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The USA

Having emerged relatively unscathed from both world wars, the US made huge profits by supplying war materials to both sides of the conflict. In particular after the second world war, the US emerged as the most powerful imperialist power, and together with its satellites launched a “cold war” against socialist countries and national liberation movements, all the while towing organizations such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and countries with whom it had trade, economic and military

treaties, behind it. After the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the US emerged as the sole remaining superpower and its global strategy revolved around maintaining world hegemony and readiness to launch “pre-emptive” strikes against any country on the pretext of “threats to American security and national interests.”

From the end of the Second World War to the 1970s, the US could, with its economic, political and cultural dominance, easily bring about the collapse of any national government which it thought it could not control, and remotely arrange for uncooperative governments to collapse. However, now that the capitalist world is in deep crisis and US imperialist plans to impose its hegemony on the world have failed, the US increasingly relies on its unmatched stockpile of weapons and its ownership of the most destructive weapons in world history which the latest technological advances have made possible. Notwithstanding, despite invading Afghanistan and Iraq (with the help of its “infantry corps”, Israel), as well as other places on the globe, the US has failed to achieve its intended objectives. Neither the US military-economic complex nor US instigation of tensions amongst nations

abroad as a means of boosting its arms sales¹ have been able to make much headway in the face of anti-war movements at home and the resistance movements of violated countries abroad. In the pursuit of world dominance, the US has committed the most heinous crimes: it has murdered more than 1.5 million Filipinos, 4 million Koreans, 6 million Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians, 2 million Indonesian communists (at the hands of its henchman, Suharto), 1.5 million Iraqis, and hundreds of thousands of people in other countries. According to the latest research, 220,000 civilian and military personnel have been killed in Afghanistan since 2001. The US criminal mindset is best exemplified in former US Secretary of State Madeline Albright's response when she was asked if American sanctions on Iraq that resulted in the death of half a million children, more than child casualties in Hiroshima, were worth it? She responded, "A hard choice, but yes, I think it was worth

¹ The US has exported hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of advanced-technology weapons to despotic governments in the Middle East alone.

it.” Therefore, it is no surprise that wherever the US treads, its presence brings nothing but poverty, unemployment, drug addiction, corruption, empowerment of reactionary forces, flourishing of imperialist culture and decadence. The US government, as the most deceitful, detested and terrorizing government in history, evokes the hostility of the suffering peoples of the whole world.

1- Structural Crisis

The ongoing crises of imperialist neoliberal political and economic theories cannot but go hand in hand with the political crises and inefficiencies of capitalist democracy and political parties. Helpless in resolving social contradictions and challenges, capitalism is doomed to even more stagnancy. Like slavery and feudalism before it, capitalism is an economic formation, which has gone through the stages of development and growth and will eventually die. According to some economists, the acuteness of the main contradiction of the capitalist system (the social character of production and the private

appropriation of its products) and the ongoing crisis that is comparable only to the Great Depression of 1923-33, signifies not a *periodic* but a *structural* crisis that has beset capitalist societies (including the “engines of capitalist development”, the BRICS countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) since the 1970s. As a result, the predatory capitalist system is careering along a course where it can neither accommodate further capital accumulation and market expansion, nor occupy more land through military means or come up with a new epoch-making innovation.² This time, there is no savior around for the capitalist system, not even another world war. Therefore, unless the current socio-economic formation is preplaced by a system based on the principle of exploitation of assets in the interests of the majority of the people and not just a bunch of parasitic super-rich and heads of monopolies, what we know of the existing

² Paul Baran and Paul Sweezy, in their *Monopoly Capital* designate “epoch-making” to innovations such as the steam engine, the railroad, or the automobile which change the whole spatial and temporal context of production while also expanding demand.

civilization will be replaced with barbarism and a nuclear winter. As Rosa Luxemburg rightly put it, humanity has two options: a social revolution led by the labor class and the establishment of socialism, or capitalist barbarism.

Lenin maintained that until and unless capitalism is overthrown by the working class, it will be able to find a way out of its deepest crises.³ The current widening gap

³ Lenin wrote: "Here we must first of all note two widespread errors. On the one hand, bourgeois economists depict this crisis simply as "unrest", to use the elegant expression of the British. On the other hand, revolutionaries sometimes try to prove that the crisis is absolutely insoluble. This is a mistake. There is no such thing as an absolutely hopeless situation. The bourgeoisie are behaving like barefaced plunderers who have lost their heads; they are committing folly after folly, thus aggravating the situation and hastening their doom. All that is true. But nobody can "prove" that it is absolutely impossible for them to pacify a minority of the exploited with some petty concessions, and suppress some movement or uprising of some section of the oppressed and exploited. To try to "prove" in advance that there is "absolutely" no way out of the situation would be sheer pedantry, or playing with concepts and catchwords. Practice alone can serve as real "proof" in this and similar questions. All over the world, the bourgeois system is experiencing a tremendous revolutionary crisis. The revolutionary parties must now "prove" in practice that they have sufficient

between the 1% rich and 99% poor, despite apparent temporary lulls that will only pave the way for even more devastating crises, will eventually result in the replacement of capitalism by socialism. But, as emphasized by Lenin, this cannot be realized spontaneously and without the struggle of the masses. No crisis can, on its own, give birth to socialism. One can't passively await the demise of capitalism, regardless of how soon or late it may come about. It is up to the workers and toilers of all countries, particularly the American working class, to deny capitalism the chance of once again surviving its recurrent crises by depriving it, through their revolution, of its vital oxygen (war, the arms race, the carving up of countries and incinerating ethnic and religious conflicts, politically hijacking labor unions and constraining the class struggles of toilers to a degree

understanding and organization, contact with the exploited masses, and determination and skill to utilize this crisis for a successful, a victorious revolution. It is mainly to prepare this "proof" that we have gathered at this Congress of the Communist International." (Report on the International Situation and the Fundamental Tasks of the Communist International, July 19, 1920)

acceptable to the exploiters, abusing the wondrous advances of science and technology, etc.)

