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Dear Students! You Are Not Criminals! Advice from a Prisoner

by a Texas prisoner
June 2024

I want to begin this writing by expressing sincere solidarity to the surge of student activism in support of the Palestinian people and against American and Israeli militarism and imperialism. If I could tell the students who're facing or will face charges in the empire's courts, I would tell them to keep in constant memory that no matter what they, the empire, says or does you are not a criminal. I would tell them to be careful to remember the righteousness of our cause and to remember that they are not alone.

In every mass movement and organization there are varying levels of socio-political consciousness and radicalism. Those who are neophytes to the struggle should pay careful attention to the machinations of the institutions of the empire. One's experiences with the empire's institutions usually increase one's level of radicalism and consciousness. While we enter struggle usually because of various sympathies we hold, we continue and elevate our activism usually because we realize that our theories and sympathies only barely touched the surface of the ugliness of the empire.

Allow the experience you will have going through the motions of the empire's institutional shuffles to harden you, to motivate you. Understand that your sacri-



...fices are worth it, and that while we face certain levels of sacrifices, the people who've inspired us so much, the people whose stiff resistance is the reason I am even writing this missive, those people are making sacrifices and facing down levels of repression that most humans will never know. Be proud of the trials the oppressors put you through, and also be vigilant in order to learn lessons to apply to your future work in the struggle.

Advice for those inside facing charges for fighting for Palestine, my best advice would be to not let the repression stop you from organizing in furthering the cause. Continue your work on the inside. My experience on the inside in recent months is that there are a lot of patriotic, Americanized prisoners. More than we often realize. And they are louder than those of us who support the self-determination of Palestine, and the divestment of American institutions from Israel. Your voice, your commitment is needed just as much inside as it is outside. Captivity is not the time for self-defeat. The struggle must continue.

Palestine's struggle has and is being analyzed in various ways. But for the record the Palestinian struggle is a nationalist, anti-colonial struggle. There are many connections to other nationalist, anti-neocolonial struggles within the United States. In North America the empire has succeeded in stamping out the struggle, the culture, and much of the existence of the Indigenous people, New Afrikan people, Chican@ People, and Puerto Rican people. They have already done to us what Israel is attempting to do to Palestine now. America looks different and is softer with

its policies of social control only because they're further along in their experiment of empire building and settler-colonialism. As a captive New Afrikan revolutionary nationalist I am extremely proud of, and inspired by, the Palestinian struggle for national independence. Their struggle provides a measuring stick to other nationalist movements. I hope we take note and begin to organize more in earnest.

Because there are many students who've been drawn into this movement by the extremes of the Palestinian situation, some may not be aware that there are revolutionary nationalist movements here in their backyards itching to mobilize enough people to raise the level of contradiction to the point that the Palestinian struggle is already at. Because there are connections between these nationalist movements we hope that you will be able to identify them and connect yourselves to these revolutionary nationalist struggles. In our effort to smash the tentacles of American militarism and imperialism in Palestine and elsewhere, we have to raise our level of struggle here. We have to raise our capacity here within the nationalist movements, and I believe the student movement is a key part of doing that. As such the best we in the prison movement and those of you in the student movement can do is to build connections with each other, help each other, and help the world's oppressed and exploited people.

I hope this letter is received well, and that you, the reader continue to struggle ceaselessly until victory is won. ■

**From The River To THE SEA,
Free The Land!**

We Salute the Students, Arrested or Not!

by Republic of Aztlán
May 2024

The student encampments that were attacked by the state and their goons were a glimmer of hope that the youth here in these false U.S. borders hold on to their humanity in the face of repression. Standing up for the national liberation of Palestine, putting their freedom and their lives on

the line so that the Israeli settler colonialists stop the attacks on Palestine.

Chican@s stand with Palestine because we are also colonized by imperialists. The Chican@ nation stands with the students who dare to struggle. Imprisoned Aztlán awaits our student allies in the concentration

Our Student Movement Can Do Better

by a comrade
June 2024

The student movement for a free Palestine must correct the following errors: capitulation, the First World obsession with "mutual aid", refusal to learn from history, blind fumbling in the interest of "doing something", hastiness to condemn (rather than critique) the struggle here and abroad, surface level third-worldism as a justification for inaction, and the fetish for determining who's making "real communist revolution" in place of a dialectical-materialist analysis of history.

1: The Liberal Trend, The Capitulationists, The Refusal to Stand IN OPPOSITION to Empire

The first trend I will critique consists of centering one's own pro-Palestine political action around things that in fact stop short of anything that aids the fight for a free Palestine and an end to Israel. People following this trend do not fight for things such as divestment from (or destruction of) weapons manufacturers or rejecting politicians who support Israel in words, policy, or money. Rather, these people and groups focus on things such as organizing donations for individual Palestinian families, securing scholarships for Palestinian refugees and diaspora, or, in a more specific and truly condemnable example, the schools who capitulated and abandoned their encampment for paltry promises such as a

house for Arab and Muslim students.

People rush to defend these forms of "resistance" with "we're centering Palestinian voices", while not recognizing that none of the things they're fighting for (NGO-style refugee aid, more Palestinian-diaspora petty-bourgeois in elite ideological institutions of the American state) are in any way actually opposed to the American empire or contribute in any way to a future in which Palestine and its people are free from Israeli and American aggression. We saw the protests in 2020 end in symbolic gains that were not in any way contradictory to the U.S. empire, nor did they bring true freedom from the brutality of the cops in the ghetto. Today, this trend threatens an unpleasant end for the currently-still-radical Palestinian liberation movement — a ceasefire on Israel's terms, maybe two states, more scholarships for the Palestinians who survived and were wealthy enough to get to the United States, and everyone who was uncomfortable chanting anything besides "ceasefire now" (the big brother of "defund the police") gets to feel good about "playing their part".

In the past, people have been harsh on MIM(Prisons) for refusing to capitulate to accepting any concessions for the First World that come at the expense of the Third World, or even concessions that don't necessarily

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We have a moral obligation to stand against the genocide in Palestine. We are obligated as conscious people to stand with oppressed people always. ■

Power to the people!



MAOIST INTERNATIONALIST MINISTRY OF PRISONS

What is Under Lock & Key?

Under Lock & Key (ULK) is the voice of the anti-imperialist movement within prisons in the United States. It serves as a forum to develop and promote agitational campaigns led by MIM(Prisons) and United Struggle from Within (USW). It is a free newsletter for prisoners in the United States, edited and published by MIM(Prisons). It is mostly written and illustrated by USW and United Front for Peace in Prisons comrades behind bars.

Fighting the injustice system is just one part of the anti-imperialist struggle, and it is important that comrades do not lose sight of the connections to the larger battle. We welcome support and collaboration from those who are focused only on prison issues, but we also challenge them to see the importance of carrying out their work as part of a larger anti-imperialist strategy.

Our current battles in the United States are legally permitted. We encourage prisoners to join these battles while explicitly discouraging them from engaging in any violence or illegal acts. MIM(Prisons) and its publications explicitly oppose the use of armed struggle at this time in the imperialist countries (including the United States).

What is United Struggle from Within?

United Struggle from Within (USW) is a MIM(Prisons)-led mass organization for former and current U.S. prisoners. USW is explicitly anti-imperialist in leading campaigns on behalf of U.S. prisoners in alliance with national liberation struggles in the United States and around the world. USW won't champion struggles which are not in the interests of the international proletariat. It will also not choose one nation's struggles over other oppressed nations' struggles. USW should work independently, but under the guidance of MIM(Prisons), to build public opinion and independent institutions of the oppressed in order to obtain state power independent of imperialism. Members don't have to agree with MIM(Prisons)'s six cardinal points, but they can't consciously disagree with any of them. See page 12 for campaign info.

What is Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support?

Launched in 2020, Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support (AIPS) is a MIM(Prisons)-led mass organization for those on the outside who want to support anti-imperialist prisoner organizing. Specifically, AIPS members and chapters will provide support for existing MIM(Prisons)/USW projects and help develop and support local campaigns to meet the needs of organizers inside.

What is MIM(Prisons)?

The Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons, or MIM(Prisons), is a cell of revolutionaries serving the oppressed masses inside U.S. prisons. We uphold the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and work from the vantage point of the Third World proletariat.

Imperialism is the number one enemy of the majority of the world's people; we cannot achieve our goal of ending all oppression without overthrowing imperialism. History has shown that the imperialists will wage war before they will allow an end to oppression.

As revolutionary internationalists, we support the self-determination of all nations and peoples. We support nations which choose to delink from the imperialist economy, including the right of the internal semi-colonies to secede from the United States. Today, the U.S. prison system is a major part of the imperialist state used to prevent the self-determination of oppressed nations. It is for this reason that we see prisoners in this country as being at the forefront of any anti-imperialist and revolutionary movement.

While our organization focuses on prisoner support, we believe that there is a

dire need for Maoists to do organizing and educational work in many areas in the United States. We hope people are inspired by our example around prisons and apply it to their own work to create more Maoist cells and broaden the Maoist movement behind enemy lines.

MIM(Prisons) expresses general unity with all other groups and outbreaks against imperialism; mass movements against oppression have as many forms as forms of power. In this spirit, we insist on telling the uncompromised truth and discussing and criticizing the strategy and tactics of any given action. MIM(Prisons) encourages everyone, communist or not, to be involved in the struggle against imperialism. MIM(Prisons) distinguishes itself from other groups on the six points below. We consider other organizations actively upholding these points to be fraternal.

1. Communism is our goal. Communism is a society where no group has power over any other group.

2. Dictatorship of the proletariat is necessary. In a dictatorship of the proletariat the formerly exploited majority dictates to the minority (who promoted exploitation) how society is to be run. In the case of imperialist nations, a Joint Dictatorship of the Proletariat of the Oppressed Nations (JDPON) must play this role where there is no internal proletariat or significant mass base that favors communism.

3. We promote a united front with all who oppose imperialism. The road to the JDPON over the imperialist nations involves uniting all who can be united against imperialism. We cannot fight imperialism and fight others who are engaged in life-and-death conflicts with imperialism at the same time. Even imperialist nation classes can be allies in the united front under certain conditions.

4. A parasitic class dominates the first World countries. As Marx, Engels and Lenin formulated and MIM Thought has expanded through materialist analysis, imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new sector of the petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy; they are not a vehicle for Maoism. Those who work in the economic interests of the First World labor aristocracy form the mass base for imperialism's tightening death-grip on the Third World.

5. New bourgeoisies will form under socialism. Mao led the charge to expose the bourgeoisie that developed within the communist party in the Soviet Union and the campaign to bombard the headquarters in his own country of China. Those experiences demonstrated the necessity of continuous revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The class struggle does not end until the state has been abolished and communism is reached.

6. The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China was the furthest advancement toward communism in history. We uphold the Soviet Union until the death of Stalin in 1953, followed by the People's Republic of China through 1976, as the best examples of modern socialism in practice. The arrest of the "Gang of Four" in China and the rise of Khrushchev in the Soviet Union marked the restoration of capitalism in those countries. Other experiments in developing socialism in the 20th century failed to surpass the Soviet model (i.e. Albania), or worse, stayed within the capitalist mode of production, generally due to a failure to break with the Theory of Productive Forces.

On Prisons & Prisoners

MIM(Prisons) seeks to build public opinion against America's criminal 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 – roam free. Imperialism is not opposed to murder or theft. It only insists that these crimes be committed in the interest 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(Prisons) 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.

Free Political Books for Prisoners

Our Free Political Books for Prisoners Program is a Serve the People (STP) program founded on the model of the Black Panther Party's Breakfast for Schoolchildren and other STP programs, and on the basis of Mao's emphasis that communists should serve the people in everything we do. The purpose of the Free Books for Prisoners program is to help prisoners turn their time under lock and key into a time to develop their politics and build with us toward the beginnings of a more just and productive society. We collect and send out political, legal and historical books primarily (we also have some dictionaries and other reference items that are useful for writers and jailhouse lawyers). The materials we distribute are selected to help people study the conditions under which they are living and to turn their knowledge into political organizing.

We know that many of our subscribers lack financial resources, and this should not be a barrier to education. Because our purpose is to organize, we expect that comrades will exchange work for the books we send. You should write articles for ULK, create revolutionary art, form study groups with other comrades and work through the study group to educate and organize, share our literature and expand our mailing list, lead campaigns against local examples of oppression, or come up with other ways to contribute to the struggle. If you can afford to send donations, and if your facility rules allow, sending us stamps is the best way to donate. We can always use them to get you more books or to help other comrades who cannot afford to pay for their books.

We can send you a list of specific titles that we currently have available, but it is better to request general topic areas or include substitutions because our stock is constantly changing. The literature list also lists prices for the books we send in if you want to purchase them, but again, lack of funds will not keep you from getting literature, but lack of political work will. We ask you to help us build MIM(Prisons) and United Struggle from Within through your own work in exchange for the books. If you would like to receive books from MIM(Prisons)'s Free Books for Prisoners program, please let us know the subject areas you are interested in, and the work you are doing in exchange.

Fight Censorship

Under Lock & Key, *MIM Theory*, study materials, letters, and even books like dictionaries have been censored by the state. If your MIM(Prisons) correspondence is censored, the first thing you need to know is that you are not alone in struggling to get your mail and reading materials. You will need to be prepared to do the work yourself (making copies of rejection notices, filing grievances, sending copies of these documents to us), but we can send instructions on how to do this. In some cases, we can support your appeals with letters of our own.

These are some basic steps we recommend to everyone in prison:

1. Find out now what the prison rules

say about your right to receive mail and reading materials. You should read this policy carefully and get a copy for your file if possible. You can also send us copies of the rules to post on our website as a resource for the public.

2. Find out what the prison's implementation of these policies is like. Many times the policy looks reasonable on paper, but the prison staff behaves totally out of line. Ask around.

3. To keep our correspondence going, write to us every 6 months. If you're writing us regularly and are not getting any mail from us, there's a problem with your mail delivery. Do not assume we are ignoring you.

4. If your correspondence with us is censored, it is very important that you keep copies of all the paperwork, (rejection notices, grievances, etc.) and send us copies of these as well. Often this is the only way we find out that our mail has been censored. Once we know of the censorship, we can work with you to fight it.

Spread ULK

Let others read the literature we send you. Talk to potential comrades about our politics and work, and have them write in to get put on our mailing list. Our subscribers (you) play a vital role in the growth of our mailing list. Remember, a subscription is free to U.S. prisoners!

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Your address: Please send us as detailed an address as possible, including your full legal name, prison and unit name, prison ID #, street address and P.O. Box, city, state, and 9-digit zip code. Please check with the mailroom to make sure you have the correct information.

Releases: Let us know if you are looking at a (possible) release date in the next two years. We recently beefed up our release support, and it includes a lot of set-up while you're still locked up. Also let us know your expected address post-release if you have one. Even if it is only the address of a relative who you think will be in the same place for a while, this could be the difference between losing contact and staying in touch and politically active after you are released.

Your personal papers: Do not send us legal papers that pertain to your case unless you have checked with us first. In general, we cannot do anything with your legal papers as we do not have the resources to get involved in individuals' cases. We also cannot return them to you. Rather than focus on only your case, we strongly encourage comrades to write articles about the political implications of their situation, and work on cases that will positively impact the ability for prisoners to organize against imperialism and capitalism.

Please do not send us your only copies of artwork, articles or other writings unless you are certain that you will not need them in the future. Comrades have requested that we make copies of their work and send these copies back. Doing this takes up time and money that would otherwise go to filling book requests, fighting censorship and answering letters.

Other Resources

PARC provides a free resource guide for prisoners. Tell them you heard about them from MIM(Prisons):
Prison Activist Resource Center
PO Box 70447 Oakland, CA 94612

Inside Books Project sends free books and a resource guide to prisoners in Texas. Inside Books Projects, 3106 E. 14 1/2 Street

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United front for Peace in Prisons - Statement of Principles

The basis of any real unity comes from an agreement on certain key ideas. This statement does not grant authority to any party over any other party. We are mutually accountable to each other to uphold these points in order to remain active participants in this united front.

PEACE: WE organize to end the needless conflicts and violence within the U.S. prison environment. The oppressors use divide and conquer strategies so that we fight each other instead of them. We will stand together and defend ourselves from oppression.

UNITY: WE strive to unite with those facing the same struggles as us for our common interests. To maintain unity we have to keep an open line of networking and communication, and ensure we address any situation with true facts. This is needed because of how the pigs utilize tactics such as rumors, snitches and fake communications to divide and keep division among the oppressed. The pigs see the end of their control within our unity.

GROWTH: WE recognize the importance of education and freedom to grow in order to build real unity. We support members within our organization who leave and embrace other political organizations and concepts that are within the anti-imperialist struggle. Everyone should get in where they fit in. Similarly, we recognize the right of comrades to leave our organization if we fail to live up to the principles and purpose of the United Front for Peace in Prisons.

INTERNATIONALISM: WE struggle for the liberation of all oppressed people. While we are often referred to as "minorities" in this country, and we often find those who are in the same boat as us opposing us, our confidence in achieving our mission comes from our unity with all oppressed nations who represent the vast majority globally. We cannot liberate ourselves when participating in the oppression of other nations.

INDEPENDENCE: WE build our own institutions and programs independent of the United States government and all its branches, right down to the local police, because this system does not serve us. By developing independent power through these institutions we do not need to compromise our goals.

How to join the United Front?

- Study and uphold the five principles above.

- Send your organization's name and a statement of unity to MIM(Prisons). Your statement can explain what the united front principles mean to your organization, how they relate to your work, why they are important, etc.

- Develop peace and unity between factions where you are at on the basis of opposing oppression of all prisoners and oppressed people in general. Campaign around the September 9 Day of Peace and Solidarity.

- Send reports on your progress to Under Lock & Key. Did you develop a peace treaty or protocol that is working? Send it in for others to study. Is your unity based on actions? Send us reports on the organizing you are doing.

- Keep educating your members. The more educated your members are, the more unity you can develop, and the stronger your organization can become. Unity comes from the inside out. By uniting internally, we can better unite with others as well. Contact MIM(Prisons) if you need additional materials to educate your members in history, politics and economics.

Free Your Voice! Student Activism in Baltimore Shows the Way



by Triumphant of United Struggle from Within
May 2024

They say the best way to hide something is to put it in plain sight. Student-led activism in the majority New Afrikan populated area of South Baltimore has rendered this old saying no longer true. For about ninety years corporate coal companies and the city government have allowed and perpetuated landfills, and literal mountains of coal being piled up in plain sight in residential areas, and even directly behind rec centers with playgrounds and children.

For the last 100 years, coal has been brought into the port city of Baltimore by the freight transportation company CSX. In data derived from 2021, it was found that CSX transported more than 8 million tons of coal into South Baltimore, where the coal is then transported all over the world. Freight trains coming through the Baltimore transport terminal with coal on them spill black coal dust throughout South Baltimore and pollute the air.

Pollution is so outrageous in this predominately New Afrikan community that the number one cause of death is respiratory related issues. The death rate from respiratory disease in South Baltimore is more than twice the rate for Baltimore as a whole. Respiratory disease is killing more people in this section of the city than diabetes, drugs, or gun violence. A staggering 90% of youth from the area suffer from different degrees of asthma, which has been causing chronic death.

What is by now very obvious to anyone is that coal and other pollutants should not be in residential areas, but the fact that they are and have been so carelessly handled for generations now, in a predominately New Afrikan section of a predominantly New Afrikan city, illustrates major contradictions of the national oppression of so-called Black people, and Our neo-colonial relationship to the empire and certain classes within Our collective body-politic.

It is under this back drop that a youth organization was founded in 2011 at the local Benjamin Franklin High School, called Free Your Voice. In 2011 the Free Your Voice student-activists were fighting, and eventually defeated an effort to build a waste incinerator in South Baltimore. The incinerator would've burned tons of trash and waste, and released pollution, as well as converted electricity from the burned waste.

Today, Free Your Voice is still active and continues to replenish its pool of student-activists. Now however, the struggle with CSX and city and state officials is much more daunting. Free Your Voice and supporters from the community and local colleges have set out to get the state's envi-

ronmental regulators to deny CSX's operations permit on the transport terminal and pay residents of South Baltimore reparations for generations of 'environmental racism' (Genocide).

These efforts have been hampered by what some deem as betrayal by the first 'Black' top environmental regulator in Maryland and her declaration that she and her agency know it's coal and coal dust found on streets and public areas but can not act without actual proof of the identity of the substance.

Laws against air pollution are written so that oppressed and vulnerable masses of people are at severe disadvantage and would in most circumstances be dependent upon state agencies, who are in cahoots with big industrialists, to gather and test substances in question. People have to prove they've been or are being poisoned by specific substances before regulators can take action.

Students from Free Your Voice along with local college volunteers spent the summer of 2023 collecting and testing particles of dust found in the S. B-More area. They have and continue to go door-to-door spreading the findings of their research with the general community. Thus far, although the terminal has not been shut down and the mountains of coal still reside behind rec centers and playgrounds, Free Your Voice has achieved quantitative victories.

