End the Imperialist Aggression in the Middle East! End the Occupation of Iraq NOW!

On November 7, 2006, the people of United States expressed, through their votes, their strong sentiments for peace, and their clear opposition to the criminal imperialist war that is being waged by the US administration on the whole world, and particularly against the peoples of the Middle East. This setback for the right-wing of the US ruling class was, before anything else, a result of the tireless work of the peace movement throughout the world, and more directly, in the United States.

The imperialist war was waged at the grassroots level, with many thousands of peace activists engaging the people in principled discussions, explaining the motives behind the pro-war policies of the US Government, and exposing the plunderous nature of the US imperialist wars in the Middle East. This is the struggle that needs to be celebrated and continued.

In the context of US politics, however, many may try to frame this as a “victory” of the Democratic Party against the right-wing Republicans. But this is far from the truth. The fact is that the Democratic Party’s leadership as a whole did not play any significant role, neither in opposing the war policies of the Bush administration nor in representing the American people’s pro-peace sentiments. It neither took a clear position against the war and occupation of Iraq, Lebanon and Afghanistan, nor is it now taking a clear position against the threats of invasion against Iran and Syria.

The issue here, therefore, is not about the “victory” of the Democratic Party over the Republican Party in the United States. It is, rather, about the fact that the US policy will not change as long as the transnational corporations are the ones who determine the content and direction of US foreign and domestic policy. And that is why the struggle for peace and justice must continue, regardless of which party is in charge in the United States.

The struggle for peace, in essence, is a long-term struggle against imperialism and its inherent drive for world domination. It involves not only the active mass movement of masses of people in electoral politics but, more importantly, a clear understanding of the nature of imperialism, the causes of war and peace, and the ability to organize a mass movement against the forces of war and imperialism. In this regard, one cannot agree more with the statement in the United States by the United for Peace and Justice coalition that the people’s anti-war sentiment needs to be translated into political power in a way that turns the people into a force that is to be reckoned with.

One important step toward peace was taken by the people of the United States on November 7th, but the struggle certainly needs to continue, not against this or that party, but against imperialism as a whole.

UN Resolution on “Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space”: US HYPOCRISY AND DECEPTION!

On October 25th, the First Committee of the UN General Assembly, which addresses disarmament issues, voted overwhelmingly for a Resolution to Prevent an Arms Race in Outer Space. There were 166 nations in favor of this sensible proposal with only one negative vote and two abstentions. The United States opposed the resolution, while Israel and Cote d’Ivoire abstained. A fallback resolution, to take “Transparency and Confidence Building Measures in Outer Space Activities,” garnered a similar vote, with the United States opposing and Israel abstaining.

In a statement from the floor, the US delegation “explained” its vote by insisting that, “there is no arms race in space, and no prospect of an arms race in space. Thus there is no arms control problem for the international community to address.” In light of the US abduction of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and this month’s new National Space Policy statement issued by the Bush administration stating that “Freedom of action in space is as important to the United States as air power and sea power,” and that the United States will “develop and deploy space capabilities that sustain US advantage”, coupled with an $11 billion dollar budget this year to develop space hardware, including laser attack weapons, it defies reason to think that the US is sincere in promoting the “peaceful” use of space.

The US claimed in its statement that the existing “multilateral outer space arms control regime already deals adequately with the non-weaponization of space.” But existing agreements only ban weapons of mass destruction in space, not conventional weapons like laser beams designed to destroy space assets.

Sadly, the US statement was consistent with its flagrant assertion in its new space policy doctrine that it “will oppose the development of new legal regimes or other restrictions that seek to prohibit or limit US access to or use of space.”

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

The full text of the US delegation’s statement is reprinted below:

People hold up their candles during a demonstration to call for weapon disarmament on World Peace Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, in Lisbon’s downtown Rossio square, Portugal. The demonstrators gathered to mark the 60 year anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — AP PHOTO.

Statement of the World Peace Council On the Imprisonment of Omri Evron

The World Peace Council expresses condemnation of the Israeli military court’s sentencing to prison of Omri Evron, who has refused to serve in the “Israeli Defense Forces” that are violating and occupying the Palestinian nation and its territories.

Omn Evron refuses to be used as instrument of the depravation of the rights of the Palestinian People, of the policy of the apartheid wall, and of hatred.

The WPC expresses its solidarity to Omri Evron and all peace loving forces in Israel, including military officers who refuse to serve in the occupied territories, supporting clearly the peaceful coexistence of the two states — Israel and Palestine — based on the relevant UN resolutions and within the borders of 1967.

The WPC reaffirms its demand for the establishment of the independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, alongside Israel.

The WPC calls upon Peace Movements and peace loving people in the world to condemn the policy of the Israeli regime and demand the release of Omri Evron.

Athens, October 18, 2006

The Secretariat of WPC

The Secretariat of the World Peace Council is pleased to announce its upcoming conference in India from November 15-16, 2006, hosted by the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPS). The Meeting of Secretariat will be followed by an International Peace Conference on Peace Movements on 16-17 of December.
Statement of the World Peace Council at the World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs
Hiroshima, 2nd August 2006
Delivered by Iraklis Tsavdaridis, Secretary of the World Peace Council

Dear friends and militants of peace,

I am conveying our warmest peace greetings to the organizing Committee of this important conference and to all Japanese and overseas delegates. The WPC feels much closer to the peace sentiments of the Japanese peace loving people, especially with the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who suffered 61 years ago the murderous and indiscriminate US bombings of these cities with unacceptable consequences and sufferings till today.

We express our solidarity with the victims and the families of the ones who died. Reminded of and remembering those crimes committed by US imperialism, we are expressing our condemnation and anger as well for the indirect “occupation” of Japanese soil by the US, with the huge number of US military bases all over this country, disturbing both the everyday life of the Japanese people and threatening peace and security in the whole region.

We declare our full support to the demands of the Japanese Peace Movement for the complete abolition of all nuclear weapons in the world and the dismantling of all foreign military bases around the globe.

