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**Millions support the Occupy Wall Street movement**

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## Editorial

### **On the Egyptian elections- a capitalist fraud**

The imperialists are desperate to break the revolutionary wave that is going around the world. In Egypt they have tried to instigate clashes between Muslim and Christian. The masses have resisted with the slogan, Muslim and Christian are one hand. The military regime has tried shooting down protestors but the masses have just gathered in greater numbers in Tahrir square. Now imperialism is trying to promote capitalist elections to chain the revolutionary masses. In times when the capitalist regime is threatened, they pose as the most democratic just to curb the working class from taking power- the main aim of imperialism is to keep the capitalist regime of Mubarak without Mubarak in control. But even here the masses are rejecting this ploy. The results of the first round of elections of the 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011 have just been released. The Muslim Brotherhood (through the Freedom and Justice party) received just 3,5 million votes. But the number of people who voted were just 9,7 million. Al Jazeera and other pro-imperialist press are shouting from the rooftops that this shows a 35% support for the Muslim Brotherhood. While the masses are being killed in the streets, all the Muslim Brotherhood cares about is elections and playing the role of containing the masses for imperialism. There are 50 million people of voting age in Egypt. **This shows that in fact 80% of the electorate or 40 million, mostly the working class and poor farmers, have rejected the elections.** In fact the real support for the Muslim Brotherhood is closer to 7% not 35%.

The rejection by the masses of the elections is all the more remarkable when we see that imperialism was even prepared to have a clause which guaranteed workers and farmers to have half the overall seats in the lower house. The masses were not fooled. They gave expression to the war cry of the Spanish youth: 'our dreams don't fit your ballot boxes!'

In a second round of elections on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 there was an even smaller turnout, which the regime is as yet to shy to release the numbers of those who voted. The grip of imperialism on the restriction of even normal capitalist norms in the elections is also seen through the rule that for the upper House elections scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 that the incoming President (at this stage, most likely a Muslim Brotherhood candidate) will nominate 90 of the 270 delegates. The elections are deliberately being held over months, which shows the desperation of imperialism to control and manipulate the outcome. Such are the plans of imperialism to impose a 'new' regime of Mubarak without Mubarak, with the help of the main Muslim parties, the Muslim Brotherhood (Freedom and Justice) and the Salafists (an Nour party).

The Egyptian revolution is alive and kicking. It can play a decisive role in the whole Middle East. Elsewhere in our newspaper we outline a draft programme for the current moment in Egypt. Forward to the boycott of the capitalist elections! For a workers government based on councils of delegates of workers and rank and file soldiers.

### **We support the Occupy Wall Street movement**

We support the Occupy Wall Street movement as it is revolutionary- it reflects a major break in the support base of US imperialism. The movement is demanding an end to the capitalist system and for this reason we support it. However there are severe limitations to it, of course imperialism will do its best to infiltrate it and smash it. The fake left like the



ISO enter it in order to attempt to neutralise it and to tie it to the tails of imperialism. What is needed is to develop a programme that speaks to the demands of the masses and lays the basis for the setting up of a revolutionary working class party as a section of the refounded Fourth International. We salute the millions of the masses who are taking the Occupy Wall street movement throughout the globe. It is a reflection of a generalized revolt of the working class and the poor masses of the world against the world capitalist system. It is the beginning of the generalisation of the revolutionary processes in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria, Chile, Bolivia, China, Greece, Spain, Malawi, Bahrain, etc. It is all part of the same revolt. It shows that Tahrir square and Misrata are not an 'Arab Spring' but the advanced guard of the coming world Socialist revolution. The masses in Tahrir and Misrata will not succeed unless the revolution is generalised into the heart of the imperialist centres. The recent biggest strike in decades in Britain against the imperialist attacks is also a reflection of the same process. The masses in the semi-colonies will not be free unless the masses in the imperialist centres are free and vice versa.

### **We got it wrong on the EEK of Greece**

It was pointed out to us that we were wrong to say that the EEK (Workers Revolutionary Party) were calling for a Constituent Assembly for Greece. In fact a closer reading of their article on the 'Arab Spring' implies that they were calling for a Constituent Assembly only for semi-colonies like Egypt. But even in this case we feel that the EEK is wrong in that the central question is: which is the only class that can guarantee the calling of an election which is free from conditions that support the rule of the capitalist class? It is the working class taking power into its hands through revolutionary means. The example of the limited Egyptian elections once again illustrates this. The call of the EEK for a Constituent Assembly in Egypt means helping to tie the masses to the strings not only of capitalism but also imperialism.

We maintain all our other criticisms of the EEK.

### **Our initial exposure of the Russell Commission on Palestine failed to present a programme to counter it**

We received feedback on our exposure of the Russell Commission on Palestine where we were correctly criticised for not giving a programme to counter it. This was a major shortcoming in the article. We have updated our article which now appears in this paper. Indeed the Palestinian masses can only get justice when the Israeli state is overthrown and the working class take power. Such a struggle is inextricably linked to the working class taking power in the imperialist centres and principally in the USA.



**The 99% will not be silent!**



**Egypt: Form independent workers councils which include workers' delegates from the factories, delegates from the rank and file soldiers and the revolutionary anti-capitalist youth;**

**Boycott the elections;**

**Away with the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF);**

**Forward to a revolutionary workers government based on the independent workers councils**

The central task facing the Egyptian masses today is the formation of independent councils of workers delegates, centrally from industrial and other workplaces. It is crucial that delegates of rank and file soldiers and the revolutionary, anti-capitalist youth be included in the ranks of the workers councils. Where there are 'popular committees' it is important that they be broadened to include workers delegates from the industrial and other workplaces. It is important to extend them to include delegates from the rank and file soldiers.

The basis of these independent workers councils or extended 'popular committees' should be on the following:

- boycott the elections
- Away with the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF)
- Disband the police, army and bureaucracy- arm the masses for workers self-defence against the capitalist state and imperialist forces
- All power to the workers councils /extended 'popular committees'
- Forward to a workers government based on these workers councils/ extended 'popular committees'.
- Shut down the US military bases and expulsion of all imperialist armed forces
- Expropriation of all capitalist interests and imperialist assets, without compensation, placing them under workers control
- Nationalise the land; full assistance to the poor peasantry
- For Mubarak and all of the past regime to face a workers tribunal- full reparations to the masses for the crimes of the old regime

**The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) are the subcontractor agency for the 1% on Wall Street**

Military support for the Mubarak regime was \$1.3 bn per annum from US imperialism. The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) receives over \$2bn- this is how much US imperialism depends on them to control the masses. Now that imperialist puppet Assad is killing protestors at will in Syria, imperialism has given the instruction to the SCAF to do the same in Egypt. Teargas from military contractors in Pennsylvania in



the USA is being used to suffocate and kill off protestors for the past week. Already, with 12 000 political prisoners, the SCAF has more activists in jail than even the hated Mubarak. The SCAF are the subcontracted killing machine for US imperialism, for the 1% on Wall Street, to try and crush the revolution. They want the masses to passively accept a return to a new regime of Mubarak without Mubarak. They want to prevent another Libyan uprising where the masses armed themselves and smashed the armed repressive forces of Gaddafi.

Through the elections on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011, the SCAF want to give the NDP of Mubarak another opportunity to be reborn. **This is another sham election of the kind that Mubarak** used to have as a cover to hide the rule of his clique and to hide the real domination by imperialism. The military elite have been trained in the academies of US imperialism- they control a huge portion of the wealth of Egypt- they enriched themselves in the time of Mubarak. The elections are to ensure that the Egyptian capitalists retain the riches stolen from the masses in the time of Mubarak. The price for this is that the Egyptian 1% have the military elite give instruction to shoot down the insurgent masses. While the military elite have given orders for the masses to be shot down with live ammunition, the **Muslim Brotherhood** have shown their true colours- they support the Military Council (SCAF) and the elections. Here they show their opportunism- they **want to gain privileges**- a piece of the cake that the Egyptian capitalists have, so that they can play the role, as they do now in Tunisia, to turn their backs on the masses and give imperialism a new lease of life to continue a brutal capitalist regime- indeed the resurrection of the Mubarak Phoenix out of the ashes of old Mubarak regime. **We call for the workers councils to spearhead a total boycott of the capitalist elections.**

#### **On the treacherous role of the world's left, such as the ISO**

The 'left' is deliberately not posing the question of armed self-defence against the attacks by the state. This is because to pose the question of arming the masses leads directly to a contest for power between the masses and the capitalist state. The 'left' leave the masses unarmed in the face of the increasingly more violent crackdown by the state that is armed to the teeth by billions of dollars of equipment and support, mainly from US imperialism.

The masses in Tahrir Square are raising the call for an interim civilian government- the question is- what is the class content of such a government ? Surely the first basis has to be that such a government must be based on delegates elected at grassroots level, subject to instant recall and receiving the wage of an average skilled worker. Secondly, no-one who has served in any leading capacity in the bureaucracy or armed forces from the Mubarak regime should be allowed in such a government. Surely the elite who gained their riches in the time of Mubarak should have no link to such a government; surely no-one with links to imperialism should be part of such a government.

The 'left' pose the raising of economic demands for workers in the factories, instead of concentrating all forces on the struggle for the working class to take political power through revolutionary means.

A civilian government can only really represent the masses if it is based on workers councils, on the programme outlined above.



The world's 'left' like the ISO also deliberately isolate the Egyptian masses from the struggling masses in the imperialist centres and in the region.

### **A call to the world 'Occupy Wall Street' movement**

The military regime in Egypt is the direct agency of the 1% who control Wall Street. The 1%, the capitalists of US imperialism are the direct beneficiaries of the plunder of Egypt, of the Palestinian masses, of the oil resources, of the masses in the region.

We call on the Occupy Wall street movement to find ways to blockade all military and other aid to the elite in Egypt. Note the fear that the 1% has for you that they ask British and French imperialism to be seen to be at the head of attacks in Libya, Ivory Coast and elsewhere. We call on the working class in England and France to rise up to blockade arms for the elite in Egypt. We call on you to learn from the still-developing movements in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Syria, that the world masses can only get rid of the system which enriches the 1% if we get defeat the state and its armed forces.

As much as it is necessary for workers delegates and delegates from the rank and file soldiers to join the masses in Tahrir square, it is necessary to seriously pose the question of councils of workers delegates and armed self-defence of the Occupy Wall Street movement. For workers brigades to support the revolutionary masses in Egypt, Syria, Libya, Tunisia, Bahrain, Yemen. Tear down the Rafah border and unite the Egyptian, Palestinian and Syrian masses, indeed the masses of the entire region, not only to defeat the hated Mubarak military regime, but also the Zionist state.

On the basis of all the above it is necessary to internationalise the Tahrir-Occupy Wall Street movement. But for the world capitalist system to be defeated we need to refound the Fourth International, to co-ordinate the fight of the world working class to take power through revolutionary means, defeating the imperialist regimes and their puppets around the globe.

