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Introduction:

The very dramatic events that took place in the USA on the 11th September 2001 have the air of total unreality. Even the fiction writers have not dared to describe happenings similar to yesterday's events lest the readers and critics dismiss the novel as being beyond the bounds of credulity, even for a work of fiction.

The initial reports referred to a plane crashing into the World Trade Centre and had the appearance of a terrible accident. When the second plane crashed into the other building, there were suspicions of a "terrorist attack.". It was only when the third plane crashed into the Pentagon, it finally dawned on the US authorities that this was a coordinated attack. The enormity of the attack was realized when the gigantic structures (110 storeys each) began collapsing.

There was unmistakable strong fear and panic amongst leading members of the government of the United States. They ran helter skelter, fearing assassination.

While urging the public to remain calm and making promises of dire vengeance, the leadership took care to keep well clear of the scene of the devastation. At a time when the shocked and shattered people of New York most needed the presence of the President of the United States of America, he was not there for them. Cowardice and degeneracy are not unknown characteristics of the rulers of America.

George Bush and his henchmen realised that they stood exposed to the whole country and the world as frightened and cowardly men. In order to hide their shame, they needed diversions. Somebody had to pay for that. The diversions took the form of piling all the blame on Osama Bin Laden and the people of Afghanistan would have to pay for that. The threats began rolling out; the aircraft carriers, warships, fighter planes and an array of the fearful weapons of death and destruction all began to move towards Afghanistan. So while the people of America and the

world looked on in fascination, in their minds these were not cowards but wreckers of vengeance!

Mark of Genius:

The plan, which conceived the attack, had the mark of genius. Its genius lay in its simplicity. Firstly, less than two dozen of active operatives were involved. About four or five on each plane. No explosives or firearms were used. The weapon used was in effect the largest petrol bomb (highly inflammable jet fuel) ever used together with the largest bulldozer (airborne for good measure) for demolition ever used- the plane itself. This weapon designed as a marvel of engineering science and technology and in appearance and in flight a creation of tremendous beauty was by a simple stratagem of changing direction and destination converted into a monstrous mass killing machine. This weapon was not manufactured in secrecy nor was it smuggled into the country. It was there in the country on legitimate business. It was permitted to take off by the airport authorities with massive quantities of fuel - all paid for.

Who carried out the Deed?

This plan was within the capacity of any number of groups, organisations or even countries. There was, however, one factor that was unique to this enterprise. This was the willingness of the operatives to DIE! Not just the probability of death, no matter how high. It was the CERTAINTY of death. It is the same as the Palestinian so-called suicide bombers who destroy themselves and in doing so inflict heavy casualties on the Israelis. It brings to mind the Kamikaze Japanese pilots who went to their certain deaths by plunging their planes on to their enemy ships. This they did for the glory of the Japanese Empire. The Palestinians who go to their certain deaths do so because they believe or are made to believe that by going to their deaths for the Palestinian cause, they are in fact laying down their lives for Islam. Hence they would become martyrs or *shaheed* who are assured of a place of pride in heaven. The belief has to be ABSOLUTE. There is no place for doubt.

When reference is made to committing suicide for a cause, it is not simply the case of individuals or groups taking their lives for a cause by way of protest or public demonstration. It is also different from the case where people, due to circumstances beyond their control, are compelled to take a defensive position to the last man or woman. The

point of difference is that the suicide fighter deliberately chooses to die so as to inflict heavy damage or injury on whom he or she regards as the enemy.

Suicide Fighters are generally known to come from the Arab adherents of Islam, although not exclusively. We only have to recall the case of the woman suicide bomber who killed herself and Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India. That martyr was alleged to have been a member of the Tamil Tigers.

Was Osama Bin Laden involved in the attack?

Almost from the very beginning, the accusatory finger was pointed at Osama Bin Laden. There followed a mountain of words spoken and written about Bin Laden. Mention was made of his volunteering to fight against the Russians in Afghanistan. Interviews with Bin Laden were printed in which he expressed his hatred for the US and his willingness, nay eagerness, to die in battle against the US. For these and other reasons, it was believed that Osama Bin Laden and his group were instrumental in launching the attack.

On the other hand, Bin Laden has denied involvement.

