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No blood for oil! Bring the troops home now!

It is becoming clearer and clearer that Bush is determined to make war on Iraq.

This means:

— *Thousands of working class youth, especially Black youth, in the so-called "volunteer army," will die ...*

— *Working people's working and living conditions will get worse as they are forced to pay for Bush's war (with cuts in jobs, wages, social services; with increases in prices and taxes) ...*

— *There will be a rise in racist gangs and racist violence; Bush and others are already promoting racist violence, in an effort to set back what they regard as their most dangerous opposition, Black working people in the U.S. ...*

— *Thousands of Iraqi youth, women, children, and men will suffer and die. Their crime: taking back Kuwaiti land stolen from them by British and U.S. oil monopolies.*

The best thing that young people and working people in the U.S. can do to protect the live of their relatives, their friends, and all the sons and daughters of the working class in Saudi Arabia today, is to build a massive working class and popular movement to force Bush to bring the troops home now.

Such a movement will not only force Bush to withdraw, it will help create conditions in which workers will build their own party and their own government and put a stop to bloody wars once and for all.

No blood for oil! Bring the troops home now! March on Washington, December 19!

War on Iraq means war on Blacks

The facts:

Since the U.S. invaded the Middle East:

— Bush refused to sign even a watered-down, toothless civil rights bill on the grounds that it would violate the rights of whites;

— ABC aired a racist documentary blaming Blacks for poverty and violence in Detroit;

— Whites who murdered Blacks in New York and Florida were acquitted;

— Whites in the Detroit area attacked and beat at least two Blacks and killed another young Black man.

The reasons:

These incidents are not accidental; Bush and others are deliberately promoting the

formation of racist gangs and racist violence to use against Blacks; Blacks are a terrible threat to Bush; Blacks make up the most working class and audacious section of the powerful U.S. working class as a whole; they have the potential to organize the masses of working people around them in opposition to Bush and his bloody war.

The solution:

A political fight for workers of all races and nationalities to unite against Bush's war on Iraq and all forms of racist violence; a political fight for a workers party to lead a workers revolution in which workers establish their own government, take over the monopolies, and develop a planned economy that fully satisfies the needs of the Black people and all oppressed peoples. ■



An Iraqi woman and her infant, suffering from malnutrition, as a result of U.S. blockade. Their crime: taking back Kuwaiti land stolen from them by British and U.S. oil monopolies.

March on Washington — January 19!

For more information about the march and transportation — Call 584-6556

Why does Bush want war?

7 out of 10 people are against the U.S. attacking Iraqi forces. Yet it is becoming clearer and clearer that this is precisely what Bush is planning to do.

Why is Bush determined to attack Iraqi forces, no matter how many U.S. soldiers lives it may cost, no matter how much money it may cost, no matter how much social and political upheaval it may provoke in the U.S.?

Is it because of Bush's concern for the safety of the people? Is it because of Bush's concern for the standard of living of the people? Is it because of Bush's concern for democratic principles and freedom?

Please ... get serious ...

This man was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and has lived his entire life in luxury, going to the most expensive schools, getting the cushiest jobs, at the expense of the masses of working people in the U.S. and throughout the world. He continues to live in luxury while unemployed workers, now totally homeless, die in the streets in icy winter winds and snow.

There is only one thing that motivates George Bush and the privileged ruling class he represents. Money.

The economic system in the U.S. is failing. The financiers, the owners of the huge monopolies, that dominate the U.S. economy, need the profits that they can reap from owning the oil fields and selling oil, to pay off their debts. They need control of the oil fields in order to be able to use them to blackmail other big powers in Europe, Japan, and elsewhere, into giving the U.S. ruling class a bigger share of the profits they reap from exploiting the workers in these countries.

This is why Bush is *desperate* to push Iraq out of Kuwait, no matter what.

Does this mean that U.S. workers should support Bush in his efforts to seize control of the oil fields and use them to maximize the profits of the financiers and monopolists in the U.S. and their friends?

Not unless the U.S. working class wants to go down with the U.S. ruling class.

Like every *imperialist power* before it — Rome, Spain, England — the U.S. is *destined to defeat*. An economic system that cannot survive without stealing raw materials from other peoples, without using military force to dominate other peoples, is an economic system that is *dying*. The economic system in the U.S. is no longer contributing in any way to raising the standard of living of the masses of working people in the U.S. or anywhere else. It's destroying that standard of living.

Fortunately, this economic system — which is based on private ownership of things necessary for production, and on production of commodities for sale and for profits, and which we Marxists call *capitalism* (and, in its final stage, *imperialism*) — has laid the basis for a new economic system *which is in the process of emerging*.