2- American Fascism

US national and international policies reflect their gravitation towards fascism. John Pilger, Robert Parry, Alfred McCoy and many others believe that the United States will not, *à la* Goebbels, shy away from propagating any shameful lie that would prepare US public opinion for invasion and “regime change” in other countries.

American support to criminal gangs in Libya, Syria and Ukraine are all recent indications of this fascist trend, although many experts have long taken note of the fascist nature of the US establishment and have documented the US government’s support for neo-Nazi groups as proof of its pro-Nazi positioning.⁴

⁴ As reported by the German publication “Hintergrund”, US banks had a significant role in providing credit to Nazi Germany. American corporations like IBM, GM, Ford, GE and others were willingly

exploiting Jewish prisoners forced to provide free labor. Hitler's army would not have had the capacity to fight throughout the whole of Europe and against the former USSR without the products of American oil companies such as Standard Oil, Exxon and Esso. The widespread arrest and deportation of Jews to concentration camps would not have been possible without the information technology supplied by IBM and ITT. Ford and GM supplied vehicles and trucks for the war against the former USSR. The Swiss Bank for International Settlements (BIS), led by Wall Street banker Thomas McKittrick, laundered bullion and gold looted from occupied countries. From 1941 onward, the United States supplied significant military hardware to the USSR and the UK in accordance with US President Truman's doctrine to initially provide sufficient armaments and ammunition to both warring sides in order for them to tear each other down, then to enter the conflict only when both sides were totally exhausted. The CIA trained Hitler's intelligence officers, one of whom, Reinhard Gehlen, was the intelligence director of the eastern front during WWII and returned to Germany to lead the *Bundesnachrichtendienst*, the Federal Intelligence Services in 1956. The United States and its allies did not demand that Germany pay reparations for the destruction it had caused to occupied countries; the German economic miracle would not have happened without this generous support. Contrary to the story commonly told, the funding provided under the Marshall Plan to block communism and the USSR's influence was insignificant in comparison with US investment in Europe. US funding to European countries was conditional upon blocking leftist political parties from the government, parliament and labor unions. Such funding was secretly provided to conservative and Christian parties.

With the aid of its gargantuan media⁵, the US tries to hide its fascist policies and give a “democratic” veneer to the rise of fascism in that country, in order to make it difficult to tell them apart. The current state of affairs in the US is that of masked fascism. Huey Long, the US senator critical of the US government policies who was assassinated in 1935, had said: “Long experience tells me that American fascism will emerge as anti-fascism, as national security.” The late George Jackson of the Black Panther Party described American fascism in the following words in 1970s: “Fascism exists in this country, and it exists in disguise, and the disguise takes the form of all those idiotic, ridiculous statements about a welfare state. If anybody with any intelligence at all can look at the United States and come up with a conclusion that this is a welfare state or any resemblance of a welfare state, it’s pure chicanery, an evasion of fact or dereliction of duty... Hitler

⁵ Malcolm X, on the destructive role of the American media: “If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.”

understood that German capitalism could not pull itself out of depression without expanding across its boundaries to steal the minerals, seaports, factories, and workers of surrounding countries. By contrast, Roosevelt's strategy was to use the threat of U.S. military power to keep Germany and Japan out of important U.S. markets. But while Germany and Japan were definitely the aggressors, it must be understood that the United States had previously committed genocide against the Indians in the white man's invasion of the continent; kidnapped millions of people from Africa and brought them to the U.S. as slaves; stolen the land of Chicano people in the Southwest; annexed Hawaii and Puerto Rico; and spread its tentacles into much of Latin America by the 1930s. If the United States was more defensive than Germany during this period, it was primarily because it had so much stolen wealth to defend."

Responding to a question on whether American society has a fascist nature, Danny Haiphong, a black rights activist and regular contributor to many credible websites, said that fascism is a political-economic structure which serves corporate interests. The privatization of the public

sector, de-unionization of the entire labor force, violent austerity, racial discrimination in some sectors, the adoption of the US Patriot Act⁶, killings of American

⁶ The Bush Administration, in less than two months after 9/11, endorsed the Patriot Act. This Act enables the government, despite its violations of the American Constitution and Bill of Rights, to monitor people's writings and research in libraries, and sniff them out as part of a larger terrorist plot. According to the Counterpunch website, a grandmother searching for crime novels at a library can be a serial killer, as per the Patriot Act! On the basis of the Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project, 561 U.S. 1 (2010), a case decided in June 2010 by the US Supreme Court regarding the Patriot Act's prohibition on providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations, anyone who provides material support to Wikileaks (through development or transfer of evidence in violation of government laws) will be suspected of being a terrorist, supporting or encouraging terrorism. The US military too, based on different laws, can kill, arrest, imprison or torture American citizens. The number of American prisons (5000) is higher than the total number of its colleges; of these prisons, Guantanamo is the most terrifying one, in which life is considered by its inmates to be worse than death or suicide. The American NSA, one of 16 US security institutions, equipped with computers, mobiles and the internet, gathers voluminous communication data in all corners of the world and monitors all aspects of people's lives in the US. Despite all these, US imperialism has not and never will be able to cow the people of the US or the world and break their will to resist or to

citizens, drone-enabled mass surveillance systems⁷, systematic lies of corporations like CNN, the New York Times and the Washington Post⁸, etc., all prove the fascistic nature of American society. American author and film maker Gonzalo Lira believes that the American state is a fascist police state. A well-known author and attorney, John Whitehead, in his *A Government of Wolves*, terms

paralyze their struggle for freedom and justice.

