean more Latino troops occupying countries with Peoples' Wars in the future. That will be much more painful than enduring harsh words from MIM right now.

Pragmatism, reciprocity & sectarianism

Over more than the last 15 years, MIM has delivered documents to the world on certain Peoples' Wars. Unknown to most of the world, MIM delivered millions of documents and terabytes of data in support of organizations that never even recognized MIM. We are often called "sectarian" through a misuse of the word. MIM practices "one divides into two," but the last organization in the world to

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tech equipment and systems for border repression come at the expense of super-exploited Third World workers.

The debate over so-called guest-worker programs is also reactionary at this time. Many people are not opposing the overall repression of migrants or even at least calling for a reduction in immigration restrictions. Anti-migrant activists and some labor unions both cite exploitation and abuse of migrants, adverse effects on U.S. workers, and knowledge of braceros' conditions, as reasons to oppose temporary-worker programs. Yet, hardly anyone talks about abuses of migrant workers in current temporary-worker programs. Not only is the imperialist exploitation of workers in the Third World ignored, even when it comes to documented temporary migrant workers already in the United States, these reactionaries aren't seriously interested in opposing exploitation, and when they do talk about abuses of migrants in the temporary-worker programs, they manage to smuggle in the demands of white workers. The "guest worker" debate is primarily a debate among white nationalists who accept the legitimacy of the U.S. imperialist border. Opponents of temporary-worker programs seek to decrease the number of migrants who can enter the United States. They support existing immigration restrictions and additional restrictions. Opposing temporary-worker programs in this context is just another way to repress migrants. American labor unions and

liberals who oppose temporary-worker programs and want to legalize some undocumented migrants are pursuing a strategy of assimilation toward migrants, and they want to maintain their superior economic and political position over migrants. The most liberal pole of the anti-migrant movement just wants to assimilate migrants already in the United States, not decrease immigration restrictions, much less end the repression that makes legal status desirable to some migrants.

Bush said migrants should learn English to assimilate. "English allows newcomers to go from picking crops to opening a grocery from cleaning offices to running offices from a life of low-paying jobs to a diploma, a career, and a home of their own." Contrary to the impression given by CNN's special on undocumented migrants, showing an undocumented migrant in a management position in a restaurant (CNN has broadcast this special repeatedly since fall 2004 to scare the "middle class" and inflame the jealousy of lower-wage white workers), the vast majority of migrant proletarians won't have a bourgeois career even if they learn English. English requirements are discriminatory and will only favor English-speaking European migrants while undermining the economic and social self-determination of Aztlán and helping to discourage migrants from having an identity separate from Euro-Amerikkans. Bush also suggested that willingness to join the Marines was a sign

of assimilation and upheld one injured Latino Marine as an example of migrants whom Americans should welcome.

In the so-called immigration reform debate, the only alternative to temporary-worker programs is an "earned path to citizenship" that excludes millions of temporary migrants. This debate, about how to repress and assimilate migrants efficiently, must be rejected. Legalization takes the form of assimilation and leaving out other migrants, not ending repression. Assimilation is not enough for some reactionaries, though, who accept legalization of more undocumented migrants only if there is more enforcement of immigration restrictions. Farsighted reactionaries realize that legalizing some migrants may get them what they want in the long term: a stop to high levels of migration. Bush reached out to these groups by talking tough on border security.

Bush offers no way out of the repression of migrants and the exploitation of proletarians in migrants' home countries. At the same time, Bush caters to the labor aristocracy, which threatens to continue building relationships with Bush's competitors. The reactionary so-called working class, which the Minutemen represent, exercises considerable influence in this democracy of parasites, oppressors and dominators. Bush will get his temporary-worker program only by pleasing those who want to increase border repression. His Oval Office address and other statements and

actions reflect this. Part of the labor aristocracy even agrees with the temporary-worker program proposal. They are forward-looking and know that having some controllable supply of temporary migrant workers, who wouldn't be permitted to stay in the United States permanently, would be in the economic and political interests of the settler nation labor aristocrat "workers." Migrants are suspicious of the proponents as well as the opponents of temporary-worker programs who oppose open borders and try to stop migrants from taking a path independent of "Americanization" and assimilation into a second-class position in the United States. Neither supporters nor opponents of temporary-worker programs necessarily want to end the repression of migrants. Bush certainly did not support open borders. He only wanted borders to be "open to trade and lawful immigration," a desire consistent with repression against migrants, particularly repression against temporary migrants.

Notes:

1. "Text of Bush's speech on immigration," 15 May 2006. http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2006/05/15/text_of_bushs_speech_on_immigration/
2. "Viewpoints: US illegal immigration," <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4989248.stm>

3. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/minorities/index.html>

GREAT OPPRESSOR CULTURAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION BEGINS

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not a struggle that the proletariat can win inside U.S. borders by itself. In China yes, a struggle like this makes sense. In the United States, we are vastly outnumbered by the kind of yahoos disseminating holocaust revisionism. This is a call for help from the whole world.

Fortunately, in its shifting charges against Churchill, the 125 page report has now provided exactly the basis for opening this struggle to the international level. In one charge brought against Ward Churchill, the Central Counterrevolution Group at the University of Colorado said on page 83 of its tract, that using the number of 400,000 killed by smallpox in Western America 1837-1840 is a "fabrication."

At the heart of the debate is another scholar's work (Thornton) showing a lower number of people killed in one area. The GOCCers say it is a "fabrication" to extrapolate 400,000 dead from whites' spreading smallpox among First Nation peoples in one region 1837-1840, especially since Churchill bases himself in Thornton. Perhaps we should leave the truth out of this and look at what the GOCCers are saying. When we look at what the GOCCers themselves say, it is clearly a matter of extrapolation:

"Explaining that smallpox was said to have been 'brought to the northern plains by a steamboat traveling the Missouri River,' Thornton notes that it 'killed 10,000 American Indians there in but a few weeks. The total numbers of American Indians thought to have died are overwhelming' (pp. 94-5). Thornton then suggests figures for certain of those tribes, including the Mandan and Arikara, which add up to around 17,000-19,000 deaths. He mentions other tribes without providing numbers of deaths: Indians in California, 'many Osage,' the Choctaw, Chicksaw, and other southern tribes, the Kiowa, Apache, Gros Ventre, Winnebago, Comanche, Cayuse, and 'other New Mexico, Canada, and Alaska Indians' (p. 95)."

In other words, Thornton showed that the smallpox quickly killed 10,000 in one place and then spread to others, but look how far spread out those other places are—including Canada for crying out loud. It does not mean Thornton or Churchill showed 400,000 dead, but for Churchill to say 125,000 to 400,000 dead just based on reading Thornton AND knowing the spread of indigenous population at that time is in fact reasonable—certainly nothing worthy of a lynch mob committee. We suspect that the historian in charge of using "historical" "standards" is an authoritarian literalist not accustomed to the field of demography yet. It is a rather poor reflection on the intelligence and reading breadth of the committee.

To achieve a figure of 400,000 dead, there would only have to be 40 towns in three years affected the way Thornton said one town was affected. He mentioned killings of 17,000- 19,000 in

just what he looked at, which is a small portion of what he himself said was affected. Is it really wrong to say looking at Thornton "suggests" much more when Thornton himself said the spread of towns affected was great? Would Thornton have been satisfied if Churchill had said, "basing myself on Thornton, I can't see how less than 125,000 to 400,000 could have died."

