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**End the
occupation:
victory to
the Iraqi
resistance!**

No war for oil!

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Today, when the war for cheap oil has only made oil more expensive, and resistance in Iraq is inspiring resistance all over the globe, even the friends of imperialism are forced to acknowledge the truth of the Mao's famous dictum that "*imperialism lifts a rock only to drop it on its own feet*". The imperialists' dreams for a pliant and plundered Iraq are lying in tatters.

Sovereign government?

Since the alleged 'handover of power' in June, the US's latest stooge in Iraq is the puppet Iyad Allawi, a CIA agent and gangster, exiled to London for the last 30 years. Allawi recently proved his credentials by pulling out a pistol and murdering six prisoners merely *suspected* of belonging to the resistance.

Totally ignoring the fact that the Iraqi people are fighting tooth and nail to get rid of them, Downing Street and the White House say their troops will stay on for 'just as long as the new government wants them'. They have installed a puppet government that will never ask for the imperialist troops to leave and are setting up sham elections where only pro-occupation/pro-imperialist candidates will be allowed to stand. The imperialists are determined to make their puppet government permanent.

Meanwhile all real power rests with the US 'embassy', which, with a staff of 3,000, is the US's colonial office, while 'ambassador' John Negroponte is the de facto Governor of Iraq.

Notorious for arming death squads in Honduras and contras in Nicaragua, Negroponte now controls the real business of Iraq, with 165,000 troops, five offices around the country and an \$18.4bn budget for 'reconstruction' (most of which is actually being spent on the military).

Warmongers exposed

One by one, the 'justifications' given by Britain and the US for launching the invasion have collapsed.

It has been proven that Iraq never had any WMD, and that the imperialists knew that all along. Moreover, possession of such weapons is not actually a crime.

The 'invasion as liberation' argument has been decimated by revelations of systematic abuse and torture of prisoners. In fact, these practices are nothing new - British imperialism has been using the same 'techniques' for centuries against national liberation fighters in India, Kenya, Malaysia, Ireland, etc.

While Washington officials issue statements about the dawning of a 'new democracy', the US-appointed government is introducing martial law and the death penalty and closing down anti-occupation media. While the international press is filled with assurances of Iraqi sovereignty, Iraq's elected president, Saddam Hussein, is held in jail by US soldiers.

Resistance continues

If they had been less blinded by the promise of fabulous profits, or less desperate to control Iraqi oil and find a way out of imperialism's ever-worsening crisis of overproduction, the invaders might have been better placed to learn from their own history that "*the people's will for liberation is stronger than atom bombs*". (Paul Robeson)

Thanks to the massive popular resistance, the US is finding it increasingly difficult to find willing collaborators. Whole sections of Iraqi police regularly change sides and many cities have become no-go areas for the occupation.

Targeting of infrastructure by the resistance means that the occupiers are unable to provide the basic necessities of life.

Most importantly of all, targeting the oil refineries and pipelines has robbed the occupation of the means to pay its astronomical overheads.

As more foreign soldiers are killed or captured, countries that were press-ganged into providing a veneer of 'international' backing are withdrawing their troops, leaving the US and Britain isolated and exposed.

Our tasks

Imperialism does not care for liberty or democracy - if it did, it would give support to countries such as Cuba and north Korea (DPRK), countries where democracy and freedom are living laws rather than dead letters (and introduce them at home!)

The real problem for people all over the Middle East is continued imperialist interference, which has subjected them to a century of war in its quest to control the region's 'black gold'.

The CPGB-ML's position is clear. There was never any justification for the war in Iraq, which is an imperialist war for plunder and domination.

Such wars of aggression were condemned at the Nuremberg Tribunal after WWII as the highest of all crimes against humanity and, if we do not wish to be implicated in these crimes, we must do everything in our power to stop Britain's participation.

This means refusing to cooperate in any way with the war effort - be it serving in the forces, making weapons, transporting equipment or putting out propaganda. Individually, we may be powerless, but collectively, the British working class has the ultimate veto over the war - they cannot fight it without us.

Marx wrote long ago that "*no nation that oppresses another can itself be free*". British workers will never achieve anything for themselves while they continue to allow the British ruling class to plunder and pillage the rest of the world.

That is because the fabulous wealth gained from looting abroad enables the bourgeoisie to bribe a section of the working class with better wages and conditions, converting them into what Lenin called a "*labour aristocracy*", a better off section of workers that will fight tooth and nail to preserve its privilege, which it can only do by preserving imperialism.

This labour aristocracy has succeeded in monopolising the leadership of the working class and in neutralising it. It is these 'leaders' who are so keen to channel the anti-war movement into harmless, respectable activity such as lobbies and demonstrations. Not one of them ever tries to harness the real power of working people against the war - their ability to work itself.

That is why Lenin called these workers the "*labour lieutenants*" of the capitalist class, "*real agents of the bourgeoisie in the working-class movement*". They do from within what the capitalists could never do from without.

If the profits from imperialist plunder were to dry up, then so would the privileges of these workers - and the British working class would be one step closer to throwing off the chains of imperialist slavery for good.

Solidarity with the Iraqi people is not a question of altruism but a matter of the greatest importance and urgency for British workers. The Iraqi resistance is fighting on the front line against our common enemy - and every defeat inflicted makes our enemy a little weaker and our task a little easier.

Let us therefore work wholeheartedly for the defeat of British imperialism in Iraq.

Victory to the Iraqi resistance!