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## BEAT BACK THE IMPERIALISTS' ANTI-WORKER OFFENSIVE

The battle on Melbourne's waterfront is not just an attack on wharfies by big-time capitalists linked to the National Farmers Federation (NFF). Nor is it just another anti-worker measure from the Liberal government and the moneyed interests it represents.

It is a one part of a much larger push to make Australian imperialism leaner and meaner in its drive into South East Asia and elsewhere. It is a deliberate scheme by the Australian imperialists — government and business alike — to cut the industrial muscle of the Maritime Union of Australia, so it can create a casual non-unionised lowly-paid labour force on the waterfront.

In early January the NFF's puppet company "Producers and Consumers Stevedoring" (PCS) signed a two-year lease, with options to renew, over part of Melbourne's Webb dock from Patricks, one of the two main stevedoring companies in Australia. PCS began offering two-year contracts to more than 200 workers and has been recruiting especially in the bush where ignorant anti-wharfie prejudice is high.

As the rural weekly *The Land* admitted on its front page of 5th February, "... the NFF last week jumped in boots and all to take on the power of the Maritime Union of Australia. It is taking advantage of new workplace relations legislation, passed last year, which severely restricts the capacity of unions to engage in strikes and boycotts and imposes crippling fines for breaches of the law."

Central to the tactics of PCS and the government is reliance upon anti-worker laws which ban solidarity strikes — "secondary boycotts" — by other workers.

*The Land's* reference to the Liberal Government backed NFF's "boots and all" assault on the Maritime Union is indeed ironic. Older readers will well remember that it was Labor's revered Ben Chifley who earned the tag "boots and all" for sending in troops to defeat workers fifty odd years ago.

The NFF's refusal to say where the financial backing for its stevedoring venture is coming from, has fuelled speculation that the "Australian Farmers' Fighting Fund" which was set up to finance the NFF's earlier anti-worker provocation at the Mudginberri abattoir in the Northern Territory, was involved.

The imperialists' media have made much of the so-called "laziness" of wharfies. The same sort of slander has been used for years in the bush to garner rural hatred for blue collar workers in the big cities. The truth though is that the lack of competitiveness of the Australian stevedoring industry is the result of old and inefficient equipment.

Years of struggle have won waterside

workers the right to a relatively safe workplace. Notwithstanding the fact that their pay and conditions puts them at least in the category of better-off workers — wharfies, seamen and painters and dockers have invariably taken progressive anti-imperialist positions on the burning issues of the day. No doubt this too is a reason the Australian imperialists would like to see the screws of wage-slavery tightened on the waterfront.

A victory for the imperialists at Webb dock will likely pave the way for further attacks on workers throughout Australia. The Melbourne maritime workers' struggle is a just cause and it will no doubt come to enjoy abundant support.

The imperialists' media is full of the bosses' boasts that they have made their plans for this attack well in advance and with all sorts of preparations for any unfavourable twists and turns that may arise. So too must the people make their plans to beat back the anti-worker offensive and deal a powerful blow to Australian imperialism.

Going into this battle with heads down will not advance the workers' cause. As long as capitalism exists the working class will live as wage slaves — even though some may be well-paid and pampered. The proletariat has nothing to lose but its chains. The better-off workers can be won to the view that only by throwing their lot in with the proletariat can they too be liberated.

### SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S WAR IN PERU! MAKE REVOLUTION IN AUSTRALIA!

Nearly 18 years ago, the Communist Party of Peru (PCP by its Spanish initials) launched the People's War which has placed the revolution in Peru at the very forefront of the world proletarian revolution.

The PCP has won the support of millions in Peru, and the world, and notwithstanding serious setbacks, has brought the reactionary Peruvian regime to the brink of collapse.

Presidente Gonzalo, the imprisoned leader of the PCP, has said that the best way to support the People's War in Peru is to make revolution in our own countries—that is why the CRCPA is struggling to build again the Communist Party of Australia on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism.

### HANDS OFF IRAQ!

The US imperialists are threatening another war of mass-destruction against Iraq and the Aussie imperialists are lining up to join in the second gang-rape of Iraq in a decade.

For nearly a decade the US-led imperialists prevented the Iraqi people from obtaining essential food and medicine which has resulted in large scale disease and malnutrition. Over half a million children in Iraq have been killed.

The US and other imperialists armed Iraq with chemical and other weapons of mass destruction for its war against Iran. With tacit US approval Iraq used these same weapons against the Kurds. Now the US is demanding the right to "inspect" everywhere and anywhere in Iraq search of weapons of mass

destruction, including in the headquarters of the Republican Guard and Saddam Hussein's living quarters. Iraq charges that these inspectors are really spies.

Nothing justifies imperialist war on Iraq.

US officials say the proposed attack won't be the "pin prick" bombings that the U.S. has carried out against Iraq since the Gulf War. They talk of a sustained aerial bombing that would be the heaviest military assault since the Gulf War—when six weeks of intense bombing killed some 200,000 people and left Iraq in a state of utter devastation.

In the face of opposition from the Russian and French imperialists, the US and Britain have said they are willing to "go it alone" and bomb Iraq without official United Nations approval. Germany and now Australia have said they will support the fore-shadowed US mass destruction and murder on Iraq and its people.

No one with a sense of justice can stand by in the face of such bloody war crimes.

Hands Off Iraq!

# STATEMENT BY BAK HUN YUNG

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Korean  
Democratic People's Republic

February 22, 1952

On May 8, 1951 the Government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic lodged a serious protest with the United Nations against the use of bacteriological weapons by the American imperialist interventionists in their war of aggression against Korea. However, the forces of the American imperialist invaders again used bacteriological weapons early this year for mass annihilation of the people. They have thus committed the most serious criminal act in the history of mankind, viciously violating all international conventions relating to war.

According to authenticated data available at the headquarters of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, the American imperialist invaders, since January 28 this year, have been systematically scattering large quantities of bacteria-carrying insects by aircraft in order to disseminate infectious diseases over our front-line positions and rear.

On January 28, enemy military aircraft dropped three types of infected insects, over the Yongsodong and Yongsudong areas to the southeast of Ichon, such as have never been seen before in Korea. The first type resembles black flies; the second, fleas; and the third, ticks.

On January 29, enemy military aircraft again scattered large numbers of flies and fleas over the Ichon area.

