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US and BRITISH IMPERIALISM

BLOODY HANDS OFF THE GULF!



Oppose U.S. Imperialist-Led Aggression in the Gulf!

U.S. imperialism, aided by the world's other major-imperialist powers, is frantically assembling a massive military force in Saudi Arabia and in the waters of the Gulf. There is every reason to expect that the U.S. imperialists, itching for a fight, will unleash bloody aggression and perhaps a full-scale war with Iraq.

U.S. imperialism is using the pretext of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait to justify its aggression. But it is the U.S. itself that has repeatedly trampled on other nations and which takes particular delight in using its massive military might against weak and defenseless victims, such as Grenada and Panama. It is the U.S. which brutally occupied the southern portion of Vietnam and killed millions in their failed attempt to suppress the people of that country. And it is the U.S. which arms and finances the Zionist state of Israel, whose very existence is based on the illegitimate occupation of Palestine and which periodically lashes out violently at the peoples of the neighboring states.

The real purpose of the U.S.-led aggression is to clamp down on the whole region, attempt to terrorise the peoples of the Middle East and the whole world, and strengthen their world Empire. The U.S. has even threatened the use of nuclear weapons in the event of hostilities. The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, which unites genuine Maoist parties and organisations around the world, including in the Middle East and in the U.S. itself, resolutely condemns the aggression of the U.S. hoodlums and its partners-in-crime and calls on the proletariat and the oppressed peoples to oppose them.

The masses in Iraq and throughout the Middle East and the Arab world have understood that this imperialist aggression is against their interests and they burn for the chance to fight gun in hand for their national liberation against the U.S., the other imperialist powers, the reactionary Arab regimes and the Zionist state of Israel. The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement supports all such resistance.

But the masses of these countries have seen their hopes, their struggles, their sacrifices repeatedly betrayed by impostors who wrap themselves in the national garb and claim to oppose imperialism and Zionism but always end up stabbing the people in the back. Sadaam Hussein is another of these reactionary impostors—for many years he has been up to his neck in dealings with imperialists, East and West and his crimes are numerous. He who uses chemical warfare in his own country to suppress the national aspirations of the Kurdish people will not and cannot lead the Iraqi and Arab masses in fighting for genuine liberation from imperialism.

Ridding the Middle East of imperialism and Zionism cannot be done

unless the proletariat and the peoples hoist their own banner, that of New Democratic Revolution and People's War. They must rely on their own efforts and not count on "help" from imperialists and reactionaries, or plan on "purchasing" liberation with the revenues from oil, that curse on the Middle East.

For years, opportunist forces in the Middle East, as elsewhere, claimed that only by relying on Soviet Union could the U.S. be opposed and these same forces bitterly opposed the Maoists who always told the truth: the USSR is a social-imperialist power and no friend of the oppressed. Now the USSR feels its imperialist interests are best served by allying themselves with U.S. in the Gulf and the bitter fruit is seen today when the Soviet's protégé, Assad of Syria, who postured as a big anti-imperialist, is shamelessly participating in the U.S. sponsored aggression against the Arab masses.

U.S. imperialism *can* be defeated. History has shown that the masses of people themselves can defeat the most powerful of enemies, and this same lesson is coming alive again in Peru, where the Communist Party of Peru, a participant in our Movement, has been successfully waging war for ten years with weapons captured from the enemy and with the support of the masses, without a drop of aid from reactionaries and imperialists.

Behind the bravado of the U.S. imperialists is a frantic effort to respond to the deepening crisis of the world imperialist system. The U.S. is desperate to repair and strengthen its web of domination, exploitation and murder in order to continue feasting on the wealth produced by the masses all over the world. The Soviet Union, Britain and France feel obliged to take part so as to protect their own interests and not be excluded from the banquet hall. Reactionaries like Mubarak of Egypt have been told that the time has come to pay back their debts to their imperialist masters with the blood of their own people.

All of this will mean hardship and suffering for the people, but more importantly, it means better conditions for the people to strike back at the source of hardship and suffering—imperialism and reaction—by waging revolutionary struggle. The revolutionary communists must strive to put themselves at the head of the struggle of the masses against U.S. imperialist aggression, help the masses to distinguish their friends from their enemies in the course of battle, and step up their efforts to establish genuine proletarian vanguard parties. Now is the time for the proletariat and the people to start writing their own history.

COMMITTEE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT
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U S and BRITISH IMPERIALISM - BLOODY HANDS Off The Gulf!

On 2nd August, Saddam Hussein's army invaded and occupied Kuwait. As the tanks rolled along motorways built by the U.S. (for their own military purposes) to the capital, Saddam Hussein was attempting to solve at a stroke the economic and political problems he was facing. The long war with Iran had left Iraq's economy drained, owing over 50 billion dollars to other countries, including Kuwait. The poverty and hardship of the Iraqi masses threatened unrest, for the moment forgotten.

Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait to strengthen Iraq economically, politically and militarily with oil, prestige and access to the Gulf, putting himself forward as the dominant Arab power in the region.

MAKING OF A MONSTER

Saddam Hussein came to power with the help of the CIA through a military coup. Since then he has been killing and torturing any opposition to his regime. The imperialists West and East made Saddam Hussein the monster that he is today. They built up, trained and equipped the Iraqi army, navy and airforce, pumping it full of every kind of weapon and technology for death and destruction. For 20 years, the Soviet Union was the main supplier of weapons and aircraft. During the Iran-Iraq war, France supplied Iraq with Mirage bombers, Germany was a major exporter of technology and raw materials to produce chemical weapons. And of course Britain and the U.S. were in there with the rest, supplying both sides, but principally Iraq, looking after their interests. Even when Iraq attacked a U.S. warship in the Gulf there was no retaliation. Yet at around the

same time the imperialists brought down an Iranian civilian airliner, supposedly "mistaken" as a war plane, murdering over 400 men, women and children; and also attacked Iran's oil terminals and navy in the Gulf to help Iraq make advances in the war. The very same satellites that are now spying on Saddam, used to monitor Iranian troops, with the information being passed to Iraq. Now the West denounces him as a "madman", as a Hitler, but this dictator is the same Saddam Hussein that they supported when he invaded Iran in 1980, when he bombed civilian targets: homes, schools and hospitals, and when he used genocide to try and wipe out the resistance of the Kurdish people, raining chemical bombs down on their mountain villages and massacring thousands. Then he was serving their interests, now he has gone against their interests by invading Kuwait against their wishes, upsetting the balance of power in this key strategic region and threatening the West's oil supplies.

YANKEE and BRITISH GANGSTERS INVADE THE MIDDLE EAST

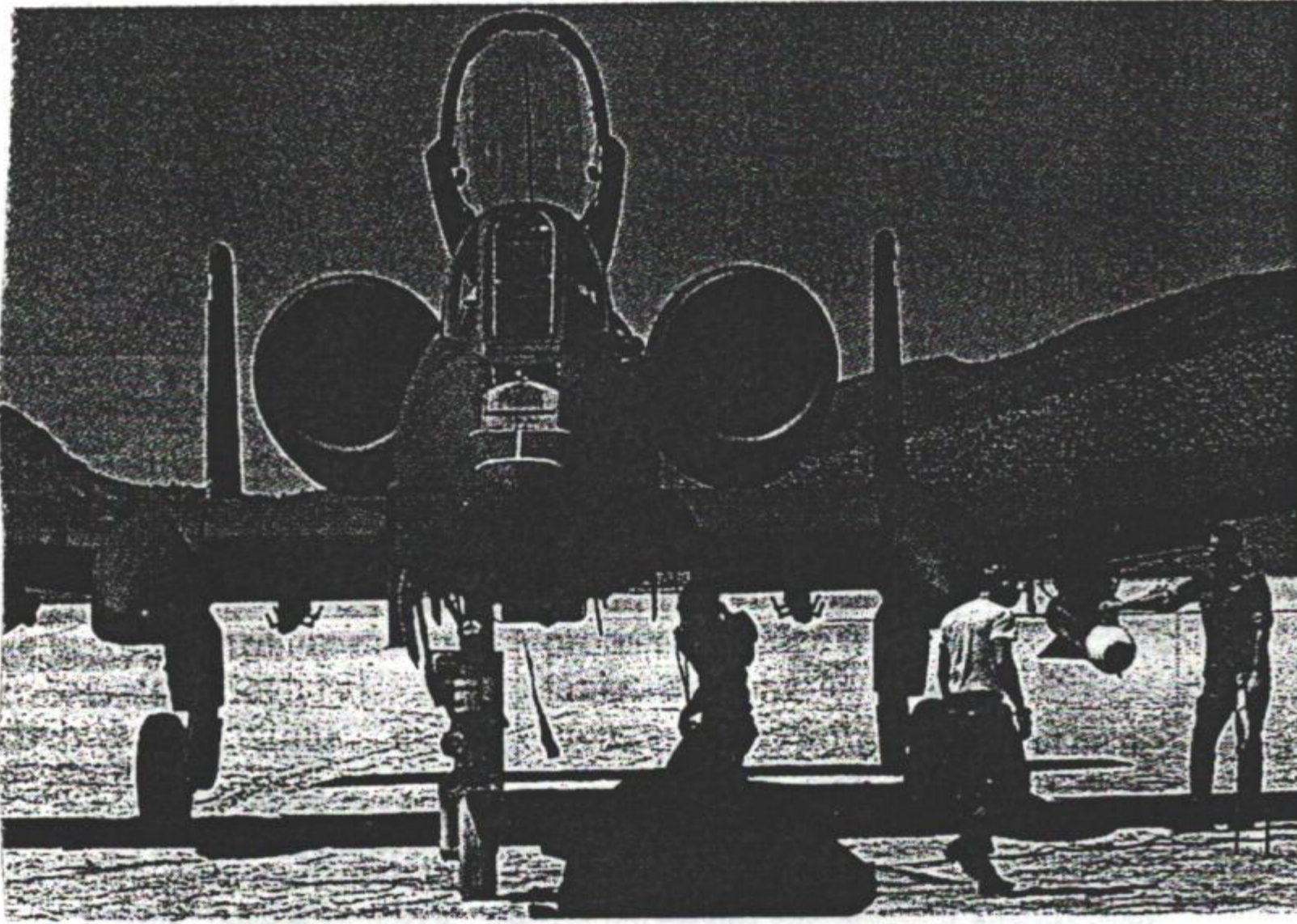
"THE WEST: 'WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO GET WHAT WE WANT' (BUSH).

