



We mourn those who died in attacks on the World Trade Center. *We strengthen our resolve to cast off war-hungry capitalism!*

Sep 11, 2001 — The Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) joins people around the world in mourning the civilians killed today in attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Their deaths are as lamentable and were as preventable as the deaths of millions of children who die every year of starvation and disease, victims of militarism and imperialism.

These attacks could not have been prevented by beefing up the Amerikan military and espionage apparatus any more than it already has been. Nor can future deadly attacks be prevented by carrying out reprisal bombings, assassinating putative “terrorists,” invading so-called “rogue states,” or cracking down on civil rights at home. President Bush’s tired old idea of “peace through strength” is bankrupt. In all history, one country has been more powerful than others. That has never stopped war from happening.

These attacks did not happen because former President Clinton was “soft” and “dismantled America’s military,” as the quasi-fascist yahoos are already yalping. Clinton’s international military policy was very aggressive, bombing water-treatment plants in Iraq, aspirin factories in Sudan, bridges in Yugoslavia, and sending troops across the globe, from Albania to Somalia — actions which increased international anger against the united States. Republicans even made Clinton’s “activist” military policies an issue in the last election.

Both Democrats and Republicans represent a class of people that profits from world war. Therefore they are afraid to work aggressively for long-range peace. Technical, military approaches to peace and security are doomed to fail. It’s time to break with old thinking to get at the root causes of humyn conflict — production for profit, the class system, conflicts over land etc. These can only be addressed by communism, as difficult as it will be to achieve.

In immediate response to the attack, President George Bush said “freedom was attacked this morning, and freedom will be defended.” Yet the united States has run roughshod over the freedom of peoples worldwide for well over 100 years. It carried out a genocidal war in the Philippines at the end of the 19th century. It backed an Indonesian coup which killed ca. one million in the middle of the twentieth century. Its futile aggression in southeast Asia — carried out in the name of “peace” and “freedom” — killed more than three million.

Even today, the united States backs sanctions against Iraq which have killed perhaps millions of children. It supplies and tacitly supports Israeli incursions into Palestinian territory, such as the bombing of a refugee camp outside Jenin yesterday. It bombs countries who refuse to toe the u.\$ line. It supports low-intensity warfare to keep corrupt and brutal regimes in power, from Columbia to the Philippines to Turkey. Military “accidents” — from the bombing of the Chinese embassy to the sinking of the Ehime Maru — are regular occurrences.

Violence reaches home for Amerikans: What caused it?

World Trade Center, Pentagon blown up

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The United States Government sacrificed thousands of its citizens today through its unwillingness to support serious steps toward global peace and economic harmony. After the hijacking and crashing of four jetliners and the collapse of the World Trade Center towers on September 11, the U.S. Government could only ask “who?”

The United States has accumulated so many serious enemies that it was difficult to answer “who did it?” The Taliban ruling in Afghanistan supposedly giving sanctuary to Osama Bin Laden, who the United States Government has done so much to vilify, issued a statement condemning the bombings and expressing sympathy for the United States. Likewise, various Palestinian leaders also denied responsibility.(1)

“Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned the attack, saying he ‘sent his condolences and those of the Palestinian people to Bush and the American people.’”(2)

On the street, the first persyn MIM overheard discussing the bombing was a Black womyn who was talking about the possibility that Israel did it. The conclusion would be that Israel organized the attacks to consolidate U.\$ public opinion against the Palestinians.

In any case, the fact that there are so many possible threats in the world is something that should tell the leaders of the United States that problems have reached well-beyond the point where they can be managed by keeping track of various peoples and groups. U.\$ leaders have failed miserably with their arrogant superpower attitude that denies the simple fact that in this modern world almost anyone can kill anyone with high-tech weapons.

Countless commentators focussed on “security” as if it were possible to stop high-tech weapon use, bribery or mistakes with “security.” With so many plane crashes and explosions, Amerikans should learn the lesson that tighter “security” cannot solve the

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problem. There will always be fancier weapons that can be hidden in ever fancier ways as long as there is war and someone who can make a profit from making ever more high-tech weapons. The idea that these explosions can be blamed on security guards in Newark, Boston and Washington Dulles airports is ludicrous.

