Letters from our readers

30 April 2009

On "Wall Street pay back to pre-crash levels"

Mr. Grey,

Thanks again for another exposition of a well-hid truth. It is interesting to note that on the day that then President-Elect Obama named Mr. Geithner to the Treasury post (November 21, 2008), the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose almost 500 points, a gain of 6.5 percent. I guess what they say about Wall Street being a leading indicator is right on in this case.

Mike T
Michigan, USA
28 April 2009

On "France: Caterpillar workers in revolt against the unions"

What an incredibly inspiring development! We need to learn the lessons on how to deal with the labor fakers in our unions here and to rout them with no less determination. Every union member needs to spread the word about these events to their co-workers, discuss them, and begin to take similar actions.

Eugene C
28 April 2009

On "Obama, Democrats move to block torture investigation"

It's apparent that nothing will be done by this administration to investigate the criminals who have left office and have now begun to flaunt their "secret" behavior for the benefit of the rest of the human population. One obvious conclusion from this apathy is that many of those guilty are still in office. And again the guilt reaches as high as the vice president, if not the president himself.

CS
27 April 2009

On "Right wing threatens Obama over torture charges"

As usual, WSWS strikes home with the only sensible statement on the idiot wind exiting the White House. The CIA would never allow itself to be investigated. JFK stated he would throw the agency "to the four winds," and soon he was. RFK, MLK, and of course Malcolm X. This country is so dominated by major corporations that no transparency is possible. Any tool to suppress the opposition to their domination of the world's resources, human and mineral, shall not be allowed. That is, until enough people wake up and take action.

Stuart M C
California, USA
24 April 2009

On "Democratic defender of NSA spying was wiretapped in Israeli spy probe"

Tour analysis binds this story together in a historical context plus a few more details, which add understanding to an otherwise obscure sideshow of American politics. The whole affair reads like something John le Carré might have dreamed up, but what it illustrates is a complete detachment of the ruling classes and their enablers from reality and the population at large, who, at the moment regard all this with bemusement, as free entertainment. There will come a time, and not too far away where these masses will draw political lessons from this circus, as they did in the early 30s during the last Depression.

Mirek
Australia
24 April 2009

On "CIA death squads killing with 'impunity' in Afghanistan"

This hardly comes as a surprise to anyone who was in Vietnam during the war. What is happening in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere in the Middle East is

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simply a perpetuation of the Phoenix Program in Vietnam. John Negroponti and his sidekick Colonel Steel under the direction of CIA heads Colbey and Komer perfected the assassination teams in the Phoenix Program in Vietnam. I witnessed much of this as a refugee adviser for USAID in Phu Vinh, Vinh Binh and Cao Lanh in the Mekong Delta. I wrote an 826-page eyewitness documentary of the genocide, corruption and gross incompetence during the war; however no publisher, editor or literary agent wants to look at it. Critical truth hurts.

Sheridan
California, USA
26 April 2009

On "Colonial oppression in a South Pacific idyll—impressions of New Caledonia"

Dear John,

I liked your article on New Caledonia. I've just returned and nothing much has changed since 2005. My wife and I were always the only Caucasians on the bus and we definitely felt the class-based social polarization in Noumea. At night the city centre is a veritable ghost town, and we found it extremely difficult to find a taxi. We also visited the convict ruins on the Isle of Pines, and they were in a terrible state, with 4-metre-high weeds totally choking the ruins, making viewing almost impossible. I also noticed a great deal of pollution linked to the nickel smelter and to mining, with little regard for soil erosion and sedimentation of the offshore reefs.

We, too, were disappointed with the Tjibaou cultural centre. Visually it is stunning, but the content of the exhibitions is small and apolitical.

Paul M
27 April 2009

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