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II. IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM INSIDE THE U.S.: RACISM AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PUERTO RICO, THE BLACK NATION, AND NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS

Time and Place to be determined...

Readings:

1. "Hannah Nelson--A Nation Within a Nation"
From Drylongso
2. "The Black Revolution" a speech by Malcolm X (1964)
From Malcolm X Speaks
3. Interview with Stokely Carmichael from Breakthrough (1988)
4. "We Still Charge Genocide" by the New African Prisoners' Organization
5. "From One Generation to the Next!" by New African Prisoners' Organization
- OPTIONAL 6. "Baby Snatchers: How White Americans Steal Indian Children"
by Joan Smith from S.F. Examiner's Image Magazine
(July 3, 1988)
7. "From Puerto Rico to Grenada..." Issued by the New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence & Socialism
8. "Overcoming White Supremacy" by Bell Hooks, Zeta Magazine
(January 1988)
9. "Building a Movement of Whites Against Racism" Transcript of a talk given by Whites Against Racism, New York
(April 1987)
10. "Racism and Feminism: The Issue of Accountability"
by Bell Hooks, from Ain't I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism

Optional reading

11. Excerpts from The Nations Within: The Past and Future of American Indian Sovereignty, Vine Deloria and Clifford Lytle (1984)

Excerpts from Big Mountain News (1989)

"I Am Not Your Princess" by Chrystos from Not Vanishing (1988)

Article by Russell Means

Optional Reading:

1. "Radioactive Colonization and the Native America"
by Ward Churchill and Winona LaDuke, from
Socialist Review (May-June 1985)
2. "Who Owns the Land" by Louise Erdrich and Michael Dorris,
from the New York Times Magazine (September 4, 1988)

Questions:

1. We say there are nations (Black, Native American) in the U.S., in a colonial relationship to the U.S. Do people agree?

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2. How are these internal colonies different and similar to external colonies?
3. What is the difference between "racism" and "white supremacy"? How do the terms "people of color" and "Third World people" differ in their meanings.
4. What is the legacy of nationalism from the 60s and Malcolm X?
5. What is the role of white people in fighting white supremacy and racism? What does it mean to build an anti-racist women's movement?

1 pm sharp on Wed

Some Questions - To think about

TRY to do some of the readings & obviously won't get to all

1. What role did "revolutionary violence" play in the anti-war movement?

How did this build support for armed struggle?

2. What was the political line of the WVO. How was it tied to youth culture. What were its strengths and weaknesses. Why did it get less and less.

3. Why do we say the strategy to defeat imperialism must be political/military ^{people's} war for liberation

4. What do you think the role for illegal activity is today. The role for armed clandestine organizations.
a. Relationships to repression

Also read if have time Vancouver 5 statements

* - New morning response 21 EALW

Here there's always the strong force that there's another choice

\ Fourth discussion: Women, militancy, and male supremacy.
6/24 (East bay); 6/18 (S.F.)

Not much has been written on this topic. The bulk of the readings are on the FBI and government repression against progressive movements in the U.S. We felt that it was important to get some readings out on this topic in light of recent FBI visits to activists in some other cities. However, we would like the discussion to primarily focus on women and militancy. If the study group continues into another four sessions, we envision having a separate whole discussion on repression in the U.S., focusing on political prisoners.

Questions to jump off from:

1. During the US/Iraq war, the media in its coverage of Bay Area demonstrations made a point of distinguishing "good" (peaceful, nonviolent, law abiding) demonstrators from "bad" (more militant?) demonstrators. How did this "debate" divide the antiwar movement?

2. Looking back at the antiwar demonstrations we participated in, to what extent were the space, tactics, or politics defined by men? How did this affect us? Is militancy macho? Is militancy different from militarism? How can we create a feminist militancy?

3. What are the repercussions of militancy on the rest of the social change movement? Do activists who wage a highly militant struggle bring down repression on others? How can we build an effective movement in the face of the U.S. government's sophisticated counter insurgency program?