⁷ Even the New York Times (November 16, 2014) reported increased mass surveillance of the people's social and political life in the US.

⁸ One of the most egregious of US lies is its so-called opposition to governments that are against freedom, democracy and women's rights. Governments that the US designates as being part of the "axis of evil" are those that refuse absolute subservience to the US. Saudi Arabia, the oil rich Gulf sheikhdoms, Israel, Turkey and other fascist governments are all considered American allies; they don't face US censure and their leaders are called "democratic" and "national", while heads of states of countries that do not kowtow to the US are called evil and rogue. This is all in line with Roosevelt's mindset when, referring to Anastasio Somoza García of Nicaragua, he exclaimed: "Yes, he's a bastard, but he's our bastard." In regard to their global jihadi bastards, too, US officials have affirmed, "They have committed human rights violations and are corrupt, but they are our own boys after all."

the current US administration to be a government of wolves and a police state, and calls on the American people to stand up against it sooner rather than later. Addressing an anti-war protest on March 6, 2013, Nobel laureate Harold Pinter said: "The United States is a monster out of control. The UK is run by a bunch of criminal lunatics, with Blair as their hired Christian thug."

John Pilger wrote: "Had the Nazis not invaded Europe, Auschwitz and the Holocaust would not have happened. Had the United States and its satellites not initiated their war of aggression in Iraq in 2003, almost a million people would be alive today; and the Islamic State, or ISIS, would not have us in thrall to its savagery. Secretly supplied and trained by Britain's SAS, many of the "rebels" would later become ISIS." (Information Clearing House, February 27, 2015). Harvard researcher Garikai Chengu, in his article "How the US Helped Create Al Qaeda and ISIS" (Counterpunch, September 19, 2014) writes that the United States' long and torrid history of backing terrorist groups will surprise only those who watch the news and ignore history. He refers to the CIA's use of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt both to thwart Soviet expansionism

and prevent the spread of Marxist ideology among the Arab masses, as well as to its support to Sarekat Islam against Sukarno in Indonesia and to the Jamaat-e-Islami terror group against Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in Pakistan. He then quotes former British foreign minister Robin Cook and writes that Al Qaeda was unquestionably a product of Western intelligence agencies; it was trained by the CIA and funded by the Saudis in order to defeat the Russians in Afghanistan. Now ISIS is being introduced as an instrument of terror to intensify religious and ethnic tensions in Iraq and the region, as well as topple the Syrian government.⁹ Patrick Cockburn, too, writes in

⁹ In his book *The Perilous Power*, Gilbert Achcar writes on American conspiracy in Iraq: “The past few months’ events, except for the promotion that American military’s criminal actions received, were mostly favorable to US strategies. The crisis of tribal conflict and failure of the Moqtada al-Sadr project has clearly benefited the US. For long, many and I have warned that at the end of it all, Washington’s winning card would be instigating ethnic and tribal conflict, which the Bush Administration, based on the most classic recipe of it all, would selfishly utilize. Divide and rule is a policy most rigorously followed by Washington-appointed officials, from Paul Bremer to Khalilzad. Considering this, the current ethnic conflict is a blessing for the US, so much so that many Iraqis believe that

Counterpunch about the role of the US and its allies such as Turkey, Kuwait, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar in creating and supporting ISIS.¹⁰ It is crystal clear that the US is the

American and Israeli intelligence agencies are behind some of the worst ethnic attacks. It is worth noting here how invasion is justified by this so-called reality that Sunni Arabs living in heterogeneous areas feel threatened, and since they do not trust the Iraqi military, they have asked for their security to be ensured through the presence of foreign forces.”

¹⁰ There was a time when United States used the so-called “danger of communism” to justify its international military interventions and surveillance of its nationals. Using this excuse, the US created Afghanistan’s criminal jihadi groups and facilitated their access to power. It called the Taliban an ally and is after a new deal with them; it suddenly created ISIS and allowed it to occupy territory in Iraq and Syria. All this is in line with the masterplan drawn by Bernard Lewis, the Zionist agent of the UK Intelligence Services and the brain behind US strategic policies in the Middle East, to bring about the disintegration of countries from Syria to North Africa, as well as Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, and to instigate religious and ethnic strife in these societies. The overarching strategy is to ensure US access to the oil reserves of the Middle East and advance US political and economic schemes against China and Russia by unleashing its modern Frankenstein monster in the form of ISIS on Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Central Asian republics.

With Russia’s unequivocal support to the Assad regime in Syria, the

US has lost its grip on the situation in the Middle East and is thus trying to have ISIS expand in Central Asia faster than originally planned, so that with the destruction of these republics the conflagration of ethnic and religious conflicts would reach the US' prime enemies, Russia and China, without any further delay.

Russian intervention in Syria has led to weakening of the US and its religious extremist puppet groups' presence in the Middle East, but given Russia's imperialist nature and Iran's increasing power and outreach in the region, this consequence cannot be favorable to the people of Syria or other nations in the long run. True freedom can only be attained by relying on the power of the people and by refusing any association with the US or Russia.

