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JUSTICE FOR JOHN PAT AND ALL KOORIES KILLED IN CUSTODY

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September 28th, 1995 is the twelfth anniversary of the vicious beating to death of 16 year old John Pat by five police in Roebourne, Western Australia. The Karratha pub, like any one of hundreds around Australia, was the scene of provocative racist filth, from police who were drinking there on 28th September 1983. This provocation resulted in a fight involving a number of Aboriginal people including John Pat -with the off-duty pigs.

John Pat was dragged into the police station because he could not walk after being punched and kicked. He was beaten again at the police station as were all the Koories arrested that night. No medical attention was sought.

The forensic pathologist found that John Pat had died of a brain haemorrhage. He had received 10 blows to the head and had a large bruise on the back of his head where he had been kicked. As well, he had two broken ribs and a torn aorta (part of the heart).

Seven months later, an all-white jury acquitted five cops indicted for his manslaughter. Fifty-seven witnesses told the jury how the 5 drunken off-duty pigs had provoked a fight, arrested the Koories, and then systematically bashed them at the police lock-up.

BIG INCREASE IN DEATHS IN KKKUSTODY

It is a searing indictment of this so-called 'lucky country' that today, Black deaths in prisons have risen to nearly THREE times the level during the 1980s period covered by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. An Australian Institute of Criminology report also found that across Australia, indigenous people are in prison at THIRTEEN times the rate of non-Aboriginal people.

The co-author of the report, criminologist David McDonald was reported in the bourgeois press on 17 August 1995 as saying: "The information I'm given is of a 50% increase in the number of Aboriginal people in prison over the last six years

We're still getting people sent to prison because they have been unable to pay their fines. People are imprisoned for being poor. We're still seeing people being sent to prison for very minor offences."

BLOOD ON THE HANDS OF GENOCIDAL AUSSIE IMPERIALISM

This is the reality of imperialist Australia in 1995 as struts around the international stage posing as some sort of human rights hero.

The Australian ruling class pleas for reconciliation all boil down to telling the oppressed Koorie masses that they must accept their continuing oppression and genocide. That is, if you are young, Black and get on the wrong side of the police, within a few hours after arrest, bail refusal, or sentence—having been bashed by the cops and/or screws—you could be dead.

Robert Walker said in April 1983, in Adelaide, before he was extradited to Western Australia that the screws were out to get him. Fremantle jail like all maximum prisons in Australia is infamous for its harsh treatment of prisoners. Jails serve as ruthless ruling class reminders to the oppressed to keep their heads down. Robert's words were proved true. As he held his head up and didn't toe their line Robert Walker was brutally bashed and killed on 28 August 1984.

The authorities' twin tactics of brutalisation, torture and killing when they think they can get away with it as with Robert Walker's death, and on the other hand the more insidious and convenient covering of killings with so-called 'suicides' shows how seriously those who hold state power will go to suppress any opposition to it.

An example of this second tactic is the death of Eddie Murray supposedly found hanged with a blanket in his cell in Wee Waa, within one hour of being picked up by police on 12 June 1981.

The coroner ruled out this claim by the police. He said that Eddie had been killed by "a person or persons unknown."

IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL!

The indigenous peoples of Australia have always resisted the genocidal onslaught of the white colonial-settler state. In recent times, outrage over deaths in custody and racist pig brutality has flooded through society.

There have been dozens of Black uprisings against racist pig provocation, brutality and killings. They span, like the killings, the whole of Australia; some of the more publicised being Moree 1982 and 1985, Roebourne 1983, Mullewa 1985, Bourke 1986, Goondiwindi 1987, Brisbane 1993 and Redfern almost continually!

REVOLUTION IS THE SOLUTION!

Dreamers and schemers keep coming up with 'solutions' that demand 'working within the system' to seek change. But what have these 'solutions' brought? NOTHING. Nothing but leaving the system in effect, with all the suffering it causes, here and worldwide.

To really be free, the people have to go beyond mere survival and resistance. The challenge today is to go forward to REVOLUTION: a revolution to put an end to this capitalist-imperialist setup that puts white people over Black people, men over women, rich over poor, bosses over workers and a few nations over the rest of the world.

That requires a revolution where the oppressed people of ALL nationalities, rise up in their millions in armed struggle and take the power to run society into their own hands.

Concretely upholding the rights of the Aboriginal peoples for self-determination is one of the key cornerstones around which the unity of the revolutionary proletariat and the indigenous peoples must be built.