Would it really be accurate for Churchill to claim credit for a figure of 400,000 when Thornton has already pointed out that the smallpox spread all over after killing 10,000 people in one place right away? If Churchill had claimed credit for the 400,000 figure, would not these same GOCCers be here saying Churchill "stole" someone else's work? MIM finds this to be a very ambiguous point, not nearly as clear-cut as the GOCCers would like. If Churchill points to Thornton, the GOCCers say he put words in Thornton's mouth. If he did not mention Thornton and given the implication of what the spread of smallpox over such a vast territory at that time could mean, they would have accused him of plagiarism. Crediting Thornton with the ability to extrapolate would seem a proper course.

In any case, MIM is here to say we're willing to trade the firing of Ward Churchill for the firing of all the China scholars who have extrapolated famines in China in Mao's Great Leap on the basis of less evidence. There are published papers extrapolating from deaths in single villages to all of Mao's China. The ratio of one part examination to 20 or 40 parts extrapolation is low compared with what passes in China studies. In comparison what Churchill did with Thornton is small fries. We're willing to make that trade any day, because the GOCCers would

have far more to lose. If extrapolation of deaths is "fabrication," you can kiss most of the U.S. China Studies people goodbye. In fact, for many of the scholars involved, the error is far worse, because the leading GOCC lights in the China field have made decimal point errors regarding the Great Leap without ever correcting them despite this having been pointed out for years at a time. It's not even a question of extrapolating while nitpicking literalist historians look on.

This is what we mean by internationalizing the struggle. These white nationalist chauvinists and pettifoggers want to bring their crude understanding to population issues. We think it stupid, because population extrapolation is in fact important to do. However, since the GOCCers have started the struggle, we don't mind it. If any readers in the world have read an extrapolation of deaths regarding Stalin or Mao by an academic "authority," please bring it to MIM's attention and condemn the GOCC.

Democracy proves that it is no boon to truth in majority oppressor countries. While academic authorities are often wrong, the range of criticisms of Ward Churchill are also wrong in the United States. People funded by government institutions and taking federal grants turn around and attack scholars that criticize the government.

The parallel with the Great Proletariat Cultural Revolution is clear. At that time, rebels were not happy with what had happened in the past 17 years and they started with an attack on academic administrations squelching speech. Here counterrevolutionary rebels are not happy with the history of the United States that Ward Churchill is painting. In both China

and the United States, it was the bourgeois counterrevolutionaries squelching speech during a political opportunity.

In the Cultural Revolution, there was also a right-wing counter-current which sought to back authorities including Deng Xiaoping who ordered students locked into cafeterias during the Cultural Revolution to shut them up. In a period of disorder and political participation, it is very wrong to think that only the proletariat gets its say. Bourgeois authoritarians in China then and white authoritarians now in the United States get their say. Freedom and the egalitarian idea behind democracy that all should participate in politics means some oppressors may get their chance.

The Ward Churchill lynching vindicates MIM's position on the Great Proletariat Cultural Revolution. Not everything bad that happens during a political opportunity can be blamed simply on the idea of political participation. It makes much more sense to look at the class and national interests involved instead of just condemning all political participation. During the Cultural Revolution, countless personal vendettas came to the fore in big-character posters. True. Here in the United States, Charles Brennan of the Rocky Mountain News wrote about Ward Churchill's high school football team, ex-wives etc.(1) The only difference is that in China under Mao, the big character posters would be written by Ward Churchill's football team and there would be no Charles Brennan selling the stories for profit. We think that says it all right there: where do you think the truth is more likely to emerge, in a proletarian cultural revolution or a bourgeois cultural counterrevolution?

Notes: <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1371635/posts>

5 minutes research on Ward Churchill

The Dawes Act, what are the anti-Churchill pinheads talking about?

by First Nations Minister

"pettifogger

n 1: a person (especially a lawyer or politician) who uses unscrupulous or unethical methods [syn: shyster]
2: a disputant who quibbles; someone who raises annoying petty objections [syn: quibbler, caviller, caviler]"

The General Allotment Act (Dawes Act) of 1887 has become a center of contention between Ward Churchill and his critics. On May 16th or 17th, the University of Colorado released its 125 page report on Ward Churchill in which one of the main contentions against him was misrepresentation of the Dawes Act.

Upon release of the lynch mob committee tract, and based on reading that plus professional and less than professional papers on this subject, it seemed to MIM that the likely source of the problem is a conflict between authoritarian literalists and theoreticians. Five minutes research on this subject proved that that would be an overly generous take on the event.

What we thought all along about Ward Churchill's critics was something like this:

"Critic: Duh, I can read, and 'blood quantum' is not in the General Allotment Act.

Churchill theorist: The General Allotment Act established the use of blood quantum in the definition of 'Indian.'"

Upon first reading of the report issued by the Great Oppressor Cultural Counterrevolution Group (GOCC Group) at the University of Colorado, it seemed that our hypothesis was vindicated:

"The Committee concluded that Professor Churchill's descriptions of the General Allotment Act of 1887, while perhaps slightly more accurate than Professor LaVelle credits them with being, are nevertheless literally incorrect."

The GOCCers spread more about Churchill perpetrating a "hoax" on this point. The committee then goes on to say that Churchill has the better of the debate in the long-run.

Here we find it ridiculous that some empiricist literalist reading of history

stands in the way of theory. The General Allotment Act (as the title sounds) is about handing out land. It is therefore an obvious suspect in the political economy behind the creation of relations with the oppressor white nation.

When Ward Churchill says that law established a blood quantum in defining "Indian," he is not just partly correct. He is more correct than literally correct.

The pettifogging report writers point out that a court case (United States v. Rogers, 45 U.S. 567 (1846)), before the Dawes Act also used blood quantum to define "Indian." This is a typical nitpick by the anti-Churchill people, because there is no way that murder cases were going to affect a large number of people or their ethnic definition. The court case is an example in the superstructure of an attitude that Churchill said was there, but it was only an example. To really put the pedal to the metal, we had the Dawes Act systematize a eugenics code. Now there was a path to First Nation people's

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be sectarian is MIM. The proof is that MIM supports organizations that show us no reciprocity.

One reason that MIM tolerated a lack of reciprocity is that we hate the politics of reciprocity that we have seen. There have been too many unprincipled documents signed by too many watery parties that should not claim to be scientific communist parties. Reciprocity takes on a life of its own and people sign things without knowing why. It's much better to have someone chew on the MIM line and not like it than to pretend to digest it and ask for more.

Today, we can say that our comrades in the Peoples' Wars and elsewhere have had adequate exposure to true Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. We know because we have measured the terabytes distributed. We've done too much work in this area to tolerate our ex-comrades' apathetic approach to international class analysis.

Increasingly we believe that with one particular party conducting People's War, pragmatist cynicism by some of its key leaders is standing in the way.

The political line problems rehashed

Regarding the universals of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Lenin and Stalin said Blacks were a nation. Trotsky said they were a race. We've told our comrades this many times. They have not heeded the obvious. Quite the contrary, many still heed the Trotskyist view of Cominterns and uphold parties that are not in step with Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, and never have been.

Khrushchev came to power and Gus Hall dropped the Black nation thesis. Right-hand of Stalin Harry Haywood and others left the party. Not one bit of that is a secret that MIM dug up.

