Who's MAWO?

Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This includes Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. 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 of humanity!

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* Upcoming Organizing Meetings *

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25
7 pm
Britannia Community Center
Learning Resource Centre
1662 Napier Street

LIBYA - RESISTANCE TO US/NATO CONQUEST CONTINUES

INTERNATIONAL ACTION CENTER STATEMENT

August 26, 2011

Under the most incredibly difficult conditions – including NATO bombing, economic and media sanctions, Special Forces operations and the destruction of civil infrastructure – the heroic resistance to imperialist conquest in Libya has continued.

All the corporate media lies claiming mass surrender of the Libyan people have been exposed as a lie. The arrest of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, the arrest of his sons and more have turned out to be nothing but lies and psychological warfare. After 159 days of bombing, in which the United States and UK attacked civilian targets, by funding and supporting terrorist fighters and by the Security Council, in particular by the questionable resolutions imposed by the United States and others, Libya has killed thousands of its own people, has ignored the demands of the Libyan people in this tragic situation. They have been direct witnesses of NATO bombings of civil targets and the deaths of innocent people.

On the cruelest possible of protecting civilians, NATO has killed thousands of innocent people, has ignored the constructive initiatives of the African Union and other countries and has been violating the questionable resolutions imposed by the Security Council, in particular by attacking civilian targets, by funding and supplying weapons to one side, as well as the deployment of special forces and diplomatic personnel on the ground.

While resistance continues in Libya, in the center of U.S. imperialism and NATO must continue our resistance to the criminal war there – even as the prolonged economic war against poverty and oppressed people continues within the U.S. An IAC-organized truth tour featuring former Congressperson Cynthia McKinney – who traveled to Libya to be an eyewitness to the U.S.-NATO attack – has built major opposition meetings in 21 cities across the country. At each meeting, which was undertaken by a local coalition of forces, hundreds of anti-war and anti-imperialist and community activists attended. These meetings against U.S. war in Libya have been the largest series of anti-war meetings held in Canada in recent times, the IAC has been in the streets, organizing protests across the country.

The U.S. war in Libya is a first aggressive step in the expansion of wars of colonial conquest in Africa. It means new U.S. threats against Sudan and Somalia. It means more belligerent targeting of other countries in Middle East, especially Syria and Iran.

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has proceeded to withdraw its diplomatic personnel in Tripoli, as part of its foreign intervention and the NATO military aggression have intensified the conflict and have prevented the Libyan people from advancing towards a negotiated and peaceful solution in the full exercise of their self-determination rights.

The Republic of Cuba does not recognize the National Transition Council or any other provisional authority and will only give its recognition to a government legitimately constituted in that country without foreign intervention and through the free, sovereign and solid will of the Libyan people.

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We in Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) write to express the grave concerns we have with your organization’s actions on April 9th. Your approach and politics on this day were without doubt against the spirit of building an antiracist, anti-imperialist movement throughout the world. Imperialist countries and their military forces, such as the U.S. and Canada, have been using their teeth into Libya while continuing the brutal wars and occupations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Somalia, Sudan, Palestine and beyond. This is a crucial time for the antiracist movement and we need to take this moment to further capitalize to the anti-imperialist political and racial struggles of people everywhere.

The CPs cross-Canada participation in the April 9th International Day of Action called by the National Antiwar Committee (Canada) and our breakaway in cross-border unified action. We have been participating in national anti-war coalitions, U.S. and groups coalitions and is an essential aspect of a strategy to build a broad, united and effective anti-war movement.

Thousands rallied in New York and San Francisco, while coordinated rallies were held in 10 Canadian cities, as well as demonstrations in Iraq on April 9th. These mobilizations built on the momentum of the other similar events called by the ANSWER Coalition on March 19th. This broadly coordinated action has been missing from our movement in the past, which has eroded our unity and strength, and we fully endorse its continuation on a hopefully increasing scale. In Canada, we look forward to the events during the rally organized in Vancouver by all anti-Gadhafi forces the region regarding the current crisis and NATO bombing in Libya, the solidarity movement concerned about the people of Libya. These actions in Canada is unclear at best, and could even be understood as worst at worst.

At the Stopwar rally in Vancouver we saw that some speakers were invited by the ANSWER Coalition and justifying and advocating for the current U.S. or NATO bombings in Libya. From the Stopwar rally really have a place at an antiracist rally occurring at that same time an antiracist imperialist campaign to intervene in a civil war and overthrow the independent government of Libya?

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