

Bosses' Competition Fuels War over Syria

COMMUNIST COLLECTIVITY WILL END WARS FOR PROFIT

Syria's bloody war is rapidly expanding. On one side are the main Syrian capitalist rulers supported by the China-Russia-Iran axis. On the other, there is an uprising against President al-Assad led by dissident Syrian capitalists backed by the US-English-French imperialists and the rulers of Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

The war is already spreading to Iraq and Lebanon (*New York Times*, 2/13/12), where Sunni sympathizers are sending arms and money to Syrian insurgents. But, the potential for inflaming the whole region is even greater because the US-led coalition, bent on regime change in Syria, is planning to submit to UN General Assembly an already vetoed resolution.

Russia and China had vetoed it in the UN Security Council because it would open the door to a Libya-type NATO military intervention. However, if the majority in the assembly votes in favor, Russia and China can't veto it.

Russia pledges, nevertheless, to block any action at the UN that aims to remove Assad from power. "If our foreign partners don't understand that, we will have to use strong means again and again to call them back to reality," said Russia's deputy foreign minister. (*Foreign Policy*, 2/10/12)

The official Chinese *Global Times* commented, "Unlike the beleaguered Gaddafi, al-Assad is backed by the Russians. If a war between Western and Russian 'agents' occurs in Syria, ... it would be an arduous and prolonged battle." (2/12/12)

In an editorial, "China cannot stay out of Syrian chaos," *Global Times* asserted "The political landscape in the Middle East is becoming unfavorable to China. Doing nothing is not an option. China needs to put in more efforts to delay the Western advance in the Middle East. For now, it is wise to divert more efforts to Syria and Iran." (2/9/12)

US led coalition's plan: Overthrow Assad to weaken Iran

The China-Russia-Iran axis understands this and is not backing down. Russia supplies Syria with arms, concluding recently a \$550 million

deal to sell Assad 36 advanced combat airplanes. It has no intention of losing its only naval base in the Mediterranean.

Syria is an important hub in China's plan for its New Silk Road. This will take China's manufactured goods straight to world markets via the Mediterranean, by passing the US controlled Indian Ocean sea lanes, while shortening the route by thousands of miles. Iran, the US target behind Syria, is crucial to China's energy security because its oil and natural gas can also be transported directly by land to China.

A successful war against Syria could accelerate the war against the China-Russia-Iran axis

In spite of the differences among the US rulers about when to wage war against China and Russia, events are relentlessly moving toward this inevitable clash. All these capitalist-imperialist jackals are fighting over the Middle East's vast energy resources.

These resources are vital to China's and Russia's aspirations of world domination.

They are also crucial for the US bosses' dreams of making the 21st century an American Century.

Neither set of bosses-imperialists represent the interests of workers anywhere. Our interests lie in joining the International Communist Workers' Party to mobilize the world's masses for communism.

Under communism, workers will have no need to fight over natural resources. Capitalists fight over them because they compete for markets. Whoever sells the cheapest products wins the biggest market share. Those unable to compete are eliminated. Therefore, controlling the cheapest sources of raw materials becomes a question of life and death for them.

This dog-eat-dog competition is a defining feature of capitalism. It inevitably leads to war. Communism will produce to satisfy workers' needs worldwide. There won't be any money or profits. Nothing will be bought or sold.

We'll produce and share the fruits of our labor collectively. Collectivity in all aspects of social relations will be the defining feature of communism, thereby eliminating competition and the need for wars.

Understanding world events is crucial to workers' ability to fight for communism

The bosses' media presents a distorted picture of worldwide events. They hide reality by constantly bombarding us with anti-communism, racism, sexism, patriotism, electoral politics and religious fanaticism.

That is why we have *Red Flag*. It informs, trains, organizes, guides and inspires us on the road to communism. It prevents us from falling prey to the bosses' poisonous ideas and treacherous schemes. That's why we urge you to help us set up *Red Flag* networks in the factories, barracks and schools to massively distribute it. It will steel millions for the upcoming class war and lead us to victory. Join us!

