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Iran the “Nuclear Threat”

- 1) Recently, the war cries against Iran have been growing louder, especially on the part of American imperialism. Let's examine the context a bit closer. First and foremost is the threat of Iran acquiring a nuclear arsenal. The United States gave apartheid era South Africa and the equally oppressive Israel nuclear weapons AND the ability to develop them on their own. The same is with the then anti-communist government of India. In addition to that, America has and is currently engaged in warfare against the Iraqi populace using depleted uranium and incendiary weapons. Our Misleaders would have us believe that an armed Iran is a threat to international security when in reality the greatest purveyor of violence and death throughout the world is the United States of America. What nation wouldn't arm itself with nuclear weapons in the face of imperialist aggression at its doorsteps?
- 2) What this war blitz is really about is finance capital (of first world nations) controlling foreign markets. This is essentially about opening up Iraq and Iran to multinational corporations, which can then rape and pillage these nations of their wealth, including resources such as oil, and also of the labor the war torn populace can provide.
- 3) Some American liberals claim that the US should intervene in order to secure women's rights in Iran. To this, RAIIN says horse-shit. First of all, the only reason these 'liberals' are getting a voice is because it goes along with the fervor of war built up by US imperialism. Second, perhaps these liberals should take a look at their own society where pornography and sexual harassment of women are commonplace. One in five women are forcibly raped, and a quarter of all murdered women are slain by their husbands or boyfriends. Obviously, America and other Western cultures are in no position to make judgments of the gender relations of other societies. The cries for women's rights are masked appeals for imperialist aggression.
- 4) In a perfect world, there would be no nuclear arsenals. In the real world however, America developed nuclear weapons and used them twice on Japan, setting a new standard for militarism and technologies aimed at mass death throughout the world. It should not be a surprise now that oppressed nations seek nuclear arsenals as protection against perpetual threat of war.

In conclusion, Iran may not be a model nation. However, Iran is not the aggressor. Instead it is reacting to the aggression of US imperialism in the Middle East and Muslim world. This is the same aggression that accrued the 9-11 attacks. Even if the United States does invade Iran and successfully installs another Shah, terrorism will not cease, but only grow as reaction to further aggression on the part of the US and its lackeys. In short, the only solution to end the cycle of violence and terrorism is to halt American aggression throughout the Middle East and around the world. Unfortunately, as is the nature of imperialism, the only way to halt its aggression is through violence aimed at toppling US and all other forms of imperialism via socialist revolution on the part of oppressed nations and peoples including the people of Iran.

NO IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AIMED AT IRAN

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