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The Pentagon has a leak



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The main news in the media capitalists is the arrest of a 21-year-old member of the Guard National Air in Massachusetts for the leak of about 100 documents state "classified". They were allegedly shared in a chat for players on the social media platform Discord and later shared by Russians on Telegram. The First Class Aviator Jack Teixeira has been charged with violating the Espionage Act and He faces 10 years in prison on one charge, but more could follow. Charges.

Teixeira is nothing like Daniel Ellsberg, Chelsea Manning, Edward Snowden or Julian Assange, who took great risks Individuals to denounce the war crimes of imperialism American. He has shown white supremacist tendencies and anti-Semites. If the allegations are true, it is possible that Teixeira He was just showing his fellow players what he

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believed I could do: take out classified "intelligence" reports, place them on the kitchen countertop and photograph them for publication in Discord.



President Fred Hampton, leader of the Black Panther Party of Chicago, killed in 1969 in a police raid instigated by COINTELPRO. For more than a century the FBI has engaged in espionage and far worse against black revolutionaries and other progressives.

The Espionage Act was passed by Congress in 1917, shortly after after the United States entered World War I. Only It has occasionally been used to accuse individuals, mainly those accused of spying for the former Soviet Union. The most important case famously, and the only one in which the death penalty was imposed, was against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. These two members of the Communist Party of The United States was falsely accused of passing the formula to the USSR. of the atomic bomb.

Espionage *per se* – euphemistically referred to as "intelligence gathering" when carried out by the capitalist state – is not a crime for the US government, which maintains a huge domestic and international spying apparatus, including the FBI and CIA. From COINTELPRO to the overthrow of democratically elected governments around the world, these "legitimate" government bodies perform acts far worse than mere espionage. The full cost of these operations, which the working class finances with its taxes, is not even in the public domain.

Espionage only violates the 1917 Act when it is allegedly carried out Corporal in the name of an "enemy". But in this case the "enemy" is a online gaming chat group, Thug Shaker Central. The New York Times, Spokesman for large companies, he was the first to investigate these Leaks. The newspaper turned its findings over to the federal government. Why?

Whose interests are they?

The main questions the media is asking They seem to focus on how "someone so young and emotionally insecure, and With racist and anti-establishment views, he was able to gain access to to a site that contained highly intelligent information classified." (theguardian.com, 13 April)

That is not a problem for the working class and the oppressed. We welcome the rare filtration that exposes the machinations of the Pentagon, whose secretly shrouded "classified" plans are They are made well in advance and kept closely under the pretext of "national security." Our class interests are diametrically opposed to those of the capitalist state, which is, as observed Karl Marx and V.I. Lenin, an instrument of the domination of bourgeois class.

But leaks can be interesting if they reveal a growing division between rival factions of the ruling class, division that workers can use in their struggle against capital. Is there a breakdown of class unity around support for Ukraine in the US-NATO war against Russia? It is said that some of the leaked documents paint a pessimistic picture of the prospects of a Ukrainian victory. But, apparently, the Ukrainian government sees in this an argument for military aid additional NATO members.

The media consider the leaks to be "embarrassing," because some documents show that the United States it spies on its "friends"—good friends, including Israel, South Korea, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky-, probably for Make sure these friends don't forget who their boss is.

There are many moving parts in this latter, highly publicized And the anti-war movement should not rush to draw conclusions. The movement cannot be dragged to take party by one or another faction of the ruling class. The whole system A capitalist is an enemy of peace and social and economic justice.

Abolish the Pentagon's death machine! Abolish the FBI, the CIA and the entire repressive apparatus of the state.

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