The student-activists' work thus far has:

- (1) Made it harder for city officials, state politicians, and local residents to ignore their oppression;
- (2) They've won over neighbors to their work, elevated consciousness around air pollution and the complicity of the occupying government in environmental destruction;
- (3) They've garnered meetings with state regulators, and the fact that the head of the environmental regulation agency in Maryland is a 'Black' female, has elevated the class consciousness and the reality of the New Afrikan National neo-colonial status;
- (4) The aspirations of their movement have risen. From slight reforms like covering or pouring water on coal mountains in the ghetto, to now, aspiring to remove or shut down the train terminal.

The continuing work of Our young people is not only there to be acknowledged and supported, but more importantly in the long run there are lessons to be learned from this particular student movement. I'll touch on some of them briefly here.

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ULK 86: Updates & Elections

by ULK Editor of MIM(Prisons)
August 2024

We just wrapped up our Fourth of You-Lie annual fundraiser. The results so far aren't great. We've only received about a third of the number of donations we got from comrades inside for all of 2023, and less than a third in the amount received. That means we need to get twice as many donations in the next 6 months as we got in the first 6 months of this year to maintain where we were. And ideally, we want to be increasing the percent of funding that comes from donations from prisoners. The amount of donations we receive from prisoners is one way we measure mass support for our work and whether we should keep doing it.

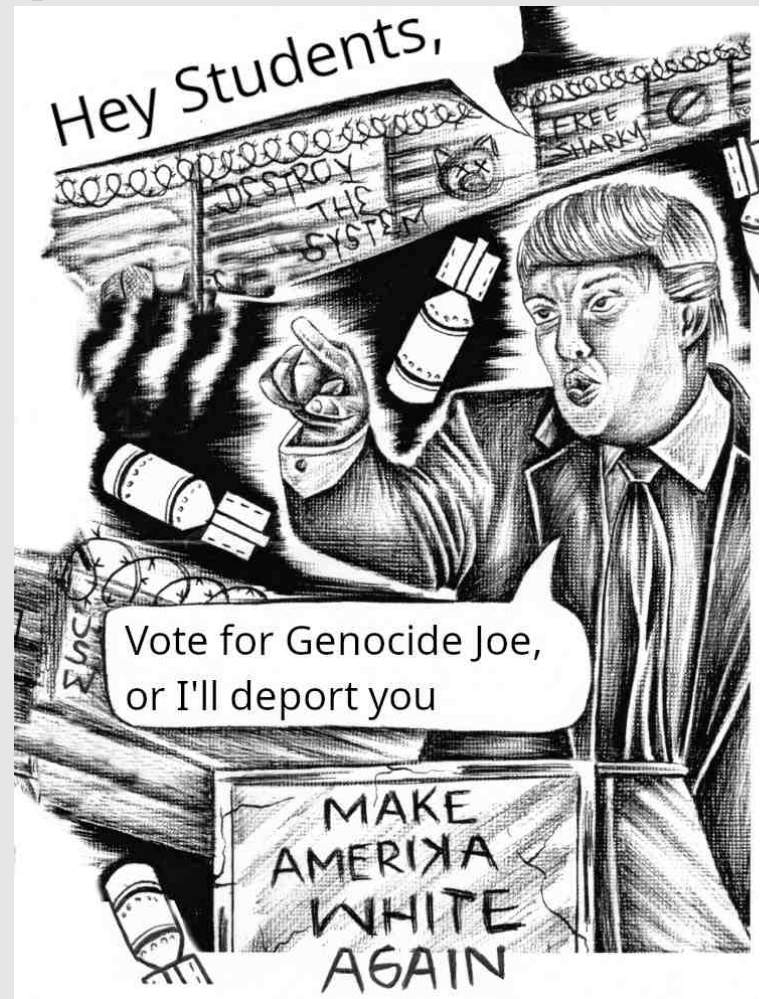
Our education programs continue to develop. We've mailed out the first group response to our University of Maoist Thought study group on the *Collected Works of the Black Liberation Army*. We've completed an update to our study guide for *The Fundamentals of Political Economy*, a must-read text. Comrades on the outside also completed a study of *MIM Theory 14: United Front* that is reflected in the content of this issue. We will likely continue this theme in *ULK 87*, looking at the united front in Palestine more and printing your reports on building united front for the September 9th Day of Peace and Solidarity.

We are also entering Black August as this issue hits the cell blocks. And soon after that, the September 9th Day of Peace and Solidarity. Besides the Runaway Slaves Coalition statement (see: "Runaway Slaves Coalition Joins UFPP, But We Can't Certify Them" on page 7) on the United Front for Peace in Prisons, we did not get any submissions on these topics. But as always we have our September 9th Organizing Pack that prisoners can request to get more information on the history of this day, and countless books and pamphlets on the Black liberation struggle that you can get from our Free Books to Prisoners Program in exchange for political work.

The week of December 6-13 has been marked as a week of solidarity by Jailhouse Lawyers Speak. Over the years comrades have suggested a boycott of any activities that financially benefit the prison system. This is the tactic being implemented in December, with the campaign focusing on ending prison slavery and overall abolition of prisons in general. Our next issue will be out in early November. So if you are organizing for this week of solidarity, send in art or articles to share for *ULK 87*.

This issue features content produced by United Struggle from Within comrades as part of our campaign to connect the prison struggle to the student movement for Palestine. Some of these materials were also used in a pamphlet put together and distributed on the streets, to get these messages into the hands of students and outside supporters.

As we finalize the content for this issue, reports are coming in of the disproportionate deaths of prisoners in the recent heat waves. Prisoners and prisons are being excluded from new worker protection laws dealing with



heat. This June was the hottest on record. And yet the imperialists still aren't getting serious about reducing CO2 emissions to slow global warming. We welcome your reports on heat and climate change, especially organizing efforts and how to build a united front around these campaigns, for the next issue of *ULK*.

Amerikan Elections

Finally, I thought we should say a few words on the upcoming U.S. presidential election. For those that don't know, our slogan is, "Don't Vote, Organize!" We aren't too interested in who becomes president because there is no anti-imperialist option.

As has become the trend, the Democratic Party wing have been campaigning hard to "stop fascism". Our line has not changed since 2016, when we argued that Trump was not instituting fascism (see: "What is Fascism? Analyzing Trump Scientifically" from *ULK 53*) as president then either. But that does not mean we should not be vigilantly looking for the emergence of fascism and opportunities to combat it.

Comrades in Texas have reported on lumpen gangs being used by the state as enforcers in Coffield Unit (see: "Criminal Gangs Controlling Mail and Punishing Grievors in TX" from *ULK 77*) and Allred Unit (see: "Attention Joe Biden: Texas Prisons Are a Mess" from *ULK 85*). Another reader in Allred more recently reported on staff using drugs to bribe prisoners has continued:

"The prison administration here at Allred Unit have been getting away with killing prisoners for so long with the help of these so-called gang members that they fear not the possibility of accountability."

The use of gangs to police prisoners is not new in Texas history. However, in the past this role was filled by the euro-Amerikan prisoners who enjoyed privileges in exchange for enforcing discipline on the oppressed nation prisoners (see Robert T. Chase's book *We Are Not Slaves*). While we have

written extensively on the revolutionary potential of the First World lumpen, and even lumpen organizations, these organizations also have this reactionary potential, making them an unreliable ally of the proletariat.

In fact, it is quite damning that these L.O.s are consciously working for the imperialists to violently repress other oppressed nationals. We address this further in this issue with the ongoing campaign (and debate) around "Stop Collaborating!" Of course we see the same thing in Third World countries around the world where the imperialist have built death squads by bribing various lumpen and military men. And we do recognize such death squads as a form of exported fascism with no real base in the Third World itself.

Here in the heart of empire it is more typical to see the euro-Amerikan petty bourgeoisie play the role of fascist foot soldiers. We saw a glimpse of this in the attacks of bands of young white men on the UCLA encampment for Palestine as cops idly stood by. And we've seen it in various street clashes over the last decade with groups like the Proud Boys attacking radical left demonstrators or gender-non-conforming events.

But these remain fringe events. While Trump represents a certain heightening of contradictions in this country, the U.S. state is still very stable. No one can become president of the United States without support from the imperialists. The current support of the ultra-rich for another Trump presidency has been pinned largely on the possibility of Trump era tax cuts expiring if Biden wins a second term. So this is hardly a sign of the imperialists recognizing the need for a strong man to move this country into a more authoritarian direction. On the contrary, it is a sign of a further eating away at the stability of the United States by undercutting state funding through neo-Liberalism. Yes, the contradictions are heightening, no it is not time to join in united front with Joe Biden. ■

Occupation of West Bank since Operation Al Aqsa Flood — Settler Panic, Part 1

by a comrade of Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support
July 2024

In the West Bank, I\$rael has killed at least 502 Palestinians since 7 October 2023, the day Operation Al Aqsa Flood commenced by the Palestinian resistance. At least 4,950 people were injured, 3,985 people were displaced, 8,088 people were arrested and 648 structures were demolished.(1) All of this is not even mentioning the recent declaration by I\$raeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich that 800 hectares (1,977 acres) in occupied West Bank are now state land for I\$raeli settlements.(2) As we know, the I\$raeli war has focused on Gaza, where official estimates put the death toll at 38,000, while public health experts estimate that number could be as high as 186,000.(2.5)

These figures alone are abstract, so to paint a better picture of accounts from those living in the West Bank now, contextualizing history and statistics will be provided. It is estimated that 3.25 million people live in the West Bank, meaning that just from the above statistics 0.54% (17525 affected / 3.25 million population) of people were directly affected with countless more affected indirectly from the intensified settler terror in just 6-7 months. The amount of deaths has been three times as high as 2022 already. The lack of infrastructure to collect accurate data also makes this statistic likely an underestimate of the severity, with it only getting worse on the ground as we speak.

The aim of this article is to historicize the initial I\$raeli response in the West Bank to the Al Aqsa Flood before the prisoner exchange and temporary "end" (which was constantly violated by I\$rael) of hostilities in Gaza. It will be the first part of a series of articles that cover the occupation of the West Bank. Together, Gaza and the West Bank make up the "occupied territories" of Palestine that have not yet been seized by I\$rael.

Operation Al Aqsa Flood, settlers panic in West Bank

The very existence of settlers are premised on the displacement of the native people and colonial

occupation of entire nations or sections of nations. This is on top of the exploitation of land and labor of the colonized to feed an ever-growing parasitic strata. The I\$raeli colonial projects on the border of Gaza were challenged on October 7th, with resistance seizing their land back from the settlers by force. The sense of control from having some of the best surveillance methods and technologies in the world, while being backed by the most powerful imperialist power, was shattered. The carefully crafted methods to maintain and further colonization to feed I\$raeli settlers while helping their Amerikan overseers to pacify the entire region under its boot was challenged. The I\$raeli project floats on nothing, it produces nothing for the world beyond feeding the hunger of settlers and their imperialist allies off the backs of the colonized. Desperately, it sought to reduce its reliance on those it displaced and colonized, knowing full well what that'd mean. I\$rael sought out Third World labor, begged for a share of profits from its imperialist overseers and tried to become more "self-sufficient". Ultimately it failed in its endeavors, finding itself reliant on imperialist backers to sustain itself against militant resistance from all sides. Once that runs dry, I\$rael is doomed and its dream will be ruined, with a victory for the resistance and the liberation of Palestine!

On 11 October 2023, a lock down on West Bank was declared, shutting down more than 500 checkpoints and the only major international border crossing, which is with Jordan, at Allenby Bridge.(3) The I\$raeli settlers were faced with a war on two fronts, resorting to extreme measures in fear of losing control of their occupation. Their fears were further confirmed with the death of General Leon Bar, a senior officer of the West Bank Division of the I\$raeli Offensive Forces (IOF) on 12 October 2023.(4) Alarms were set off in both "Beitar Illit", near Bethlehem, and "Ma'ale Efraim", near Ramallah, due to fears of resistance infiltration on 13 October 2023. On the same day, raids were conducted in Nablus, Aqabat, Jaber camp, Areeha, and Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem. The IOF be-

Palestine is Life, Israel is Death!

by Communist Party of Aztlán
May 2024

The recent Zionist attacks on Rafah signaled to the world that the imperialists are in lock step as they cut a hideous path of genocide through Palestine. U.S. imperialism has given the nod and wink to forge ahead as we all watch, as we all mourn.

The imperialists have circled the wagons despite the world responding in disgust. The people should also come together, all sectors here in the internal semi-colonies also known as the United Snakes.

Of special interest is two sectors who defy the pull of capitalist bribes. This defiance arrives from different paths and yet our party feels they are both anti-imperialist in nature. These sectors in the United States are the

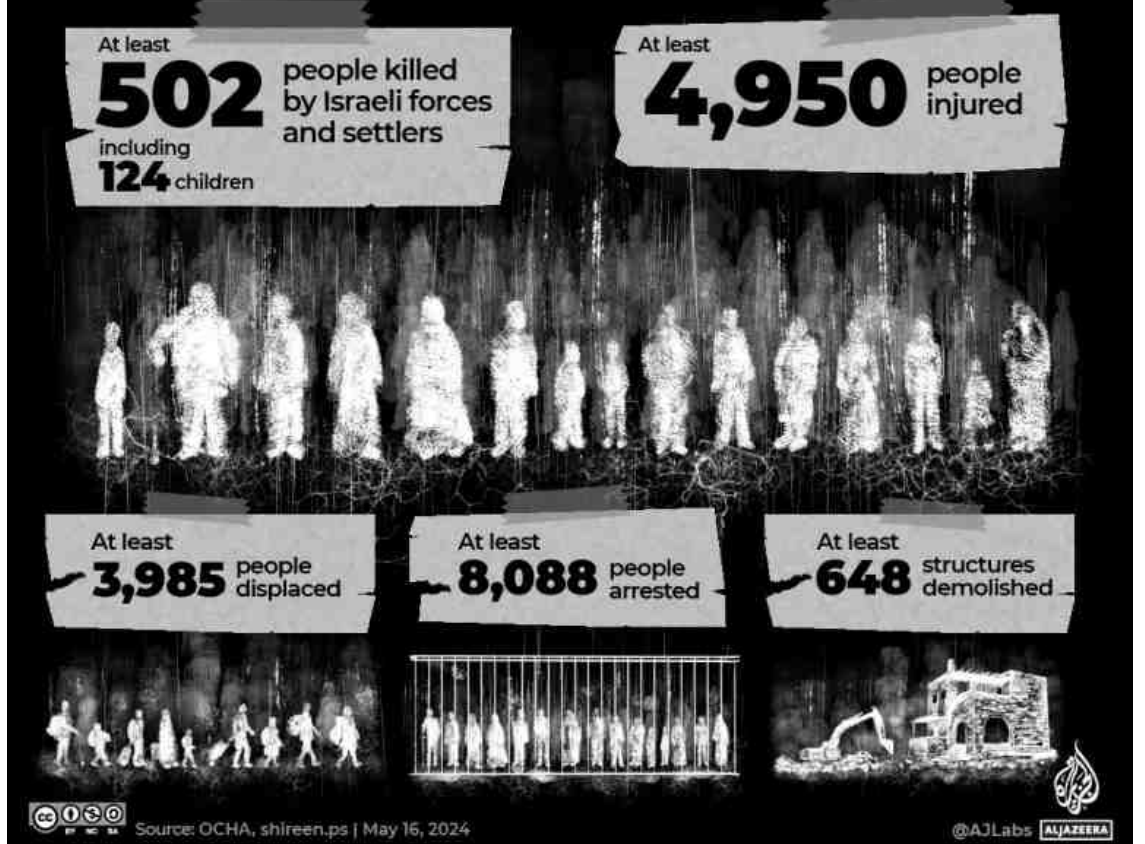
prison movement — made up of prisoners, former prisoners and outside supporters, and the other sector being the student movement — being the students on school campuses across the country.

These two sectors have the least to lose and the most to win when it comes to revolution. Both bring that passion and fire needed to ignite the flame of real resistance and thus should find ways to resist in tandem.

A free Palestine, like a free Aztlán, will only happen when anti-imperialism is exercised in a united front between all oppressed and allies. The world sees that Palestine is deserving of peace, for it is life while Israel signifies death! ■

At least 500 Palestinians killed in the occupied West Bank

between October 7, 2023 and May 16, 2024



gan an invasion of the city of Nablus and clashes continued in Jenin as resistance fighters confronted the invasion. Hamas's brigades, the Izz al Din al-Qassem Brigades, were one of the known resistance factions who fended off the IOF invasion, while also fighting in the Ain Al-Sultan and Aqabat Jabr camps in Areeha.(5)

As of October 14th, 842 acts of resistance were carried out in the West Bank in just a week. Of those confirmed, there were 241 shooting operations, 30 qualitative operations, one settlement infiltration, 570 confrontations in various forms, and 98 demonstrations and marches. Twenty two IOF injures were confirmed, a number were killed, and there were 56 martyrs on the side of the resistance. The confrontations took place in 254 areas, including Nablus (45), Al-Quds (38), Ramallah (38), Al-Khalil (33), Jenin (27), Tulkarem (19), Bethlehem (17), Qalqilya (13), Areeha (11), Salfit (9), and Tubas(4).(6) Just a week since Operation Al Aqsa Flood, the resistance was stiff against I\$raeli attempts to subdue the West Bank under its grasp. A resistance to settler-colonialism and national oppression within the United States must adopt similar discipline, rejecting integration for self-determination for oppressed nations in solidarity with the struggle against imperialism across the world.

The resistance in the West Bank continued, with the al-Nasser Salah al-Deen Brigades, which are the military wing of Popular Resistance Committees, targeting the Belt Furik checkpoint and the IOF post established on "Mount Gerizim" on 15 October 2023. The IOF by this time had abducted more than 500 in the West Bank and Al-Quds.(7) On 17 October 2023, protestors in the occupied West Bank demanded the fall of president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, a neocolonial puppet entity ruling over West Bank. The response was repression, with tear gas and stun grenades used to disperse the protestors.(8) Amidst the protests, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, which are military wing of Fatah, were able to

successfully target zionist occupation checkpoints and clashed with them on the same day.(9)

Sheikh Hassan Yousef, co-founder of Hamas, was abducted by the IOF in his home in Ramallah after giving a speech there on 18 October 2023. This was part of a larger campaign of abductions by the IOF which expanded that day.(10) Confrontations further escalated within the West Bank, with a victory for the resistance occurring with the Saraya Al-Quds, which is the militant wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), part of the Tulkarm Brigade carried out numerous strikes, offensive operations, ambushes, explosive detonations, and ambush executions. It was a 28 hour battle, which led to the IOF completely withdrawing from the Nour Shams camp.(11) The cowardly settlers retaliated the next day at the Al-Ansar mosque, believing that Hamas and PIJ used it as a headquarters. This resulted in the death of two, and the arrest of dozens who were suspected to work with the Jenin Brigade or other resistance groups.(12) On the same day, Zionist special forces stormed the Askar camp in Nablus, clashing with the resistance.(13) Just four days later, on 26 October 2023, the IOF carried out a massive arrest campaign across the West Bank with armed clashes breaking out.(14) This precludes the rise of resistance in the West Bank the next day, with violent confrontation in the Al-Aroub camp, against the "Nitzani Oz" checkpoint, the "Dotan" checkpoint, Jabal Al-Tur and Abu Dis on 27 October 2023.(15)

I\$raeli invasion of Gaza, settler counter-offensive

The invasion of Gaza officially began on 28 October 2023. On this day, many cities in the West Bank went on strike in support of the resistance in Gaza.(16) A specialized hospital in Nablus was targeted in the West Bank due to the IOF's suspicion of the resistance groups there.(17) On 2 November 2023, armed clashes broke out across various cities in the West Bank following a wide campaign of arrests.(18) On 4 November 2023, the resistant youth in the West Bank threw

Molotov cocktails at settlers' vehicles near Marda and at zionist forces in Al-Aroub camp. In addition, they threw stones at settlers near Hizma and Route 443. (19) The important part to note here is the role of the youth and how a large section of the Palestinian people under 18. The resistance's mobilization of the youth to fight is important to learn from, especially in contexts of settler-colonialism and national oppression, for application to the United States. The Black Panthers were mostly teenagers.

The armed clashes continued between resistance fighters and zionist forces in Qalqilya, following raids on cities and a large campaign of abductions.(20) The Lion's Den, a Palestinian resistance group in the West Bank, claimed responsibility for conducting shooting operations near "Itamar" which was successful on 8 November 2023.(21) In Jenin, a day afterward, the Al-Qassam fighters and all resistance formations in the Jenin camp engaged in armed clashes with the IOF. Reinforcements were sent toward the Balata camp by the IOF after the resistance discovered a special zionist force. In the end, the battle resulted in a victory for the resistance after two hours, with the IOF withdrawing without being able to abduct resistance fighters or occupy the area.(22) The Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades, militant wing of the PFLP, were able to target the occupation forces in Jenin with explosive devices on 11 November 2023. The same day, resistance fighters open fired on the "Belt Hefer" settlement and "Nitzanei Oz" checkpoint in Tulkarem. It ended successfully, with a safe return for the resistance forces and heavy damage to the targeted areas.(23)

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, part of the Tulkarem Brigade, announced a general mobilization in the West Bank and Al-Quds on 12 November 2023.(24) The Al-Qassam Brigades — West Bank, announced responsibility for storming the Tunnel Checkpoint in the south of occupied Al-Quds in the morning. Here the resistance was

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Amerika Greenlights Genocide

by Communist Party of Aztlan
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Israel's war on Palestine is without a doubt a genocide.

