March 17, 2011

Yet again the United Nations Security Council, this criminal tool of the US war machine, decided to bring another sovereign country to the bloodbath. Today, Thursday, March 17th, the UN Security Council passed resolution (10 for, and 5 abstaining), that not only imposes a no-fly zone over Libya, but in detail gives all possible options for imperialist countries to attack Libya with whatever they may see fit. With resolution 1973, the US, UK, Canada, France and all other implicated countries declared war on the people of Libya. The United States of war, destruction and killing successfully brought together a coalition of war mongers under the shameless new fake term of the “International Community”.

Immediately after passing resolution 1973, the United States, France, UK, Italy and NATO announced that they are ready to act and impose a no-fly zone and whatever necessary measure needed to be taken against Gaddafi and the Libyan government. Here in Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, not lagging behind, instantaneously announced that Canada will send 8 CF-18s fighter jets to help enforce the UN resolution of a no-fly zone over Libya. Furthermore, Canada’s foreign affairs minister, Lawrence Cannon, stated “Canada is open to all options”, and when asked if this means deploying troops on the ground he responded, “protecting civilians that are being literally murdered by Gaddafi, is what the resolution calls for.”

We need to remind ourselves that resolution 1973 is not to bring democracy, and human rights to the Libyan people. There is no saving of human lives or any humanitarian intervention on behalf of the Libyan people that can be performed by imperialist powers. Indeed, this is such an obvious hypocrisy by these war mongers because none of those precious human values mean anything to them. One, we haven’t forgotten the killings of millions of people in Vietnam, more than a million people in Rwanda, killings of more than one million people in Iraq just from 2003 until now, as well as hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Congo, Nigeria, Sudan, Somalia and many other poor and sovereign countries by the very same imperial powers. These crocodile tears are not for human lives in Libya but it is for the oil and gas of Libya, which has the proven largest underground reserves in Africa. Two, how ironic and preposterous it is that the so-called international community includes the backing of the Arab League which in its latest meeting only 11 out of 22 countries with 2 against a no-fly zone. How credible would be the support of the Arab League for the no-fly zone when only 40% are in agreement. However there has been almost no mention of the African Union (AU), with 53 countries and the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC), with 57 members, where both organizations utterly rejected any foreign interference or intervention in Libya. “The African Union last Friday (March 11) meeting in Addis Ababa rejected any military intervention in Libya urging the international community to observe the rules of international laws and find a non military intervention strategy to end the crisis”, and “The meeting (OIC, March 8) emphasized the imperative of respecting the sovereignty, territorial integrity of Libya and non-interference in its internal affairs stressing the principal and firm position of the OIC against any form of military intervention to Libya.” How preposterous it is that the two Arab countries which are so far participating in the no-fly zone, United Arab Emirates and Qatar, are both participated as mercenaries.
In We mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) are sending you this open letter to clarify some of the concerns we have with your organizing of the April 9th demonstration in Vancouver. Your approach and the tactics used in this and similar events are part of a movement against the war that is being promoted throughout the world. Imperialist countries and their military forces such as NATO are beginning to sink their teeth into Libya while continue to fight wars and occupations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, Libya, Ivory Coast, Somalia, Sudan, and Palestine. Beyond this, it is a crucial time for us to be in active movement and we need an open and honest discussion about further capitalization to the imperialist war and military against Libya.

The CPA’s cross-Canada participation in the April 9th International Day of Action called by the United National Antiwar Committee (UNAC) was a brave step in the right direction. The U.S. was a breakthrough in cross-border unity within our movement. We need to build upon this and work for years that working with U.S. groups and coalitions is an essential strategy to build a broad, united and effective antiterror movement.

Three organizations in New York and San Francisco, while coordinated rallies were held in 10 Canadian and 6 Pakistani cities, as well as demonstrations in Iraq on April 9th. These mobilizations built on the momentum of other successful coalitions and were part of the ANSWER Coalition on March 19th. The broad-based, coordinated mobilization is too long for the antiterror movement in Canada, and we fully endorse its continuation on an irregular basis.

Unfortunately, we have seen examples of this during the CPA's cross-Canada participation in the current crisis and NATO bombing in Libya, we are concerned that the political direction of the imperialist war against Libya is unclear at best, and could even be understood at worst as pro-war.

At the Stopwar.ca rally in Vancouver we saw that two speakers invited by Stopwar.ca spent minutes minutes discussing and advocating of FAVOURING the current regime in Libya. By the following quotations from the Stopwar.ca rally we see that these speakers have not placed the demands for a democratic movement in the midst of a bloody imperialist campaign to intervene in a civil war and overthrow the imperialist government of Libya.

If you don’t want war on Libya, what is your alternative?

“[Gadhafi] has an unbelievable media machine, he spends billions and billions that is cloaked in neutral terms. In the case of Libya, it is important to thoroughly answer their arguments to resist occupation.

