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You! You, My Intention

Temple and Mecca, the Excuse!

The nature of a war is determined by the intentions and policies of the ruling class who appeals to it. War is a continuation of politics by other means. To adopt a correct and revolutionary stand on a war, we must analyse the policy which rules the war.

The political strategy of the US imperialism is:

- To dominate the world's sources of energy
- To have military presence everywhere as a tool for the establishment of hegemony, especially in the strategic zone, under the pretext of "fight against terrorism", of defense of "human rights", of establishing "democracy", of offering the "gift of freedom", and of supporting "the rights of nations to self determination" when the occasion demands and under the presence of the imperialist forces.
- To open new markets and to impose dominating treaties.
- To suppress the impediment forces to total domination by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organisation.
- To find new markets for its military weapons by waging wars and causing destruction.
- To revive its capitalist economy.

The US imperialism has come up with an ideological cover, "pre-emptive strikes", for its openly aggressive policies. This cover has the same nature as its previous excuses of protecting "freedom", "democracy", and "free world" under which it invaded many countries including Viet Nam.

US imperialism, as it has become the only super power in the world, has adopted a threatening tone and tries to put a legal cover on its aggressive policies in order to curb the worldwide disgust and resentment of the masses. The "legal" cover serves the US imperialists in their rivalry with the other imperialists, especially German and French imperialists, who do not find the US dictates in the interest of their own concerns and monopolies. The US occupation and domination of Iraq is not in the interest of the bilateral treaties that are signed between Iraq and Germany, France, and Russia. The US and UK benefit the most from the invasion of Iraq. These two world bandits divide the booties between themselves. The inter-imperialist contradictions intensify daily, and every block is trying to gather allies in order to strengthen its position. The joint statement, initiated by the old sly imperialist Britain, that is issued by 8 European states against the opponents of the US war on Iraq resembles a political coup d'etat, and the US is trying to use it to split the European Union. The Italian imperialists headed by the fascist Mafia, Berlusconi, want their interest in Iraq to be preserved by the US and want to have a share

of the Iraqi booties.

Today's development of events in the world confirm the political lines we adopted at our First and second Congress.

In the Middle East, the US imperialism needs the silence of a cemetery in order to transport without any trouble the cheap oil of the region to its vast production lines. Iraq has the second largest world oil reservoirs. The US imperialists need a puppet regime in Iraq in order to implement their strategic plans. Several arguments have been raised for the change of the regime in Iraq.

The imperialists say that Saddam is a criminal, murderer of his own people, a war monger and aggressor who has waged two regional wars, and alongside his attempts to gain atomic bombs, he has used chemical and biological weapons against the Iranians and Kurds in Halabja. The US imperialists say that Saddam is threatening the world peace, that Saddam must be punished by the US military machine before he destroys the world, and that they will bring peace to Iraq and the world by the invasion, occupation, and destruction of Iraq!

The US imperialists argue that Iraq is attempting to produce biological weapons of mass destruction which are serious dangers to the health of the world population, and they add that these weapons could easily be produced in a kitchen, a small laboratory, or in a garage! They claim that this dangerous picture forces them to overthrow the regime of Saddam for the purpose of saving the people of Iraq and the world!

The regime of Saddam is more criminal than what the imperialists tell us, and more dangerous than Saddam are those imperialists who cooperated with him for many years and were his counselors and instigators in dropping chemical weapons on Iran and Kurdistan. We say that the US, British, German, and French imperialists equipped Iraq with the technology of chemical weapons that were dropped on Iran during the 8-year long Iran-Iraq war.

We say that the imperialist powers lengthened the Iran-Iraq war in order to sell billions of dollars of military equipments to both sides, and weakened these two countries so that they would not be a threat to Israeli Zionism. The US imperialists provided Saddam with satellite military intelligence on the movement of the Iranian troops, and even denied the Iraqi use of chemical weapons on Iran.

We say that the US is now talking about the few Scud missiles that Iraq dropped on Israel as an example of Saddam's threat to the world peace, but they kept quiet when hundreds and hundreds of Scud missiles were dropped on Iranian cities. Where is the human conscience in this?

We say that actually the US gave Saddam the green light to invade Kuwait, and when the Kurds rose up against Saddam, the US forces watched them slaughtered by the thousands.

We ask whether the present weakened and destroyed Iraq with an ill-equipped army, or the US imperialism with an equipped to the teeth aggressive army, is more dangerous to world peace?

We ask why Iraq was not a menace to world peace when it was powerful and had an army equipped with weapons of mass destruction during the war with Iran, but the present broken Iraq is?

We say that it was not the Iraqi atomic bombs that contaminated the Middle East region for 4 billion years to come, but the US made depleted Uranium bombs dropped on Iraq in the first Gulf war. We say that this is a crime against humanity, as was the dropping of two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We say that the people are more afraid of the real Israeli atomic bomb than the imaginary Saddam's atomic bomb. We are more afraid of the atomic bombs in the hands of the Islamic terrorist regime of Pakistan than the atomic bomb of North Korea.