On February 11, enemy military aircraft dropped large numbers of paper tubes and paper packets filled with fleas, spiders, mosquitoes, ants, flies and other bacteria-carrying insects over our frontline positions in the Chorwon area; a large quantity of flies over the Sibyonni

area, and a large quantity of fleas, flies, mosquitoes and grasshoppers in the Pyongyang area.

On February 13, enemy aircraft scattered large quantities of flies, mosquitoes, spiders and fleas over the Kumhwa area.

On February 15, enemy military aircraft scattered large quantities of bacteria-carrying flies, spiders and other insects over the Pyongyang area.

On February 16, enemy military aircraft again scattered such types of infected insects over the Hongsu and Ochonni areas, east of the Pukhan River.

On February 17, four enemy aircraft scattered flies and fleas over the Shankapri and Hakkapri areas north of Pyongyang.

Bacteriological tests show that these insects scattered by the aggressors on the positions of our troops and in our rear are infected with plague, cholera and the germs of other infectious diseases.

This is irrefutable proof that the enemy is employing bacteria on a large scale and in a well-planned manner to slaughter the men of the Korean People's Army, the Chinese People's Volunteers and peaceful Korean civilians.

I am instructed by the Government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic to lodge a solemn protest in the name of the Korean people against these foul atrocities.

After starting the war of aggression in Korea, the American imperialists have violated international conventions and are conducting bacteriological warfare on a large scale to slaughter the Korean people at the front and in the rear, in a vain attempt to turn Korea into an American military base.

This is by far the most serious of the atrocities perpetrated by the U.S. imperialist invaders in Korea.

At the same time, it shows clearly that U.S. imperialism is the enemy not only of the Korean people but also of all peace-loving people in the world. It is essential that the world should know that this criminal bacteriological warfare used by the American imperialists in Korea is being conducted after long preparations.

The Biological Warfare Section of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps has manufactured sixteen kinds of bacteriological weapons to spread bacteria by air and water for mass annihilation of the people.

In March 1951, the U.S. landing craft No. 1091 sailed to Wonsan, under the command of Crawford F. Sams, chief of the so-called Public Health and Welfare Section of the U.N. Forces General Headquarters. They later went to Kojé Island, where they used captured men of the Korean People's Army and Chinese People's Volunteers for bacteriological experiments.

In perpetrating these ghastly crimes, the American imperialists have been openly collaborating with the Japanese bacteriological war criminals, the former jackals of Japanese militarism whose crimes have been proven by irrefutable evidence.

Among the Japanese war criminals sent to Korea were Shiro Ishii, Jiro Wakamatsu and Masajo Kitano. On February 1, 1950 the Soviet Government proposed that these major planners of bacteriological warfare be handed over to a special international military tribunal.

Working hand in glove with the Japanese war criminals who are recognised as such by the whole world, including America, the American imperialists are waging bacteriological warfare on a large scale in our country.

It is clear that the American aggressors are determined to use the sworn enemies of the Korean people—the Japanese imperialists and particularly the Japanese war criminals, who are running dogs of American imperialism and known to the world as major planners of bacteriological warfare—to exterminate the Korean people. The vicious scheme of the American and Japanese imperialists has aroused the wrath and indignation of the people throughout Korea.

Like the other outrages engineered by the American imperialists during the Korean armistice negotiations, the use of bacteriological warfare brings out the criminal character of American imperialism in all its hideousness. But whatever violent means it employs, American imperialism will never attain its ends in Korea. What is in store for it is nothing but the most vehement opposition of the peace-loving people and utter bankruptcy of its aggressive schemes.

The Korean people will continue their struggle together with the people of the world against the savage atrocities of the American

imperialists which trample on international law and every human moral precept.

We resolutely protest against the new crime that the interventionists are perpetrating by spreading deadly germs in Korea. We appeal to the people of the whole world to check the outrages of the interventionists and to investigate and define the international responsibility of the organisers of the use of bacteriological weapons.

## STATEMENT BY CHOU EN-LAI

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

*This statement was issued on February 24, 1952 in support of the protest made on February 22, 1952 by Bak Hun Yung, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Korean Democratic People's Republic.*

According to authenticated data available at the field headquarters of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, the American aggressor troops have, since January 28, 1952, repeatedly employed, on a scale larger than before, bacteriological weapons which are aimed at slaughtering the peaceful people of Korea, the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers. Bak Hun Yung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Korean Democratic People's Republic, issued on February 22 of this year a statement protesting against these new crimes and calling on the people of the whole world to check the atrocities of the American imperialists and investigate and define the international responsibility of those who organise the employment of bacteriological weapons.

I am authorised to formally state that the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic and the Chinese people fully support this just stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As is universally known, this is not the first time that American imperialism has used bacteriological weapons in its war of intervention in Korea. As early as during the period from December 1950 to January 1951, the American aggressor troops disseminated smallpox viruses in Pyongyang, Kangwon Province, South Hamkyong Province, Hwanghae Province and several other areas while retreating southward across the 38th Parallel under the combined blows of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers. The recent criminal act of the American aggressor troops in repeatedly scattering

by aircraft large quantities of germ-carrying insects over the frontline positions and in the rear of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers has provided further proof that the United States government is continuing planned and premeditated germ warfare in a completely inhuman manner. The people of the whole world, squarely faced with the facts, cannot but identify the United States government as the first war criminal in the world today, which, in pursuance of its aggressive war, does not scruple to use bacteriological weapons in violation of all international conventions.

In its machinations to undermine world peace and prepare for world war, American imperialism first employed Shiro Ishii, Jiro Wakamatsu, Masajo Kitano and other Japanese bacteriological war criminals, whose hands have long been stained with the blood of the Chinese and Korean people, to carry out on the Korean battlefield experiments and manufacture of various types of lethal bacteria. Hundreds and thousands of the captured personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers have been victims of experiments with these bacteriological weapons. And now American imperialism is using these tested bacteriological weapons to slaughter the peaceful people of Korea. If the people of the world do not resolutely put an end to this crime, then the calamities befalling the peaceful people of Korea today will befall the peaceful people of the world tomorrow. The criminal act of American imperialism in waging bacteriological warfare has thus proved that American imperialism is the most dangerous foe of the Chinese and Korean people and the peaceful people of the whole world.