**For independent workers councils with delegates from factories and other workplaces and delegates from rank and file soldiers, with delegates from the revolutionary anti-capitalist youth in Egypt!**  
**Boycott the sham elections!**  
**Away with the Supreme military council (SCAF)!**  
**All power to the workers councils!**  
**For a revolutionary workers government based on the workers councils!**  
**For the refounding of the Fourth International with sections in Egypt and all around the globe.**

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**The Occupy Wall Street movement begins to confront the US state**



## **Arm all the Libyan masses; for a revolutionary workers government based on councils of delegates of workers and militia; down with the imperialist NTC**

The imperialist agency, the TNC/NTC, is trying to destroy the Libyan revolution from within. They are trying to set up a Gaddafi regime without Gaddafi. But the first condition for them to do this is for them to disarm the militias. Already the TNC are coming with all sorts of bribes and schemes, offering laptops, money, benefits, with one aim in mind- to disarm the masses.

There is a fundamental difference between the TNC and parties of Social Democracy such as in Germany in the 1930's. The Social Democracy had a base in the proletariat while the TNC was a direct creation of imperialism, without any base in the working class. Thus the question of a proletarian united front with the TNC could not be seriously posed. In fact the role of the TNC was to save the Gaddafi regime, not combat it. When Gaddafi's forces were at the gates of Benghazi, it was not obvious that they would win- in fact, the battles for Misrata showed that Gaddafi's forces could be defeated- the masses in Benghazi had more heavy weaponry and planes available- if they defeated the Gaddafi forces, the plan for a 'no-fly zone' would have been clearly exposed as an imperialist invasion. The masses, sensing their own strength, would have more strongly have combated the TNC (how could the TNC call for Nato intervention when Gaddafi's forces were being defeated?). Imperialism did not act to 'save' the masses in Benghazi, as some comrades implied. (They would have been happy for a mass slaughter as in the DRC, Rwanda and Syria today). Imperialism acted because they dare not allow the masses to be seen anywhere on the planet as their own agency of revolution. Imperialism intervened to save the Gaddafi regime from the masses (as the independent action and organization of the masses would have destroyed every last vestige of the Gaddafi terror regime. To imply that imperialism acted to save the masses in Benghazi, is to create a new theory that imperialism can , under pressure of the masses, act in a progressive way.

Thus it follows from the TNC being an artificial imperialist agency, without a base in the masses, that the most harsh criticism of it was necessary and every attempt explored to organise independently from it and against it.

There are those who argue that the TNC was a popular front. Then it was necessary to answer what the base was of this popular front. Surely it followed that there was support among the militias for the TNC. The guiding question to combat fascism then follows from this section of the Transitional programme of the Fourth International: '*... The émigré People's Front is the most malignant and perfidious variety of all possible People's Fronts.*'...'*A merciless exposure of the theory and practice of the People's Front is therefore the first condition for a revolutionary struggle against fascism.*'



In Libya, the imperialists used funding and all manner of political instruments to prop up *its TNC* to gain control so that it can now begin to disarm the masses and re-establish a capitalist regime. A few arms were given to the masses, and only to the extent to boost the TNC's profile as combating the Gaddafi regime. The TNC called for a bombing campaign by the imperialist Nato. The TNC hosted imperialist military 'advisors' on the ground. Imperialism bombed the anti-Gaddafi militias from time to time and prevented the really weaponry from getting into the hands of the masses; imperialism also prevented the masses from flying the planes they had against the Gaddafi army. Thus the fighting was deliberately dragged out so that the masses would be tired out and weakened. The TNC sent the militia lightly armed and in some cases unarmed to face the heavy weaponry of Gaddafi's army. Hundreds, if not thousands of the militia members were killed off by the Gaddafi armed forces and mercenaries during this period of deliberate delay. Despite this, some of us still called for a united front with the TNC under the guise of a 'defence of democracy', while refusing to call for a single cell to be set up of revolutionary socialists within the militia, nor did they even call to organise a council of delegates of the workers and militias to co-ordinate the fight against the Gaddafi regime. This council could have spearheaded the fight against the TNC as well. As it is, the only structure that was 'co-ordinating' the fight against the Gaddafi regime, was the TNC! Was this not a complete break from the fundamentals of the Transitional Programme of the Fourth International?

In other words a consistent, merciless campaign to expose the TNC, its capitalist-anti-worker- anti-immigrant nature, from the time it was created and had little base among the masses, up to the current period, had to be conducted. Lean on the 'democratic' TNC and 'democratic' imperialist Nato forces against the fascist Gaddafi, the workers and militia were advised by some of us- we will deal with them later, they said. What ever happened to '*march separately- strike together*'?

The Libyan masses captured and killed Gaddafi despite Nato and its TNC. We remember the time when the masses dealt with the dictator Mussolini and hung him from a pole in the middle of Rome. Such was the hatred of the masses for Gaddafi that he was killed on the spot. No doubt, if he had faced a formal workers tribunal, Gaddafi would no doubt have further exposed the deep relation he had with imperialism such as playing host to the CIA rendition prisons. But it is not for us or anyone to dictate to the masses the timetable and form of justice meted out. That imperialism expresses 'concern' at the killing of Gaddafi, is more as a reassurance to the other dictators under their thumb, all of whom are increasingly nervous that they may be next. Imperialism could not intervene to save Gaddafi as their agency, the TNC would have been more exposed. As it is, the hold of the TNC is tenuous and it is more important to imperialism to have a agency that can control the masses than risk the overthrow of its main means of keeping the Libyan masses in check.





That the TNC now wants to put on trial those who killed Gaddafi is part of the reassurance by imperialism to its other puppet regimes and to the remaining fragments of the Gaddafi regime that imperialism wants to be part of the 'new' capitalist regime. It is part of the campaign by imperialism to disarm the masses- a necessary condition for a capitalist regime to exist. The terror regime of Gaddafi could exist for 42 years because the masses were physically unarmed. The terror regime could exist for 42 years because Stalinism and the world's left isolated the Libyan masses by portraying Gaddafi as a 'socialist'.

The TNC is worse than Gaddafi- they are already handing over the oil to imperialism at a far lower rate than even Gaddafi; the TNC has put the masses at the mercy of imperialism; the TNC knows who all the progressive elements in the militia are- they are waging an intense campaign to isolate and disarm the militias.

The allies of the Libyan masses are on strike in Oakland, are occupying Wall street, are on the streets of Egypt against the military dictatorship, are in Greece, Spain, Malawi, Madagascar, South Africa, Botswana, China, Chile, Bolivia, are in Las Heras, in the pampas, in the streets and factories of Buenos Aires, in Japan.

From the armed militias to arming all the masses in Libya!  
Expropriate all imperialist assets and the local bourgeoisie without compensation, under workers control!  
For councils of delegates of workers (including immigrant workers) and militia!  
For revolutionary workers tribunes to try all the remnants of the Gaddafi terror regime.  
Open the books on all the terror rendition prisons of the CIA in Libya under Gaddafi; open the books on all the terror deeds of the Gaddafi regime and its links to imperialism!  
For a revolutionary workers government based on councils of delegates of workers and militia!  
Down with the imperialist agency, the NTC/TNC!  
For the refounding of the Fourth International with a section in Libya, in the region and internationally.

18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011



Workers in Britain took to the streets against the state attacks



## **Xhobisa ngezixhobo bonke abantu baseLibhiya; ukwakha urhulumente wabasebenzi wotshintsho olululo owakhiwe ngabathunywa abasuka kubasebenzi nakumajoni asekhaya (militias); phantsi nge NTC yama impiyali.**

Isandla sama impiyali (iTNC/NTC), izama ukutshabalalisa utshintsho olululo lwaseLibhiya ngaphakathi. Bazama ukuseka urhulumente kaGadafi ngaphandle koGadafi. Kodwa imfuneko yokuqala ukuze bakwazi ukwenza oko kukuba baxuthe izixhobo kumajoni asekhaya (militias). I-TNC sele isenza intlobontlobo zamayelegenqe nokunyoba, inikezela nge laptop, imali nangenzuzo, ngenjongo enye yokuxutha izixhobo ebantwini.

Kukho umahluko omkhulu phakathi kweTNC nentlangano ezibizwa Social Democracy ezinjengezo zaseJamani ngeminyaka yo 1930. I-Social Democracy zazinabalandeli phakathi kwabasebenzi ngelilixa iTNC yakhiwe ngqo ngama impiyali, ingenawo namnye umlandeli kubasebenzi. Ngolo hlobo, umbuzo wentsebenziswano yokusebenza kunye ngabasebenzi neTNC awunakubuzwa. Ngokwenyani indima yeTNC ibikukukhusela urhulumente ka Gadafi, hayi ukulwa naye. Xa imikhosi kaGadafi yayi semasangweni aseBhengahazi, kwakungabonakali ukuba ingaphumelela- ngokwenyani amadabi eMisrata abonakalise ukuba imikhosi kaGadafi ingoyiswa- abantu bonke eBhengahazi babenezixho ezinzima ngakumbi nenqwelo moya zingakubo- ukuba babemoyisile uGadafi, icebo 'lokungavunyelwa kokubhabhiswa kwe nqwelomoya kwindawo ezithile' lalizakuba selubala cacileyo njengongenelo (invasion) lwama impiyali. Abantu besiva amandla abo bebengebeyilwile ngamandla iTNC (kanjani iTNC ibize ungenelelo lwe Nato ngelilixa imikhosi kaGadafi isoyiswa?). Umsebenzi wama impiyali ayikoku 'khusela' abantu eBhengahazi njengokuba amanye amaqabane esitsho. (Ebezakuvuya ngokubulalwa kwenyambalala yabantu njengase Congo, eRhawanda naseSiriya namhlanje). Ama impiyali angenelele ngoba akanakukwazi ukuvumela abantu babonwe lihlabathi njengabakwaziyo ukuzizisela utshintsho olululo. Ama impiyali angenelele ekhusela urhulumente kaGadafi ebantwini (njengokuba intshukumo zokuzimela nokuzilungiselela kwabantu bekuzakutshabalalisa nowokugqibela umkhondo wohlukumezo lukarhulumente kaGadafi). Ukuthi ama impiyali angenelele ukukhusela abantu eBhengahazi, kukwakha inkcazo eyingcingane entsha (theory) yokuba ama impiyali anako, phantsi koxinzelelo lwabantu, abonise ukuqhubela phambili.

Ngelo hlobo kuthethe ukuthi iTNC yi agent eyakhiwe ngama impiyali, engenabalandeli ebantwini nokuthi ukuyigxeka nokuyigxibha kuyimfuneko enkulu yaye onke amalinge aphononongwe ukulungiselela ngokuzimela kuyo yaye ngokuchaseneyo nayo.