The attack must have been the product of many months, if not years, of thought, planning and preparation. If, indeed, Bin Laden was responsible, then he has every reason to be deeply satisfied. The nature of the attack, its amazing simplicity, its masterliness and its success in destructiveness would have given him great pride of achievement. Not the pride of a vain person. Rather the pride of a holy warrior who has vowed to destroy the US for a host of reasons.

His place in history, social political and military, is assured. For a long time

to come, he would be a topic of intense discussion - with hatred by the imperialists and by victims who would have survived and with unending admiration by revolutionaries, anti-imperialist forces and the militants from the Middle East.

Why then would he want to deny his involvement? Will a denial not diminish him in the eyes of his followers and admirers? Does Bin Laden really believe that a simple denial will spare him the wrath and fury of the US? Bin Laden is being fingered because of the urgency to present

a Great Evildoer so that people can focus their anger and hatred on a tangible and recognisable object with a name.¹

A person of the character of Bin Laden who has taken on the greatest power on earth as his mortal enemy will deny his involvement for two possible reasons :

- a) He considers this event as a prelude to a long drawn out war and sees no reason why he should hand himself and the El Qaida on a platter to his enemy.**
- b) He believes that his admission or confession will give grounds to the U.S. and its allies to attack and inflict serious damage to countries, which provided refuge, and assistance to Bin Laden and his organisation.**

Is Bin Laden guilty?

The internationally accepted principle of law is the presumption of innocence. This was the principle first expounded by the English courts and subsequently accepted by all countries which claim to be democratic and civilised. No person is to be found guilty on suspicion, not matter how strong. Imperialism, especially Britain and America, wear a mask consisting of a thin veneer of democracy and the rule of law, which takes only a little stress for it to drop and to expose the snarling beast behind it. Within a day or two and with no hard evidence except suspicion, Bush reverted to the law of the old Wild West. Bellowing like a steer recently branded, Bush sent out the call for the capture of Bin Laden – DEAD OR ALIVE!! It means that the sentence of death has already been handed down without a trial! Even the ritual of a judicial execution has been dispensed with while bounty hunters drool expectantly.

¹ The propensity on the part of the American ruling class to present the American public with a Great Evildoer is evidenced by other instances. For example, after the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900, when 200 Westerners were killed, the Great Evildoer was introduced to the American public through Hollywood. A serial was commenced with the Arch Evil being called Dr. Fu Manchu. who had "menace in every twitch of his finger, a threat in every twitch of his eyebrow, terror in each split-second of his slanted eyes." Felix Greene: CURTAIN OF IGNORANCE 1968 page 9)

Questions which must be asked.

There is worldwide wave of sympathy for the victims of the crashes and blasts. There is a direct link between the amount of sympathy and amount and nature of publicity given about the event. Through the CNN the television watching world has been bombarded with news coverage which was repeated endlessly over many hours and days. While one can understand feeling for and sympathy with victims and their families, the American people must commence asking certain very pertinent questions.

Why would any person or organisation want to inflict such terrible harm to the US? Has the US done anything by word and/or deed that would make a person or organisation want to hurt the US so grievously?

The self-appointed Gendarme of the Earth.

At the end of World War II when Great Britain was no longer great and had been reduced to a second class power, the US stepped in and assumed the role of the international policeman for the protection of world capitalism or to use the euphemism, world democracy.

Since the end of World War II, the US embarked on a deliberate and calculated campaign all over the world to undermine and help overthrow governments it did not like; massive assistance to reactionary movements to retain power and to suppress freedom fighters who were waging a struggle against those reactionary movements. A good example is the active and massive support the US gave to the Kuomintang in China. The Kuomintang was then led by the reactionary Chiang Kai Shek in the civil war for the liberation of China.

Where support was insufficient, the US actively fought wars. The Korean War of 1950 –1953 was one such example. The other example was Vietnam where the US fought against a people who did it no harm for about 21 years. It killed 1,9 million Vietnamese. It inflicted tremendous harm and damage to this small underdeveloped country. The US itself did not leave unscathed. 56 555 US soldiers were killed and some 300 000 wounded.

In a carefully considered letter to the Sunday Times of the 30th September 2001, Professor Suleman Dangor states, inter alia, that:

"There is sufficient evidence to show that the U.S, through military interventions and coups, installed or propped up governments in Africa, (Zaire), Latin America (Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Haiti), the Middle East (Iran), and South-East Asia (Cambodia), all of which has brutal records. The U.S. has bombed China, Korea, Guatemala, Cuba, Vietnam, Cambodia, Granada, Indonesia, Congo, Peru, Laos , Libya, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Iraq, Sudan, Yugoslavia and Afghanistan."