Since then the "Communist Party of the USA" has supported the civil rights movement and the multiracial view of one country flying the stars and stripes. One would have thought that within the universals of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, nothing could be more obvious. Trotsky and Khrushchev are on one side and Lenin, Stalin and MIM on the other side. The sad truth is, no it was not obvious to even our comrades in the Peoples' Wars.

At this time, when the ability to link the Latino struggle to the anti-militarist struggle could be crucial for the whole world, MIM has to ask itself another question: if a Maoist Internationalist Party-Aztlán formed from our young Aztlán comrades, would the Peoples' Wars not facing an immediate u.s. occupation recognize it? The answer again, sadly, is no. Here again the political link is clear. Weakness in the fight regarding Islamic countries fighting U.S. occupation is also weakness in the fight for Aztlán to remove repressive occupation.

Some of our former comrades are in the Third World and have to emphasize that Third World and Fourth World nations have no reason to be in conflict. Conflict among them aids u.s. imperialism. This

is no excuse where Kanada and Aztlán are concerned. Nor is there any "third force" politics where we can stand above both u.s. imperialism and oppressed nations whether they are Islamic-dominated politically or not. The proof again is that Iraq is damaging the imperialist military more than any other country. This all has to do with sharply bringing out the difference between imperialism and oppressed nations.

Some of our former comrades try to tell MIM that Aztlán is only in Marxism-Leninism-Maoism-MIM Thought, not Maoism universally, so we will have to wait till u.s. imperialism falls to recognize Aztlán. In other words, when MIM brings down u.s. imperialism, they will be happy to elevate MIM Thought to a universal aspect of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, and then we can recognize Aztlán on par with Kanada according to these people. Our former comrades want the Martin Luther King line for a multiracial so-called working class within u.s. borders, not national liberation. It's the same old Trotskyist story to wait for the white workers, because revolution is supposedly impossible without them.

Some people will blame me, the International Minister for ever putting up with the backward line from our ex-comrades on how Aztlán supposedly does not exist as a nation deserving its own vanguard party like Kanada. I will try to spin this as best I can: there is some benefit to seeing these questions as specific to MIM Thought, because we are having so many problems with the Wang Ming line internationally. For us to treat questions as more than 50% application is also healthy generally.

The only problem is—the cynical comments about Kanada and Aztlán are not in line with the universal aspects of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. If Blacks are a nation according to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and if Aztlán has a distinct language and a territory derived from Occupied Mexico, then how can we say that Aztlán is not a nation too? MIM has a dilemma here. Throughout the world, the majority of Maoist parties are led by people in their teens and twenties. So we are often at the stage of struggle dealing with the Wang Ming problem. This leads us to emphasize what is MIM Thought, the application of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism for specific conditions. On the other hand, we already have the Black reference point from Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, so it is outrage number one to have anyone say Aztlán is a MIM Thought question alone.

Decisive outrage number two is that these comrades have all recognized a Canadian nation and they have entered into relations with Canadian organizations. Supposedly that is not part of MIM Thought, but Aztlán is.

We just cannot tolerate this. It's chauvinism and neo-colonialism beyond comparison. These other parties and ex-comrades also give ambiguous responses about First Nations of North America, and absolutely none of them give Huey

Newton his due, though at least with Huey Newton, MIM has to acknowledge that intercommunalism is a new development not within prior Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. In a word, much of the opposition to MIM looks like bourgeois nationalism, a failure to divide one into two in the name of appeasing white so-called workers. MIM is just not going to stand for First Nations' and Aztlán's not getting their due as outright nations in the classic Stalin sense.

Since these other parties will not recognize Aztlán, then the super-exploited and exploited of Aztlán deserve to know that the first party in the world to call itself "Maoist" does recognize Aztlán and will not put up with these chauvinists and wannabe compradors passing themselves off as Marxist-Leninist-Maoists anymore. Most of them are just as happy calling themselves "Marxist-Leninist" still in 2006 anyway. We said it in 1983 and we'll say it again now: whatever eclectic mish-mash it is they put together, we are the Maoists.

Application, recalibration & re-summation

By now, MIM is also impatient with some of our Third World comrades, because we know that in their own countries, they describe as urban petty-bourgeoisie a class with a fraction of the living standard of what they are calling "workers" in the imperialist countries. Even in Russia, we know that the civil servant of the petty-bourgeoisie makes less than the garbage collector of Los Angeles. That is even more true in most countries. Because things are incorrectly calibrated by imperialist-country revisionism, most of the world communist movement hews to the mythology of an imperialist-country "working class" that is somehow better paid and owns more assets than the Third World petty-bourgeoisie. We are long past due for a re-calibration on an internationalist basis. The parties we have broken with had their chance to sign our W.E.B. Du Bois declaration and they never did. They have never summed up the international class structure to the level of rational knowledge. Whether the former comrades are incompetent for decades at a time or bought-off hardly matters.

Because from no fault of MIM's some previous revisionist parties told the Third World comrades that imperialist country workers deserve a living standard several times higher than the urban petty-bourgeoisie of the Third World, our Third World comrades continue along the same mistaken lines. It's a problem of internalized chauvinism—an opening to comprador politics. We are not doing the international proletariat any favors by overlooking the problem of wannabe compradors.

The special problem of Peru

MIM was the first organization in the world to call itself "Maoist." At first the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) defined Marxism-Leninism-Maoism in a document where it knew the initiating signatory considered itself "Marxist-

Leninist" in then recently signed documents in Latin America. As it turns out, some other signatories never considered themselves Maoist at all. The PCP eventually raised the question of "Marxism-Leninism-Maoism" and "principally Maoism." However, these comrades suffered CIA infiltration. The Yankee imperialists and Peruvian reaction smashed the PCP with the active aid of a party still tolerated by our former comrades.

For this reason, MIM is going to continue offering PCP documents to the world. When the state smashed the original leadership of the PCP, MIM was already engaged in a serious line struggle with it—all the details of which are still not public. We shall count our struggle with the PCP as prematurely terminated. On the other hand, MIM will no longer recognize any current Peruvians as having continuity with the PCP. It may not be aiding the struggle too much given the Peruvians' struggle's stage of development.

Policy

Henceforth, MIM is going through a re-registration process with all international comrades. We cannot abide by the combination of circumstances we are in. From now on, it's not just a question of what Yankees are doing for the Peoples' Wars. It's also a question of how the Peoples' Wars are supporting Marxism-Leninism-Maoism in the imperialist countries. If they cannot separate from Trotskyism and labor aristocracy politics, they're not going to do anything to help our handfuls of comrades in the imperialist countries stay on the correct road. Tolerating the chauvinism of the First World Trotskyists only increases the opportunities for imperialist aggression.

1. Parties that wish to be regarded as fraternal by MIM are welcome to contact us. Perhaps MIM made a mistake in interpreting other parties' lines. The International Minister does not claim to have made no mistakes and the MIM does not claim to have given the International Ministry enough comrade-time to do a good job.

We will demand reciprocity. Comrades unprepared to recognize Aztlán need not call themselves comrades of ours. Likewise, anyone going to tolerate the Iranian Mujahedin or the RCP=USA need not bother calling themselves comrades of ours. If that is not public, they can forget thinking they are making a contribution to the imperialist country struggle. We can rejoin forces at a later date in history.

2. All organizations that MIM deems not to have met the challenges of this period now find web pages related to their struggle removed from our website.