Kukho abathile aba banga ukuba iTNC ngumbutho kawonke wonke (Popular



Front). Ngoko ke bekuyimfuneko ukuphendula ukuba ngobani abalandeli balo mbutho ka wonke wonke. Ngokuqinisekileyo okulandelayo kukuba bekukho inkxaso yeTNC phakathi kwamajoni asekhaya. Umbuzo okhokelayo wokulwa ulawulo ngokobupolisa loburhulumente ngoko ke ulandela kwesicatshulwa Senkqubo yeNguqulelo (Transitional Programme) yeNtlangano yeSine YamaKomanisi wenene eHlabathi (Fourth International): *'...umbutho kawonke wonke waBantu abangababhaci ngowona unolunya yaye uzintlobontlobo zokungabinanyani kwimibutho kawonke wonke yabantu enokufumaneka'... 'ukubeka elubala ngokungenanceba kwenkcazo eyingcinga (theory) nokusebenza kombutho kawonke wonke ngoko ligatya lokuqala (condition) lomzabalazo wotshintsho olululo ochaseneyo nolawulo lorhulumente ngokobupolisa.'*

ELibhiya, ama impiyali asebenzise izipho zemali nazo zonke izixhobo zawo zopolitiko ukumisa i**TNC yayo** ifumane ulawulo ukwenzela ngoku ikwazi ukuxutha izixhobo ebantwini yaye imise kwakhona urhulumente wongxowankulu. Izixhobo ezimbalwa zanikezelwa ebantwini, yaye kuphela ngokomlinganiselo wokunyusa igama leTNC njengelwa norhulumente kaGadaffi. I-TNC yabeth' ikhwelo lophulo loqhushumbiso yi Nato yama impiyali. I-TNC yamkela ngokusesikweni 'abacebisi' bezomkhosi bama impiyali. Ama impiyali ahlasela ngeziqhushumbisi imikhosi yasekhaya echasene noGadaffi ngamaxesha ngamaxesha yaye akazivumela izixhobo zokwenyani ukuzifikelele ezandleni zabantu; ama impiyali kwakhona akabavumelanga abantu babhabhise iinqwelo moya abebenazo ngokuchasene nomkhosi kaGadaffi. Ngolo hlobo umlo wenziwa wathatha ixesha ngabom ukwenzela abantu badinwe baphele amandla. I-TNC yathumela imikhosi yasekhaya (militia) edabini ngezikrweqana ngamanye amathuba ingaxhobanga iyokulwa nemikhosi kaGadaffi exhobe yafohlela. Amakhulu, ukuba asingomawaka amalungu omkhosi wasekhaya abulalwa yimikhosi kaGadaffi exhobileyo nangamajoni aqashiweyo (mercenaries) ngesisigaba sexesha sokulibazisa kwangabom. Ngaphandle koku abathile kuthi basabeth' ikhwelo lokusebenza kunye sibeyimbumba neTNC phantsi kweqhinga 'lokukhusela ulawulo lwentando yesininzi', ekubeni besa la ukuseka iqela (cell) elinye nje lotshintsho olululo lwamasoshali ngaphakathi kwamajoni asekhaya, kwanokuba babize kwa ukulungiselela amabhunga abathunywa babasebenzi namajoni asekhaya alungilelanise umlo ochaseneyo norhulumente kaGadaffi. Elibhunga ngelikhokelele nomlo ochaseneyo neTNC. Okwangoku, iqonga kuphela 'ebelilungiselela' umlo ochaseneyo norhulumente kaGadaffi, yiTNC! Ingaba oku ibengekuko ukwahlukana okupheleleyo kwiziseko Zenkqubo yeNguqulelo (Transitional Programme) yeNtlangano yeSine yamaKomanisi wenene eHlabathi (Fourth International).

Ngamanye amagama iphulo eliqhubekayo, elingenanceba lokubhentsisa iTNC, imeko yayo yobungxowankulu yokuchasana nabasebenzi nabangeneli (immigrants)- sukela ekusekweni kwayo yaye ibenabalandeli abambalwa, ukuzokuma kwesigaba sexesha, kufuneka likhokelwe. Yoyama kwiTNC 'yolawulo lwentando yesininzi' nakwimikhosi yeNato 'yolawulo lwentando



yesininzi' yama impiyali, ngokuchaseneyo nolawulo ngokobupolisa lukaGadaffi, abasebenzi namajoni asekhaya -acetyiswa ngabanye bethu, sizakuthetha ngabo kamva, batsho. Kwaqhubeka ntoni *'kuxhentsa ngokwahlukeneyo- sihlasele kunye'*?

Abantu baseLibhiya bambamba bambulala uGadaffi ngaphandle kweNato neTNC yayo. Sikhumbula ixesha xa abantu basebenza ngowayelawula ngozwi lakhe uMussolini yaye bamxhoma epalini embindini waseRoma, wabangako umsindo wabantu kuGadaffi ngokuba wabulalwa ngokonangoko. Akukho mathandabuzo, ukuba waye wajongana nenkundla zamatyala zabasebenzi, ngaphandle kwamathandabuzo uGadaffi ebezakubhentsisa ngakumbi ubudlelwane obunzulu ebenabo nama impiyali njengokuvula intolongo sothuthumbiso (rendition prison-torture) zeCIA-[ukuthi uthathwa kwelinye ilizwe uyothotsharishwa eLibhiya]. Kodwa asikokwethu okanye nabanina ukudiktheyita ebantwini ithayimthebhile nendlela yobulungisa ayabelweyo. Into yokuba ama impiyali abonakalise 'ukuxhalaba' ngokubulawa kukaGadaffi, okungamandla sisiqinisekiso kwabanye ozwi lakhe abaphatsi kobhontsi wawo, bona bonke baxhalabile ngaphezulu kunangaphezulu ukuba bangalandela. Ama impiyali akakwazanga ukungenelela ukusindisa uGadaffi, njengokuba i agent yabo, iTNC ibizakubhentsiseka ngakumbi. Okwangoku ifuthe leTNC licekethekile yaye kubaluleke kakhulu kuma impiyali ukubane agent enokulawula abantu kunokuzifaka engozini yokubhukuqwa kweyona ndlela yayo yokugcina abantu baseLibhiya elulawulweni.

Into yakuba iTNC ngoku ifuna ukumangalela abo babulale uGadaffi yinxalenye yama impiyali yokunika ingqinisekiso kwabanye orhulumente bawo abavuma konke (puppets) nakumaqhezu worhulumente kaGadaffi asashekileyo ukuba ama impiyali afuna ukuba yinxalenye wolorhulumente 'mtsha' wongxowankulu. Yinxalenye yophula lama impiyali ukuxutha izixhobo ebantwini - imeko eyimfuneko ukuze urhulumente wongxowankulu abekho.

Urhulumente wogrogriso kaGadaffi ukwazile ukuphila iminyaka engamashumi amane anesibini kuba abantu bebengenazixhobo ezandleni. Urhulumente wogrogriso uphile iminyaka engamashumi amane anesibini ngoba amaStalini nabasekunxele behlabathi babayeka bodwa abantu baseLibhiya ngokuchaza uGadaffi njenge 'Soshalist'.

I-TNC imbi ngakumbi kunoGadaffi - sele benikezela nge oli kuma impiyali ngexabiso eliphantsi kakhulu kwakweli kaGadaffi; iTNC ibeke abantu esichengeni sama impiyali; iTNC iyazi ngobani bonke abangongqondongqondo phakathi kwamajoni asekhaya, bathathe iphulo olumandla lokuwayeka odwa nokuwaxutha izixhobo amajoni asekhaya.

Amaqabane abantu baseLibhiya akuqhankqalazo eOakland, ahleli phambi kweWall Street, akwizitalato zaseEgypt ngokuchaseneyo nolawulo lozwi lakhe ngomkhosi, aseGreece Spain, Malawi, Madagascar, Mzantsi Africa, Botswana,



China, Chile, Bolivia, aseLas Heras epampas, ezitratweni nakwimizi-mveliso yaseBuenos Aires, eJapan.

Ukusuka kumajoni asekhaya axhobileyo ukuya kuxhobisa abantu bonke baseLibhiya!

Xutha zonke izinto zokusebenza zama impiyali kunye nezongxowankulu bendawo ngaphandle kokubahlawula, phantsi kolawulo lwabasebenzi.

Ikhwelo lamabhunga abathunywa babasebenzi (ukuquka abangeneli - immigrants) namajoni asekhaya!

Ikhwelo leqonga labanyulwa babasebenzi botshintsho olululo lise ematyaleni zonke intsalela zorhulumente wogrogriso kaGadaffi.

Tyhila iincwadi zazo zonke intolongo zothuthumbiso zeCIA eLibhiya phantsi koGadaffi; tyhila iincwadi zazo zonke izenzo zogrogriso zikarhulumente kaGadaffi kunye namakhonkco akhe nama impiyali!

Ikhwelo lorhulumente wotshintsho olululo wabasebenzi owakhiwe ngabathunywa abavela kubasebenzi nakumajoni asekhaya!

Phantsi nge agent yama impiyali, iNTC/TNC!

Ikhwelo loku seka kwakhona iNtlangano yeSine yamaKomanisi wenene eHlabathi ibenecandelo eliseLibhiya, kulammamda nakwihlabathi.

Lisuka kwi Workers International Vanguard League  
18th November 2011

## **Exploding the myth of Syria being ‘anti-imperialist’ – the working class needs to mobilise independently to seize power**

Syria has a population of 21 million, of which about 54% are urbanised. This means that the role of the working class in the Syrian revolution is decisive. From the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 up to the current date, most of the urban working class have not participated in the uprising against the Assad Baathist regime. The main reason for this is that the regime has managed to posture as ‘anti-imperialist’. Further, in March the regime gave a 20-30% wage increase to public sector staff and workers. But the central reason why the Assad military dictatorship has managed to sustain itself is that within the Syrian and the world working class movement the leadership directly and indirectly paint the regime as ‘anti-imperialist’.

### **The role of Stalinism**

Before 1989 the ‘left’ and imperialism consciously built the myth that there was a ‘cold war’ between the Communist and capitalist forces. The reality was that the Stalinist (communist) parties were acting as an agency to behead the workers revolutions so that world imperialism could continue its domination of the world. The case of Syria illustrates this very well.



In Africa the stalinists promoted 'African socialism', which was nothing else but promoting the African middle class to become the local rulers on behalf of imperialism- in other words a new form of control by imperialism through co-option of the local middle class, in the place of workers organizing independently and seizing power through revolutionary means. In Africa the Stalinists either directly supported the African nationalist movements or where workers were already organising independently, they formed communist parties that tied the working class to support the national 'socialist' movements.

In the Middle East the Stalinists supported the Arab nationalist movements and the Arab national 'socialist' parties. In 1924 the Communist Party of Syria and Lebanon was formed. [in centuries gone by, predating the existence of Palestine and even Judea, several of the countries such as historic Palestine (including the entire 'Israel'), Jordan, and Lebanon were part of Syria]. When imperialism carved up the region, dividing up Syria and Lebanon, the Stalinists obeyed their imperialist masters and dutifully split the Communist party between Lebanon and Syria. From 1941, when Syria supposedly declared its independence from imperialist France, there were a series of military coups aimed at pre-empting the masses overthrowing the regime. In 1958 Egypt and Syria unified into the United Arab Republic, UAR. The Syrian Communist Party opposed this unification. The UAR split again in 1961. A pro-unification coup took place in 1963, followed by a coup in 1966 led by a group of army officers and then Minister of Defence, Hafez Assad. By 1970 Hafez Assad became President, having consolidated the coup. Soon afterwards the Baathist socialist party formed a front, the National Progressive Front, which co-opted the middle class leaders of the popular committees. Both Communist Parties formed part of this front which accepts that the Baathist rule and are the only ones who can operate among students and in the army.

Both Communist parties (in reality fractions that had split from the same Stalinist Syrian Communist party) supported the bloody Baathist regime from 1970 up until the current period when the regime is violently suppressing the uprising by the masses.

