



## Masses give CIA the boot

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is still intact, but its attempt to recruit potential agents of imperialism on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) suffered a setback last month after a demonstration organized by MIM and the Network for Public Education and Social Justice (NPESJ), a student group not affiliated with MIM.

At a demonstration March 1, MIM pointed out to UCLA students that the CIA's main purpose is to wage war on the world's oppressed nations by means of economic warfare, rigged elections, assassinations and genocide. MIM's critics countered that MIM and the demonstrators were infringing on the CIA's "rights." MIM says: There are no rights, only power struggles! MIM does not advocate disrupting the "speech" of just any reactionaries. But it's not the "speech" of the CIA that commits mass murder and oppression. If all the CIA did was talk, MIM would just argue against them. It's the action—the recruiting of students to commit crimes against the people—that we oppose. If progressives can stop the CIA from spreading some of its poison—make the CIA's job a little harder—that's a power struggle, not an infringement of "rights." The oppressed and victims of the CIA have no "right" to "free" speech when they are dead, imprisoned, exploited and raped. There is a struggle to end that oppression and win freedom for the world's vast majority. There is a long history of students resisting the militarization of U.S. campuses, including CIA recruiting, military training and the development of genocidal weaponry. This effort is an important part of building popular student consciousness against imperialism. ★

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This isn't the first time the CIA has recruited on campus, nor is it the first time students and community members have stood up against the CIA and its crimes. These articles describe a successful anti-CIA protest at UCLA and its aftermath in 1995.

As long as the CIA persists in murder and torture in the name of Amerikan political and economic dominance (which dooms millions to poverty, starvation, and disease), oppressed peoples and those who side with them will resist!

## MIM disregards CIA's "rights"

On March 8, the UCLA Daily Bruin printed a short version of MIM's March 4 letter (see accompanying article). Alongside it was a letter from UCLA student Rebecca Toth. Following are Toth's letter and responses from MIM and a student.

Rebecca Toth wrote:

This letter is to the members of the Maoist Internationalist Movement who participated in protesting CIA recruitment on campus and caused the cancellation of an informational meeting and interviews:

I am not writing to object to the validity, or lack thereof, of the information you were presenting; that is a debate for another time and I support your right to present it. However, I do object to the manner in which you chose to present it. Your actions effectively denied others the very rights of freedom of speech and assembly that you yourselves were exercising.

What gives you the right to impose your opinions on others and to take away the ability of each individual to make their own life choices? So you don't want to work for the CIA. Fine. But that doesn't give you the right to withhold that opportunity from others.

Perhaps democracy and the right to self-determination, issues on which you are quick to criticize the CIA, should only be permitted on those topics with which you agree. Or maybe you should just choose for me which information I listen to and which jobs I take. Actually, I'm in the market for a good five-year plan. Next time, I suggest you take a good look at yourselves and your actions before you accuse others of authoritarian tendencies.

In conclusion, allow me to offer you a little advice. The next time you want to get a point across, I suggest you try a different tactic. Your gross hypocrisy and complete disregard for the rights and opinions of other students completely discredited yourselves and your organization, irrespective of the validity of your position. In spite of

this, I support your rights to freedom and peaceful assembly; it's just too bad you don't support mine.

MIM responded:

March 8, 1995

Dear Editor,

Rebecca Toth's March 8 letter accuses the Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) of "gross hypocrisy and complete disregard for the rights and opinions of ... students." MIM values others' opinions. But this won't stop us from working to deny people the "right" to join the genocidal CIA. Toth objects "to the manner in which" MIM opposes the CIA. But our confrontational manner reflects the serious nature of the matter at hand: imperialist genocide.

Toth's charge of hypocrisy is misinformed. MIM disagrees with Toth's rhetoric of "rights." There are no rights, only power struggles. The CIA deprives hundreds of thousands of people of their right to life. Toth defends the "right" to work for a genocidal organization. Progressives must do more to deprive imperialists of the "right" to build genocidal organizations.

MIM's criticism of the CIA is not that it is authoritarian, but that its authority is reactionary, repressing the world's majority. MIM's ultimate goal is a world without authority or oppression—a communist world. But in this era, we support any means necessary—including authoritarianism and armed struggle—to smash imperialism, capitalism and patriarchy. MIM will gladly choose a job for Toth before allowing her to join the genocidal CIA, if we have any say.

In struggle,

Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM)

As of March 10, the UCLA Daily Bruin did not print MIM's response, but did print a response from a student. MIM has much

unity with the response, which follows:

This is in response to Rebecca Toth's March 8 viewpoint regarding the canceled CIA interviews on campus. Toth asks the protesters at the CIA recruitment meeting, "What gives you the right to impose your opinions on others and to take away the ability of the individual to make their own life choices?"

Let me respond by reminding that when someone makes a "life choice" to work for the CIA, this choice has repercussions far beyond whether you are able to afford the new BMW. All of us, as social beings, must take responsibility for the inherently social nature of our actions.

It is important to turn that question around. What gave the United States, through the CIA, the right to "take away the ability of each individual to make their own life choices" by: 1) overthrowing the democratically elected government of Guatemala in 1954 and funding death squads in subsequent years to protect the right-wing government; 2) working closely with the Chilean military and U.S. multinational corporations to oust democratically elected leader Salvador Allende in 1973, and set up a brutal military dictatorship; 3) or by playing a prominent role in the Indonesian military coup in 1965 which led to more than 100,000 Indonesians being murdered?

I support the CIA's right to speak in public about what they do (although it is something I doubt they would ever do).

What I don't support is their supposed "right" to actively recruit people in their continuing effort to maintain U.S. political and economic hegemony at any cost. Complete individual freedom is a nice idea in the abstract.

In reality, sometimes rights conflict and I have no hesitation about violating your right to contribute to mass murder and military dictatorship in my larger effort to protect the rights of the people from other parts of the world who struggle to better their own lives, free from the often brutal, undemocratic intervention of the United States. ★

# CIA OFF CAMPUS!



Despite its name, the main purpose of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is to wage war on the world's oppressed nations by means of covert operations involving economic warfare, rigged elections, assassinations and genocide. Its goal is to gain and maintain U.S. control over Third World peoples and economies. In short: the CIA is an agent of U.S. imperialism and an enemy of the people.

The CIA was behind the fascist coup in Chile which brought Pinochet into power.

The CIA provided the Indonesian military with "shooting lists" (their own words) during the 1965 coup which brought brutal dictator Suharto (who later led the invasion of East Timor) to power. CIA agents literally checked names off of this list as they were murdered. Estimates of the number killed in the 1965 coup range from 250,000 to over 1 million.

The CIA's "Operation Phoenix" (patterned after the operation in Indonesia) killed 40,000 Vietnamese.

The CIA recruited its own mercenary army to combat the Laotian electoral left and covered up the massive U.S. bombings of Laos and Cambodia which killed over 600,000 and created a devastating famine.

The CIA continued its covert wars, funding the Contra-guerrillas in Nicaragua and propping up dictators like Manuel Noriega, etc. etc. etc.

Take a stand on the side of the oppressed people of the world! Don't work for the CIA!  
Protest CIA recruitment on your campus! Protest CIA crimes around the world!

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