Professor Dangor refers to "military interventions and coups" only. There is no doubt that the U.S. through its many international agencies – CIA, Ford Foundation, Peace Corps, Harvard University and other prestigious universities which attract students from all over the world, its foreign embassies, consulates, trade missions, churches, charities etc. etc. – interferes in the affairs of EVERY country in the world. There are no exceptions- not even its allies.

How should Decent-minded and Progressive People react to this Tragedy?

Progressive and decent-minded people of necessity would react with shock and pain at the terrible fate, which met so many people at one fell swoop! The last time there was an event of enormous dimensions deliberately created by human beings was the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. A great many more people were killed than when the twin towers were crashed on 11 September. In wars, the civilian population invariably suffers the most. It is not the soldiers, or their superior officers or the politicians who pay the heaviest price. Most of the casualties are the ordinary men, women, children, the aged and sick.. Those of us who engage in activities designed for social justice, will always have compassion for the suffering of the innocents. But we are also politically conscious people who observe and follow events that take place everywhere. We consider ourselves to be internationalists who are vitally concerned about events that take place in the world. We know the role the U.S. has been playing – that of the murderous international gendarme of imperialism. Its arms, from armpits down, drip with blood of the millions of people who posed no military threat to it. Yet it struts the globe as the defender of democracy and basic values flowing from democracy. It is difficult to work out which is more hateful. The hypocrisy or the arrogance.

Therefore, when this mass-killer/gendarme is dealt a heavy body blow, which brought it to its knees, albeit, regrettably, not permanently, we are entitled to rejoice. So have a great many hundreds of millions of

people throughout the world. We must be able to separate the tragedy from the triumph. We feel for the thousands who died and for the many more thousands of friends and family who survived them. Yet we rejoice at the sight of those ostentatious symbols of believed power and prosperity of capitalism/imperialism crashing into, perhaps the largest pile of rubble in history.

Compassion aside, feelings aside, we are of the view that civil society needs to take time off from shock and mourning and to ask certain basic and pertinent questions. Who hates us so much as to inflict this terrible catastrophe on us? Why do such people hate us so much? What have we done that we invite such action against us? Unless the people of U.S. ask these questions and get answers on which they can act, there is no reason to believe that the attack of the 11th September is the last.

To the extent that the American people allowed and /or connived, directly or indirectly or condoned the actions of their government in its rampaging all over the world, to that extent they are to be held responsible for the revenge wreaked. To the extent that the people of U.S. did not take active steps to curb the activities of their government in the international arena, to that extent they must also take responsibility for what has occurred.

The people of the U.S. must realise and accept that children, wives and husbands of countries which have been trampled underfoot by the U.S. jackboot hold their parents, husbands and wives no less dear than the survivors of people killed in the World Trade Centre hold their dear ones. How many of the people of U.S. mourned the death of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children as direct result of the embargo on medicines and food placed by the U.S.?

The Vietnam War:

Yet when the people of U.S. were directly affected by the actions of their government, they took active steps to put an end to those activities. When people saw thousands of the flower of their youth return home in body bags and hundreds of thousands with serious injury – both physical and psychological – they took their fate in their own hands. Soon after the U.S.'s active involvement in the Vietnam War, the intellectuals and students commenced with anti-war activities. Those old enough will fondly recall the folk singers like Joan Baez taking up the cudgels against U.S. involvement. We will recall the brave stand of Mohammed Ali, which cost him his title as world boxing champion. Anti-war persons began fleeing the country to escape conscription. The anti-war protests gained great momentum over the

next two decades. It assumed the proportions of a political tidal wave. It cost Lyndon Johnson his political career. It ushered in the Republicans led by Richard Nixon. He was given the unsavory and humiliating task of overseeing the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam. A withdrawal in ignominious defeat. The first suffered by the U.S.

The absolute need to intervene;

If the American people are not to suffer for the crimes of their government, they need to ensure that it does not engage in activities which would invite retaliation and reprisal. The people of America must accept, adopt and instruct their government to practise the progressive and sound principles of peaceful co-existence, recognition of integrity of other countries, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries and mutual respect and co-operation.