It must be pointed out that American imperialism was forced to conduct armistice negotiations after receiving shattering blows at the hands of the heroic Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers during the war of intervention which it launched in Korea. Nevertheless, American imperialism is not willing to accept its defeat. In the negotiations, it resorts to all sorts of shameless delaying tactics to obstruct the progress of the negotiations on the one hand, and callously conducts brutal germ warfare on the other. It attempts by these means to prolong and extend the Korean war and achieve its aggressive designs to destroy the People's Republic of China and undermine peace and security in the Far East. The Chinese people are determined to

smash, and inevitably will smash, the shameless machinations and criminal acts of American imperialism. American imperialism will not only fail to attain its criminal ends but will, without doubt, ignominiously pay the penalty for its crimes before the just wrath of the peaceful people of the whole world.

On behalf of the Chinese people, I charge the United States government, before the people of the whole world, with the heinous crime of employing bacteriological weapons, in violation of all principles of humanity and international conventions, to slaughter peaceful citizens and armed fighters in Korea. I call on the peace-loving people all over the world to take steps to put an end to the frenzied, criminal acts of the United States government. The Chinese people, together with the people throughout the world, will struggle to the very end to halt the frenzied crimes of the United States government.

## FOREIGN MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI'S PROTEST STATEMENT

March 8, 1952

After launching large-scale bacteriological warfare in Korea on January 28, 1952, the American aggressive forces, between February 29 and March 5, sent 68 formations of military aircraft making a total of 448 sorties to invade China's territorial air in the Northeast and scatter large quantities of germ-carrying insects at Fushun, Sinmin, Antung, Kwantien, Linkiang and other areas, and to bomb and strafe the Linkiang and Changtienhokow area. The details of these incidents are as follows:

(1) On February 29, American aircraft, in 14 formations, flew a total of 148 sorties over Antung, Fushun, Fengcheng and other areas and scattered insects over Fushun. An investigation on the spot showed that insects of a black colour were found within an area of 15-20 kilometres in Fushun County covering Takow, Lijen, and Fangsiao villages and Lientaowan.

(2) On March 1, American aircraft, in 14 formations, flew a total of 86 sorties to intrude over Fushun, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Kwantien and Chian and scatter insects of a black colour resembling fleas over Makinchwang and other places in Fushun County. Of these planes, 8 in one group strafed a point 5 kilometres northwest of Changtienhokow.

(3) On March 2, American aircraft, in 12 formations, flew a total of 72 sorties over Fushun, Antung, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Kiuliencheng, Chian, Kwantien and Changpai. They dropped large quantities of flies, mosquitoes, fleas and other types of insects over Takow and other parts of Fushun County and areas between Fushun and Mukden.

(4) On March 3, five formations of American aircraft, flying a total of 32 sorties, intruded and scattered insects over Antung, Langtow and Chian.

(5) On March 4, thirteen formations of American aircraft flew a total of 72 sorties, to intrude and scatter insects over Antung, Langtow, Tatungkow, Kiuliencheng, Changtienhokow, Sinmin, Chian, Hunkiangkow and Kwantien. At 11 a.m. of the same morning, six American aircraft were observed above Langtow. They dropped from a height of 5,000 metres two cloth receptacles which burst open some 2,000 metres from the ground, and then a swarm of flies was found near the highway. At 2 p.m., an American aircraft was observed over Paikipao and Jaoyangho in Sinmin County. It dropped a load of flies. On the same day, American aircraft were active over Kwantien, and afterwards flies, mosquitoes, crickets and fleas dropped by American aircraft were immediately found east of Kwantien city and at Hungsheklitze and other places.

(6) On March 5, ten formations of American aircraft flew a total of 38 sorties to intrude over Antung, Anpingho, Changtienhokow, Hunkiangkow, Tunghua and Linkiang. Of these, one group of eight planes at about 8 a.m. indiscriminately bombed and strafed Linkiang, wounding two people and destroying five houses.

In view of the fact that the United States government has dared repeatedly and openly to make air intrusions over China's territory, spread germ-bearing insects and indiscriminately bomb, strafe and kill Chinese people at the same time as it is delaying the Korean armistice negotiations and obstructing a peaceful settlement of the Korean question in an attempt to prolong and extend the Korean war, I am authorised by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to solemnly protest against these most savage and brutal acts of aggression and provocation by the United States government.

The open and direct acts of aggression of the United States government against the People's Republic of China date from June 27, 1950 when U.S. President Truman announced the despatch of its navy to invade and occupy China's territory, Taiwan. On August 27, 1950 the American aggressor troops in Korea began to send their military aircraft to intrude into the territorial air of Northeast China. From then on, the military aircraft of the United States government

have many times intruded over Northeast China and carried out reconnaissance, strafing and bombing. Now, on the heels of its large-scale bacteriological warfare in Korea, the United States government is adding to its open violation of international law and all laws of humanity by scattering large quantities of bacteria-laden insects over Northeast China. This is an attempt by the criminal and vicious device of mass slaughter of peaceful people to further its aims of invading China and threatening the security of the Chinese people.

These brutal crimes of the United States government will never be tolerated by the Chinese people. The opposition of the Chinese people in their wrath will assure the ignominious failure of these crimes.

It is the view of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China that the United States government, pursuing its objectives of extending the Korean war and undermining peace in the Far East and other parts of the world, has employed bacteriological weapons, strictly prohibited by humanity and international conventions, against the peaceful population and armed forces of the Korean and Chinese peoples in Korea, and is even extending such crimes against the peaceful population in Northeast China by employing these unlawful bacteriological weapons in a brutal provocation.

In its statement of February 24, the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China pointed out: "If the people of the world do not resolutely put an end to this crime, then the calamities befalling the peaceful people of Korea today will befall the peaceful people of the world tomorrow." Now is the time for the peace-loving people of the world to rise and put an end to the maniacal crimes of the United States government. We are confident that human justice and peace will triumph.

The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China hereby makes it known that members of the American air force who invade China's territorial air and use bacteriological weapons will be dealt with as war criminals on capture.

The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China at the same time declares that the United States government must bear the full responsibility for all the consequences arising from air intrusions over China's territory, the use of bacteriological weapons and the murder of Chinese people by indiscriminate bombing and strafing.

## THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Australia has its eyes on Canberra as delegates, some elected and some appointed, grapple with the question, will we have a Republic by the year 2000.