There has been a groundswell of support from people around the world that conclude that the settler state of Israel needs to be brought to justice and that Amerika has given the "green-light" for the genocide to ensue.

At a recent protest over Israel bombing an Iranian consulate in Syria, killing several Iranian military intelligence personnel, Hamas responded with a statement saying among other things that Amerika has given the green

light for this bombing by not denouncing it. We would agree and go further by stating that Amerika has green-lit genocide since it first arrived here in Turtle Island over 500 years ago.

It strikes us as odd that the world is shocked about Amerika standing by in the face of the genocide happening to Palestine when Chican@s, First Nations, and New Afrikans know first hand that the United States is not only a client but a pathfinder in the realm of genocidal settlerism. We should remember it was Amerika who inspired the likes of Hitler in honing his genocidal craft, an evaluation of evidence supports our point.

In the mire of the oppression being rained down on Palestine, especially with Israel assassinating those it has targeted even in other countries — or in embassies! — we just glean what lessons are available as the world gets a bold example of what colonization looks like today.

If we are in fact at the conclu-

sion that Amerika — who gives Israel billions in aid each year — is giving a wink and a nod to assassinating government officials of sovereign countries, it poses the question: how might revolutionaries here in the imperialist center of the world prepare and respond?

We should start by understanding that in today's world genocide arrives via stages of development by the imperialist agencies. These stages are 1) Intelligence. 2) Analysis. 3) Logistics and 4) Operations. What we are seeing happen is war plans, whether we are talking about the streets of Gaza or the barrios of Califaztlan it all starts with intel.

The oppressor nation identifies its threats and its assets — on the ground or online. Because we are in the stage of building public opinion here in the United States we can be vulnerable to data mining that is employed by agencies globally. Search bots that are known as "spiders" search the internet 24/7 mining through open source material and all public

records to find any links to revolutionary data, i.e. people, groups or theory. They snatch everything: Facebook posts, chat rooms, blogs, news stories, financial records, visa applications, etc... which can all be harvested quickly on a daily basis, programs like starlight or spire can then sift, cross reference and separate non-essential material while then targeting links that lead back to intended targeted people or groups within the movement. In this way the state is able to closely monitor not only a movement's vanguard but anything that metastasizes out of the movement as well, that is everything in its realm of influence. Once data is compromised with the help of programs like Analyst Notebook, it reveals the internal structure of an organization and its international links as well. All of this intel helps the oppressor nation develop its genocidal programs which not only furthers its own interests but the interests of its allies like the settler state of Israel.

Here in the occupied territories that some call Amerika, the

internal semi-colonies have long known about Amerika's stance on genocide. Chican@s and other oppressed nations who languish in the prisons, in the control units, and on Death Row overstand that Amerika green-lights genocide. The Brown and Black people, gunned down every day by Amerikan police know this as well. The Chican@ nation and other oppressed know because our land and resources are occupied and controlled by the capitalists who neutralize us when we threaten the occupation. ■

End The Genocide!

STRUGGLE DON'T STOP

by SKS Heruglyphx of United Struggle from Within
May 2024

Don't stop the struggle, the Zionist needs being exposed, and toppled.

Keep the pressure on, keep the flags flying, camps open, don't stop the struggle.

Our backs are against the wall, we have no choice, but to give our brains the muscle.

Students solidarity, students power, our only hope against Palestine, being turned to rubble.

Innocent womben and children, are being murdered, Amerikkka waging proxy war, funding the trouble.

Benjamin Netanyahu, is an Amerikkkan puppet, in the CIPWS huddle.

Israel being the US muscle, in the Middle East, the more blood, the more the price of oil doubles.

The miseducated, are saying its God's plan, what kind of God do they believe in? I'm puzzled.

The The future belongs to students, long live the students. Long live the young, known for busting any and all, CIPWS oppressors bubble.

The CIPWS press is against you, They're owned by the CIPWS, concealing truth is their hustle.

Palestinians are semitic too, Palestinians are humans too. Whatever you do, keep fighting, don't stop the struggle. . . ■

Kanaks Rebel Against French Settlers

by MIM(Prisons)
June 2024

Months after rebellions began in Kanaky (aka New Caledonia), fighting continues against the French militias and colonial forces. In New Caledonia, voting is restricted to families who have been living there since 1998.(1) This is in order to establish the dominance of the natives over the settlers in the voting system. On 2 April 2024, the French Senate voted for an amendment to the rule which would allow voting for anyone who has lived in New Caledonia for a continuous ten years, on a rolling basis.(2) This triggered the resistance of the people, as one Kanaky source recently reported:

"The toll of the riots since May 13 is very heavy: Nine people were killed and hundreds of others injured, 200 houses burned or looted and nearly 900 businesses closed. A first estimation raises the "damage" to 1.5 billion euros. More than 3,000 soldiers, gendarmes and police were deployed there by the colonial State. Great victory for the Kanak people: hundreds of French families made the decision to pack their bags and leave the colony for good."(3)

However, the struggle over voting rights itself has cooled as parliamentary crisis struck France, and French President Macron announced on 12 June 2024 the suspension of the proposed changes in voting rights in New Caledonia. France is now focused on an emergency election at home to try to prevent a sharp rightward turn in the parliament and presidency.

UPDATE: 7 July 2024 — Voters succeeded in preventing a victory of the anti-immigrant Le Pen, but results leave uncertainty in France as there was no clear majority.

Background on Kanaky

For our readers to understand New Caledonia (home of the Kanak), we might use a shortcut of thinking about Puerto Rico (home of the Boricua). New Caledonia is an island near Australia and Aotearoa (aka New Zealand) claimed by France with a history of brutal colonization and imperialist domination. Eu-



ropeans arrived in Kanaky in the late 18th century, beginning the colonial period in which the natives (Kanak people) were enslaved, sold, exposed to European disease, displaced from their land and placed on reservations. After France gained control of the area, nickel was discovered in the territory and the French government began sending prisoners to extract the resource and settle on the land. Ever since that time settlement has continued, though the Kanak people remain the largest group.(4) The Kanak people have been struggling for independence and liberation for generations, with recent events reflecting the latest upsurge of resistance. In recent years, the liberation movement has engaged in violent resistance to the sale of their nickel mines.

As mentioned above, New Caledonia hit news headlines after France proposed allowing all immigrants, including newer settlers, to vote in elections on the island. On 15 April, tens of thousands protested the bill, and on that same day the French National Assembly voted in favor of it, moving it one step further towards being passed. In May, violent protests of Kanak people were responded to with the arrest of hundreds and the French deploying their armed forces to suppress the movement. This deployment of forces starkly reveals the absurdity of a "free choice" to be independent. As MIM said about Puerto Rico in

1998:

"The Puerto Ricans have tried for decades "to persuade" the United States to leave, but only dictatorship (organized force) will settle the question. Without the freedom to keep the Yankees out, the elections only show what the Puerto Rican people will say with their arms twisted behind their backs."(5)

One of the major arenas of struggle has been the independence referendum. There have been three of these in the past 4 years; in the first two the option to remain a territory of France narrowly won (56.6% and 53.2%), and nationality played a major role in the decision. Kanaks generally voted for independence while the other minorities generally voted for dependence. In the third, the independence movement boycotted the referendum, resulting in a 97% victory for dependence, but the turnout was only 43.9%, throwing its validity into question.(6) The protests and riots in May led to the declaration of a state of emergency (lifted after May 31) and the deployment of reinforcements from France. Barricades were set up by independence protesters and, in earlier reports, the clashes led to the death of two French Armed Forces personnel and injury of over 54 police officers.(7)

The struggle for an independent New Caledonia is a revolutionary struggle against imperialism. New Caledonians fight France, Palestinians fight

Israel, and the oppressed here in Occupied Turtle Island fight the United States, all in a united struggle against a common enemy. The struggle in Puerto Rico against the corrupt government of Ricardo Rosselló is no different. Puerto Rico was acquired by the United States in the bloody wars of its ascendancy into an imperialist power.

Imperialism is the number one enemy of the self-determination of nations, reaching its hands across the globe to squeeze every last drop of profit it can find. The struggle of the oppressed nations, wherever they are, is the number one weapon against this imperialist system, and that weapon is ever more powerful the more the oppressed nations ally with each other and fight imperialism as one. Puerto Rico has a history of independence movements being co-opted by leaders trying to get a slice of the imperialist pie. The movement for statehood represents this tendency, while the independence movement is the movement for national self-determination against imperialism. In both New Caledonia and Puerto Rico, the referendums have shown the majority of the population voting to remain a part of their imperialist occupiers in order to access certain benefits, whereas the independence movement represents the revolutionary opposition to national oppression and the upholding of self-determination. ■

Kanaky Will Be Free!

Palestine Will Be Free!

Puerto Rico Will Be Free!

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On Christian Zionism and the Prison Tablet Propaganda Machine

by Grim of United Struggle from Within
July 2024

At the end of Orisanmi Burton's *Tip of the Spear: Black Radicalism, Prison Repression, and the Long Attica Revolt* (see: "Book Review: Tip of the Spear" in *ULK 84*) — a book USW cadre have been studying since its release in late October 2023 — Burton correctly labels the prison tablets supplied to the imprisoned lumpen by predatory prison communications companies like Securix and Global Tel Link (GTL)/ViaPath Technologies as "the cutting edge of carceral war." (1)

Much has already been written by MIM and USW comrades about these tablets including the several areas Burton shortly discusses: the use of predatory pricing strategies that extract even more money from oppressed nation communities, expanding the surveillance state, and behavior modification/digital babysitters. (2) What has not been discussed in much detail is the use of the tablets as imperialist propaganda machines.

Of course, all of the content on the tablets is highly censored, with an extensive vetting process for orgs who want to place their content on them. On the GTL/ViaPath tablets we have at Main Jail in San Jose (Model VT-TABLET-5081S) the only app we have besides the GTL phone app is the free edu-tainment platform "Edovo", which is — to no ones' surprise — full of garbage content.

Shortly after the Palestinian resistance launched Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, smashing the Iron Wall and entering the rest of their homeland as a force to be reckoned with, there was an almost weekly upload of Christian Zionist and other Zionist propaganda pushed onto the platform. The first of these that I noticed was the feature film "Exodus: Gods & Kings" which details the Old Testament story of Moses leading the Israelites to Palestine,

Censorship of Political Mail Justified by Digital Mail System

by a Missouri prisoner
July 2024

I would like to make you aware of, and I seek your assistance, with what is transpiring here in the Missouri Department of Corrections (MO-DOC).

They have revised the mail policies again, and they are saying that the only postal mail accepted at correction centers are:

- Privileged/legal mail
- Certified mail
- Publications ordered by an offender sent directly from a publisher, distributor or other bona fide vendor
- Visitor applications

The problem is that they're saying that if publications are not coming from a publishing company they need to be sent to the Digital Mail Center in Tampa, FL. And once sent there, the Digital Mail Center is not sending them and sending digital copies.

To sum this up, we are not receiving our free newsletters or digital copies of them. Unless we purchase something using a green check, they are not allowing it to

or as it is called in the movie, Canaan. This story, along with several other books of the Old Testament, are the basis for what Zionists today use as their claim to Palestine as their "ancient homeland". And yet, as Palestinian hystorian Nur Masalha writes, "The Old Testament is not actual history but imaginative fiction, theology, sacred literature, ethics and wisdom." (3) In short, the stories that Zionists base their land claims to Palestine on are myth narratives, not proven history.

Roughly around the same time, episodes of a Christian Zionist podcast started to be uploaded to Edovo. This podcast, called "Real Vida TV", is put together by evangelists from Tyler, Texas who use their show to spread vaccine/COVID conspiracy theories popular among the Amerikan right, as well as anti-immigrant, queer & transphobic rhetoric alongside Bible verses.

Since October 7th they've been spreading the usual Zionist lies of mass rape (see: "Israeli Propaganda Capitalizes on Gender Hierarchy" from *ULK 84*), beheading babies, etc... that the imperialist media continues to propagate. They also have been tying everything occurring in Palestine and the Middle East into the strange and insane "end times" prophecies that are the main reason for the strong support of Christian Zionism, led mostly by Amerikan evangelists.

To understand this a bit better, let's take a step back from the Zionist podcast and take a closer look at Christian Zionism, which, to my knowledge, hasn't had anything substantial written on it in *ULK*.

Evangelical Christians, the bulk of Christian Zionists in the United States, take the writings in the bible literally. To get a numerical picture, there are roughly around 15 million Jews around the world today (which I'd like to note, a large percentage are anti-

enter the prison. This is a violation of our First Amendment rights, and the precedent set by *Turner v. Safley*, 482 U.S. 78, 89-90 (1987). This is clearly established law that is being violated by the MO-DOC's restrictive mail policies which need to be challenged. I seek your assistance on this.

MIM(Prisons) responds: According to the new policy on the MO-DOC website, MIM Distributors should be able to send prisoner literature directly at their prison as we have in the past. (1) But according to this comrade's report, Missouri has effectively banned free subscriptions and free books to prisoners.

Staff at Pendleton Correctional Facility in Indiana recently tried to claim a ban on donated books, but comrades in Indiana and the Midwest Books Project took the issue up to the Indiana DOC who confirmed this is not their policy.

A combination of confusion with new complicated digital mail systems and staff engaging in political repression with "new rules" as an excuse, continue to keep comrades busy.

Zionist and completely reject the genocidal state of "i\$rael"); in comparison there are over 70 million evangelicals who share the same "ironclad" support of "i\$rael" as Genocide Goe in the United States. Christian Zionism also finds its roots in the Bible, but it is not because of some altruistic wish to "return" the Jews to the safety of their so-called "ancient homeland". The return and consolidation of the Jews in the land of Palestine is supported so strongly by the Christian Zionists because they believe once this has been finally accomplished their "messiah" Jesus Christ will return, render judgement (punishment) upon the nonbelievers (which includes Jews as they do not believe Christ is the "messiah"), and then get into motion the so-called end-times prophecies of the Book of Revelation (which depicts Armageddon), where the non-believers will burn and the true believers will float up with Jesus to LaLa Land.

No, I am not making this up sadly.

Even more sadly, these views are being used by those who produce the podcast to justify the ongoing genocide and dispossession of Palestinian people, the actual indigenous inhabitants of the land of Palestine.

What's worse, at least for Our comrades in Texas, is that these Christian Zionists go to and have access to all of the TDCJ gulags where they can spread this poisonous rhetoric, possibly making it even harder to shift public opinion in the units in favor of the Palestinian liberation struggle (I'd be interested to know the point of view of Our comrades in Texas on this). As the Zionists and their imperialist backers continue to spread their lies to try to sway the opinions of the masses toward support of their genocidal logic, We must counter them in every way We can, especially in the writing and dissemination of articles on Palestine in the pages of *ULK*, and by supporting/working

According to our data, some comrades have still received recent issues of *Under Lock & Key* in Missouri, though the numbers so far are down from last year. The problem is we need more information from readers in Missouri about what you have and have not received, and what your prison has told you when they've rejected our mail. We are currently investigating this matter with MO-DOC in hopes of clearing this up.

Recently ULKs have been returned to us from Missouri with the following written on them:

"Return to Sender: Mail should be sent to the address specified at www.doc.mo.gov"

And an envelope of ULKs was returned and marked:

"RTS - Unauthorized"

As we go to press, we have not received any response from the MO-DOC to our March appeal of censorship of *ULK 83*. However, that same subscriber received *ULK 84* fine. ■

Notes:
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on the USW Palestine campaign.

From the river to the sea,

Palestine will be free!

MIM(Prisons) adds: A USW leader in Florida wrote an article on the Biblical "history" of the Jewish people. We are not printing that article. But here is their explanation for the approach they took in that piece:

"I'm hearing pro-Israeli comments in the quad and on the yard every day. Prisoners are completely swallowing and promoting the CIPWS Zionist pro Israeli narrative, i.e., that the Palestinians brought the genocide upon themselves when they attacked Israeli citizens, rather than settlers/invasers, on October 7, 2023, rather than in response to 70-plus years of CIPWS Zionist occupation and oppression.

"I am surrounded by prisoners who hear the word "Israel" and automatically think "Jesus". Prisoners see the entire Israeli-Palestinian conflict and situation from a biblical point of view rather than a historical and U.S. imperialist political one.

"The average prisoner had never heard of Hamas, Zionists, Hizbullah, Houthi, etc. until recently. Prisoners identify with Israel mostly due to religion and all they are told is that Israel was attacked by Palestinians, and that

Palestinians want Israel extinct, even as they see the total opposite happening with their own oppressed eyes. Even Muslims here, due to subliminal incognizance, do not support or identify with the Palestinians' plight. They see the Palestinians, not as victims, but as terrorists, not as brothers."

As members of United Struggle from Within (USW) have come out in strong support of the Palestinian resistance, we see this is not representative of the consciousness of the imprisoned lumpen as a whole. Thus the need for our leaders inside to continue this campaign to support Palestine in the realm of education and ideological struggle among the oppressed in this country. People who are suffering a lower level genocide through the prison system itself are somehow identifying with their own oppressor. If the national liberation struggles were stronger in this country, we would be seeing a lot more support for national liberation of Palestine here as well. ■

Notes:
(1) Burton, Orisami, "Tip of the Spear: Black Radicalism, Prison Repression, and the Long Attica Revolt", (University of California Press, 2023), p.227
(2) Ibid. p.228
(3) Masalh, Nur, "Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History", (I.B. Taurus, 2018) p.30

How To Get More Dayroom Time

by an Illinois prisoner
July 2024

Readers of *Under Lock & Key*, may this kite find you in the best of health and spirits. In the last issue, Spring 2024, No. 85, there was a request for prisoners to sign up for a petition and issues about no dayroom and yards (see: "Attention Joe Biden: Texas Prisons Are a Mess" from *ULK 85*). I have been down now 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (I-DOC) and I want to help everyone who is seeking more out-of-cell time.

I Filed an §1983 Civil Action about this topic, *Patrick Bakaturski v. Director et al*, 3:23-cv-03609-SPM, which is currently pending merit review in the Southern District of Illinois.

The basis grounds of the civil suit is that under all of the Covid-19 lockdowns, the endless cell restriction violated my 8th amendment rights. Wexford Health Care signed an affidavit in *Patrick Bakaturski v. Rob Jeffreys*, 21-cv-00014-GCS, which stated that Wexford Health Care did not approve any of the Covid lock downs. Yet in every grievance I-DOC said I was on quarantine.

So How Do I Get out of the Cell More? What should be the Legal Argument?

First Look up *Ashoor Rasha et al.*, v. *Director John R. Baldwin*, NO: 1:07-cv-1298-MMM-JEH, Mental Health Settlement agreement. If you go to page 20 you will see that I-DOC agreed that all prisoners under segregation statutes should get 20 hours per week of out of cell time. That means if you are being kept in the cell and not being given 10 hours of Day room and 10 hours of yard this violates your 8th Amendment rights. Under

the Americans with Disabilities Act for general mental health every prisoner must get 10 hours of yard per week and at least 10 of day room or programs per week in maximum security prison. I am not in max anymore, but my prison is being ran as an unclassified max in violation of state and federal law. So under the same standard of a basic human right, I requested my 20 hours per week, 10 hours of day room and 10 of yard.

The legal argument is clear, 23 and 1 is unconstitutional. ALL max prisoners could fight to make their max a 21 and 3 by invoking the wording in the Mental Health Settlement. The Federal Government has already agreed in part that 23 and 1 is unconstitutional. You need to use page 20 of the settlement to support your grievances and legal arguments.

If anyone has any questions of how to file the grievance or would like to see the format on what might work in Federal Court, key cite *Bakaturski* in Federal Court. If you can get a copy of the petitions I have filed pro-se.

MIM(Prisons) adds: We are not lawyers and do not offer legal advice. When we print tips like this it is up to the reader to determine how this information applies to your situation. The settlement above applies to the Illinois DOC, though strategies in those cases may be relevant elsewhere. We have long worked to shut down long-term solitary in all its forms. The settlement is one small tool to help prevent *de facto* long-term isolation from occurring in Illinois. ■

Censorship: ULK Art Too Real, Too Big, Too Detailed

by Tristan of Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support
July 2024

All of our readers who operate within the hideous belly of the beast that is the United States prison system know about this system's cruel and unrelenting oppression in every facet of daily life. This article serves to highlight and expose the asinine nature of one particular aspect of this oppression that is particularly relevant to our work: censorship. Every time we send out a document, book, or newspaper, there is always the risk that whatever pig is working in the mail room on the day it arrives will arbitrarily opt to censor it for any number of made-up reasons. Unfortunately but not surprisingly, this behavior has the backing of the U.S. court system which has granted the prison bureaucrats almost total control over deciding what comes into prisons. Like every other instrument of control wielded by the state, the pigs use this power to repress the masses of the oppressed groups, especially if this repression targets political content that challenges the status quo.