Who is the Main Enemy?

In the struggle for the upliftment of humanity, it is essential to know what forces are ranged against us, both human and non-human. Concerning the human factor, usually there is more than one force that we have to do battle with. These forces are not of equal strength nor do they impact equally on events. In political analysis, we divide such forces into principal and secondary enemies and each is regarded and treated differently.

Since after the end of the second World War, the principal enemy of the oppressed and exploited peoples of the world has been and still is the United States of America. Millions of the poor and innocent have been callously and mercilessly killed. We referred to the 2 million people of Vietnam who were killed by the US. The US behaves as if it owns the earth and planets. It rampages from country to country, secure in the knowledge that it is unstoppable by any power. It suffered defeat at the hands of a dedicated and committed Communist Party of Vietnam under the leadership of that great revolutionary Ho Chi Ming who had faith in the poor peasants and workers of Vietnam. Their resistance was inspired by the philosophy behind the struggle for liberation. This philosophy is encapsulated by one of the greatest revolutionaries, Mao Tse Tung. It was he who dubbed the US as a paper tiger and taught people that strategically, the US should be despised while tactically, it should be taken seriously.

The true face of American capitalism/imperialism has been described over and over again. We want to leave the reader with two short and succinct descriptions:

- 1. The first is by the visionary socialist writer, Jack London. His "The Iron Heel" was warmly reviewed by Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin, of the Russian Revolution of 1917. Through the mouth of one of his characters, the spokesman of capitalism, we are given a glimpse of its true nature:**

"This then is our answer. We have no words to waste on you. When you reach out your vaunted strong hands for our palaces and purple ease, we will show you what strength is. In the roar of shell and shrapnel and in whine of machine - guns, will our answer be couched. We will grind you revolutionists down under our heel, and we shall walk upon your faces. The world is ours, we are its lords, and ours it shall remain. As for the host of labour., it has been in the dirt since history began, and I read history aright. And in the dirt it shall remain as long as I and mine and those that come after us have the power. There is the word. It is the king of words – Power. Pour it over your tongue till it tingles. Power."

- 2. Another description is the one formulated by the Unity Movement and which has been a popular quotation:**

"Imperialism-Herrenvolkism² has no 'conscience' or 'soul' or 'sense of decency'. It is not moved to pity or reform by the misery and suffering of the oppressed and exploited people. It causes and lives off this oppression and exploitation, of which poverty, tyranny and suffering are inevitable and inseparable parts.

² The word "herrenvolkism" is from the German language. Literally it means the belief in the "Sir People" or the Master Race. Imperialism has always used a vicious and virulent form of racism in its dealings with peoples of the third world.

It has no respect for those who seek to end its regime of oppression and exploitation. In fact, it passes laws against, builds jails for, and generally hounds and persecutes those who seek to liberate the impoverished, rightless and voiceless mass, which is the foundation of Imperialism-Herrenvolkism. It never repents, because repentance would mean suicide. It never parts with anything voluntarily. It only gives up what is forced from it. It never departs from the scene of its own accord. It fights with every means at its disposal. It disguises itself where and when it can. It uses any agency or person it can, and in the end, it has to be beaten to its grave by the active, unified, organised, principled and militant struggles of the oppressed and exploited."

This will give the reader some idea why we regard imperialism as represented by the US as the principal enemy.

Osama Bin Laden and the Talibans:

As true internationalists, we will support any act or move which inflicts hurt and injury on US imperialism. We are not going to be choosy. These days it is a rare occurrence when imperialism is subjected to any appreciable hurt and injury. That is why we ought not be too fastidious about who delivered the body blow. There are many things about Bin Laden and the Talibans that we have serious differences with.

Bin Laden sees everything in terms of Islam and non or anti Islam. Even though he claims that there are over 1 billion adherents of the Islamic faith, these Muslims are by no means united or homogenous. In fact there are deep and serious schisms among the Muslims and Bin Laden cannot claim to speak on behalf of all the Muslims or even a majority.