This what the Syrian Communist Party wrote to all the world's Communist and Workers parties as recently as 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

*"...Armed gangs were formed, attacking public and private properties, and setting up barriers inside some cities in which they had had the upper hand."...*

*"Further, we would like to add that the party has asserted, in all the documents adopted during the last period that it supported the national stance of Syria."...*

*"Political solution and the continuity of a real and radical reform constitute the only way out of the crisis"...*



*"we call upon these parties to solidify with Syria because it is the most important Arab country resisting the imperialist plans to dominate the Middle East, and firmly opposing the American-Israeli plan to fragment the area in several sectarian entities whose control would be easy. Syria also supports the national resistance in Palestine, Lebanon and Iraq. Besides it supports the right of the Palestinian people to liberate its territories and establish a national state with Jerusalem as its capital."*

In summary then, the Syrian Communist Party supports the Assad regime, also labelling the resistance against the regime as 'armed gangs' and thus they also support the massacres by the regime over the past period. They oppose a workers revolution in Syria, claiming that a negotiated settlement with this bloody dictatorship is the way forward. Their justification is that the regime is 'anti-imperialist' and supports the masses in Palestine, Lebanon and Iraq. The opposite is true as we show below. The Syrian Communist party help to contain the industrial proletariat in Syria also through their support of the Baathist regime in the trade unions- the trade unions are also affiliated to the Stalinist WFTU (World Federation of Trade Unions). [There is only one union federation allowed in Syria, which allows only the Baathist party to lead it]. The Syrian CP supports the division of historic Palestine, accept the existence of Israel and thus has the same line as the CP of the Soviet Union under Stalin, which was the first state to recognize Israel, showing its role as a lackey of world imperialism.

### **We explode the myth that the Assad Baathist regime is 'anti-imperialist'**

While the Assad regime may have 'nationalised' the oil and gas sectors of the economy, these are **partnerships with imperialist companies and not under workers control**. For example the Loon Lattakia oil company is a **partnership** with Mena which is a **Canadian oil company**; **Gulfsands Petroleum** operates extensively in Syria- Gulfsands is in part controlled by the infamous **Blackrock** Investments, Schroder Investments, **Goldman Sachs** and Cheriot Norges bank. The **bank of America, Barclays, AIG and Merrill Lynch**, as shareholders in Blackrock are thus also participants in the imperialist operations in Syria. Earlier this year, imperialist magazine, **World Finance**, awarded **Rami Makhoul** an **award** as visionary business leader. Makhoul is part of the Assad family that through Cham Investment Group, Mada Transport (a motor assembly operation) and Real Estate Bank, control over **60% of the Syrian economy**. **Makhoul** and other Syrian capitalists have opened their **warehouses as prisons** as the official prisons are overflowing with the regime's captives. Yet the Syrian CP insists that the regime is 'anti-imperialist'!

The Communist Action Party in Syria confirms that when the Assad coup took place the **local capitalist class was not expropriated** and continued to operate. Thus when the oil and gas sector were nationalised, it was a state capitalist regime that made this raw material available for imperialist exploitation- the state



using part of the revenue to create perks such as free education and health care to create capitalist stability.

In 2002 Canadian Syrian, Mahel Aher, was kidnapped by the CIA in New York, while in transit to Canada. He was sent by the CIA to Syria where he was tortured for months as a 'terror' suspect. He was kept in the ground in a coffin-like narrow hole, 2 metres deep. After he was released because his name was cleared, the Canadian government tried to buy his silence through a payment of \$10 million. Aher and others have confirmed that **Syria** is one of the places where the **CIA has rendition prisons**. It is reported that Syrian Pakistanis are sent to Syria by the CIA to be tortured. Other regimes which also have rendition prisons of the CIA are Egypt, Jordan, Libya. How can Syria be regarded as 'anti-imperialist' when they are one of the main subcontracted agencies of torture for US imperialism? Yet the **Syrian CP** and some of the world's left that pose as Trotskyist like the **Qina Msebenzi** group, insist that Syria is 'anti-imperialist'.

In 1975-6 the Syrian army invaded Lebanon to support the Maronite-Falangists against the Palestinian resistance. It was the Syrian military support of the Israeli-backed Falangists that allowed the **Sabra and Shatilla** massacres to take place. [The UN oversaw the disarming of the Palestinian masses, promising them safe passes out of Lebanon. When the Palestinians disarmed, the Falangist forces massacred them in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps]. The Syrian army stayed in Lebanon from 1976 until 2005, assisting imperialism to suppress the Lebanese masses.

In **1990** the **Syrian** regime sent troops as **part of the US-led coalition** against Saddam Hussein's occupation of Kuwait. US imperialism was so impressed with Assad that they gave them **military funding and equipment**. Such military funding and equipment is now being used to slaughter the Syrian masses.

In 1967, according to the Communist Action Party, when Israel occupied the **Golan Heights**, the Syrian regime, already headed by Hafez Assad, cut off supplies to the Palestinian masses who were resisting the Zionist onslaught. In 1983 Israel annexed the Golan Heights. Such is the cosy relations of the Assad regime with the fascist Israeli regime that the remaining masses in the Golan Heights have **Israeli citizenship** but trade with Syria, **having access the Syrian free schooling and free health care**. There are 300 000 refugees from the Golan Heights internally displaced within Syria.

**The role of imperialism:** Having shown that the Syrian regime is a lackey of imperialism, the actions of the regime can now be seen for what it is. The Egyptian regime shooting down protestors, the use of live ammunition to shoot down anti-regime protestors in Yemen, in Libya (under Gaddafi) and Bahrain, the





use of tanks, the killing of soldiers who break with the regime in Syria are all part of the same strategy of imperialism to drown the attempted revolutions in blood. Where the masses have gone over to armed uprising, as happened in Libya, as is now starting to happen in Syria, imperialism deliberately caused a section of the political ruling elite to break with the local regime, to join up with the masses in revolt, in order to betray it from within. In Libya, imperialism deliberately set up the Transitional National Council as a counter-revolutionary entity to gain control over the insurgent masses in order to ensure that, in the event that the regime was overthrown, it could be reconstituted, on a capitalist basis, that is, as the same regime but with some new faces. Imperialism depended and still depends on the middle class leaders of the Libyan resistance who were part of the leadership of the popular committees that had been the base of the Gaddafi regime, to be the base of their TNC.

In Syria, as soon as imperialism realized that the masses proved far more resilient than they thought they would be, they started setting up a Syrian Transitional Council, made up of some defectors from the Assad regime and from deliberately placed counter-revolutionaries. From the Libyan experience, the Syrian masses are correctly suspicious of this Syrian Transitional Council. Through repeated attempts imperialism has set up a broader Syrian National Council which is trying to co-opt the leadership of the uprising, especially the leaders of the local co-ordinating councils. Imperialism is trying to set up the Syrian National Council made up of 60% internal and 40% external representatives. In other words, imperialism is trying to set up a counter-revolutionary council to strangle the Syrian revolution from within. Meanwhile imperialism still supports the Assad regime to kill off as many of the leadership of the resistance as possible.

In Libya, the imperialists used funding and all manner of political instruments to prop up its TNC to gain control so that it can now begin to disarm the masses and re-establish a capitalist regime. A few arms were given to the masses, and only to the extent to boost the TNC's profile as combating the Gaddafi regime. Imperialism bombed the anti-Gaddafi militias from time to time and prevented the really weaponry from getting into the hands of the masses; imperialism also prevented the masses from flying the planes they had against the Gaddafi army. Thus the fighting was deliberately dragged out so that the masses would be tired out. A section of the left deliberately delayed calling for the overthrow of the TNC, concentrating on a military strategy to overthrow of Gaddafi, instead of having a proletarian strategy to split his base from him. It is likely that thousands of Libyan masses died fighting against the militias thinking they were fighting imperialism. It is better to fight with the 'democratic' TNC against Gaddafi, they implied- you cannot put an equal sign between Gaddafi and the TNC, they said. It is not necessary to organise the working class independently as we would be setting up structures in opposition to the militias, they said. The revolutionary petti



bourgeois in the militias are the same as the working class fighters there- the militias are workers militias, they said.

In reality the petty bourgeois leadership of the militias are the ones who are the base of the TNC. The revolutionary section of the militias who are for the expulsion of imperialism, have followed the wrong tactics of sub-ordinating their fight against the TNC to a pure military fight to overthrow Gaddafi because the TNC is the Gaddafi regime without Gaddafi.

There is a trend across North Africa and the Middle East that imperialism relies in part on the Muslim Brotherhood, in Tunisia, in Egypt, in Libya, in Syria, in Lebanon (with Hezbollah), in Gaza (Hamas) and the West Bank, to act within the mass uprisings as a force to maintain and sustain a capitalist regime. This means that the Muslim Brotherhood acts to ensure that a regime emerges from the uprisings, that is still tied hand and foot to imperialism. The trade off for this is a stake within the political ruling elite of the respective countries and areas.

### **Towards a programme for the Syrian revolution**

We also have to demonstrate our programmatic differences with the 2 main branches of those groups who each claim to be the Fourth International: We deal first with the International Committee of the Fourth International, ICFI (who produce the World Socialist WebSite wsws). The ICFI is largely silent on Syria and the massacres that happen almost daily- this is no accident as the ICFI produces a daily international bulletin. On Libya they oppose the Nato invasion and the NTC but offer no programme for the masses in their fight against the Gaddafi regime. Similarly while they criticize the military preparation that imperialism is apparently making against the Syrian regime, they offer no programme and do not even call for the Syrian masses to set up a section of the ICFI there. They do hint that the Syrian regime is under indirect control of imperialism as they expose that Total and other French companies have partnerships with the Assad regime for years now. The ICFI thus capitulates to the Stalinist notion that the Assad regime is progressive and somehow 'anti-imperialist'.

The United Secretariat of the Fourth International (who produce International Viewpoint and who are the main party in the French NPA) is more bold in their position: in their 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011 statement, after Tripoli had fallen, claimed that now a period of Freedom, democracy and the use of the wealth of Libya for the fundamental needs of the masses, is now on the agenda. They claim to oppose Nato but say nothing against the imperialist organ, the NTC, which is now taking every step to ensure that there will be no freedom for the masses and that the wealth of Libya is mainly for exploitation by imperialism. They claim that the next



dictator to go should be Assad. Thus, while claiming to support the revolutionary 'processes' on the ground and to oppose imperialism, they actually land up supporting the agencies of imperialism such as the TNC in Libya and the Syrian National Council.

The USFI and ICFI do not link the fights of the masses in Syria, in Libya, with the necessary fight to overthrow the regimes in the imperialist centres; they have nothing in common with the programme of the Fourth International.