However, there are still victories to be won in appealing these cases of censorship, which comrades in Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support (AIPS) are striving to do for every incident that comes to our attention. With this in mind, we hope to start publishing these censorship reports as a way to communicate to you, our readers, our efforts in combating censorship as well as to showcase particularly pathetic attempts by the pigs to censor our mail.

North Carolina's Brazen Hypocrisy

In *ULK 84*, we included a piece of art sent in by a subscriber of ours which depicted a pig officer beating a prisoner with a baton. This was apparently too far for the North Carolina Division of Prisons (NCDOP) who said that they don't allow "depictions of violence" and that this image "may encourage a group disruption." We simply had to scoff when we read this in light of the fact that the NCDOP specifically lays out guidelines on when it is "appropriate" to beat prisoners



with "impact weapons" like the baton depicted in the art. To the pigs, it's fine to physically abuse and maim prisoners. But showing them a cartoon of such acts? That's where they draw the line.

MIM(Prisons): Political Organization or Tattoo Artists?

MIM Distributors recently sent a copy of the *Fundamental Political Line of the Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons (FPL)* (which we recommend to all our readers who wish to get a deeper understanding of our organization's politics) to a comrade serving time in the heinous Florida Department of Corrections. Usually the *FPL* gets through to prisoners fine, so we were a bit surprised to receive a censorship notice in this case. This unfortunately means that *FPL* is now on the Florida ban list, preventing any Florida prisoners from doing our intro study course (they were already prevented from doing our 12 Step Program, see: "FL, TX Censor Revolutionary 12 Steps Program" from *ULK 78*). And the official reason listed for this censorship? That the *FPL* contained an image "large and distinctive enough to be used as a tattoo pattern." This

was truly a new one for this author (though our records show it's been done before). Apparently, sending any sort of art can justify censorship if some pig decides the art might make a good tattoo! The silver lining to this abuse of power is that it provides the perfect example of how the pigs will use any justification to achieve their goals of repressing the masses.

Indiana Finds "Drugs" in Our Letters

The third and final case of censorship we'll discuss is more aptly described as a crusade against one of our comrades in Indiana. Nearly every issue of *ULK* or any other mail we send to this comrade is censored for some inane reason usually relating to our alleged promotion of "Security Threat Groups." We think it's more likely that the state has it out for our comrade though, seeing as they are currently filing a lawsuit against one of the pigs at the Indiana Department of Corrections. Recently though, the mail room at the facility this comrade is imprisoned in decided that MIM(Prisons) had laced one of their letters with drugs. Not only this, they threatened the comrade with a year in lock up and to take away all of their legal work. After sending our letter off to the lab it turns out that the "drugs" were simply some ink that got smeared. When the oppressed simply try to survive, the pigs will resort to beatings, administrative punishments, and acts of sabotage. But when the pigs are caught actively lying to facilitate such cruel acts, the oppressed get nothing, not even an apology.

In spite of this brutal repression, our comrade in Indiana is continuing on with their lawsuit in an attempt to expose and hold accountable the pigs who think they can just violate the rights of prisoners without a second thought. If you'd like to read more about our campaign to support this prisoner as well as ways you can help, look to our campaigns on page 16 or www.prisoncensorship.info/campaigns/. ■

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... Free Your Voice!

For one, while it is widely known that almost all previous moments in the generational struggle of New Afrikan people the student movement was the brain trust, and the heart of the struggle. We often fail to make the connection that these previous students were so successful in galvanizing people and nationalizing their structures because they championed causes that had nothing to do with school or education. The Free Your Voice Movement in S.B-More has connected the youth movement with environmentalism, and those two things have unearthed class oppression and national oppression. Our students must make these same connections around the empire. What is the one thing that connects the student in B-More to

the student in southside St. Louis, or San Francisco, or in Cancer Alley Louisiana, or Jackson, Mississippi, or Flint, Michigan? It's environmental issues. The organizing method we should take at organizing the student movement in the spirit of New Afrikan Revolutionary Nationalism (NARN) is to connect environmentalism with student activism and revolutionary nationalism.

What also struck me in my research of this issue and struggle was the fact that college students and former students of Franklin High School have continued to come back and aid and assist in the struggle there.

The college level student with a NARN orientation must make

their presence and ideological-theoretical prowess available at the sites of active student movements. In these times of social media, student activists from each of the previously mentioned cities and others can and should be in direct communication, and NARN's must take proactive steps to influence the direction of the student movement, nationalizing it and moving it in the direction illuminated by the Front for the Liberation of the New Afrikan Nation (FROLINAN)'s Programs For Decolonization, while also incorporating environmental and climate related concerns to the FROLINAN program for National Alliance of New Afrikan Students. If implemented by youthful NARN, I believe we can succeed in building a NARN centered national youth movement. ■

Runaway Slave Coalition Joins UFPP, But We Can't Certify Them

by a Florida prisoner
April 2024

The Runaway Slave Coalition is an umbrella where lumpen sets of the various street organizations operate under MIM(Prisons)'s United Front for Peace in Prisons — Statement of Principles (see p. 2).

I have already taken measures to develop peace and unity between factions here at the Bay Correctional Facility in Panama City, Florida. As a basis here we are opposing oppression of prisoners and oppressed people in general. Work has begun, and we will campaign around the September 9th Day of Peace and Solidarity.

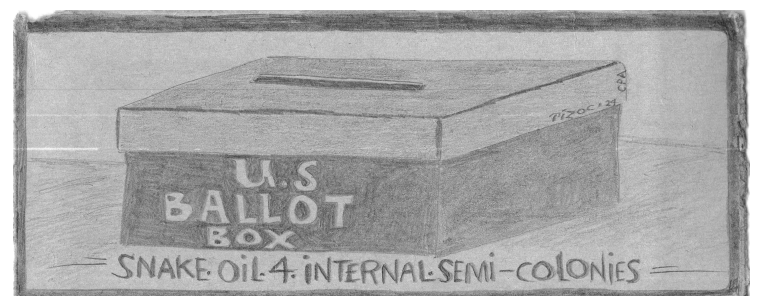
The objective this month is getting every organization on the compound to make sure every member of their various organizations send a short, one paragraph letter to the USW Council pledging allegiance to the Runaway Slave Movement and making sure every member of the various respective organizations are on MIM(Prisons) newsletter subscription list.

MIM(Prisons) adds: Greetings to the Runaway Slave Coalition and all associates in Florida that are working towards a united front of the oppressed. This comrade wrote asking for certification and official sanction for their group. We do not certify anyone who is not a member of MIM(Prisons). And no one locked in prison can be a member of MIM(Prisons). United Struggle for Within (USW) is an independent org working under our

leadership. This means they should not be promoting things that disagree with our 6 main points (see page 2 of *ULK*) - if so, they are no longer USW as they have broken their charter. Even if they are acting under the broad definition of USW as an anti-imperialist prisoner organization, that does not mean we agree with everything they say or do, and we do not have any say in their day-to-day operations. In the case where someone reports a USW member breaking USW policy, even then it is hard for us to investigate or intervene.

Similarly many organizations have signed onto the UFPP, but that doesn't mean we agree with everything they say or do. We have only pledged to agree to the 5 principles of the UFPP. This is how united fronts work, everyone maintains organizational independence, while uniting around common goals or principles (see *MIM Theory 14: United Front* for more info).

Anyone can write to us to get *Under Lock & Key* in U.S. prisons. Just because someone is distributing *ULK* or claiming they have articles published in *ULK* does not mean that we endorse them. Everyone should be judged by their actions. USW comrades must be accountable to the masses. Ultimately it is the masses at your locality that must judge the correctness of a USW leader or chapter, not MIM(Prisons). We do our best to support comrades from a distance in these endeavors. ■



The Pacifier

by a Pennsylvania prisoner
June 2024

I'm a prisoner in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PADOC) this is my second run inside the claws of Pennsylvania Judicial System and Department of Corrections.

The scary thing now is what I call "the pacifier". The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections has "Game Rooms" now. Filled with Nintendo Switch (hand-held game system), PlayStation 5, Xbox 1 and throw Madden tournaments along with 2k tournaments. This is the system's control.

The young generation is being pulled away from the law libraries, school and what's most important to their release. Keep the youth from the tools and the system doesn't have to worry about any revolution. The prisons in the PA D.O.C. suspend you for a minimum of six (6) months from the "Game Room" if you receive a misconduct. So the younger generations is tucking their tails and playing games instead of suiting up for the real world and their release.

Thanks to the pacifier, it's

even more important we organize and reach our youth. If not prisons will be seen as playgrounds and acceptable. Maybe I'm wrong. When I started coming to prison there were no tablets, TV's in the Restricted Housing Unit (R.H.U.) or game rooms. Guys actually like being here.

We need to Reach Our Youth.

MIM(Prisons) adds: In response to our reader survey this year asking if there's been changes in prisons that make people less likely to subscribe to *ULK*, a North Carolina prisoner suggested digital entertainment as a cause:

"Change to prison system, yes. Less interested in subscribing, maybe. With tablets a lot of guys don't care about mail any more. We have GTL tablets. Maybe try to get our content loaded on there? News Inside does, for free." ■

New Afrikan National Consciousness Alive

by Mica of MIM(Prisons)
July 2024

Our movement sees the contradiction between internal semi-colonies (New Afrikan/Black Nation, First Nations, Chican@s, Puerto Ricans, Hawaiians) and the Amerikan oppressor nation as the principal contradiction in the United States. In practice that means if we want change, we need to push this contradiction to its conclusion. However, in the years that MIM(Prisons) has existed, we've seen that contradiction to be at a relatively low level, historically speaking.(1) Since we don't have things like armed struggle today to assure us of this contradiction, a recent Pew Research study provides us with some reassurance that the national consciousness of New Afrika is alive and well.(2)

The survey showed that 74 out of 100 Black people in the United States believed the prison system was designed to hold Black people back. It asked this question for numerous state institutions, with slightly lower levels of agreement. Another question in the survey showed 69% of respondents feel that being Black is important to how they feel about themselves. The latter question demonstrates a level of national consciousness, even if most respondents would call it "race". The distrust in the U.S. government places this national consciousness in conflict with Amerika and its institutions.

It's worth noting that the results were pretty consistent along demographics of age, income, education, sex. The biggest predictor for not agreeing that the government is holding Black people back is being a Republican — but even then the majority agreed.

This survey got more attention in the press because it was originally framed as demonstrating that most "Black Americans" believe "racial conspiracy theories." Pew Research responded by amending the language in the report, and they provide historical examples of the U.S. state using these institutions against Black people. To view such beliefs as

conspiracy theories is obviously telling.

MIM(Prisons) of course upholds the belief that the U.S. prison system exists to hold back and repress the internal semi-colonies and control the population in general. It is part of the system of maintaining national, class and gender oppression. Interestingly the survey also showed 74% of Black people believing, "Black people are disproportionately incarcerated so prisons can make money." This, as we've discussed extensively, is mostly a myth (see: "MIM(Prisons) on U.S. Prison Economy" from *ULK 8*). It might be harsh to call it a conspiracy theory, since everything under capitalism is about money on some level. But we believe the question of whether people are imprisoned for profit, or for social control, is an important question for understanding the system and how to combat it.

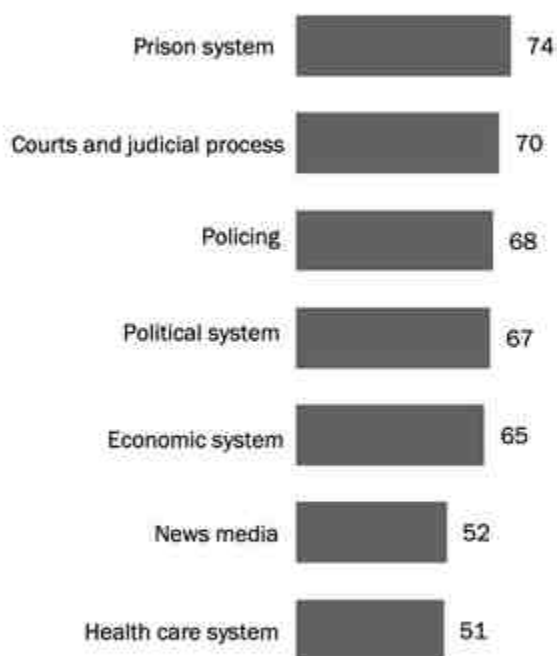
The importance of surveys like this from Pew Research is scientifically investigating our conditions. Despite the fact that Pew went into this survey with some clear bias around the relationship of Black people to the United States, their resources allowed them to survey thousands of people across demographics to give them 95% confidence that their numbers are within plus or minus 2%. While MIM(Prisons) has done a number of surveys over the years, even our best did not have such tight confidence intervals. And to date our surveys have been limited to prisoners, who are also mostly male. Therefore bourgeois-funded surveys and government statistics are an important part of our scientific investigation of our conditions. Transforming this latent national consciousness in New Afrika into action is where revolutionary practice must come in and deepen our knowledge of our conditions. ■

Notes:

1. see MC5, March 1999, "On the Internal Class Structures of the Internal Semi-Colonies" for analysis of the modern relationship between the oppressed and oppressor nations in the United States.

2. Pew Research Center, June 2024, "Most Black Americans Believe U.S. Institutions Were Designed To Hold Black People Back"

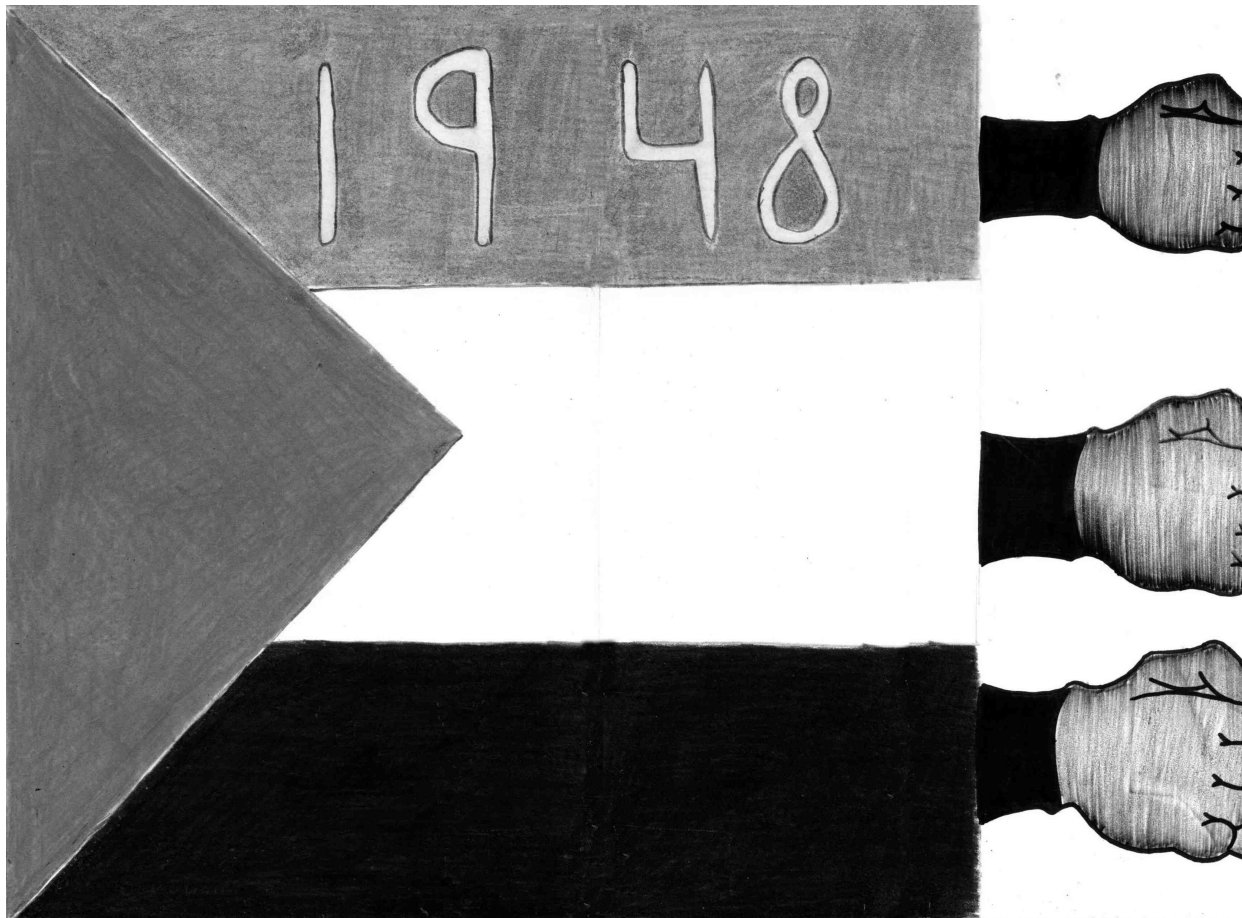
% of Black adults who say each of the following U.S. institutions was designed to hold Black people back a great deal or fair amount



Note: Black adults include those who say their race is Black alone and non-Hispanic, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 12-24, 2023.

"Most Black Americans Believe U.S. Institutions Were Designed To Hold Black People Back"



How to Negotiate

by MIM(Prisons)
June 2024

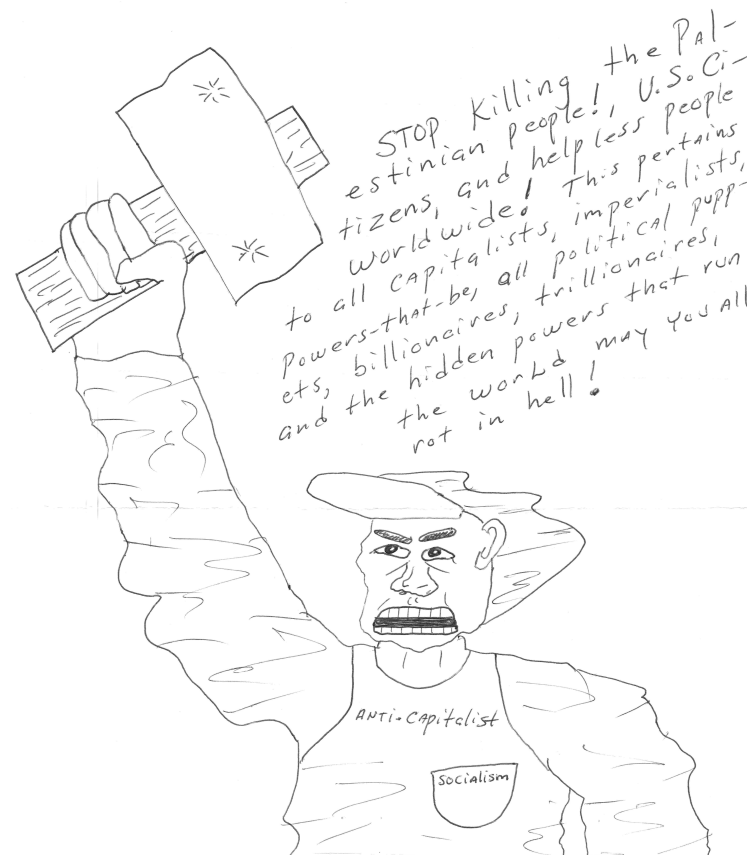
In a recent episode of the *RevLeft* podcast, a couple of student leaders reflected on their experiences so far in the student encampments demanding university divestment from I\$rael. Here we will briefly summarize some of their lessons learned and connect them to similar experiences in the prison movement.

The biggest regret expressed by one of the students, and echoed as important by the other, was conceding to closed-door negotiations with the administration. A comrade once described a campaign that ended up with a large group of prisoners being in a room with administration. The administration expressed that they had heard their demands and would go deliberate on them and let them know their decision. The comrade correctly saw the risk of divide and conquer and kept everyone there until the admin would commit to how they would actually address their very reasonable requests. When making demands of the powers that be it is important to mobilize the masses as fully as possible to participate. Behind closed doors, individual negotiators, whether due to inexperience, opportunism, fear, etc, will not get the same outcome.

A related demand that the admins often made of the student encampments was to exclude community members from the struggle on campus. This similarly helped to isolate students, potentially from more experienced organizers in particular.

Another big critique one student made of their group was too much hemming and hawing over escalation of building occupations to the point of losing the momentum they had.

The students discussed the



varied interests of different parties involved, whether on campus or off-campus students, staff with tenure or not, income levels, etc. This is paralleled in prisons where people with different amounts of time often have very different attitudes towards things, and some groups are often granted privileges by staff in order to divide and conquer. Related to this is the fact that many of the students didn't know each other at all, so there was a lack of trust and familiarity. This might be easier to overcome in prison, but speaks to the need for developing relationships with others and organization prior to events like this.

The students mentioned how they should have studied the history of how their institutions responded to similar events in the past more. We offer the pages of *ULK* to document the history of


the prison struggle for others to study.

Finally, they self-criticized for succumbing to reformist language that was coming from the administration in their own outreach. They stressed the importance of going into a movement with established principles in order to stick to the goals and the messaging when things get hectic and confusing. They stressed how much language matters.