Imperialism and fundamentalism are basically two sides of the same coin. Fundamentalists, either overtly or covertly, have always served American political and economic interests. John Kerry elaborated: "It would be directly and profoundly contrary to our nation's interests to disengage from this region (the Middle East.)" While he refers to the rapes and massacres committed by ISIS, he ignores the fact that Afghan jihadi fundamentalists led by Atta Mohammad, Sayyaf, Abdullah, Dostum, Gulbuddin, Muhaqq, Aghbar and others, continue to commit crimes just as heinous, with US encouragement and under its nose; he disregards the fact that the US knew who Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was when he was being trained by the CIA. Let's assume that the US didn't know what al-Baghdadi was after. Once he announced his caliphate, how was it that major US-controlled Iraqi cities fell to ISIS one after the other and Washington announced that the fight against ISIS will take 30 years?! US imperialist policies are the main cause of the war in Yemen and the

creator of fundamentalist groups. Hillary Clinton, with surprising shamelessness, admitted in 2016 that Al-Qaeda and ISIS were US creatures. In emails leaked by WikiLeaks, Clinton wrote that the best way to support Israel was to topple the Syrian regime by force and that it was right to threaten Assad's family with death. Simultaneously, Wesley Clark, the US four-star general who destroyed Yugoslavia and Democrat presidential nominee in 2004, said: "ISIS was created with support from our friends and

ongoing conflict in that region. The US adds fuel to the fire of the on-going conflict in the Middle East and makes billions of dollars in profits from arms sales. As a result, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other criminal governments find the wherewithal to continue their tyranny and crush freedom movements in their respective countries, and terrorist groups such as ISIS gain more momentum. The destruction of Yemen and Syria is part of the "greater Middle East" project aimed at securing US access to oil reserves of the region and protecting Israel's interests, all in the name of "war on terror," "democracy," "human rights" and "women's freedoms." Brzezinski elaborated on this in the later part of the 1990s in these words: "Utilizing all necessary means, all countries in the region, from Turkey to Pakistan, must be made to respect American interests."

allies.”

John Hower the author of more than 15 books and professor at several US universities, in his *The Call from the Abyss: Power Seeking and Our Inexorable Destiny*, writes that American capitalism, just like Hitlerite Germany, dreams of world domination and believes that other than Americans everyone else is callous, stupid and subordinate. In the same vein, Bush asserted that “these (American) values are right and true for every person, in every society.” Comparing the US with Germany, he adds that just as German Nazis demanded absolute obedience to Nazi ideology in return for material bliss, so too, the American system demands of the American people absolute obedience to the tenets of capitalism in return for economic bliss. In like manner, just as a “final solution”, to the German Nazis, meant world domination and destruction of all undesirables, including Jews, and the subjugation of all others to German Aryans, so too, US capitalism’s “final solution” is world occupation through domination of the world’s financial markets by the US dollar, absolute obedience of all nations to the US, etc. German greed ended with Germany’s defeat. American

greed, too, will end with the economic destruction of the US. The Nazis were defeated, but the evil of Nazism lived on in the democratic heaven of American capitalism.¹¹ A new wave of fascism, backed by US and European capitalism –which has enshrined support to fascism as one of its main political tenets– is once again rearing its head in Europe. Support to fascism is an ingrained political tradition in European capitalist politics: with fascism, against Marxism and proletariat revolution. Churchill, arch-ideologue of imperialism, once said (Rome, January 1927): “If I had been an Italian I am sure that I should have been whole-heartedly with you from the start to finish in your triumphant struggle against the bestial appetites and passions of Leninism.” Franklin Roosevelt warned of the dangers of fascism long before its emergence: “The first truth is that the liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism —ownership of

¹¹ The above is only an example of the many American thinkers that fight American fascism.

government by an individual, by a group, or by any other controlling private power.... Among us today a concentration of private power without equal in history is growing.” Likewise, Eisenhower warned of the increasing influence of the military-industrial complex in the US in 1961.

3- The impending demise

The signs of the decay and impending demise of the US empire are everywhere: the waning of the dominance of the almighty dollar¹²; the establishment of a number of

¹² US petrodollars are the mainstay of American imperial power. It was for selling oil in exchange for currencies other than the greenback that Qaddafi and Saddam were to be executed and their countries destroyed, despite having somewhat come to terms with imperialism. By taking them out in that manner, the US was sending a message to all wannabe rebels against the supremacy of the US dollar. John Pilger wrote: “For Obama, David Cameron and then French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Gaddafi's true crime was Libya's economic independence and his declared intention to stop selling Africa's greatest oil reserves in US dollars. Gaddafi audaciously planned to underwrite a common African currency backed by gold,

progressive governments in Latin America (who, if they have learned from the mistakes of Salvador Allende of Chile –not arming the masses and not purging the army of US agents– will be impervious to CIA plots); Latin America no longer being the US's backyard; the multi-polarization of a unipolar world; increasingly challenged US supremacy; US allies abandoning their policy of absolute subservience to the US; the continued resistance of the people of Syria and the refusal of the Assad regime to be defeated; the US failure to maintain control of liberated territories in the Philippines, Kurdistan, India and Peru;

establish an all-Africa bank and promote economic union among poor countries with prized resources. Whether or not this would have happened, the very notion was intolerable to the US as it prepared to "enter" Africa and bribe African governments with military "partnerships"." Malaysian author Matthias Chang also believes that Qaddafi and Saddam's real indictment was exchanging Libyan and Iraqi oil for a currency other than the US dollar. The more substantial issue is, of course, using fascistic methods and brute force to prevent the sustainable development of under-developed countries in order to retain control of their markets. The destruction of Iraq, Syria and Libya, and keeping Saudi Arabia and the Gulf sheikhdoms on a leash, were and are dictated by the US need to brook no challenge to its control of Middle Eastern oil and gas reserves as the jugular vein of rivals such as China.

increasing poverty in the US¹³; the deterioration of the standard of life; the violation of democratic rights and freedoms of US citizens; millions suffering from disabilities and post-traumatic disorders; increasing suicide, depression and divorce rates; gun violence taking thousands of American lives, and rising unemployment all indicate the beginning of the end for US imperialism. The US does not have the economic might it had 50 years ago, but it is still strong enough to pursue its world-devouring schemes, exploit hard-to-reach resources and tap into cheap labour markets. If not reined in by anti-imperialist struggles and revolutions, US imperialism will not, by itself, expire in the vortex of recurrent crises but will drag the whole world towards more devastating wars, even nuclear annihilation.