It is today more than proved that US imperialism and its allies around the world are getting more and more aggressive. Its crimes did not stop in August 1945; maybe aggression of the biggest war machinery ever, the United NATO, against Yugoslavia in 1999, then later the occupation of Afghanistan and the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

It is always the imperialist drive to dominate over peoples and regions, to impose their rule for the sake of the control of energy resources, markets, and spheres of influence. This has been witnessed as well on the African continent, where after the colonial rule was officially over, neo-colonial and imperialist rule took over supporting, among others, the most reactionary regimes like the Apartheid regime in South Africa, the National Front in Namibia, the racist regime in South Africa, the Nevisse regime in Chad, etc. which caused the deaths of thousands of democrats and progressive men and women, or the dictatorships in Southern Europe (Spain, Portugal, Greece) till the 1970s.

The same philosophy stands behind the aggression of the biggest war machinery ever, the United NATO, against Yugoslavia in 1999, then later the occupation of Afghanistan and the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

The barbaric war of Israel and the US policy in the Middle East are those days every day on the TV screens. The ongoing massacres of Lebanese children and other civilians, by the F 16s, the Apache Helicopters and bombs, prove the cruel and monstrous face of imperialism in the region, which is not hesitating even from bombing UN installations. By the barbaric war of Israel and the US policy in the Middle East are those days every day on the TV screens. The ongoing massacres of Lebanese children and other civilians, by the F 16s, the Apache Helicopters and bombs, prove the cruel and monstrous face of imperialism in the region, which is not hesitating even from bombing UN installations. By the barbaric war of Israel and the US policy in the Middle East are those days every day on the TV screens. The ongoing massacres of Lebanese children and other civilians, by the F 16s, the Apache Helicopters and bombs, prove the cruel and monstrous face of imperialism in the region, which is not hesitating even from bombing UN installations. By the barbaric war of Israel and the US policy in the Middle East are those days every day on the TV screens. The ongoing massacres of Lebanese children and other civilians, by the F 16s, the Apache Helicopters and bombs, prove the cruel and monstrous face of imperialism in the region, which is not hesitating even from bombing UN installations. By the barbaric war of Israel and the US policy in the Middle East are those days every day on the TV screens. The ongoing massacres of Lebanese children and other civilians, by the F 16s, the Apache Helicopters and bombs, prove the cruel and monstrous face of imperialism in the region, which is not hesitating even from bombing UN installations. By the barbaric war of Israel and the US policy in the Middle East are those days every day on the TV screens. The ongoing massacres of Lebanese children and other civilians, by the F 16s, the Apache Helicopters and bombs, prove the cruel and monstrous face of imperialism in the region, which is not hesitating even from bombing UN installations.

But dear friends, allow me to emphasize these days, without underestimating any of the previous or ongoing struggles for so many years, one of the main lessons of the Middle East. There is a case for which the United Nations have issued more resolutions (on the UN Charter level), than on the case of Palestine. Despite the clear provisions of all relevant resolutions for the establishment of an independent State of Palestine, alongside Israel, for almost 60 years we are witnessing the opposite. Occupation by the powerful and heavily armed Israel, with the full support of the USA, daily attacks and killings of Palestinians, displacement of families, settlements, checkpoints, and recently a wall in the West Bank and again bombing of the Gaza strip.

With the dramatical conditions the Palestinan people have been facing for decades, we forget sometimes that the Israeli state is not only the main aggressor in the region. It has been proved that Israel possesses nuclear weapons, with which it can threaten or attack any of its neighbors. The double standards of the US administration are visible in this case as well. The US has no problem if allies have nuclear weapons, they even supply them with those. In the case of Iran, there is no other country which receives more military aid (more than US $5 billion every year) from the US. But when countries or states which are not willing to cooperate with them want to develop such nuclear weapons, the US shows its axis of evil and includes them in it.

We underline from our side as the WPC, that the governments and forces that do not denounce and condemn these crimes against humanity clearly make themselves likewise guilty.

Being here with you in Hiroshima, I think I should not hold back, before denouncing the crimes of victimizing this city and this people, we can not miss our duty to condemn all atrocities of US Imperialism in the world and especially the recent ones in Iraq. We are trying to express our solidarity with the peoples in the region which are in need of our help.

I think that this would be also in the spirit and the values of this conference, as it has been marked and outlined for so many years since 1945. It...
Answers by Marie Nassif-Debs, Leader of the Peace Movement of Lebanon to Important Questions about Lebanon
Beirut, September 25, 2006

What is your opinion of the presence of UNIFIL [the new UN contingent] in Lebanon?

UNIFIL 2 as it is currently made up is much different from what has been present at Lebanon for more than 30 years, following Resolution 425 of the Security Council of the UN. The differences between the two UNIFIL are notably:

— First of all, the reinforced presence of troops belonging to member states of NATO and, therefore, placed indirectly under U.S. command. And even if the States to which these troops belongs are great powers, they nevertheless on several occasions have yielded to the U.S. administration regarding the manner of solving conflicts militarily, especially in the Middle-East where the experience of Iraq is still an open wound.

— Then, certain leaders of these countries, Italy for example, signed military agreements with the Israeli government, which make clear their intention to think that the representatives of these countries will in no way possess the impartiality necessary to carry out their mission properly.

— Moreover, the representatives of France helped, on several occasions these last years, to restructure the administration directed by George Bush, to satisfy the goals of Israel and certain Lebanese factions. This includes their [France’s] participation in the development of Resolution 1559, which lays down some of the points of contention among Lebanese concerning the weapons held by the CP and the national resistance. It is the Resolution 1701, which gave to Israel what it had lost during its aggression of July 12, 2006, against Lebanon, namely: the possibility of continuing the role of resolutions and of continuing to commit crimes against Lebanese civilians under the pretext of preventing Hezbollah from reinforcing its military arsenal.

What is your opinion of the behavior of the UNIFIL contingents? Is it correct to say that the European countries present in Lebanon want to reconstitute the country to their profit?

