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DRONES KILL 28, THEN HIT FUNERAL

(RAIM-Denver) Oct. 3rd, 2010- A recent string of bombings, killing dozens in Pakistan, has the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, or "drone," making headlines once again. So-called "Predator Drones" have become one of imperialism's favorite tools of oppression. Bombing attacks by these vehicles are being carried out consistently and more frequently than ever.

Predator Drones are center stage as the US ups its assault on Pakistan's northwest border region. At least 28 people were killed as a result of drone strikes in South Waziristan during the week of September



19th. The week's two bloodiest attacks, responsible for more than a dozen deaths, took place on September 22. The initial strike launched two missiles at a targeted vehicle, killing seven. A funeral was arranged for the victims in the following hours; subsequently, this funeral was also targeted by a drone strike, resulting in more deaths yet. This absurd sequence mirrors an incident that took place last summer. On the morning of Tuesday 23 June 2009, unmanned drones killed more than 45 people in a series of bombings including a strike on a funeral [cont page 4]

ISRAEL DESTROYS WHOLE BEDOUIN VILLAGE, HUNDREDS HOMELESS

(MSH) Three hundred Bedouins in the Negev desert were made homeless on Thursday, July 29th, 2010. Hundreds of Israeli police razed their village and demolished their homes. Chaya Noach, head of Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality described the early morning operation:

"More than 1,500 police arrived at the village at around sunrise — they came in dozens of vehicles and began destroying the structures there... It took them about three or four hours to destroy all the houses."

Five bulldozers, with armed escort, tore down the entire village made up of roughly 40 homes. Sheikh Siyah al-Turi, the village leader says their existence has been erased:

"They destroyed our homes, they uprooted our trees, they took our generators, our cars and our tractors. There is nothing left. It's as though we were never here."

The operation had erased all traces of the village according to Sheikh Siyah al-Turi, the village head. Israeli authorities have been waging a campaign against the nearly 16,000 Bedouin who live in the area. The Bedouin are a desert-dwelling, previously-nomadic, Arab ethnic group. The Bedouin population were deported to the Rahat area at gunpoint.

The operation has set a dangerous precedent. The destruction of villages has been increasing recently. It is common for the Zionists to terrorize the [cont page 4]

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PROGRAM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT

We want to smash this world and build a new one. Today, the median global income stands around \$2.50 a day. Over 1 billion people face chronic hunger and a child dies every five seconds of starvation. This same situation is killing the planet at an unprecedented rate. Meanwhile, a global minority lives in comfort, unconcerned with their effect on the world. We aim to change this.

We understand there is a causal relationship between wealth on one hand and poverty on the other. On a global level, the First World is rich because it exploits the impoverished majority, the Third World. This global divide, called imperialism, is the principal feature of the world today.

We side with the Third World masses and support their struggles for liberation. Exploiters are not going to hand over freedom to those they exploit. Only through struggle can the oppressed free themselves. We support the right of resistance- and revolution- for oppressed peoples against their oppressors. We support unity of the Third World masses against imperialism.

We reject First Worldism: politics which panders to or assumes that First Worlders are a social base for revolution. The “masses” of the First World are a global minority: a petty-exploiter class which regularly supports the imperialist system from which it benefits. Global revolution demands a just and egalitarian distribution of the world’s resources and wealth. Thus, over the course of global revolution, First Worlders will receive less, not more.

We are John Browns, staunch First World allies of the Third World. We are few and far between and behind enemy lines; there is little direct effect we can have. We consider our circumstances and focus on areas where we can effectively contribute to the revolutionary struggle.

We openly represent revolutionary anti-imperialism and work to build public opinion for Third World liberation struggles. We interject revolutionary, anti-imperialist politics into political arenas such as speaking events and protests; contribute to publishing and distributing revolutionary literature such as the RAIM Global Digest; and conduct

group education through study collectives, practical tasks and informal discussion. We seek out and educate those who can be won over to consistent anti-imperialist politics.

We encourage direct participation and involvement, promote personal development and push people to become more valuable to the larger, global revolutionary movement. In part, RAIM is a ‘university of revolution.’ Through direct involvement with RAIM, we encourage people to become more proficient both politically and technically. Part of RAIM’s purpose is to make individuals more of an asset to the Third World majority.

We encourage Third World-oriented, revolutionary political work. Though RAIM fills a roll by providing a public presence for and entry-level work into revolutionary politics, it is not the end-all-be-all of revolutionary political work. We encourage and support revolutionary, Third World-oriented politics being applied as part of different types of projects and efforts.

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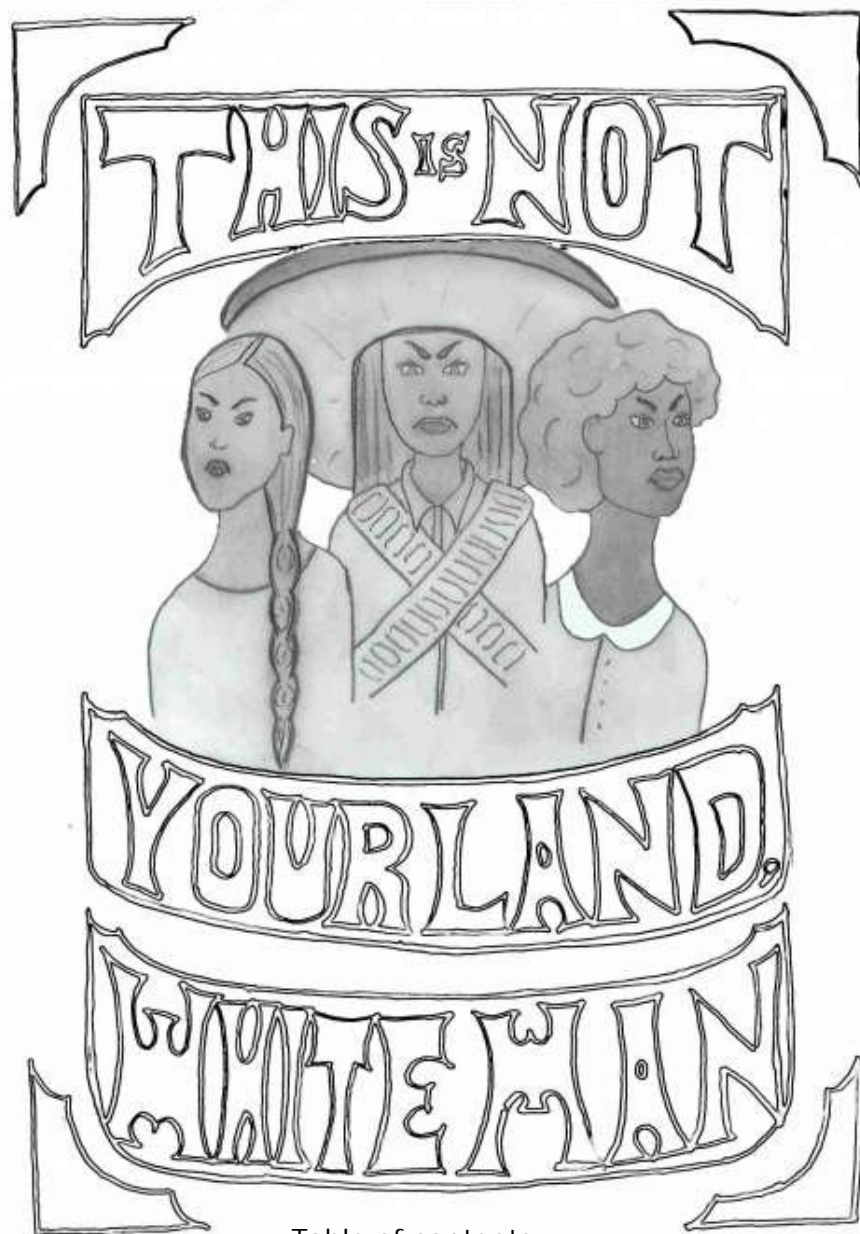


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[**ISRAEL DESTROYS VILLAGE** *cont*] locals by bulldozing a dozen or so homes at once. However, now the Zionists are destroying whole Bedouin communities at one time. Thus 45 Bedouin villages, home to over 100,000 Bedouin Arabs, are now under threat. The Bedouin have lived in this country for hundreds of years and lay claim to hundreds of miles of land, but the Zionist occupiers have never recognized their claim even though the Arabs land claim goes back prior to the Zionist invasion. Their claim is certainly more valid than that of the Zionist occupiers.

It is often claimed in the West that the Zionist state grants its Arab-Israeli population all the liberal privileges and protections of a modern democratic society. It is often said that Arab-Israelis do better under Zionist rule than Arab populations do under Arab rule. Thus the West justifies the genocidal and apartheid policies of the Zionist state and their imperialist backers. However, Israeli's approach to the Bedouin population is not unlike their approach to the Palestinians. The real agenda of the Zionists is to terrorize the Arab and Palestinian populations and force them out of Palestine. It is a genocide in slow motion. It is a genocide that is largely ignored by the West. In fact, it is bankrolled by the United States and Europe.

[**DRONES KILL 28** *cont*] procession for victims of the earlier assault.

Violence caused by drone missiles has sparked outrage in Pakistan, where drones have killed at least 1,700 people. The mutilation caused by the bombings makes compiling a solid count of the deaths all but impossible. Even so, it is clear that hundreds of those killed have been civilians. Drones have been a fixture in Pakistan for over five years; however, US officials do not officially comment on any drone activities. The attacks fall under the veil of CIA secrecy. It is clear, nonetheless, that using drones has become particularly attractive to decision-makers in the past two years. Estimated death tolls clearly show drone attacks being responsible for more deaths in 2009 alone than in the four years between 2004-2008 combined.

With mounting numbers of casualties, drone attacks have become known for their haphazard destruction. Missiles fired from the unpiloted vehicles are often grossly off-target. This, and general belligerence have contributed to the high civilian deaths which have, embarrassingly for the US, included Amerikan citizens.

Part of the cause of the vehicle's reckless imprecision is being revealed in an ongoing lawsuit. Accusations and evidence depict the CIA

The truth is that the Zionists have no interest in negotiating. They only negotiate in order to put a human face on their genocidal expansion. While they talk, they steal more and more land. The only way Palestinians will regain their land is through armed struggle against the Zionists and their imperialist backers, especially the United States. Currently, the balance of forces in the world makes it very difficult for the Palestinians to claim any substantial victories. Even though the Palestinian struggle is at a weak point now, it is necessary to have a protracted outlook. It is only when the global people's war is reconstituted under communist leadership that the imperialist grip on the Middle East will be weakened. In order to advance Palestinian liberation, it is necessary to advance Third World liberation everywhere. Exploited people everywhere point their spears at the United States and its lackeys. The future of the Zionist state is bound up with the future of the United States. All empires fall. And the bigger they are, the harder they fall. Time will tell.