Russian analysts quote former (1967-1973) CIA advisor Chalmers Johnson when they speak of a possible coup in

¹³ More than 15% of Americans live below the poverty line and thousands die annually from lack of access to health care. The percentage of the population below the poverty line in Germany, UK, Spain, Poland and other European countries is less than 15%.

the US resulting in military rule of the country: “I believe that George W. Bush and Dick Cheney have led the country into a perilous cul-de-sac, but they did not do it alone, and removing them from office will not necessarily solve the problem. The crisis of government in the United States has been building at least since World War II. The emergence of the imperial presidency and the atrophying of the legislative and judicial branches have deep roots in the postwar military-industrial complex, in the way broad sectors of the public have accepted the military as our most effective public institution, and in aberrations in our electoral system. The President, as a result, runs the country better than a king, has a private army and a CIA that is not accountable to Congress, the media or the public, because everything that the CIA does is secret.”¹⁴

The Politico quotes American venture capitalist Nick Hanauer, who believes he is “one of those .01 percenters, a proud and unapologetic capitalist,” warning his

¹⁴ “Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic”, By Chalmers Johnson

billionaire club members: “If we don’t do something to fix the glaring inequities in this economy, the pitchforks are going to come for us. No society can sustain this kind of rising inequality. In fact, there is no example in human history where wealth accumulated like this and the pitchforks didn’t eventually come out. You show me a highly unequal society, and I will show you a police state. Or an uprising. It’s not if, it’s when. Many of us think we’re immune to the same forces that started the Arab Spring—or the French and Russian revolutions, for that matter. And so I have a message for my fellow filthy rich, for all of us who live in our gated bubble worlds: Wake up, people. It won’t last.”¹⁵ Yet, despite these and other warning signs, Hanauer’s admission and forewarning of implosion, and Martin Luther King’s concern that American society is morally declining due to increased war spending at the cost of people’s basic human needs, it is strange that the Trotskyist Tariq Ali still believes that the US empire’s military, political, financial and technological might can

¹⁵ POLITICO Magazine, July/August 2014

never be challenged by other powers such as China. (Counterpunch, April 19, 2015). In his *In the Shadow of the American Century: The Rise and Decline of U.S. Global Power* (2017), Alfred McCoy, who has authored several books exposing the CIA, writes that the American Century, proclaimed so triumphantly at the start of World War II would already be tattered and fading by 2025, and could be over by 2030. Can the fascism that met its eventual death in Germany facilitate the revival of American power?

4- Devouring the world

The US appetite for devouring the world is no secret. George Kennan, the US Ambassador to Russia in the post-WW2 years formulated US foreign and domestic policy in these words: "We have about 50% of the world's wealth but only 6.3% of its population. In this situation, we cannot fail to be the object of envy and resentment. Our real task in the coming period is to devise a pattern of relationships which will permit us to maintain this position of disparity without positive detriment to our national

security. To do so, we will have to dispense with all sentimentality and daydreaming; our attention will have to be everywhere concentrated on our immediate national objectives... We should cease to talk about vague —and for the Far East— unreal objectives such as human rights, the raising of living standards, and democratization. The day is not far off when we are going to have to deal in straight power concepts. The less we are hampered by idealistic slogans, the better.” And if Kennan lived today he would have surely have added that the US, under the guise of protecting human rights, democracy and women’s rights, has the right to invade and destroy any country and force them to capitulate to it.

Thomas Friedman in *A Manifesto for the Fast World* clearly articulates US imperialist policy: “Sustainable globalization still requires a stable, geopolitical power structure, which simply cannot be maintained without the active involvement of the United States... The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist -- McDonald's cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas, the builder of the F-15. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley's technologies is called the

United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.”

Stephen Lendman in an article titled “Imperialism 101 - The US Addiction to War, Mayhem and Madness” (17 September 2006) writes: “There's no longer a dispute that the US pursues an imperial agenda... Expansionism and militarism have always been in our DNA since the early settlers first confronted the nation's original inhabitants and then, over the next few hundred years, slaughtered about 18 million of them to seize their land and resources. We may even have put language in our sacred Declaration of Independence to give us a birthright to do it. In it we called our native people "merciless Indian savages," and with that kind of framing gave ourselves a moral justification to remove them.”

Paul Wolfowitz, one of the founders of the Project for the New American Century (a think tank established in 1997 that pursues the goal of establishing American supremacy over other nations, and is led, among others, by Zalmi Khalilzad), wrote that after the Soviet collapse no country should think of challenging the US. However, China and Russia, by modernizing their industrial might, are planning to act as US competitors. China, hungry for raw materials

and oil and gas reserves to bolster its economy, is after influence in Asian and African countries. This is while the US, relying on its bases in Central Asia, Afghanistan, Oceania and South Korea, is trying to block China from all sides.

American intervention in Ukraine¹⁶ translates as a direct threat to Russia and entails the danger of a full-fledged war with that country.¹⁷

¹⁶ In an interview with CNN, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland clearly stated that the US, through the National Endowment for Democracy and the Chevron Oil Company, has transferred more than 5 billion dollars to support the coup in Ukraine and control its fallout.