During the latest Israeli aggression against Lebanon, certain troops of UNIFIL had refused to help Lebanese civilians, the inhabitants of Marie uważane, the first village martyred, suffered from it and 28 died close against Lebanon, certain troops of UNIFIL participated in the killings. The UNIFIL contingents? Is it correct to think that the representatives of these countries will in no way possess the impartiality necessary to carry out their mission properly.

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The gathering of Hezbollah, Friday Sep-


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I already drew attention to the subordi- nate position of these countries to the U.S. administration, because of their behavior during the Bush’s war in Iraq, even if France and Great Britain have, at a given time, rejected the last war.

It should be said that some of these countries, have, not only helped the deci-


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What are the needs of the inhabitants of the South, but also of Bekaa, which suffered from the war and the massacres as well as the South, because in this area Hezbollah and the Resistance in general (national and Islamic) are strong.

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GLOBAL NET OF US MILITARY BASES GUARANTEE NEVER ENDING WAR

Hans-Peter Richter

In March 2007 the first world conference against military bases was held in Ecuador by the Global Network Against Foreign Military Bases, which was established in January 2004 in Mumbai. From 1950 to 1990 the pretext for the military bases was to fight communism, now after the attack against the WTC in New York it is “the war against terror.” There are those who claim that the US itself created this attack; anyway the US profits much by using this pretext. There is a war against the US and its allies, where 10,000 US and Iran and Iraq and made agreements with many states for the establishment of new military bases, so the number of states with US bases is now 193.

For military dominance the US has divided the world into nine commands. “These are nine unified combatant commands. Five are responsible for the USA, one for Europe, one for the Pacific (PACOM), one for Central Command (CENTCOM), one for the European Command (EUCOM), one for Africa, and one for South America and the Caribbean.”

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A major highlight of WPF was the workshop sponsored by the Vancouver and District Labour Council, on the theme “The Economics of Peace.” Ken Georgetti, president of the three million member Canadian Labour Congress and Jon Sinclair of the B.C. Federation of Labour and leaders and members of other major affiliates participated. Also represented were labour leaders from the front lines of labour struggles around the world, especially in China and the Philippines. Al Macleod, WPC secretary and president of Peace Messenger Cities opened the WPF ceremonies with an inspiring call to delegates to step up their efforts to prevent US imperialism from leading the world to a global catastrophe. Judith Leblanc of United For Peace and Justice (UFPJ) shared the platform at the closing ceremonies with former UN Weapons Inspector Hans Blix of Sweden, and David Corrigan, the Mayor of Burnaby. Le Blance lauded the organizers of WPF and said the event was a significant contribution to the struggle for peace. Le Blance stressed the importance of the broad anti-Bush sentiment in the US and the struggles waged by UFJP to end the war in Iraq and defeat the Bush administration and its agenda of regime change and war. Hands-off Iraq and Guantanamo Bay! Stop all weapons of mass destruction. He urged the peace movement not to give up on the US. He said the UN inspection team was unable to go to Iraq because the “Bush administration had already made up its mind to go to war.” Blix stressed the issue of Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission which has just published its first report. He also said, “There is no evidence of stockpiling or mass destruction of US tanks and other military bases of US territory, in China and in the US, in Iraq, and in the Horn of Africa.”

The paper quoted extensively from the official US Overseas Basing Commission, detailing the costs of maintaining this enormous military presence abroad, and the costs born by the people of the US and countries where the bases are located. The paper exposed the long term goal of the USA to secure footholds in the Middle East, actively confront with military power so-called “great power competitors.” The paper further points out that the network of foreign military bases has the full support of NATO and the EU including support for US nuclear weapons in Europe.

Trudeau concluded his statement with a WPF pledge to cooperate with the international peace movement to close all military bases, to provide international support and participation at the World Conference Against Foreign Military Bases that will take place in Quito, Ecuador March 7-10, 2007.

The Canadian Peace Congress was represented by Jeanette Morgan from Ontario, Blyth Yntuffilt from Alberta, Cathy Fischer and Peter Gerl from Saskatchewan, Sylvia and Don Currie from British Columbia. In an assessment of the event, requested by WPC, the WPF executive director Jeff Keighly, Executive Director of the WPF, addressed the significance of the UN Convention Against Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment, which Canada signed in 1975. President Fundora, a victim of torture under the former Batista regime in Cuba, was also interviewed on the Canadian public radio network of CBC. The press conference denounced the violations of the Geneva conventions by the US military at its torture chambers at Guantanamo Bay Cuba and Abu Ghraib in Iraq. The delegation of Movpaz and the Canadian Committee for the Liberation of the Cuban Five (CCLGF) presented to the participants of the WPF and the media a great amount of information on the Five Cuban Heroes illegally jailed in the USA for over eight years. The CCLGF staged a demonstration in front of the US Consulate in Vancouver demand the immediate release of the Cuban Five. The WPC also renewed its demand to the US Government on this urgent matter. The WPC and Canadian Peace CongressLEGENDARY DELEGATES
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Canadian Peace Movement Delays Withdrawal of Canadian Military Forces from the NATO War in Afghanistan

Cathy Fischer, Editor, Saskatchewan Peace News

Canadian peace activists united on October 20th in peace events, marches and demonstrations in all provinces and territories of Canada, to protest against the Canadian government's lackluster response to public outrage at the scenes of war zones, mounting civilian and military casualties, and this is never told to the thousands of people during Afghanistan's civil war in the 1990s. The Afghan resistance movement has emerged that warned of the dangers accompanying the attempted Western hegemony in a uni-polar world by one superpower with neo-liberal economics.

Regina Peace Council is sponsoring a workshop on October 20th, “Canada’s Military Involvement in Afghanistan,” with prominent peace activist Richard Sanders from the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade as principal speaker. Peter Gehl, co-chair of the Canadian Peace Congress and vice-president of the Regina Peace Council is organizer of the event. There will be a march and rally in Regina, the Provincial capital, calling for Troops Out of Afghanistan on October 29th.

