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Goddammit what is so cool about Che?
 okay, he traveled all
 over Patagonia on a motorcycle
 and studied medicine
 and went to a leper colony
 and to Congo, Guatemala, Cuba, Bolivia
 the guy cared about the poor.

But what happened?

he oversaw executions very efficient executions
 and praised violence... his own words

and I only think of that aphorism about how you
 can fight for peace.

Now people worship him these days...

but not Abimael Guzmán of the Sendero Luminoso
 though he and Che and Mao and Pol Pot and Lenin and Kim Il Sung
 thought it was okay to kill

for the cause

they all once cared about the poor they all did

and as for me

I do not cry over Hiroshima and Timothy McVeigh
and no one puts my face on a T-shirt.

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