The U.S. people must also learn their lesson, because as Karl Marx said, people only obtain the leaders that they deserve. While the last presidential election hinged on Monica Lewinsky and George Bush's supposed amiability as someone "to drink a beer with," the U.S. Government kept up a grinding war against peoples all over the world. The U.S. people have treated politics as a joke, the whole time that multi-billion dollar U.S.-sponsored wars are going on all around the world and people starve to death in eight digit figures annually. The complacency of the American public reached such a low that NakedNews.com arose and surpassed the major mainstream news outlets in the 18-34 male demographic group by using nude news announcers. It is precisely the people of the United States who as part of the world's superpower must be most relentless in the pursuit of global peace, and not get sidetracked with comfortable and arrogant attitudes.

Pearl Harbor comparison

European Union (EU) External Relations Commissioner Chris Patten, Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and television announcers compared the attack to Pearl Harbor. In this way, these people denounce the attackers while playing the role of innocent and peaceful victims. However, if the attackers were motivated by the events in the Middle East, the U.S. people have no business pretending they have been neutral, uninvolved or peaceful. The United States has aided Israel with billions in military aid each year. The latest poll in the United States shows that 41% supported Israel and 14% supported the Palestinian side of the conflict there. Since 1988, polls show that support for the Palestinians never reached 20%.⁽³⁾ Meanwhile, as the recent UN Conference on racism showed, it is the United States and Israel almost alone in the world who support their own die-hard racism, including the official and open racism of the Zionist entity known as Israel. As flames and smoke billowed from the Pentagon where a whole side of the building collapsed, it became clear that whoever the attackers were, they had a very, very clear sense of enemy. They attacked the seat of wealth and the seat of military power. With the Pennsylvania crash seen as an attempted attack on "Camp David" where numerous Mideast and other "peace" talks have been held and the bombing of the State Department, the attackers made it clear that they were not aiming at killing ordinary Americans and that they had a clear sense of who is responsible for what in the United States. [Mainstream news outlets have fallen silent over their reporting regarding Camp David and especially the State Department car bombing since this article was written. As usual, they do not leave a clear written record of corrections and instead delete old articles from their web pages.]

Communism the only real answer

The world is too small and the weapons are too high-tech for there to be any real solution other than communism. Even the

capture of Osama Bin Laden or others would do nothing to alter the fact that the targets attacked today are carrying out multi-billion dollar wars angering millions of people all over the planet. The time has long since passed when the humyn species can afford such an approach to international relations. The longer the U.S. people blame some security guards, make villains out of a handful of people like Osama Bin Laden and talk about "giving up freedoms" to have safety, the more violence will go on, just as it already does go on in the Middle East and the Third World. Achieving communism will be very difficult, but much less difficult than enduring this kind of grinding daily violence which threatens the whole species.

Notes:

1. <http://www.cnn.com/2001/WORLD/asiapcf/central/09/11/afghan.taliban/index.html>
2. <http://www.cnn.com/2001/WORLD/europe/09/11/trade.centre.reaction/>
3. <http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2001/02/2001-02-06-poll.htm>

We mourn...

The list of crimes is practically without limit.

We cannot blame the oppressed for attacking the u.s. military and the institutions of American imperialism, any more than we can blame George Washington for attacking the British, or Nat Turner for attacking slaveholders, or Mao Zedong for attacking the Japanese invaders. Instead, we should work toward a world with the causes of war removed. Public opinion polls show that Americans already know that. It is time that they act. They must act ferociously as never before in history, because tolerating even a slight but constant cause of war may mean the end of the humyn species. The Middle East alone and its economic conflicts are reason enough for a global dictatorship of the proletariat.

Even a one percent annual chance of nuclear or biological war destruction caused by capitalist aggressiveness or "greed" as the people call it should not be tolerated by the proletariat. That's like playing Russian Roulette with 100 chambers and one bullet. After 50 turns the chance of survival is only 60.5%. In other words, a seemingly small one percent annual chance of world war means eventual doom. After 100 years or turns of Russian Roulette, the chances of survival are only 36.6%. After 200 years, survival has only a 13.4% chance.

For the sake of the millions of victims of capitalism and imperialism, for the sake of the future generations of the humyn species, we must sweep away this vile, oppressive, warlike system!

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