Ownership of things necessary for production is more and more centralized; production itself is more and more planned. Huge monopoly banks and enterprizes own and control the vast majority of things necessary for daily life. The next stage in the process

of the emergence of this new economic system, is the one in which the working class will form its own party and lead a workers revolution, in which the working class will establish its own government and take these huge monopoly banks and enterprizes out of the hands of the tiny minority that now own them, and that do nothing but use them to enrich themselves at the expense of the masses. The workers will develop the planning of the economy so that it meets the needs of the people. There will be so much abundance that it will be possible to build truly socialist and communist societies in which there is no rich and no poor, no top and no bottom, no privileged dictatorial bureaucracies, no want, no suffering, no misery.

But in order to accomplish its historic mis-

The Russian workers revolution lives!

— Young workers in East Berlin, most with only part-time jobs, and unemployed youth, occupied buildings in East Berlin because they did not have enough money to pay for housing. When police tried to evict them, they erected barricades and fought the police.

— 260,000 East German railroad workers went on strike against job cuts and wage cuts that are supposed to take as a result of the merger of the East and West German railway systems.

— The trade unions in Bulgaria initiated a general strike demanding that premier Andrei Lukanov, a privileged dictatorial bureaucrat in the Stalinist tradition, resign.

— Thousands of youth and workers in Romania have been demonstrating day after day against government-announced austerity measures; some have been demanding that president Ion Iliescu resign. Iliescu claims to be an alternative

sion as quickly and as painlessly as possible, the working class in the U.S. and throughout the world needs to separate itself totally from George Bush, the dying capitalist class that is destined to defeat, and their desperate, criminal adventure in the Middle East. The working class needs to stop Bush from using the resources of the U.S., which rightfully belong to the workers and will one day pass into the hands of the workers, to *steal* the oil of the workers and oppressed peoples of Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries.

The workers have the power to do this. They must use it. Act now.

No blood for oil!

Bring the troops home now!

March on Washington! — M. Guttshall ■

to the Stalinist dictator Ceaucescu who was executed last year.

— Faced with working class and popular opposition in the USSR and elsewhere, one member of the parliament in the USSR, lieutenant colonel Viktor Alksnis, recently said: "If we do not do something about the situation now, people will take up arms and pour into the streets, and this will not be a military coup but a popular coup."

All these things show that the Russian workers revolution, that began in what was then called Russia and spread throughout the area, is still very much alive.

Workers in the U.S. should support the workers and oppressed peoples in the USSR and Eastern Europe and their revolution against the privileged, dictatorial bureaucracies in these countries and U.S. bankers and businessmen. ■

Briefly . . .

The imperialist press is trying to paint conscientious objectors, like Sgt. George Morse, from Grayling, Michigan, as cowards. Morse faces a court martial, and at least five years in prison. Defend Morse and all conscientious objectors! Demand that the government drop the charges and free them!

Central Labor Councils in San Francisco, Alameda County, Santa Clara County and San Benito County in California have passed resolutions against U.S. intervention in the Middle East. For further information, write: Carol Webb, Central Labor Council, 2102 Almaden Rd., #102, San Jose, CA 95125.

Students and professors at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, organized a sit-in against arming campus police and a teach-in against U.S. intervention in the Middle East that drew at least 1,000.

Palestinian and other Arab youth organized a protest at the University of Michigan-Dearborn against the presence of an Israeli basketball team. They were so spirited and determined in their action that they forced the Israeli basketball team to withdraw from the scheduled game.

Socialist Action, a Trotskyist group, collaborated in organizing a teach-in against U.S. intervention in the Middle East in Boston. Speakers included: Minister Don Muhammed, a representative of the Nation of Islam; Shakur Ali, a Black Vietnam Veteran; Rev. Graylan Ellis-Hagler, a Black preacher; and Chris Nteta, a Black South African supporter of the Black Consciousness movement. The teach-in drew approximately 200. For

further information, including copies of speeches, write: Socialist Action, 3435 Army St., Suite 308, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Spark, a Trotskyist group, held a forum on the Palestinian "intifada" (or uprising) in Detroit. Speakers argued that Bush is afraid of an "intifada" throughout the Middle East and urged workers and oppressed peoples in the U.S. to support the workers and oppressed peoples of Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries against Bush. For further information, write: Spark, Box 1047, Detroit, MI 48231.

The Revolutionary Communist Workers Organization, a Trotskyist group for the reconstruction of the Fourth International in Detroit, including Trotskyists of Middle Eastern origin, played a leading role in organizing demonstrations against U.S. intervention in the Middle East at Wayne State University and in South Dearborn, an Arab neighborhood. The demonstration in South Dearborn was very spirited and drew at least 100 people, including many Palestinians. For further information, write: RCWO, c/o Box 23, Dearborn, MI 48121.

The Trotskyist Committee of Detroit, sold 30 copies of *Truth* and 2 copies of *The Fourth International* at the Ford Rouge plant, Wayne County Community College and actions against U.S. intervention in the Middle East. We also initiated regular readings and discussions of basic Marxist texts designed to strengthen our struggle for the Marxist program in the working class. They are open to all interested readers. This issue of *Truth* will be the last issue of *Truth* until after the winter holiday. For information about emergency actions against U.S. intervention, call 584-6556. ■

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