### **A draft programme for the Syrian revolution**

1. for workers delegates, whether local or immigrant, local or refugee, from every workplace to join the local co-ordinating councils and to set up co-ordinating councils where none exist based on a programme to expropriate all imperialist asset and the local bourgeoisie (including Assad and Mahlouf the thief), without compensation, and under workers control; that rank and file soldiers and the rural workers , rural poor peasant and unemployed youth be invited to send delegates to the local co-ordinating councils;
2. for the nationalization of all the land, expropriating all capitalists and all large commercial farms without compensation, placing these under workers control; for model collective farms to be set up and the poor peasants invited to be part of them; for allocation of land for use by any peasant farmer with full support such as cheap credit and assistance with implements; no poor peasant to be expropriated;
3. Free all political prisoners; close all the rendition prisons; expel all the imperialist troops from Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the entire region;
4. disbanding the army and police and for the general arming of the masses;
5. Down with the Assad regime, all power to these co-ordinating councils, break with the capitalist Syrian Transitional Council and the Syrian National Council
6. No to any Nato or capitalist intervention in Syria; for international worker brigades to go to assist side by side with the Syrian masses the fight for the working class to take power through revolutionary means.
7. for the clarion call: expropriate the 1% and their lackeys without compensation, under workers control, to be taken across North Africa , the Middle East, into



'Israel', into Greece, into the entire Europe and North America, and indeed the entire world. In the semi-colonies we are enslaved by the agents of the 1%; in the imperialist centres the 1% enslave the working class and lower middle class;

8. For the Palestinian, Syrian and Jewish masses to unite to expel the Israeli army from the Golan Heights;

9. for the Palestinian and Jewish masses to unite against the Israeli bourgeoisie and Arab bourgeoisie, agents of the 1%; Free all Palestinian prisoners from the Zionist jails and that of Hamas and the PA.

10. For the refounding of the Fourth International, with sections in each country; for a federation of Socialist workers states of North Africa and the Middle east; for groundwork preparations toward the working class to take power in the imperialist centres.

## **The real reason behind Malema's expulsion from the ANCYL**

The first point to clarify is that a 'suspension for 5 years', in other words to a time when Malema is above the age limit for membership of the ANC Youth League, is an expulsion, not a suspension.

The conduct of Malema has not been different from previous ANC youth leaders such as Mandela, Peter Mokaba, Malusi Gigaba, Fikile Mbalula. ***So the question arises about why is an ANC youth leader expelled now?***

The answer lies in the international situation and raises the question about who really controls South Africa:

Objectively the situation today is much different than 2 years ago when even though the capitalist crisis was deep, the masses had not started to resist in a generalized way. Today, the puppets of imperialism and the imperialist leaders are threatened everywhere on the planet. Millions of the masses are on the march in the USA, Chile, Bolivia, China, England, Spain, Greece, Libya, Malawi, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Bahrain, Yemen, historic Palestine. In every country in the world, capitalist rule is being threatened by a mass uprising. The imperialist rulers are desperately trying to stop the wave that has brought down their favoured agents: so far Ben Ali, Mubarak and Gaddafi have been toppled by the masses. Despite their efforts, the mass global uprising is spreading. Since the Second imperialist world war, there has never been such a time when there has been such generalized hatred by the masses for capitalism and capitalist regimes on a global scale. Every capitalist regime is under threat of becoming the next target for the masses. The world capitalist system is threatened to its very core.



Besides trying to infiltrate the mass movement to betray it from within, imperialism has given the instruction for the uprisings and attempted uprisings to be brutally crushed by force: Thousands have been killed by the puppet regimes in Syria, Bahrain, Yemen. The Egyptian military has shot down a number of protestors in the streets, as has the Malawi regime.

The Botswana regime has just survived the longest public sector strike in its history- a strike which threatened the regime but was turned into an economic fight by their trade union leadership, with the support of the Cosatu and SACP leadership. In 2011 the level of strikes is similar to the period of the height of resistance of the masses against the old apartheid regime. Once again the Cosatu and SACP leaders divided the resistance of the masses to the 'system' and turned the resistance of the masses, so far, into a purely economic one. In a bid to neutralize the mass resistance, several capitalist sectors have been forced to concede more than 10% wage increases.

In such a climate comes the ANC Youth League calls for 'regime change' in Botswana and South Africa, and their calls for 'nationalization'.

It must be emphasized that both Mandela (in his time) and Malema (today) never really wanted 'economic liberation' for the masses, but had 'self-interest' in mind.

In the Liberator newspaper of June 1956, Mandela wanted the monopolies to be broken up to create a 'non-European bourgeois class' (that is, a black capitalist class) while Malema wants greater shares in the imperialist monopolies and does not want to pay for them ( as the ANC has done up to now). [BEE or BEEE is where big capital lends money to the black capitalists to buy shares in their companies- thus the current ANC billionaires like Tokyo Sexwale and Patrice Motsepe are really owned and controlled by Anglo American. Malema and co want free shares to be independent capitalists in their own right].

Even though Malema and co have only self-interest at heart, Anglo American is worried that their calls for 'regime change' and 'nationalization' could be the spark that ignites the next uprising that threatens their regime, not only in South Africa and Botswana, but across the entire region. Notably an imperialist rating agency downgraded South Africa's status from 'stable' to 'unstable' just before the ANC handed its judgement of expulsion of Malema. Thus it was really Anglo American, the main target of 'nationalization' that gave instruction to their puppet regime, the ANC-SACP in government, to deal decisively with Malema. Thus, not surprisingly, the expulsion comes with a threat of criminal charges for 'corruption'.

But is Malema any less 'corrupt' than Mandela who has several mansions across the country and who was one of several who became overnight millionaires (if not billionaires)?? Anglo American and others have been under-pricing their exports for **decades**. In this way they under-invoice what their real exports are and in this



way take hundreds of billions of Rands in wealth out of the country. In 2009 alone, Anglo American and others took out about R700bn in wealth out of the country that they did not declare. This means that in 2009 over R1 trillion (R1000Bn) in profits was taken out of the country. [And these are just book profits- the real figure must be much higher]. Anglo American and others showed these record profits at the same time that over 1 million workers were retrenched in the country. If there was a list of the corrupt in the country then Anglo American would top.

The main production in Botswana is diamonds which for all these decades are not even sorted and valued there. Only now has the sorting and valuing been brought to Botswana. But the process where the most value is added, namely the cutting and polishing, is still being done in Israel and elsewhere. It is Anglo American which controls the diamonds and coal mines in Botswana- in other words, Botswana is a direct colony not only of US imperialism but a single company, Anglo American. The US military bases in Botswana are direct agencies of imperialist-capitalist violence against the masses there and in the region. The blood diamonds from Botswana, South Africa, DRC and elsewhere in Africa are shipped to Israel for cutting and polishing. Thus Anglo American artificially props up the fascist Israeli regime and is mainly responsible for the ongoing slaughter of the Palestinians. And yet, the 'beacon of democracy', the ANC expels Malema for mouthing what the Botswana masses are crying out for- regime change! Of course Malema has in mind regime change through the ballot box and he is merely playing to his audience for a bigger share of the pie for himself, but imperialism cannot tolerate the slightest challenge to their rule.

Swaziland and Lesotho are slave labour camps for Anglo American- their regimes are brutal and anti-worker. Through the SA regime, Anglo American sustains them. The DRC is being plundered by all imperialists for the minerals- world imperialism sustains the DRC regime and the various armies in the region, killing over 6 million people since 1996. Imperialism says no to regime change. Any spark will broaden the world resistance against the barbaric capitalist system. Maintain barbarism at all costs is the message from Anglo American. Only if the system was about to be overthrown and if other agents had been discredited would Anglo American turn to Malema to control the masses from within. But for the moment, Anglo American prefers Vavi, Zuma and Blade Nzimande to control the masses.

The leaders of the SACP and Cosatu know full well of the practice of under-invoicing by Anglo American and others, yet they do nothing about it. Chancellor House, an ANC front company received R2bn for the government ensuring that well over R1 trillion in contracts go to Anglo American and its partners for the electricity build scam.

Only 40% of those of working age in South Africa, have some form of job. This is the highest unemployment rate in Africa, if not the world. The only way that the



youth have any future is through the expropriation without compensation, under workers control of Anglo American and the rest of the commanding heights in South Africa and across the region. Our fathers and mothers have through their sweat and blood paid over and over again for Anglo American and other monopolies.

But such a programme cannot be achieved within the ANC, even less the SACP. The youth need their own revolutionary working class organization as part of a new revolutionary working class party. But this cannot be achieved only in South Africa, but we need to unite all the wage slaves across the region, and indeed across the world. The imperialists are working together on a global scale through the UN, WTO, G20, IMF, World Bank and other imperialist agencies- the working class needs its own international, which we say should be the refounded Fourth International. We need to unite with our class brothers and sisters at the barricades in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Malawi, DRC, Swaziland, Chile, Libya, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, China, USA, etc against our local capitalist regimes and against the global capitalist system. For the youth to have a future, the working class needs to take political power through its own mass action methods. For this, a decisive break with the ANC-SACP needs to take place, the class collaborators in the Cosatu bureaucracy need to be removed.

**For the refounding of the Fourth International! Forward to Socialism!**

13.11.2011

## **Isizathu esiyinyani sokugxothwa kukaMalema iANCYL**

Into yokuqala ukucaciswa kukuba 'ukumiswa iminyaka emihlanu', ngamanye amagama kwixesha xa uMalema engaphezulu kweminyaka elinganiselwe ubulungu bomMbutsho woLutsha lweANC, kukugxothwa, hayi ukumiswa.

Ukuziphatha kukaMalema bekungahlukanga kwinkokheli zangaphambili zolutsha lweANC ezinjengo Mandela, Peter Mokaba, Malusi Gigaba, Fikile Mbalula.

**Ngoko ke umbuzo uyavela wokuba kutheni inkokheli yolutsha lweANC igxothwa ngoku?**

Impendulo ilele kwimekho yehlabathi yaye ifaka umbuzo wokuba ngubani ngenyani olawula uMzantsi Afrika:

Ngokuphandle imeko ekhoyo namhlanje yahluke kakhulu kuneyeminyaka emibini eyadlulayo xa kwanangona ingxaki zogxowankulu zazinzulu, abantu zange baqalise ukuphakama jikelele. Namhlanje, iphaphets zama impiyali nenkokheli zama impiyali ziyasongelwa kwindawo zonke zomhlaba. Izigidi zabantu zikuqhankqalazo eMelika, Chile, Bolivia, China, Ngilani, Spain, Greece, Libhiya, Malawi, Tunisia, Egypt, Siriya, Bahrain, Yemeni kwiPalestina yembali. Kwilizwe ngalinye ehlabathini, ulawulo longxowankulu luyasongelwa sisininzi esiphakamayo. Abalawuli bama impiyali baphelelwa lithemba bazama



ukuphelisa ukunyuka nokwanda komsindo othe wasusa esihlalweni i agents zabo abazithandayo: okwangoku uBen Ali, Mubarak noGadaffi bawisiwe ngabantu. Ngaphandle nje kwemizamo yabo, uphakamo lwabantu ehlabathini luyanda. Kusukela kwimfazwe yesibini yama impiriyali yehlabathi, akuzange khe kubekho ixesha apho kwakhe kwabakho intiyo ethe jikelele yabantu kongxowankulu nakorhulumente bongxowankulu kwihlabathi ngokubanzi. Bonke orhulumente bongxowankulu baphantsi kosongelo lokuba ngamaxhobo ekujoliswe kuwo ngabantu. Imeko yobungxowankulu yehlabathi isongelwe kundoqo wayo.

Ngaphandle kokuzama ukungena ungabonwa phakathi kwimpembelelo zabantu, azingcatshe ngaphakathi, ama impiriyali anike umyalelo wophakamo nentshukumo ezizama uphakamo zicunyuze ngamandla ngokungenalusini. Amawaka abulelwe ngorhulumente abaziphaphethi eSiriya, Bahrain, Yemen. Umkhosi waseEgypt udubule wabulala abaqhankqalazi abaninzi ezitratweni, njengokuba wayenzile urhulumente waseMalawi.