It seems to be a serious contradiction that while everyone at the Convention is absorbed in casting off the Queen as head of State, the Federal Government has committed Australia to a war in Iraq at the request of the United States of America without consulting the Parliament. It smacks of opportunism, to disengage allegiance from the nation who once 'ruled the waves' to another super power, the would be, 'world's policeman'.

While the Convention raged, the National Farmer's Federation (NFF), with legislative support and unlimited money, has declared war on the Maritime Union. in an attempt to create a casual, low paid, non union labour force on the waterfront.

The Convention is reputed to have cost \$50 million, so you will excuse us if we wonder what difference will it make if Australia is a republic?

Will the infant mortality rate among the indigenous people decline? It stands at, in the ages from one to four, 4.5 times higher than the non-indigenous population.

Vagrancy laws, introduced in the 1930's are being quietly introduced by local government. These laws focus on the homeless, poor, mentally ill, and the alcoholic, also the youth. According to the Australian Council for Civil Liberties, vagrancy laws have empowered police to target people to whom they took a dislike. Many local governments are expected to follow this move.

The secret OECD Agreement on investment (MAI) is likely to be signed by the Australian government by May 1998. MAI is a charter for the rights of multinational enterprises against national governments. Governments cannot withdraw from the agreement for 5 years while agreements for existing investors last for a further 15 years. The agreement will ensure a high standard of treatment for foreign investors and prevent discrimination in favour of local investors or investments. After this MAI is signed it wouldn't make a bit of difference whether Australia is a Republic or not. Why no public debate?

About one in three of the nation's jobless have been unemployed for more than one year. The long term figure of 253,000 represents the highest proportion of unemployed people since 1995. The unemployed are not off to the universities either. Australian universities have made almost 10,000 fewer offers for course places this year, as demand for tertiary education declined for the fifth consecutive year.

Mr Mick Dodson, outgoing Social Justice Commissioner said, Aborigines must battle the 'welfare mentality' that disempowers them... essentially it is a matter of rights, that is what social justice is about... it is about having a decent roof over your head, being able to wash and feed your kids, the capacity to send them to a school where their culture is honoured and respected. It is about having a job that you can go to that is meaningful and provides some rewards. "One third of Australian towns and villages have water supplies that don't meet World Health Organization standards---these are matters of human rights not matters of welfare"

The World Bank has declared Australia to be the richest country in the world on the combined basis of economic and non economic parameters while approximately 2 million of our children live below the poverty line, 1.8 million of them living in welfare dependent households. The rest, presumably, are homeless or without family support

The \$50 million supposedly spent on the Constitutional Convention would go a long way to house the 150,000 Homeless Australians, who wait for public housing. The reasons for being homeless, according to the Australian 6.2.98, Domestic violence, mental illness, family breakdown, lack of affordable housing, poverty and unemployment.

The Constitutional Convention did not discuss any of the above.

Whether the Republic takes place or not, the means of production will be in the same hands as it has always been. Nothing will change for the proletariat., no matter if the flag is red, white or blue.

"The working men have no country. We cannot take from them what they have not got. Since the proletariat must first of all acquire political supremacy, must rise to be the leading class of the nation, must constitute itself the nation, so far, , itself national, though not in the bourgeois sense of the word...." Manifesto of the Communist party. Karl Marx, Frederick Engels.

## Capitalism at Work.

Unemployment is officially 8.7%, however, these figures fail to disclose the onslaught on jobs and living standards over the past year. The Monash report produced by Monash University Centre of Population and Urban research discloses that 1.8 million Australian children live in poverty in the so-called period of economic recovery. Full time jobs are disappearing and workers are forced into part-time and casual employment. The working poor live below the poverty line of less than \$22,650 per year. Single parent families make up 43% of the total poor. Of the 391,000 such families, two-thirds are headed by divorced or separated parents, mostly women.

There are other problems in the Australian economy. The Labor Governments, State and Federal deregulated the economy, and set in motion the policy of privatization of government instrumentalities: electricity, water, gas, banking, sections of the telecommunication industry, all very profitable for the state.

Australia's foreign debt stands at \$202 billion, approximately one third of which is owned by Australian governments and their instrumentalities and two thirds by banks and leading private companies. Many of the latter are only nominally Australian and are subsidiaries of foreign companies. Foreign ownership of Australian equities is \$217 billion. Foreign interests control are estimated to control more than 30% of shares quoted on the Stock Exchange. On the foreign debt, in the past financial year, interest alone was \$11 billion. The outflow of dividends to foreign shareholders was another \$12 billion, while Australia received \$4 billion on investments abroad. The negative balance is approximately \$20 billion. Therefore Australia must borrow to pay the interest. The Treasurers always say this will be solved in time.

Governments play games in Billions of dollars; the shareholders get the profits from their investments while the children go hungry. Jobs are lost with rationalization cost cutting, standards of living of the people decline, the result is wide spread distress and misery among the people.

Public ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange is the only solution to this. The aim of the Revolutionary Communist Party is the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, under which private ownership of the resources of Australia will be used to feed, clothe, educate, house, build a free health system. No hungry child will be tolerated in Socialist Australia.

### BUTLER, BEATING THE WAR DRUMS

The United Nations General Secretary appointed the Australian career diplomat, Butler to head UNSCOM. Since his appointment, Butler has shown just how aggressive and arrogant he can be. During an interview with the New York Times he declared that Iraq had enough biological weapons "to blow away Tel Aviv or whatever" and, he openly canvassed non-military options which the UN could consider to punish Iraq. The newspapers in Iraq have labelled Butler as "a mad dog"

Butler should be dismissed.

Every decent democratic Australian cringes to see this man crawling to the USA war mongers.

In 1991, the USA led war against Iraq dropped 88,000 tons of bombs on the country. The war and the sanctions that followed has caused the death of thousands of Iraqi people, especially the mothers and children. Australia committed war ships to the Gulf War, their role was to intercept ships on the high seas thus preventing supplies reaching or leaving Iraq. Australian troops have already left for the Gulf in February 1998.

The many UN missions to Iraq since the Gulf War have failed to uncover the secret weapons of Iraq. These missions, now led by Butler, close their eyes to Israel's nuclear weapons developed at the Dimona site. Butler, when he was Australian Ambassador for Disarmament raised questions about the imprisonment of the scientist, Mr Mordachai Vanunu, jailed by Israel for photographing the Dimona complex.