¹⁷ American imperiousness, tyranny and bullying behavior towards other countries, as exemplified by its refusal to sign anti-ballistic missile agreements, anti-biological warfare protocols, nuclear arms reduction deals, and bans on the sales of light arms, underground mines, etc., knows no limits. This imperialist mindset is clearly reflected in George Bush's response to criticism by world leaders over the non-implementation of the Kyoto Protocol on Global Warming by the US: "I respect your opinion, but this is the American position because this is our right... We will not do anything that harms our economy because our priority is the American people."

The antagonism between the US and its European satellites with Russia and China is evident in the Syrian war also. Russia and China will not easily allow Syria to fall like Libya, thus opening the way for the occupation of Iran and the tightening of the noose around themselves. Chinese and Russian opposition to the removal of the Assad regime is not out of sympathy for the Syrian people, victims as they are of the regime's authoritarianism and the tyranny of the CIA-hatched fundamentalist groupings. Likewise, Iran's support to the Syrian government is not out of love of the criminal mullahs for the Syrian people but to ensure the protection, empowerment and

Mirroring a perception of American supremacy akin to the Nazis' "Deutschland uber alles", Obama and Hilary Clinton also stated that "America is indispensable and exceptional," meaning that the US is not, by any means, accountable to any law or regulation and must dominate the world. John Kerry considers American expansionism a "need" and says: "Our global engagements are not out of choice but out of necessity." Such imperialist justifications are articulated in *Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era* by Zbigniew Brzezinski in the following words: "People, governments and economies of all countries must serve the banks and multinational corporations."

expansion of the Iranian theocratic regime's interests.

It must be mentioned that Chinese interventions aimed at bringing the Taliban to the negotiating table is not out of "benevolence" for our people. Despite the conflict between Chinese and US interests, insofar as establishing a Taliban-inclusive government in Afghanistan and promoting their proper political and economic projects in Central Asia are concerned, Chinese and US strategies are well aligned with each other. The Chinese involvement, or, in fact, its collusion with Afghan traitors (the Taliban and the puppet government) is the continuation of its post-Mao policy going back to the anti-Soviet resistance movement, and includes, among other things, unrelenting financial and political support to fundamentalist parties. Its hasty invitation to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar as the "Foreign Affairs Minister of the *mujaheddin* government", turned out to be the only invitation from the only other country Hekmatyar ever received! Of course, Afghanistan's untouched mineral resources are not something China can ignore. (For more on this, please refer to the Annex titled "What's up in China?")

The antagonisms between the US, China and Russia (the

latter two having joined hands with a number of other Asian countries in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization) are substantial, and the US continues to provoke its two rivals with new offensive weapons and increased military spending. On the other hand, despite the concordance between the US, Japan and Europe on some issues and complicity in aggression and conspiracy here and there, the US is also in competition with the latter two powers for the reapportioning of global resources. A Europe fearful of war with Russia is opposed to US military intervention in Ukraine.

5- America's swamps

Iraq, Libya and all other countries that have been invaded by the imperialists have metamorphosed into deadly swamps for them. Former British Secretary of State for Defense Des Browne once complained, "We must admit that the situation in Afghanistan is far worse than we expected." Similarly, Robert Gates, former US Secretary of Defense confessed, "The odds of repeating another Afghanistan or Iraq — invading, pacifying, and

administering¹⁸ a large third-world country — may be low.”¹⁹

With US military defeats, its demise as a global superpower, the rise of China and the ongoing socio-economic crisis, the antagonisms among imperialist powers will surely deepen. This will consequently provide more favourable objective conditions for revolution. After the humiliating US defeat in Vietnam, the survival of Bashar’s Syria and particularly the defeat of the CIA’s procreation, Daesh, by the people of Kobani, are the most outstanding examples of the victory of a small but united, determined and informed group of people against an unimaginably stronger enemy. The epopee of Kobani will

¹⁸ “Nation building” is the US code word for puppet regimes. The US does not differentiate between nation and state, and equates ethnicity with citizenship. Thus, when used by the US or its Afghan protégées, “nation building” refers to a state built to serve CIA interests.

¹⁹ Speech to West Point Cadets on February 25, 2011, quoted by Thom Shanker, *Warning Against Wars Like Iraq and Afghanistan*, New York Times, Feb.25, 2011, accessed on Dec.4, 2018 at <https://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/26/world/26gates.html>

serve as a shining inspiration to the oppressed of the world in their fight against imperialism and fundamentalism. The US presence in Syria and their so-called support to the Kurds is a serious threat; supporters and well-wishers of the Kurds' inspiring fight for freedom would hope that the Kurds will emerge from this challenge with dignity and pride. The (failed) Arab Spring uprisings, the Wisconsin and Ferguson movements, the situation in Greece, and the working class protests in South Africa, India, Brazil and other countries all indicate that despite challenges, a new era of global resistance has begun. This global resistance movement can be led to fruition only with leadership from the left. As rightly put by the French Marxist philosopher Jacques Rancière, anti-imperialist movements of western and third world countries for building a new and better world can attain emancipation and democracy only through socialist leadership and organization. Lenin has the final word on this: "Only the socialist revolution can liberate humanity from the dead end created by imperialists and imperialist wars. Regardless of what challenges may be faced, and despite defeats and anti-revolutionary tides, proletariat victory is certain at the end."

Considering the above, among the many growing fundamental contradictions of the world today (the contradiction between oppressed peoples and imperialist-agent rulers, the contradiction amongst imperialist powers themselves, and the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie in developed capitalist countries) the contradiction between oppressed peoples and imperialism, especially US imperialism and its allies, is the principal contradiction. This is because the oppressed peoples of the world are becoming increasingly aware that US imperialism is their number one enemy and the mainstay of reaction and tyranny, and that without breaking its chains and bringing down its local puppets once and for all they will never be able to attain freedom and prosperity.