3. It's not that MIM is going to put up web pages attacking the parties not facing immediate U.S. occupation. If our former comrades would like to criticize us, they may do so. We would rather drop the subject until a more propitious historical moment.

Kurds of PKK now caught in the Mideast chess game

The u.s. occupation of Afghanistan and especially Iraq changed the whole region's geopolitical chess game. On May 5th, according to Iran's government, Turkey announced publicly that it does not differ with Iran on nuclear energy: "Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday, 'Iran and Turkey's viewpoints on nuclear activities are not different.'" (1) Turkey's stance is significant, because the world's imperialist powers are trying to isolate Iran politically to force it to stop its nuclear energy program.

There was no decisive rebuttal from Turkey about Iran's claims. The United States had asked Turkey to honor its previous statements to Uncle Sam about Iran. Thus, Uncle Sam also claimed it had a deal with Turkey. The Asia Times has published an especially insightful article about the imperialist view of the situation. (2) Iran is also courting Turkey by bombing Kurdish people.

With dominant religious sects in Iraq hostile to the united States, the united States is continuing with its policy of playing protector to the Kurds—an on-again-off-again policy since the days of the First Gulf War by Bush Sr., who initially supported the Kurds and then let Saddam Hussein slaughter them at the end of the Gulf War.

The original conflict that needs explanation is the fight by Kurds for their self-determination in a region overlapping Iran, Iraq and Turkey. The Kurdish political leaders of the struggle have included Hoxhates, Maoists, bourgeois

democrats and others. One progressive organization called the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) lost its leader Ocalan to prison in Turkey in 1999 where he faced a potential death penalty. The united States and European Union have pretended to be a restraining force by trying to get Turkey to give Ocalan imprisonment and not death and to work on rights for Kurdish people. Nonetheless, to please Turkey and Iran, the united States has long named the PKK one of the few officially "terrorist" groups in the world. The Amerikan public hears that the PKK might be communist or Middle Eastern, and that riles up u.s. public opinion to support wasteful warmongering and pseudo-security budgets, because there is no real Euro-Amerikan proletariat to think otherwise.

Before the u.s. occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq, Turkey and other u.s. puppet regimes in the region repressed the Kurds. Little known to most people, Turkey also moved in about 250,000 troops into Iraq to fight Kurds in the hills during the u.s. occupation. The united States gave approval to this while also giving approval to Kurdish participation and rights in the colonial Iraq regime. When Kurds inside Iraq's borders feel threatened by Turkey, they have to run to the u.s. puppet in Baghdad, who then makes obligatory noises about Iraq's territorial integrity. This is all fine by u.s. imperialism.

To some extent, the u.s. imperialists try to model Iraq on themselves. Being a liberal democracy however, does not

solve the national question. The Blacks and Kurds are not the same, because to some extent u.s. imperialism succeeds in buying off Blacks into a civil rights framework by re-distributing super-profits. The Black national struggle against u.s. imperialism is most revolutionary. However, the Kurdish national struggle against Turkey, Iraq and Iran is not the same, because those are not imperialist countries. True, Iraq offers oil profits to Kurds, but the occupation of Kirkuk and the oil there serves as a true material basis for Kurdish nationalism, not just a share of oil profits via the civil rights model.

Smaller nations can make the mistake of thinking that all larger nations are oppressor nations. The logic of such thinking is that war must go on until all nations are reduced in population to zero. Armenia's choice to break up the Soviet Union was an example of utter small nation stupidity. Armenia knew it would end up in a hostile situation with Azerbaijan and Turkey; yet it was first in line to break up the Soviet Union. Now Armenia has become a country of refugees blockaded by neighbors. Armenia, Azerbaijan and all the countries of the region have the most to gain from forming a Soviet republic jointly.

Proletarian infighting is common before the proletariat has reached adequate class consciousness. The Europeans of World War I are still the ultimate example. Germany and France were not "oppressor" or "oppressed" nations toward each other in World War I, but

their peoples managed a huge slaughter of each other. Germany and France were both imperialist countries. Kurdistan and Turkey are both oppressed nations that do not control the levers of international finance. Together they share the common interest of freeing themselves from the economic exploitation of the imperialists. However, the peoples of Turkey and Kurdistan do not know it yet, so there is intra-proletarian bloodshed, when the only justified bloodshed in the region is against the imperialists and their lackeys.

It is MIM's analytical opinion that elements of the Turkish military could live without the European Union, seek an Asian orientation and might even be happy taking up a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist line to accomplish it. On the one hand, the Turkish military with ties to the u.s. military can support pretend revolutionaries as with the Iranian Mujahedin. This becomes an extension of neo-conservative U.S. politics and a chess game the proletariat cannot win. On the other hand, if we see any Turkish military leaders calling for and carrying out actual strikes on u.s. military forces, that will be the real deal, potentially the real Maoist. The people attacking u.s. military forces are the real uniters of the region, the real peace-makers. The proof is what happens to countries and regions that allow the united States to play off one people against another.

The Soviet system is ideal for handling imperialists. Only when oppressed peoples recognize each other and unite can they

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internalizing the ideas of the white man, with the backing of land distributed by the white man.

Even worse for our empiricists, such blood quantum reasoning was not used consistently in courts, because jurisdiction in courts depended on other factors in national struggle with the oppressor nation. To this day, some matters for say the Onondaga Nation or Mohawk Nation go to white courts and some are handled within indigenous law. It does not mean that when the question is murder people are no longer "Indians," but when the question is drunken behavior on the street, they are. In contrast, the Dawes Act could have a fairly consistent and observable effect. Churchill correctly emphasized it, while empiricist morons wasted the reading public's time.

The argument of the GOCCers would be like going to France and having a court rule you can't have your U.S. passport back because you don't like McDonalds. Sure, that affects Amerikanness, but it's not going to establish much other than an opinion in one case. Notso for the Dawes Act. Crucially, the Dawes Act intervenes in the self-governance of the First Nations. The impact of the act was widespread and internal to the First Nations themselves and was thus more far-reaching.

We would have thought that this was just another case of people not understanding political economy, how the power of land distribution affects the creation of indigenous pseudo-government. It would be the force of land distribution that taken all the eugenics ideas in the air and made them concrete in puppet tribal governments and relations with Uncle Sam.

In actuality, Ward Churchill's critics are more evil than just willfully ignoring the theoretical mechanism of how white to First Nation relations formed. As it turns out, the University of Colorado GOCCers are also literally wrong in their own pettifogging empiricist way.

The report against Churchill claims:

"The requirement of Indian blood did not originate with either express or implied requirements of the General Allotment Act of 1887, as Professor Churchill claims."

The same anti-Churchill GOCCers say:

"The evidence indicates that during the allotment period, for a brief three-year window from 1917 to 1920, a half-blood quantum test was employed, albeit not for the purpose that Professor Churchill claims."

That's it. So the GOCCers try to support the literalists who say they did not see "blood quantum" in the law. Wow, a computer search did not find the phrase.

Genius.

The claims by the anti-Churchill pettifoggers are wrong as five minutes research easily reveals. Prior to 1917 and easily available on the Internet is a document showing exactly as Churchill said, the Dawes Act and blood quantum. Here it is, and it was long before 1917:

See also, <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/dawes.php>.