We say while the US imperialists talk about the danger Saddam poses to the people's lives, they have killed nearly a million Iraqi kids as a result of the US embargo on Iraq.

The US imperialists want to gain absolute control over Middle East through the destruction of material life of the Iraqi nation. They also intend to connect the Caspian Sea to the Persian Gulf and to the Mediterranean Sea.

The US President George Bush and his cabinet argue that they cannot find Iraq's dangerous weapons because Saddam has hidden them, and that the US inability to find Saddam's weapons of mass destruction is another proof that Saddam is guilty! Indeed, a healthy mind will be astonished by these arguments!

The US administration claims that it holds documents that show where Saddam's weapons of mass

destruction are hidden, but it has no intention of releasing the documents! George Bush claims that Saddam is playing games with the UN weapon inspectors, and that this is one more of Saddam's sin. We say that these statements are coming out from the mouth of those who do not hesitate to slaughter thousands of innocent Iraqis, of those whose imaginary documents are made only for propaganda and psychological war, of those who have no respect whatsoever for the decisions of the UN Security Council or findings of the UN inspector team.

We say that by George Bush's own arguments, the disclosure of Iraqi weapons whereabouts to the UN inspection team could avert the war and put a stop to the slaughter of Iraqis. Why doesn't George Bush release these documents? Therefore, George Bush and his administration are committing crimes against humanity by not releasing these documents!

The US administration has stated many times that the goal is to overthrow the regime in Iraq. These statements all show that the US imperialists lie to the people of the world, that Saddam's weapons of mass destruction are a pretext for the US to wage the war, that the US is violating the resolutions of the UN General Assembly, and that the George Bush's cabinet has made its decision to invade Iraq. The game the US is playing now is for deceiving the public and for buying some time to complete the details of its invasion plan. While controversies, some real and some fake, over the 2nd UN Security Council resolution on Iraq is intensified, the US soldiers have already entered northern Iraq through Turkey.

The US wants to repeat in Iraq the experience of Afghani "Northern Alliance" with the assistance from the Turkish army and the Iraqi pro-imperialist Kurdish forces. The US wars on Afghanistan and Iraq have the same nature with the goal of strengthening the US hegemony and of having full control over the energy resources of the Middle East.

In the process of the war against Iraq and according to the detailed and calculated plan and with the recommendations of the US monopolies, the US will destroy many heavy industries of Iraq so that they can rebuilt in the name of "progress" and "humanity" through slaving treaties with the future puppet regime. The quarrel over the distribution of booties has already started and every imperialist power is attempting to gain a bigger share. The US imperialism will grab the high grade oil wells of Northern, Southern, and Eastern Iraq, and will extract unlimited oil for years to come. The Iraqi high quality oil will fill the wells of the American oil companies so that the energy needed for the US industries for the next 20 years is provided. This plunder will take place in the occupied Iraqi soil even without the control of the future puppet regime. This is called banditry in a normal language. The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company did the same thing to Iran before nationalisation of the oil industries by Dr. Mosaddegh. The British secretly installed pipe lines from the Iranian city of Abadan to the city of Basra in Iraq and plundered the Iranian oil. These pipe lines were functioning during the corrupt regimes of the Shah of Iran and the king of Iraq, Hashemi, even though there was Anglo-Iranian treaty between Iran and Britain. This looting was discovered by the Iranian people in the era of Dr. Mosaddegh and was ended.

The US imperialism hopes to break up the OPEC by dominating the Iraqi oil and will try to lower the price of oil by gaining a monopoly over the oil fields of the Middle East. This will hinder the production of oil in the North Sea and in Russia. This will enormously harm the oil producing countries, particularly those for which the oil is the main exporting commodity. The US domination and occupation of Iraq will intensify the economic poverty in Iran.

The US imperialists will squeeze the throats of German, French, Russian, and other imperialist rivals by occupying the oil wells of the region and by controlling the oil passage ways. The corporate America wants to create a monopoly condition in which no power can stand up to its dictates. The US strategy of "pre-emptive strikes" is for the suppression of the rival forces while they are weak. Oil is the economic weapon for this suppression.

The US imperialism is already seeking the siege of China, and considers the two densely populated countries of Indonesia and India as its possible allies in its attempt. The Chinese government has read the US card and is strengthening its military and economic power.

These and other contradictions draw the picture of the future development of the events in South East Asia. Neither the Chinese nor the Indians are in favour of the US control of the Middle East oil.