Since the invasion, all the imperialists are maneuvering to safeguard and further their interests. The U.S. are using this opportunity to strengthen its leadership of the Western bloc. It has been pushing for sanctions, a blockade and a military solution trying to unite the other countries under its leadership. Mrs Thatcher says "the world has never been so strongly together". The U.S. and Britain have built up a massive military force in the Gulf. Warships, destroyers, hundreds of thousands of troops. Britain has also sent 2 squadrons of Tornado F3 fighter bombers, the S.A.S. and 2,200 soldiers. They have sent their forces there prepared to maim and kill, to do whatever is necessary to satisfy their interests. They are creating public opinion for a full scale military offensive, manipulating fear over Iraq's chemical weapons to create a climate where the West can use nuclear or chemical weapons. As they said they will use any means to achieve their ends. Nuclear warheads are in the Gulf and they are

prepared to use them. This is what Tom King meant when he said "We would take the gravest view indeed were there to be any use of chemical weapons against our forces". The U.S. chief negotiator for the banning of chemical weapons, Stephen Ledogar said, "If we are attacked with chemical weapons, we must have a variety of reserve options, including the option to respond in kind." The CIA, Bush and the rest of the imperialists have let it be known that they would fully support any attempted coup or assassination of Saddam.

Since the changes in the East and the pressure to reduce defence budgets Thatcher has been pushing for a strong NATO force that can act outside NATO, she has been using the current situation to back this up. When she talks about a multi-national force to act for western interests what she means is a bullying force to go around the world invading other countries under any excuse, murdering, raping,... and then say it was to defend "our interests", "democracy", "The lives of innocent people"... all the usual shit.

The U.S. has always wanted a military base in Saudi Arabia and/or another part of the region, and is using the current situation to put pressure on the local reactionary rulers. The Arab leaders have tried desperately to compromise with Iraq



and to solve the issue amongst themselves because they know that the direct involvement of the imperialists may bring the anger of the people against them.

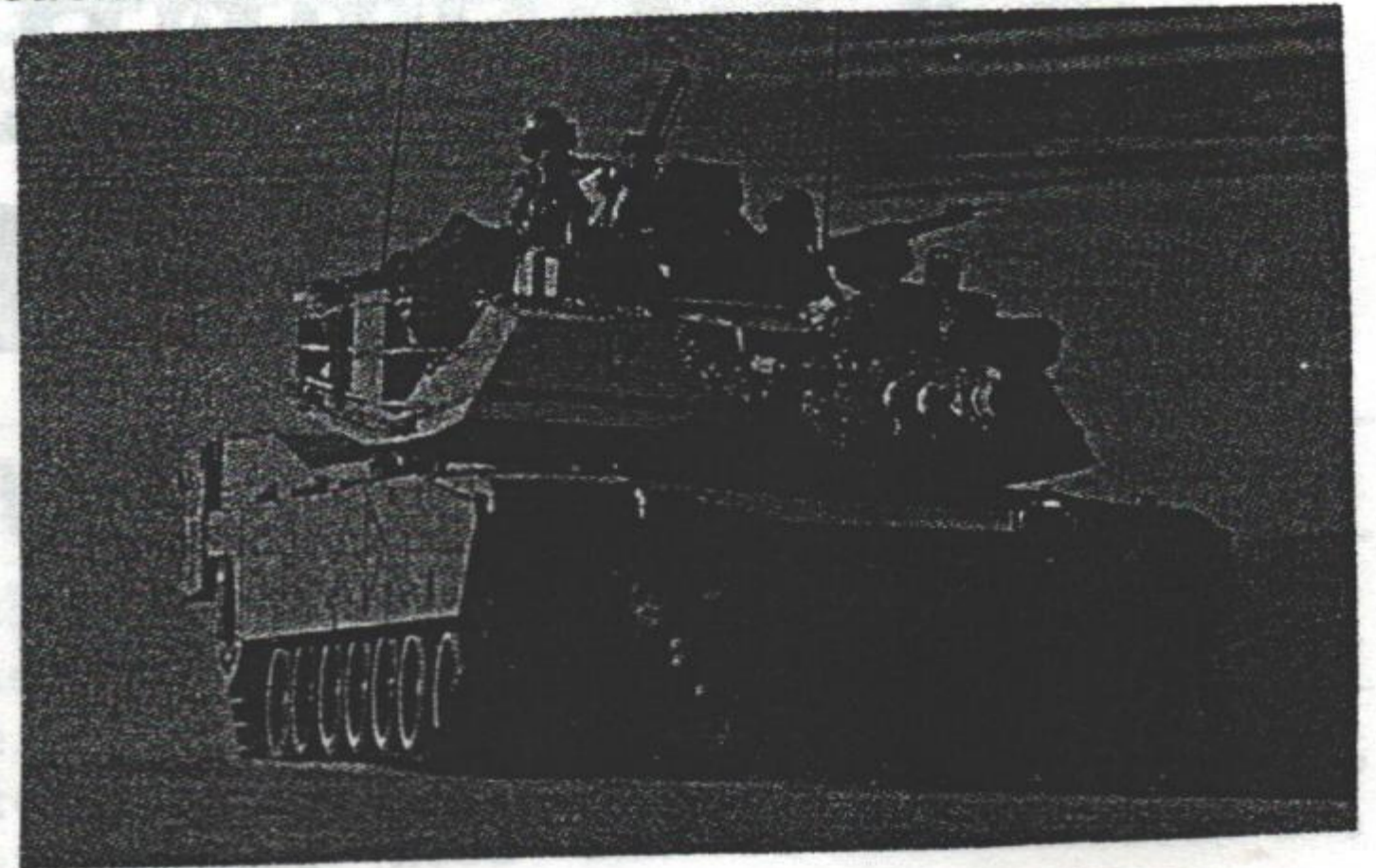
When the U.S. imperialists were criticised for not giving the negotiations any chance of success and of rushing to the region with all their military might for murder and destruction, and when they weighed the situation and the possibility of uprisings everywhere, they then started talking about negotiations. Saddam too, had to make some changes in his initial policies, calling for direct televised talks with Bush and Thatcher, and he started letting some of the foreigners held to leave Iraq. A new opportunity was created for King Hussein of Jordan to run around like a dog to other reactionary Arab leaders and his imperialist masters -- to pay his debts back to the big gangsters.

The imperialists were talking about the surgical destruction of Iraq (i.e. total destruction of industries and army bases-- which would inevitably include some of Iraq's major cities), as well as an assassination or coup plan, but now there are some talks of getting Saddam out of Kuwait without Saddam losing face or his army. Although there are some signs that the U.S. imperialists are still asking for a total withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, at the same time there are also some talks of negotiations, but the difficult part would be how to save the faces of both the big gangsters and the little one.