The aim of the US-British coalition to wage war on Iraq is to place in power another leader who will grovel to the imperialists. Both the US and the British have a long record of supporting blood thirsty dictators all over the world, providing these dictators allow massive exploitation in their countries. Australian imperialism's record is to jump in behind the big imperialists hoping to secure their slice of the cake after the carve up. They might not be so lucky this time as some governments have told Australia the export trade will be cut off if they attack Iraq.

**HANDS OFF IRAQ!**



## Capitalism at Work.

" Many migrants wish they never came," said the headline in the Australian December 10, 1997. Nearly half of all newly arrived migrants believe they were better off at home. More than 48 % of immigrants said that before leaving home they had 'high' expectations as to their probable standard of living in Australia.

Migrants from south-west Asia, including India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, expressed the highest dissatisfaction, with 66.7% of respondents from this region feeling they had been better off in the country of origin.

The head of the NSW Ethnic Communities Council, which commissioned the study, said the inability of many new immigrants to find work, combined with the Federal Government's recent legislation ruling that immigrants must wait two years before receiving social security, contributed to feelings of disillusionment and dissatisfaction.... They arrive in Australia and cannot find work, cannot even get a health card and have to live off their savings.

The study found almost 30% of those sampled were employed, while 27% had no income, 21% relied on family, and 5% relied on charity. Half the sample entered Australia under the family reunion program, while 35.5% came under the skilled program. However, 59% had professional qualifications. More than 97% of the sample that had arrived in Australia in the past 6 months said they were in "extreme financial hardship".

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The above refutes the various right-wing think-tank merchants, who declare, that migrants are taking 'our' jobs.

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The Weekend Australian December 27-28, 1997. "Australian farmers are clearing trees from nearly 500,000 ha of land every year, statistics prepared for UN greenhouse negotiations reveal.... Preliminary estimates prepared for the climate change negotiations in Kyoto this month show more than 5 million ha of land has been cleared for agriculture in the decade from 1982- 1993

Australia was granted special permission by the UN climate change conference in Kyoto to boost its greenhouse gas emissions 8 per cent above 1990 levels by 2010.. Most other industrialised nations must cut their green-house gas emissions by 5 per cent during the same period.

Land clearing creates 25% of Australia's green-house gas emissions of carbon dioxide and methane, which scientists say cause global warming by trapping heat within the earth's atmosphere.

At the recent meeting in the Cook Islands, the South Pacific Forum held earlier in 1997, the island states Cook Island, Nauru, Kir, Niue, Tuvalu expressed concern at the consequences of global warming on the Pacific Islands, many of whom are only a few metres above sea level. The Small Island states demanded a reduction of greenhouse gases by 20%. The Australian Government dismissed their bid and the scientific evidence they produced out of hand. The Tuvalu Prime minister interviewed after said.... "Being small we depend on them (Australia) so much we had to give in"

The Australian figures used at the Forum were supplied by big business who have a long history of exploitation in South Pacific, that 90,000 jobs will be lost, and electricity and fuel prices will soar ( they are already doing it) if they took notice of the Island States. Australian and Australian based companies

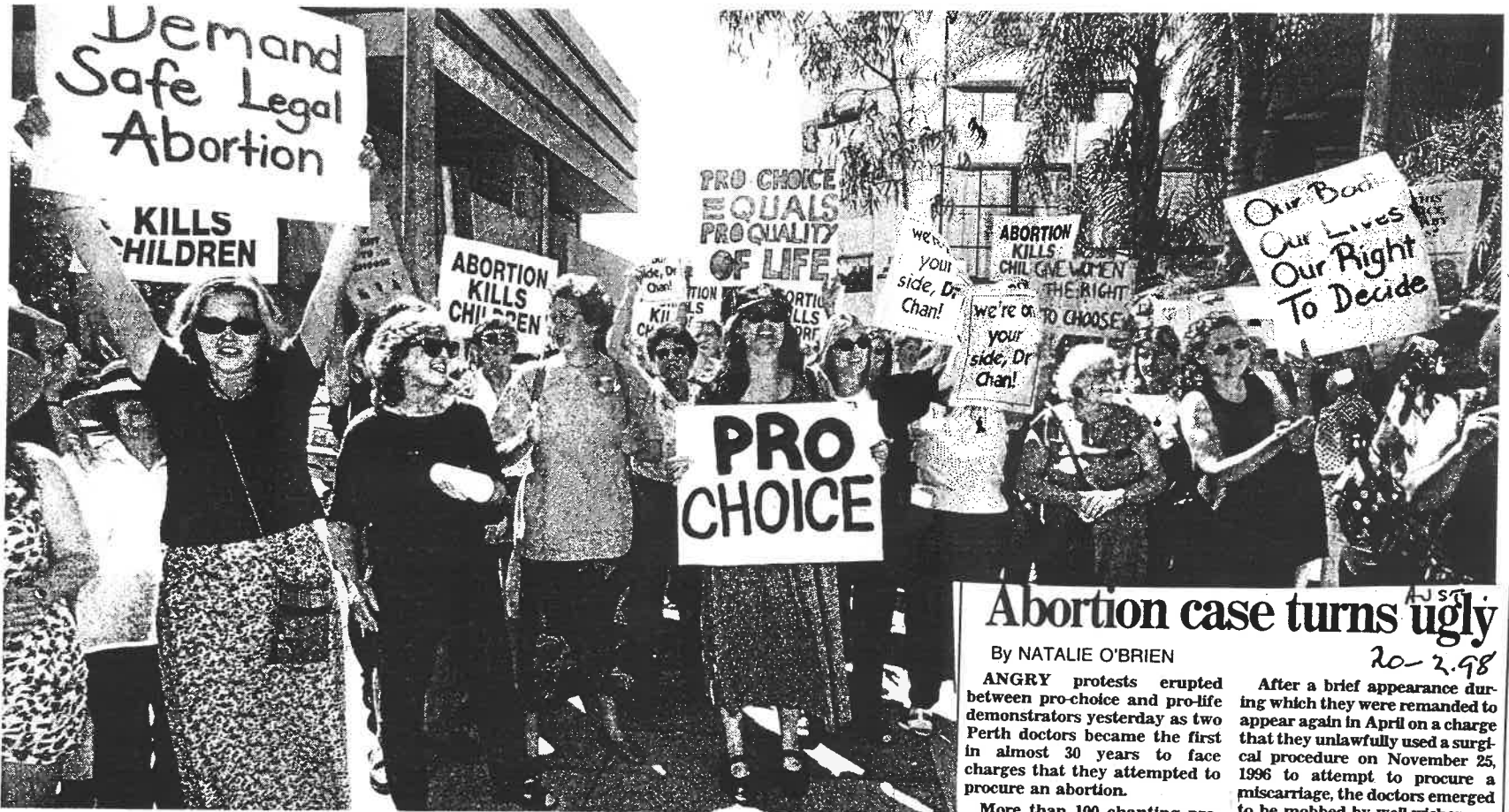
such as BHP controls the OK Tedi copper mine in Papua New Guinea, CRA owns the still closed Panguna copper mine on Bougainville and other banks and monopolies have large investments in Fiji, PNG, the Solomons and other Islands.