[<http://monkeysmashesheaven.wordpress.com/2010/07/31/israel-destroys-whole-bedouin-village-hundreds-homeless/>]

as consciously utilizing faulty targeting software in the unmanned vehicles. IISI, a small, Massachusetts-based software company alleges that IT firm "Netezza" facilitated the CIA with a pirated, and knowingly-unreliable, version of their software for use in US drone vehicles. The location-analysis software in turn may have produced locations up to 13 meters off target. IISI was pressured to meet a quick deadline to provide the software, when the company voiced reservations, Netezza allegedly went ahead and reverse-engineered the program themselves. The IISI Chief Technology Officer summarized his earliest feelings on the situation, stating, "they want to kill people with my software that doesn't work". The lawsuit aims to halt use of the pirated software by Netezza and its clients, including the CIA. IISI has expressed concern that the buggy software may lead to loss of innocent life. Unfortunately, the host of civilian deaths cannot be declared a mere "software issue." Such recklessness is hardwired into the logic of imperialism.

Predator Drones are becoming a standard instrument in the oppression of Third World peoples. As RAIM has noted, US drones are now deployed everywhere from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and recently on the militarized US/Mexico border. Israel used [*cont page 11*]

LEAKED 'AFGHAN WAR DIARY' CAUSES REACTION IN US

(RAIM-Denver) On July 25th, 2010, the website Wikileaks released the 'Afghan War Diary,' over 200,000 pages detailing the US's terroristic role in Afghanistan. The documents, allegedly collected and leaked by Bradley Manning, a 22-year-old military intelligence analyst now being held on allegations of an earlier leak, consist of battlefield reports and classified intelligence estimates detailing what we already know: the US is increasing its reliance on private mercenary forces, covert operations and unmanned airstrikes; propping up a corrupt, unpopular government; killing civilians and lying about it; and quickly causing the Afghan masses to turn towards resistance.

The release of the 'Afghan War Diary' has caused some controversy in the US, with reactionaries waging a counter-offensive in the realm of ideas. Military and intelligence officials have described those involved with the leak as potentially emboldening the Afghan resistance forces and endangering American lives. "They might already have on their hands the blood of some young soldier or that of an Afghan family," one high ranking official was quoted as saying. This is an example of ruling-class double-speak. Not surprisingly, reactionaries malign anyone who resists or undermines the inherently violent and poverty-ridden imperialist system.

Similar oppressor-minded rhetoric has been provided by Adrian Lamo, a former computer hacker who snitched out Manning following private internet discussions between the two. An extreme sycophant of imperialism and the status quo, he didn't want to be a "coward" and knew the leak of the Afghan War Diary would "endanger human lives," he's told mainstream media outlets. He has no regrets about snitching out Manning and describes him as "someone who was easily led."

Lamo's reported comments provide a microcosm into the mindset of Americans. Values such as cowardice, and abstract ideas such as "human lives", are seen through an extremely narrow, Amerika-centric lense. Though Lamo had frequent discussions with Manning in which the latter stated his negative views about Amerika's wars, one gets the impression that Lamo always felt himself above and never connected with the dissident intelligence analyst. He completely disregards Manning's view on the war, insisting on the imperialist narrative and defending his own role as a snitch. In short, like so many Americans, Adrian Lamo is a fucking pig.

Responding to the controversy, Julian Assange, founder, editor and spokesperson for Wikileaks, describes good journalism as

controversial, stresses the need for truth in public knowledge and claims those in power often attempt to hide abuses and wrong-doings. Assange denies the leak endangers American lives and points to the fact that the documents detail massive killings of Afghan civilians by US-led forces. Wikileaks has reportedly withheld 15,000 pages for "further review," because they possibly contain information which might endanger ongoing imperialist operations in war-torn Afghanistan. Assange and other spokespeople for Wikileaks claim they are attempting to contact Washington for help in vetting the documents before their release.

These latter facts are troubling, raising questions about where Wikileaks's true allegiances lie. It highlights the disparity between ultimately pro-imperialist, "social-democrat" thought and revolutionary anti-imperialism. 'Social democrats' oppose various aspects of imperialism: in the case of Wikileaks, secrecy by institutions of power. Yet, they fail to connect these aspects to the overall system and never make the leap to opposing the system as a whole. They ultimately seek to reform the existing system, not destroy it and build a better one. Why else would Wikileaks go to such lengths as withholding documents and contacting the White House to vet them? Though less extreme and overt, Julian Assange, an Australian, is also a sycophant of imperialism.

The release of the Afghan War Diary will not change Amerika's public perception of the occupation. Americans support imperialism and its various wars, both explicitly and tacitly. This is not due to ignorance or "false consciousness," but due to their economic proximity to the imperialist-bourgeoisie. The vast majority of Americans, like the American imperialist-bourgeoisie, stand to benefit from exploiting Afghanistan and the entire Central Asian region. Since the election of Barack Obama, the so-called US 'anti-war movement' has virtually disappeared while the reactionary 'Tea Party Movement' has grown rabidly. Julian Assange is himself out of his mind, if he believes the Afghan War Diary will 'wake up' the American so-called 'masses.'

Since the release of the Afghan War Diary, reactionaries have also been working to spin its meaning. One senior official in the Obama administration described the information in the leak as precisely the reason the US is escalating combat in Afghanistan. Others have noted reports suggesting Iran is connected to the Afghan resistance forces, which the imperialists label exclusively as Al Qaeda and the Taliban. Rather than causing Americans [*cont. page 23*]

US ACTIVISTS' HOMES RAIDED BY FBI, SUPPORT FOR THIRD WORLD "TERRORISTS" ALLEGED

(RAIM-Denver) On the early morning of September 24th, SWAT teams in Minneapolis and Chicago kicked in the doors of private residences, seizing computers and documents and serving grand jury subpoenas to at least thirteen US activists. The activists, many associated with First Worldist organizations, are, according to an FBI representative, part of an investigation "concerning the material support for terrorism."

Ted Dooley, a lawyer for one of the activists, said the raids regard "contact with FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) and Hezbollah, all of which are FTOs (Foreign Terrorist Organizations)." Some of the subpoenaed activists had recently traveled to Columbia and Palestine to do solidarity work with those resisting US-sponsored militarism and admit to meeting with members of these groups, yet deny providing any material support to any organizations labeled 'terrorist' by the US.

The raids against Amerikan activists come during the 'progressive' administration of Barack Obama. Despite this reputation, Obama has stepped up the war in Afghanistan; increased drone attacks in Pakistan and elsewhere; amplified support for Israel; and maintains close relations with the comprador dictatorship in Columbia. Now, as White supremacists openly organize militias and street gangs, such attacks come upon members of the self-described 'peace' movement.

The First Worldist so-called 'left' has made a lot out of the FBI raids. For the most part, the First Worldist 'left' is ignored in the US, both by the imperialist state and the petty-imperialist asses. Such raids are therefore a relatively big deal for First Worldists, and small protests were held in dozens of US cities.

Many on the so-called 'left' have described the raids as part of an intimidation campaign meant to silence opposition prior to escalated imperialist militarism in the Middle East and Latin America. Others have described it as a 'fishing expedition,' an attempt to acquire as much information on the nominal 'left' as possible.

While both are likely true to a small extent, it misses the obvious.

The FBI raids concern those who facilitated connections between US activists and those resisting imperialist designs in their respective countries. The raids targeted activists who support, at least at face value, the active struggle of Third World masses.

Any criminal charges will likely be based around 'material support' for US-designated

'terrorist' organizations. There are only 46 such 'terrorist' organizations, a number which does not reflect the far greater magnitude of peoples' resistance. 'Material support' is extremely broad and can be interpreted any number of ways. While we certainly support the activists as defendants for the 'crime' of reaching out to those resisting imperialist terror, we question the very nature of First Worldist 'aid' to Third World peoples' struggles.

First Worldism, the thought that the First World masses are exploited and part of a global proletariat, is not a minor error or slight miscalculation. When espoused to Third World peoples, it is an outright lie that misrepresents the true scope of the anti-imperialist struggle. Such a lie is so fundamental, its spread can only set back the anti-imperialist struggles being waged in Latin America, the Middle East and around the Third World. First Worldism, which denies First Worlders are affluent due to the exploitation of Third World peoples, must be opposed on an international level.

True First World anti-imperialist solidarity comes from working to create support for Third World liberation struggles, not globe-trotting while spreading the lie of First Worldism. True anti-imperialist solidarity comes by honestly assessing the social landscape and building public opinion in favor of Third World peoples' revolution, not opportunistically pimping-off pre-existing resistance movements in an attempt to stand-out amidst an array of similar, First-Worldist grouplets.

The imperialist state vamped on several Amerikan activists for what they did right: work to build support for Third World liberation struggles. However, these attacks are light compared to what imperialism doles out to Third World peoples.

Imperialism will be defeated by the exclusive struggles of the world's exploited majority and their allies. As the contradiction between the people of the exploited Third World and imperialist First heats up, we can only expect increasing legal attacks against those in the US and First World who foster support for such struggles. The correct route to take is not one of eclecticism, opportunism and appealing to the broad First World so-called 'masses.' The correct route is one of clarity, determined strategy and honesty guided by the spirit of revolutionary anti-imperialism. Real support is telling the truth and still working to advance the revolutionary struggle of the world's exploited masses.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/10/05/us-activists-homes-raided-support-for-third-world-terrorists-alleged/>]

A SPY AND THE USE AND ABUSE OF HISTORY

(MSH) August 19th 2010- Poland is likely to extradite Uri Brodsky to Germany. Uri Brodsky is suspected of being part of an Israeli death squad that has recently been in the spotlight. The Israeli agent, likely a member of a Mossad hit team, was involved in the January 19, 2010, Dubai assassination of Mahmoud Abdel Rauf al-Mabhouh, a Hamas senior military commander leader. According to the investigation, Mahmoud Abdel Rauf al-Mabhouh was drugged with a strong sedative that causes paralysis. And, while still conscious, he was suffocated with a pillow. Much of the activities of the Israeli hit squad were recorded on security cameras throughout the day and later broadcast on Arab TV. The story broke, albeit briefly, into the Western media.

According to legal experts in Germany, it is likely that the Israeli agent will most likely be prosecuted only for his role in attaining a German passport under false pretenses. The German document was discovered to have been used by one of the members of the death squad in Dubai. According to the authorities in Dubai, the Israeli squad used 26 doctored foreign passports.

More hypocrisy. Even though Israel and the big imperialists condemn Iran for violating international law for allegedly pursuing a nuclear program, the nuclear capacity of the imperialists and Israel is far greater. Similarly hypocritical, Israel throws international law to the wind by sending death squads after its enemies abroad and by breaking laws in half a dozen countries whose documents were forged or stolen. The Israeli use of doctored passports has caused some minor diplomatic ripples in Germany, Britain, France and Ireland. In Germany, where Uri Brodsky will go next, the charges connected to the false German documents carries the maximum penalty of a three year prison sentence and a fine. However, it is unlikely he will receive the maximum sentence.

Brodsky was arrested on the fourth of June at Warsaw airport by Polish authorities acting on a European Union warrant issued by Germany. He is to be deported to Germany by mid-August. However, legal expert Kai Petars stated, "he cannot be prosecuted in Germany for reasons other than those for which he will be extradited." If the imperialists wanted they could easily arrest Brodsky on terrorism or murder charges despite legal formalities. Others have been zealously pursued by Western authorities in much weaker cases. However, the imperialists will, most likely, protect Israel and their agents as much as possible by sending Brodsky packing to Israel, where he will be protected or conveniently disappear with the help of Israel.