These are very universal lessons that we can all benefit from better understanding. We encourage our readers to write in with more examples of lessons learned from their experiences of fighting oppression so we can all get better at what we do. ■

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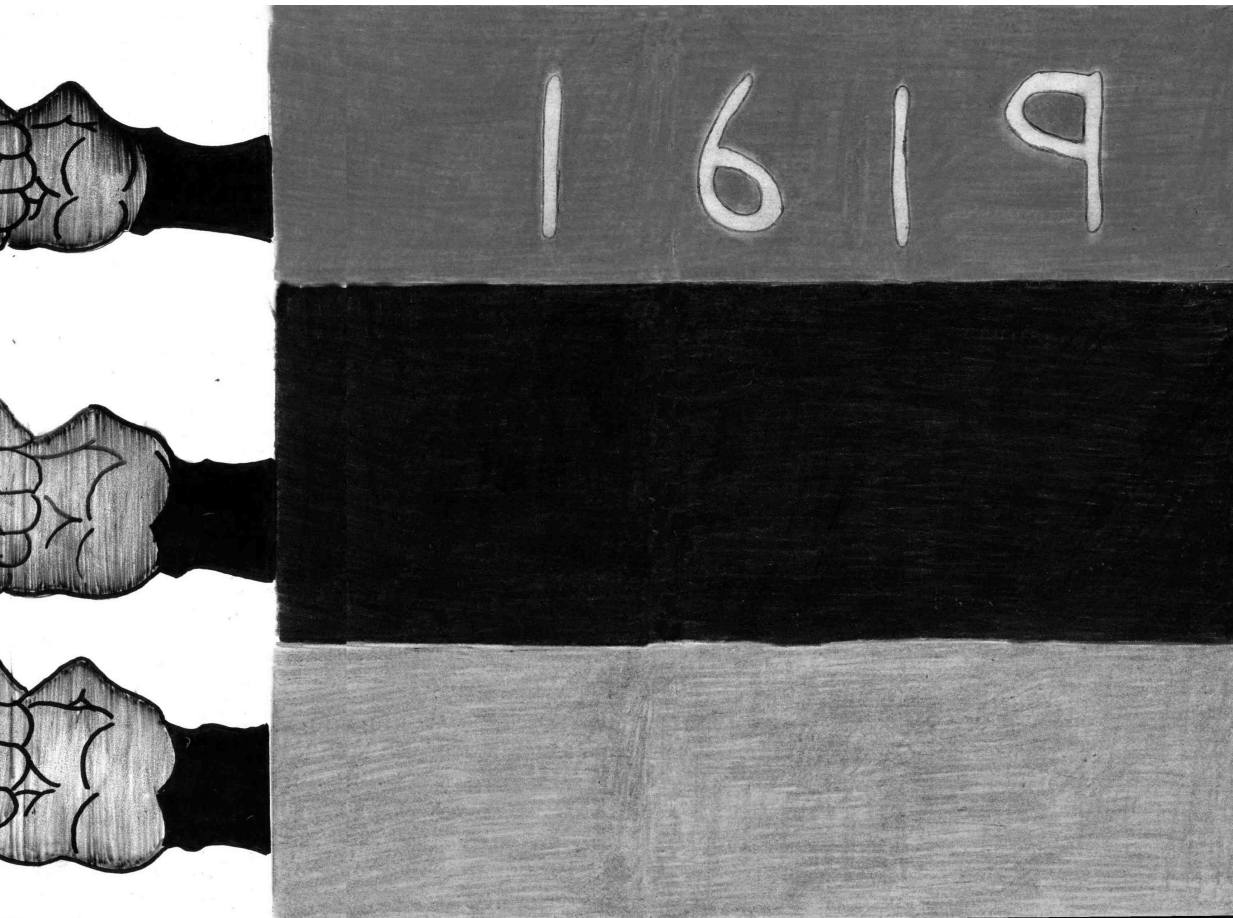
1. Revolutionary Left Radio, 5 June 2024, Student Encampments for Palestine: An Interview with Student Organizers.



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Why the Student Intifada Must Outpace the Social Fascism Running Behind It

by Simon of The Dawnland Group
July 2024

On May 13th, UAW Local 4811 voted to authorize a statewide stand-up strike across University of California campuses. Though representing largely class enemy strata, the United Auto Workers union (UAW) has, in the past few years, been an innovator in strike tactics. "Stand-up strikes," as they are called, differ from traditional strikes by having local branches be called to the picket by a central coordinator, as opposed to having all members strike at once. This tactic reduces burnout among the strikers by introducing "shift

process of dissent (whether it's "through the right channels") or how the dissent affects the lives of settlers. After failure to challenge the legal grounds of the strike, the UC office of the President moved to pearl-clutching,

"UAW's goals of 'maximize chaos and confusion' have come to fruition, creating substantial and irreparable impacts on campuses and impacting our students at a crucial time of their education."

As of the writing of this article, all universities in the state of Palestine have been destroyed in the genocide.

students to have guarantees of freedom of speech and political expression on campus and is asking for researchers to be able to opt out of funding sources tied to the Israeli Defense Force.

Like much university faculty outrage across the country following the student intifada of the past few months, faculty demands have been animated by, and primarily center protecting students and staff from criminal charges, less so the criminal slaughter of civilians by the Zionist entity. Even if driven by a racist instinct that the well-being of their peers are of more value than the faceless masses of the



UAW members creatively tie political repression on University of California campuses to unfair labor practices, but an undercurrent of exploiter-country economic demands remains.

work" into the nature of the picket, and psychologically attaches rank-and-file members more closely to movement developments with anticipation of not knowing until the day of whether it is their turn to strike.

The public response of the university administration has been traditionally liberal. Unable to argue on the moral grounds of the genocide and their active support of it, administrators displace the discussion to either the

The UAW represents 5,000 workers at UC Irvine, 8,000 at UC San Diego, and 3,000 at UC Santa Barbara, totaling 31,500 members for all six of the universities affected by the strikes. According to an interview conducted May 31st by The Orange County Register, "UAW Local 4811 is asking the UC schools to give amnesty to all academic employees and students who faced arrest or disciplinary actions for protesting at campuses. The union also wants the

Third World, this is an interesting case study in how labor-aristocratic elements may be leveraged as an auxiliary for genuinely progressive ends.

This case study, and the many parallels of it across Turtle Island, reinforces the need for approaching international solidarity work in the imperial core with united front tactics. Were all actors on these campuses concentrated into a single organization or coalition,

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A Statement of Solidarity with Students for Palestine

by a Texas prisoner
June 2024

I am a single individual among a multitude of revolutionaries being held captive behind imperialist enemy lines (Texas Prison System).

I am a part of the Growth and Development movement and I stand for righteousness, unity, love and the liberation of all oppressed nations. At this time, I can only speak on my own behalf and not on behalf of the movement as a whole.

It is, however, my sincere hope that my brothers and sisters of struggle will find agreement and solidarity with the following statement:

I stand in solidarity with the Palestinian People and I stand in solidarity with those who struggle against oppression everywhere. As is said: an injury to one is an injury to all, and none are free until all are Free!

- I am Pro-Palestine; I am not anti-Israel.
- I am Pro-Humyn; I am not anti-semitic.
- I am Pro-Liberation and I am anti-Imperialist oppression!
- Regarding Pro-Palestine

protests that are currently taking place; I urge my fellow humyn beings to stand upon a Foundation of Love.

The imperialist press continues to paint an image of hate so I especially urge our young comrades who are in the protest trenches to stay strong and give the enemy absolutely no ammunition to utilize in a smear campaign.

My young comrades, fear is a natural response to danger, feel no shame if you are afraid and remember that courage is doing what is righteous despite the presence of fear.

To our young comrades who are willing to commit class suicide and sacrifice the numerous benefits of belonging to a college educated bourgeoisie, I salute you, continue to stay true to your beliefs and stand firm on righteousness.

If you should face confinement because of a righteous struggle, take heart in knowing that so long as you stand on righteousness, you will find support and solidarity wherever you go. ■

**Stay strong comrades!
Hasta la Victoria Siempre!**

Solidarity with Student Encampments from Calipatria, CA

by a California prisoner
May 2024

Greetings, I want to extend my support and appreciation for you courageous students who stand against the tyranny of genocide.

Your acts and resistance have been well-received around the world and deeply appreciated by Palestinian refugees, as I seen it

on the world news, painted on the walls of the refugee camps: "Thank you American students".

Israel is not fighting Hamas, Israel is creating a Palestinian genocide. The greatest hypocrisy in history, just as the Nazis did to the Jews.

In prison we stand in solidarity with your good cause of saving innocent lives. ■

Yo Israel, Get the Fuck Out of Palestine!

by Prisoners at Santa Clara Co Jail
May 2024

Everyone has been watching the atrocities happening on the news and the genocide going down in the Middle East. Israel seems to think that Palestinian lives mean nothing. Many are shocked at how the news describes the situation as if Palestine is in conflict when it's clear that Israel has reduced Palestine to rubble.

Not one persyn here has felt Israel is in the right. It is clear as day that a genocide is happening and that U.S. tax payers are com-

plicit as the U.S. sends billions of dollars to Israel every year.

Every time the news comes on talking about Israel, one of the prisoners here yells, "Yo Israel, get the fuck out of Palestine!" Everyone claps in agreement. Some are bewildered as to why the U.S. is enabling genocide and the more conscious are explaining the history of Amerika and what it has done to this continent and beyond for the dollar. Humyn lives are worth more than profit and the courageous students in their encampments are proving that! To be arrested in a time of genocide is an honorable thing to do. ■

SUBMIT WORK REPORTS

All USW cells are encouraged to submit monthly work reports to the USW council. Work reports should be one to two paragraphs. Use these questions as guides for your report:

- What types of activities did your cell participate in that contributed to USWs mission?
- What campaigns did your cell participate in/promote last month?
- What Serve the People programs did your cell operate?
- What were the responses from the masses and USW recruits to this work?
- What questions came up? How did you answer them? Or do you need help answering them?
- What lessons did you learn in the last month?
- What are the most pressing issues that are of concern to the masses in your location?
- What organizations/services have you recently found useful in your work (include contact info)?

On Genocide, Zionist Propaganda, and Student Activism

by Grim of United Struggle from Within
June 2024

"I held my gun so that the generations after me could hold a sickle..." - Palestinian song, Ahd Allah Ma Nerhal (By God We Won't Leave)

"... [W]e have hope because we know, now more than ever, that these horrors in the name of upholding a racist settler-colonial occupation are not going to last forever. Anyone who ever thought it would will be astounded in hindsight." - Rawan Masri, "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood Was An Act of Decolonization"

I, like most of Our comrades who contribute to and/or read *ULK* and organize behind the gulag walls, have been following the ongoing genocide carried out by the Zionist entity upon the people of Palestine with varied mixtures of feelings, with the number one emotion being unadulterated rage alongside an equal amount of awe at the steadfast courage of the Palestinian resistance and their allies throughout the Middle East.

You might think that the rage stems from the atrocious conduct that sadly has been par for the course of the Zionists since at least 1947 in the beginnings of what would become the Nakba carried out by the various Zionist terror organizations such as the Haganah, Irgun and LEHI who most infamously were responsible for the April 9, 1948 Deir Yassin massacre in which 250 defenseless Palestinians were slaughtered, including 100 wimmin and children, and then the village was looted and plundered. While I cannot deny that the daily depredations of the Zionist occupation forces raises my ire profoundly, the rage actually stems more from the stunning ignorance of the so-called "friends and supporters" of I\$rael who voice their profoundly inaccurate, and most of the time entirely false statements, "history lessons on the so-called 'conflict,'" (non)interpretations of the international law, and most importantly their insistence on not calling the Zionist entity's actions and policies what they've been since the start of the ethnic cleansing under Plan Dalet beginning in April 1948: genocidal. Many of these people are probably of the opinion as well that the vast majority of other settler-colonial projects (such as the United \$nakes, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, etc.) were also not genocidal from their beginnings, likely using the age old excuses of blaming the so-called "savages" for provoking the "reasonable" and "peace loving" settlers into defending themselves and the land they mistakenly believe they didn't steal thanks to their belief that God gifted or promised it to them in perpetuity because "he's God" and "what he says goes." (1) These "friends and supporters" of I\$rael will do absolutely no research into the validity of their statements, instead choosing to equate the Palestinian struggle to liberate all of the historic Palestine and finally be free to return to their lands with a genocidal Arab conspiracy to wipe out the Jews.

So in the interests of correcting the misinformation and lies, and cutting through the Zionist propaganda it stems from and in full solidarity with Our comrades across historic Palestine, in the diaspora, on campuses and in the streets, this article will attempt to

deconstruct some of the most common discourse that is parroted in the mainstream media which has fueled this latest round of anti-Arab hysteria and Islamophobia and crucially, the pattern of Amerikan rejectionism to Palestinian Liberation and indifference to the crimes of its client state.

As communists or anarchists (as many of Our comrades who read *ULK* identify as), it behooves Us to study history, and studying the histories of what has become known as the Palestinian-I\$raeli conflict and the principal actors and organizations is not an exception to this rule.

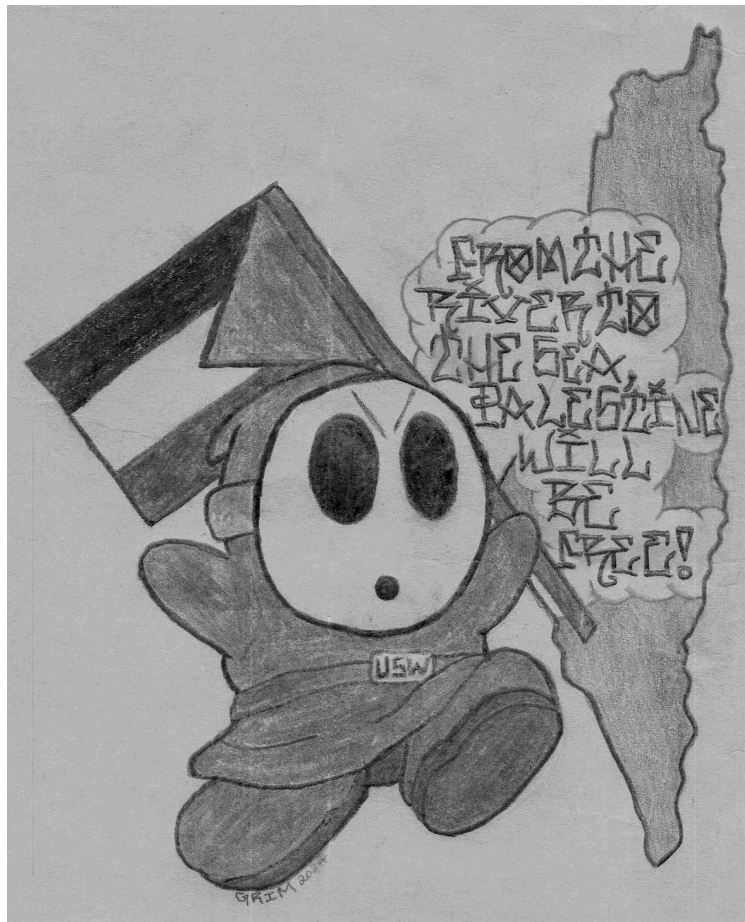
So in that context, I will begin with one of the Zionists' more devious lies; the so-called I\$raeli "purity of arms" and its common usage, that I\$rael never targets civilians or civilian infrastructure. Although any cursory observation of I\$rael's conduct from the 1948 Nakba to the present day would prove otherwise, We can look to none other than Zionist hero and first prime minister

working nonstop within the largely destroyed remains of Gaza's hospitals.(3)

Let us also remember that when Ben-Gurion wrote those words, the Zionist leadership at the time was working on "Plan Dalet", finalized on March 10, 1948, which was the military blueprint for the ethnic cleansing of historic Palestine.(4)

To illustrate before moving on to the next topic, lets look back at two of the lesser known massacres during the initial Nakba; "Lydda and Ramla" and "Safsah."

On a blistering hot Ramadan day in July 1948, a Haganah general named Yitzhak Rabin (who would later become ambassador to Washington D.C., then I\$raeli Prime Minister, then sign the Oslo accords on the White House lawn, then be assassinated for it by I\$raeli reactionaries) descended upon the Palestinian towns of Lydda and Ramla with his unit and violently expelled approximately 50,000 men, wimmin and children.



David Ben-Gurion for the proof. In his Independence War Diary, he set down on paper the military doctrine that would become standard protocol throughout the history of the Zionist project.

There is no question as to whether a reaction is necessary or not. The question is only time and place. Blowing up a house is not enough. What is necessary is cruel strong reactions. We need precision in time place and causalities. If we know the family — [we must] strike mercilessly, women and children included. Otherwise the reaction is inefficient. At the place of action there is no need to distinguish between guilty and innocent. (2)

This specific entry was written on January 1, 1948, one day after the Haganah occupied the Palestinian village of Balad al-Shaykh, the burial place of Shaykh Izz ad-Din al-Qassam (one of Palestine's most revered resistance leaders of the 1920's and 30's), massacring over 60 Palestinian civilians, men, wimmin, and children, most while they were asleep in their homes. This massacring of civilians in their sleep over 75 years ago lines up exactly with the countless stories told by survivors of today's indiscriminate bombings to the doctors that have been

In Lydda, dozens of Palestinians were gathered and detained in the Dahmash mosque and church premises, all unarmed, and were subsequently gunned down. Afterwards the Zionists gathered an additional 20 to 50 Palestinians to clean up the mosque and bury all of the bodies. After they had placed the bodies in their graves, they themselves were slot into the open graves and left there to bleed out and die. In total between 250 to 400 Palestinians were massacred in Lydda. An additional 350 more died after being expected and forced to march to the frontlines of the Arab armies in what would become known as the Lydda Death March.(5)

As a sidenote, the events that occurred at Lydda and the subsequent death march after, were a formative event in the life of a young George Habash, who was from Lydda, and in 1948 at age 19 left the American University in Beirut, Lebanon where he was a medical student and returned to Lydda during the war to help his family. The Haganah attacked the town soon after, and in the subsequent death march, without water or food, during Ramadan no less, his sister died before they reached the Arab army's frontlines. This could possibly be one of the rea-

sons which fed his uncompromising leadership and opposition to the Zionist regime as a pivotal leader of first the Harakat al-Qawmiyyin al-Arab (Arab Nationalist Movement) and then of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Lastly, we come to the massacre at Safsaf during the initial Nakba. Though this is one of the lesser known atrocities of the Nakba, it is vital to the overall understanding, as a quarter of the 12 well documented instances of rape by the Zionists were recorded here (though many more may have occurred, lost to history but not to the long memory of the people and the land of Palestine).

The Zionists started by cleansing the town by using their "patented" strategy of surrounding the town on 3 sides, firing into the air and into the sides of buildings in the hopes of driving the population out of the fourth, open side of the town. Then they entered the town, gathering up all of those who still remained in their homes, initially shooting and killing 12 young men. The remaining 52 men were caught, then tied together and thrown into a pit the Zionists dug, then subsequently shot and killed. Seeing this, the remaining wimmin of the town came and asked the Zionists for mercy. The Zionists, not being satisfied with the massacre they had just committed, told several of the wimmin to go and fetch water to the town. Once they moved away from the others, they were followed by the militiamen and raped, two of the wimmin being killed in the process. The womyn who survived was a child of fourteen years old.(6) These are just a few of the massacres of civilians by the Zionists during the initial Nakba. If we line them up alongside others, for instance, the October 1953 massacre in the West Bank village of Qibya by Ariel Sharon's (another past war criminal made prime minister) infamous unit 101 of the I\$raeli Defense Forces (IDF) special forces, the October 1956 Kafr Qasim massacre, the full IDF support given during the 1982 Lebanon war to their proxies, the Christian Phalangist and Maronite militias, to massacre 2,000 civilians in the Palestinian refugee camps Sabra and Shatila (which in hindsight was probably the last time there was mass protests within I\$rael by Jews over their regime's crimes against Palestinians), to the more recent wars, like today's war, but also ones such as during "Operations Cast Lead" in 2008-09 which the UN's fact finding report (Goldstone report) called a "deliberately disproportionate attack designed to punish, humiliate, and terrorize a civilian population", a certain pattern starts to emerge; one of the ethnic cleansing and genocide, funded and with political cover by Amerika.

Genocide & Denial

Genocide, the word as well as the action hangs heavy over Amerika and I\$rael, so much so that it has stopped many from speaking out and acknowledging the Zionist regime's actions against Palestine as genocidal.

A comrade over at Slingshot Collective in Berkeley, CA wrote an article for their latest newspaper issue, trying to elaborate on the reasons behind the silence during an active genocide, and though I agree with many of their conclusions (not wanting to

sound "anti-Semitic", general Amerikan apathy and indifference to the suffering of others and not wanting to split the Democratic Party base leading to a Trump victory this election year), I think there are other, deeper explanations for this, as well as outright genocide denial.(7)

When most Amerikans and I\$raelis think about the word genocide, it is inevitable that they will first think of the Holocaust. The mass shootings carried out by the Einsatzgruppen and the gassing and immolation of millions of Ashkenazi Jews are rightfully called genocide; and yet many of these same Amerikans and I\$raelis forget the genocide of approximately half of the 2 million Sinti and Romani peoples (Gypsies) of German occupied Europe known as the Porrajmos in the Romani language, nor do they seem to remember the systematic massacres of Slavic, gay, and disabled peoples along with many political dissidents during the same time period by Nazi Germany.(8) And so, the benchmark for both countries for some act to count as genocide is something which looks like the Holocaust; a massive extermination of people in a relatively short amount of time.