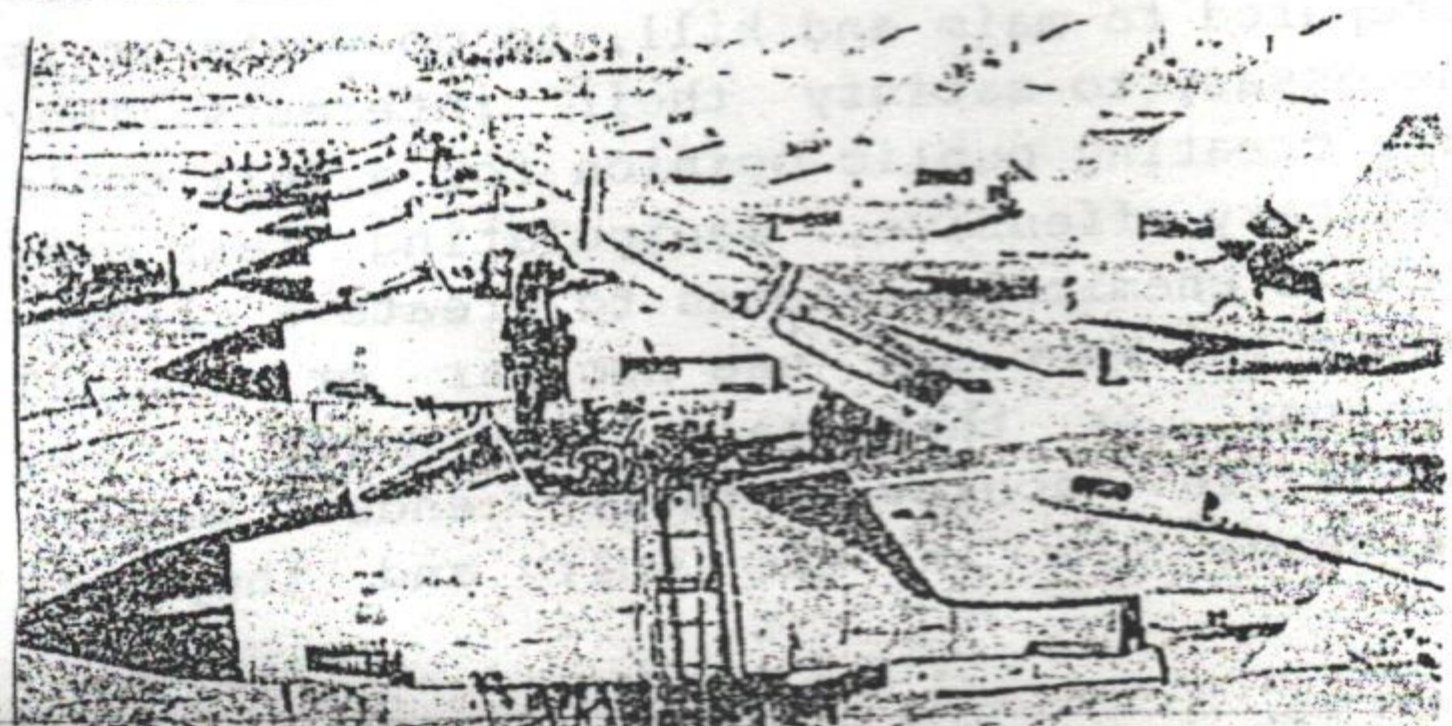
The unity that U.S. imperialism has created with its partners and especially with the Arab reactionaries is already fragile. There have been some complaints

about Japan, France and Germany not playing their expected full roles in the affair. U.S. and British imperialism is desperately trying to show that the whole world is united behind them, that it is not only a matter between the U.S. and Iraq. Despite all the might of the imperialist's media to persuade people that it is a matter between Iraq and the rest of the imperialist world, it is very clear that all the orders and new initiatives come from the U.S. and that it is all about cheap oil, exploitation, oppression and who will call the shots in the region. The unity that does exist between the various imperialists and reactionaries will become even more fragile if this situation in the Middle East takes a long time to resolve. The imperialists are obviously already worried about this factor.

The imperialists have said that their forces are in the region for defensive purposes only, but that is a lie, even their own military analysts are calling the massive military mobilization an offensive action. Even whilst they were talking about a negotiated settlement they were still actively preparing for an attack against Iraq. Thus behind all this hypocrisy and lies they have been getting ready for an all out war, which would bring thousands of deaths and massive destruction.



The fact is that with all the forces mounted on the border of Iraq and in the Gulf it is easy for the imperialists to fabricate any excuse or small "accident" to start the war when they think the time is right, just as they were able to fabricate excuses for the invasions of Grenada, Panama and Palestine... Especially at this time when they are planning a military maneuver of forces in the area.



what about Soviet Union?

The Soviet Union is determined to profit from this situation, politically and economically. As the world's leading oil producer it can only benefit from the rising prices. They have condemned the invasion, supported the U.N. resolution and sent warships, but on a lesser scale and from a different position to the West. The Soviet Union has complained about the U.S. military blockade (the U.S. has gone a step further than the U.N. resolution in attempting to enforce the blockade) and stresses that everything should be done through the U.N. The Soviet Union is in crisis and it has calculated that its imperialist interest can best be served by not opposing U.S. imperialism with anti imperialist hype as they did in the past, but by colluding with the West. This is why they are holding up the UN and negotiations in this crisis.

As the situation escalated and the forces of the U.S. and its allies in the region increased in size, the Soviet Union started to show signs of worrying about the build up of forces; Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bolonogov said: "There are no guarantees that the United States will leave Saudi Arabia after the crisis is over."

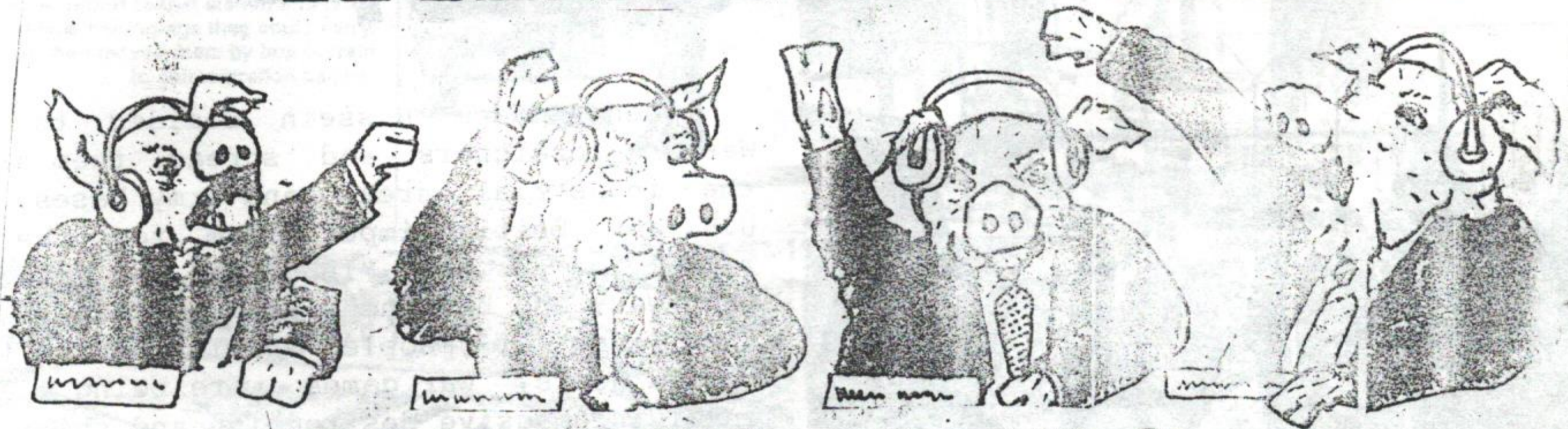
The deep involvement of the Soviet Union with the build up of Iraq's military, and the presence of around 200 Soviet military advisors in Iraq, the possibility of tightening the ties with the Iraqi regime

are some of the factors which has made them proceed differently, insisting on negotiation and occasionally showing concern at the build up of U.S. forces in the region.

These worries of the Soviet Union are not because they do not want the people in the region to be oppressed and exploited or because it is worried about the possibility of war and the massive destruction, murder and slaughter of the people there. Rather they are worried about loosing the whole region to the west. Hence, they are desperate to find a foothold for their empire in the Middle East, so they are trying to stay away from the main build-up of forces for the time being and hoping that future events will bring them an opportunity. The Soviet Union is also counting on the possibility of a change in the reactionary rulers there, due to pressures from below fanned by the presence of U.S. and british forces and the possible outbreak of war and is working to regain its former position as friend of the Arabs.

What the Soviet Union is also trying to do with its talk around negotiations and the UN, is to influence some sections of the people in the western imperialist countries.

"LEGALITY" OF ILLEGALS



United Nations? International Pig Sty.

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait both Bush and Thatcher cried out that it was illegal and against the norms of the imperialist world. The U.N. was quick to agree on sanctions, and while there were some claims and counter claims from the reactionaries and imperialists, the U.S. and then Britain sent their ships and troops to the Gulf to enforce an embargo against Iraq to stop all ships going to or leaving Iraq by force. Desperate to show how "legal" and

"humanitarian" their moves were the U.S. imperialists persuaded reactionaries and other imperialist forces to rally behind its acts of aggression and the deepening of its bloody claws in the region. The U.N. had to call for another meeting of the security council and make it "legal" for the U.S. and others to use their force to starve millions of people in Iraq.

WHAT IS THE REAL FACE OF THE UNITED NATIONS?

The United Nations has been created by the imperialists to safeguard their interests around the world. It's policies are dictated by the imperialists. The UN was formed to give other nations the illusion that it was there to protect them. But the truth is that when the murder, torture and brutalization of a people is in the imperialists interests the UN keeps quiet (as when the murderous Zionist state did to the Palestinians with the help of the imperialists) but that as soon as the imperialists interests are threatened the UN becomes very active and vocal to safeguard the interests of those powers (as in the current Gulf crisis).

When the UN speaks, it is only the large, medium, and small pigs of the world who have spoken - not the people. So if the U.S. and Britain get UN support...SO WHAT? This doesn't change the fact that U.S. and British actions are still just gangster moves and must be opposed everywhere.

Sanctions

When Israel occupied the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and started murdering and torturing the Palestinian people, neither the British nor the U.S. imperialists asked for sanctions, instead they supported all the brutality and aggression of the Zionist

state. Likewise they never called for sanctions when Iraq invaded Iran.

Mrs Thatcher for years resisted sanctions against the white settler state of South Africa and cried her crocodile tears that it would be immoral to apply sanctions as the Black masses would suffer.

The fact is that when sanctions are against the imperialists' interests they become immoral and inhumane, but when sanctions are in the interests of the imperialists then the starvation of millions of people and death due to lack of medical supplies becomes just, "legal", "moral" and necessary.