Congress executive member Don Currie has been invited to speak at as rally and meetings in the Interior of British Columbia and is speaking at a march and rally in Nelson B.C. on October 20th. Congress executive member Darrell Rankin of Winnipeg organized a demonstration in downtown Winnipeg against the Conservative Government of Prime Minister Harper mindlessly repeats word for word the policy directives emanating from NATO headquarters in Brussels, the Pentagon and the Israeli high command. The elected members of the Canadian Parliament are not consulted and relegated to the ignominious role of voiceless bystanders.

Outside Parliament growing numbers of Canadians are determined to bring real change in Canada’s foreign policy, elect a House of Commons more in touch with the views of Canadians and end the danger created by the Harper Tories.

We call upon the leaders of the opposition parties to speak up for the majority of Canadians who reject the Bush doctrine of pre-emptive war and who support cessation of war, respect for the UN Charter and negotiations as the bedrock of an independent Canadian foreign policy of peace.

The Canadian Peace Congress has been active with other Vancouver World Peace Forum (WPF) delegates in speaking at September and October World Peace Forum report back meetings in Nelson, Castlegar and Grand Forks, towns in the interior of the Province of British Columbia. Peace Messengers were distributed and the statement of WPC President Orlando Fundora Lopez was read at the International Peace Day event in Castlegar on September 21st.

The Regina Peace Council, a Canadian Peace Congress affiliate co-sponsored with the Regina Peace Action Coalition and Muslims for Peace a teach-in at the Regina City Hall, demanding a ceasefire in Lebanon. Speakers included Dr. Ray Cleveland, Dr. Nadeem Jaryal and Dr. Jim Harding, all of the University of Regina, and Riaz Ahmed, president of the Saskatchewan Organization of Muslims for Peace and Justice, who called for a broad peace conference to deal with the root causes of the last 40 years of conflict in the Middle East, namely the illegal Israeli occupation of Arab lands in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria. Dr. Harding warned of the dangers accompanying the attempted Western hegemony in a uni-polar world by one superpower with neo-liberal economics.

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World Peace Council affiliates are invited to visit the Canadian Peace Congress website: www.peacecongress.org. Contact by email at: congresspeace@peacecongress.ca
The American “powers that be” have persistently longed for Cuba since the end of the 18th century, because the island’s first independent war was considered an unfriendly act against the US itself and, therefore, the US had the right to “protect” the region. This apparent US defensive pattern towards Cuba was so tense that very soon became forceful expansionism.

Some years before, John Quincy Adams, then Secretary of State in Monroe’s administration, had written: “… if an apple, severed by the hand, is not to return to the ground, Cuba, forcibly disjoined from the mother plant, will not be able to resist the tempest from its native tree, cannot but fall to the ground.”

The inhabitants are generally indolent and apathetic. Since they only possess a vague notion of independence, they never will seek to please through not work, through violence. It is obvious that the immediate annihilation of these disturbing elements into our own federation in such large numbers would be madness, so before we do that we must clean up the country. We must destroy everything within our canons’ range – even if we must impose a harsh blockade so that hunger and its constant companion, disease, undermine the peaceful population and decimate the army. The allied army must hold Cuba and take vengeance of every betrayal, every act of violence so that the Cuban army is irreparably caught between two fronts.”

The US had never recognized the Cuban struggle for independence or their liberty as a war of aggression. Just a few hours after declaring war on Spain, McKinley said he would not recognize the Republic of Cuba. Instead of it, he recognized the Republic of Cuba as declared by the revolu- tionary Government in Armas. He only wanted to drive Spain out and gain sole influence for the US.

In just eight months, Cuba saw US military intervention, the defeat of Spain, actions by the US forces against the Cuban independence army and the imposition of a transitional government — a US military government. More than thirty years of pacifi- stric struggle for independence had served for nothing.

On December 10, 1899, the Treaty of Paris was signed. The US treated Cuba as a conquered country and got Spain to hand over to them all the laboring Cubans. Cuban representatives were excluded from the proceedings.

The Cuban people angrily opposed the Neo-Monroe Doctrine and, in particular, in opposition to the amendment to the Cuban Constitutional conventions, which was the Platt Amendment, after Senator Orville Platt who presented it. Under this amendment, the US limited the country’s sovereignty and turned it into a neocolonial enclave. It legalized US intervention in Cuba’s internal affairs and the right to seize part of Cuba’s territory by leav- ing ownership of the Isle of Pines (the second largest island in the Cuban archipelago) to be adjusted by future treaty. It limited Cuba’s rights to enter into treaties with other countries and it forced the country to sell or lease a part of its territory for the establishment of naval bases.

The Cuban government was warned not to modify the Amendment and told that the US troops would not leave Cuba until its terms had been adopted. So there could be no possible misunderstanding, Senator Platt finished his warning by saying that, if the Amendment were not accepted, there would be no Republic of Cuba.

In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt became US President. He had been Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs under President McKinley and one of the strongest advocates of military intervention in Cuba. The war had made his political career. He made an addition to the Monroe Doctrine, known as the Roosevelt Corollary: “Chronic wrongdoing or an impo- tence which results in a general loosening of the ties which should结合 as elsewhere, ultimately require intervention by some civilized nation, and in the Western Hemisphere the adherence of the United States to the Monroe Doctrine may force us to intervene.”

In a memorable ceremony in which the Cuban flag was raised by respected General Carlos Gemora, one of the founders of Cuban independence, wreath in his campaign diary: ‘The Americans’ military occupation is too high a price to pay for the spontaneous intervention in the war we waged against Spain for freedom and independence. The American government’s attitude toward the heroic Cuban people at this history making time is, in my opinion, one of big business. ... Cuba cannot have moral peace ... and under the transitional government, the island is a part of the United States of America and the last vestige of independence of which its sons have given their lives and all of its wealth has been consumed.”

On July 9908, the Constitutional Con- vention of Cuba was formed. A new conquest in Cuba. In the deliberations in order to implement the US Joint Resolution by drafting a new Constitu- tion and stipulations concerning US-Cuban relations.