And yet, the Nazi genocide and Zionist genocide do not resemble each other structurally or in any other meaningful way.

Like the settler colonial regimes of the United \$nakes, Canada, New Zealand and Australia among others, the genocides that took place upon the indigenous First Nations have taken place over many decades, a small act here, a large act there, and this is what the genocide of the Palestinian Arab people by the Zionist regime has looked like and continues to look like to this day.(9)

As this practice of genocide continues against the people of Palestine, so too does Amerika continue this practice upon the internal semi-colonies of New Afrikans, Chican@s, and the First Nations here on occupied Turtle Island. Amerika also has a very interesting, as well as appalling, history relating to the UN Convention of the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide that bears mentioning.

After its founding convention in San Francisco in 1945, the United Nations set about sponsoring the creation of an international legal instrument for the prevention and punishment of genocide. The job for drafting this document was handed down to the Economic and Social Council of the UN General Assembly (GA) which retained several international legal consultants foremost among them Dr. Raphael Lemkin; an exiled Polish-Jewish jurist who had in 1944 coined the term 'genocide' in his work "Axis Rule in Occupied Europe." Lemkin, who authored most of the draft, submitted it in June 1947, and a month later it was rejected by several member states of the General Assembly, foremost among them the United \$nakes, because of "important philosophical disagreements." It was edited and then finally adopted by the GA on December 9, 1948. By 1951 enough countries had ratified it to afford it the status of binding international law; except for a partial ratification (with

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conditions and edits) in 1988 by the Reagan Administration, the U. S. has still not ratified the convention in its entirety.(10)

First off, lets look at what parts of Lemkin's draft were so "philosophically disagreeable" to the United States. Lemkin was extremely thorough in the draft document, where he included linguistic and political groups under currently protected groups of racial, national, and religious groups. Also importantly, he included in the list of punishable acts (enumerated in Article 3 of the current convention) engaging in a number of "preparatory" acts such as developing techniques of genocide and setting up installations for the purpose of committing genocide.

Already we can see that if the above made it into the final draft, both Amerika and I\$rael would have been in the 'hot seat', so to speak.

Lemkin also included preventing the "preservation or development" of the above groups as a punishable act as well as policies that would bring about the disintegration of the political, social, or economic structure of a group or nation (author's note: Settlers & Neocolonialists Beware!).

Lastly and most crucially, Lemkin detailed 3 distinct and specific forms of genocide: physical, biological, and cultural. For physical genocide he included "slow death" measures such as the "subjection to conditions of life which, owing to lack of proper housing, clothing, food, hygiene and medical care... are likely to result in debilitation or death of individuals", as well as "deprivation of all means of livelihood by confiscation of property, looting, curtailment of work, and denial of housing and supplies otherwise available to the other inhabitants of the territory concerned." Biological genocide, apart from compulsory abortion and sterilization, included segregation of the sexes and obstacles to marriage. Cultural genocide included forced and systematic exile of individuals representing the culture of a group, as well as the destruction of a groups historical or religious monuments and the destruction of a group's historical, artistic, and religious documents or objects.(11)

If one looks to the UN Genocide Convention today, it would be entirely accurate to say it no longer resembles in any meaningful way the original intentions of the author(s).

One might ask what the consequences of this are, and though there are many, I'll only go into one.

Consequently, it has continued to further obfuscate what constitutes genocide, further allowing imperialist and reactionary regimes to continue policies of genocidal oppression, domestically as well as in the Global South. Yet as a direct result of this in the case of I\$rael, many countries in the Global South have had enough of the genocidal Zionist regime. Most importantly South Africa (where the Zionists supported the apartheid regime before its collapse) charged the Zionist entity with genocide at the ICC in the Hague. Many Central and South American countries, like Chile and Honduras, who both had to deal with genocidal reactionary regimes propped up by the support of both Amerika and I\$rael, have both said enough is enough, and recalled their ambassadors to I\$rael over the Amerikan funded genocide.(12) And also extremely important, and as a great way to segue into my last topic of this article, it has set off an explosion of support for Palestine from within the belly of the imperialist beast, in the U.S. but also all across Europe; vital to this effort

African apartheid, consolidate into such a huge outpouring of love, rage, and solidarity on college campuses.

I was sadly also not surprised when the Pro-Zionist reactionaries sent the pigs in to silence the movement, nor have I been surprised at the Zionist propaganda campaign attempting to label the entire Palestinian solidarity movement "anti-Semitic" and "violent", even going so far (a la Stop Cop City activists) as calling all protesting for Palestine "terrorists" and "supporters of terrorists". Here in the Bay Area, there have been lies spread saying that the BDS strategy is no longer viable or legally possible for UC Board of Regents to boycott/divest from the Zionist entity, which has been uncovered as a lie to get Our comrades at Berkeley to abandon their camp and goals. Whether divestment is possible, we can look to the success of the BDS movement in 1986 at Berkeley to finally pressure the UC to divest \$3.1 billion from companies doing business with apartheid South Africa.(13) Aside from this it's also been insane to watch the bipartisan effort, from genocide Joe to the outer reaches of the far right, to attempt to get the masses concerned with some of the alleged rhetoric of individuals on campus and the violence (which from numerous sources have been proven to be incited by

many other avenues for protest and action, I'd like to give one bit of advice if any students or other outside comrades may be reading: I think aside from the also important avenues of protest and actions here in the belly of the imperialist beast, it would be extremely beneficial to send as many comrades (students or otherwise) to the West Bank this summer, to live and learn among the Palestinian people themselves. Mao himself called attention numerous times to the importance of this, as did Huey P. Newton which led him to visit revolutionary China. SDS and what would become the Weather Underground Organization (WU) also saw the importance of this in the 60's and early 70's meeting with revolutionaries from Cuba, Vietnam, and other countries to learn about them, their life and their struggle from their own points of view and in their own voices.

As the Zionists have only continued the ramping up of repression in the West Bank since operation Al-Aqsa Flood, you could also play an integral role in getting the stories of Palestinians there back to the masses here in the U.S. as well as help in the already ongoing humanitarian efforts going on there. Just something to think about as we move into the summer.

tion of a people via genocide by destroying its capacity to produce for the nation and build the future. But to treat wimmin's lives as more precious or needing additional protection feeds into the patriarchal thinking that lets I\$rael use myths of rape (see "Rape Revenge Fantasies Fuel Genocide in Palestine" from ULK 85) to rally support for bombing thousands of more Palestinians. To the extent that it is true that grown men are doing more of the fighting for Palestine, this only demonstrates the value their lives have for the nation.

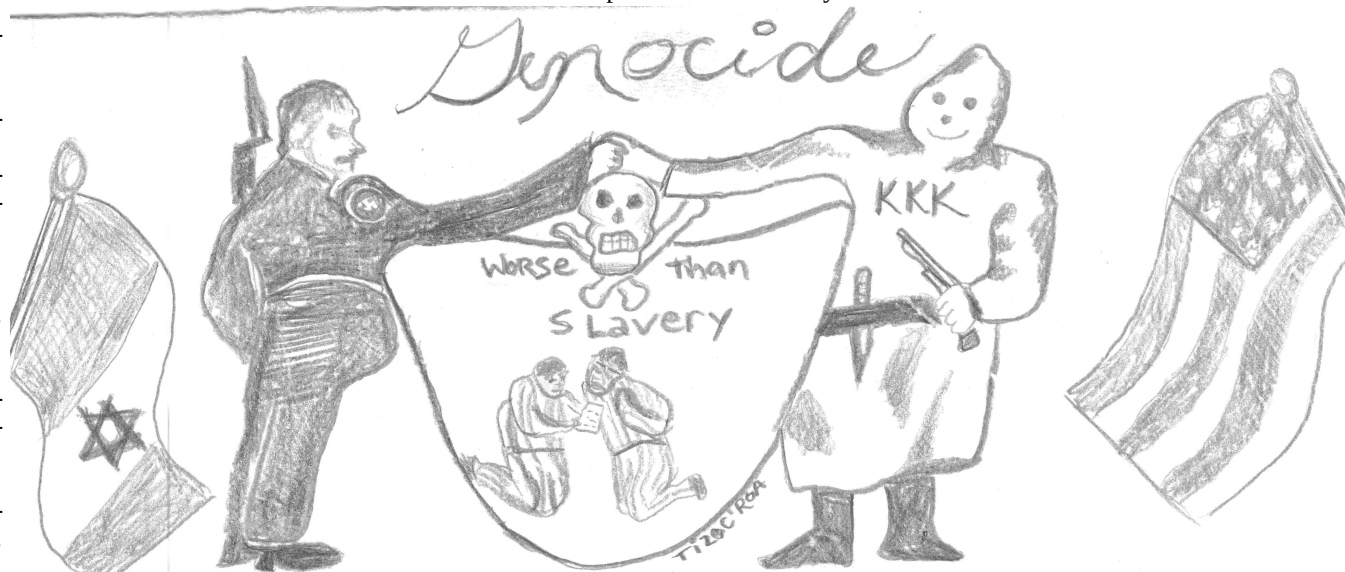
MIM talked about genocide as one of a number of forms of "absolute immiseration" today:

"there is a sociology discourse claiming that Marx's ideas of "absolute deprivation" are incorrect, because supposedly absolute immiseration of the proletariat has not happened under capitalism since Marx's time. ...To avoid talking about [examples of absolute immiseration like] militarism, the environment and prison, the bourgeois social scientists talk about "relative deprivation" ...Genocide is a matter of absolute immiseration. There can be nothing worse."

It is no mystery that Palestine is a key contradiction in the imperialist system today. It is not because Palestinians play an important role in value production, but because of the absolute immiseration they face at the hands of U.S. imperialism in its attempt to maintain a foothold in the part of the world they happen to inhabit. ■

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has been Our comrades on college campuses across Turtle Island.

Student Activism and U.S. Attempts to "Silence the Intifada"

When the first encampments and building occupations were setup, from Columbia University to campuses across Turtle Island all the way to UC Berkeley, though I wasn't surprised, (and forgive me for my emotional subjectiveness) tears of joy and pride sprang to my eyes as I watched the moving images on CNN move across the screen. Not since the Vietnam War and organizations like Student for a Democratic Society (SDS) have we seen the anti-war movement, nor the BDS movement since South

Zionist counter-demonstrators and the pigs) at the encampments, to try to get everyone to somehow forget his "ironclad" support of I\$raeli genocide. Sadly for Genocide Joe and his Pro-Zionist rabble in Congress, students on campuses across Turtle Island have dug in and refused the false images the imperialists and their media have tried to paint of them, and have let the imperialists know 3 things: We are NOT going anywhere, We will NOT be silenced, and **PALESTINE WILL BE FREE!**

As the college term wraps up for the summer and many in the Palestine Solidarity Movement, on and off campus, set their sights this summer on an explosive confrontation at the Democratic National Convention alongside

In case you weren't aware, We behind the gulag walls admire your unshakable and uncompromising support for Palestine's liberation, and your unwavering courage in the face of wave after wave of attacks by Zionist reactionaries and their pig helpers. You inspire us behind the wall and We can't wait to see what you do next.

From the river to the sea,

Palestine will be Free!

MIM(Prisons) responds: Wimmin and children have fought bravely in the resistance to Zionist occupation. There is something concrete to seeing the murder of children as more egregious in terms of the immiseration

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outrage over the arrests of students and faculty would have quickly gobbled up all the air in the discussion surrounding Palestine. Though not intentionally designed, the separation of student activists and union organizations has contributed to the success of the student intifada. As has the organic separation between faculty and students, though sometimes muddled by unionized students in the UAW. This separation has permitted, but not guaranteed, the more principled students to take initiative in fighting their local foot-soldiers of ethnic cleansing,

Many have taken the opportunity to occupy key locations, destroy property facilitating genocide, or symbolically renaming liberated buildings on their campus to Martyrs slain in the liberation struggle.

So long as the student radicals keep ahead of the social fascists keen to rally around them, they can keep efforts centered on Palestine and fix these tertiary elements into a supporting role behind their initiatives, lest they be dragged down into drivel like the UAW's campaign to hijack the

movement into unionizing arms manufactures, as we reported last issue (see: "Palestine & Internationalism from the Imperial Core" from ULK 85). This is only possible if the students maintain organizational independence from the forces which risk slowing them down. While united front tactics don't guarantee success — it's up to the students to center the right lines and pick the correct strategies to see their goals fulfilled, without it they will be tackled at the starting line. As the next school semester approaches on the horizon, we wish the student radicals the best of luck in their race against back-

ward elements.

MIM(Prisons) adds: The "social-fascism" thesis was applied by Bolsheviks to Western Europe's social-democracy of the late 1920s and early 1930s. Behind this thesis was MIM's understanding of social-democracy as not always based in a politically foggy sector of the proletariat but usually in the super-profit bribed petty-bourgeoisie known as the "labor aristocracy" — at least in the imperialist countries, especially those long-established imperialist countries with colonies or neo-colonies. The "social-fascist" term applied to social-democrats who appeared socialist

on the outside while serving fascism in content. MIM applies this term to all those today who appeal to the economic nationalism of the imperialist country labor aristocracy. Those calling for closing the borders, import restrictions etc. and calling themselves "socialist" or even "communist" — these are the social-fascists today.(2) ■

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The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Pardon Used as Neo-KKKonfederate Rallying Point

by Triumphant of United Struggle from Within
July 2024

In May of this year, Texas governor greg abbot pardoned a man named daniel perry. Some of you may remember the incident in which daniel was convicted of murder. Recall the summer of 2020. The hope, optimism and liberty many felt as they bum-rushed the streets in protest in cities worldwide decrying anti-blackness.

In the midst of this surge of proactive and progressive human energy after the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, was a tag team, husband and wife duo in Austin, Texas. Austin, the state capital, was the most active and longstanding protest site in the state during that summer. In the eye of this storm was Garrett Foster and his wife, Whitney

Mitchell. Mitchell, who was confined to a wheelchair, wanted to be involved in the ground swelling movement of humynity, and would not let being confined to a wheel-chair detour em. Garrett was his guide and aid.

Garrett and his wife attended many of the protests that summer, mostly centered around the police headquarters and state capital in downtown Austin. Garrett, a u.s. air force veteran, routinely adorned fatigues and carried a rifle which he was legally permitted to possess by the laws of the state. In July of 2020, while walking and escorting his wife Whitney down Congress Avenue, Garrett and daniel got into a verbal altercation. daniel was an Uber driver and was on the job. daniel was also legally armed. daniel, behind the protection of an Uber vehicle, began revving his engine up in order to intimidate protesters. Mr. Foster ad-



Photos of Whitney, Garrett and Daniel

ressed this behavior verbally and after doing so, daniel rolled down the window and shot Garrett Foster multiple times, killing him.

During the pre-trial proceedings, this case, along with the case of Kyle Rittenhouse, received a swarm of media attention on conservative networks. The neo-confederates believed that the two white supremacists' acts of murder had struck a blow for all of them (them being the white settler amerikans, particularly the neo-confederacy).

At that time in 2020, greg abbot appeared on the Tucker Carlson show and vowed that in the event of guilt he would pardon Daniel Perry. In May, abbot made good on this vow and pardoned Daniel Perry, stating that he "stood his ground".

I hope this news upsets the reader. At the very least I hope this news brings you in on the not so little secret my comrades and I have long known. You wanna know what that secret is? Sure, I'll tell you.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LAW, ONLY POWER STRUGGLES.

The good, if I can even call it that, is that some will see this and finally realize the illegitimacy of law in Texas and American society. To understand why this was such a thrust and showcase of reactionary power, we have to un-

derstand the history of the pardon and commutation in Texas. Briefly, in the 1980's the legislature passed measures to limit the power of the governor to pardon and commute sentences. What they passed made sure that in the case of pardons, at least 10 of 18 members of the Pardons and Parole Board, all of which are appointed by the governor, would have to recommend a pardon. All 18 members recommended the pardon of Daniel Perry. A spit in the face of bourgeois democracy and the bourgeois legal process. So now we can see that it's okay not to play by the rules, this will free us of some of our handicapping hang-ups. Will you step up and commit to wresting power out of the hands of tyranny? We All Have A Choice To Make. ■

Power to the People!

Power to New Afrika!

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come at the expense of the Third World but serve to pacify the First World. Most notably, this is expressed in how angry people get about the analysis proving that prisoners, while no doubt an oppressed class and a hotbed for potential for organizing, are not exploited, so MIM(Prisons) doesn't generally promote the fight for better wages for prisoners. To self-criticize, even I myself originally was upset about MIM(Prisons)'s stated intentions not to fight for healthcare for transgender prisoners, interpreting this as latent transmisogyny rather than a recognition that healthcare for trans prisoners (as important a battle as I believe it to be) is not a struggle in the interest of the global proletariat. Incidents like the capitulation of student encampments at Northwestern University, Vassar College, and other elite universities display clearly how radical a line that really is.

Going forward, two things are going to have to happen in order for further protests for Palestine of this form to yield meaningful results: first, protesters are going to have to recognize that everything they do in protest should be in the actual, direct interest of the oppressed people of Palestine, not in the interest of "anti-racism" or "solidarity" or any bullshit half-measures. Second, protesters will have to prepare to be faced with violence and with the full force of state repression. Here's a little logic-puzzle version of what happens when you say "we're staying here, we're causing trouble, and we're not moving until you (divest/get rid of your dual degree program/get this politician out of our town/whatever)": there are three options. Option one: you give in, you leave there, you stop causing trouble, you get your House or your scholarships or your vote-in-six-months. Option two: they give in, they accept your demands and nothing less. Option three: they break out the tear gas, the riot batons, the robot dogs, the big-ass battering-ram pigmobiles. And here's the truth of it all: if you let it be option one, you're worthless, you've sold out the people of Palestine. If you don't let it be option one, if you make The Man choose between option two and option three. Well, if he doesn't have a really good goddamn reason to choose option two, it's gonna be option three. That's the unfortunate truth, so you better be ready, and start doing wrist and shoulder stretches,

because plastic flexicuffs hurt worse than the metal ones, what's up with that.

2. The Dogmatic Trend and its Flaws

What I just laid out describes the main current that I see "on the ground" in so-called pro-Palestine "activism" that does nothing at all for Palestine itself. I doubt I'm telling you guys anything new here, besides confirming that such things are happening and making the particulars clear. On the flip side of activism-theater, refusal to study history, and "wins" for the First World, I also have noticed that there is a trend to be unbelievably reductive and flippant when it comes to what one's orientation towards Third World liberation groups engaged in armed struggle should be, what course of action should be taken in the First World, and a refusal to engage in good-faith conversation about either of those subjects without dogmatism.

I am speaking in particular about people who will say (correctly) "fundraising and mutual aid and liberal-left protests don't do anything for Palestine", but then follow that statement up with "the ONLY thing that will ACTUALLY free Palestine is communist revolution". Though the last month has only strengthened my convictions that communism (in the form laid out by Marx, Lenin, and Mao, and practiced in the USSR and China) is correct, and true, and the only pathway to the permanent liberation of all the oppressed peoples of the world, it seems disgustingly chauvinistic to imply that the thing that a First-Worlder can do that has the most material impact on the people of Palestine is to focus on one's home country, on some idea of "making revolution".

Notably, other than MIM(Prisons) and another group I am working with who I shall not name, I have noticed that people who say such things don't ever enjoy discussing what "making revolution" looks like, in this day, in this country, beyond platitudes. I see this trend frequently among communists who I know offline, but also among certain prominent users of popular "anti-revisionist" communist online discussion boards (I say this not to gossip or shit-talk, but rather because I believe it behooves one to recognize that even spaces that portray themselves as "anti-chauvinist" or "anti-revisionist" do not by de-

fault take Third World liberation and the contradictions that it would entail seriously. Judging by former discussions I've seen on the Maoist forums, this warping of the idea of "revisionism" to defend inaction isn't a new trend per se).

This correct rejection of mutual aid and petit-bourgeois identity politics, followed by the proclamation of the vulgar line of "nothing you do has an impact for the people of Palestine if you aren't making communist revolution in your home country", seems to me to be a disguised version of the same sentiment that leads to disgusting and chauvin-

that we in the First World should be taking up the gun or robbing banks, but I do believe that a refusal to engage with the question of what a liberated Palestine (and, if Cuba and South Africa, for example, are any precedent, not necessarily a communist Palestine) would look like beyond First World radical academics' ideas of "building revolution" is just a flipside of the chauvinism displayed in the "well, at least we're doing SOMETHING" rhetoric of mutual aid and peaceful protest.

No matter whether they distort Marxism, Maoism, or third-worldism, they inevitably find their way to the same conclusion:

3. Both Are Worse

As I've already said, my central point is thus: both trends, more than anything else, serve as a justification for the ostensibly class-conscious First-Worlder to not do anything that would compromise their comfortable lives, a veritable "class-suicide hotline."