All this smoke screen about jobs lost in Australia is intended to split the Australian workers from solidarity action in support of our sisters and brothers in the South Pacific.

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A report from the Los Angeles Times reprinted in the Australian 28.8.'97. states that a California woman has been proved to be the daughter of a Yemenite Jewish immigrant whose baby was taken from her almost half a century ago. Leaders of the Yemenite Jewish Community in Israel and in the United States have long suspected that the missing children did not die, as most of their parents were told, but were kidnapped and given or sold to childless Jewish couples of American or European descent. The Californian mother 67, and her daughter 49, were reunited but are asking why the state of Israel in its early days and in the years since, all but dismissed the claims of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Yemenite immigrants that their babies had mysteriously disappeared..

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## Abortion case turns ugly

By NATALIE O'BRIEN

ANGRY protests erupted between pro-choice and pro-life demonstrators yesterday as two Perth doctors became the first in almost 30 years to face charges that they attempted to procure an abortion.

More than 100 chanting pro-choice supporters drowned out the handful of pro-lifers, with chants of "keep your rosaries off our ovaries" as Victor Chan and Hoh Peng Lee appeared at the Perth Magistrates Court for the start of what could be a historic legal case.

After a brief appearance during which they were remanded to appear again in April on a charge that they unlawfully used a surgical procedure on November 25, 1996 to attempt to procure a miscarriage, the doctors emerged to be mobbed by well-wishers.

Emotional overdrive: pro and anti-abortion protesters clash outside the Perth court

ous plans already afoot. The secretary of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Life, the placard-wielding Egan, says only that his group will pick its fights.

He has directed the group's supporters to lobby their local members of parliament. "We don't doubt we have a huge fight on our hands," he says. "There is also a great deal of education going on in the public arena ... and after all the arguments are heard, a lot more MPs will feel uncomfortable about standing up for abortion."

The Right to Life Association has pointed out it does not become involved in "confrontation or radical action" while a seemingly pro-life group known as Women Hurt by Abortion is active regardless of the legal status.

THE conservative residents of Perth hadn't seen an abortion protest like it for decades. More than 100 women, and a dozen or so men, shouldered their placards and prepared to do battle outside the Perth Magistrates Court on Tuesday morning.

They yelled, they chanted, and a few used their signs as weapons. Most were pro-choice protesters incensed by the arrest of two local doctors charged with "procuring an abortion". A few were pro-life demonstrators, cock-a-hoop that abortionists had finally been brought to book.

Accompanied by children, the pro-abortion contingent set up a lively chant: "We are here, we are loud, we are women and we are proud" and "Keep your rosaries off our ovaries!"

# Back to the BARRICADES

After a lengthy period in semi-hibernation, abortion activists are once again on full alert, report Natalie O'Brien and Sian Powell

## Capitalism at Work.

Unemployment is officially 8.7%, however, these figures fail to disclose the onslaught on jobs and living standards over the past year. The Monash report produced by Monash University Centre of Population and Urban research discloses that 1.8 million Australian children live in poverty in the so-called period of economic recovery. Full time jobs are disappearing and workers are forced into part-time and casual employment. The working poor live below the poverty line of less than \$22,650 per year. Single parent families make up 43% of the total poor. Of the 391,000 such families, two-thirds are headed by divorced or separated parents, mostly women.

There are other problems in the Australian economy. The Labor Governments, State and Federal deregulated the economy, and set in motion the policy of privatization of government instrumentalities: electricity, water, gas, banking, sections of the telecommunication industry, all very profitable for the state.

Australia's foreign debt stands at \$202 billion, approximately one third of which is owned by Australian governments and their instrumentalities and two thirds by banks and leading private companies. Many of the latter are only nominally Australian and are subsidiaries of foreign companies. Foreign ownership of Australian equities is \$217 billion. Foreign interests control are estimated to control more than 30% of shares quoted on the Stock Exchange. On the foreign debt, in the past financial year, interest alone was \$11 billion. The outflow of dividends to foreign shareholders was another \$12 billion, while Australia received \$4 billion on investments abroad. The negative balance is approximately \$20 billion. Therefore Australia must borrow to pay the interest. The Treasurers always say this will be solved in time.

Governments play games in Billions of dollars; the shareholders get the profits from their investments while the children go hungry. Jobs are lost with rationalization cost cutting, standards of living of the people decline, the result is wide spread distress and misery among the people.

Public ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange is the only solution to this. The aim of the Revolutionary Communist Party is the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, under which private ownership of the resources of Australia will be used to feed, clothe, educate, house, build a free health system. No hungry child will be tolerated in Socialist Australia.

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## BUTLER, BEATING THE WAR DRUMS

The United Nations General Secretary appointed the Australian career diplomat, Butler to head UNSCOM. Since his appointment, Butler has shown just how aggressive and arrogant he can be. During an interview with the New York Times he declared that Iraq had enough biological weapons "to blow away Tel Aviv or whatever" and, he openly canvassed non-military options which the UN could consider to punish Iraq. The newspapers in Iraq have labelled Butler as "a mad dog"

Butler should be dismissed.

Every decent democratic Australian cringes to see this man crawling to the USA war mongers.