This is the deadly logic of imperialism. When it is in their interests they make it "legal" to invade and occupy countries such as Panama, Grenada and Palestine, and are prepared to kill millions, whether it be by poisonous gas, nuclear bomb or starvation. The same deadly logic that oppresses and exploits all humanity the world over and keeps us all in chains.

But for the people who have had it with this system and can not accept this dog-eat-dog logic, it is the imperialists and all their hype around their "legality" who are "illegal" and must go.

Don't Believe the Hostage Hype

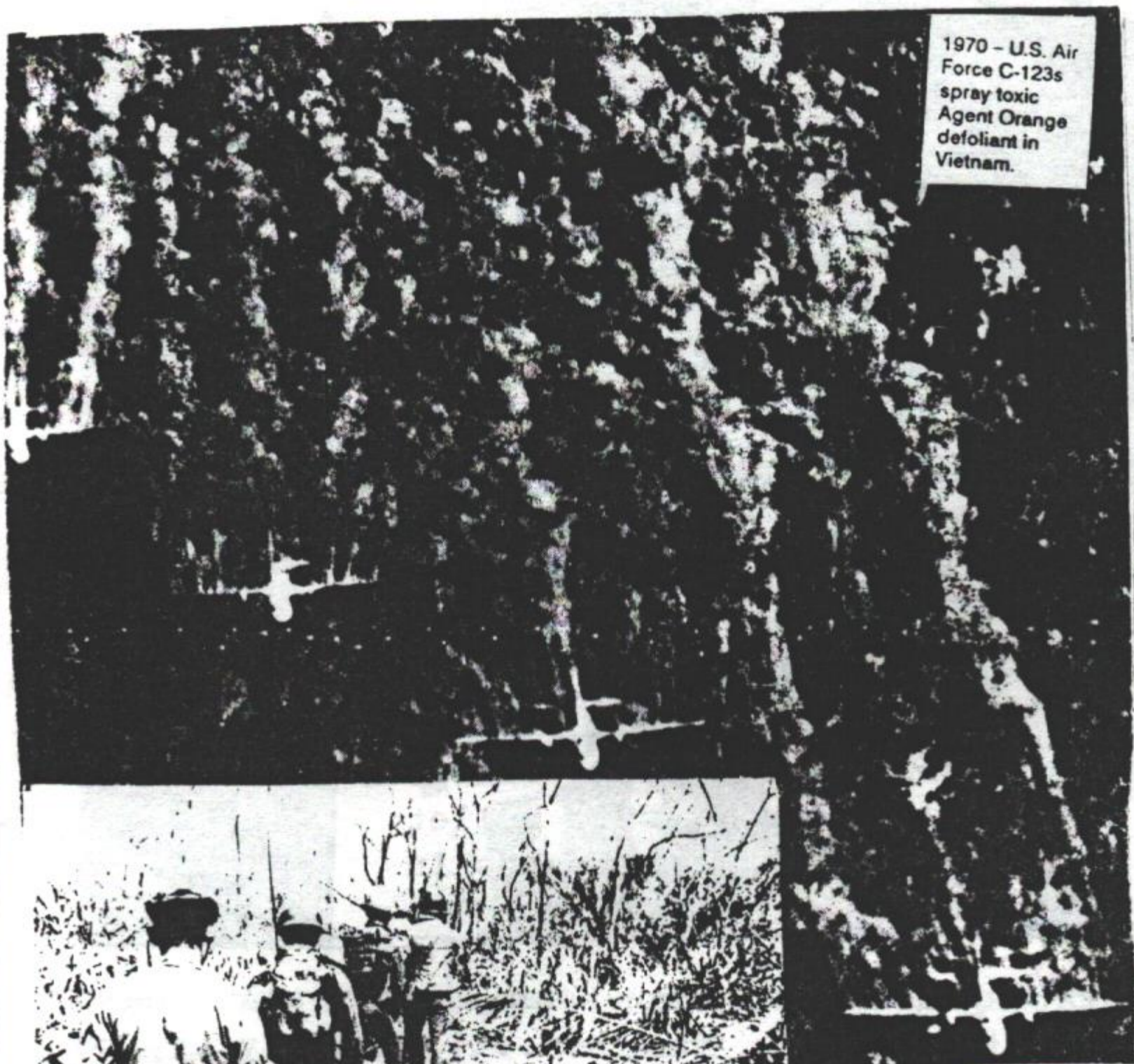
When Saddam Hussein decided to keep Western foreigners and spread them around the industrial areas and army bases, both U.S. and British imperialism took the lead in telling us how "inhumane" and "illegal" that was, and how much more they cared about the lives of people! Whilst behind their closed doors, war games were being planned involving massive destruction and the murder of thousands upon thousands of people in the Gulf under the cover of talk about "humanitarianism" and "legality".

The reactionaries and imperialists have never and will never put humanity/people first. It is the nature of capitalism that they have to strive to satisfy their own interests. There are over 60,000 refugees in camps on the Iraqi-Jordanian border and many thousand more on the Turkish-Iraqi border. They are in the middle of the desert with totally inadequate water, food and medical supplies. People are dying of hunger and



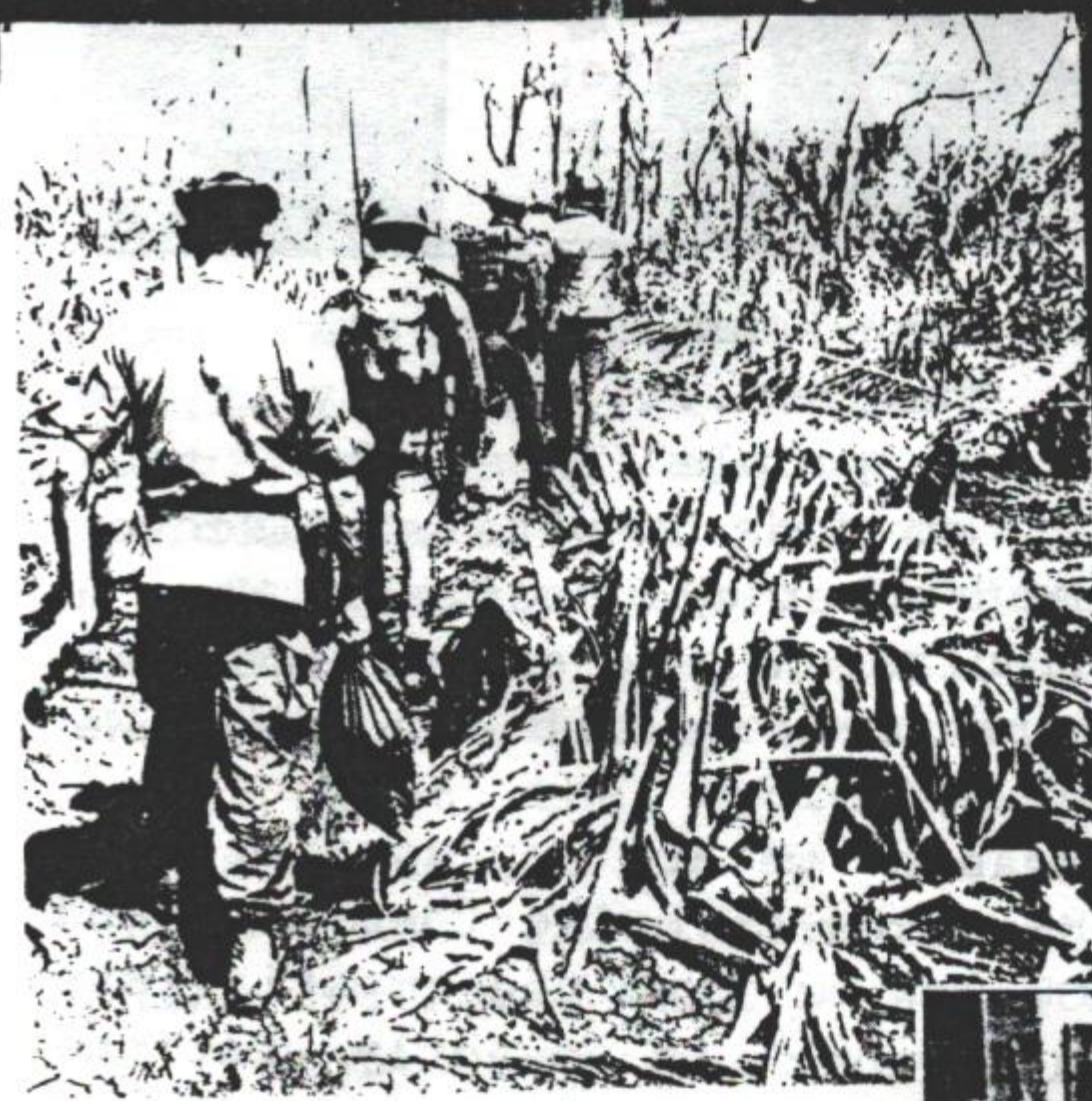
Bayview concentration camp, 1990.

U.S.A., MARCH 1990: The U.S. Census is mailed to millions of households. People are asked to give their name, nationality, address, phone and other information about their living situation. Some questions are even designed to determine "same sex" living arrangements! On the long forms, which many people get, the questions are more specific: In what foreign country was the person born? When did they come to the United States? Are they a citizen? Does the person speak a language other than English? What languages? Meanwhile, along the U.S./Mexican border the U.S. government has launched an \$11 million crackdown on Central American refugees—mass roundups, mass detentions and mass deportations. At the Bayview INS concentration camp, north of Brownsville in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas, facilities have been set up to hold up to 10,000 refugees.