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By the South Korean Anti-War Group “All Together”

October 9, 2006

On October 9, North Korea (NK) announced that it had just conducted a nuclear test. The test came just six days after US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said to the Foreign Ministry that NK would proceed with such a test. Experts had warned unequivocally that Pyongyang wasn’t simply bluffing this time. Following the announcement, issuing such warnings and responding with the usual blackmail, practically asked for this to happen.

The report, the author of Disarming Strangler, recently noted that “the only way to stop NK’s nuclear test would be for the US to negotiate seriously with NK, a prospect that seems remote at the moment.”

The NK nuclear test, therefore, was a very predictable outcome. When the US continued to ignore NK by refraining from dialogue and maintaining financial sanctions despite NK’s proclamation of nuclear statehood and test-firing of missiles, Pyongyang turned to nuclear testing in a last-ditch attempt to be taken seriously. NK’s nuclear test is the culmination of five years of the Bush administration’s policy towards NK. When NK asked for the US to remove its missile defense system in 2002, it had been freezing its plutonium reactor and reprocessing facility, in compliance with the Agreed Framework. It was only after October 2002, when Bush’s special envoy James Kelly went to Pyongyang to pick a fight, and only after November 2002, when the US stopped supplying NK with heavy oil (in violation of the Agreed Framework), that NK withdrew from the Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) and restarted operation of its nuclear reactor.

Even as the invasion of Iraq reinforced the perception that countries actually need weapons of mass destruction to deter US aggression, people like Richard Falk publicly bemoaned that “we’ve already smashed the Iraqi Republican Guard. We can do the same with NK’s army.”

Moreover, the US listed NK among its potential nuclear strike targets, in the Nuclear Posture Review submitted to the Congress in December 2002. A threat of this kind against a non-nuclear state clearly violates the NPT, which has been freezing its plutonium reactor and reprocessing facility, Washington was in effect begging NK to develop nuclear weapons.

As a matter of fact, nuclear blackmail against NK has been ongoing for nearly half a century since 1957, when the US, in violation of the Armistice Agreement, brought nuclear bombs, missiles and mines into South Korea.

Although the Bush Administration, along with the South Korean, Japanese, and Chinese authorities, is currently condemning NK’s nuclear test, the International Court of Justice said in a 1996 ruling that it could not “determine categorically whether the use of nuclear weapons by a state would be unlawful even under extreme circumstances in which the very survival of the state is at stake.” In a way, Bush’s NCLP policy served merely to strengthen the US’s influence in the region.

The Bush Administration is obliged, by its own fierce rhetoric of the past, to show a tough response to NK’s tests. And yet “there’s really nothing much the US can do in the event of a nuclear test by NK other than to issue condemnations through a new UN resolution,” as Professor Don Oberheufer of Johns Hopkins University points out.

Washington can’t take the military option for three reasons. First, the administration’s hands are tied to Iraq; it has its eyes on Iran and Afghanistan. Second, it is, can’t afford to pick another fight in another front. This must have been part acceptable; for South Korea, the scale of the destruction that would result from war with NK could be crippling beyond recovery.

According to a study released in 2005, a surgical strike on NK’s nuclear facility, at worst, can turn the entire Korean Peninsula into a radioactive desert for 10 years. At best, 90% of NK’s weapons would be destroyed. The US military, according to a 2007 study of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, “has no adequate method to prevent NK’s nuclear preparations.”

If Washington provokes NK in the event of a nuclear test, a nuclear war could erupt in which “one million people of other countries with nuclear weapons could be killed” and the regime. Humanity went near the brink of thermonuclear war during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Only four years ago, India and Pakistan came close to waging nuclear war over Kashmir. Threatening the workers and the people of other countries with nuclear weapons will only serve to whip up fear and thus damage their real potential to defeat imperialism.

After six decades of submission to US hegemony, first as an occupied country and then as a semi-colony under US control and supervision, the Cuban people defeated the first US foreign policy establishment’s imperialist,柯克帕特里克主义, for its corruption and repression, which had full support of the US with military advisors in every arm and branch.

After the triumph of the Revolution in January first 1959, ten US Administrations have used every means at their disposal, short of all-out war, to strangle the Revolution. The economic blockade, euphemistically called embargo in the US, which has been exercised against Cuba for 48 consecutive years, has cost the country an estimated cost of 325 billion US dollars.

As those who manipulate and control the media in a global scale happen to be the same interests served by the policy-makers and strategists that generate these deceptive US actions, we would public must remain vigilant over this fruit appetites.

Cubans have a right to independence... and Peace!

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Resolution of the International Solidarity Meeting with the Peoples of the Middle East: No to War and Imperialism
Larnaca (Cyprus) — October 21, 2006

The representatives of the international and national peace movements and organisations listed below, who have participated in the International Solidarity Meeting with the Peoples of Middle East, organized by the Cyprus Peace Council in cooperation with the World Peace Council (WPC) in Larnaca (Cyprus), have unanimously adopted the following resolution:

The participants,

- Denounce the criminal and inhuman policy and military operations of Israel both in Lebanon and Palestine which causes the deaths of thousands of people, the destruction of social and civil infrastructure, as well as thousands of houses and apartments;
- Denounce the imperialist policies of the USA and their closest allies in their support of the Israeli aggressors under the pretext of “fight against terrorism”;
- Categorically reject the hypocritical equal distance approach held by the EU that evens up pressure towards Syria and Iran, as part of the imperialist plans for the formation of the so called “New Middle East;”
- Consider that the cease-fire and deployment of multinational troops cannot compensate the final and lasting resolution of the Middle East problem. Underline that there cannot be peace without justice in the region and that the solution of the key issues is the self-determination of Palestinian people;
- For the final and sustainable solution of the Middle East conflict the participants of the meeting demand:
  o Withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied (including Golan Heights and Sheba farms);
  o Financial compensation of all victims and their families as well as for the destruction of properties and infrastructure caused by the Israeli occupation and by the war;
  o Resumption of comprehensive peace negotiations for the completion of the establishment of the independent Palestinian state in the borders of 1967 and West Jerusalem as its capital, the guarantee for the right of the return of the refugees and the immediate release of all political prisoners from Israeli jails, including the Palestinian MPs and Ministers;
  o Financial compensation of all victims and their families as well as for the destruction of properties and infrastructure caused by Israel in Lebanon and Palestine;
  o Ask furthermore the UN to establish urgently a comprehensive independent and international inquiry about the violations of international humanitarian law in Lebanon and Palestine;
  o Propose to the WPC to take the initiative to organize in the near future a fact finding mission to Lebanon and report to the peace loving people of the world about the cruelties and consequences of the brutal aggression against the Lebanese people and to organise a solidarity mission to the occupied territories of Palestine;
  o Express their support to the initiative of the Lebanese Peace Movement and other political and social structures to organize an international conference on 16-19 November in Beirut;
  o Declare their firm solidarity with the people of Cyprus (Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots), who are suffering for 32 years under occupation of 37% of the Cyprus Republic and express their support for a just and viable solution within a bi-zonal, bi-communal, federal structure, which will guarantee the respect of human rights and civil liberties of all Cypriots and the creation of a peaceful and prosperous island, which will operate as a bridge of peace and security in the region.

- Salute the massive protest demonstrations held in dozens of countries in support of the peoples of Palestine and Lebanon and express their solidarity with the peace-loving forces inside Israel, who bravely resist against the Israeli regime and the war;
- Condemn the continuation of Israeli military operations in Lebanon and in Palestine that are being observed despite Security Resolution 1701 for cessation of hostilities.
- Condemn the “equaldistance” approaches, which allow Israel to continue its criminal policy and aggression. International community must take initiatives on the basis of the principles of the International Law towards permanent, just and visible solution in the region;
- Oppose categorically the collaboration of NATO war-machinery in the region with the cynical task of peace-keeping and the military occupation of EU countries with Israel, bilaterally or through NATO that makes them direct accomplices of the Israeli war policy;

For many years imperialism’s main aim has been intervention and redesign of our region. The aim is very apparent: what it brought is war, invasions and massacres. There is nothing but blood every day in the Middle East. Imperialism is devastating in Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine. Under these conditions the struggle for urgent and timely for patriots. 1st of September International Day of Peace is very important for us as it is a day when we have to raise our struggle against imperialism and for peace, and to curse imperialism and its wars together with other peace lovers all over the world. Peace Association of Turkey tried this year too, to do its best.

We faced the September 1st in an atmosphere of rising imperialist expectations from our country, and national political ruling circles ready to collaborate. Turkey searches how to go beyond supplying only logistical support to US and EU imperialists and Israel. Ruling classes did not discuss much whether or not to send troops to Lebanon but only their number and qualifications. However one should add that the September 1st rally in Istanbul was a great victory of the people, the patriotic forces and peace lovers. They are scared of the possible popular anger that would inevitably arise if some of their country die in Lebanon.

On September 1st, Patriotic Front organized a mass rally in Dolmabahçe.
Marchers walked 1,134 kilometers in forty-nine days, taking breaks to visit towns, villages, cities, where several meetings and rallies were held. Imperialist plans and the role of the collaborating ruling forces were discussed and without the solution of the key issues, as well as for the destruction of properties and infrastructure caused by the Israeli occupation and by the war;
Speech Presented to the International Solidarity Meeting with the Peoples of the Middle East — Larnaca (Cyprus), October 21, 2006

By Emily Naffa, Jordanian Peace Committee

Dear friends and Comrades,

If you have any pleasure to convey to you the greetings of the Jordanian Peace Committee members, and express our appreciation for organizing this meeting to discuss the latest developments after the Israeli aggression against the Lebanese and Palestinian people.

The situation in the Middle East is worsening and not improving as far as peace, demilitarization and development are concerned.

Among the ground indicate that the US and NATO countries are behind the new wars and pertinent conflicts. Their ultimate goal, other than complete domination, is to sell weapons and increase military spending in the region.

The British-based International Institute for Strategic Studies affirmed the Middle East is the largest arms market with expenditures topping 60 billion US dollars.

The policy of Bush Administration on the world stage is militarist and interventionist. There is literally no region of the world free from the particularly aggressive hand of the Bush Administration. It launched war on Afghanistan, invaded Yugoslavia and backed the right wing government in Israel to launch new war against Lebanon, and has intensified the current suppression of the Palestinians and is threatening Syria and Iran, and is insisting on continuing its sanctions on Cuba against the will of 112 countries that voted against the resolutions.

The Bush Administration declared that it would redraw the geopolitical map of the region under the banner of the “Greater Middle East” the “New Middle East” in order to have an upper hand on the oil, to strengthen its hegemony as global cop, and to continue to impose its “new global order” by militarizing globalization.

The goal of the US Administration is to establish total economic and political structure in the Middle East. Africa. The interests of imperialism in this region as well as its strategic position between the three continents of Asia, Europe and Africa are directly related to its need for energy resource.

The Israeli aggression on Lebanon that broke out on (12 July—14 August) has shocked peace-loving forces and people around the world when the news cable had shown the Israelis of innocent families forced to leave their homes and seek refuge in schools, churches, mosques and parks.

Censured was delayed in the UN Security Council for several weeks while heavy bombardment from air and sea was leaving multitude of villages trapped without food or running water.

The Israeli aggression against Lebanon went far beyond its intention to militarily target its enemies in Lebanon. Israeli army targeted Lebanese civilians and civil infrastructures. The aggression on Lebanon comes on the heels of Israel’s invasion and occupation of large parts of Gaza Strip, resulting in the death of many Palestinians.

The estimate number of dead people was 1071 and the injured were 3628 (these numbers could be much higher as some people were still uncounted). The total of 3612 persons was displaced. Israel even targeted the ambulances and trucks of aid products. Thirty thousand private houses, apartments, hospitals, clinics and schools were destroyed.

During the Israeli aggression several massacres were perpetrated in Marwahin, Aytoun, Quna, Baalbek and Al Qa’a. In these massacres 134 civilians were killed among them 56 children.