If the link is down, try here: <http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/mn/sept112001/dawescard.htm>

Notice a few things in this document. On the far left we see "Dawes" specifically mentioned. After "age" and "sex" we see "blood" clear as day. "IW" stands for intermarried white. Now notice the dates and authorities involved. 1903 is there. So much for claims about 1917. If blood quantum is not involved with the Dawes Act, if the Dawes Act did not actively formalize eugenics thinking, then what is that blood column doing there on the form a few columns after the word "Dawes"? The way to disprove Churchill, and we do think it is important to try, is to go back and find tribes that took rolls like that before the white man. As far as all eugenics histories MIM is aware of, these were all the white man's ideas, not First Nation ideas. The pettifoggers are obscuring the truth.

It's long, long past due for people to recognize that throwing a thousand different charges against Churchill is wrong. He is like the soccer goalie and they keep extending the goal posts. Eventually they extend the goal posts to be on both sides of the field. So David Horowitz says that Churchill is not an authority, because he is not a real "Indian." Other Nazis say blood quantum should be used to separate indigenous people from white people. Then comes the University of Colorado committee and instead of pointing out the many ridiculous charges against Churchill that are wrong, the GOCCers move the goal posts. Now Churchill is not wrong because he's not "Indian": he's wrong because other indigenous people agreed with him and allowed him to ghost write for them. So on the one side, we have most of the oppressor nation public saying he's a "fraud," because he's not an "Indian." Then there is the other side in the University of Colorado bureaucracy, who say, no, no, the real problem is that other indigenous people do agree with him. Supposedly he is simultaneously not real enough and yet real enough that he is guilty of self-citation because some other indigenous people agreed with him so much that they let him publish in their name. It's have-it-both-ways, white nationalist petti-foggery.

Kurds

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drive out their real oppressors. Those who fight the imperialists deserve citizenship in a Soviet-wide system of all the peoples involved.

The conservatives of Turkey will see no reason to go Maoist, if they cannot think into the future. All they see is stability at risk with the rise of a Kurdistan. If conservatives could envision what has happened to Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries destroyed by U.S. divide-and-conquer, they would see that their concerns about stability can only be accomplished by removing the major irritant to the region's peoples, u.s. imperialism. Otherwise, Turkey can end up like the others who fall for U.S. schemes—a wreck of a country begging for more green cards. Turkish conservatives need to realize quickly that being part of a Soviet region can preserve Turkey from the fate of an Iraq or Afghanistan or Armenia.

Turkish conservatives have a class basis for realizing that socialism is the only way out, unlike conservatives in the united States, who have spoils from the whole world. If Turkish conservatives believe their country has accomplishments worth preserving, they should also realize who has the power to degrade Turkey's conditions: it is not really the Kurds or even Kurds plus Armenians.

At the moment, the political pressures the reactionary Turkish compradors face are coming out into the open and revealing why a scenario of Maoist revolution coming from the Turkish people and maybe even the Turkish military is not completely far-fetched. The political forces at work in Turkey are constantly there for revolution, because Turkey and other countries have “no way out” but socialism as Mao said.

Perhaps most astonishing is the hostile tone toward the united States emanating from Turkey in veiled comments—more veiled than Putin's comments about “hungry wolves” at Russia's doors—but nonetheless significant. First puppet Kurds ran tattle-tale to the united States and England about Turkey in northern Iraq. That was to be expected. Next though, Turkey did respond publicly, a few times. MIM is surprised by that. It's an indication of how super-charged the situation is that the united States has unleashed a civil war in Iraq with immediate implications for Turkey and Iran as well. One factor may be that the civilian prime minister Erdogan must contend for influence with his military with its own u.s. ties.

Now Turkey is referring to its long-time Kurdish foes as armed by Iraq, which means of course, armed by the united States. It can even mean armed by Turkey's own military given the links to the united States. Iranian diplomats in Turkey have gone so far as to name details of U.S. military meetings with the PKK.

On May 10th, the Turkish Foreign Ministry had to deny that it had proof of u.s. military meetings with PKK

“terrorists” in Iraq.(3) The open admission that Turkey knows about u.s. meetings with the PKK would be a virtual declaration of war against the united States within the logic of bourgeois diplomacy. Nonetheless, the position Turkey is in right now could hardly be clearer for those who need to learn about divide-and-conquer. The united States created the operating room for the Kurds and also supplied the Kurds and the Turkish military both. Obvious benefactors of supplying both sides of any conflicts are the u.s. arms manufacturers paid for with money from the u.s. exploiter public riled up about communists, Muslims and oppressed peoples. Overall, the fighting among oppressed peoples decreases their ability to run their own economies. This guarantees that Kurds and Turks will both end up cheap labor in Europe and elsewhere.

So here are the Turkish compradors. What they are saying is, “look, Turkey is not part of the EU yet and nor are we the 51st state of the united States yet. So Kurds still count to us.”

When Iran met with Turkey May 5, the response of the U.S. State Department was to remind Turkey of its privilege of being inside Iraq's borders, granted by the united States. Iran likewise sought to curry favor with Turkey by arresting PKK people in Iran and also by bombing those PKK people supposedly along Iran's border with Iraq. (Translate: the Turks and Iranians feel free to attack civilians they think are Kurdish.) Following these moves in synch is Syria.

Thus there is a situation very similar to the one with the Iranian Mujahedin. An organization is on the edge, but the united States names it “terrorist.” However, supposedly “terrorist” PKK is off-the-radar in Amerikan public opinion—the same way the Iranian Mujahedin are except for their recent promotion by the neo-conservatives and the usual State Department lackeys. The united States is not hunting down everyone it calls “terrorist.” Instead, u.s. imperialism plays a geopolitical game.

Playing all its tactical geopolitical, military and oil cards with genius, Iran's otherwise backward regime told Turkey not to side with the united States over Iran's nuclear program, because the united States is allowing PKK infiltration of Turkey. Bombing alleged PKK people is Iran's way of currying Turkey's favor.

MIM's line on oppressed nations is always that they should not fight except against imperialism. Turkey and Iran are not imperialists. They are also oppressed peoples. The united States plays divide-and-conquer. The United States is thus responsible for Iran's bombing of the PKK at the moment.

Once the united States toppled Saddam Hussein and allowed a civil war to develop, it became unpredictable how Iran and Turkey would react. At the moment, they are saying the united States must attack the PKK.(4) On May 12th, Bloomberg financial news took to chiding Turkey about its endangering its EU prospects with the anti-Kurdish

attacks,(5) but that may not mean much if Turkey's own regime feels that it could fall apart, because of spill-over from Iraq's civil war.

In the midst of this, even Iraq's president Talabani expresses his resentment against the transparent operation of Turkish troops inside Iraqi borders. So Iraqi stooges are also pulling for the Kurds in a strange way, as dictated by the united States. On May 11th, both the Foreign Ministry and the Turkish military put out comments about Turkey's defending its own interests without question, and as it sees fit.(6) This is all way-below-the-radar in U.S. public opinion. It will be considered “one more piece of the mess” Americans made in Iraq.

The Turkish regime claims that the PKK “terrorists” are responsible for war that left 30,000 dead in Turkey. If Turkey's regime were in open warfare with the u.s. forces in Iraq, Turkey's credibility would be pretty high right now. If Erdogan ordered his military to attack u.s. interests, Erdogan's credibility would increase.

As it is, the regime in Turkey bolsters its internal nationalist support by swiping at both the Kurds and Americans screwing up bourgeois interests in Iraq at the same time. Estimates of Turkish troops in Iraq range from 200,000 to 290,000, but this is a war that both the united States and Turkey have yet to call a war.