1970 - U.S. Air Force C-123s spray toxic Agent Orange defoliant in Vietnam.

thirst and the imperialists don't give a shit about them because they are ordinary workers from the dependent countries. The imperialists are afraid knowing that these workers, particularly the Palestinians, Egyptians and Yemenese are potential fighters against imperialism. People are dying whilst the imperialists hype around the western "hostages" as if they are the only people that matter in the region. Despite all their hypocrisy, it did not take long before both Bush and Thatcher spewed up their real stinking gangster nature, when they told us that for the "good" of the people they would have to attack Iraq despite endangering the lives of the foreigners in Iraq and Kuwait (they do not even pretend to care about the lives of the ordinary Iraqi people and the countless immigrant workers!).



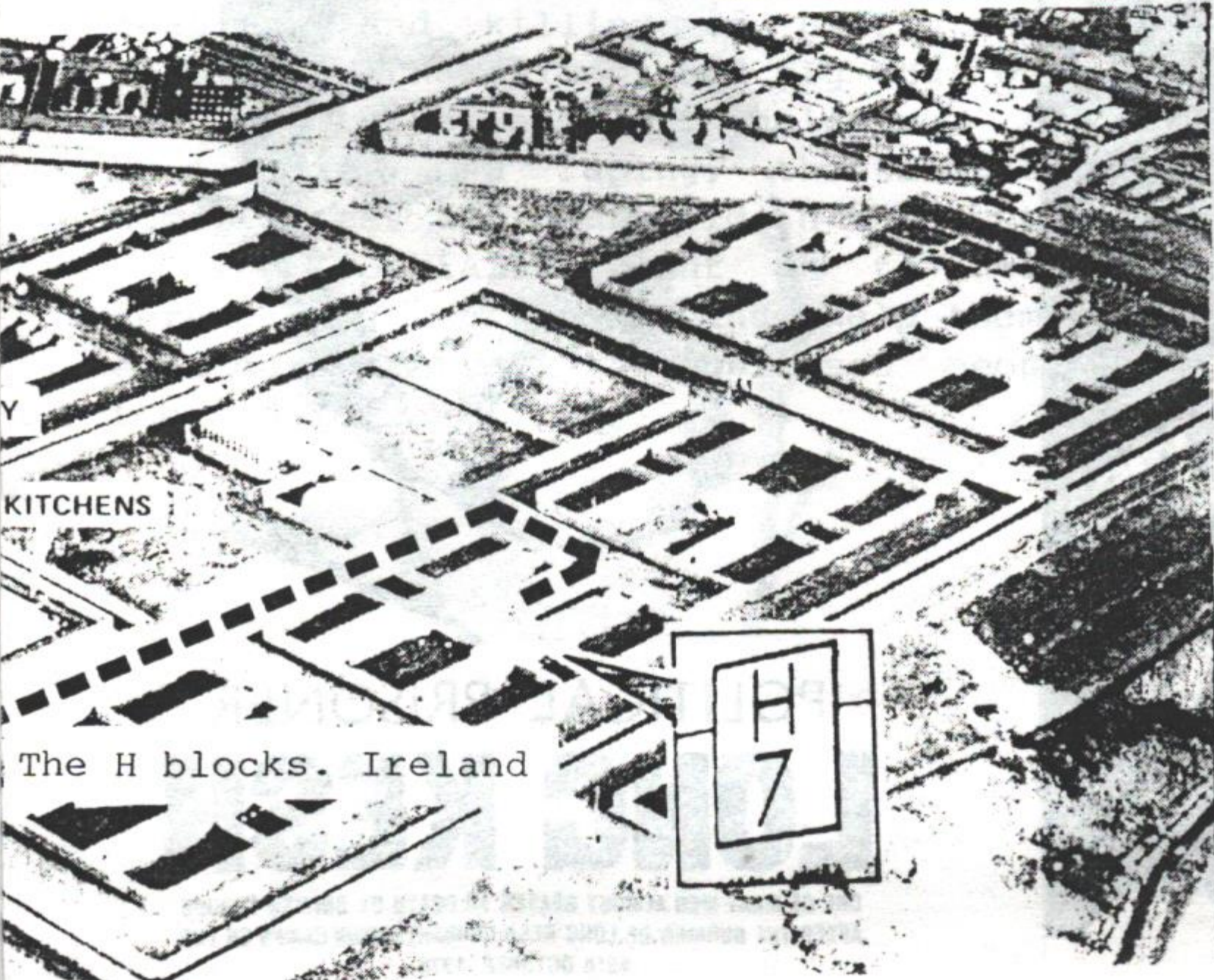
U.S. soldiers walk through sprayed forests where everything has been poisoned.

U.S.A., 1942: The Census Bureau provided information to the army that showed exactly how many Japanese people lived within each of its "evacuation areas" on the West Coast. The army used this data to designate certain blocks where Japanese people lived. Processing stations were opened up in the designated area and all persons of Japanese descent were ordered to report to that station and bring whatever personal belongings they could carry. The army then moved them by bus or train to concentration camps.



The U.S. government rounds up Japanese-Americans in 1942 and sends them to concentration camps.

Although the fascist's newspapers, like the Daily Star, have been calling the Iraqi people living here terrorists and saying "we should round up every one of the Iraqis now in Britain before they attack us on our own doorstep". The press were not the only ones calling them terrorists and wanting to put them in detention centres -- the Foreign Office is considering more than 2,000 Iraqi students as being the first in line for any retaliation action and said "powers do exist in a security context to detain or deport any Iraqis whose presence here is not conducive to the public good". Saddam Hussein tells the people held in Iraq that their detention is to prevent the outbreak



The H blocks. Ireland

of war, whilst the imperialists who have done the same with the oppressed nationalities both here and in the U.S. for years are telling us they are doing it for the good of the people and to safe guard our lives! Hypocrisy has no limits! They are both doing it to safeguard their own reactionary and imperialist interests.

During the second world war America rounded up more than 100,000 Japanese people and put them in detention centres, and today the U.S. is doing the same to Latin American immigrants and Black people under the most brutal and repressive conditions.

In Britain too, refugees from Sri Lanka, Iran and the dependent countries (third world countries) are being held in detention centres on land and on a ship at sea. The situation that many of us, especially the Bangladeshi and other communities, are in is like being detained in the ghettos of this imperialist system. In Ireland during Internment people were dragged from their beds, tortured and interned for years without trial, in the cages of the H blocks, in Long Kesh and countless other detention centres. And they are trying to tell us that they are caring about the lives of people!

The imperialist media compared Saddam Hussein with Hitler whilst showing him manipulating a child. Only a few days later Jessie Jackson, the heavenly saviour of U.S. imperialism was manipulating the same child. But this is a familiar sight of reactionaries and imperialists. During every



Carol-Ann Kelly, 12 years old killed by a plastic bullet fired by British troops in Ireland.

rat race election campaign, all these vampires (Bush, Thatcher...) suddenly try to become the "nicest people on earth" - they cuddle children, go to hospitals, discover that they "care" about old people... What a hypocrisy! Manipulation and exploitation is their common practice. We all know this. We can't be fooled by it.

We know what beasts we are up against, and we know what it takes to bring them down and destroy this system that the imperialists feed on - and that is exactly what the proletariat, nothing to lose and the oppressed are going to do, by means of revolutionary war.

