This Mayday, Demand... CANADA OUT OF AFGHANISTAN AND HAITI!

May 1st marks the celebration of Mayday - the international day of workers’ solidarity. As Canadian imperialism continues to attack the lives of millions of working people in Haiti and Afghanistan, within Canada, working and oppressed people face attacks in the form of wage reductions, layoffs, and privatization of social programs. According to the Canadian government, attacks on working and poor people at home are justified with the same language that is used to increase the military budget by $12.8 billion over the next five years, in the interests of the “Canadian economy,” and position on the “world stage.” Since rising out of the successful mass movement for the 8 hour workday, the tradition of Mayday has always been celebration, but also defense of poor and working people against attacks on our rights, freedoms and lives. In the era of war and occupation poor and working people who live in imperialist countries have a particular responsibility to fight for the rights of people who are attacked by imperialist war and occupation while we struggle for our own rights against reactionary legislation. Mayday 2005 must be about the lives and rights of working, poor and oppressed people under attack at home and abroad, with an emphasis on opposing Canadian imperialism from within Canada. In Afghanistan, where Canada has pledged to maintain a long term presence, the three and a half year occupation has created a larger humanitarian crisis for the Afghan people as 700 children die every day from preventable disease, and one woman dies every 20 minutes due to complications during child birth. For people in Haiti, the Canadian, US, and French occupation has created a larger presence, the three and a half year UN occupation of the world stage.

End the Occupation of Iraq!

Since the beginning of the war on Iraq in March 2003 we have heard talk of bringing “freedom” and “democracy” to Iraqis. So far this has involved bombings, torture in prisons, and the death of over 100,000 Iraqis. In March of 2005 George W. Bush tried to gloss over the horror of the occupation by claiming that it was all part of a greater “plan,” beginning with the elections staged at the end of January. He stated, “Iraqis are taking big steps on a long journey of freedom. A free society requires more than free elections; it also requires free institutions, a free economy, and a free society. According to the studies done by the Commission for the Compensation of Fallujah Citizens, 70% of buildings in Fallujah were destroyed in the 2004 siege. Since the January elections little has changed for the people of Iraq. The history of the last two years of war in Iraq show the nature of the occupation against the Iraqi people. The people of Iraq are left with little chance but to resist the occupation.

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End the Occupation of Afghanistan and Haiti!
The world speaks as one:
No to War! No to Occupation!

Hands Off Iran!

Since naming Iran as one of the “outposts of tyranny” in January, the US has allocated $13 billion to fund pro-US organizations and individuals in Iran on top of the $14.7 million the US already spends yearly on pro-imperialist TV and radio broadcasts to Iran. Additionally, the US and EU have been negotiating tightening sanctions on Iran with the pretext of a supposed Iranian nuclear weapons program, weapons that imperialism considers somehow “different” than the massive nuclear arsenals possessed by the US, Israel, and some EU member countries. And while running media slurs campaigns to try to prepare people both inside and outside Iran for imperialist attack, the US has also been collecting intelligence to be used in compiling Iranian targets for US bombing raids, aided by its bases in Afghanistan and Iraq. On top of this US also has been performing military exercises to prepare for an attack on sites in Iran. The goal of these imperialists in attacking Iran would be to reverse the huge blow to imperialism delivered after the 1979 Iranian revolution that overthrew the US-installed Shah and removed US imperialism from Iran.

Hands Off Syria!

For the first time in 2009 the United States has amassed forces in large numbers in Syria. It became obvious after two years of occupation that the US would use the base in Syria for attacks into Iraq and into Lebanon to help them support their puppet government there as well as being used to support Israel. The US has not given up on the idea of keeping a foothold in the region. The US, in an attempt to mask their true intentions, are talking about “military assistance” and suggesting that they will get the regional governments to act as if they were on the same side. This is a new strategy by the US to get them to work against each other and to use them to defend US imperialist interests.

Since the end of the US occupation in Iraq, the US has been trying to get the US occupation forces to leave Iraq and get the US and EU forces to leave Syria. They have talked about getting the US occupation forces out of Iraq in a “safe and secure” manner and have been trying to convince the US occupation forces to stay and help in the US military occupation of Syria.

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