The Kurdish question could end up inflaming Turkey against the West. War against the united States is not hard to see, and the possibility of Maoist revolution in Turkey by an unanticipated route is not far behind.

The credibility of the PKK is also in question at the moment. Accuser Turkey has mixed credentials. Nonetheless, the political logic of the situation is clear. Even if PKK were busy fighting u.s. troops, Iran would have an interest in saying PKK is receiving aid from u.s. troops in order to court Turkey. Among all the actors—Turkey, Iran, the united States and the PKK—the PKK is most likely to be changing the social situation and have a direction forward. However, without attacks on u.s. troops by the PKK, and the obvious possibility of benefits via the united States, PKK endangers its political support in the region. The PKK can become another wannabe comprador organization.

At the moment, MIM sees global communist confusion about who the world's principal enemy is—u.s. imperialism. The confusion stems from the corrupting influence of u.s. power creating wannabe compradors, narrow nationalists and fans of the integrated u.s. labor aristocracy in our ranks.

Geopolitical chess players from oppressed nations who cannot see how they could be painted as stooges of u.s. imperialism are useless to their peoples. As MIM said about bourgeois democratic Kurds before, it is not in the interests of the Kurdish people to cross the other oppressed nations of the region, nations that have super-exploited toilers and

unemployed people with a real interest in fighting u.s. imperialism. Allowing oneself to become a stooge of u.s. imperialism will contribute to long term national friction in the Middle East and Central Asia for economic reasons that do not go away. When the united States gets kicked out of Iraq, there will be popular nationalist legends about how that happened. The Kurds should be a part.

Neighboring Armenia can become a bad example for the region. The youth of Armenia now lives in the suburbs of Los Angeles, thanks to wars, including with Azerbaijan after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The u.s. imperialists and EU could care less if the region falls into massive civil war of sectarian and ethnic strife. It would just mean more refugees and cheap labor to stream into the European Union, in circumstances that most people (even the labor aristocracy of Europe) will regard sympathetically. The combined Turkish and Kurdish moves at the moment are suitable for getting everyone in Turkey EU visas and U.S. green cards.

Far better than Turkey's fighting the Kurds is joining them. It's not just that the lives lost in past struggles will prove futile given what applecarts the united States turns over, but also the kind of infrastructure loss we see in Iraq now with u.s.-instigated wars among Third World peoples. If Turkey wants to end up a bombed out country like Iraq or Afghanistan, then it should continue on its path. True Turkish patriots will see the light on the path of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. The TKP/ML and groups like the PKK light up a road that Turkey can follow together with the Kurdish people.

The theocratic regime in Iran is correct about one thing. The Third World peoples do share a concrete interest in not letting the united States destroy their countries. Iran's offer to Turkey to share nuclear technology is one clear attempt to bring about Third World solidarity against imperialism. Sharing nuclear technology is one sort of solidarity. Another glaring question is the presence of u.s. troops in Iraq, which should spur all exploited and super-exploited people to join together against the principal enemy of the world's people. There are no real Maoists that do not implement a line opposing the world's principal enemy as priority number one.

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Migrant prisoner repression

Greetings revolutionary comrades. Can you send me some MIM Notes? I would like to read about the protest of the migrants and how the imperialist politicians want to pass a law making undocumented immigrants felons.

I was born in Mexico but I've been living in the United States for 30 years. My release date from prison is 2013. I already have an INS hold. So as soon as I finish this prison sentence (17 years) the corrupt LA court gave me, the California prison system will release me to the border pigs. I'm 33 years old and even though I've lived in California all my life, all my family lives in the U.S., and my little daughter was born in CA and lives in LA, I'm still going to get deported.

Yes, we need to overthrow this racist and corrupt political system.

In struggle,

- A California prisoner, May 2006

Institution Fears Ideas

To all my people, the oppressed ones around the globe and to those that find themselves in the same situation as mine.

I want to share these words with those that have faced censorship in the system once our eyes see further than beauty, material thinking and the bondage placed on our eyes by the imperialist society. I'm in the hole, as usual for anybody who has the ability to see something that most people cannot. I've been in the hole for the last year. They said that I'm a "threat to the institution." The funny thing about it is that I have never been incarcerated. The truth is something else, comrades.

All this is happening because of my beliefs. Which makes me wonder this, "If my beliefs don't work why are they so afraid of them?" They know they have lied to the world for many years and they are enjoying their lies. Therefore, they are doing everything to shut up those who are able to see things differently. Remember this, everything has two sides, make sure you know both sides of history. Otherwise you will end up falling on the imperialist side, which is the one causing so much damage around the world because of their ability to obstruct the truth.

Finally, if you are, or have passed through what I am, never give up, because to impede a river of blood we must let a few drops of blood fall to mother earth.

- A Washington Prisoner, April 2006

Conditions at Corcoran SHU

I arrived at Corcoran SHU at the beginning of March. Since my arrival here at the SHU I have observed a lot of corruption by both the guards that run this place and the prison administration.

Our grievance system here is non-existent. Grievances are either lost, ignored, or they meet long delays and bureaucratic red tape. Between the guards and the administration they make sure that grievances do not get addressed.

Without a grievance system that functions, the guards and the administration have a free hand to commit all types of horrendous atrocities. And they do commit these atrocities! The administration retains prisoners in the SHU for made up reasons and they are able to do this since the administration does not have to worry about due process of law.

Guards commit all types of horrendous

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atrocities simply because they are able to do so with a free hand.

Many prisoners try individual hunger strikes or other methods to speak out against these things. I have observed prisoners property being taken, power cut to their TVs, prisoners not being allowed to shower, and prisoner access to the outdoor cages being taken away. This is done without due process of law (like disciplinary reports and hearings).

I, myself have had my mail tampered with, incoming money lost or stolen and my incoming mail has been lost. My TV has been denied to me for erroneous and fabricated reasons, even though I was allowed this TV the last time I was here. All this and I am being denied access to the grievance system.

Corcoran SHU lives up to its reputation as a prison within a prison system. We are still on lockdown virtually 24 hours a day with the only exception being brief times we are let out handcuffed to our walk-alone cages and showers. Every aspect of our lives is controlled, from when the light comes on in the morning to the little bit of property we are allowed in our cells. The system tries to make us into caged animals but we still retain the right to be persons who are humyn.

- a prisoner in California, May 2006

The poetry of Justice

Poetic Justice: a particular turning of unforeseen events that institute perfect justice by circumstances unimaginable and with a concluding poetic flare.

This is how I defined the recent public confession of Congressman Randall - the "Duke" - Cunningham. He was caught accepting bribes in excess of \$2.5 million in taxpayer money from favor-seeking defense contractor lobbyists. The tall, fair-skinned, clean-cut Republican was forced to accept the humiliation of his dishonorable deeds in front of a live and televised audience.

And please don't misconstrue, I do not gloat at the demise of anyone. Being a prisoner myself for the last seventeen years, I wouldn't wish these repressive inhumane circumstances on anyone - especially the thousands of non-violent offenders like Cunningham who are treated no better than the most depraved and wretched.

I even wonder if there's a more feasible way to counter this growing epidemic of incarceration. People like Cunningham could pay society back in much more tangible ways, as opposed to the vain and intangible recompense of merely being able to say, "He got his."

