

Text of Terrorist Letter

Following is the text of a letter received by United Press International from a group—revolutionary Force 9—which said it was responsible for the bombing of three buildings in Manhattan yesterday. The letter was postmarked 1 A.M., March 12—an hour before the explosions. The misspellings, abbreviations and use of symbols are those of the writer of the letter.

IBM, Mobile and GTE are enemies of all life. In 1969 IBM made \$250 million, Mobile \$150 million and GTE \$140 million for US "defense" contracts—profits made from the suffering and deaths of human beings. All three profit not only from death in Vietnam but also from American imperialism in all of the Third World. They profit from racist oppression of black, Puerto-Rican and other minority colonies outside Amerika, from the suffering and death of men in the Amerika army, from sexism, from the exploitation and degradation of employes forced into lives of anti-human work, from the pollution and destruction of our environment.

To numb Amerika to the horrors they inflict on humanity, these corporations seek to enslave us to a way of "life" which values con-

spicious consumption more than the relief of poverty, disease and starvation, which values giant cars as status symbols more than the purity of our air (so Mobile can make \$\$\$ thru gas sales)."

This way of "life" sucks up 60% of the world's resources—for 16% of the planet's population—and then wastes them in compulsive consumerism and planned obsolescence (so IBM can make \$\$\$ off new model computers), distributes millions of TV sets (Sylvania's included), all the better to put lies into our heads and convince us to buy, buy, buy, and then offers only work helping to produce the goods that bring slow death at home or genocide abroad (or in the USA.)

This way of "life" is a way of death. To work for the industries of death is to murder. To know the torments Amerika inflicts on the Third World, but not to sympathize and identify, is to deny our own humanity. It is to deny our right to love—and not to love is to die. We refuse. In death-directed Amerika there is only one way to a life of love and freedom: to attack and destroy the forces of death and exploitation and to build a just society—revolution.

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