Urhulumente waseBotswana usanda ukusinda kuqhankqalazo lwabasebenzi benkonzo zikawonke wonke olwakhe lwabalude kwimbali yakhe - uqhankqalazo olusongele urhulumente kodwa lwajikwa lwenziwa umlo wezoqoqosho zinkokheli zabo zemanyano zabasebenzi, nayinxaso yenkokheli zikaCosatu neSACP. Ku 2011umgangatho woqhankqalazo uyafana nesigaba sexesha sophakamo oluphezulu lwabantu olwaluchasene norhulumente wobandlululo. Kwakhona inkokheli zikaCosatu neSACP ziwohlulahlulile umlo wabantu 'wemeko yobungxowankulu' bawujika umlo wabantu okwangoku ube ngowezoqoqosho kuphela. Kwinzame zokudumaza umlo wabantu, amacandelo amaninzi ongxowankulu anyanzelise ukuba avume unyuso lwemivuzo olungaphezulu kwepesenti ezilishumi.

Kulo mo yezulu injalo kuza uMbutho woLutsha lweANC nekhwelo 'lokutshintshwa korhulumente' eBotswana naseMzantsi Afrika, kunye nekhwelo labo 'lokubeka izinto zokusebenza phantsi kolawulo lukarhulumente'.

Mayigxininiswe into yakuba boba bin uMandela (kwixesha la khe) noMalema (namhlanje) zange bafunela abantu 'inkululeko yezoqoqosho' yokwenyani, kodwa bebenemfuno zabo ezingqondweni.

Kwiphepha ndaba iLiberator likaJune 1956, uMandela wafuna ongxowankulu abadla bodwa bachithachithwe kwakhiwe 'ongxowankulu abangengoba seYurophu' (ukuthi ongxowankulu abamnyama) ekubeni uMalema efuna izabelo ezingaphaya kodlabodwa bama impiriyali yaye akafuni kuhlawula ngazo (njengoko iANC sele yenzile ukuzokuma ngoku ). [BEE okanye BEEE kulapho ongxowankulu baboleka imali ongxowankulu abamnyama bathenge izabelo kwinkampani zabo - kungolo hlobo osozigidigidi bangoku beANC abanjengo Tokyo Sexwale noPatrice Motsepe belawulwa yaye bengabaka Anglo America ngokwenene. UMalema neqela lakhe bafuna izabelo zasimahla babengongxowankulu abazimeleyo babenamalungelo abo].





Nangona uMalema neqela lakhe benemfuno zabo kuphela ezintliziyweni, uAnglo America ukhathazekile kukuba ikhwelo labo 'lotshintsho lorhulumente' 'nokubeka izinto zokusebenza phantsi kolawulo lukarhulumente' ingayintlantsi enokulayita uphakamo olulandelayo elisongela orhulumente babo, hayi eMzantsi Afrika naseBotswana, kodwa kummandla wonke jikelele. Ngokubalulekileyo i agency yama impiyali enika imigangatho ilibeke njengeliphantsi izinga loMzantsi Afrika 'lokuzinza' ukuya 'kukungazinzi', nje phambi kokuba iANC inike isigwebo sokugxotha uMalema. Ngolo hlobo ibinguAnglo American ngenene, ebekujoliswe kuye 'ngokuthabathela ulawulo lwakhe kurhulumente' onike umyalelo kurhulumente wakhe oyiphaphethi, weANC-SACP eburhulumenteni, ukuba bagwebe ngokugqibeleleyo ngoMalema. Ngoko, akothusanga, ukugxothwa kulandelwa zizisongelo zokubekwa amatyala obugebengu 'okonakalisa' (corruption).

Kodwa ingaba uMalema unganeno 'ekonakaliseni' kunoMandela onezindlu ezininzi ezinkulu elizweni lonke yaye owaba ngomnye wosozigidi bumini (ukuba akazange ngusomawaka wezigidi)?? UAnglo American nabanye bebesoloko bezithengisa ngamaxabiso aphantsi impahla ngaphandle kwelizwe kwizigaba **zamashumi eminyaka**. Ngalendlela bebebiza ngaphantsi kwimpahla ebebethengisela ngokwenene amanye amazwe yaye ngalendlela bethatha amakhulu ezigidi zamawaka erandi zobutyebi ngaphandle kwelizwe. Ku 2009 kuphela, uAnglo American nabanye bakhuphele ngaphandle kwelizwe malunga R700bn obutyebi abangazange babuchaza. Oku kuthetha ukuthi ngo 2009 izigidi ngezigidi ngezigidi zengeniso zakhutshelwa ngaphandle kwelizwe. [Yaye ezi zingeniso nje ezishicilelweyo - amanani okwenyani kumele ukuba angaphezulu]. UAnglo American nabanye babonise ngezingeniso zohluleyo ngaxesha linye lokudedwa ngaphezulu kwezigidi zabasebenzi eMzantsi Afrika. Ukuba bekukho uludwe lokonakalisa eMzantsi Afrika uAnglo America ke ngoko ebezakuba sentloko.

Imveliso ephambili eBotswana zidayimani ezo zonke izigaba zeminyaka elishumi azilungiswa kwa zinikwe amaxabiso phaya. Kuphela ngoku ukuzilungisa nokuzinika amaxabiso kuziswe eBotswana. Kodwa inkqubo apho elona xabiso lazo lifakwayo, ukuthi ukuziqhekeza nokuzipolisha, kona kusenziwa kwaSirayeli nakwezinye indawo. NguAnglo American olawula imigodi yamalahle nedayimani eBotswana - ngamanye amagama iBotswana yi colony ngqo hayi yama impiyali aseMelika kuphela kodwa yenkampani enye, uAnglo American. Amaziko amajoni aseMelika aseBotswana zi agents ngqo zobugebengu bongxowankulu-ama impiyali obuchasene nabantu phaya yaye nakummandla. Idayimani zegazi zaseBotswana, Mzantsi Afrika, DRC, nakwezinye indawo eAfrika zithunyelwa kwaSirayeli ngenqanawa ziyokuqhekezwa zipolishwe. Ngolo hlobo uAnglo American uxhasa ngokungeyondalo urhulumente olawula ngokobupolisa wakwaSirayeli yaye ixanduva ngamandla lelakhe lokuxhelwa okuqhubekayo kwabantu basePalestina. Yaye nje, 'ngesibane solawulo lwentando yesininzi' iANC igxotha uMalema ngokuthetha into abantu baseBotswana abakhala ngayo-



utshintsho lorhulumente! Kakade, uMalema engqondweni yakhe unotshintsho lorhulumente ngokufaka ivoti yaye kuphela udlalela ababukeli bakhe abenesabelo sakhe sepayi esikhudlwana, kodwa ama impiyali akanakumvumela nomncinci umceli-mngeni kulawulo lwawo.

I-Swaziland neLesotho zinkampu zamakhoboka abasebenzi zikaAnglo American-orhulumente balapho banobungonyama yaye bachasene nabasebenzi. Ngorhulumente waseMzantsi Afrika, uAnglo American ubagcinile. I-DRC iyaphangwa izimbiwa ngama impiyali onke- ama impiyali ehlabathi amgcinile urhulumente waseDRC kunye nemikhosi eyahlukahlukeneyo kulammandla, ibulale abantu abangaphezulu kwezigidi ezithandathu kususela ngo 1996. Ama impiyali athi hayi ngotshintsho lorhulumente. Nayiphina intlantsi izakwandisa uphakamo lwehlabathi oluchasene nobuzimu/bungcwangu bemo yobungxowankulu. Gcina ubungcwangu nangaziphina indlela ngumyalezo ovela kuAnglo American. Kuphela xa ubungxowankulu ngathi buzakubhukuqwa yaye ukuba ezinye i agents ziyathandabuzeka uAnglo American azakubuyela kuMalema alawule abantu esebenza ngaphakathi. Kodwa okwalo mzuzu, uAnglo American ukhetha uVavi, Zuma noBlade Nzimande balawule abantu.

Inkokheli zeSACP nezikaCosatu zazi ngokupheleleyo ngesenzo sokubiza amaxabiso aphantsi kwimpahla ethengiselwa ngaphandle nguAnglo American nabanye, kodwa abenzi nto ngalo nto. I-Councillor House, inkampani esetyenziswa yiANC yafumana izigidi ezimbini zamawaka erandi (R2bn) ukuze urhulumente aqinisekise ukuba ngaphezulu nje kwamawaka amawaka ezigidi ezivumelwano (over R1trillion) zolwakhiwo lombane wobuqhinga ziya kuAnglo American namaqabane akhe.

Ngamashumi amane epesenti kuphela abo bakwiminyaka yokusebenza, banehlotyana lwemisebenzi eMzantsi Afrika. Eli lelona qondo likhulu lokungaphangeli eAfrika, okanye ehlabathini. **Eyona ndlela kuphela yokuba ulutsha lubenekamva kukuxutha ngaphandle kokuhlawula, phantsi kolawulo lwabasebenzi uAnglo American kunye nesininzi sezinto zokusebenza eMzantsi Afrika nakummandla wonke.** Omama notata bethu bahlawula ngegazi nokubila kwabo ngaphezulu nangaphezulu ngokusebenzela uAnglo American nabanye odla bodwa.

Kodwa lonkqubo leyo ayinakuphumelela ngaphakathi kwiANC, kambe unotshe kwiSACP. Ulutsha lufuna umbutho walo wotshintsho olululo wabasebenzi njengenxalenye yombutho omtsha wotshintsho olululo wabasebenzi. Kodwa oku akunakuphuyelelwa eMzantsi Afrika kuphela, kodwa kufuneka simanye onke amakhoboka emivuzo kummandla wonke, yaye ngenene kwihlabathi lonke. Ama impiyali asebenza kunye kwisigaba sehlabathi esebenzisa i-UN, WTO, G20, IMF, World Bank nezinye ii agency zama impiyali- kubasebenzi kufuneka umbutho wabo wehlabathi, lowo sithi kufuneka ibekukusekwa kwakhona kweNtlangano yeSine yamaKomanisi wenene eHlabathi. Kufuneka simanyane



nabantakwethu nodadebethu bomgangatho emlweni eBotswana, Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Malawi, DRC, Swaziland, Chile, Libhiya, Egypt, Palestina, Greece, China, eMelika, njalo njalo ngokuchaseneyo norhulumente bongxowankulu bendawo yaye ngokuchaseneyo nemeko yobungxowankulu. Ukuze ulutsha lubenekamva, abasebenzi kufuneka bathathe ulawulo lwezopolitiko ngendlela zabo zesininzi. Ukuze kwenzeke oko, ukwahlukana ngokupheleleyo kwiANC-SACP makwenzeke, inkokheli zikaCosatu ezisebenzisana neminye imigangatho kufuneka zisuswe.

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## **The Russell Tribune on Palestine- saving Palestine or saving Israel and imperialism?**

The first question to be asked about the Russell Tribune on Palestine, is **why now?** **Indeed** it is more than 20 years since the Oslo accords which give the PA bantustan status and turns the Palestinian Authorities into subcontractors for Zionism and imperialism. This imperialist scam of Oslo has been so thoroughly exposed that a renewed uprising from the Palestinians is not far off. But today the world situation is different from 20 years ago. Today the masses all over the world have such hatred for the capitalist system that there has opened a period of generalised disequilibrium on a global scale. The conservative base of US imperialism, the bastion of world-wide violence against the masses of the world, has begun to shatter. Millions of working class Americans have intense hatred for the 1% who not only control their lives but also that of billions around the planet. The base of the US military machine has been weakened as the masses in the USA not only question the role of the state as an agent of the imperialist banks, but are moving over to action against the state.