In fact, Israel has demanded Poland snub Germany, and hand over Brodsky directly to them. Thus Israel shows that it has no regard for the laws of other countries. In response, the Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said the situation was "delicate." He pointed to Poland's history with Nazi Germany and the Jewish population. Roughly half of the Jews killed during the Holocaust were from Poland. The Holocaust is often used as a political club by Zionists to advance their imperialist and racist agenda. The use of the Holocaust by Zionists as a political tool belittles the experience of its victims. It reveals the cynical depths that the Zionists will go to achieve their ends. Political scientist Norman Finkelstein has described the vast efforts of politicians, media, intellectuals, and others dedicated to mythologizing the Holocaust with the aim of advancing Zionist politics as the "Holocaust Industry."

The Holocaust Industry has tremendous strength within Western culture and politics. It is because Holocaust politics are so often used to advance imperialist and racist politics that some, especially some in the Muslim and Arab worlds, have countered Holocaust myth making with Holocaust denial, by denying the extent or the existence of the Nazi genocide against the Jews. Millions of Jews, Gypsies, communists, and others were brutally murdered in the Holocaust. It is wrong to deny the existence of the Holocaust just because the Holocaust is cynically manipulated today by the Zionists and imperialists. To adopt such an anti-scientific approach to history runs counter to Marxism. To deny the Holocaust is to engage in the same anti-scientific approach to history as the Zionists. It turns history into a complete fiction. By contrast, Marxists recognize that truth matters. We need to learn from history. History should not be invented to justify current political agendas. Rather than denying the Holocaust, it is more important to point out that the politics and actions of the imperialists and Zionists are very similar to that of the Nazis who carried out that genocide a half-century ago.

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MORDECHAI VANUNU RELEASED FROM ISRAELI PRISON, IMPERIALISTS AND LACKEYS ARE HYPOCRITES

(MSH) Aug. 9th, 2010- Mordechai Vanunu is the Israeli nuclear scientist who has spent a total of 18 years in prison over the years for exposing the Israeli nuclear program. He was just released after spending another 3 months in prison for violating restrictions placed on him by Israel.

It was in 1986 that Vanunu gave hundreds of photos of the Israeli nuclear reactor at Dimona to the press. Because of the photos, experts were able to conclude that Israel had produced hundreds of nuclear weapons. In a 2004 interview, Vanunu described his whistle-blowing:

"Well, it was very open and very clear: the secrets that were published by the Sunday Times in 1986. The main points were: one, the amount of Israel's nuclear weapons, how many Israel had, that no one could predict or know, including the CIA. They were thinking about a number like 10 or 15. But I came out with a number between 150 to 200. Second point is no one here could predict or know that Israel was involved or started producing the hydrogen bomb — the most advanced and powerful atomic bomb that can kill millions of people. And that has no justification — no need for Israel's existence. They don't need hydrogen bomb. That was my revelation that was proved, with photos, to all of the world. That was the very important news that I brought to the world."

As a result of his actions, Israeli agents kidnapped Vanunu and returned him to Israel a few weeks after the photos were published. There he spent 18 years in prison, most of those years in solitary confinement. When he was released in 2004, Vanunu was barred from speaking to foreigners and journalists. He has violated these restrictions more than once, resulting in being imprisoned again and again. He is also barred from leaving Israel. Upon his release, refusing to speak Hebrew as part of his protest against Israel, he said in English:

"All this harassing me and arresting me again and again is Israel's problem, not my problem."

The Vanunu case shows the hypocrisy of the imperialists and their Zionist lackeys. It shows that human rights in Israel and the West is a joke. If one truly threatens the system, then Western so-called human rights are thrown out the door.

In a 2004 interview, Vanunu explained that Israel was willing to use nuclear weapons against its enemies, including Iran:

"My revelation was Israel [had] started producing a neutron bomb. I succeed to take photograph of the model of the neutron bomb. This means Israel was ready to use nuclear weapons in the next war, in 1986 if it had war with

Iraq, or Iran or Syria. It could use them against armies. That means the beginning by Israel using atomic bomb.... That was the most dangerous point in the Middle East: Israel, they could have used nuclear weapons like no other state there..."

The imperialists and their Zionist lackeys are threatening Iran over Iran's alleged nuclear program. The imperialists accuse Iran of creating a nuclear arms race in the region. Yet the imperialists say nothing about Israel's well-documented nuclear program, let alone anything about the thousands of nuclear weapons in the United States. Israel, a nuclearized state, has been at non-stop war with its neighbors since its founding. Vanunu's release comes only days after the anniversary of the U.S.'s use of atomic weapons on Japan that killed, unnecessarily, hundreds of thousands of Japanese, mostly civilians. The U.S. condemns Iran for its alleged activities, yet the U.S., also a country continually at war with others, is the only country to have used such a weapon of mass destruction. In fact, the U.S. has enough warheads to destroy the entire planet. Once again, the imperialists and their lackeys are exposed as arch-hypocrites.

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ARMY "KILL TEAM" TARGETED CIVILIANS IN AFGHANISTAN, BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR IMPERIALISTS

(RAIM-Denver) Sept. 28th, 2010- Recently it was revealed that a secret American "kill team" murdered Afghan civilians at random, and collected cut-off body parts as trophies, of "finger bones, leg bones, and a tooth taken from the corpses". Twelve American soldiers are being court martialed, under trial in military court, and 5 of them are charged with murder. The others are charged in aiding a cover-up. There are 76 crimes total pinned on the twelve, including the murder of 3 Afghan civilians, and the beating of a soldier accused of blowing the whistle on their crimes. Whatever the results of the trial these atrocities are nothing new in American history, and will likely not generate any action on the part of the American people.

The "kill team" was formed by a group of soldiers from the Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State. They were part of the 5th Stryker Infantry Brigade in Southern Afghanistan located at the Forward Operating Base Ramrod, west of Kandahar. The founder of this kill team was Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs, who served previously



in the occupation forces in Iraq and boasted about the war crimes he committed there and how easy it was to get away with them. Talk of forming this team began in December 2009 after he arrived in Afghanistan for his 2nd tour of duty there. Gibbs emphasized throwing fragmentation grenades at civilians. This kill team performed that method of murder in its attacks on civilians, with 3 deaths being charged on this group.

The first attack happened the following January. A civilian, Gul Mudin, was killed when Cpl. Jeremy Morlock threw a grenade at him, giving other soldiers a reason to open fire. The carnage of this team went on until May of 2010. Another victim was Afghan cleric Mullah Adahada. They also murdered civilian Marach Agha and afterward placed a drop gun, a Kalashnikov rifle, by his dead body to justify the killing.

Six of these soldiers are accused of taking body parts as trophies. One soldier collected fingers for souvenirs, and others posed for photos with the dead bodies. One, Michael Wagon, carried a skull of one of his victims.

This team came to light after a soldier was beaten after attempting to blow the whistle on this team. Spec. Adam Winfield, a member of the platoon the team was from, reported to his superiors about members of his unit smoking hashish stolen from Afghan civilians. Gibbs reportedly showed sliced fingers they collected to the informant soldier to force his silence. Gibbs also first solicited soldiers to cut off the fingers of the corpses. Winfield also purportedly discussed the actions of the kill team to his father over Facebook, stating that people there were getting away with murder. His father attempted to warn military authorities, and was repeatedly rebuffed. Eight days after he tried to warn the military the team killed Agha.

The troops are going through the trial process, all of them securing attorneys, and some of the families of the accused have set up websites for their defense.

The military is attempting to sweep this away. This year has been the deadliest year for the occupation forces since 2001 when the invasion began.

They have expressed concerns about how this case will effect the already declining support the American-led occupation has with the Afghan people. The military is painting this kill team as a rogue operation. In truth, this is likely just one of many war atrocities committed by the occupation forces.

With the release of the Afghan War Diary on Wikileaks, this kill team is shown as not news, but part of the official policies of the U.S. imperialists. As Wikileaks states in the introduction on the leaked documents:

"The material shows that cover-ups start on the ground. When reporting their own activities US Units are inclined to classify civilian kills as insurgent kills, downplay the number of people killed or otherwise make excuses for themselves."

"The reports, when made about other US Military units are more likely to be truthful, but still down play criticism."

"Conversely, when reporting on the actions of non-US ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) forces the reports tend to be frank or critical and when reporting on the Taliban or other rebel groups, bad behavior is [cont. page 23]

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC, A SYMPTOM OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA AND AROUND THIRD WORLD

(MSH) Aug. 23rd, 2010- Cholera has killed 87 and infected 1,315 over the past month in Nigeria. The two northern states affected most are Bauchi and Borno. In Bauchi alone 47 are dead and 1,200 infected. Borno State health commissioner Abdurrahman Terab said that 40 people had died in Borno and 115 were infected in the previous week. Cholera has a deadly history in Nigeria. In the last few months of last year, 260 died from the disease in Nigeria's four northern states. 1,000 died from an epidemic in 2001. And, in 1996, 1,300 died.

The transmission of cholera is tied to the rainy season in Nigeria because cholera is a water-born disease. It can also be transmitted by food that has been in contact with sewage. The real culprit behind the seasonal epidemic is Nigeria's underdevelopment, especially poor sanitation and contaminated wells. Commenting on the earlier 2001 epidemic, Muktari Shagari, then the Water Resource Minister, stated:

"The highest price is often paid by the poor majority of people in terms of money to buy small quantities of water, calories expended to fetch water from distant sources, impaired health, diminished livelihoods and even lost lives."

Lack of decent water, lack of decent sanitation, and the existence of extreme poverty are related problems that plague the Third World. Roughly 1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water. 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation. Almost 2 in 3 people lacking access to clean water survive on less than \$2 a day. And, 1 in 3 are living on less than \$1 a day. More than 660 million people without sanitation live on less than \$2 a day, and more than 385 million on less than \$1 a day. 24,000 children die each day from poverty. Around 27-28 percent of all children in the Third World countries are estimated to be underweight or stunted. A billion people are unable to read or write. Access to piped water into the household averages about 85% for the wealthiest 20% of the population. By contrast, 25% of the poorest 20% have access to piped water. Some 1.8 million child deaths each year are a result of diarrhea. These victims reside almost exclusively in the Third World. About half of all people in poor countries are suffering at any given time from a health problem caused by water and sanitation deficits. Millions of women spend several hours a day collecting water in the Third World. However, water is decadently wasted every day in the First World. For example, someone in the United States taking a five-minute shower uses more water than a typical person in a

developing country slum uses in a whole day. With wealth, clean water and sanitation, the First World has largely eliminated cholera and other deadly water-related illnesses.

Even though cholera is treatable, in 2009 the World Health Organization states that reported cholera cases have remained relatively constant since 1995, varying from 100,000 to 300,000 cases per year, with Africa accounting for more than 94% of the total. There is no reason that cholera and other deadly water-related illnesses should exist anywhere in the world today. Cholera causes severe diarrhea and vomiting which leads to deadly dehydration. The main treatment is to replace all the fluids being lost. Nonetheless, peoples of the Third World do not have adequate health care to treat cholera. In addition, imperialism systematically denies access to the basic requirements of life, like clean water and sanitation that prevent cholera and other water-related illnesses.