In 1991, the USA led war against Iraq dropped 88,000 tons of bombs on the country. The war and the sanctions that followed has caused the death of thousands of Iraqi people, especially the mothers and children. Australia committed war ships to the Gulf War, their role was to intercept ships on the high seas thus preventing supplies reaching or leaving Iraq. Australian troops have already left for the Gulf in February 1998.

The many UN missions to Iraq since the Gulf War have failed to uncover the secret weapons of Iraq. These missions, now led by Butler, close their eyes to Israel's nuclear weapons developed at the Dimona site. Butler, when he was Australian Ambassador for Disarmament raised questions about the imprisonment of the scientist, Mr Mordachai Vanunu, jailed by Israel for photographing the Dimona complex.

The aim of the US-British coalition to wage war on Iraq is to place in power another leader who will grovel to the imperialists. Both the US and the British have a long record of supporting blood thirsty dictators all over the world, providing these dictators allow massive exploitation in their countries. Australian imperialism's record is to jump in behind the big imperialists hoping to secure their slice of the cake after the carve up. They might not be so lucky this time as some governments have told Australia the export trade will be cut off if they attack Iraq.

**HANDS OFF IRAQ!**

# Dictating Terms: The U.S. Anti-Terrorist List

There is an old saying: "The emperor is allowed to burn down a thousand villages, but the people are forbidden to light even a candle."

On October 8, the U.S. State Department published a new official list designating 30 foreign groups as "terrorist organizations." This was a step called for by the 1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act. According to this so-called Anti-Terrorism Act it is now a federal crime for people in the U.S. to provide material support for any of the groups on this new State Department list.

When he announced the new State Department list, President Clinton said: "Today's action sends a clear message: The path to change is through dialogue and open deliberations, not violence and hatred."

The National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom (NCPFF) is a newly formed group opposed to key elements of the Anti-Terrorism Act. On October 8, it condemned the State Department list, saying: "The U.S. government is about to implement one of the most significant assaults on the First Amendment in recent history... The practical effect of the publication of this list, and the criminal prosecutions that will follow it, will be devastating to the huge number of groups and individuals in the U.S. who are concerned about their or their forebears' countries of origin, or about the welfare and human rights of people around the world."

The newly published State Department list includes the Communist Party of Peru (listed as the "Shining Path"), which is leading a Maoist people's war in Peru.

The list also includes many Palestinian organizations, the Iranian opposition group Mujahedin, the Kurdistan Workers Party

(PKK), the Khmer Rouge movement in Cambodia, and the Colombian FARC guerrilla movement.

According to the 1996 Anti-Terrorism Act, several things happen once a group has been officially designated a "terrorist organization":

First, it becomes a crime for anyone in the U.S. to contribute money or other material support to the group, including to its social, political and humanitarian activities—even if those activities are legal. For example, giving blankets to a clinic, books to a school, clothes to an orphanage, or money to help political prisoners would all be federal crimes punishable by up to 10 years in prison—if the State Department claims that the aid is going to groups linked with "terrorists." Shipments of religious materials and medicine are not affected.

Second, members of so-called "terrorist organizations" are now forbidden from entering the U.S.—even if there is no evidence that the individuals ever did anything illegal. This law brings back the rules of the hated McCarran-Walter Act of the McCarthy era—which prevented communists and revolutionaries from entering the United States for speaking tours, fundraising or even academic conferences.

Third, the U.S. government will now be allowed to deport alleged members of such "terrorist groups" in an "expeditious and confidential" way. This means that the U.S. government could decide to deport immigrants in secret hearings that the defendants may not attend. A section of this law says "Federal Rules of Evidence shall not apply in a removal hearing." People can be condemned and deported based on secret evidence and testimony—all kinds of lies,

including false allegations by the political police in their home countries, can be accepted without challenge. The deportees would only see a "summary" of evidence that contains whatever information the U.S. government might choose to show them. The deportees can be held in jail while these hearings are held without them.

Fourth, the law requires U.S. financial institutions to freeze the assets of a designated group or its U.S. "agents." Banks that don't comply would face a \$50,000 fine—without any mechanism for appeal.

Fifth, the law allows the FBI to investigate U.S. groups based solely on their political support activities—like political writings or public protests. Since 1994, the

so-called Edwards Amendment barred the FBI from opening investigations based on so-called "first amendment activities." This means that the FBI could supposedly not legally start an investigation of someone simply because of something they said or wrote about foreign groups. Now, this Edwards Amendment has been repealed, and the FBI will be legally allowed to treat political speech, writings and protest that support the designated "terrorist" organizations as a basis for starting investigations.

The Anti-Terrorism law did not openly criminalize political support for designated movements. But it gave the FBI and other government agencies much broader powers

to spy on, infiltrate and therefore also disrupt organizations that politically support various anti-U.S. movements abroad. Meanwhile, the Anti-Terrorism Act provided \$400,000,000 in new funding for FBI "anti-terrorist" investigations, and 500 more FBI agents have been assigned to domestic investigations dealing with so-called "terrorism."

In short, the new regulations of this Anti-Terrorism Act, which was so strongly supported by President Clinton, are designed to greatly restrict the ability of people in the U.S. to support movements that fight against U.S. imperialism.

These regulations represent a major new attack on legal "due process" in the U.S.—including on the right of accused to face their accusers and the right to appeal unjust decisions. The Anti-Terrorism Act also contains many other assaults on the people's rights—by restricting prisoners' appeals, speeding up executions, and slashing immigrants' rights.

**The Anti-Terrorism Act is designed to criminalize activities by people in the U.S. that support movements which fight against U.S. imperialist interests.**

than 80 countries in "counterterrorism" in the last several years.

However, a look at the new State Department list shows that the U.S. government is targetting many different kinds of non-governmental groups who have only one thing in common—they all, one way or another, are seen as obstacles to U.S. goals in their part of the world.

The definition of "terrorist" used by the U.S. government in making its list is so vague that it can be applied to almost any non-governmental group that has conflict with the U.S. It is apparently not even necessary for the U.S. government to have evidence that such groups have taken up armed struggle—a group can be designated "terrorist" if the State Department says

they have an "intent" to endanger property and if they carry out actions designed to "intimidate" (whatever that means).

In addition, the U.S. government can designate an organization "terrorist" based on secret evidence which the government is not required to produce in court. Groups receiving a "terrorist" label have only 30 days to contest the label—and are not even guaranteed a right to know the evidence used to label them. This is designed to make legal challenges extremely difficult.

