

US BASES OUT BRITAIN OUT OF NATO!

'TERRORISM' - A PRETEXT

Reagan's attack on Libya has nothing to do with "terrorism" and everything to do with using military muscle to assert the economic and political interests of United States imperialism against third world "enemies" and even its European "allies". Reagan wants to push European influence out of the Middle East and to tie Europe to US leadership of the capitalist world. And he is preparing to use his war machine against the people of Nicaragua and El Salvador. Once again the Pentagon is assuming its role of world cop for imperialism.

The United States has not been able to produce the least evidence that recent bombings and shootings are linked with Libya. Khadafi is an "easy" target in for the next stage of Reagan's international counter-revolutionary crusade.

NATO - A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE

The use of British bases shows that NATO is not fundamentally about defending the "free world" against the alleged Russian threat. It is a counter-revolutionary alliance against each and every enemy of world capitalism, and a key relay for American military, political and diplomatic influence. Moreover NATO's whole war fighting strategy in relation to Eastern Europe is based on the first use of nuclear weapons, a policy which has been made more explicit by the adoption of Airland Battle doctrine.

The raids on Libya show the utter illogicality of those in the Labour and CND leaderships who want to campaign against Cruise and Trident but not against NATO. There can be no unilateral nuclear disarmament without withdrawal from NATO. Neither can there be any independent British foreign policy without breaking from the warmongers' alliance.

KINNOCK'S PATHETIC RESPONSE

The response of the Labour leadership to the raids is utterly inadequate. To merely condemn the raids as "the wrong way to fight terrorism" is to evade the whole question of NATO and the bases. But Kinnock has a good reason: he has absolutely no intention to challenge NATO or the US bases if he gets into government! The "non-nuclear" defence policy of the Labour leadership is based on staying in NATO and retaining the bases. And how will anyone know whether or not there are nuclear weapons at the US bases? And who will control them? A socialist and independent foreign policy requires a complete break from the warmongers nuclear club.

DEFEND NICARAGUA - CAMPAIGN AGAINST NATO

Next in Reagan's sights in revolutionary Nicaragua. An American invasion is being prepared. It is urgent that the labour and peace movements raise their voices in defence of Nicaragua and against aid to the murderous contras. Libya shows that nuclear weapons and the whole structure of the Western alliance are not something separate from US aid to the contras, the reactionary government in El Salvador or the UNITA guerrillas in Angola. They are part and parcel of the world crusade against all the enemies of imperialism. The time has come to put the question of British withdrawal from NATO on the political agenda.

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