The problem is one of power. Capitalism is governed by the law of value. Profits, not people, are what matter to capitalism. Capitalism is a system that places profit above human needs. These problems are a result of what Karl Marx identified as the anarchy of production under capitalism. Capitalism produces for the market, it does not produce to meet the needs of the vast majority. Gross global inequalities and systematic violence that affects billions of people allow capitalism to function. Capitalism is only able to reproduce itself because billions in the Third World suffer. Capitalism does not function despite this mass suffering in the Third World, it functions because of it. The populations of the First World have the good life because the populations in the Third World denied it. The anarchy of production under capitalism is irrational from the standpoint of eliminating human suffering. Billions across the Third World cry out for radical change. Only proletarian power can organize production rationally, around human need, to serve the people. The way forward is clear: The road to socialism is global people's war waged by the Third World masses against the First World and its lackeys. There is a way out of the darkness of capitalism, follow the leading light of Maoism-Third Worldism.

[<http://monkeysmashesheaven.wordpress.com/2010/08/23/cholera-epidemic-a-symptom-of-underdevelopment-in-nigeria-and-the-third-world/>]

TYPICAL IMPERIALISM...NIXON WANTED PRISONERS MURDERED IN URUGUAY

(MSH) Aug. 13th, 2010- Typical barbarism. Cables between the United States and Uruguay governments, recently disclosed through the Freedom of Information Act, reveal that the Nixon administration urged that leftist prisoners be killed by the government of Uruguay in 1970. The murder of prisoners, the United States hoped, would pressure the Tupamaros guerrilla group into releasing a kidnapped U.S. adviser. The kidnapped American was Dan Mitrione, a one-time police officer and an FBI agent who was instructing Latin American military forces on "interrogation techniques." Mitrione was in captivity for 10 days. The guerrillas hoped to use him for a prisoner exchange.

While publicly talking about amnesty for the guerrillas and a ransom, Nixon's Secretary of State William Rogers privately advocated the torture and murder of Rual Sendic, a guerrilla leader, in a cable to U.S. ambassador, Charles Adair. One cable suggests murdering Rual Sendic in prison:

"We have assumed that the Government of Uruguay has considered use of threat to kill Sendic and other key MLN prisoners if Mitrione is killed. If this has not been considered, you should raise it with GOU at once."

The U.S. ambassador responded that he had met with top Uruguayan officials who intended to take "severe measures."

[**DRONES KILL 28 cont**] US-provided drones in attacks on Gaza in December 2008. The First World is looking to a high technology, impersonal approach of fighting their battles. These machines cause much destruction, but high-tech gadgetry will not defeat Third World resistance. As comrade Lin Biao wrote in "Long Live the Victory of People's War!"

"However highly developed modern weapons and technical equipment may be and however complicated the methods of modern warfare, in the final analysis the outcome of a war will be decided by the sustained fighting of the ground forces, by the fighting at close quarters on battlefields, by the political consciousness of the men, by their courage and spirit of sacrifice. Here the weak points of U.S. imperialism will be completely laid bare, while the superiority of the revolutionary people will be brought into full play. The reactionary troops of U.S. imperialism cannot possibly be endowed with the courage and the spirit of sacrifice possessed by the revolutionary people. The spiritual atom bomb which the revolutionary people possess is a far more powerful and useful weapon than the physical atom bomb."

The United States claims to stand for human rights around the world. Yet, behind the scenes, one of the highest members of the presidential administration is trying to strong arm other countries into blatant murder. There is nothing surprising here. After all, this is the same government that today outsources its kidnapping and torture through the practice of rendition. The only thing unusual here is that a top official was caught on tape advocating murder.

This kind of strong armed approach in Uruguay set the stage for the 1973 seizure of power by the military and the dictatorship that followed and only ended in 1984. Uruguay, like much of Latin America, was governed by a puppet state controlled, trained and financed by the United States. These regimes ruled through military and death squad violence against their populations. Nixon and every other leader of the United States is guilty of countless deaths across Latin America and the rest of the Third World. Such is the human cost of maintaining the Amerikkkan way of life.

[<http://monkeysmaashesheaven.wordpress.com/2010/08/13/typical-imperialism-nixon-wanted-prisoners-murdered-in-uruguayan/>]

The Third World majority, collectively terrorized by imperialism, must collectively defeat imperialism. The enemy's extravagant technology cannot hold up against People's War.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/10/03/drones-kill-28-people-then-hit-the-funeral/>]



PALESTINE AND ISRAEL: THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM

(RAIM-Denver) Oct 7th, 2010- The theatrical and the macabre are taking place again in the so-called Middle East Peace Process. Israel still wants to rid the land of the Palestinian Question. And it came as no surprise to those of us who pay attention to that part of the world. Netanyahu is exactly as we expected, a fucking racist pig who hails from the tradition of western imperialism. Israel is doing what it has from the beginning, demanding what they've already taken; Jerusalem (al Quds), the land Israel has occupied since 1967; The West Bank, land the fucking racist settlers continue to steal. Israel rejects the Right of Return for all refugees to Occupied Palestine, "Israel" for the racists.

The first element in this conflict is the land, whether al-Quds Sharif, Jayous, Bil'in or the Golan Heights and Jaffa. The so-called security fence in the West Bank is actually a well-fortified wall with military back-up that has swallowed up the resources that once fed Palestinians. The wall serves to maintain the lavish consumption of the settlers, who, along with Israel's themselves, are

part of the world richest 15%. Israel won't budge on "Jerusalem." The demolitions and land grabs continue in al-Quds. The "security fence", or apartheid wall, continues to swallow up and maintain resources in the West Bank. The arrests of members of resistance groups continue, and Israel has refused to extend the 10-month ban on settlement building in the West Bank, which expired 26 September 2010.

Once again, the negotiations fail, as if anyone is surprised. The power, the capital, the weapons of Israel, serve to oppress, impoverish, and starve the people of Palestine. Israel continues to murder the Palestinians as the imperialist world watches. The only real justice for Palestine is the dissolution of the settler state of Israel and imperialist system it serves. As with any other monster, only those comfortably in the belly will miss it.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/10/07/palestine-and-israel-the-pit-and-the-pendulum/>]



DEAR RAIM...YOU ROCK, AMERIKA SUCKS, WHAT CAN I DO?

"Dear RAIM

"Your website rocks. I fucking hate Amerika, its culture and everything about it. Sometimes I feel like I'm going to explode living here. What can I do to help or get involved with your movement?"

*"May we stand together until death,
"Philadelphia supporter"*

Greetings Comrade!

We suggest turning your energy into something positive for the movement for global liberation. Here are some tasks to take up:

Study. You should definitely be studying. In addition to reading stuff put out by RAIM, you should learn about the history of revolutionary struggle, as well as other topics. There is a reading list at RAIM. Its meant to be a basic introductory course of texts. We highly suggest you try to find copies of the works listed. Also, explore topics more in-depth. Don't stop at our reading list. Another current publisher of Third Worldist literature is Monkey Smashes Heaven.

Write. RAIM is always looking for writers. This is something you should eventually try to pursue on some level. If you feel you can't write, take a basic newswriting course from the journalism department at a local college. It can do a lot of help in this regard. Besides 'news and analysis' articles, you can always write culture reviews (movie, cd reviews, etc), longer research articles, and basic agitation. Most people are most comfortable starting with the latter.

Other production work. If writing isn't your thing, give graphic design, video editing or music production a try. We need to build an entire culture around revolutionary anti-imperialism and a spirit of fighting from within the belly of the beast.

Do local work. Starting a RAIM cell locally is always a great way to contribute to the revolutionary struggle. RAIM's main job to the agitate in favor of a Third World-based, global revolution; provide local exposure to pressing global problems; and create a space for recruitment and further education into the revolutionary ranks. Some of RAIM's main tasks are listed above (writing, studying, video production, etc), but we get out to relevant events within the First Worldist activist scene, directly oppose the most vicious elements of imperialism (tea-klanners, Zionists, Kolumbus Day parade participants), talk to various people about revolutionary anti-imperialism, and conduct group (often informal) study. We also distribute the RAIM Global Digest locally.

Distribute the RAIM Global Digest, the Troublemaker DVD (a collection of videos from RAIM and Shubel Morgan) and other anti-imperialist materials. Even if you are not willing to act in a hardcore RAIM fashion, you can still anonymously distribute RAIM materials. Print some off and drop them in appropriate places. You can even hand out RAIM materials to people without officially representing a RAIM cell. Whether you are starting a RAIM cell or just anonymously passing out materials, you should use a fake name and not reveal personal information such as where you live or work. 'Behind enemy lines' isn't simply a catchphrase.

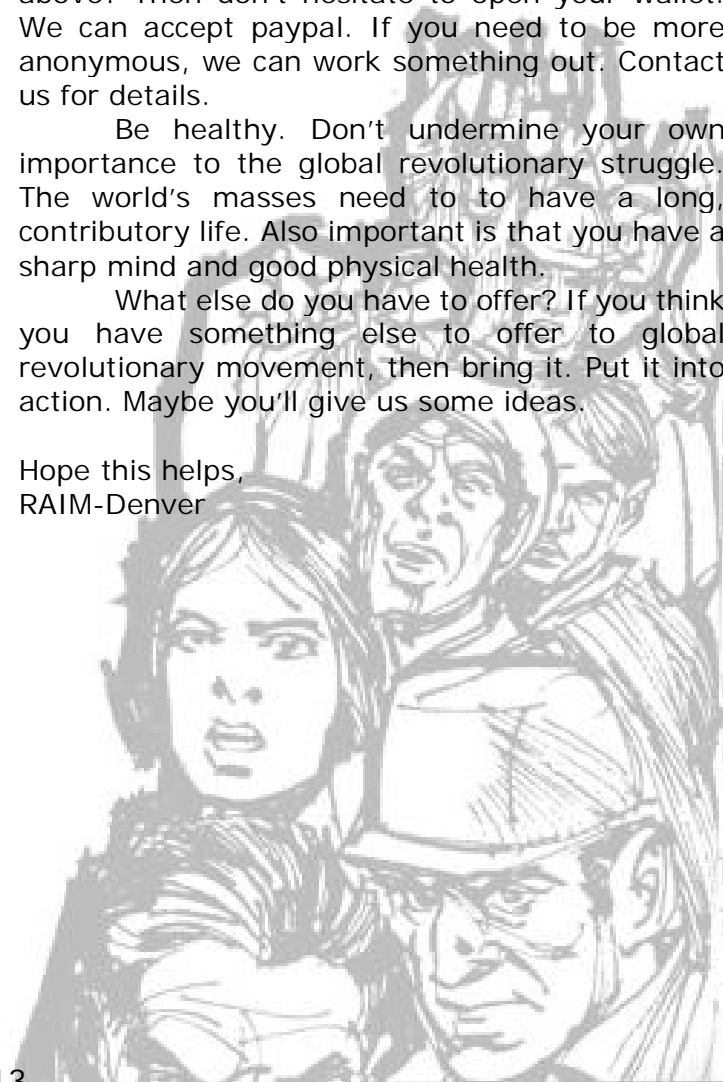
Do work in the Third World. Amerikan college students and professionals are offered many opportunities to travel abroad, often to the Third World. While there, why not engage in private conversations about the depth of imperialist parasitism and the revolutionary solution? Be discreet, but such efforts can pay off over the long run. Don't forget to give them RAIM's website and contact info.