Ways must be found to hurl the Aussie imperialists' racist offensive back in their faces. And to those who can hardly wait another day for the time it will be possible to bring down this rotten system, now is the time to link up in building and strengthening the revolutionary movement in Australia.

**TAHITI ON FIRE,
TAKE IT HIGHER!**

How beautiful it was to see the heroic rebels of Tahiti go up against their French imperialist oppressors in two days of militant struggle sparked by the resumption of French nuclear tests at Moruroa on September 6th.

This was most serious upsurge of anti-imperialist struggle ever seen in this French Polynesian colony. It warmed the hearts of the oppressed around the world.

With the young people in front, and the old people not far behind, the indigenous Maohi protesters answered tear gas and stun grenades with Molotov cocktails and rocks.

French troops in armoured personnel carriers fought running battles with the rebels through the centre of Papeete after the rebellion spread from the airport to the town centre and the protesters numbers swelled from the hundreds to the thousands.

But it wasn't imperialist French troops that got the rebel Maohi youth off the streets of Papeete. It was the 'responsible leader' of Tahitian independence Oscar Temaru who convinced the protesters to abandon their barricades.

During and since the rebellion in Tahiti, which caused considerable damage to property, the French and Australian imperialists have condemned—and the mainstream leaders of the Tahitian independence movement have sought to distance themselves from—the rebels' violence.

There's an old saying among the Chinese people: "The emperor can burn down a thousand villages, but the people are forbidden to light a candle." The oppressed Polynesian masses have the right to defend themselves against their murderous French imperialist overlords. And they have a right to rebel against the French imperialists and local reactionaries too!

The situation in Tahiti calls out not for imperialist peace but a revolutionary war of national liberation.

The Unstoppable Advances of People's War in Peru

The People's War in Peru. You have seen it grow. It began in 1980 with a handful of unarmed soldiers of the revolution in Chuschi, Ayacucho. Now it is undisputably the most powerful liberation movement in the world.

What is the strength of this revolution?

Its ideology, which is the Marxism of today: Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM), principally Maoism; and the specific application of MLM to the revolution in Peru — Gonzalo Thought; and its leadership the Communist Party of Peru (PCP by its Spanish initials). The broad masses of workers, peasants and progressives support this revolution throughout Peru.

RABBLE-ROUSER joins with the millions around the world who support the heroic people of Peru, the seeds of the People's Republic of Peru in the liberated areas (People's Committees), the People's Liberation army and the unblemished leadership of the Communist Party of Peru: the Central Committee and the Regional Committees.

We also join in honouring our Peruvian sisters and brothers fallen in battle and those prisoner-of-war comrades who turned the jails of the rotten Peruvian regime into Shining Trenches of Combat and who have defeated the trap of "peace accords."

The latest, July/August '95, issue of *The New Flag (La Nueva Bandera)** features SOME of the political and military actions of the People's War that have expanded countrywide.

DESCO, one anti-PCP Non-Government Organisation that stores government data on PCP activities, states: "We can't keep up with guerrilla activities in Peru. The Army gives us what they can and want. Sendero's actions are everywhere." Yes, the PCP is everywhere 'hitting the wall' with strength, keeping up the momentum with 15 years of hard-fought struggle

now in a state of strategic equilibrium. as the finish line approaches, the crucial insurrections in the cities are being prepared.

Coinciding with the 15th anniversary of the initiation of the People's War, has been the formidable offensive of the People's Liberation army throughout the country, especially in Lima, Ayacucho, Huallaga, and the northern region.

All you running dogs of Yanqui imperialism, where is your defeated Sendero Luminoso?

The enduring vitality of the People's War is evidenced by the fact that 66 provinces in the 23 departments of Peru are under a state of emergency, and the constitution has been curtailed due to the intense activities of the PCP.

The capture of the PCP leader Presidente Gonzalo (aka Abimael Guzman) on 12 September 1992 was nothing more than "a bend in the road" in the protracted people's war, as Gonzalo himself said in his powerful speech from the cage on 24 September 1992. The tale that Gonzalo has called for peace talks with the reactionary regime nominally headed by Alberto Fujimori was a vulgar lie. The video and letters, supposedly evidencing a 'peaceful' Gonzalo, released by Fujimori—were denounced by the PCP, the revolutionary people of Peru and genuine supporters of the People's War abroad as a counter-revolutionary hoax. If not, why didn't Fujimori show Gonzalo in public?

Contrary to the slanders that the PCP engages in 'terrorism', the Communist Party of Peru leads a genuine revolution, a People's War. And it will seize power. You will see it.

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