House arrest and long term community service would be a lot more beneficial to everyone. Vindictive imprisonment just sticks it to the taxpayers, twice. Once by his multi-million dollar theft, and then a second time by his costly room and board.

Cunningham's was an irony that just couldn't be ignored. This man, this high-falluten hypocrite, who has a history of being hostile to productive prison programs - like weight training, television and visiting programs - will now languish among the ranks of those once in the crosshairs of his pernicious demagoguery.

Though his privileges will likely be a lot more extensive than your average inmate, he can now lie in one of the cookie-sheet-thin-bunks he helped promote. "Cunningham the crook," as his newly acquired papers are likely to call him, will now have the opportunity to mingle with the many three-strikers, in for life, who stole much less than he during all three of their offenses.

Now he will get a taste of the loneliness so common among other non-violent human beings locked away from their daily-longed-for families.

Yes, it will be poetic justice to set him face-to-face with his real constituents. Those whose lives went by the wayside because of the rapacious policies he supported while abusing the power the people trustingly gave him.

He will see the contrast of the Rolls Royce-driving, mansion-living, yacht-cruising, lifestyle he lived, while a growing number of his constituents predictably sank to a life of theft to survive; while he stole for . . . well, who knows why - go figure!

But there's one good thing he can look forward to following his grand failure: after a long stressful day in his new mundane and insanely regimented surroundings - perhaps working eight-hours a day making license plates or sweeping tiers - he can return to his cell and watch a little news or one of the many educational programs piped in on the televisions he previously tried to legislate away.

Notes: The Chris Matthews Show, NBC, December 3, 2005

- a ca prisoner, April 2006

Corcoran SHU corrupt and cruel

The SHU at Corcoran State prison, guards are so corrupt and scandalous. They put me in the medical and disabled unit where the majority of the men are infected with contagious diseases. This was tacit retaliation against me even though I have never been sick in my life, neither on the streets nor in prison.

The SHU is cruel and unusual punishment. They don't let you use the phone, your mail sometimes doesn't get sent out, and doctors don't know what they are doing and write false reports and give inmates the wrong prescriptions.

Corcoran SHU prison put me at risk around all these contaminating and contagious people. When my neighbor in the next cell flushes his toilet, his toilet paper with feces on it comes out my toilet. When you go to drink, the water coming out of the pipes smells horrible, like a sewer. When I complained about it they didn't do anything about it, they just moved me to another unit with the same problems.

The police here are corrupt and lie and cover-up for one another, making false reports, beating up inmates while inmates are in handcuffs, staging yard fights daily, and cell fights. They are getting away with murder on a regular basis and going home to their families.

When I first arrived at Corcoran SHU I didn't receive a towel. I was using socks to wash and bath myself for two months until another inmate gave me an extra towel he had. The food here is not fresh and the trays they put the food on still have water from somewhere. Every time I eat I always have stomach pains afterwards. The CDC is serving us food not approved by the FDA. And when inspection is done the CDC is told ahead of time so they can put on a facade like everything is alright.

They gave me one thin blanket and no sheets. The cell is freezing in the wintertime, and they pump cold air through the vents.

- a cal prisoner, March 2006

California prisoners lack basic necessities

The prisoners here at Corcoran are deprived of adequate medical and mental health care. The medical policy is that once you turn in a health care service form you are supposed to have a face to face interview with the nurse. But here it takes prisoners 2 to 3 weeks to see a physician. We have mentally ill prisoners

MIM on Prisons & Prisoners

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

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

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

banging and screaming all night because they are not receiving proper mental health care.

The law library is wholly inadequate, they have no paging system, and 10 cages in the law library with 4 buildings of prisoners to service. Most of the time they don't have the law books you need to look up a case, or pages are torn out of it because they do not allow prisoners to copy cases and the prisoner access to the law library is limited. They have one librarian who is inexperienced and most of the time she brings you the wrong law books.

Staff refuse to use the hot cart to heat the prisoner's meals, instead they put sheets over the hot carts so that they do not have to clean it afterwards. Then on linen day we are only able to exchange one sheet.

In March staff deliberately set two prisoners up to assault one another. They let one prisoner out for medical and while he was waiting for escort they let another prisoner of a different race out and then the guard never pressed his alarm. When the escort came they saw the two prisoners and pressed their alarm. They kept fighting so the sergeant ordered the officer in the control to fire the block.

- a ca prisoner, April 2006

NJ Gang Unit Exposed

I am sending you this letter to inform you of the ongoing problems that are occurring and reoccurring in Northern State Prison, Newark, New Jersey.

Northern State Prison is a breeding ground for vicious gang members. Approximately 80% of the general population are gang members with about 15% of those gang members housed in the designated Security Threat Group Management Unit (STGMU) and the STGMU's Segregation Unit.

This prison has several other units designed to house known gang members, but these units are being used to house gang members and "regular population," those who are not affiliated with gangs. The guidelines that were created for gang members are being applied to the regular population.

The administration at NSP, their staff and employees of the Department of Corrections are not safeguarding all rights, privileges and immunities for non-gang members. The administration has knowledge of staff placing non-gang members in areas that are not safe. Those prisoners have been exposed to threats, extortion, mental and physical injuries. The action(s) by this administration has been violating the Fifth, Eighth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments' rights of non-gang members.

The entire administrative staff and the prisoner guards run this prison as if they are gang members themselves, treating every prisoner as if they are all bad people. The lieutenants and sergeants act as tyrants enforcing the COs to run down on the

prisoners with extreme physical force and verbal harassment. There is nothing being done about any of their actions because the Administrator, Mr. Lydell B. Sherrer is too soft and he is not admonishing his staff for their cruel actions.

There is a serious lack of programs in this prison. There is a waiting list dated as far back as 2003 for people wishing to partake in any of these programs. There are prisoners who need to participate in these programs so that they can advance for better status, parole, zero tolerance, etc. Yet we are stagnated from the possibility of progressing. The few programs that we do have are filled to capacity and under staffed.

The recreational activities are the same. I believe that giving more recreational and educational programs would relieve a lot of stress in this environment. There are limited jobs and if you're not a prisoner with status you are subjected to either work in state-use industries or tier sanitation. There are 320 prisoners per housing unit and approximately 275 of those prisoners are tier sanitation workers with only 10 to 15 of those sanitation workers actually working. Now that's a bad deal for the prisoners.

Administration Segregation

The word *segregation* means to separate or isolate from others. How can NSP call their lock up facility *segregation* when no one is isolated from the next person? Except for protective custody (PC), who are not often protected, there are two prisoners per cell. Where is the segregation? There is no such thing as confidentiality. One can not even be examined by the medical staff, when he goes to doctor call, with a hint of confidentiality. Your business will be broadcasted by one of the CO's, who takes all of the prisoner's information, as a form of entertainment. The CO's are constantly taunting the prisoners, exposing certain prisoners' confidentiality for all to hear.

These prisoner guards (COs) refuse to issue soap, toilet paper, telephone, cleaning supplies to clean our cells and sometimes bed linen doesn't get exchanged. It is very unsanitary how the prisoners have to live in this environment. The prisoners are told that they must purchase toilet paper, soap and other hygienic products from the commissary. There are some less fortunate prisoners who are unable to provide basic toiletries for themselves. There is a kitchen right at the base of the unit, yet, when the food reaches the cells it's cold. And there is no access to a law library or legal assistance, it's a poor situation.