Give us money. Don't want to do the above? Then don't hesitate to open your wallet. We can accept paypal. If you need to be more anonymous, we can work something out. Contact us for details.

Be healthy. Don't undermine your own importance to the global revolutionary struggle. The world's masses need to have a long, contributory life. Also important is that you have a sharp mind and good physical health.

What else do you have to offer? If you think you have something else to offer to global revolutionary movement, then bring it. Put it into action. Maybe you'll give us some ideas.

Hope this helps,
RAIM-Denver



RAIMERS GIVE 'SCIENCEFACTION' A LESSON IN REALITY

Dear Raim-

"How is it that First Worlders, including whites, are exploiters simply by having relatively [and I stress "relatively"] better living conditions?"

"The logical conclusion is not revolution, but moralism: let's renounce our computers and cell phones, and live in the most destitute conditions short of homelessness. Nah, let's go whole hog and be homeless, then we can pat ourselves on the back for this gesture of solidarity. More than that, let's not bother to build any struggles in the first world, since, by definition, we are not really exploited or oppressed, so we have no legitimate issues with radical implications."

-Sciencefaction"

Marcel writes:

This is rather typical stuff- the usual emotional outburst not even grounded in reality much followed by some red herrings. The idea that we live "relatively" better in the 1st world is a very distorted description of the reality of the matter.

Let's compare someone making \$20k per year to the Third Worlder who works longer hours and is paid way less. Let's say the latter gets \$5 a day in wages, which in many cases of Third World labour would be on the higher end.

This person might be making about \$1,300-1,900 per year. As you can see the First World is making about 10 times that amount. And keep in mind, I am giving a relatively high example for a 3rd world prole and a low example of a 1st world 'worker' (who's average earnings are closer to \$37k per year).

In fact, even if we took into account Sciencefaction's logic about living as a homeless person, we would have to put aside the fact that most homeless people in the First World could easily pull \$20 in a few hours simply begging for money in almost any major city. That is 10 times the amount many proletarians in the Third World make (if they are living on \$2 per day) except they actually have to work for it, maybe even 12 hour shifts or longer.

There is so much wealth floating around in the First World, wealth that has been built on the backs and from the blood of the Third World, that homeless people in the First World can easily get access to food, shelter and clean water, not to mention health care facilities. These are things that Third World workers can't even dream about.

So maybe Sciencefaction can explain the relative nature between those vastly different living conditions because they seem pretty stark to me, and if they can still do it with a straight face, maybe they should just consider the millionaire CEO who makes 10 or 20 times more than the

ameriKKKCanadian worker just living relatively better also.

Sciencefaction seems only to be complaining he wants ameriKKKans to fit a certain idealism but that's just not the reality of the matter. Revolutionaries are materialists. We have to look at the facts. We don't just call ameriKKKans proletarian because we feel more comfortably or better about it.

Sciencefaction's strategy, if you can call it thus, amounts to this: fabricate exploitation and oppression where it doesn't exist just for the sake of being a 'proactive' activist.

Servethepeople adds:

The word 'relatively' in Sciencefaction's worthless, brainless criticism of our line is a disgusting First Worldist sneer. What exactly would the mAsses of the First World have to have for Sciencefaction to conclude that they enjoy ABSOLUTELY better living conditions than the masses of the Third World? JesU\$ H. KKKhrist on a fucking pogo stick! This person's First Worldist yipping is just more of the same tired old self-serving crapola according to which First World 'workers' are poor because they don't all have yachts and thirty-bedroom castles and a jeroboam of Moët & Chandon on the breakfast table. We've heard it all before. It still has the distinctive fecal odor of First World chauvinism. And this person expects us to believe that the car-driving, steak-eating First World mAsses can make common revolutionary cause with the starving peoples of the Third World.

Nick Brown concludes:

Whether or not First World 'workers' are exploiters is an objective question. It has a definite answer regardless of implications. This is different than meaning, or the significance which one ascribes to facts.

Foremost, revolutionaries must uphold the truth, including that First World workers are net-exploiters. Again, this is different that ascribing meaning. Revolutionaries must do this also, and RAIM certainly does. The meaning is that RAIM ascribes is that revolutionaries from the First World must betray their own class interests and work in cause of Third World revolution, however they find appropriate.

RAIM has never told anyone they should become homeless as a 'gesture of solidarity.' This is a plain lie. In fact, RAIM has helped lead the way in anti-imperialist resistance within the occupied North America. RAIMers have done everything from protest Zionist speaking tours, racist crackers, Amerika's wars and attacks on migrant communities, to hosting study [*cont page 24*]

RAIM-D'S ANTONIO ON 'OBAMA NATION' BY LOWKEY

Aug 29th, 2010- Lowkey is a British rapper, his mother being of Iraqi Arab descent. The title of the song is Obama Nation, pointing out that Obama is a war criminal like every other US president.

Lowkey correctly links the current imperialism of the United States with its brutal colonial history and the national oppression and genocide inflicted upon the people here.

"Since 1945 the United States has attempted to overthrow more than 50 foreign governments, In the process the US has caused the end of life for several million people, And condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair..."

"Natives kept in casinos and reservations, Displaced slaves never given reparations, Take everything from Native Americans, And wonder why i call it the racist experiment, I see imperialism under your

skin tone, You could call it Christopher Columbus syndrome."

He points out the brutal reality behind the ideals of Amerika and the illusions it propagates:

"The strength of your dreaming prevents you from reason,

The American dream only makes sense if you're sleeping,

It's just a cruel fantasy; their politics took my voice away, But their music gave it back to me,

The land where the lumpen are consumed by consumption,

Killing themselves to shovel down food in abundance,

I guess a rapper from Britain is a rare voice, America is capitalism on steroids,..

The world's entertainer, the world's devastator, From Venezuela, to Mesopotamia,

Your cameras lie, cause they have to hide the savage crimes,

Committed on leaders that happen to try and nationalize,

Eating competitions? while the worlds been starving,

Beat up communism with the help of Bin Laden, Every day you create more Nidal Hassan's,

Kill a man from the military, you're a weirdo, But kill a wog from the Middle East you're a hero,

Your country is causing screams that never reach your ear holes,

America inflicted a million Ground Zero's,

Follow the dollar and swallow your humanity, Soldier's committing savagery you never even have to see,"

He correctly sees that there is no difference in policy with Obama.

"I don't care if him and Cheney are long lost relations,

What matters more is the policies, I lost my patience,

Stop debating bringing race into the conversation,

Occupation and cooperation equals profit making, It's over; people wake up from the dream now,

Nobel peace prize, Jay Z on speed-dial, It's the substance within, not the colour of your skin,

Are you the puppeteer or the puppet on the string?,

So many believed it was instantly gonna' change,

There was still Dennis Ross, Brzezinski and Robert Gates,

What happened to Chas freeman? (AIPAC),

What happened to Tristan Anderson?,

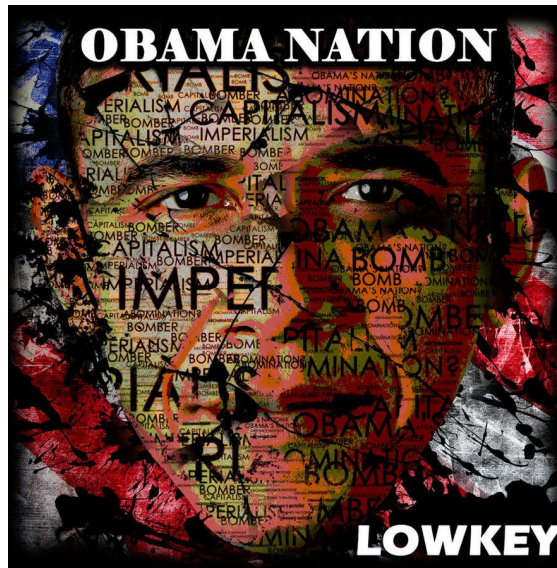
It's a machine that keeps that man breathing,

I have the heart to say what all the other rappers aren't,

Words like Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan,

The wars on, and you morons were all wrong,

I call Obama a bomber cause those are your bombs."



One thing wrong with the lyrics is its wavering on being anti-Amerikan.

He begins the song [thus]

"This track is not an attack upon the American people,

It's an attack upon the system within which they live."

The system itself is the enemy but the Amerikan people as a whole benefit from that system. He also states "I'm not anti-America, America is anti-me!." It is correct that the policies of Amerika turn the masses of the world against it, but the logical conclusion is to go against Amerika and all it stands for. Lowkey likely has an audience in the social movements of the First World who attempt to pander to their exploiter nation's majority, and try to show their patriotism. Revolutionary anti-imperialists must give the real message out, that exploiter nations and their people who support are the enemy. [cont next page]

MOVIE REVIEW: THE EXPENDABLES, AN ACTION-PACKED THRILL RIDE FOR CHAUVINIST PIGS

(RAIM-Denver) Aug. 26th 2010. The Expendables (2010, Stallone) is a reactionary movie in which a cast of pigs must go 'behind enemy lines' into the Third World. The plot was minimalist, and the characters, all played by big-name action stars, were largely forgettable. Despite this and in no small part because of its ultra-reactionary message, The Expendables debuted number one in Amerikan theaters, grossing 17 million dollars in tickets sales on its opening weekend.

In the movie, Sylvester Stallone accepts a contract from the CIA and leads a small band of mercenaries to the fictional Latin American island-country of Vilena. There, a rogue CIA agent rules via proxy and profits greatly from the production of illicit drugs. On a reconnaissance mission, Stallone and his partner are discovered, resulting in a high speed chase and the outing of their contact on the island, the daughter of a puppet general who nominally rules the island.

Ostensibly because Stallone feels bad about putting the general's daughter in danger, he and his team return to the island to finish the job. After killing what seems to be hundreds of soldiers and blowing up the presidential palace, Stallone and his crew succeed in killing the rogue CIA agent and his henchmen. Rather than keeping the contract money, Stallone gives it to the general's daughter before bidding her farewell.

The general message of the movie is not that 'Amerika saves the day' or 'Amerika always wins,' though both of these elements were present. Rather, the message behind The Expendables is that it is inconsequential and even heroic to travel to Third World countries, killing nameless, faceless brown people and causing

untold destruction. The movie is one of tacit hate towards Third World peoples.

Other aspects of the movie are also problematic. Besides the general's daughter, the only other prominent female is the girlfriend of a 'protagonist' character played by Jason Statham. She seems drawn to controlling and abusive, yet emotionally-distant men. She leaves Statham's character for another man who physically abuses her, and returns to the 'protagonist' after he beats up the new boyfriend and his friends. The general's daughter herself never acts as an independent agent. In both cases, women are portrayed as helpless, naive and in need of rescue. That said, compared to the above analysis regarding the movie's view towards the Third World, this is a minor issue. In fact, the First World often cynically raises gender issues in its attacks on Muslim and other Third World countries. If the mercenaries were traveling to Iran or Afghanistan, for example, we imagine the film would have included stronger women 'protagonists'.