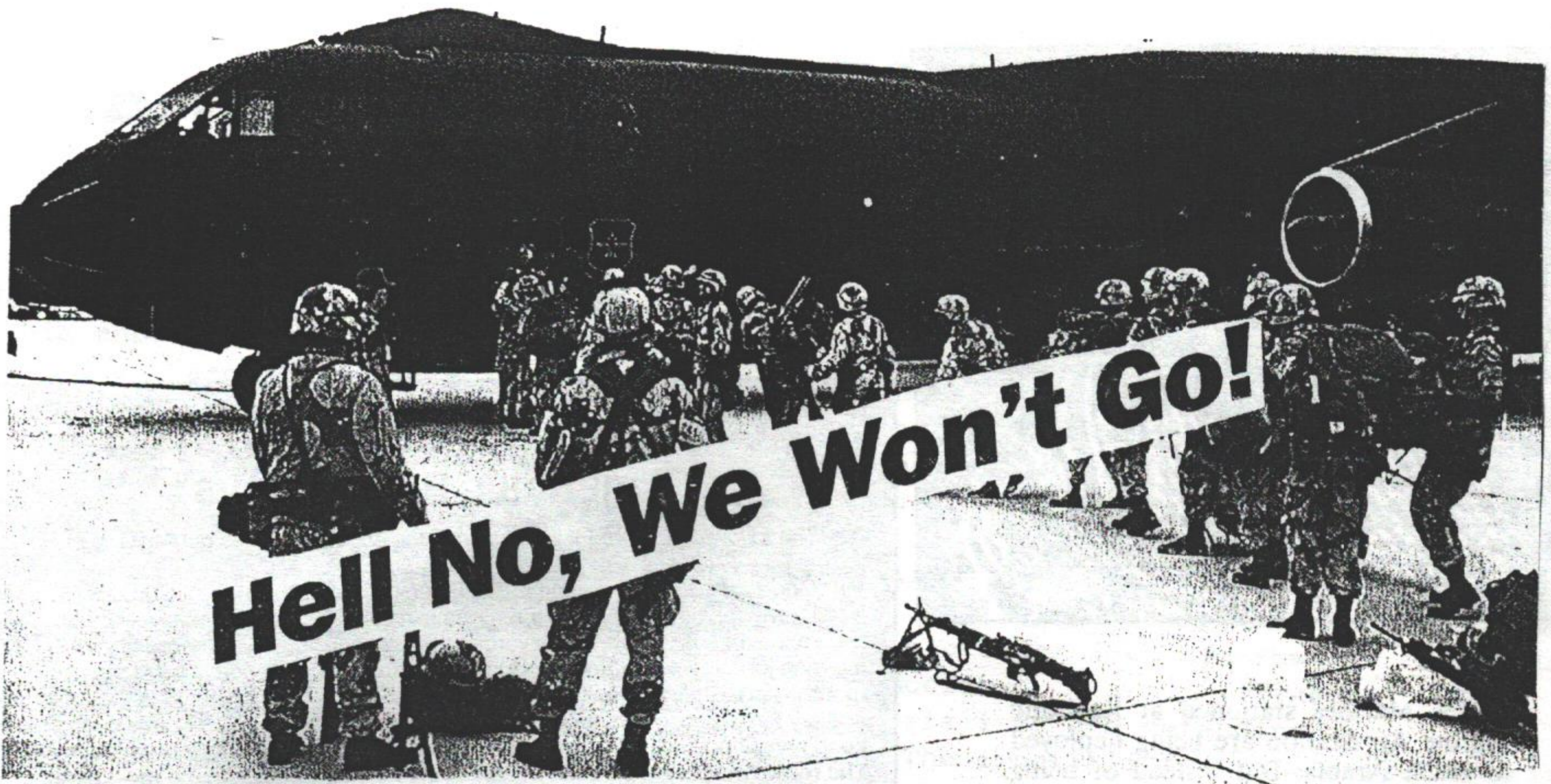


anamanian civilians killed during the U.S. invasion are buried in mass graves.



POLITICAL PRISONER
LONG KESH

ONE OF MANY MEN ALMOST BEATEN TO DEATH BY BRITISH TROOPS AFTER THE BURNING OF LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMPS ON THE 15th OCTOBER, 1974.



The imperialists are calling upon the people here to support them in their aggressive war against the oppressed in the Middle East -- or shut up.

They want to put the oppressed youth in uniform and have them become their mad killers of the oppressed in other countries. They want the oppressed here, Black and Irish youth to go to the Middle East and help them to suppress and exploit people like us there, HELL NO, WE WON'T GO!

Right now the lives of millions of people in the Middle East are at risk and their hit-men killers are waiting for the order to blow the region up with their nuclear and chemical weapons.

They tell us that this war is vital to our interests and security, they pump us with all sorts of propaganda in an attempt to make us believe that they care about our standard of living here and are doing it for us. But we have experienced their brutality and "quality" of life and have the daily experience of this pig system, all the beatings and killing of Black and Irish people in the prisons and pig stations, all the frame-ups and criminalising, all the brutalising and raping, the unemployment, homelessness and apartheid in the ghettos...

The imperialists want us to help them defend this shit hell and help them to do even more shit to the oppressed peoples of the Middle East.

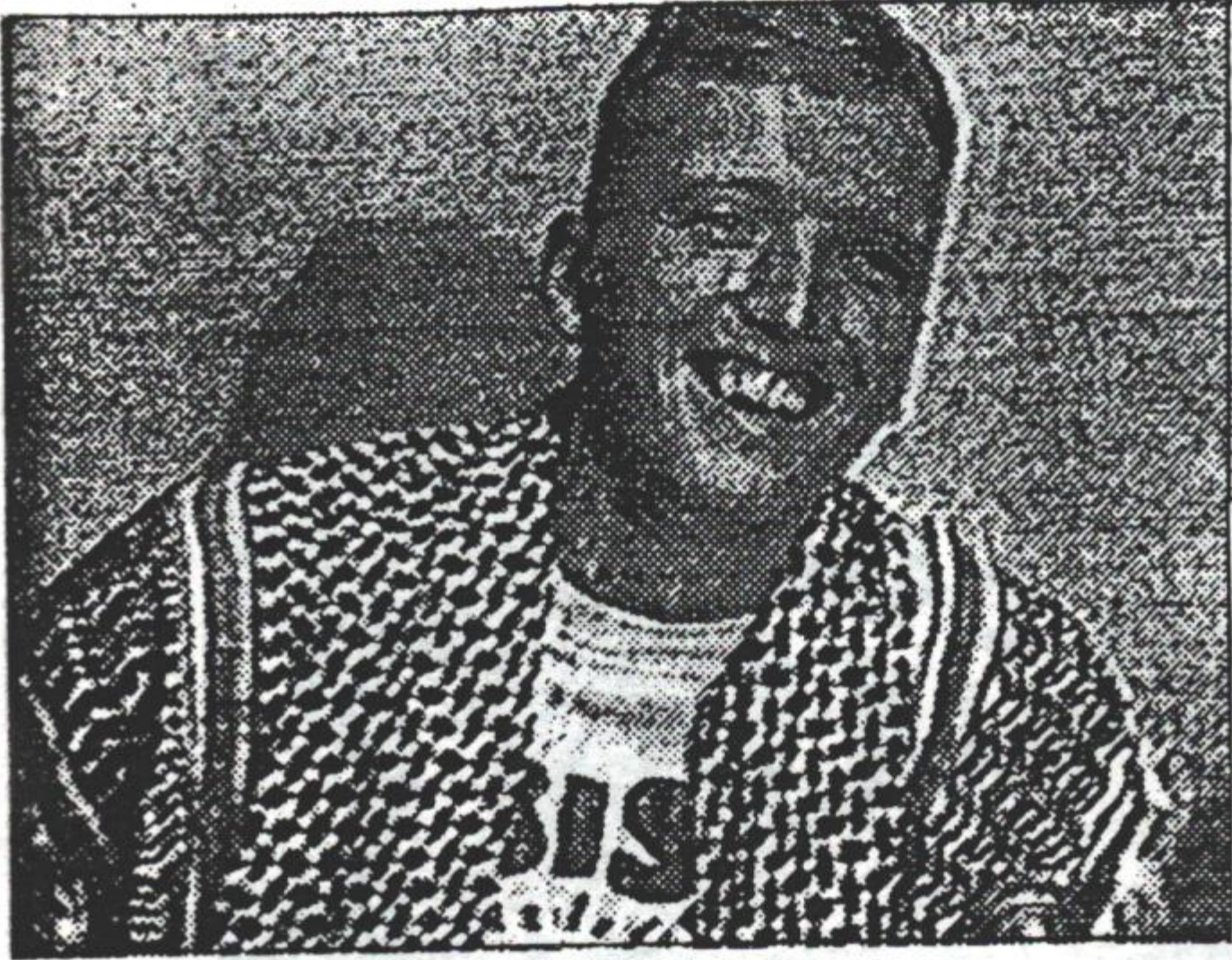
What are these gangsters doing in the Gulf? They tell us that "this region is the major source of oil and our industry depends on it" (U.S. Defence Secretary).

But we know who is benefiting from all this cheap oil, the same rip off gangsters who are holding down both us here and the oppressed peoples the world over.

Throughout their existence, the imperialist's giant oil companies have carried out coups, military invasions and massacred millions around the world to safeguard their interests and the cheap flow of oil to the imperialist industries. The recent rises in the price of petrol is due to rip off capitalisms profit drive.

This type of war and mass murder is vital for them to continue their plunder and murder which they have committed around the world for centuries. But they are not going to get any help from us, we're not going to let them get away with it here and we won't let them get away with it there. We want them to have many defeats in the Middle East and everywhere else, we want the oppressed peoples to rise up and bring down this whole system the world over.

HELL NO! WE WON'T GO!
FUCK BRITAIN AND ALL ITS MIGHT,
REVOLUTIONARY WAR IS THE ONE WE'LL FIGHT!



U.S. Marines stationed at Kaneohe Marine Air Station are being deployed to Saudi Arabia. But instead of being able to say that everyone is passively marching off to be cannonfodder in the latest U.S. invasion, radio and TV stations in Hawaii have been compelled to carry a story that's brought fear to reactionary patriots and hope to all those who have been anxiously waiting for resistance to the U.S.'s latest outrage.

On Thursday, August 16 Jeff Paterson, a 22-year-old U.S. Marine, dressed in a Refuse & Resist! T-shirt and kaffiyeh, appeared at a press conference to publicly state:

"I cannot and will not be a pawn in America's power plays for profits and oil in the Middle East. I will resist my scheduled departure, tentatively Sunday, by immediately filing for conscientious objector status and physically refusing to board the plane. And of course if I am drug out into the Saudi desert, I will refuse to fight."

Many activists in Hawaii know Jeff Paterson. For the past two years he has taken part in dozens of demonstrations. As a member of the Latin America and Caribbean Solidarity Association, he has protested against intervention in Central America, against apartheid, and in actions defending women's right to abortion. He took part in the Gay Pride Parade and marched in Earth Day actions. He's helped organize discussions on the repressive moves by the U.S. in Peru and on Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He has worked with Refuse & Resist! for over a year and played a major role in organizing the recent July 4th "Resist in Concert." In Jeff's words, he did this "to call attention to our government's attempts to enforce patriotism through flag desecration laws and to show that July 4th does not have to be a day to wallow in a police-state mentality of obedience to the fatherland."