While many Muslims have been appalled and horrified at he death of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children directly as a result of the US embargo, very few are

overly concerned about the presence of US troops in Saudi Arabia. Even fewer were even aware that there are US troops there. As for seeking to convey the idea of defilement of a whole country, Bin Laden borders on the absurd. There are sites and areas in Saudi Arabia regarded as holy sites by Muslims. But nobody, hitherto, claimed

holiness for the whole of Saudi Arabia. Describing Saudi Arabia as the Land of Mohammed (i.e. the Prophet Mohammed), is simply trying to whip up religious emotionalism. The Prophet Mohammed at no stage claimed Saudi Arabia as his. That kind of thinking would have been totally foreign to him. The next statement Bin Laden makes is even more objectionable. He brands the US troops as *infidels*. This is an ugly word, designed to appeal to the basest of religious hostility. It is a pejorative word signifying persons who are inferior, degenerate and unworthy of association. As it happens most, if not all, of those troops would be Christians. Are all Christians infidels?³ Or is it really a case that all those who are not Muslims are infidels? What about those who are not Sunnis? Where will this kind of divisive garbage end?

Why can't Bin Laden formulate his position like people have done over the centuries, namely, to object to the presence of *foreign* troops in the land of his birth. If he were to do that, people all over the world would understand and identify with that position.

The presence of foreign troops is not the only objectionable occurrence happening in Saudi Arabia. The ruling class of Saudi Arabia, the House of Saud, is corrupt to the core. It is mediaeval, feudal and brutal to the extreme. The Saudis are notorious for their racism. They regard themselves as superior to all the other Muslims. Worse in the case of persons who are not Muslims. They help themselves to the wealth of Saudi Arabia as if it is their god-given right and indulge in it as if it is plentiful as the grains of sand. And what of the feudal lords and the capitalist class who have grown enormously rich in the arms trade and more sickeningly, the unrestrained abuse of the oil which should have been used wisely so as to preserve it for the generations to come? It would have increased Bin Laden's standing had he also addressed the social and economic problems confronting the world.

Having ventilated our disagreements, we must record that in Bin Laden we see a truly remarkable man who is without peer. He is in the league of history makers. Not just the thinkers and philosophers, but among the men and women of action who are willing to engage in a contest of Olympian dimensions with the greatest power on earth. He appears to be fearless. He is more than willing to give up his life for the cause he believes in. As a person and from what we have read of him, he lives simply. There is no sign of affluence in his lifestyle. Like the view of many great people, simplicity is regarded as one of the greatest virtues. There is the view that George Bush is a Lilliputian compared to

³ There is irony in this. The word was first used by the Christians to describe persons who did not believe in the Christian faith.

Bin Laden. One of the editors of The Natal Witness, a Natal newspaper, with unerring accuracy and bluntness, described Bush as a half-wit.

This is not the time and place to deal with the Talibans in any detail. They are, what is called in law, *sui generis*, i.e. a class of their own. In one sense, they can be described as the misshapen children of history. They seem to be a product of a time-warp. Their brand of fundamentalism makes the ordinary fundamentalists we have come across as youthful revellers on a festive occasion of the highest importance. The Talibans were busy minding their own business studying the Koran and the religion of Islam when they got embroiled in the war of resistance against what the Muslims regarded as godless communism of the Russians. The encouragement for their involvement came from Saudi Arabians who were appalled at the bellicose and militaristic actions of the Russians. The Saudis came with money and religious dogma. The Talibans (meaning students) developed into excellent fighters and soon won international acclaim. They were able to bring a large degree of stability in war-torn and faction-ridden Afghanistan. But they also revealed a side, which has shocked all enlightened people, including large sections of the Muslim Community. This starts with their barbaric treatment of women. The cruel and mediaeval punishment of limb amputation and stoning to death has invited universal revulsion and condemnation. Intolerance of differing views and outlooks condemns the Taliban to pariah status. Last but certainly not the least, there is the unconscionable and criminal conduct of the Taliban in respect of its active involvement in the opium trade.⁴

Enough has been said about our differences with the Taliban and Osama Bin Laden to show that our support and position is not blind or unconditional.

In the conflict between imperialism and Osama Bin Laden and the El Qaida, we stand against imperialism and for Osama Bin Laden and El Qaida. In the shameless violation and rape of Afghanistan ruled by the Taliban, we stand with the latter and against imperialism. We will

⁴ According to internationally recognised historian, Robin Hallett, it was the Inter-Services Intelligence of Pakistan (ISI) which set up hundreds of heroin laboratories throughout Afghanistan to pay for the arms the Mujahedeen were receiving for their resistance against the Russians. The trade is worth \$100 billion. The tragic poetic justice is that Pakistan, today, has some 3 million heroin addicts. (The Natal Witness 17/10 2001)

always be against imperialism when it acts against the third world countries.