The portrayal of people of color is also questionable. The main non-White protagonist is played by Jet Lee, a Chinese martial arts actor. Jet Lee's character is docile. Throughout the movie he asks for a pay raise and it is implied he makes less than his colleagues. These requests are met with annoyance and dismissal. He's portrayed as contributing less to the team's success. Jet Lee's character helps promote the Amerika's ideal oppressed national: subservient and loyal, yet marginalized.

The most prominent people of African descent throughout the movie are a group of pirates in the opening scene. After demanding more ransom money, Stallone's [cont page 19]

[**ANTONIO ON LOWKEY** cont] In one of the verses he has a version of the Star Spangled banner sung in a hip hop manner. Whether it is to expose Amerikan hypocrisy, or to reclaim Amerikan ideals for the good, is unclear. Either way, the attempt does not come off successfully.

Like other politically minded hip hop artists in the First World, such as Dead Prez, the Coup, Immortal Technique, etc., Lowkey espouses leftist and often revolutionary politics in his music but errs in the direction of First Worldism, or pandering to a majority First World population. At the same time he espouses anti-imperialism he attempts not to offend the Amerikan majority. RAIM takes issue with him on this point. To oppose imperialism is to oppose its main exponent, Amerika. It is no mistake when those rallying around the flag rally for the atrocities committed

under that flag. The Peace is Patriotic crowd fails. Those standing with the oppressed and exploited of the world should not play these games by identifying with this symbol of oppression. Lowkey should take the logical conclusion that the history of American oppression continues today, and to end it means ending the idea and material reality of Amerika. It did not stray from its ideals in its imperialist interventions, it is what it is about. Amerika from its beginning has been like every other empire, based on conquest. Revolutionary artists need to transcend the meaning of Amerika and the First World and see it for the enemy that it is.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/08/29/antonio-on-lowkeys-obama-nation/>]

MOVIE REVIEW: MACHETE AND THE BAADER-MEINHOF COMPLEX

(RAIM-Denver) Sept. 28th 2010- Machete (2010, Ethan Maniquin and Robert Rodriguez) and The Baader Meinhof Complex (2008, Uli Edel) are two recent movies set in imperialist countries, both depicting armed struggle against reactionaries.

Machete garnered criticism prior to its release, including campaigns by White supremacists to have the film pulled from Amerikan theaters, ostensibly for fear its depiction of Mexicans engaging in mass-violence against Whites would spark a real-life 'race' revolt. The Baader Meinhof Complex is 'foreign film' dramatizing the real-life Red Army Faction, a clandestine group which beginning in 1970 waged armed struggle against the Federal Republic of Germany in the name of communism and anti-imperialism.

While the movies follow dissimilar plots, both deal with the topic of revolutionary armed struggle and reaction. It's worth noting that we at RAIM-Denver are fairly familiar with the situation involving the national oppression of Mexicans on both sides of the militarily-imposed US/Mexico border, yet are largely ignorant regarding the factual details surrounding the RAF. Thus, our treatment of The Baader Meinhof Complex will be solely as a cultural product, and not as historical analysis of the real-life RAF.

In Machete, we meet the protagonist of the same name (Danny Trejo) as a federal agent of the Mexican state. Fleeing a powerful drug cartel, Machete ends up in Texas where, while searching for work as a manual laborer, he's forced-hired into assassinating an anti-migrant state senator, played by Robert De Niro. It's a set-up, however. The botched assassination attempt is pinned on Machete in hopes of building public opinion for even more anti-Mexican legislation, including an electrified fence along the border.

The Baader Meinhof Complex opens in 1967, showing a student protest against the despotic Shah of Iran. The students are beat by goons of the CIA-supported monarchy and by German police as they stand defenseless, backed against a wall. Soon into the film, Ulrike Meinhoff (Martina Gedeck), a sharp-worded, progressive journalist, Andreas Baader (Moritz Bleibteu), depicted as arrogant, extreme and prone towards violent action, and Gundrin Esslin (Johanna Wokalek), a young blonde depicted as rebellious and verbally aggressive towards her parents, decide that words alone will not stop "Amerikan imperialists" or the fact that over "half the people in the world do not have enough to eat," deciding instead to take up arms against the West German state and organs of Western capital. After going underground and running from the law, the group

is apprehended and placed in isolation together as their trial begins. Subsequent 'generations' of the RAF arise, continuing the armed struggle but with the goal of freeing the original members. After several years and armed actions by various RAF units, the imprisoned lead members, save Meinhof who previously died in what was called a suicide, lose hope and kill themselves as well.

People who like Machete for its thematic violence of the oppressed against the oppressor will also find The Baader Meinhof Complex interesting, though the latter is fairly longer and has slower moments towards the end. While Machete depicts plenty of over the top, high-action, fight scenes and climaxes with a 'battle royale' between the forces led by Machete and White supremacist militias, The Baader Meinhof Complex depicts a number of gun fights, bombings, bank robberies and even an ill-fated plane hijacking. The Baader Meinhof Complex is also explicitly more political. Cries of 'Ho Ho Ho Chi Mihn' are chanted at one gathering; students have Mao posters on their dormitory walls; references are made to 'May '68' in Paris and the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.; RAF members meet with members of the Palestinian Liberation Organization in Tunis and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Jordan; and there is a steady denunciation of the West Germany's support for US imperialism and "fascism."

Both movies have strong female lead characters. In The Baader Meinhof Complex, Ulrike Meinhof is the eldest founder of the RAF and in charge of propaganda. Esslin Gundrun, the youngest lead character and girlfriend of Baader, is nonetheless shown as passionate and as someone who was pivotal in getting things done within the group. Further into the movie, under the pressure of capture and confinement together, both begin to break down emotionally and increasingly argue with one another, reinforcing the view that women are emotional and weak while discounting the psychological pressure brought to bare on them by the reactionary state.

In Machete, the two female lead characters are initially foes. Lulz (Michelle Rodriguez), shown as righteous and socially concerned, organizes an underground "network" to provide services for oppressed migrants while Sartana (Jessica Alba), a naive, sycophantic ICE agent, harasses her and makes threats of criminal charges. The women come together as part of Machete's quest for revenge. In the process, Lulz gets shot in the eye and comes back fighting even harder: if nothing else an allegory for revolutionary determinism. Sartana recants her previous [cont next page]

[*MACHETE, BAADER MEINHOF cont*] position in support of imperialist legalism and declares to a crowd of migrants, "We didn't cross the border. The border crossed us!"

Unfortunately, Machete does drop the ball regarding gender in a number of ways. In one notable scene of question (of many), Machete gives tequila to the wife and daughter of the man who set him up, sleeps with them and films it for his foe to watch later. While there is no doubt an element of humor simply for the outrage this must generate on the part of actual White supremacists, this scene is symptomatic of the film's larger depiction of women, i.e. they are not treated as independent agents (with perhaps the exception Luz), but instead act as objects, things to be acted upon in one way or another by Machete or the male viewer.

In both movies nudity is prevalent. In *The Baader Meinhof Complex*, such is not so one-sided. In an opening scene, children and adults are shown nude at a beach. In this regard, that nudity serves not sexual purposes solely, *The Baader Meinhof Complex* is less reactionary. In another scene however, while the original RAF are training with Muslims in Tunisia, they sunbathe nude in plain view. When told by the camp commander to cover themselves, they respond, "fucking and shooting are the same." In the scene, Baader and Esslin are rightly depicted as crass, almost as if they are American vacationers. In fact, this is not an example of anti-imperialist fraternity nor spreading sexual liberation, but imposing the culture of a dominating society under the guise of such.

Revolutionary Violence

While there is much to say about the minutia of the films, the main theme of both is violence in name of the oppressed against the oppressor within imperialist countries.

In *Machete*, a work of fiction, the violence is over-the-top and gratuitous. In one early scene, the protagonist swings his machete in a circle and decapitates three people who were closing in on him. In another set in a hospital, he uses a 'bone-scraper' and several surgical knives tied to a belt to cut up several gun-toting men before using one's small intestine to jump out the window and swing into the floor below. Likewise, the social setting in *Machete* is narrow, there being only politicians, main characters, hired guns, a few pigs, border militiamen, migrants and some cholo-type Chicanos. Missing from the picture are Whites- particularly the reactionary White masses, including so-called "workers," or the imperialist state in full force. This, along with the movie's revenge-based plot, allows *Machete* to be a movie with a happy ending, where Machete himself defeats the bad guys and 'gets the girl.' By the end

though, despite the protagonist's personal achievements, nothing has really changed. In an ironic twist, the right-wing politician played by Robert De Niro is shot to death near the border by White vigilantes who think he's Mexican. Perhaps *Machete* will return in a sequel and broaden the scope of the struggle? We won't hold our breath.

In *The Baader Meinhof Complex*, supposedly based on true events, the ending isn't as happy. The members of the RAF, mostly student-aged and young adults, are driven by causes such as anti-imperialism and communism and are sympathetic to the plight and resistance of Third World peoples. They are outraged and disenchanted with the response of everyday West Germans to these phenomena, yet never come out and say as much, nor do they ever make the demarcation and write off West Germans entirely. When they launch their clandestine armed struggle, they envision it as being part of a worldwide revolutionary movement yet make efforts to not harm your average West German, seeing this as pivotal to winning public sympathy. After the founding members of the RAF are apprehended, others from similar backgrounds arise, carrying on the struggle and including "the release of political prisoners" as part of their campaign against German reactionaries and imperialism. This too is ill-fated, as these newer members are all apprehended or killed, leading to the climax that is the apparent suicide of the remaining lead characters.

While certainly not the 'happy ending' of *Machete*, the down conclusion to *The Baader Meinhof Complex* does leave us asking, "what went wrong?," a serious question for revolutionaries in imperialist countries. Many would say RAF were ultra-leftist and their militant armed struggle freaked out the west German 'masses.' In truth, this is not the case. Rather, the RAF was ultra-"left." Though their action appeared militant and extreme, it was always predicated on a perceived political alliance and unity with a portion of the west German population, all of which were part of a global petty-bourgeoisie and thus an unreliable ally (at best) to their struggle. The founders of the RAF would have done better to develop their writing capabilities under the direction of Ulrike Meinhof, coordinate real ties to foreign fighters, fall under their discipline when appropriate and develop alternative means of contributing to the global revolutionary struggle, not launch a hasty armed struggle in west Germany with the assumption that west Germans would support them.

The Network

More interesting than any possible *Machete* sequel or the First Worldist focus of the RAF would be a film featuring She and the Network. In

[**MACHETE, BAADER MEINHOF** cont] Machete, it's stated that Lulz has been busy organizing migrants, helping them cross the border, securing housing and jobs and "making sure they play their part" once they're settled. The operation is called the Network, and it includes a mythology about a militant female leader known only as "She." When Machete makes his hulkish last stand, his success is aided by the connections Lulz has already made.

Today, the situation involving Mexican migrants is dynamic. Historically, there has been a trend towards assimilation. However, as the numbers of Mexicans and Chicanos rise, particularly in the Amerikan 'southwest' (occupied Mexico), a situation may arise where the social basis for national liberation struggles becomes more readily apparent. Ultimately, it will be the type of work typified by Lulz, politicized 'serve the people' programs organized outside pre-existing power structures, which will advance and aid this struggle.