Hawaii Marine Refuses Saudi Mission

"I Will Not Be a Pawn in America's Power Plays"

The following statement was given at the August 16 press conference in Hawaii.

Good Afternoon. My name is Jeff Paterson. I'm a CPL in the USMC. I have served three years, ten months in the military with a relatively clean record, have received various awards and have consistently received above average job proficiency and conduct ratings from my superiors. I have seven months left to serve before my End of Active Service Date. My MOS is that of a Field Artillery Fire Direction Controller. However, for the past two years I have been able to keep myself posted as a supply clerk to reduce the internal conflicts within myself. The recent moves by our government in the Persian Gulf has made my attempt to fulfill the remainder of my contract in a benign way impossible.

As we speak, tens of thousands of servicemen are being mobilized to defend for the first time in American memory a blatantly imperialistic economic interest stripped of the State Department's beloved specter of international communism. Although the U.S. is facing off against a truly despicable man in Saddam Hussein, the reality is that U.S. foreign policy created this monster.

It was the U.S. who tacitly endorsed the Iraqi invasion of Iran ten years ago.

It was the U.S. and West Germany who sold Hussein chemical weapons throughout the war.

It was the U.S. who remained silent when Hussein used these weapons on his own populations.

And after all of this, it was the U.S. who gave Hussein safe passage through the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz by shipping Iraqi oil under the flag of Kuwait, thus protecting it from Iranian attack by U.S. escorts.

As usual, the world banks were delighted to assist Iraq in its invasion of Iran by handing out blank checks to be payable for by the blood of the people after Iran would be crushed into submission. It was these banks that actually financed the carnage of the half million dead resulting from that war. It was this enormous war debt owned by Iraq that forced Hussein in my opinion to make the following choice:

Impose harsh austerity measures on his people and face the downfall of his regime or, with a little military maneuvering, take Kuwait and in one fell swoop double the amount of oil produced by Iraq.

Although there are great differences in this interventionist policy and that of U.S. support for the death-squad regimes in El Salvador and Guatemala, there is the underlying motive of corporate profit throughout. Unfortunately the American people have fell for a big lie—that corporate interests are always in the best interests of the people. This is rarely true.

What is the equation that balances human lives and corporate profits?

In my opinion no such equation exists, except in the minds of those that are preparing to fight this war.

The United States has no moral ground to stand on in the Persian Gulf. We created this monster and pointed him in this direction. We pour millions into the coffers of Israel's military to wage a war against stone-throwing youth seeking a country to call their own once again.

I cannot and will not be a pawn in America's power plays for profits and oil in the Middle East. I will resist my scheduled departure, tentatively Sunday, by immediately filing for conscientious objector status and physically refusing to board the plane. And of course if I am drug out into the Saudi desert, I will refuse to fight.

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WHO IS DEFENDING WHO IN THE GULF ?!

U.S. and British imperialism and the rest say that they are "defending" Saudi Arabia and Kuwait from the aggression of Iraq. They are NOT defending the people of the region. They are protecting the feudal system of those countries and the reactionary rulers who have become super rich by robbing the wealth and health of the masses and migrant workers who are super exploited and have no political rights. Their only "right" is to produce oil for industry. Women are treated like slaves and have no rights whatsoever. The regions oil industry that provides cheap oil for the western imperialists and has made emirs and kings fat with oil wealth, has been built on the blood, sweat and misery of millions of Palestinians, Arabs, Asian and African migrants from poor countries who are used as slave labour and live in the worst

conditions. In Kuwait and Britain, Srilankan and Filipino women are in slavery in rich Kuwaiti homes. They are used and abused as domestic slaves. To prevent them from escaping they are kept as prisoners, paid no wages and their passports taken. When the Iraqis invaded, wealthy Kuwaitis fled leaving these women to starve. Other Kuwaitis gave them to Iraqi soldiers to face yet more abuse and yet more rape. This is the sickening face of Kuwait. This is the "democracy" and "freedom" that the imperialists are defending.

The imperialists militarization in the area is to defend reactionary pigs, to secure cheap oil for industry, and to increase its grip on the region for strategic purposes in the context of world rivalry.

ISRAEL - U.S.'S ATTACK DOG

The settler colonialist state of Israel was created by Britain and the U.S. for their own purposes. The land was stolen from the Palestinians who were brutally forced out of their homes, murdered and beaten, their villages wiped off the map.

Israel is a military state, armed to the teeth by the U.S. to do its dirty work in the region. In 1982 Israel launched a massive attack on Lebanon, killing hundreds, imprisoning thousands and massacring countless Palestinians in the refugee camps of Sabra and Shattila. From its creation Israel has been based upon the blood of the Palestinian people, on occupation and expansionism - Palestine, West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights.... Needless to say there has never been any UN resolution or any sanctions because Israel exists to serve U.S. interests.

IRAN

Bush has asked Iran publicly to get involved. Iran has been trying to build better relations with the West because of the economic and political crisis it is facing. Therefore Iran responded by condemning the invasion, agreed to sanctions and put the army on full alert. At the same time, Saddam Hussein is seeking to

Israel is calling for massive military strikes against Iraq, hoping that it will be destroyed. The regimes genocidal assault upon the Palestinian people has always been clear. A Zionist Official says that in the event of a chemical attack on Israel that no gas masks will be given to Palestinians.

There has always been popular resistance. The intifada is going strong in the face of reaction. The more the Israeli mercenaries kill, maim, break the bones of the stonethrowers, and bury them alive the more the people fight back.

neutralise Iran, to limit the possibility of an Iranian invasion of Iraq by agreeing to the conditions of the 1975 peace treaty that he had previously opposed. The West already talking about the possibility of a prolonged and costly war -- economically and in human life -- is putting pressure on Iran to take part in the war if necessary.

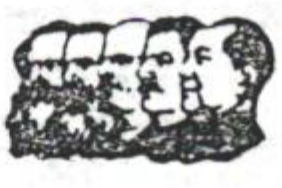
Recently the Iranian president, Rasfajani declared that Iran is the only strong country that can "safeguard" peace in the Gulf region. The Iranian regime wants to become the next bully dog of the imperialists in the region. But today the situation in Iran is not stable enough for the imperialists. Iranian society is like boiling water in a pan with the lid on. Also there are different factions (which are in favour of different imperialists) in Iran's ruling class who are waiting for a suitable time to topple each other by any means. Now those pro U.S. has got the upper hand in Iran, but because of the instability of the country, the imperialists cannot rely on it in the long term. The imperialists,

particularly the U.S. are talking about stabilizing the powers in the region, "solving" the Palestinian issue and are giving strong hints that attention should be paid to building up the Iranian army.

Iran is in crisis after 8 years of war with Iraq, during which their propaganda gave the people false hopes that once the war was over everything would be alright the country would be prosperous... Iran was hoping that the West would help them. But the West, because of the economic crisis they themselves were in, could not do as much as they would have liked.

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Revolutionary War Is the One We'll Fight!

Across the Arab world there have been angry demonstrations against the imperialists. Saddam Hussein calls on the people to rise up when not so very long ago he dropped chemical bombs on the Kurdish people (who are fighting against his fascist government) killing thousands. Saddam is well aware of the anti-imperialist sentiment among the masses, particularly against the west. He is attempting to rally people around him by using Arab nationalism, Islam and the Palestinian issue. There is a strong possibility of the intifada intensifying because of Saddam Hussein's "support". Obviously the murderous state of Israel will intensify its attacks on the intifada and will justify it in the name of current threats of Iraqi invasion.

Arab people in the region have got a deep hatred of british and U.S. imperialism both because of the imperialist gangsters carving up of the Arab world into the different countries headed by reactionary kings, emirs and heads of state; and even more for the creation of, and support for the Zionist state of Israel and the scattering of the Palestinian people around the world.

The massive deployment of U.S. and british imperialist forces in the Gulf and their open alliance with the reactionary rulers of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia has brought mass hatred and resistance

Our Ideology Is:

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throughout the Arab countries against the reactionary rulers and the imperialists. The truth behind the imperialists presence is that they are there to achieve tight control over the wealth and resources of the region and the masses know this well.

Saddam Hussein is getting support from the masses because he is seen as someone who can confront the U.S. and who can look after the interests of the Arab nation when he went against the monarchs of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. But Saddam Hussein is a creation of imperialism and has never genuinely fought the imperialists and is not capable of leading the Arab people in a genuine liberation movement against the imperialists.

Palestinians, Yemenese and Moroccans have been expelled from the rich Arab Gulf countries due to fear of their support for Saddam. The U.S. has already mown down 10 and injured over 200 more after protests in Saudi Arabia where its troops are stationed. The bourgeois media has kept quiet about this, because the only thing that does not enter into the imperialists calculations is the human cost, the human casualties.

75% of Jordans population is Palestinian. Hardly a day goes by without a demonstration of some kind against the imperialists, King Hussein and the Zionist state. In one day alone, more than 8000 people were signed up to join Iraq's army to

fight against US aggression. There have been fierce demonstrations against King Hussein, (a long term western puppet) and the presence of imperialist forces in the region. The blood soaked butcher's aprons (flags) of the U.S. and Britain have been repeatedly set ablaze and burnt to the jubilation of the people. In the imperialist circle, the survival of King Hussein is already in doubt - because of the crisis, the increasing suppression of Jordanians and specifically Palestinians with the new wave of angry resistance. A Palestinian youth declared: "Today we condemn and demonstrate, but if tomorrow imperialists attack Iraq we will take guns and defend ourselves."