"no, First Worlder, don't go beyond liberalism and bourgeois legality, don't commit your valuable free time to reading and study, don't risk getting expelled — parade-type protests, symbolic encampments, and mutual aid funds are totally sufficient and just as important! You have so much to chant for, you have so many tech



istic lines such as "well, we should critically support Hamas, but they aren't communist, so the most important thing is to be critical of them". Did Torkil Lauesen believe that the most important thing that a First-Worlder could do was "make revolution", and that in the absence of a clear path forward, one should sit on their heels and wait for one to appear? Did Ulrike Meinhoff? Would any of the people who say, whether behind their screens or out on the streets or in the encampment, "the only thing you can do for the people of Palestine is make communist revolution", genuinely try and claim that they're doing more for Palestinian liberation than Hamas, Lauesen, or Meinhoff? Of course I don't intend to advocate adventurism, I don't believe

none of the groups currently debating and fighting and sacrificing for the Palestinian cause are worthy of my time; they're all revisionist, bourgeois, labor-aristocrats; students are all postmodernist bourgeois-wannabes risking their educations and sometimes their lives for the bit; protesters are all shills for the DNC; thank goodness I don't have to feel bad about my inaction. The dogmatists, the "do-nothing"-ists, imply, in essence, the same thing that the first type of chauvinists implicitly believe. The job of a First-Worlder is to fundraise, or to go to art builds, or to read and daydream about the day a revolution free of contradictions springs from the soil, while the job of a Third-Worlder is to die.

jobs to land!"

"no, First-Worlder, don't get involved, don't join any groups, don't talk to the lower and deeper masses, don't learn from resistance movements of the past — you haven't fought with enough other First Worlders online or in your book clubs, god forbid you accidentally make a mistake and learn from practice!"

These are the two trends that we must combat in the struggle for a free Palestine here in the belly of the beast, where all the funding and weapons for the ongoing genocide continue to flow from. ■

Maoist Movie Review: Does Ape Nature Differ from Humyn Nature?

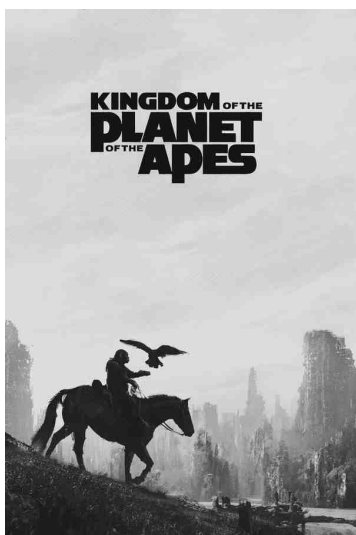
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Spoilers

A main theme throughout both series of *Planet of the Apes* movies is the question of whether Apes differ from so-called "humyn nature." In the first series (produced 1968-1972) especially, humyn nature is blamed for the hubris of nuclear weapons that brings humyns' downfall. In this latest movie of the new series (produced 2011-2024), apes have been setback in this search for truth, but perhaps this can be explained by the very existence of class struggle that they share with humyns.

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (2024), the fourth film in the modern *Planet of the Apes* film series, is the first to take us into the future a few generations after the events that led apes to become competitors with humyns for dominating planet Earth. In it we see glimpses of the emergence of class society, in the form of slavery. But it is a slave society that is shaped by a relationship to the formerly dominant humyns that still reflects a colonial relationship in many ways.

The Eagle Clan, who are the center of the film, live in a primitive clan society, with elders who set the laws that are taught to the young and passed down via tradition. Later in the film, we encounter a larger ape society that is a kingdom led by King Proximus, that has absorbed many clans and uses them as slaves. It is not clear that the slaves produce material wealth for the slavemaster class of the kingdom, as the film only shows them working to break into an old humyn military bunker to extract the technology. But someone must be producing the food,



tools and weapons for the soldiers who run the kingdom.

Proximus claims to be the new Caesar. Caesar was the founder and leader of the apes in the first three movies, and was also a king figure. But Caesar was a benevolent leader who fought and worked alongside the others. A virus gave Caesar super-ape intelligence to lead the apes to liberation from humyn society.

Within 10 years of the events of *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* (2011) (see: "Prison Themes Central to New Planet of the Apes Story" in *ULK 23*), Caesar had already begun to learn that apes have the same tendencies as humyns as he had to ally with a humyn to combat a rogue ape attempting to usurp eir control of ape city to wage war on humyns.

We previously discussed the themes of integrationism in the newer series, in contrast to the older series that takes a more scientific approach to uniting humyns and apes through struggle and re-education. While the inability of apes to build a lasting harmonious society may appear pessimistic, we'd say it is

realistic; accurately reflecting the myth of humyn or ape nature despite the producers' intentions.

The original series (produced 1968-1972) ends with a humyn ally remarking that the apes have finally become humyn after the first ape murder of another ape. This story line is framed more as a biblical original sin story than class struggle. But in both series the first ape-on-ape murder occurs because of the struggle between the apes who want to wage war to annihilate all humyns and those who do not. The question the producers seem to be asking is do apes have a war-like nature like humyns supposedly do. Despite the revolutionary themes of the first series, it largely reinforces this concept of humyn nature.

When we criticize the concept of humyn/ape nature, we are not criticizing the "natural" we are criticizing the metaphysical view of an unchanging phenomenon. In other words, "natural" itself is a myth in many ways, in other ways "natural" could be dialectical materialism and the scientific method that explains the world around us. As dialectical materialists we understand all things to be in a constant state of change motivated by the contradictions within that thing; the class struggle in society being the prime example of this in Marxist thought.

Observed by humyns in our reality, chimpanzees and gorillas have one leader who is a male silverback. While bonobos have an alpha male role as well, the alpha female plays the more determinate role. Interestingly, the king Proximus is a male bonobo. Meanwhile orangutans in real life tend to be more solitary, which is reflected in this film with Racka being a loner and no other orang-

utans being part of Proximus's kingdom. As we know, and as Engels lays out in *The Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State*, humyns have gone through various social structures; from more collective matriarchal societies to the more modern hierarchical patriarchal societies, and these structures have changed to adapt to changing modes of production.

In our world, we suspect humyn societies have changed more over the last ten thousand years than other great apes, because their relationship to the rest of the natural world has changed more through gaining knowledge and technology. Therefore in the new series of movies we would expect apes to go through a very similar evolution of hierarchies and class society as humyns did as they change their relationship to the production of their material needs. This is reflected in the kingdom that operates as a primitive system of slavery, the earliest class system of humyns as well.

However, the evolution of ape society is colored by the existence of a previous, advanced humyn society. Learning from humyn books and accessing humyn armories full of technology are ways that Proximus attempts to make a leap in ape knowledge and technology. As ey does this, Proximus maintains a line that humyns cannot be trusted, and apes must work together, even though this is applied cynically as ey is shown to happily sacrifice the lives of many apes in eir own attempts at power through humyn technology.

The main character in *Kingdom* is Noa, a member of the Eagle Clan, whose father was a master of training eagles. Noa learns about Caesar for the first

time from the last true follower of Caesar after the rest of the Eagle Clan has been captured by Proximus. Before this, Noa had no knowledge of the history of humyns or apes; perhaps because of eir age. But Noa also states that eir elders did not want to know such things and remained ignorant on purpose through isolation.

The major transformation that Noa makes is to reject the idea that law is handed down from some higher power. Ey does this overtly by rejecting the laws of the king, and more subtly by pursuing knowledge eir elders forbid. This is the transformation of thought that humyn society went through during its transition to capitalism, when liberalism, plurality, democracy and the pursuit of scientific knowledge rose to replace ways of thought that were more stagnant, based more in idealism and following a god-king. So we see Noa make a shift towards materialism, that we expect will transform the Eagle Clan as it rebuilds its village. But Noa's understanding of ape nature at the end of the movie still seems behind that of Caesar's, generations ago. We see this type of pre-scientific thinking among our comrades today who believe the white man is literally the devil and the Black man/humyn is god. Like Noa, they're on the right side, but are guided by idealist thinking that can easily lead them astray. Of course, we all struggle with idealism and subjectivism, which might be considered part of the "nature" of beings that can reason with limited knowledge and perspective. Part of the power of the vanguard party, as layed out by Lenin, is its ability to produce a more scientific approach to social change by pooling experience and knowledge production at

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NETANHITLER

by SKS Heruglyphx of United Struggle from Within
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The British did it to the Native Americans, the Zionists are doing it the Palestinians taking the people's land.

No one wants to stop the genocide, because it's not their people being victimized, but let it would have been the other way around, they would be begging the world to sympathize.

To all "Bund" Jews, I love you, if you're a "Zionist", fuck you, for what you're doing to the Palestinians, the new Hitler is Netanyahu.

It ain't Israel or the Jews, it's the Zionist government, doing Amerikkka's bidding and devilishment, manipulating the six point star, invaders being decadent.

To Israel, Amerikkka's giving weapons of every kind, while sending food and aid to Palestine, what could be more hypocritical, people, please read between the lines.

If you vote for any of these hypocrites, you are worst than them in head and feet. Before I vote for any plutocrat, I'll vote for a dog in the street.

This is no democracy, it is a plutocracy, the Palestinians are dying by the thousands, to uphold CIPWS Zionist supremacy. Your time is coming NetanHITLER, you will forever be guilty in the eyes of history. ■

Macklemore: More Radical Than Amerikan Communists?

by MIM(Prisons)
May 2024

Hip hop artist Macklemore released a song and music video, called "Hind's Hall", unapologetically supporting the students fighting to stop U.S. funding of genocide in Palestine. This is a unique statement that we have not seen from Amerikan celebrities after over six months of bombing and invasion.

Besides saying "fuck the police" and "free Palestine", to the question of voting for Biden, Macklemore says "fuck no" in this song. This last point puts em ahead of the so-called Communist Party - U\$A and Revolutionary Communist Party - U\$A, which have both implicitly and explicitly campaigned for Democratic presidential candidates, including Joe Biden. We'd say Macklemore is doing a better job of representing the interests of the Third World proletariat on this point, than the so-called communist parties. In the past Macklemore has sported an Amerikan flag, and campaigned for the Democrats as well. But ey's an individual, and a rapper. We gotta expect a little more from a communist party that is supposed to be a source of truth and to lead us to ending oppression.

Of course, the MIM slogan has been "Don't Vote, Organize!" So not voting for Biden in itself isn't the call for change; rather the recognition of the need to make and change history ourselves instead of casting a vote for this or that celebrity politi-



Rapper Macklemore and Hind Rajab, killed by Israeli occupation.

cian.

While it took 6 months and U.S. student protests for this song to come out, it appears that Macklemore has been involved in the anti-war movement since October when ey signed a statement supporting ceasefire. Ey is also donating all proceeds to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. So good for em, and it is a good thing to use eir voice as a popular artist to reach more people. We hope this cracks open the door for other more popular artists who have been quiet on the genocide.

In the new song, Macklemore also asks "who gets the right to defend? who gets the right to resistance?" flashing pictures from Ukraine and answering that it has to do with skin pigment. This is a righteous defense of the resistance in Palestine that is condemned as terrorism by the same people cheerleading the resistance in Ukraine as a natural humyn right. However, skin

color is a superficial explanation. Though racism, orientalism, and anti-Arab sentiment is a strong driving force behind the average oppressor-nation Amerikkkan's stance on Palestine, ultimately the U.S.'s position derives not from disdain for certain skin colors but rather from imperialism. Ukraine, and Zelensky, stand as a junior partner to Amerikkka against their current greatest imperialist enemy, Russia, while the potential of a freed Palestine poses a threat to Amerikkkan and I\$raeli imperialism in the Middle East.

Students at Columbia University occupied Hamilton Hall after the university rejected most of their demands, including to divest from weapons manufacturers. During the occupation, they renamed it "Hind's Hall" after Hind Rajab, a six-year-old Palestinian girl who was killed by Israeli forces in Gaza City while trying to get assistance from the Red Crescent Society after her family had been killed by an Israeli attack. ■

Response to "Stop Snitching: Stop Collaborating"

by Alien of United Struggle from Within
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Welcome to the Revolution! This is Alien tappin in with a response to the *ULK 83* article titled, "Materialist Analysis of the Stop Snitching Slogan: Stop Collaborating." In this article 3 questions were asked and I'll try to answer them, with an article of my own:

- We ask our imprisoned lumpen readers, can snitching really be stopped without independent power from the oppressor?
- What would it mean to be loyal to "your people" or "your folks"?
- Can the principle of anti-snitching be applied to the enemy who it is designed to protect fellow oppressed nations or lumpen from in the first place?

Lumpen as Aspiring Oppressors

First off, I'm not gonna sugar coat shit. We must identify the 'oppressed' and the 'oppressor', with a concrete analysis, which can get confusing; because the two groups are united under the flag of the 2nd Beast and because the oppressed lumpen in the United States of Amerika are struggling to 'transform themselves' into the oppressors, so when they look in the mirror their reflections often resemble the opposite; in a politically, spiritual, psychological, geographical and sexual essence. Keep in mind that, subjectively and objectively, the U.S. lumpen are in a figurative yacht compared to the canoes of the proletariat and peasants of the Third World, as seen in their past and present conditions. They also sail on entirely different waters, figuratively speaking.

However, neither ship has an arsenal of cannon balls, as does the oppressive Imperial Navy, which is a similarity. The problem is that the U.S. lumpen are trying to arm themselves with cannons inside their yachts, as a means of initiating the Imperial Navy and are aspiring to become oppressors themselves, not as a means of internationally ending oppression/exploitation — it's the Amerikan

nightmare. They are a spitting image of their culture. They want to grow up and get spanked by porn stars, like Donald Trump, with herds of piggy banks to save the day like captain-save-a-rate. The majority of them worship Amerikan Idols, not because they have to, but because that's what they strive, with blood, sweat and tears, to become.

What use is it for the lumpen of the oppressed nations to wrestle power away from the oppressors only to use that power to restore, or intensify imperialism? Chances of success is less than a gamble, with these people steering the ship, it's a guaranteed loss, because they only understand bourgeois revolution, not a communist endgame. In a materialist sense, the lumpen have never demonstrated, throughout history, any success in establishing socialism. The lumpen have always failed as a vanguard for very specific reasons, because they are a root of imperialism. And if you don't uproot the entire plant, from the roots up, then the weeds resurrect, inside of the garden, and we find ourselves in the same situation. It's a rookie mistake to paint an idealistic picture of the lumpen dictating to the rest of the world; not only that, it would be revisionism for the lumpen to jump the proletariat's place, as dictators.

The lumpen of the oppressed nations often as not tend to feed into the weed of imperialism, by cheer leading for and supporting the pigsty with its state and federal criminal injustice system. What I'm trying to say is that, even if the oppressed nations establish independent power from the oppressor, they are likely to keep the same police system in place, or worse. So, not only will snitching not 'really be stopped without independent power from the oppressor,' snitching will not stop even *with* independent power from the oppressor. There's no telling what the lumpen will do, if they get cannon for their yacht, but the way that it looks from my hypothetical perspective is that the lumpen are likely to use cannons to hunt down, loot, rape and sink the canoes of the Third World proletariat, who aspire to eliminate

imperialism. Yachts, canoes and the Imperialist Navy represent the material forces keeping each group afloat. Cannons represents an ability to commit piracy, to dominate and sink other ships.

The Other Side

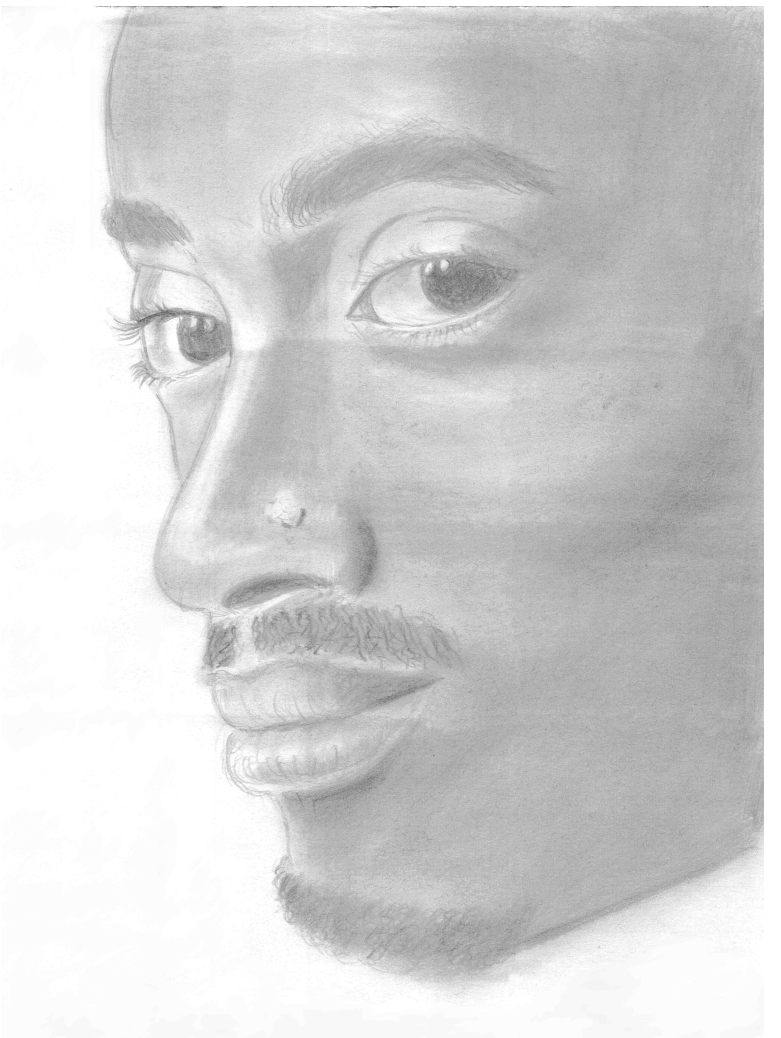
People need to wake up and realize that the reason why the oppressed/exploited have historically been opposed to the oppressors (the pigs, badge-less pigs, rodents of all varieties, who serve the pigs for many flavors of cheese/slop, and reptilian serpents of the Illusionati) is because they were common enemies who openly oppressed along all three strands of oppression (nation, class, and gender). The fucked up part that's got all of the oppressed clawing at each others' throats is that the slick ass enemies are disguising themselves as friends and acting out delusional charades to convince the oppressed masses into believing that the united snakes of pigtopolis are friends and not infiltrators.

On to the next aspect of the contradiction; silence versus full disclosure. To this day, the oppressed lumpen do not truly uphold and adhere to a code of silence in a solid, revolutionary way. Originally, the code of silence was meant to bolster organizational unity and loyalty amongst the communities, so that our oppressed nations could grow, struggle and develop internally. Making moves in silence is a powerful organizational strategy and tactic, when applied correctly.

Codes of silence are meant to shield allies, who we are loyal to, from incrimination. They are not to shield enemies, who are not loyal to us, from incrimination. Why would we show loyalty to the enemy? Showing loyalty to the enemy is showing disloyalty to your allies. The problem is that we've got snakes and such trying to silently ride with the enemy and apply codes of silence to them, in their defense.

With that said, it's one thing to disseminate information to the enemy to get should-be allies targeted, but it's on a whole other level when somebody, who's claiming to be anti-pig, decides to put in actual work in collaboration with the pigs. The collaborators even go so far as to let these pigs into their L.O.'s, so that they're official gang members who get to transform at will and exercise their ability to set you up on fraudulent disciplinary reports to get you stuck in maximum security prisons. To get away with murder and police brutality, with manipulating sex-starved prisoners into weird ass situations, with false jacket allies, etc. Cooperating and coordinating with pigs on these types of levels is against the code and should be serious violations for all L.O.'s involved.

In my experience, these L.O.'s typically police the prisons and streets more so than the actual pigs, with detective investigations full of incriminating ass pig-questions and their violent enforcing of childish rules, laws, codes, etc. Different names for the same shit. The key word is enforce. When they enforce laws, that makes them law enforcers. Their game of dress up comes with the same biased and prejudiced judgments that lead to sentences which are much more oppressive than the pigs prisons and jails. These sick mfer's are li-



able to force innocent people into physical and sexual torture chambers, where they do fucking weirdo shit to em, on an intense level that happens in prisons. They use coded lingo like pigs, they wear uniforms and badges like pigs they hide behind numbers for protection like pigs and they get paid to do evil ass shit like pigs.

It sucks if I hurt anybody's soft, mushee-gushee, sensitive ass feelings, but I'm not going to refrain from speaking the truth in criticism.

Our Tasks

What I'm wondering is why do we even maintain a code of silence towards any of these piggly-wiggly ass L.O.'s, when they ride with the enemy against us on a regular basis?