The Lebanese economy was badly affected. If the direct damage with festivities is estimated at $3.6 billion. The reconstruction cost is likely to exceed $5 billion, while Lebanon is saddled with about $40 billion public debt.

The Israeli war caused great damage to the Lebanese environment. Countless reports confirmed that Israel used new weapons prohibited internationally.

CONCLUSION:

The cost causes for the Israeli—Arab conflict whether with the Palestinians, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt or Jordan lie in the Israeli occupation of Arab territories. Unless Israel withdraws from the Arab territories occupied in 1967 and stops the atrocities against the Palestinian people there will be continuous conflicts.

A comprehensive peace process should be resumed to find solutions based on UN resolutions and international legitimacy.

Lebanon has been pushed back 20 to 30 years, due to the demolishing of the infrastructure of Lebanon, and destruction of hundreds of villages.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We call on all humanitarian agencies, human rights organizations, peace loving people and international organizations to voice their condemnation of the Israeli aggression on Lebanon and Palestine backed politically and financially by the Bush Administration and demand the following:

1. Ask UN General Secretary to establish an international comprehensive independent and impartial inquiry into violations of international humanitarian law. It should examine

US HYPOCRISY AND DECEPTION (from p. 1)

Rev 1, “Prevention of an arms race in outer space,” and L.36, “Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space area”.

Madam Chair, there is no arms race in space, and no prospect of an arms race in space. There is no threat to space or to the international community to address. There already exists an extensive and comprehensive system for limiting certain uses of outer space. The constituting multilateral arms control outer space arms control regime already deals adequately with the non-weaponization of space.

As stated in our National Space Policy, the United States is committed to the peaceful exploration and use of space by all nations for peaceful purposes. Peaceful purposes can include appropriate defense activities in pursuit of national security and other goals. We take seriously our commitment to carry on all US activities in the exploration and use of outer space in accordance with international law, including the Outer Space Treaty and the Charter of the United Nations. In the interest of maintaining international peace and security and promoting international cooperation and understanding.

The United States already has a number of efforts under way to help safeguard and improve peaceful uses of outer space for all, including providing information on objects in space through a public database. We have led the way in negotiating guidelines for mitigating the dangers to space operations presented by orbital debris. We also have extended assistance to other spacefaring nations by offering help in collision-avoidance.

In short, Madam Chair, we see no reason for international institutions to address a non-existent arms race in outer space.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

VANCOUVER WORLD PEACE FORUM (from p. 5)

Camps, and torture chambers. We support

the United Nations demands that the US government close down all of the 525 detention centers, the especially the torture center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, release the detainees and vacate this occupied Cuban territory and return it to the people of Cuba.

“We express our solidarity and support for the International Conference Against Foreign Military Bases to be held in Quito Ecuador on March 7—10, 2007.

“W e call upon all governments to live up to their United Nations and International treaty obligations to eliminate nuclear arsenals and end all further nuclear weapons development.

The participants declare their support for the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter and condemn the attempts of the United States under the guise of “reform” to eliminate the role of the General Assembly and the Security Council into a club of rich imperialist states.

“We demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all occupation forces from the Afghanistan, and Palestine and denounce all military aggression carried out in the name of “humanitarian intervention.”

“We express our solidarity with the 4,500 Palestinian political prisoners and 1,000 conflict activists from 90 countries attending the World Peace Forum and pledge to unite our strength and intensify our efforts in the fight for peace, and to end imperialist aggression and war.”
Greece: Demonstrations in Solidarity with the Peoples of Palestine and Lebanon

At the initiative of the Greek Committee for International Détente and Peace (EDEYE), the All-Workers’ Militant Front (PAME), the Federation of Greek Women (OGE) and the Greek Committee for International Democratic Solidarity (EEDDA), dozens of anti-war peace fighters concur to demand the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from the occupied Palestinian territories of Gaza and Hebron, and the Lebanese forces from the occupied areas of Lebanon. At the same time, they demand the withdrawal of the US forces from the bases in Greece and Cyprus, which are governed by the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), and the NATO forces from the bases in Germany.

The tension used by the Israeli government and the imperialists is aimed at striking every type of resistance and at disrupting the peace process. The illegal and militarized occupation of the Palestinian land has acted with complete impunity and with the full support of the USA and the EU, which wish to impose their own “solutions” on the Middle East.

The crimes committed by the Israeli Air Force and the UN forces, combined with the uncontrolled types of bombs, causing hundreds of casualties among the civilian population of Lebanon have angered Greek public opinion. The Greek government has also provoked the indignation of the Greek people, as for the entire Middle East that it has remained the same stance vis-à-vis the perpetrator and the victims, accepting its own share in the guilt and having totally subordinate to the commands of the USA and the EU.

The support and solidarity of the Greek anti-war movement towards the democracies and the peoples of Palestine and Lebanon were also expressed through financial aid. Delegations from EDEYE handed over funds collected for this purpose by peace fighters all over Greece to representatives of peace movements of Palestine and Lebanon.

The war is over, but on the pretext of offering humanitarian aid and following the relevant UN resolutions, the forces of imperialism and the EU have set foot in Lebanon. This development is part of the plan of the USA and its allies to neutralize the Middle East under the false title “Democratization of the Middle East”. This plan, which foresees different arrangements in the case of a future “peace deal,” illustrates the murderous Israeli attacks on the Palestinians to be stopped. It demands that the Lebanese prisoners be released from Israeli prisons and that the Palestinians acquire their own state with East Jerusalem its capital.

The PLO Condemns the Bloody Attacks against Lebanon

The Israeli military forces, for the fifth day, are escalating its vicious attacks on the town of Beit Hanun and the surroundings. Forty Palestinians from both sexes and all ages have been reported being injured and 200 have been injured. Witnesses add that massive destructions for the infrastructure, houses and mosques in the neighborhoods are also destroyed.