In every imperialist war for decades, a whole set of resources and weapons have been made available for a people to defend themselves against imperialist attack. The Cynthia McKinney tour

In their determination to join with all the “responsible” voices condemning Libya, some groups have even sounded just like the imperialist media by seeking to silence the courageous voice of freedom and democracy.
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by rejecting saying one thing and doing clear antiwar, anti-occupation platform and others. Groups such as ANSWER, UNAC, IAC, the Stop as a Canadian-based coalition, more so than in East and North Africa as they rise up and silent. Now is not the time to remain divided or the CPA, but now is not the time to remain is unlike what we have seen in the U.S. where of building a strong antiwar movement. This has always endorsed and supported Stopwar.ca, (MAWO statement page 3)

This is a time to abandon all illusions that there might be anything progressive and human worth knowing about or helping the opposition in Libya through imperialist intervention. The same can be said for no-fly zone or military attacks...The unfolding mass movements in North Africa, Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Within this newsletter are ideas and statements from groups in Libya that are taking this time and are much more appropriate be said in 4-5 weeks later.

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba

Cuba expresses its most forceful condemnation of the foreign military intervention into the internal conflicts occurring within the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

For Cuba, conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and negotiation, not with the use of military force.

The Security Council succumbed to pressure from some western powers in order to create conditions for military aggression, which constitutes a blatant miscarriage of the Charter of the United Nations and the fundamental principles which characterize its functions.

Furthermore, Resolution 1973, approved April 13, 2011, in no way authorizes these actions against Libyan territory, which constitutes a violation of international law.

The western powers carrying out military attacks against Libyan territory are causing massive human losses and grave suffering among the civilian population. Some of these powers are precisely those responsible for the death of more than 40,000 people in the eastern region of Libya, and if continued they will cause more than 70,000 in Afghanistan, which they call their "war on terror." They are also complicit in the crimes committed against the Palestinian people.

Cuba supports the Libyan people's inalienable right to national sovereignty and its right to self-determination and foreign interference, repudiates the ostensible and real motives behind these attacks on Libya, and supports this nation's territorial integrity and respect for its own resources.

Havana, March 20, 2011

Who's MAWO?

Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 200 organizations and also individual members, most of which are working-class organizations, studies groups, peace groups, and ethnic communities. This including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elderly fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people who stand up to war and occupation in our communities. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all humanity!
February 24, 2011

For more than two months people in North Africa and the Middle East, from Morocco, Yemen to Egypt, have been in struggle for freedom, social justice, democracy and to change the oppressive regimes that are killing and imprisoning them and that have determined their lives for so long. The growing and radicalizing protests and uprisings that have unfolded in the countries of North Africa and the Middle East have so far undoubtedly shown the growing confidence in millions of people of being independent of imperialist domination. On the other hand, Syria and Iran. However, one must note that maybe a lot of people have been recalling almost 75 years to the day have passed since that maybe a lot of people have been recalling the moment when the French military intervention at the time of World War II brought down the vicious dictator Vichy, and the people of Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco are demanding the right to determine their own future. The U.S. has armed the autocratic rulers of Tunisia and Egypt, and has armed the massacre and oppression of working and oppressed people in the region. Such a situation can be made worse if there is an attempt to intervene militarily in the region. We must understand that there is big difference between regimes like Mubarak in Egypt, Ben Ali in Tunisia and Al Abdullah in Jordan. These regimes, which are monopoly capitalist and dependent on imperialism and liberalism bring back more misery and exploitation for decades to come. It is more important than ever to resist the attempts of these powers to manipulate the situation in order to further their own interests. 

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Since the beginning of the mass revolutionary movements, the U.S. and European imperialists have been trying to manipulate and intervene, with the EU and the U.S. imposition all sorts of sanctions, and finally the asking for the removal of Gadafi by imperialists to overthrow these imperialist-controlled regimes in the world, and all are to undermine the peoples of the Arab world. Imperialists are taking advantage of the confusion and contradictions that exist in order to establish a new regime in which the imperialists would be able to get the control of the resources of Libya including the vast reserves of oil and gas. We can see that the imperialist military intervention in Iran and especially in Libya and stay easily. U.S. embargo against Iran, Libya, Yemen, Tunisia, Syria and Libya, Iran. We DO NOT want another imperialist intervention in Libya, or anywhere else.

We invite everyone to join Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) to campaign against the U.S. and European intervention in Libya, and to demand an end to the suffering of the Libyan people. We demand that the U.S. government take immediate and concrete steps to stop the fratricidal wars in Libya and elsewhere. Stop the false campaign and provocations against Iran and Libya. Stop the interference by the U.S. and European imperialists in the internal affairs of all these countries. Stop the imperialist propaganda in the midst of a war of aggression.

It is criminal to dismiss those actually mobilizing, writing and speaking against war as just pro-Gadhafi. Pentagon lynch mob

What should be the attitude toward a family or a town seized by a lynching mob?

How can we respond to racist gang of thugs, with torches and gasoline, is ready to set fire to a neighborhood in which we might lose a friend, or capture someone who felt they had not shown proper "respect"? Is that a time to wish to be able to analyze of the targeted victims credit card payments, driving record or other possible past mistakes or personal shortcomings? Bombs are falling on Tripoli. Isn't that a Pentagon serious situation at a Japanese plant, following the earthquake, has triggered security revisions for all existing nuclear reactors in Japan and has made some countries paralyze their plans.

Reflections by Fidel Castro

NATO's War on Libya

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We have never had such an effective weapon as water. If the People have access to water, they can destroy any country.

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