Again on Violence

One final note. We imagine many First World viewers will find the presentation of violence in both Machete and The Baader Meinhof Complex to be off-putting in one way or another.

In Machete, the violence is unnatural, over-the-top, intense, frequent, etc. However, the same



could be said with the Expendables or any number of Amerikan-inspired action movies. In Machete, the difference is that the violence is dished out by forces representing the oppressed against oppressors. Simply put: that is why it stands out, why it is good.

Many so-called "leftists" would reject the violence of the RAF on rotten grounds, whether pacifism, charges of being too extreme and "left," or other liberal reasons. However, the violence of the RAF should be looked at critically and put in the correct perspective.

Nothing is more violent than imperialism. Every 2.43 seconds, someone dies from starvation- a form of structural violence. The violence in Machete by contrast is mild and restrained. Though ultimately misguided at a fundamental level, the same could be said about the RAF. The question is not whether in either movie violence was depicted in a gratuitous way, this answer being obvious. Ultimately, it matters against whom the violence is being expressed upon, and towards what end. And for this, we see no reason to broadly criticize either movie.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/09/28/movie-review-machete-and-the-baader-meinhof-complex/>]

[**EXPENDABLES** cont] mercenary team massacres them. One 'protagonist' character, played by Dolph Lundgren, attempts to hang one of the African pirates but is stopped by his teammates. Though the scene opens a mini-arc revolving around the character's fall from grace and reform, the racist undertones are apparent and shocking. The mercenary team does include one Black guy, but his role is marginal at best.

The portrayal of men is also extremely one-sided. They are shown as fighters: big muscles, gun and knife toting, ready for action, etc. In some scenes, contrived dialogue is supplemented with hulkish, contrived poses. The Expendables, though hardly alone, helps promote an imagine of men as warriors whose main value is being able to kill, harm and intimidate those Amerika is set against.

The imperialist media often hypes Third World culture which explicitly (and rightly) promotes hate against the oppressor. However, movies such as The Expendables promote an implicit hate of the Third World and its broad masses. The drama and petty motivations of a handful of pig mercenaries is shown as significant whereas the Third World people they rampage

through are not. No moment is paid to question what happened to Vilena after the mercenaries leave, though the movie supposedly ends on a happy note as all the conflicts amongst the pigs seem to be resolved. In short, according to the movie, Third World people are worthless and Amerikan pigs are valuable. While it's not as direct as the revolutionary slogan, "Hate Amerika," the reactionary message presented by movies such as The Expendables opens the door for great violence to be inflicted up the majority, Third World masses.

Like much of Amerikan culture, The Expendables has nothing to offer revolutionaries and the new world we seek to create. Along with Amerika itself, movies such as The Expendables will be swept away, perhaps viewed most often by and studied by academics, who will remind future generations just how chauvinist, militarist, hate-filled and reactionary Amerikans really were.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/08/26/the-expendables-an-action-packed-thrill-ride-for-chauvinist-pigs/>]

THE ANTI-KOLUMBUS DAY MANIFESTO

Every year in October, in cities throughout the US and occupied America, celebrations and parades are held on Kolumbus Day, in honor of Christopher Kolumbus. And every year, though in fewer cities, these celebrations are met with resistance by those concerned with indigenous sovereignty and colonialism. This year, the protests continue.

We oppose Kolumbus Day because it is a de facto celebration of conquest, including the genocide and land theft waged against First Nations. Upon arriving in modern-day Haiti/Dominican Republic and viewing the native Tainos, Kolumbus remarked, "with fifty men, we could subjugate them all." Thirty years after his arrival, the island's Native population had declined by 90%. This pattern would be recreated across the Americas, particularly in the United States, where a campaign of genocide was waged against First Nation peoples by White settlers. Kolumbus would also pioneer slavery in the Americas, a phenomenon that would officially last nearly 400 years yet remains in the form of exploitation of the masses south of the militarily-imposed US-Mexico border and throughout the Third World.

We oppose Kolumbus Day because it is a de facto celebration of imperialism, the exploitation of subjugation of many peoples by a handful. Kolumbus's original voyage was a landmark of Spanish imperialism, yet Kolumbus Day transcends this original meaning. Today, the United States stands above the rest of the world, dominating various peoples, in part by operating over 700 military bases around the globe. Today, over a billion people are faced with undernourishment, yet virtually every Amerikan is part of the world's richest 15%. Kolumbus Day is a celebration of this ongoing imperial legacy.

We oppose Kolumbus Day because it is a celebration of parasitism and imperialist decadence. The ritualistic Kolumbus Day parade, usually consisting of closing roads for slow-moving processions of large vehicles filled with flags-waving crackers, is one made possible only through the exploitation of various countries, including their oil resources, for benefit of a decadent First World population. We protest Kolumbus Day in solidarity with those who suffer for the luxuries Amerikans receive 365 days a year, not just on this or that imperialist holiday.

Though a good start, ending Kolumbus Day alone doesn't cut deep enough into the problem. Therefore, The Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist Movement presents the following program:

1) The end of all US territorial claims; national liberation for oppressed nations. Return of land to First Nations throughout the US and Klanada. National liberation for Mexicanos on both sides of the militarily-imposed border and reunification. National liberation and sovereignty for Puerto Rico and for the Kanaka Maoli of Hawai'i. National liberation and self-determination for the Black nation. The surrender of all US-controlled land throughout the world.

2) The imposition of a globalized democracy of the world's oppressed and exploited masses upon the United States and First World. The creation of zones throughout the current US and elsewhere to be used as the global proletariat sees fit.

3) The massive payment of reparations from Amerikans to the Third World, to be accomplished through the redistribution of land, capital and through labor.

4) Relocation of many Whites, including to the Third World, and reeducation for all Amerikans, resulting in the liquidation of Whites as a nation and eradication of their parasite culture.

These are the demands of a world that suffers from deep problems and requires truly revolutionary solutions. Until these demands are met, resistance will continue.

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END AMERIKA'S LONGEST RUNNING OCCUPATION



REPORT BACK ON ANTI-POLICE BRUTALITY DEMONSTRATION

(RAIM-Denver) On August 28th, a march against police brutality was held in Denver, Colorado. The march was held in response to a series of police brutality cases coming to light.

The march was organized by members of Aurora Copwatch, West Denver Copwatch and the All Nations Alliance. Though the pig media lied and initially reported only "dozens" of protesters, at its height on the 16th Street Mall there were well over 200 participants, including not only much of the more 'radical' of the Denver activist scene but also people who had joined in as the march passed by.

The recent cases of police brutality and the reaction they sparked have been unprecedented. They have led to Mayor John Hickenlooper, who is running for governor this year, to bring in the FBI to investigate certain cases. It has also led to city public safety manager Ron Perea resigning, and the city council settling many cases with millions of city dollars.

The public anger of these cases, and many others not as known, set the mood for this march. Days before the march a group of religious leaders denounced plans for a march, and instead called for talks with the pigs to reform themselves. But one cannot negotiate with pigs, and many people outraged about the incidents came out to show it that day. In the press release announcing the march the organizers announced: "It is anticipated that Denver police will be present during the march. We want to be clear in our position that due to the actions of its officers, we no longer trust DPD with its ability to protect our community. We request for the safety of the community members present at the march and rally, and that law enforcement officials keep a reasonable distance from the participants. We are engaging in a peaceful, non-violent exercise of our federally protected First Amendment rights and DPD interference is not welcome."

The march began by the downtown skatepark, next to where Mark Ashford was beat up by two Denver pigs. He was beaten after speaking with the driver of a vehicle the police had pulled over wrongly, offering to be a witness for the driver in court. The next stop of the march was at 15th St. and Larimer, where Micheal DeHerrera was assaulted by Denver's grimeiest as he was talking on the phone outside of a club while police were arresting his friend. These two incidents of police brutality were videotaped by H.A.L.O., a network of video surveillance cameras in the downtown area monitored by the Denver Pig Department. The march and protest ended at Denver's new \$158 million, 1500 prisoner capacity "Justice" Center. There, Marvin Booker, a Black street preacher arrested on drug paraphenalia

charges, was killed by the pigs running the detention center. He was beaten to death after he reached to get his shoes, his only possessions of value. The pigs have refused to release a video tape of the death citing ongoing investigations, but with the similarities to a previous death in police custody, many see an ongoing cover up that has been typical of DPD.

The protesters carried signs and banners. One read, "All Cops are Murderers." Others listed the names of recent police victims. RAIM brought signs that read: "Fuck Pigs (And Snitches)," "Self Defense Makes Sense, Defeat Nazi Pigs," and "Revolution is Good! Resist Amerikkkan Occupation." Unlike other activist marches in the city, the militancy of this march was evident from the beginning. The march started with a chant "No Justice No Peace, Fuck the Police." Other chants that echoed through the march were "Oink Oink, Bang Bang, Everyday the Same Old Thing," "Cops, Pigs, Murderers," and "When Our Communities Are Under Attack, What Do We Do? Stand Up, Fight Back!" RAIM also did its modest part to raise the militancy of the march, helping lead and initiate such chants through a megaphone.

Overall, like most marches in the First World, the message was mixed to the effect of confusing friends and enemies and in the process miscalculating the actual strength of each.

One positive thing was the rhetorical refutation of pacifism. When the crowd began chanting emotionally-charged slogans, one person put up a peace sign with their fingers. One pacifist type berated a RAIMer for leading slogans against the pigs through a megaphone, saying to us some metaphysical tripe about love conquering hate and peace overcoming violence. We politely brushed the person off and continued to assist in leading chants. Beyond the inane idea that RAIM-Denver was acting violently with no more power than a megaphone is the ideological wrecking-ball that is pacifism. While ultimately the degree of militancy in a single march in Denver is inconsequential, the idea itself, spread by well-to-do cracker-liberals from places like Boulder and Denver, is poisonous to the struggles of oppressed and exploited peoples globally. In a sense, pacifism is much like Christianity in that it is promoted to Third World peoples by Amerikans and various organizations they support, to the effect of diverting the proletariat from actual strategies for liberation. (We suggest everyone read *Pacifism as Pathology* by Ward Churchill and *Negroes With Guns* by Robert F. Williams for arguments against pacifism.)

With the presence and influence of pacifists and deescalaters limited, the march soon took parts of the streets, which isn't [cont page 24]

ANTI-KOLUMBUS DAY 2010 REPORTBACK

(RAIM-Denver) Oct. 13th 2010- Kolumbus Day, amongst Amerika's quaintest celebrations of its founding genocide, rolled through again throughout Occupied North America. In Denver, the usual crowd of fake Italians and flag-waving crackers put on another grotesque display of parasitism and reaction. In absence of any evident protest plans, RAIM put a call-out to protest against the chauvinist Killumbus celebrators.

Behind the scenes we discussed the issue with interested parties and decided two protests were a good idea: first a rally and demonstration against the parade itself; then a protest across the street from their after-parade lunch.

Our efforts resulted in around 50 protesting the celebration of conquest and genocide. RAIM made a number of signs and banners. Some examples included, "End Amerika's Longest Running Genocide: 1492-2010," "I Hate the USA (there, I said it)," "Kick Cracker Bum\$ Off Stolen Indian Lands," and "No Amnesty for Pilgrims or Their 'Anchor Babies.'"

