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## THE ELECTIONS.

The elections are here again! Most people know parliament takes its orders from big business.

Decisions are made in the boardrooms of the national and trans-national corporations who own the means of production, distribution and exchange. They also own the State machine: the administration, the armed forces, police, prisons and the courts. These forces of state exercise the Dictatorship of the Bourgeoisie over those of us who have only one thing to sell: our labour power.

K. Marx pointed out: "Every so many years the oppressed are authorised to decide which members of the oppressor class will represent them and crush them in parliament! That way, elections are merely the method to renew the government administration and the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie in capitalist societies, even in the most democratic country we could imagine..."

The Federal election is being fought out on the issue of Tax reform and a GST.

We can say there never has been a federal election which favours the working class., rather it is designed to deepen the exploitation.

The burning questions of poverty, unemployment, the sell-off of government instrumentalities, the growing crisis of the imperialist system, and the drive to war, is glossed over.

Many people are disillusioned with parliament and politicians, many vote informally, add this to those who don't bother to turn up, in spite of the \$50 fine, and those who don't register. This adds up to about 2 million potential voters!

While elections are a farce and a deception, many still turn out to vote and many believe things can change for the better.

Lenin made it abundantly clear.....'only knaves and fools can believe that the proletariat should first win a majority of votes in elections realized under the yoke of the bourgeoisie, under the yoke of wage slavery and only after this should they conquer power. this is the height of silliness or hypocracy. This substitution of the class struggle and revolution under the old power...is now the most pure and vile form of opportunism....'

Bourgeois elections only reinforce the rule of imperialism.

We should use elections only as a means of agitation and propaganda outside the organized structures of the bourgeoisie, to arouse enthusiasism for socialism, to overcome the people's skepticism, their memory of the past betrayals, and explain that only a few will receive the few crumbs offered by the candidates, and to recognize that elections validate the monopoly of the property of the banks, corporations and other exploiters. The main policial parties, backed up by the bosses' press have spread the ideology of the ruling class among the proletariat, while the social democrats (ALP) and various revisionist 'lefties', have reinforced illusions about the nature of this society. They are out to feather their own nests, not to made our lives easier.

What do, we do?..

It is necessary to introduce new forms of struggle outside parliament, new methods of leadership, new and more developed styles of work, more Marxism-Leninism-Maoism., with the aim of seizing power.

Mao Tsetung's point of departure ...

"All communists must understand this truth that political power grows from the barrel of a gun"

The road to socialism does not lie through the parliament. Can we vote for and endorse political leaders who support Yankee missiles on Sudan and Afghanistan, who bless the troops off to Iraq where the children die of malnutrition, who are part of the imperialist system that allows the imperialist bandits to re-divide the world, where 15 million children in the world die of hunger, where 190 million children work 7 days a week for a pittance, where war rages on many continents backed up by imperialism, where hundreds of millions are unemployed and slandered as 'social parasites', Can we vote for those who put the armed men and savage dogs on the wharf, who aim to steal the right to land from the Aboriginal people., who do nothing while imperialism is poisoning the earth and destroying the environment as they raid the earth in search of maximum profit., who betray the Timorese?

The people of the world are rising up in opposition to this plunder and so the imperialists resort to racism, fascism and chauvinism. and increase the terror of the state to deal with the coming revolt of the masses. The imperialists tell us that, Communism is dead!

No! It is alive and more necessary than ever.! People's War is raging in Peru and Nepal and the Philippines. Workers of the world. Unite! We have a world to win!

Build the Revolutionary Communist Party! Apply Marxism-Leninism-Maoism.!

## are we the GOOD GERMANS of our time?



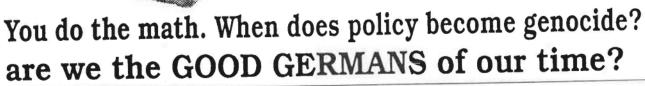
Approximately 11 million people were killed because of Nazi genocidal policy. These slayings were carried out by death marches, shootings, gas, forced labor, "euthanasia" and not the least by starvation. Many "good Germans" supported these activities. Others turned their backs as the Nazis committed these heinous crimes against humanity — the holocaust.



Over one million Iraqis have died — more than 600,000 of them children — as a direct consequence of the U.S./UN policy of economic sanctions.

4,500 children die every month, 200 every day, from hunger and disease in Iraq as a result of U.S. sanctions that deny food and medicine.





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WHO WAS FIRST IN LINE TO JUSTIFY THE YANKEE ATTACKS?

The Australian Prime Minister! Followed by the ALP Leader of the Opposition!

The same duo waved goodbye to the Australian troops to the Gulf.

The missile attacks by US imperialism is supposed to be a warning to all those countries wanting independence, and to intimidate all the people opposed to imperialism led by Yankee imperialism.

Mao Tsetung said in 1958... "If the US monopoly capitalist groups . persist in pushing their policies of aggression and war, the day is bound to come when they will be hanged by the people of the whole world. The same fate awaits the accomplices of the United States"