The uprisings in Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain, Greece, Chile, Bolivia, China, England, are shaking world capitalist rule to the core. In such an environment, even the base of the Israeli state is being shaken by a movement among the youth against the Israeli bourgeoisie. If the Palestinian masses and the Jewish youth and workers make common cause to overthrow their common enemy, the Israeli bourgeoisie and their subcontractors the Palestinian bourgeoisie ( Hamas and the PA), it would mean that the mainstay of imperialism to subjugate the masses in the Middle East, would be destroyed. It follows that such a revolution would reverberate around the world, including in the imperialist centres- the world capitalist system would be under threat. ***The reason for the holding of the Russell Tribunal is to help shore up Israel, to help sustain divisions among the working class and to create illusions in bourgeois law- in other words, to try to delay for another 20 years any new revolutionary uprisings of the Palestinian and Jewish masses, or at the least to channel the current and pending uprisings into a dead-end.***

The starting point of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine is questioning the non-implementation of UN resolution 181 of 29 Nov 1947 which partitioned Palestine and thus created Israel. In other words, at the very time when the existence of Israel is being questioned everywhere across the globe, the Tribune seeks to reinforce the notion not only of the existence of Israel but also of a Bantustan for Palestinians. No wonder Vavi,



the Cosatu Secretary, Tutu and other pro-capitalist elements are all together on the stage- their view and that of the SACP, in line with world Stalinism which was the first to recognize Israel after the 1948 Nakba, is to defend the existence of Israel, under the guise of defending Palestinian rights. The transport and mining unions of Cosatu could stop the flow of diamonds, gold and coal from Anglo American companies in Southern Africa to Israel overnight but they deliberately divert the working class into BDS- individual actions of not buying Israeli oranges. It makes the bureaucracy look good, that they defend the Palestinians while in reality the masses are kept in a state of passivity.

Nowhere in its terms of reference does the Russell Tribune question the 1948 war that ethnically cleansed Palestine and wiped out hundreds of Palestinian villages- (was this not a genocide too?); nowhere does it even raise the non-implementation of the right of return to their original homes of the 5-6 million Palestinian refugees living in concentration camps, mostly in the region. Nowhere does the Russell Tribune question the existence of Palestinian political prisoners (over 7000) held mostly in gulags in Israel but also in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Russell Tribune recognizes the right of Palestinians to a 'sovereign state' but in the context of recognizing Israel, this can only mean the revival of the long-discredited 2-state- Bantustan for Palestinians 'solution'.

The Tribune wants to use the South Africa model- namely the maintaining of the wealth of the country in the hands of JP Morgan Chase and Anglo American (the 1%) while removing 'racial barriers' but maintaining the separate group areas and thus maintaining the capitalist structure and privileges of the existing capitalist class- this is the 'model' that imperialism wants to use for Palestine, except they will not even allow a shadow of the pretence of the 'Mandela-miracle' that South Africa is today.

Goldstone criticizes the Tribunal from the right- yet he was involved in a similar capitalist scam, covering up on the crimes of the state during the period of the worst state violence during which over 25 000 were killed by the state- only a handful of killers were arrested- how many even went to jail? Most of the killers were kept on in the state (thanks to Joe Slovo and the SACP) and tens of thousands of these killers went to work as subcontractors for US imperialism to help butcher the masses in Iraq after 2003.

There have been Russell Tribunals on Vietnam (where US imperialism was found guilty of genocide and war crimes), in Chile (where the Pinochetist killing machine is still part of the state) and Brazil (where state violence still abounds). Yet in each of these cases not a single action has ever been taken against US imperialism. Similarly not a single step forward for Palestinian democratic rights will occur through the Russell Tribunal. The only illusion that will be strengthened is that bourgeois law and justice will help- it will divert the masses from the necessary path of revolution against the capitalist system.

US imperialism was so desperate to avoid mass uprisings against its puppet regimes (Egypt and the Israeli regimes) and subcontractors ( Hamas and the PA) that they ordered the release of 1000 Palestinian political prisoners. This was to allay revolt and to rebuild the image of these regimes that are their mainstay of curbing and dividing the masses in the region.

**The Russell Tribune is about saving Israel. It should be rejected.**



**We support a Tribune of Palestinian workers and poor peasants, victims of expulsions from their homes in 1948 (and before), and victims of all the Zionist atrocities since then, from the families of all the victims who died in exile in the refugee camps, clutching the keys of their homes in Palestine, to the massacres in Sabra and Shatilla, to the massacres in Jenin, to the massacres in Gaza, to the over 6000 political prisoners in the jails of the Zionists and their subcontractors ( Hamas and the PA), to the daily torture by Zionism, imperialism and their lackeys in the region.**

**The Palestinian masses will only get justice when the Israeli state is overthrown through revolutionary means and the working class takes power. Such a fight is inextricably linked to the revolutionary overthrow of all the puppet regimes in the region. Just as inextricably linked to this is for the working class to take power in the imperialist centres and principally in the USA. For a federation of Socialist states of North Africa and the Middle East, based on councils of workers delegates; for a federation of Socialist states of Europe, for a federation of Socialist states of the Americas- all based on councils of workers delegates. For a federation of Socialist states of Africa, based on councils of workers delegates.**

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## **A first statement on the decision by US imperialism to send troops to hunt down the leaders of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)**

Obama has just announced US imperialism's decision to send 100 troops to Uganda to hunt down the leaders of the LRA. Imperialist-funded agency, Human Rights Watch, has created a cover for the actions of their masters by calling for troops from the US or South Africa to go after the LRA to destroy it once and for all.

The LRA has been active in the DRC, South Sudan and Uganda for at least the past 10 years, so the question arises: Why now and who will benefit from this public relations exercise?

From the 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October is International Congo week, where it has emerged that the UN and the United States not only knew of the 1997 invasion of the DRC by troops from the Ugandan and Rwandan regimes, as it happened, but the United States actively armed the invasion and genocide in the DRC, having their own military advisors on the ground.

Further, the clashes of the armed groups, including the method of the LRA, involved terrorizing the villages in the mineral-rich Eastern DRC, using mass rape



as a weapon of depopulating whole areas so that mining operations for the imperialist companies such as AngloGold Ashanti and fronts for cassiterite mining for companies such as Umicore could go ahead with impunity. Jonathan Oppenheimer, son of Nicki Oppenheimer, is a director of Umicore, listed by the UN as one of the companies involved in international smuggling of cassiterite. Much of the world's deposits of Cassiterite is in the DRC and is smuggled out through Uganda and Rwanda. Cassiterite and similar metals are used for cellphones, iPhones, playstations and laptops.

[Did Steve Jobs know where and how the raw materials for iPhones were coming from? We think, yes].

From 1996 to today, more than 6 million people have died in the DRC as a direct result of imperialism's wars of plunder. Such is the barbarism of modern capitalism.

The sending of US troops to Uganda to go after an agency that has served imperialism very well over the past 10 years to help clear villages for imperialist mining operations, is to attempt to brush over the real role of imperialism in the region, namely wars and genocide to aid the plunder of the region's natural resources. It wants to help paint US imperialism as the friend of the African masses, when in fact it is our mortal enemy. The ones who should be pursued for the rape of Africa are the bosses of Apple, the bosses of JP Morgan Chase, the heads of Anglo American, the Oppenheimer family, the heads of the US regime, the head the South African, Rwandan, DRC, Ugandan armies and regimes, UN itself. The anti-Wall Street movement needs to raise these issues. The only force who can give justice to the people from Africa is when the working class in the United States seize power and end this barbaric system of capitalism.

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## **The state's Medium term Expenditure Budget statement- The ANC-SACP and Cosatu leaders are in alliance with big capital against the working class**

The plunder of the resources of the country (and indeed the entire African continent) presents a compelling case for the expropriation without compensation of Anglo American and other monopolies. Yet the approach of the ANC-SACP and Cosatu leaders show that they are the best defenders of big capital.

A few days ago the Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan indicated that the state may have to assist bailing out the European banks by between R700 million to R1.4 Bn. Gordhan even warns off even discussion of nationalization as it is '*not helping to create the right kind of confidence (among investors)*'.



The Cosatu and SACP leaders limit themselves to rhetoric over nationalising Sasol. It is reported in the Journal of Southern African studies, in the writings of Ben Fine and other bourgeois academics that in the apartheid-era (slave capitalist-era), through to the current period, monopolies such as Anglo American and others have illegally channelled wealth out of the country through 'transfer-pricing'. In essence this means that they deliberately falsify the prices of the raw material exports, marking them down. Thus the market related prices are charged **outside** of the country which means that a massive part of the profits are taken out. In 2007 alone it is estimated that Anglo American and others took out at least R500 bn through transfer pricing. Such a huge amount of funds could not have left the country without the direct complicity of the state.

Of the theft on such a huge scale, the Cosatu and SACP leaders remain silent. The ANC's Gordhan has the audacity to say that the working class must tighten our belts, we must accept only a 5% wage increase next year, for the next 3 years, but he turns a blind eye to the grand scale theft by his real masters, Anglo American and others.

Even if the amount taken out of the country through transfer pricing alone was just R300 bn every year, this would mean that the state would not have to borrow, nor pay the massive interest amounts. There would be no R1 trillion (R1000 Bn) debt. What we are saying is that the masses in South Africa have been bailing out Anglo American and other monopolies for many decades, why should this be allowed to continue?

If the state clamped down on the transfer pricing theft and claimed the monies stolen over the years, there would be enough to meet all the housing and food needs and we could probably have enough resources to end hunger and starvation across the entire Africa.

The Cosatu and SACP 'anti-corruption' stance is to deliberately focus the eyes of the masses on the small change being stolen by a few managers, while big capital gets away with the large-scale theft. The CP of China and other capitalist regimes around the world use the same technique to divert the eyes of the masses- this 'anti-corruption' is a capitalist tool for the rich monopolies, for imperialism, to remain in control of the wealth of the world.

Further, the Cosatu leaders have no problems with the R802 Bn scam in infrastructure- the state has no plan for houses for all, so the bulk of the funds are going for capitalist infrastructure to make the plunder of the masses and the resources for efficient for the monopolies. The Cosatu leaders have abandoned the fight against electricity price increases- they go along with the electricity scam which doubles the electricity capacity of the country within 10-15 years- and this at a time when industry is in real decline. The government electricity build programme builds most coal and nuclear which are commodity based, with all the negative pollution and health factors that go with it, rather than solar panels



which would eventually give almost free electricity. In short the Cosatu and SACP leaders are supporting the creation of a cash cow for Anglo American and other monopolies. Indeed the 'infrastructure' programme is another bailout of about R1 trillion for the imperialist banks such as JP Morgan Chase, the banks that control Anglo American and who are also benefiting from the loans that the state makes. In short the Cosatu and SACP and ANC are responsible for the handing over of more than R2 trillion to the imperialist banks.