The US imperialists are spending millions of dollars daily to beat the war drum. The US military budget has increased to over 500 billion dollars. Under the pretexts of "fight against the Islamic terrorists", of "patriotism" (Read: national chauvinism), by declaring extra ordinary situation, and through brain

washing the public, the US authorities take this huge capital from the taxes paid by the workers and wagers and from the cuts made in the public programs and gives it to the arms producing companies. The violation of democratic rights and the pressure on the people in the US, a country in which democracy is seemingly institutionalised, are complements of the policy that slaughters the Iraqi people and occupies their land. The US corporations, cartels, and concerns make enormous profit from this war, and the US economy will temporarily recover as it did after the first Gulf war and after the war on Yugoslavia. The US is spending this money with the sinister intention of looting the nations many times more. The monopolies cannot continue their disgusting and gory life without the destruction and slaughter of nations. Capitalism is bloody, and it is being fed with the sweat and blood of human beings. The policy that exploits the American working men and women and restricts their democratic rights is the continuation of the same policy that wages war on Iraq. To end this situation, the working people of all lands must unite in fight against imperialism and capitalism. The working people pay the cost of the war, and this thickens the chains that tie their hands and feet.

It is essentially not important what type of weapons Saddam has or does not have. The US has more weapons of mass destruction that are more deadly than those that Saddam allegedly has. If having weapons of mass destruction is a crime against humanity, which we believe it is, these weapons should be banned from all countries on the earth, and their production should be considered a crime against humanity. An impartial international body should be formed to inspect every single country for the total destruction of weapons of mass destruction. It is George Bush, not Saddam, who disagrees with this proposal.

The findings of the UN inspection team in Iraq, Saddam's submission to the demands of the UN Security Council, and the destruction of the weapons of mass destruction are not essential concerns of the US administration. The findings and decisions of the UN Security Council are worth a penny to the US administration, as they are to the Israeli Zionists. The US will do whatever is in its own interest and of the interest of the US monopolies.

We say that the problems of Kurds and Shiite in Southern Iraq are not at all concerns of the US and its allies. The US and its allies' intentions are not the rescue of Iraqi people. The US has never had the intention of rescuing any nation in the world from despotism or dictatorship. The US army is not a liberation army, but the army of an occupying, invading, and dominating state.

We say that the US goals in this war are to grab the oil fields of Iraq and the region and to strengthen its strategic positions. The US invasion and occupation of Iraq should be evaluated on the basis of these goals and not on the basis of the density of Saddam's cruelty and dictatorship.

Those who do not understand that the oppressors of the Iraqi Arabs will be the oppressors of the Iraqi Kurds and Shiites act as the lackeys of imperialists and reactionaries in the region, and as blind national chauvinists who lead the Kurds and the Shiites from one slaughter house to another. The US goals are not to establish democracy and freedom in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi-Arabia, Iran, or Kurdistan. The US corporations will grab and empty the oil wells of Kirkuk, Mosul, and Khaneqin of Kurdistan of Iraq as they do in the other parts of Iraq. Those in the region who have become the allies of the US aggressors in toppling the regime of Saddam are themselves captors of the people of the region.

As our Party has stated before, the national question will become a point for the uprising of nations against imperialist suppression, bullying, and of acting as a gendarme. Those who invite the people to replace revolutionary and communist patriotism with cosmopolitanism serve imperialism and Zionism. The Marxist-Leninists must gain, through the party of the working class, the leadership of the revolutionary national movements and direct them to the destruction of the imperialist alliances and to socialism. The Marxist-Leninists, by participating and leading national movements, will eliminate the ground for the growth of the Islamic terrorists and fundamentalists who derail the anti-imperialist struggle of the masses and who inflict irreparable harm to the working class movement.

The situation in Turkey is already critical. While the overwhelming majority of the people of Turkey are opposed to the war on Iraq, the US government has requested that Turkey to house 80 thousand American soldiers for 5 years. This request is an indication that the US plans to stay in the region for years to come. The political and economical crisis in Turkey will increase the danger of the Islamic fanaticism and of terrorism.

The US imperialists have increased the pressure on Iran also. The former Shah's army officers and SAVAK agents who have fled Iran have been activated by the green lights from the US authorities. The monarchists of all types are praying for a US attack on Iran with the hope of gaining political power again. The throneless and crownless claimant of kingdom of Iran, the Shah's son, is traveling between Washington and London to attract the imperialists' support.

The Conservatives in Iran are trying to gratify the US authorities. They close their eyes to the US violation of Iran's air and water borders. The fear from the internal situation and the attempt to please the US authorities has brought the Conservatives and Reformists closer to each other. The clergies in Iran are willing to yield to any conciliation and ugliness in order to keep their political power.

It is the duty of the Marxist-Leninists in Iran to unite in a single party in order to lead the protest movement of the masses. It is only through the communist leadership of a single organisation equipped with the spirit of proletarian discipline that one can utilise in the interest of the people and the working class the possibilities that the new situation may bring.

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