Iran

With the usurpation of power by Khomeini and the failure of the 1979 Iranian revolution, Afghanistan was adversely affected more than any other country in the world because the Khomeini victory empowered eight terrorist Shia extremist organizations and a horde of Afghan intellectuals in league with the new Iranian regime. Pakistan did the same to Afghanistan, with the only difference that the Pakistani establishment sufficed with sending armed fighters, and could not or did not want to inoculate them with a morbid ideology. There are other similarities too, in the behaviour of the two treasonous neighbours towards Afghanistan: Pakistan employs the Taliban and induces them to accept Pakistani suzerainty and commit armed treason towards their own homeland, while Iranian-bred parties and elements are being groomed to demand, rifle in hand, the annexation of Afghanistan to Iran once they come to power. While the Velayat-e Faqih (Guardianship of the Islamic Jurists) regime in Iran continues to force helpless Afghan refugees, by threatening and taking their families hostage,

to fight for it in the Iraq and Syrian wars, Pakistan continues to force Afghan refugees, through the conduits of Gulbuddin, Sayyaf and Rabbani myrmidon parties, to fight in Kashmir, Azerbaijan and the former Yugoslavia. Iran continues to execute thousands of Afghan refugees and even denies them the dignity of a proper burial by their families, but former Afghan President Karzai and current President Ashraf Ghani and their government officials refrained and continue to refrain from holding the Iranian regime accountable. (And how could they, after receiving all that cash from Iran?) In Pakistan there are very few intellectuals who are influenced by the Pakistani government's anti-Afghanistan rhetoric, but the Iranian regime operates so cannily and so systematically that even some non-regime-affiliated intellectuals, poets and writers, including Iranian leftist organizations, fall for the regime's anti-Afghan policy line. (For example, they wail and lament for Ahmad Shah Masoud, whose mantra was "The Taliban and Al-Qaeda danger is no less than that of communism.") Due to the spinelessness of sold-out traitors in Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan both allow themselves to seek "strategic depth" in Afghanistan and not desist from any proprietary interference in our

country, such as sabotaging the construction of the Kamal Khan, Bakhsh Abad, and Salma water dams. The disgraceful silence of the contemptible Afghan stooges is unmatched anywhere in the world, since our impotent leaders, Karzai, Ghani, Abdullah *et al.* know what incriminating material the Iranian and Pakistani regimes have on them to keep them quiet.

The end result of the schemes of both reactionary neighbors is evident. Pakistan has the Taliban, segments of the jihadis and a couple of television channels at its disposal. Iran, in addition to its notorious lackeys Khalili, Muhageq, Abdullah, Anwari, Mohsini, etc., has tens of teachers, politicians, writers, poets, and film makers at its beck and call; it thus has greater capacity to infiltrate and pollute different sections of our society. This is the reason why hardly anyone can be found who praises Pakistan, but there are hordes of Afghan so-called intellectuals and political pundits who openly and shamelessly defend the Iranian regime and its interests.

The longer the Iranian fascisto-theocratic regime continues to exist, the more prolonged will be the suffering of our people and our revolutionary movement

at the hands of “Iranist” intellectuals. Such suffering will only end when the *Vilayat-e-Faqih* regime is overthrown by the Iranian people and replaced with a secular and justice-dispensing government in that country. If the future revolution in Iran is not led by the working class, the current murderous regime will continue its existence, probably under another name and façade. The Iranian Green Movement, led by pupils and sycophants of Khomeini who are themselves drenched with the blood of the best sons and daughters of Iran, is lying in wait to steal power, but will prop up the current regime when it does. It is quite likely that if the Green Movement comes to power, it will capitulate to US demands in order to have the sanctions lifted. In the face of the crises and antagonisms that beset Iran, and the revulsion that exists in regard to the powers that be, the Green Movement and the “reforms” it will bring will prove to be no panacea for Iran’s ills.

Despite Saddam and other Arab countries suing for a ceasefire, Khomeini continued the Iraq war until he had to “drink from the poisoned chalice,” as he called it. Khomeini’s successor, Khamenei, is careering along the

same course in the Yemen war, with inevitably the same future outcome. To the Iranian regime, like any other fascistic dispensation, giving in to the people's most basic demands spells the beginning of the end of its bloody and traitorous reign. The Iranian people, more than any other nation suffering under religious fascism, understand the travesty of elections in their country and expect no change for the good to come out of it. Under the "exalted leadership of the Supreme Leader", where opponents of the regime cannot run, fair and free elections is a delusion.

There is not much information about left elements active in Iran, but we have no doubt in their capacity to play their historic role in ensuring that this time around, the results of their sweat and blood will not be reaped by capitalists, religious extremists or the CIA-backed MEK (People's Mujahideen of Iran).

Afghan puppets of the Iranian regime

Iran-backed groups in Afghanistan are not in a position to destabilize the country further through their divisive

ethnocentric or religious policies. This is because Iran's disgraceful treatment of Afghan refugees has discredited its lackeys and myrmidons in Afghanistan, and its internal tensions and the Iranian people's discontent with their rulers leave the regime with little to no option for military intervention in Afghanistan. Notwithstanding, Iran will leave no stone unturned in its quest to instigate ethnic, religious and linguistic tensions in Afghanistan, to the point of our country's disintegration. Therefore, hand in hand with endeavors to form solidarity with Iran's anti-imperialist and anti-fundamentalist movement, it devolves upon us to continue the struggle against the Iranian regime. Similarly, it is our duty to support Pakistan's anti-imperialist and anti-fundamentalist movement while opposing the reactionary Pakistani government.