In Syria angry people see that Hafez Assad, the Soviet Union's Noriega, for all his anti imperialist slogans and propaganda, is in alliance with the U.S. and British imperialism against Iraq. Determined fighting, demonstrations and unrest have broken out there in support of Saddam and against the U.S. and British. The latest, which continued for two days, developed into a rebellion and some reports suggest that reactionary police opened fire and about 2,000 people were killed.



Amman, Jordan,
August 11—
Demonstrator
burns American
and Israeli flags.

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In Palestine the Palestinians have been burning the bloody butcher aprons of the U.S., Britain and Israel.

In Southern Lebanon thousands of Palestinians were demonstrating and shouting "death to America".

Similar demonstrations are being held daily in Yemen, where thousands take to the streets to show their hatred and resistance against the U.S., British and Arab reactionaries.

These people throughout the Arab countries are looking forward to fighting U.S. and British imperialism with guns. Thousands upon thousands have signed up to join in their fight against the imperialist forces.

The sad fact is that all this support is for Saddam Hussein, an oppressor in the region, and he is never going to fight imperialism for the genuine liberation of the Arab people, even if his army does win some kind of victory in the war.

The very presence and involvement of the imperialist forces in the region and also the possibility of the outbreak of war, involving the imperialists would put any pro-U.S. reactionary ruler in danger of

being toppled and that is what the imperialists are already worried about.

The dangers ahead are creating openings for the oppressed. Usually the U.S. has dominated the Middle East from a distance, through the local reactionaries and its puppets, such as the Shah who was seen as the policeman of the Gulf. The vicious, Zionist state of Israel is the U.S.'s attack dog in the Middle East. The Arab masses, particularly the Palestinians have always fiercely resisted the downpressor and have continually fought to regain Palestine by the destruction of the state of Israel. Up to now they have taken on the butchering Israeli mercenaries armed with determination and stones. They have always hated the imperialists. Now for the first time the U.S. has directly put its massive military forces into the region and right into the line of fire. Now for the first time the masses have the opportunity to fight the imperialists that created, support and arm the fascist state of Israel. The new events in the region, and the response of the masses to them point to the way forward by a revolutionary People's War. Stones are giving way to guns.

BRITISH 'LEFT' - ON THE GULF

The masses are the makers of history. The U.S. led invasion of the Gulf has opportunities for the oppressed peoples of the region, for the poor, the outcasts, the migrant labourers and the refugees, to mobilize and rise up against the imperialists and their puppets and reactionaries in the region. Without the conscious masses there can be no revolution but the Trotskyists don't consider the masses and certainly don't see them as the conscious force that will change the world.

The SWP says "And if war breaks out nonetheless we are for the defeat of America and the victory of Iraq." Where in this is the revolutionary role of the masses? Where is the understanding of the Iraqi people who have been brutally repressed. What about the Kurds, the thousands that have been massacred, the thousands more who have been displaced, whose children have been torn away from them and dispersed, whose language and culture are denied to them? What about their anger and fighting spirit? What about their victory and the victory of the masses of the region in the fight against imperialism. What is needed is revolution, but the SWP and RCP are afraid of the word and its reality, they do not want it, so they propagate around some "support" for struggles when what is needed is a revolutionary liberation movement.

WE MUST OPPOSE ALL REACTIONARIES BIG,

MEDIUM, OR SMALL!

Because they do not stand for all the way revolution and are trying to divert the masses from true liberation, the Trotskyists say that we must support Saddam Hussein against the imperialists whatever. RCP's editorial states: "...and we support all resistance to Western militarism, whoever might lead it." There is a big difference between supporting a reactionary tyrant like Saddam Hussein, and supporting and mobilizing the masses in a genuine revolutionary war against all reactionaries, including Saddam's regime. One RCP article goes through the whole history of the Gulf and Iraq and never even mentions the Kurdish people. This is no mistake, because the article comes strongly in support of Saddam Hussein and say in another article excuse his repression: "Like all the other Arab regimes the government of Saddam Hussein is repressive and reactionary. But its actions are wholly understandable once its relationship with the West is sketched out." Just how the hell can you explain away his brutal reactionary regime and genocidal policies with a simple "but"?

The SWP says that "In all this, Saddam should have the support of socialists." This line was emphasised with a bourgeois editing style, using a letter to speak for them in heavy print, putting their line more bluntly than they feel able to do openly: "Socialists should support Iraq's invasion of Kuwait regardless of the motives behind

it...under these circumstances the Iraqi annexation of Kuwait should be welcomed as a blow against imperialism, even if it is an accidental one."

The SWP and RCP say that as socialists we should support Saddam Hussein. But as communists we support the people, the masses of oppressed and exploited around the world and no communist will support any reactionary, big, medium or small.

INTERNATIONALISM OR USING THE STRUGGLE?

SWP: "If Thatcher is given a bloody nose in the Gulf, her days at Downing Street will be numbered" and "That's why everyone who wants to defend the NHS and education, to stop the poll tax and to see the back of the Tories should tell Thatcher and Bush to get out of the Gulf."

RCP: "By building a movement in Britain that can resist British militarism we can lay the foundations for establishing international working class solidarity. This is vital if we are to resist both the predatory nature of British imperialism abroad and the increasingly repressive policies of the Thatcher government at home."

This is not internationalism. When the Trotskyists talk about internationalism they mean using the struggle of people for their own ends. When struggles are some way away from the imperialist homelands, they give them their "support" and at the same time use the issue to mobilize the people here

LABOUR AND TORY UNITED IN SERVING THIS PIG SYSTEM.

The Labour Party has always defended British imperialism and its interests, here and around the world, whether it is the plunder, massacre and rape of people, torture and murder. The occupation of Ireland, the murder of the oppressed nationalities in the prisons and pig stations...

By creating "left" MPs among its ranks, and by occasional "opposition" to the Tories policies, the Labour Party has made created an illusion among the people. And despite their "criticism" of the Labour Party, the Trotskyists, revisionists and reformists have served this illusion, hoping that through this they would get some of the cake when Labour is in government. Tony Ben is one of their favourite "left" MPs.

Recently, the Labour leader, Kinnock who has given his full support to the government and Thatcher for the measures taken so far in the Gulf, has worried the Trots a little bit. They are crying their eyes out that Labour should be careful not to lose support to the prime minister like in the Falklands war, and are urging the Labour Party and its "left" to come to save the people's illusions and the system: "The political gains the Tories have made from the Gulf

around their policies for reforms, to safeguard the imperialist system and to divert the proletariat and nothing to lose from aiming at the system.

At an Irish march in 1989 when a Maoist initiated the torching of the British flag and nothing to lose and Irish youth joined in the festival of the oppressed, RCP members helped the pigs to arrest the Maoist and framed him up in court. In other countries at a safe distance, the Trotskyists talk about British imperialism and "support" the flagburning. When it happens here, it is too radical, too near and their response is to bring in the pigs to arrest the flagburners. What hypocrisy! It is the same with their so called support for struggles around the world. Today they attempt to stop people burning the bloody British flag, tomorrow they will be the ones attacking the angry rebels who are set on burning this whole worldwide system of plunder and oppression down. They will attack the all the way revolutionary movements as "Stalinist" and "extremists" and become obstacles in the way of the revolutionary development of the struggles. Look at Peru. People's war has been waged there for 10 years by the Peruvian Communist Party and the masses, whole areas are being liberated from the reactionaries, yet the reformists, revisionists and Trots "left" have formed a united "left" against the Maoist force there. This is because Maoists go for the violent seizure of power and an end to every oppression and exploitation.

crisis have been immeasurably strengthened by the boot licking attitude of the opposition. The Labour Party has given its full support to Britain's military intervention in the Gulf." (RCP) "If Labour lines up with the Tories the media can behave as if there is no debate at all...It makes all those who do think differently feel isolated and powerless." says the Socialist Worker, and again, "Anyone who cares about the future of humanity, who does not want any killing should back the demonstration and call for an end to the war build up. That task would be much easier if Labour gave the Tories some serious opposition." These petty Labourers are asking us to put the future of humanity in the hands of these gangsters from the Labour Party. What a farce!

But the "left" in Labour come to save the Trots and Mr Tony Ben says "I shall be asking the prime minister to give a pledge that British forces will not be authorized to take offensive military action without an explicit and specific security council resolution permitting them to do so."

Here is the opposition that the Trots ... are asking for and expecting people to accept their bullshit. For Mr Ben, the Labour "left" and their followers, all they



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need to relax about all the atrocities, murder and destruction of lives caused by british imperialism is for the imperialist system to legalize and okay it for them. Then their job is to ram it down the people's throats, for as long as the UN says it is right it is right and who cares about the people - the death, ruined lives and destruction... The Trots and the Labour "left" will find some way to explain it. Even the Labour leader is softly saying to

have the stamp and cover of the UN for any military action. military action. - The same imperialist hypoc -racy!-Of Lets "legalise" it, stamp it by the UN and tell people that this is not a war between the U.S., Britain and Iraq about imperialist interest, domination and aggression. Lets tell them it is for the "good" of the people and defend the imperialist interests. This is what the "left" is propogating here.



August 12 demonstration in Mafraq, Jordan against U.S. military deployment in Saudi Arabia.

Anti-U.S. and bRITISH Tide Rises in Middle East