There are members of different gangs in Administration Segregation. These persons are known gang members, so instead of

placing these people in the appropriate Gang Segregation Unit (STGMU), these prisoners are forced to lock in cells with gang members of other gangs, thus bringing about mayhem and chaos. These prisoners are allowed recreation twice a week with approximately 14 prisoners per cage. There are rival fights dated 6/14/2005, 6/17/2005 and another date that I can't remember because it was logged in my address book and my book was taken from my cell during cell search. However, on that undated incident a prisoner nearly died (it was that serious). All of these fights were between BLOODS & CRIPS. These fights could have been prevented, but the mind set of these prisoner guards are not concerned with our safety.

As I write this letter, I am putting the safety of my well being on the line because I have written numerous letters to the outside world giving them a view of what's going on inside these prison walls. Most prisoners guards continue to harass me and label me a trouble maker because every chance I get I let the truth be heard.

I pray my words don't fall on deaf ears and that you put this information out for all to acknowledge.

Thank you,

- NJ Prisoner, October 2005

MIM responds: This comrade is correct to stress that the prison administration, as one arm of the imperialist state, is not concerned with prisoners' safety. But rather they pit them against each other as a means of social control. When lumpen organizations engage in anti-people activity and the oppressed fight each other, the imperialists win.

Similarly we can not pit alleged "gang members" against other prisoners. Many oppressed nation youth in u\$ concentration camps are members of street organizations that are engaged in anti-people activity. But amerikans don't differentiate between known gang members and other prisoners. Pretty much everyone in prison is a gang member or hoodlum of some sort as far as they are concerned. Therefore the expectation that some prisoners are treated better than their counterparts that are actually members in these organizations is wishful thinking.

The principal contradiction in the world today is that between the oppressed nations and the oppressor nations. That is why the amerikan oppressor nation is happy to label all oppressed nation youth "gang members." And that is why oppressed nation youth need to build organizations that unite the oppressed against the enemy, u\$ imperialism. What is going on in NSP's STGMU demonstrates the extent to which the state fears this and is trying to prevent such organizing from occurring.

Join the fight against the injustice system

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Facts on U\$ imprisonment

The facts about imprisonment in the United States are that the United States has been the world's leading prison-state per capita for the last 25 years, with a brief exception during Boris Yeltsin's declaration of a state of emergency.(1)

That means that while Reagan was talking about a Soviet "evil empire" he was the head of a state that imprisoned more people per capita. In supposedly "hard-line" Bulgaria of the Soviet bloc of the 1980s, the imprisonment rate was less than half that of the United States.(2,3)

To find a comparison with U.\$ imprisonment of Black people, there is no statistic in any country that compares including apartheid South Africa of the era before Mandela was president. The last situation remotely comparable to the situation today was under Stalin during war time. The majority of prisoners are non-violent offenders(4) and the U.S. Government now holds about a half million more prisoners than China; even though China is four times our population.(5)

The rednecks tell MIM that we live in a "free country." They live in an Orwellian 1984 situation where freedom is imprisonment.

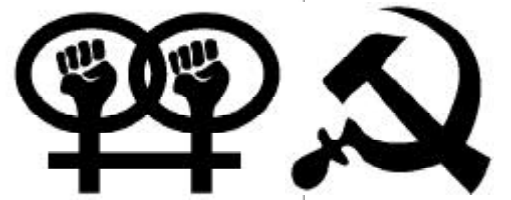
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El grupo anti-imigrante “Minutemen,” amenaza disparar hacia territorio Mexicano

El “North County Times” reporta que “Chase” dijo que en la mañana del Martes, el y un grupo de seguidores comensaran patrullando, y espera que el grupo crezca a 30 para el Sabado.(1) Sin embargo, “NBCSandiego.com” reporta que: “un grupo oficialmente comensara patrullando la frontera este fin de semana y que sus miembros ya están tomando posiciones, reporto NBC 7/93 . . . comensando el Sábado, 100 miembros del grupo se supone que llegaran y comensaran patrullando la frontera evitando que personas entren a los Estados Unidos ilegalmente.”(2) Que raro que el tamaño esperado de “Vigilancia de la frontera de California” se ha sido triplicado en sólo unas horas. Esto es solo algo fingido que Chase ha fabricado, pero sin embargo es peligroso y amenaza envolviéndose bajo el soporte de un vicioso movimiento, para realizar más entensa la represión contra los trabajadores inmigrantes.

Estos vigilantes de la frontera están armados. NBC 7/93 cita al líder de los “Vigilantes Fronterizos,” James Chase decir, el declara “Estoy autorizando la jente hasta que traigan rifles de largo alcance, pero quiero que los dejen en los carros – no los estén apuntando, y no estén señalando con ellos” dice Chase. “Están ahí por si alguien en la distancia de México, disparan contra nosotros, entonces tendremos que suprimir y actuar para poder alejarnos de ellos hacia atras.”(2)

Esto es significativo, que James Chase está preparando para disparar hacia territorio Mexicano, al percibirse que su grupo anti-imigrante “Minutemen” estén

bajo un ataque aun entre distancia. Evidentemente, a su colega vigilante Andy Ramirez, se le ha realizado lo que temia. Ramirez, de “Amigos de la Patrulla fronteriza,” ha dicho y insiste que Chase queria usar francotiradores como una capacidad del según llamado guardia de la frontera.(3)

Hasta algunos colaboradores del anti-imigrante “Minutemen,” que forman diferentes grupos, temen un incidente internacional en la frontera que puede complicar y hacer más difícil el que se lleve a cabo la política anti-imigrante de los imperialistas. Sin embargo, agents de la Patrulla Fronteriza (Border Patrol), y ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos, han asesinado ciudadanos Mexicanos, dicen (alegan) los inmigrantes indocumentados si suceder controversia internacional – a lo menos, no en el lado imperialista estadounidense de la frontera. En el pasado, el gobierno Mexicano empleo abogados buscando resolución por daños causados por los vigilantes Amerikkkanos en la frontera. En Mayo del 2000, el Ministro Mexicano, Rosario Green, y la Estadounidense y Secretaria del Estado, Madeline Albright, juntos dieron un informe en el cual condenaban a los rancheros vigilantes en la frontera.(5) Pero al mismo tiempo, hacian un llamado los dos gobiernos de los dos países para aumentar oficialmente las patrullas en la

frontera.

Agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza han disparado contra los inmigrantes por sentirse amenazados – esa es la excusa de ellos. Mientras que solamente se han realizado unas pocas investigaciones, asesinatos de inmigrantes en las manos de vigilantes y otros no han sido aun investigados. La diferencia, actualmente es que recientemente existen muchos más reportajes de reporteros sobre los vigilantes en la frontera y son cubiertos por los noticieros. En los proximos meses que vienen, la muerte de un inmigrante por un vigilante podría resultar en el remplazo de los vigilantes, con agents de la Patrulla Fronteriza – en efecto, cumpliendo unos de los objetivos del grupo anti-imigrante Minutemen. La fuerte posibilidad que esto puede suceder, debe recordarnos a nosotros que los vigilantes solo son una manifestación anti-imigrante estetica y dura, basado en el claro racismo y chovinismo blanco.

Los minutemen de James Chase, ya están en Campo, se ha reportado, pero los activistas de Derechos Humanos y

Inmigrantes están organizando una protesta tambien en campo contra los Minutemen, este fin de semana.

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¿Que es el MIM?

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

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

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