The struggle against Iranian influence in Afghanistan is a dangerous undertaking for several reasons. One is Iran's representation of a mediaeval ideology with a record of unequalled criminality; the other is that with a background and experience of more than four decades of atrocities and horrifying targeted killings of its political opponents in the name of Islam, the puppet intellectuals it has reared

have developed the acumen and enhanced ability to use the pretext of a “common language and culture of the two brotherly nations” to infiltrate our cultural and educational institutions. Our people need to realize that their struggle against the US and its agents, without simultaneous struggle against the Iranian regime and its intellectual puppets will be incomplete, and may ultimately be an exercise in futility. The reality is that the enemies of our people are not just Iran and the United States; other regional countries like Turkey are also active in spreading their poison in our country. It is important to continue to inform people of their influence and interferences in Afghanistan.

Pakistan

After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Pakistan's late dictator Zia-ul-Haq is quoted as saying, "If Allah deprived us of Bangladesh, he gave us Afghanistan." Since then, Afghanistan has served as Pakistan's cash cow, been used to justify continued US funding and to cover Pakistan's internal socio-political crises. Pakistan nurtured and developed *tanzeem* (political party) structures for some of the most reactionary Afghan religious elements and supplied them with generous funding from the CIA, Saudi Arabia and other countries. It did all this with the goal of guaranteeing that after the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, it would have its very own puppets in power in our country who would put an end to the Pashtunistan issue and ensure Pakistan's "strategic depth" (behind-the-frontline support and docile fallback territory in case of war with India) in Afghanistan. When the Pakistani-bred-and-raised *tanzeems*, through their internecine wars, failed to reach a unified government in Afghanistan and deliver to their Pakistani masters, Pakistan, with CIA blessings and in its dogged pursuit of

the same objective, brought the Taliban out of its sleeve. Instructed by the ISI, the Taliban refused to hand Osama Bin Laden over to the US, giving the US the excuse of the 9/11-related attacks to begin its “unending war on terror” and invade Afghanistan with reliance on its own jihadi puppets. Pakistan, knowing that the jihadis it had helped create and rear could not survive a day without US support, produced and equipped the Taliban. Being the incorrigible regional bully it is, Pakistan, despite cosmetic attempts to distance itself from the Taliban, continues to support, under different names such as Daesh, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Sipah-e-Sahaba, etc., the fundamental idea behind their creation. Pakistan cannot be expected to stop acting perfidiously towards our people, because it knows full well that its support is the vital lifeline that keeps the ISI-led Taliban and jihadi elements alive; therefore the Taliban and the jihadis must be kept in employment and used for as long as they can serve.

Our people need to be made aware that Pakistan, Iran or any other reactionary power would unhesitatingly feed off any country thrown into chaos by uncaring leaders and

authorities. Had it not been for our internal traitors, neither Pakistan nor Iran nor any other country could have abused and humiliated the people of Afghanistan as they have done. There are many countries in the world which, because of the trust and confidence their peoples have in their governments, can dare any power to directly or indirectly attack them or their interests; and when and if this has come to pass, they have successfully defended themselves with all might and main. Cutting off the intervening hands of ill-intentioned outside meddlers without establishing a secular and democratic government, and without pulling fundamentalism out by the roots, is illusory. The sporadic anti-Pakistan rants of sold-out Afghan leaders, intellectuals and jihadi analysts is nothing but an attempt to cover up their treason, whitewash their misdeeds and distract the people from the real struggle. To pretend to be anti-Pakistan while wearing the collar of servitude to the US or Iran can only take one so far. If such entities really knew the meaning of independence, they would have given themselves up to be tried before the people of Afghanistan for being the procreations and the chained dogs of the ISI. The fundamentalists would never be able to drag our people

into a war with Pakistan because their records as ISI and CIA mercenaries will be held over their heads. Pakistan has fundamentalist leaders of the *tanzeems* muzzled because it holds countless documents that can serve as evidence of the leaders' financial and moral corruption. That is why the people should be made aware that the real threat is posed not by Pakistan itself but by these indigenous traitors, whose existence and access to power would enable other countries' interference in Afghanistan. The common Pakistani mindset that justifies having Afghan puppets because they exist in the first place makes a lot of sense. It is the presence of Afghan traitors that has allowed Pakistan to take Afghanistan hostage, not Pakistani power or nuclear armaments. This is why it is important to put an end to the rule of feudal compradors. Our people can be free from foreign interference only if we do not have fundamentalists and puppet technocrats as our rulers. Reactionary governments are as much fearful of their own people's uprising as they are of the peoples of countries abused by them. It is obvious that a true democratic government in Pakistan would put an end to its support to jihadi and Taliban elements in Afghanistan. In other words, the tensions between

Afghanistan and Pakistan are bound to continue unless one of these countries undergoes a real democratization experience.

Pakistan and Afghanistan's calamities follow a similar pattern, in that in Pakistan, like Afghanistan, the absence of revolutionary forces has left people with no choice but to rely on reactionary feudalist parties or imperialist-backed capitalist forces. The realization that their freedom is tied to the collapse of these reactionary forces is yet to come to both countries.

The fight against imperialism must go hand in hand with the fight against the governments of Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, and their puppets in Afghanistan, especially because these governments disguise their support to fundamentalism with cosmetic anti-American rants and by citing cultural and religious affinity with Afghanistan.

Other imperialist countries, in particular the United Kingdom, are also in league with some of the most bloodthirsty forces in Afghanistan, and despite their conflict of interests with the US, continue to follow the US lead in regard to Afghanistan.