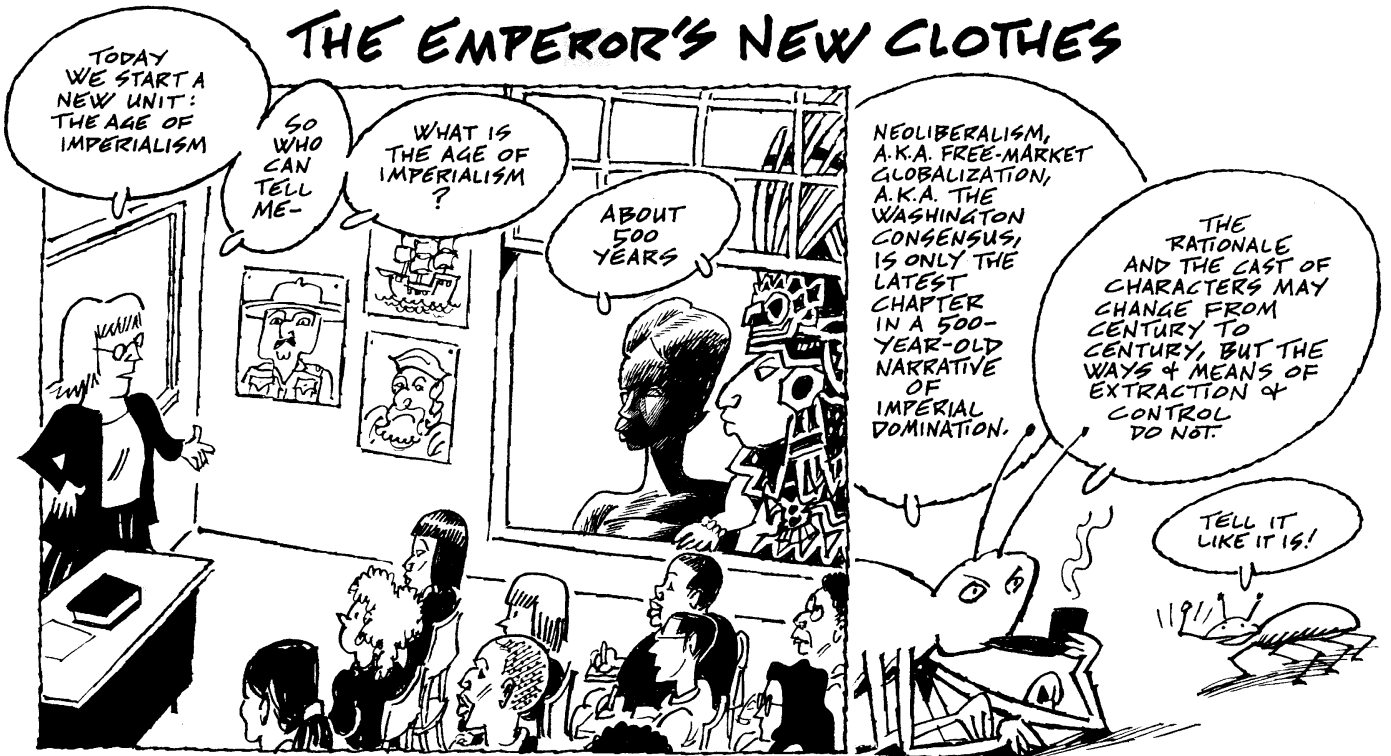


# THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES



## CORRUPTION OF LOCAL ELITES

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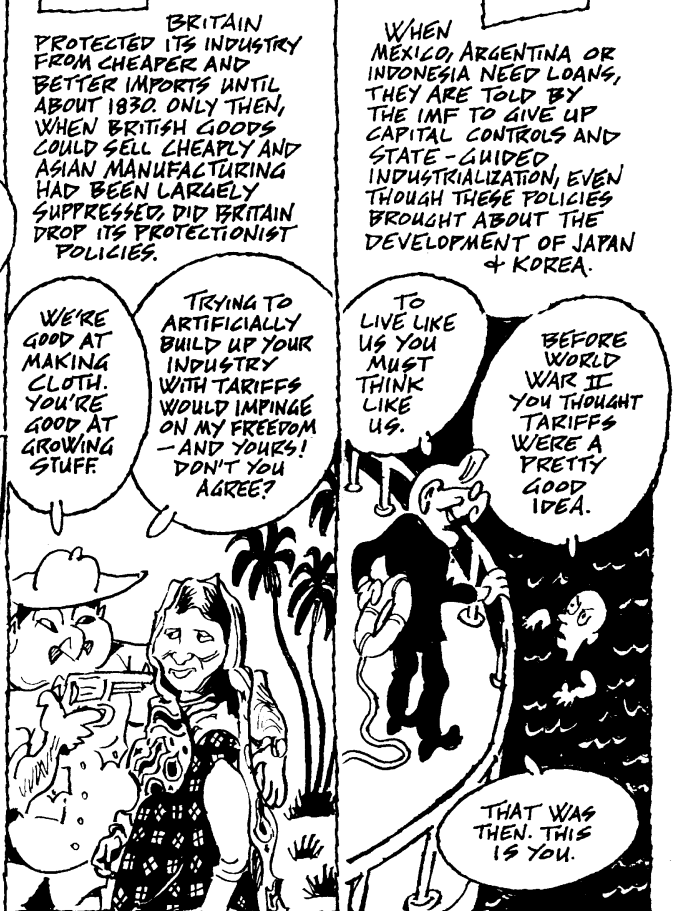
A SMALL PART OF THE BOOTY FROM EUROPE'S EMPIRES IN ASIA & AFRICA WENT TO LOCAL LANDOWNERS & PRINCES WILLING TO ENFORCE IMPERIAL RULE. BRITAIN GAVE COMFORTABLE CIVIL SERVICE JOBS TO EDUCATED INDIANS TO SECURE THEIR LOYALTY.