The protest slowly warmed up and was diverse and energetic, especially as the plunder parade drew near. There was no shortage to opposition this blatant display of reaction.

The actual Kolumbus Day parade was as trashy as usual. It was both a celebration of past imperialism and genocide and a reflection of that which goes on today. As usual, the parade was made up of motorcycles, muscle cars, some Hummers, and semis with empty flatbed trucks: all toys for Amerikan parasites. The parade featured Amerikan military troops, who are imitating Kolumbus in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere today.

Tom Tancredo, who was scheduled to appear in the convoy of conquest, didn't show because he supposedly had a cold. The popular right-wing candidate in Kolorado's 2010 governor campaign, his politics include: defining unborn Amerikans as living people and abortion as murder; advocating bombing Mecca and other Muslim holy sites; describing Spanish-speaking migrants as "illegal;" and claiming that Hezbollah has activist "terrorist" cells in Mexico. Even though Tankkkredo was too sick to sit in the passenger seat of a slow moving vehicle for 40 minutes, plenty of his racist supporters were there to represent.

The protesters' chants included "Kolumbus Go to Hell," "Kolumbus Go Home" "Yankee [and Gringo] Go Home," and "Face It, You're Racists, Your Claims On This Land Are Baseless." These chants reflected the fact that Amerika is in fact a settler-empire founded on stolen land. Many of the

protesters wanted to change that. Many people took the opportunity to give the parade-goers history lessons. Some suggested a wider range of other Italian history figures to celebrate besides Kolumbus. RAIMers asked through megaphones, "Where are your hoods, you racists?"

The second protest was even more charged. This was the first year that protesters showed up to the Kolumbus beneficiaries' after-party. There, many of racists tried to piggishly provoke fights with protesters in front of the cops. Others challenged protesters to back-alley brawls. Some asserted we were lucky the Denver police were near by, suggesting we would be physically harmed if not. For the protesters, this merely confirmed the Kolumbus Day gathering was just another lynch mob.

Some of the crackers called protesters 'faggots.' This was met by a wide range of responses. Some protesters admitted to not conforming to traditional gender or sex roles. Others suggested the crackers themselves might be projecting their own repressed desires onto the anti-imperialist opposition before them. George Vendegnia, head of the 'Sons of Italy,' with all the grace of a drunken date-rapist at a honky-tonk bar, gestured simultaneously to his genitalia and various protesters numerous times.

A moment of comedy for the protesters occurred when some of the racists again tried to look tough. A large groups of biker-crackers pulled near the intersection next to the protesters and began revving their obscenely loud engines. The protesters' chants of "Pigs On Hogs" were muffled out by the noise. However, when the biker klan was order by the cops to move along, one cracker's bike slid out from underneath him, resulting in him dropping it and scratching his multi-thousand-dollar custom paint job. Laughter largely overtook the protest crowd. However, one protester's effort to help the pig recover his motorcycle from the pavement sent 10 or so more racists running over expecting a fight. Just to show how ready for a brawl the racists were, the more-than-helpful-protester was a petite female.

After a time of letting the paraders know they were racists, we headed out, fired up from confronting racial hate in the town. Over the course of the day, RAIMers had handed most of the protesters copies of the 'Troublemaker' DVD, from which we still get positive feedback, and our recent programmatic statement, 'The Anti-Kolumbus Day Manifesto.'

Some local media made note of the declining number of protesters at the first protest, but failed to report on the [*cont next page*]

[**ANTI-KOLUMBUS DAY 2010 cont**] second protest, which drew additional people. The media also noted the declining participation of the parade. Even with the better weather from last year, the parade was still pathetic at barely 200 participants.

The Kolumbus myth is a center of the official narrative of Amerika as a beacon of freedom and democracy, and glosses over the legacy of imperialism that is at the heart of Amerika. Beginning after the anti-colonial movements, this narrative has been challenged internationally. In many countries and regions, Indigenous Peoples Day or Indigenous Resistance Day has replaced Kolumbus Day: a step in the right direction. Kolumbus Day is not part of a celebration of Italian or Italian-America history or heritage. It is a celebration of US and Western supremacy based on aggression and exploitation. It must be opposed along with imperialism itself.

It is worth noting that in Occupied America, anti-imperialist forces are a vast minority. We are 'behind enemy lines.' This was evident at the second protest, which was more of a stand-off at times. The racists were correct in one clear sense. Were the cops not present, they could have easily overran the diverse, smaller crowd of protesters.

[**AFGHAN WAR DIARY cont**] to take pause in their support for aggression against Muslim countries, the Afghan War Diary is actually being used to promote expanding wars.

The real wake up call for Americans will come when their expanding wars of aggression are met with expanded wars of resistance; when the imperialist-bourgeoisie's 'Coalition of the Willing' is met and defeated by a coalition of necessity and its massive army of the oppressed. Only revolution, the overthrow of imperialist power and installation of a peaceable, egalitarian society, will forever turn the tide against imperialists and their lackeys.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/08/12/leaked-'afghan-war-diary'-causes-reaction-in-us/>]

[**ARMY KILL TEAM cont**] described in comprehensive detail. The behavior of the Afghan Army and Afghan authorities are also frequently described."

The soldier who allegedly leaked the documents, Bradley Manning, is currently in jail. He is also suspected of leaking the video of a helicopter attack, unprovoked, on civilians in Iraq. For bringing to light the secret atrocities of these two wars, he is subjected to court martial, attacked for being gay, had his facebook musings publicized, and had his psychology attacked.

The 200 or so krackers present represented 200 or so potential modern brownshirts in a future fascist movement; 200 out of many more. To ignore the fascistic nature of the Kolumbus Day paraders and the danger they represent would be an error of underestimating the nature of the enemy. Already, Kolumbus Day has become a rallying cry for those who champion the reassertion of global Amerikan supremacy.

Kolumbus Day, like imperialism, will come to an end. However, it will not be through the singular efforts of a small minority of anti-imperialists in western, First World countries. It will only end when the exploited masses of the Third World stand up, assert control over their own lives, beat back the First World and build a world free from imperialism. Standing against our material interests and becoming a traitor to one's exploiter background; siding with the world's exploited majority and supporting national liberation for captive, oppressed nations; opposing Amerikan chauvinism and overt celebrations of genocide and supremacy: these things are the least we can do here.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/10/13/anti-kolumbus-day-2010/>]

After taking over the imperial reigns of the presidency, Barack Obama has escalated the war in Afghanistan. He has increased the number of ground troops, expanded Predator drone attacks in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, and even authorized targeted assassinations including on U.S. citizens. With opposition to the Afghanistan occupation not only from the Afghan people but from the U.S. public itself, in spite of the lack of an antiwar movement, Obama seems to want to have a "peace with honor" before the withdrawal of Amerikan forces. But as seen in this latest case of Amerikan atrocities, the honor of imperialist war is and never was there.

The humanity of the troops reflects the humanity of Americans as a whole. Americans barely blink an eye when the troops they support commit murder, rape, and torture. In fact, a sizable fraction of Amerika cheers on these atrocities. War is nothing desired by the masses of the world, but in order to end war they must engage in war. The crimes of the imperialists will end when they are defeated through global peoples war waged to create a new world. The people of the world united against a common enemy will defeat the main oppressor.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/09/28/army-kill-team/>]

[**ANTI-POLICE BRUTALITY DEMO** cont] usual for Denver protests. The pigs themselves stayed out of sight the whole time. This was a PR tactic as their presence would have surely escalated the tone of the march further and perhaps created even more instances of brutality. But we are sure that they were observing the march from a distance.

At the end of the march, in front of the Injustice Center, the crowd chanted "Fire to the Prisons" and Asesinos, Spanish for "Assassins." There were speeches by activists highlighting the above pig terror cases and by victims of pig brutality telling the crowd their experiences. A coffin symbolizing the death of Marvin Booker was brought by the marchers and left there at the jail.

Common with virtually all protests in Denver and occupied North America was the great number of stares from people not participating. At times, the march walked past restaurants in affluent neighborhoods. Some protesters expressed affinity with the diners, encouraging them to join the march. Allusions were made that even the rich 'liberal' Denverite gawkers would "stand up" against the police.

We ask, why muddy up the picture with outright First Worldism? Rather, these people should be identified, albeit not merely in an agitational manner, for what they are: parasite reactionaries who more often than not support the pigs and the system they represent. Needless to say, the 'militant' pleas to shoppers and diners were fruitless. Ultimately, it was chants of 'Fuck the Police!' which got large numbers of passer-by youth to join the demonstration, not pacifism or First Worldism.

At another point in the march, the protesters paused to repeat a chant part of which said that they themselves had "...nothing to lose but our chains" (originally said by Marx, but of course not attributed to him in the chant). RAIM

[**RAIMERS SCHOOL SCIENCEFACTION** cont] groups of revolutionary history and theory, to helping organizing events in support of cultures of resistance. To say that RAIM promotes a politics of dropping out is at best laughable.

What RAIM does is provide a level of clarity in the course of doing political work. While the rest of a First World so-called 'left' is running around begging the First Worlders to wake up, RAIM avoids spreading such illusions. Rather, RAIM explains why First Worlders are the way they are without sacrificing revolutionary aspirations.

For every RAIM cell there are tens or hundreds of formal and informal left groups which attempt to organize First Worlders for revolution or reform. The logical conclusion of this certainly is not that they are bringing the First

didn't participate in the contrived bit of self-delusion. We ask those who did to compare themselves to the average person from Latin America, Africa or Asia and take an honest account of the many things they could in fact lose. Though such slogans might give oneself a short-lived sense of self-importance, they do little in the long run to advance the revolutionary struggle. It is only by taking a realistic account of the world that one can hope to meaningfully advance the revolutionary struggle.

The contradiction between the police (or more accurately the system they represent) and the majority of Americans is not antagonistic, i.e. it will not lead to sustained revolutionary struggle. Not to say that we do not support reform efforts to reduce police terror, but only see the limitations that these reform efforts will do. There will be attempts by the city to appease the public outrage with more "accountability", but police brutality is but a symptom of an unjust social order. Thus it will continue, as in these cases against non-white oppressed nationality peoples and others outside of mainstream society. Thus RAIM sees any effective revolutionary strategy inside imperialist Amerika as minoritarian, one that effectively repudiates the majority of Americans while seeking to work in alliance with the broad masses of the Third World, whom do in fact constitute majorities in their respective homelands. So-called radicals should promote an independent identity and culture of resistance amongst the oppressed in Amerika as well as a spirit of affinity and solidarity with the Third World masses, not a fallacious, reformist and First Worldist 'unity' between the oppressed and White activists as a stand in for a non-existent White proletariat.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/09/09/report-back-on-anti-police-demo/>]

World masses into struggles, making them aware of legitimate issues with radical implications. Instead, the so-called revolutionary left in the US has drastically shrank over the past few years. This can hardly be said to be RAIM's doing.

First Worlders being exploiters is an objective fact. RAIM cannot be blamed for the failure of First Worldist activists to sustain an audience with nearly any section of these exploiter 'masses.' RAIM can however be credited with deepening social understanding in a revolutionary context and bringing a small number of First Worlders into genuine solidarity with the Third World masses.

[<http://raimd.wordpress.com/2010/08/23/dear-raim-denver-open-thread/>]