The ANC goes further- they say that in such 'hard times' while the imperialists are getting R2 trillion for free, not only must wages be limited to 5%, the education budget be cut by about 1% in real terms but taxes must go up. It is clear that the rich will be largely unaffected by these tax increases as already the ANC has reduced the company tax from 48% in the apartheid era to 28% today.

The Cosatu leaders are not opposing the so-called Industrial development Zones (sweat shops for big capital), they are actively helping reduce workers wages in the country. Sactwu has given the lead in sweatshops by agreeing that all new workers must have their wages cut by 30%, all in the name of 'decent jobs'! R457 million was left unspent in social grants the past year which means that hundreds of thousands more families, mostly in rural areas, were left in greater starvation by the state- not a word from Cosatu and the SACP leaders. The Cosatu leaders cry about not enough funds for beneficiation (local development of industry related to the raw materials mined here). They are asking for a few more pennies to beg Anglo American and other genocidaire monopolies to create more jobs here- really what they are asking for, are more token small manufacturing companies to be set up so they as leaders of Cosatu can continue to turn a blind eye to the plunder of the entire Africa.

The Cosatu leaders are such servants of Anglo American that they do not even question the R50 000 a month wage SA soldiers receive for going to the Congo to guard the mining installations of Anglo American- plunder that is being carried out over the bones of over 6 million Congolese being killed, a genocide that is ongoing even today.

The ANC and SACP are anti-worker and the sooner the masses break with them the better. But we need to also realize that with the current leadership of Cosatu, the fight for nationalization under workers control, will never be achieved. Workers need to remove this leadership, call a workers summit to prepare for a general strike for workers to make the demand for expropriation of the commanding heights a reality- the middle class and bourgeois ANC have shown they are only capable of socializing the losses of capitalism while they line their own pockets.

Above all we need a revolutionary working class party that fights for the programme of the Fourth International for working class power with its own





methods on a world scale. Join the Workers International Vanguard League to help make this a reality.

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**The 10111 call centre workers are calling for solidarity** at their picket outside the Labour Court in Keerom Str, Cape Town, today at 10am. Off-duty workers will be picketing in defence of their demands. They have been in a battle with the state since 2003 over discrimination in wage levels and a number of conditions of employment. The call is for equal pay for equal work and for an end to conditions that hamper the centre as an emergency unit. Workers are unhappy that flatscreen tv's are installed with the sports channel, while workers have old computers that often freeze and cause huge call queues (resulting in many dropped calls- ie when callers are frustrated at the long wait and just hang up). Even when members of the public get through and the call is cut (due to airtime running out), call centre workers have to clock out and call people back on their own time. Such time is accumulated and deducted from the workers' wages. Even if calls finally get through, often the police do not go- in working class areas this is often the case. This highlights the real role of the police: is it really to defend the poor or in reality, just to defend the rich?

After years of battle the state has finally answered, giving reasons why they discriminate and why they impose conditions that cripple the 10111 call centre's operations for the working class.

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## **The struggle of the caregivers shows that the planned National Health Insurance (NHI) will be based on a casualized and collapsed public health system while private health care for profit is the real winner**

When you walk into a clinic in the Eastern Cape, in the urban or far rural areas, you could be forgiven for thinking that you are being attended to by a trained nurse. However the chances are great that you being helped by a casual, a caregiver who receives R1500 per month and who still has to buy their own uniforms from their own pockets. What is more, the hundreds of caregivers have not received any increase in stipend (R1500 is not even a wage) since 2007. The irony of the terrible conditions of the caregivers is that when they become sick, they do not even have access to the nursing services that they are an integral part of providing.

The state's threat to terminate even these precarious positions show that their priority is not the health of the people but the health of the bank balances of the private sector. This is because a collapsed health care system and the desperation of the families of the sickly, drive the masses to seek help at private clinics. How many of the dying have been turned away from the private hospitals and clinics, or could not even reach there?



The state, through the DG of health in the Eastern Cape, has insisted that the caregivers are not staff but part of the expanded public works programme. They have the arrogance to say that the caregivers are being paid above the going rate- they should keep quiet and be happy they have jobs. But with the huge crisis of shortages in nursing staff, it is not the public health care that has been 'expanded' but it has been deliberately collapsed. The state has a 'collapse public works programme' not a health care system.

Now we can see what the new NHI (National Health Insurance) is all about: Those without medical Aid (which is most workers), will now face a new 10% tax so that they can go to a collapsed public clinic and be assisted by an untrained casual. Obviously the worker will go to a private clinic (well, for at least a day, until their credit runs out and they are still evicted from the money-hungry profiteers).

The state has bailed out the brutal and corrupt Swazi regime with R2bn, the state is committed to bail out the European banks (via the IMF, International Monetary Fund), with a further R1bn, and now the state is bailing out the private health sector parasites by a new tax of 10% on the poorest paid workers- billions will be collected by this scheme and find their way into the bank accounts of the rich. We can only wonder which BEEE is gaining from such a bailout of the private sector, which already collects over 70% of all funds spent on health. The deliberate collapse of the public health 'service' is enough to make one sick!

Down with the NHI- forward to a nationalised health sector, under workers control!  
Permanent status for all caregivers  
Adequate training for the all caregivers  
Increases in stipend to be on par with permanent health care workers and staff- equal pay for equal work  
Uniform allowances  
Provision of nursing services

The caregivers march on the 14th November 2011 to the office of the Director General of Health of the Eastern Cape, in Bisho. The march starts at 10am from the Fort Hare grounds in Bisho and proceeds to the Dukumbana building which houses the department of health.

The caregivers have further raised the demand that if their grievances are not addressed within 7 days, they will take the matter into the community and embark on a broader mass action campaign.

Further updates: From caregivers representative: Bulelwa Faltein ph 0842798901



**Workers in Britain start to fight back against attacks by the state**



## **COP17- The United Nations covers up the role of the capitalists in the destruction of the environment**

The ANC-SACP government of South Africa give credibility to Cop17 by hosting it. COP17 is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Conference of the Parties of the United Nations gathering on Climate Change. Thus whatever is decided at this conference it is subject to veto by US, British, German or French imperialism. The real aim of the COP is to cover up that the responsibility for the plunder and destruction of the world is the world capitalist system. It is annual meetings of governments who signed the UN framework on 'climate change' and supposed to agree on practical measures to combat 'global warming'.

In fact 'climate change' was here since the earth evolved. The UN is an imperialist agency wanting to divert the masses away from their suffering and struggle against the capitalist system. Currently it is the capitalists who have been polluting the air for centuries since the emergence of industrial capitalism. The worldwide political revolts against the capitalist regimes are increasing. The problem is not climate change in itself but in fact the capitalism system based on profit that is threatening the destruction of the planet through wars, harsh conditions for the masses and the physical destruction of the environment. The fake left vigorously promote a concentration on Cop17, as if setting targets for reducing Carbon emissions will save the working class and fellow poor from destruction and brutal exploitation. Giving a 10-20 year emission plan to the capitalists, just gives them another 10-20 years to continue to pollute the environment and to brutalize the masses of the world.

Al Gore (ex-Vice President of the USA) was the first champion of diverting attention away from the real cause of recent destructive climate changes. When the capitalists and imperialists are seen to be taking up a cause, they do it to hide their complicity. In fact, so much so that the 'green movement' has now become big business and another way for the capitalists to exploit the working class. 'Carbon trading' has become big business (ie continuing to pollute in one part of the globe in return for planting a few trees on another part- in reality an excuse to continue with capitalist profit-making polluting companies, such as oil-powered cars).

The US regime blames China, India and South Africa for being major polluters. What US imperialism is hiding is that it is **their** companies in China, India and South Africa that are responsible for the major share of the pollution. It is the capitalists that suppress socially beneficial developments purely because they are not profitable.

For example the coal and iron-ore mines in South Africa are controlled by Anglo American. The giant construction companies in South Africa such as Murray and Roberts are controlled by the US banks such as JP Morgan Chase. Hitachi, which was awarded the contract for supplying turbines for the new coal power



stations in South Africa, is controlled by US giant General Electric. Thus 2 massive coal power stations and several nuclear power stations (the Uranium mines are also controlled by Anglo American), are being built in South Africa at a cost of nearly R2 trillion (\$250 bn). As Anglo controls the coal and Uranium supplies, they have created for themselves a profitable exercise for the next 40 years at least. Not only that but the South African government and the electricity provider, Eskom, has to borrow for these giant polluters to be built. Who do they borrow from? The same US banks such as JP Morgan Chase that control Anglo and have decisive says in the IMF and World Bank. Thus the US banks not only benefit from the construction of a cash cow (the coal and nuclear power stations), but also the financing thereof. The ANC-SACP government and their real alliance partners, Anglo American and other capitalist monopolies, make much of the so-called 'green energy' and their targets of so-called renewables. But let's look at the scale of the construction: 40 000 MW of coal and nuclear will be built while only 500MW (or less) will be built from wind and solar, is about 1% is from really renewable energy while the lion's share go to the capitalist.

To put the matter in perspective, a 24 square kilometre solar panel construction in the North Cape desert would provide all the energy needs in South Africa and once the construction has been paid for, the electricity would be virtually free. Hydro power from the DRC would provide 200 000 MW, enough for all of Africa, but this option is suppressed and the imperialists want to export this electricity from the DRC to Europe. Imagine the power that could be generated by solar panels in the vast Sahara desert! Modern advances in battery storage open up avenues for the overnight abolishing of all oil-powered vehicles. But these options are suppressed purely because it is not profitable for Anglo American and other monopoly capitalists. This large scale capitalist fraud is what COP17 is really about.

The capitalists can only continue with polluting and destruction of the masses and the environment because the leadership within the workers movement, such as the Cosatu leaders, tie workers to initiatives like COP17 which gives the capitalists more time to continue their exploitation of the world.

The various churches play a similar role to deliberately blur and confuse the issues, to cover up on the central role the capitalists play in destroying the world. Tutu says that we all have only one home and that the issue is the same for the rich and the poor. He forgets to add that the capitalists have many homes and live in palaces much like the mansion Tutu himself lives in. The billions of the masses do not even have homes and live in poverty alongside massive homes and hotels of the rich that lie empty most of the time. There are the means to house everyone adequately but a housing shortage is deliberately created to push up house prices to enrich the banks. Hunger is everywhere but the French and US imperialists pay their farmers NOT to produce because it is not profitable if there is enough food for everyone. They need a scarcity of food to push up food



prices to maximise their profits. These are the issues which COP17 will avoid like the plague.

The Bolivia alternative is what the fake left propose as an option for the world. But US and French imperialism control the gas and lithium reserves in Bolivia and half of the country is controlled by fascism. It was only by mass revolt of the masses that the Bolivian regime was prevented from building a highway into the Amazon to accelerate the plunder by imperialism of the forest and the natural wealth there. The Bolivian regime headed by Morales, who poses as 'indigenous' but who is in reality the agent of imperialism to control the masses- such is the nature of the 'Bolivian alternative'.

What is needed is not a cover-up of the destruction by world imperialism-capitalism, but for us to get rid of the world capitalist system. Thus the working class needs to take up the fight as spearheaded by the Egyptian, Libyan, Tunisian, Greek, Bolivian, Chilean and now the US masses, to through mass revolutionary action to get rid of the capitalist regimes in the colonies and semi-colonies and in the imperialist centres.

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