Sadly, the war is launched and – as it always has been the case when it comes to Palestine – the international community is silent at the best. This same community is beseiging the Palestinians economically and pressuring them to abandon “violence” and to return to the pre-war status.

We at the Department of Arab and International Relations do really appeal by the President Mahmoud Abbas to the UN Security Council to put a halt to this atrocity committed in Gaza Strip. The Israeli troop’s immoral crimes would only be to drag the region towards more violence and instability.

We appeal to the Arab and Islamic nations to take the lead and to rise up to their responsi bility of the identity of the Arabs and stop the attacks.

We also call the free voices, peace lovers and the humanitarian bodies along the world to take serious and influential stands to help linking the people of Palestine to the people that is already deprived by the apartheid that is practiced on the Palestinians.

Palestine Liberation Organisation
Ramatulah — Palestine
November 2006

GLOBAL NET OF US MILITARY BASES... (HELPLINE p.4) leading to an escalation of armed conflicts and including the neutral state. The Federal Republic of Germany is obliged by international law to provide assistance to the Federal Republic of Germany to support acts of aggression in which Israel has been involved. The Federal Republic of Germany was not released from its leading to an escalation of armed conflicts and including the neutral state. The Federal Republic of Germany was not released from its leading to an escalation of armed conflicts and including the neutral state. The Federal Republic of Germany was not released from its leading to an escalation of armed conflicts and including the neutral state. The Federal Republic of Germany was not released from its leading to an escalation of armed conflicts and including the neutral state. The Federal Republic of Germany was not released from its leading to an escalation of armed conflicts and including the neutral state. 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The Canadian Peace Congress calls upon Prime Minister Harper to oppose all proposals for a military attack on Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) and to work in the UN for a policy of de-escalation of tensions and a diplomatic solution. The way out of the crisis is the resumption of direct talks between the US and North Korea.

Support for President Bush’s Korean policy is the road to war. The Bush administration faced with possible defeat in the November Congressional elections, and seeking a pretext to divert world attention from the US debacle in Iraq has seized on a nuclear weapon test by the DPRK and raised it to the level of an international crisis. The US did not threaten war against Pakistan, India and Israel when these states acquired nuclear weapons.

The Bush Administration’s policy towards the DPRK is regime change. Branding North Korea as part of an “axis of evil,” the Bush Administration demands a free hand to punish a member state of the United Nations by economic blockade and war. At the same time, the US administration declares the DPRK has no right to self-defense. Given such options, it is not surprising that the DPRK has resorted to nuclear weapons tests.

The world needs peace, not another war. The US policy of regime change has resulted in the deaths of 655,000 Iraqis. A nuclear war on the Korean Peninsula would bring untold suffering to the people of both North and South Korea.

Nuclear disarmament is the most firm basis for an enduring peace. The Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) are important international agreements to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. To prevent the use of nuclear weapons existing nuclear weapons stockpiles must be reduced and eliminated. A powerful and united worldwide peace movement is needed to make that happen.

The policy of all US administrations has been to maintain nuclear weapons supremacy. The policy was established in August 1945 when President Harry Truman ordered atomic bombs to be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Bush Administration continues that policy.

The Bush Administration withdrew from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM) to be free of constraints in its Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) program. The ABM treaty is now defunct.

The NPT dating from 1968 and signed by 189 states was intended to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons to countries not possessing them and was extended indefinitely in 2003 with a solemn agreement among the major nuclear powers to accelerate efforts to reduce the numbers of nuclear weapons. The US Bush administration backed out of the acceleration commitment.

The Clinton administration signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) but the US Republican dominated Senate refused to ratify it because the US was heavily engaged in the production and testing of tactical nuclear weapons of the bunker buster type which it has plans for using against Iran. The US has to this day not ratified CTBT.

The current frenzy of condemnation of the DPRK by the major nuclear powers is not productive. The US, Russia, France, Great Britain, China, India and Pakistan and Israel to 1990 conducted 530 nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere or under water and 1,522 tests underground. The US alone to 1992 conducted 1,032 tests. The 1998 tests by India and Pakistan took place in defiance of the NPT. Israel has conducted secret tests and is reported to have a nuclear stockpile greater than Britain, including the long-range missile system to deliver them throughout the Middle East.

Nuclear weapons development, testing and deployment by the US and Israel has proceeded without any IAEA oversight. The use by NATO of depleted uranium in shells and bombs has wreaked havoc on the lives and territory of the former Yugoslavia, and now Iraq and Afghanistan.

Twelve thousand nuclear warheads are deployed in active service) with 90% of these weapons in the hands of the US and Russia. The total of both deployed and non-deployed nuclear weapons number 27,000. Thousands of nuclear weapons are on hair trigger alert defined as readiness to fire as early warning systems activate launch-on-warning. Hair trigger alert is fraught with dangers of false warnings.

It is clear to all, except for an ideologically blinded minority, that the DPRK is not decisive in eliminating the nuclear threat from the world. The major nuclear powers are.

In the first place, it is the US and NATO that is driving the current renewal of the nuclear arms race by the development and deployment of BMD and tactical nuclear weapons. The US maintains a first strike nuclear policy and includes in its military doctrine the use of nuclear weapons against states that do not possess them. The US deploys nuclear weapons offensively outside its own territory from foreign military bases aimed at states it deems to be adversaries such as the DPRK and Iran.

The US and the Bush administration opposes all proposals for a military attack on North Korea. The US and Israel have proceeded without any IAEA inspections. The US does not want its nuclear weapons tested against the DPRK. The US and the Bush administration have worked in the UN for a policy of de-escalation of tensions and a diplomatic solution.

The Bush administration opposes all proposals for a military attack on North Korea. The US policy of regime change, confrontation, nuclear supremacy leads to war. Another policy is needed to achieve peace. The Canadian Peace Congress joins in solidarity with all peace forces who assert that isolation of the DPRK, sanctions, military threats will lead to a deeper crisis and possible nuclear war. The process of negotiations based on respect for the sovereignty and rights and security of the DPRK, can lead to a reduction of tensions and avoidance of conflict. That is what we expect our Government to work for.