Clearly, one purpose of this new "anti-terrorism" law is to limit the ways people in the U.S. can legally support genuine revolutionary movements that are fighting for a new society in countries dominated by the U.S.

For example: One of the groups on the U.S. list is the Communist Party of Peru (PCP). Endorsing Peruvian Fujimori government's accusation that the PCP are "terrorists" is one more way that the U.S. is supporting the bloody counterinsurgency war being waged by the Peruvian government using massacres, disappearances, torture and rape. By including the PCP on this State Department list, the U.S. government intends to ban certain kinds of revolutionary support activity and prevent supporters of the PCP from coming to the U.S. and speaking here. This designation also raises the danger of new FBI surveillance and disruption of supporters of the people's war in Peru.

This law is nothing but a step toward making revolutionary internationalism illegal!

Now this new 1996 law orders the FBI to investigate and prosecute anyone who contributes even humanitarian aid to State Department designated organizations. This makes it much easier for the FBI to spy on, deport and imprison people for international support activities—once the State Department has designated a particular movement as "terrorist."

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# Speech from the Cage

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Comrades of the Communist Party of Peru! Combatants of the People's Guerrilla Army! Peruvian People!

We are living historic moments, each of us must be clear that this is the case, let us not fool ourselves. In these moments we should mobilize all forces to confront difficulties and continue accomplishing our tasks and conquering our goals, successes and victory! That is what we must do.

We are here as children of the people and we are struggling in these trenches, it is also about combat, and we do it because we are Communists, because here we defend the interests of the people, the principles of the party, the People's War. That is why we do it, we are doing it and will continue to do it!

We are here in these circumstances. Some think this is a great defeat. They are dreaming and we tell them to keep on dreaming! It is simply a bend, nothing more, a bend in the road. The road is long and we shall arrive. We shall triumph. You shall see it. You shall see it.

We should continue the tasks established by the III Plenum of the Central Committee. A glorious Plenum. You should know that these accords are already being implemented and that will continue. We shall continue applying the IV Plan of Strategic Development of the People's War to Conquer Power, we shall continue developing the VI Military Plan to Build the Conquest of Power, that will continue, that is our task. We shall carry it out because of what we are and because of the obligation we have with the proletariat and the people.

We clearly say that today the democratic road has begun to develop as a road of liberation, as a road of people's liberation, that is the circumstance in which we are developing. We should think with great historic sense, we must stop closing our eyes. Let us look at reality, let us look at the history of Peru. Let us look at the last three centuries of Peru. We should think about it. Look at the 18th century, look at the 19th century, look at the 20th century and understand them! Those who don't understand them are going to be blind and the blind don't serve the country, they don't serve Peru.

We believe that the 18th century was a very clear lesson. Think about this. There was a dominator. It was Spain and where did that bloodsucking domination bring us? To a very deep crisis, as a consequence of which Peru was divided. From there come the origins of today's Bolivia. It is not our question but facts.

Fine, the last century, English domination. Where did this take us in its rivalry with France? To another big Crisis: 70 of the past century. The result? War with Chile. We must not forget it. And what happened? We lost territory. Our nation suffers defeat despite the blood shed by heroes and the people. We must learn from this!

The 20th century. How are we doing? In the 20th century we are dominated by imperialism, principally North American, this is real, everyone knows it. And where has it brought us? Without remembering the 1920's, here and now, to the worst crisis of the entire history of the Peruvian people. Learning the lesson of past centuries, what can we think? Once more the nation is at risk. It can easily be lost, and by interests. This is the situation, this is where they have brought us. But we have a fact, a Peruvian revolution, a people's war, and it is, and will continue to advance. Where have we gotten with this? To a

strategic equilibrium. And we must understand this well. It is strategic equilibrium which solidifies itself in an essential situation. What have 12 years served for? To plainly show before the world and principally before the Peruvian people, that the Peruvian state, the old Peruvian state, is a paper tiger that is rotten to the core. That has been proven!

Things being that way, let us think of the danger that the nation, that the country, can be divided, that the nation is at risk. They want to dismember it, they want to divide it. Who wants to do this? As always, the imperialists, those who exploit, those who rule. And what should we do? What is our task now? It is appropriate that we push forward the people's liberation movement and that we develop it through the people's war because the people, always the people, have been the ones who defend the country, who have defended the nation.

It is time to form a People's Liberation Front, it is time to form and develop a People's Liberation Army from the People's Guerrilla Army. That is what we must do and we shall do it! That is what we are doing and that is what we shall do. You gentlemen shall be witnesses.

Finally now, listen to this. As we see in the world, Maoism is marching unstoppably to lead the new wave of world proletarian revolution. Listen well and understand. Those who have ears, use them. Those who have understanding -- and we all have it -- use it! Enough of this nonsense. Enough of these obscurities. Let us understand this. What is unfolding in the world? What do we need? We need Maoism to be incarnated and it is being incarnated and that this generate communist parties to manage, to lead this new great wave of the world proletarian revolution that is coming.

Everything they told us, the empty and silly chatter of the famous "new age of peace." Where is it now? What about Yugoslavia? What about other places? Everything became politicized, that is a lie. Today there is one reality, the same contenders of the First and Second World War are preparing a Third World War. We should know this and we, as the children of an oppressed nation, are part of the booty. We cannot consent to this! Enough imperialist exploitation! We must finish with them! We are of the third world and the third world is the base of the world proletarian revolution, with one condition, that the Communist parties brandish and lead! That is what we must do!

We believe the following. Next year will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Chairman Mao. We must celebrate these 100 years and we are organizing it with the Communist parties. We want a new manner, a celebration which will be the conscious comprehension of the importance of Chairman Mao in the world revolution and we shall begin the celebration this year and we shall finish it the next. It will be a grand process of celebration. I want to take advantage of this opportunity to salute the international proletariat, the oppressed nations of the world and the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement.

**THIS IS WHAT I WANT. AND: TO COMPLETE THE TASK WELL!**

**LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU!**

**THE PEOPLE'S WAR WILL INEVITABLY WIN!**

**WE SALUTE FROM HERE THE FUTURE BIRTH OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF PERU!**

**WE SAY: GLORY TO MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM. AND FINALLY WE SAY: HONOR AND GLORY TO THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE.**