FOR ADMINISTERING WHAT THEIR U.S. ADVISORS CALLED "SHOCK THERAPY" - THE OVERNIGHT PRIVATIZATION OF THE FORMER SOVIET ECONOMY - THE RUSSIAN ELITE (FORMER PARTY LEADERS) WAS REWARDED WITH GREAT WEALTH. MEANWHILE RUSSIA'S AVERAGE REAL INCOME FELL 40%.

## CHANGING THE RULES IN MID-GAME

THEN

NOW



## SOCIALISM FOR THE PREDATORS, CAPITALISM FOR THE PREY

THEN

OF COURSE YOU'RE FREE TO OFFER YOUR FIELD HANDS A MINIMUM WAGE

JUST LIKE WE'RE FREE TO BUY OUR SUGAR ELSEWHERE

NOW

WHY SHOULD YOU SUFFER? BECAUSE YOU TOOK A FEW RISKS?

THAT JUST SHOWS YOU HAVE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER!



WHILE PLANTATION ECONOMIES IN THE U.S. "SPHERE OF INFLUENCE" WERE KEPT POOR BY THE PRESSURE OF COMPETITION, U.S. AGRIBUSINESS PROSPERED WITH SUBSIDIES & TARIFFS.



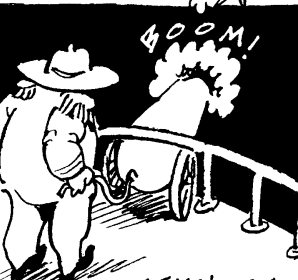
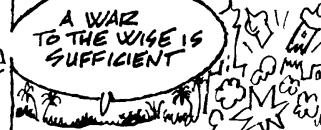
WESTERN SPECULATORS WHO INVESTED AGGRESSIVELY IN S.E. ASIA DURING BOOM TIMES WERE BAILED OUT BY THE IMF WHEN THE BUBBLE BURST. NOT SO THE ASIANS WHO LOST THEIR JOBS & SAVINGS.

## FOREIGN CONTROL OF THIRD WORLD ECONOMY

THEN

ARMED TRADING POSTS SET UP BY BRITAIN IN 17TH CENTURY CALCUTTA AND MADRAS ACHIEVED MONOPOLY CONTROL OF TEXTILE TRADE. BUT TO DICTATE PRICES FOR THEIR OWN GOODS, BRITAIN NEEDED POLITICAL CONTROL.

A WAR TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT



BETWEEN 1785 AND 1861 BRITAIN TOOK OVER INDIA'S INDUSTRY, INTERNAL TRADE AND, FINALLY, GOVERNMENT.

NOW

BEFORE 1997 THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT DISCOURAGED FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

THEY'RE MAKING MILLIONS OVER THERE

I SURE COULD USE A PIECE OF THAT.



BUT PRESSURE TO WEAKEN LABOR LAWS & CAPITAL CONTROLS LED TO FOREIGN TAKEOVERS OF LEADING KOREAN FIRMS. TODAY, FEWER THAN 50% OF KOREAN WORKERS HAVE STEADY JOBS.

## IDEOLOGICAL OBFUSCATION

THEN

"WHEN THE MISSIONARIES CAME, THEY HAD THE BIBLE & WE

HAD THE LAND. THEY TAUGHT US TO CLOSE OUR EYES TO PRAY, AND WHEN WE OPENED THEM AGAIN, WE HAD THE BIBLE AND THEY HAD THE LAND."

-DESMOND TUTU



NOW

THE "WAR ON TERRORISM" IS THE RATIONALE FOR RE-INTRODUCING U.S.

TROOPS INTO THE PHILIPPINES, REVERSING A LONG-FOUGHT & HARD-WON STRUGGLE TO REMOVE THEM. IN FACT, U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IS LIKELY TO WORSEN THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM (THE MUSLIM MINORITY'S POWERLESSNESS & POVERTY) BUT IT COULD SUCCEED IN NAILING DOWN U.S. CONTROL OF REGIONAL POLICY AND STRATEGIC WATERWAYS.

## TRADE IN MISERY

THERE'S AT LEAST ONE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CLASSICAL IMPERIALISM & TODAY'S NEOLIBERAL REGIME:

THEN

IMPERIALISM WAS SOLD AS A WAY OF REDUCING CLASS CONFLICT BY SHIFTING THE WORST BURDEN OF EXPLOITATION FROM EUROPEAN TO OVERSEAS WORKERS.

"THE EMPIRE, AS I HAVE ALWAYS SAID IS A BREAD AND BUTTER QUESTION..."

HEAR HEAR PIP PIP

"...IF YOU WANT TO AVOID CIVIL WAR, YOU MUST BECOME IMPERIALISTS."

-CECIL RHODES, 1895

BUT TODAY...

NEOLIBERALISM DEMANDS DEVASTATING SACRIFICES FROM WORKERS IN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES ALIKE.



THIS DIFFERENCE MAY BE THE NEOLIBERALS' UNDOING.