Internationalism:

With the advent of globalisation, it would be suicidal for any liberatory movement to try and go to it alone. Capitalism was already internationalised during the life-time of Marx and Engels. The latter being the leading thinkers of their time recognised that phenomenon. And being revolutionaries of the highest calibre, acted on this recognition. Thus the formation of the First International of workers, socialists and other revolutionaries.

The moving spirit behind internationalism is acceptance of a common objective and a common enemy. It is a recognition of the fact that capitalism has united on a world scale and adopts a common strategy when it confronts the workers and peasants, the toiling masses. Flowing from this is the conclusion that the strength of the liberatory movements must come from solidarity from all anti-capitalist or anti-imperialist forces in the world. It is for this reason that we are vitally concerned about what goes on in the rest of the world, even in its most remote corner.

It is our duty as internationalists that makes us stand with the rest of the progressive forces in demanding for the immediate cessation of the US/UK sponsored violence against a very poor and weak country.

Beware of the Imperialist Monster:

When Nazi Germany ravished Czechoslovakia just before World War II, the rest of the world watched with folded arms. Many found justification for Hitler's action. Others, like the spineless Chamberlain, were more concerned about appeasing Hitler. For this cowardice, the world paid a terrible price. Stalin thought that he could make a deal with Nazism. 20 million Russians paid for that blunder with their lives. The total death toll in World War II is said to be in the region of 50 million!!

Sixty years later, the stage is being set, once again, for another shameless appeasement which has to end in another holocaust. but this time a much greater one in view, inter alia, of the terrifying advance in weaponry.

Today, there is only one super power. And when this super power was dealt a heavy blow, it howled out for sympathy and support. The basis for the call was TERRORISM. All respectable governments are expected to take an anti-terrorist stand. There was an immediate response of sympathy and support of offers of passing on information, providing bases for so called humanitarian and rescue missions. To Iran's great credit, she flatly refused to give any assistance despite a state of hostility between itself and the Taliban. The same cannot be said for the Republic of South Africa with its dyed-in-the-wool Stalinist government – sheep in sheep's clothing. Nor for China, which has sacrificed internationalism for trade benefits with the US. Nor for Russia, which is the ultimate target of US imperialism being the only credible threat to imperialism at present.

What all these modern day Chamberlains have not taken into account, is that the war against Iraq, the 78 day relentless bombardment of Yugoslavia in 1999, the assault on Libya, and on Sudan , and now Afghanistan, are in fact dress- rehearsals for the future. Imperialism will become bolder and more brazen with each episode of aggression, which is given moral and material support by the rest of the world. There will come a time when there will be sharp disagreements between the US and other countries which can lead to crises. The US will always have the military option at its disposal should diplomacy fail. Deep contradictions amongst the capitalist countries is a constant feature in their relationship. It is just that these differences were put on the back burner in the face of the threat of the Soviet Bloc or so-called Socialist Bloc. With that out of the way, it will be back to the good old days of dog eat dog. The rule is that where you get beaten in the economic war, you reach for the gun, the " Expand or Explode" policy of Nazi Germany.

Who must stand Trial before the Nations of the World?

It is not the Taliban or the El Qaida or Bin Laden who initiated the violence in the world today. All violence of any significance has directly or indirectly emanated from Imperialism, especially American imperialism, supported by its over-zealous flunky, Britain.

The Taliban, Bin Laden and other active fighters against imperialism have engaged in activity in REACTION to the arrogant and predatory actions of imperialism. Let American imperialism and its aforesaid flunky answer before the tribunal of the world for their actions.

American imperialism already suspects that a very lengthy indictment against it is in preparation. An indictment detailing the numerous crimes against humanity committed by it.

It is this suspicion which has made the US renounce the Roman Statute establishing a permanent International Criminal Court. This from a country which never stops boasting about its culture of democracy and justice as defined and practised by democracies all over the world.

There will come a time when this gangster nation will get its just deserts at the hands of the International of Workers and Peasants. When that time comes, the leadership of American Imperialism will be hauled before the International Criminal Court to be charged for the crimes committed.

As the Nazis met their fate at Nuremberg and other centres, so will the leadership of imperialism.

18/10/2001.