Nevertheless, it's important to remember that, in order for the oppressed to win power and keep our feet down on the necks of those who prayed on our downfall, we'll need an independent intelligence network of our own. So, technically we just need to redirect intelligence gathering apparatuses in our favor and win them over to our side of the fight, so as to counteract the counter-revolutionaries and others of their ilk. And by this, I mean that snitching isn't to be stopped when we have our own independent institutions of the oppressed but that we have to look at this aspect of the contradiction in a different light. We have to call it something positive instead of a hackneyed, connotative phrase that's been abused and distorted since its conception and use it to our advantage against our enemies, who seek to use such tactics and strategies against us. It's impossible to support an emerging socialist government without an agency that specializes in this field of work. What I'm saying is that we need to police the police.

In the meantime, we can locate the enemy's snitches, show em mercy and recruit em to our side without letting the enemy know. Then, we flood the imperialists with double-agents who feed the imperialists misleading or false intel. I mean, one way to

look at this is that if we try to "kill all the rats/pigs," we'd have to kill almost the entirety of every imperialist country. We can't kill the entire world.

Oppression is a contagious disease that is transmitted through imperialist society like an opioid addiction with withdrawals and cravings. Once one contracts the disease, ey becomes desensitized, individualistic and apathetic towards society. Voluntary and involuntary participation in capitalist society is the cough that spreads this disease. This sickness has an infinite array of symptoms, but the main symptoms that pertain to this article are disloyalty, disunity and the inability to distinguish ally from enemy. The oppressed nations have maxims such as 'it's not about what you know, but who you know.' The oppressed seek to make friends with the powerful oppressors as a means of rising from oppression to become oppressors themselves, and these oppressed people will turn over all kinds of incriminating info ('what they know') to these powerful enemies.

Successful socialist revolution is the medicine for the ailment. Under communism, there are no pigs for rats to snitch to and no pigs to police us. So if you wanna liquidate rats, pigs and serpents thus ending snitching, socialist revolution welcomes you into the rank-and-file with open arms.

The next question (one of my own) that I'll explore is "what strands of oppression are keeping snitching and policing alive?" Oppressed nations don't 'keep snitching and policing alive', per se. And from an amerikan perspective one would automatically assume that the bourgeois males of the white oppressor nations are the only ones to slam. Nevertheless, snitching existed long before capitalism-imperialism and long before white people had a nation. Despite what these 'white power' lunatics think, 'power' (snitching/policing being what 'white' people do with 'power') is colorless. Ultimately, societal oppression itself, in all three strands, is what fuels snitching/policing, because

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Bang Bang on Police Violence

by a New York prisoner
March 2024

Bang Bang!

Hit the nail on its head

Set sailing this Captain

That Capped him

Liquid fled

From the hole in one

And flowed on the concrete

As the theme song playing in his chest fades to a non-beat

Eyes that wouldn't see years more than 15

Puberty was right around the corner

If he could have searched the end of the block

The ground blocked his decent to hell

So to heaven he went

Sole followed the light of a patrol car

This bloody nightmare

That it seems we'll never wake from

Still police escape from

Apprehension

Under the false pretenses

Of duty to a community

That's so in fear it's from police they flee

Hoping to see Another day

Or we'll hear our last sound Bang Bang

Before we're blown away... ■

Stop Snitching on Pigs

by a California prisoner
August 2024

This topic keeps coming up again and again and now I see it listed in the USW campaign list. Let's look at this from a practical perspective and not from an ideological one.

Snitching is telling on people. It's giving information on someone else to a higher authority to act on it. We can all agree on that definition. The more important question is to what INTENTION is someone snitching, and this is what we should analyze as it pertains to our struggle.

I've been reading in *ULK* about these "comrades" who snitch on other prisoners because they claim it's for the good of our struggle. I call Bullshit. If you really care so much about the health of the population, become a drug counselor or start a campaign to fight drug addiction. But you're not doing any of those things, which actually involve WORK. Instead you sit in your cell and file these papers to internal affairs or whoever using the same system you claim to be opposing, and then you beg them to protect you. Disgusting.

The cops you are snitching on are not part of some larger conspiracy to keep inmates addicted to drugs or control the population. That's absurd. These cops are actually our allies, and though they may be motivated by profit, they are still facing the same risk and fate we now find ourselves in. If it weren't for these allies, we would never have phones in prison which allow us to contribute to the struggle in ways we otherwise could never do, not to mention the obvious connections with our loved ones without police invasion of our privacy.

I understand you who snitch probably can't afford a phone, and this makes you angry and spiteful so you wish to do your "public service," right? Or maybe you are simply envious of the power and influence of those who have the plugs. Sorry for that; prison is rough. But don't sit here and claim you do it because you just care about us all so much.

That being said, are drugs beneficial to the population? No, but unfortunately sometimes that comes with it and we should spend our efforts to make sure the right things are coming in and not the wrong things. We don't need to throw out the whole baby with the bathwater. In fact, a lot of marijuana comes in too and personally this helps a lot with my service-related PTSD. Shame on you or anyone trying to shut down these precious lifelines using the guise of our struggle. Get-

Prison Banned Books Week 2024

By MIM(Prisons)
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During the week of September 15-21, 2024, dozens of organizations will be participating in Prison Banned Books Week by highlighting the censorship of books and literature in prisons across the United States. This year the focus will be on the new scourge of tablets that are serving to further restrict what literature many prisoners can access and read. (see p. 6)

MIM(Prisons) and Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support (AIPS) will be participating in this campaign by highlighting stories of censorship and tablet

ting more people locked in prison because of your personal misery does not help the movement. You are not fooling me or any of the real ones out there.

MIM(Prisons) responds: This comrade is largely responding to an article in *ULK 84*, "CA Silences Reports of Drug Trade in Prisons". We can acknowledge the added nuance in this situation. However, most of the articles we've printed on this topic are comrades trying to get people to file grievances against political repression or physical abuse by staff (see: "Respond to 'Stop Snitching'" with — Stop Collaborating!" in *ULK 85*), and other prisoners refusing because they "don't snitch." Such cases are cut and dry. While we can't rely on the imperialist state to police itself, grievances and lawsuits are tactics that contribute to building power. We must expose abuses of the state to combat them. So to say "Stop snitching on pigs" as this comrade does is truly a reactionary statement equivalent to saying "don't resist oppression".

What the comrade above says about running programs to fight drug addiction is right on. Just reporting things to the imperialists is never gonna change things on its own. We must build our own power and our own independent institutions of the oppressed. That is when the imperialists will really start to make moves to out compete us by reforming their own institutions. As far as the state conspiring to spread drugs, we need to understand the levels at which such things happen. Just because every C.O. didn't come together and discuss these plans doesn't mean it's not intentional. To put it another way, if the state wanted to stop drug use in prisons, they could. It wouldn't even be that hard. Whether prescription meds or illicit ones, we know this is a common tool of pacification in prisons, as is digital media as the comrade from Pennsylvania discusses (see "The Pacifier" on p. 7 of this issue).

We discussed with this comrade the loosening of old hierarchies, staff shortages, and the opening of opportunities in prisons today. Some of the old ways are going away. Mostly this has led to negative things like more drugs and neglect so far. But it does create new possibilities. And that is why we are printing this response. We do want comrades to be trying to understand the changes where they are imprisoned and thinking about how our goals can expand and work within the existing motions of change. United fronts and temporary alliances are necessary strategic tools. ■

restrictions on our website throughout the week. On the streets we will be getting people to sign postcards in support of prisoners fighting censorship in Indiana. We also hope to further the struggle around new restrictions in Missouri. So look out for additional fliers and materials on our website leading up to Prison Banned Books Week.

We call on USW comrades to continue to send in your stories and updates on censorship of literature, and restrictions via tablets, that we can highlight during Prison Banned Books Week. So get your reports in by September 1st. ■

Whole Towns Living Off the Prison Teat

by a Colorado prisoner
July 2024

I am a prisoner of the Cañon City Complex, a "campus" with seven prisons holding up to 10,000 victims of Colorado's giant injustice system. A few weeks ago I went out for a day trip to a doctor in the town next to the complex, Cañon City. Much of the town is new, businesses like motels, fast food joints, etc. line the main drag.

When sitting in the doctor's office I asked the prison guard who was there, "who or what financially supports all the people and businesses in this town?" He replied, "The Cañon City Complex". Yup, a whole town that survives (mostly) because of mass imprisonment. Shut down the prisons and the town would quickly become a ghost town.

We think about all the people that suck at the teat of The Sys-

tem, from cops to lawyers, to all jail/prison personnel, to parole officers. But few consider all the people/businesses that have a symbiotic relationship with the teat suckers. Providers of all the goods and services that they use from food, to clothing, to auto repair. A great mass of people around the United States who will always cry "law and order," and who will oppose any reform efforts to reduce the number of people arrested every year (10 million plus per Law Prof. Dan Canon), the number of people imprisoned, or the length of the sentences.

My thesis is: If you are an activist/reformer who wants to change The System, then you need to know exactly what you are up against. You cannot have any real success unless you do.

MIM(Prisons) adds: We agree with that thesis. And this com-

rade's report aligns with our past research on the U.S. prison economy and what is driving it (see: "Marxist Economics and Amerikan Mass Incarceration: Revisiting *ULK 8*" from *ULK 62*). It has become chic to talk about the "Prison Industrial Complex" as if there are a bunch of big corporations whose profits are driving mass incarceration in this country, like the ones that drive military production and war (militarism). As this comrade describes, the prison system is more like the New Deal. But instead of funding jobs to build roads to improve transport for commerce, they are funding jobs to build prisons for population control. In this way a goal of the state is accomplished, while shuffling superprofits from the Third World to the Amerikans in these prison towns doing unproductive labor whether as prison guards, salespeople, cashiers, or insurance agents. ■

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it concocts an opportunity for all government of society to incentivize oppressed people to desperately find a way out of said oppression through cooperation with the oppressors, who have the power to lift the oppressed up to their level. So if you end oppression altogether, there's no logical reason to snitch on anyone. Those who advocate for the imperialist sources of oppression are to blame for keeping snitching and policing alive. The criminal injustice system created oppressive consequences for those who oppose their power structure and they feed scooby snacks to the mystery-gang members who assist them in targeting their enemies. Basically, it's not the 'strands of oppression' that keeps snitching/policing alive, but the oppressors who create oppression that encourage people of every class, nation and gender to sell each other out.

Snitching and policing will remain if current society remains. Only under a communist society

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able to attack enemy forces at the military checkpoint separating northern Bethlehem and southern occupied Al-Quds.(25) On 20 November 2023, the Mujahideen Brigades were victorious in firing upon an incursion of IOF soldiers in Jenin, clashing with special forces in Tubas, and shooting a jeep in Tubas.(26) On November 21st, an IOF drone targeted a site in Tulkarem camp, continuing to prevent ambulances from reaching the site. Afterward the IOF stormed the Thabet Thabet Hospital to prevent the ambulances from working.(27) Only a few days later on November 23rd, a wave of widespread arrests were carried out, clashing with the resistance and locals in Balata refugee camp, Al-Arroub, Dura, Beit Liqya, and Qalandiya refugee camp.(28) On November 24th, the Mujahideen Brigades, succeeded in bombing the "Dotan" military checkpoint southwest of Jenin.(29)

Conclusion

The resistance in the West Bank face similar conditions to the nationally oppressed in the United States. One key difference is the proximity to imperialism with integrationist pull that pacifies resistance. Aside from that, both are firmly occupied under the boot of the colonizers with no

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will snitching and policing end.

MIM(Prisons) responds: While these harsh critiques of lumpen organizations do not apply to all L.O.s for all time, they certainly will ring true for many. And while we look to the imprisoned lumpen in this country as one of the most oppressed groups, which has historically produced some dedicated and effective revolutionaries, it is true that they are not the proletariat. And they/we all must transform ourselves and combat the class (and often nation and gender) interests that we are born into.

As this comrade points out, L.O.s power often comes from their willingness to act outside what is normally allowed. "The ends justify the means" is one version of this. This is why Tupac (see: "Hip Hop in the Scopes of the State" from *ULK 10*) and Mutulu Shakur (see: "Rest In Power Mutulu Shakur" from *ULK 82*) worked together to develop the THUG LIFE code (see: "The

Hate U Gave Lil' Infants Fucks Everyone" from *ULK 10*) to promote among the oppressed nation lumpen via Tupac's music. They recognized the progressive capacity of the L.O. rejection of the imperialist code, but the anti-people tendency of the L.O.s that no longer had a code of their own, or had a very reactionary one.

This comrade gets to the heart of it when ey says we need to use the tools that work to build an independent path for the oppressed towards socialism. Just as the imperialists have intelligence operations, so must we. Though our intelligence cannot mimic the pigs like so many L.O.s do that use torture, sexual abuse, and other anti-people behaviors to promote fear among the masses.

"Snitching", or sharing information, is a tool that goes both ways. You can tell the imperialists on the revolution, or you can tell the revolutionaries about what the imperialists are up to. The real crime is collaborating with the imperialists in either direction. ■

I\$rael, aiming to fully annex the West Bank. ■

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!

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Document Prison Abuses

We receive many reports about terrible conditions, abuse and neglect in prisons across the country. While most of these don't make it onto the pages of *ULK*, we do type these up for publication on our website (www.prisoncensorship.info).

Documenting and monitoring the abusive conditions in Amerikan prisons is an important part of our work. Keep sending in these reports! Online readers can search by state and facility to find your reports.

SPREAD ULK IN 2024

Help popularize and improve *ULK* to grow our movement.

Prisoners sign up to be a distributor and get multiple copies of every issue.

Outside supporters can also order *ULK* in bulk, distribute it at events and spaces where people will see it. Local distributors funding the *ULKs* they distribute also helps us survive and reach new supporters.

STOP CENSORSHIP IN**PENDLETON CF**

Recently, prisoners at Pendleton Correctional Facility in Indiana have been the subject of an unrelenting and ongoing campaign of censorship waged by the state against nearly all materials we send to them. As with all cases of censorship we face, the reasons provided for prohibiting the delivery of our mail to its intended recipients are totally frivolous. The real reasons for these gross acts of censorship are obvious – our materials are censored purely to repress our political messaging and as a means of retaliating against prisoners.

A comrade at Pendleton is currently filing a lawsuit in order to hold the state accountable for these abuses of power, so keep an eye out for ways you can join in on and help our comrade in this struggle. For our supporters on the outside, you can help our comrades at Pendleton right now by printing out and getting signatures on the postcards we have made for this campaign that are available on our website. We are

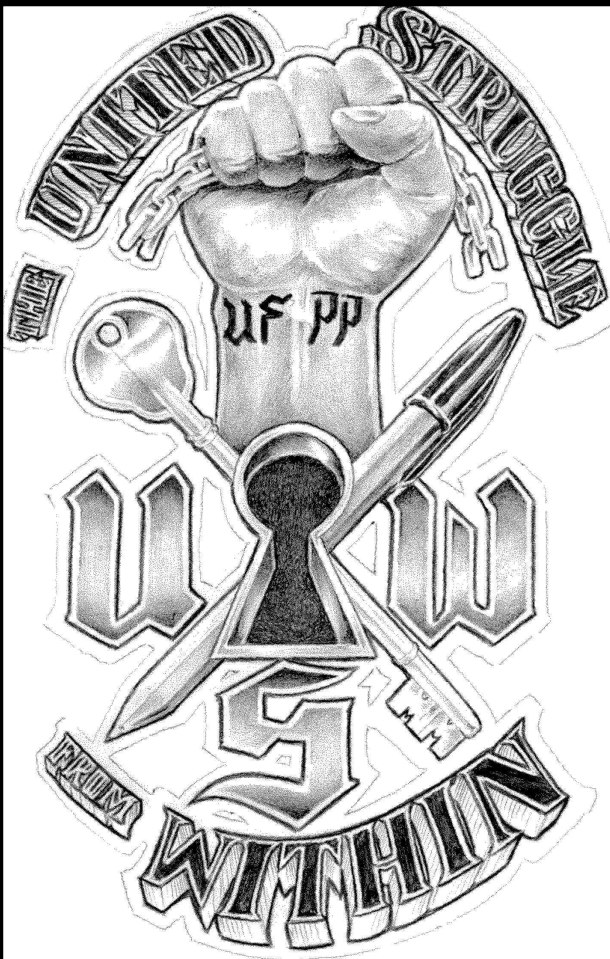
also looking into the process of testing mail for drugs in Indiana DOC. See p. 7 for more background info.

WE DEMAND OUR GRIEVANCES ARE ADDRESSED

If you are experiencing problems with your grievance process, such as delays, unanswered grievances, or harassment, you should join this campaign. Petitions are available for AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MS, MT, NV, NY, NC, OK, OR, SC, and TX. If the state-level petition doesn't bring relief, we now have a new follow-up petition written to hold states accountable to federal requirements.

Write in to get the petition for your state. Remember, you need to send them out to the administrators and politicians yourself.

If your state is not currently covered by the grievance campaign, volunteer to re-

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write the petition to work for your state. Update this campaign - If you participated in this campaign in the past, send us a report on what happened. Tell us how you used it to help organize others and build group consciousness or how it didn't work.

BUILD A UNITED FRONT FOR PEACE IN PRISONS

September 9th is the annual day of Peace and Solidarity, built around the principles of the United Front for Peace in Prisons outlined on page 2. Actions and events on this day should focus on building peace among all who can be united, while abstaining from work, commissary, tablets, etc. There's still time to organize something if you haven't yet. But a successful September 9th stems from the day-to-day work we do to build unity all year long. Send in your reports on your organizing efforts for *ULK* 87.

EXPOSE & COMBAT ADDICTION

Drugs are being used to control people in prisons across the country. This threat can only be tackled with organized resistance. We began distributing our *Revolutionary 12 Step Program* over a year ago. We need to hear from you if you have tried to implement the program. What worked? What didn't? How can we improve and expand these efforts? You can also write in to get a copy of our *Revolutionary 12 Step Program* and begin a program in your prison to help those who want to transform themselves to a new revolutionary person. We want to support you in combating these dangerous chemicals among the people.

FREE PALESTINE! FREE OURSELVES!

We are continuing the call for USW comrades to agitate in support of Palestinian liberation and draw connections to our own struggles for national liberation here. The U.S. empire is the common oppressor. Study this issue of *ULK* with local comrades to develop your own ideas for supporting Palestine. Fighting imperialism from within helps those fighting it elsewhere.

PRISON BANNED BOOKS**WEEK 2024**

During the week of September 15-21, 2024, dozens of organizations will be participating in Prison Banned Books Week by highlighting the censorship of books and literature in prisons across the United States. See p. 15 of this issue of *Under Lock & Key* for more info.

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group level for a whole class.

In our review of *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* (2014) (see: "Maoist Movie Review: Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" in *ULK* 40) we compare the Caesar loyalists to the Gang of Four in China, who were those in the leadership who both understood and represented the Maoist line after Mao's death. The Orangutan, Raka, would be like a young person in China today who has deeply studied Mao and Chinese history but has no real experience in building socialism and no one to help em put it into practice. Proximus might be compared to the revisionists in power in China, exploiting the people while trying to strengthen China against the U.S. imperialists all in the name of "Marxism" (or "Caesar").

The problem that Noa faces in determining what the right path

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is, and what Caesar was really about, becomes a question of trust and judging what is morally right. In contrast, we can judge the correct Maoist path by studying history, and putting science into practice. While Noa's path in this movie echoes Caesar's in the previous one, this is only because they both tried to help their own people. While serving the people is part of the communist road, we must be more than do-gooders to end oppression, we must have a scientific understanding of society, what forces are at play within it, how it is changing and how we can shape that change.

In practice it seems that Noa may have acted against the interests of Apes overall by eir alliance with the humyn, Mae. Another sequel will probably reveal this. This is where the colonial parallels come in. Mae is part of a

humyn society that is no longer dominant, but still possesses historical knowledge and technology that gives them a great advantage. The Eagle Clan parallels many primitive groups in humyn history that have encountered colonialists and allied with them against other known enemies, perhaps seeing the colonialists as friends and allies, before being subjugated by them in turn. In this way Proximus proves more correct in eir distrust of the humyns and calls for ape unity, despite coming from an exploiter class perspective.

This is why in a United Front the proletariat needs its own party to represent our class, and to act independently of other classes. It must be a party based on science, that can see all sides of the situation. At this slave stage of ape society there is no such leadership available and therefore no basis for forming principled alliances

with either the humyns or the exploiter class of apes.

The movie ends with Noa asking Mae if humyns and apes can ever live together in trust. The ending hints that such a future is far off to say the least. A theme that was more prominent in the original series is the political question of if the oppressed rise up against white Amerika, will they wipe out white Amerika or live harmoniously side-by-side. In the original series, we see many years after the ape revolution that such a reality is still in the works. There is still distrust, as some war-mongering humyns still exist in the city, and many apes remember the past oppression by humyns. While we draw some analogies above about the latest movie, there are no real revolutionary story lines like the original series, which showed the joint dictatorship of other great apes over humyns and discussed

the need for a long period of transforming society and its citizens to build the trust necessary for peaceful coexistence. Of course, the dictatorship of the proletariat is not just about trust building, it is about continuing the class struggle to eliminate all class differences — the internal contradictions of society that lead to oppressive relationships between groups. That is the only basis upon which a true communist society can be built. Something none of the *Planet of the Apes* movies have brought us to yet. ■

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