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Support the Struggle of the Egyptian People! Stop U.S. Military Aid to Egypt! U.S. Imperialism, Out of the Middle East!

The Egyptian uprising has dealt the Hosni Mubarak regime and its sponsor, U.S. imperialism, an important setback even as the people continue the struggle to overthrow the U.S.-backed dictatorship. After 18 days of struggle the Egyptian uprising forced the resignation of the dictator who for 30 years has received more U.S. military and economic aid (\$2 billion/year) than any government other than Israel. The Workers Party salutes the Egyptian people who are courageously rising up in revolutionary struggle even while in the teeth of the repression imposed by imperialism.

With the tables turned against the Mubarak regime in Egypt, the Obama administration and all its PR-men are at their wits end trying to cover over the crimes of U.S. imperialism against the Egyptian people and to rewrite the history of U.S. backing of the Mubarak dictatorship. With characteristic double-speak logic, Obama now claims that while publicly providing military and political backing to the Mubarak regime up to the very end, his administration was secretly working “behind the scenes” to oppose the regime. The facts, on the other hand, show that the Obama administration *continues* to arm and finance the Mubarak regime – which still rules Egypt without the presence of Mubarak himself.

This two-faced policy of the Obama administration is nothing but pragmatism and a last ditch attempt to lend legitimacy to the Big Lie that the U.S. government is in the business of “bringing democracy” to the peoples of the Middle East and the world.

Despite its abrupt about-face when forced to recognize the strength of the Egyptian uprising, the Obama administration not only continues its intervention by backing

the ruling elite in Egypt but is also arrogantly working to establish “ground rules” for a “peaceful transition of power” in Egypt. According to U.S. imperialism, the Egyptian people are incapable of determining their affairs without outside interference and need the West to “mentor” them in “nation building.” At the same time, the U.S. is wasting no time organizing internal subversion and sabotage against the Egyptian opposition as well as against the upsurge of revolutionary struggles taking place in Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and other countries throughout the region. According to a Fox News report (2/11/11) the CIA has already put together a 35-member task force charged with assessing the strength of oppositional movements in the region so as to avoid being “caught by surprise” as with the uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia. In short, U.S. imperialism remains the sworn enemy of democracy and the liberation struggles of the peoples.

Recent history has already shown the cruel reality behind U.S. imperialism’s slogan of “bringing democracy” to the world. In the name of democracy, U.S. imperialism waged genocidal wars against the peoples of Vietnam and Korea. In the name of democracy, U.S. imperialism and its client state Israel carry out the savage blockade of the Gaza Strip and war aimed at liquidating the Palestinian nation. In the name of democracy, the CIA organizes coups d’etat and imposes fascist regimes on the peoples. In the name of democracy, U.S. imperialism carries out the wholesale bombing of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan. The slogan of “American democracy” is nothing but the chauvinism of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class – the slogan which asserts the “moral superiority” of U.S. capitalist “values” and aims at imposing these values on the peoples of the world.

By insisting that the Egyptian

people accept U.S. imperialism as the judge and jury of the political process and political system in their country, the Obama administration is revealing the two-fold strategy of imperialism in the Middle East. On the one hand, the U.S. tries to give its neo-colonial and colonial administrations “legitimacy” through “elections” which are subject to the approval of U.S. and other Western powers and often, as in Iraq and Afghanistan, held at gunpoint. At the same time, the U.S. continues its military and financial backing of the Mubarak regime and other neo-colonial and colonial regimes in the region – from Egypt to Iraq to Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan – and slanders those who persist in revolting against those regimes as “extremists,” “terrorists,” and “enemies of democracy.” Both tactics are designed to crush the liberation movements of the people and to prevent them from winning genuine sovereignty and independence. And behind all the talk about “nation-building” and “democracy,” the U.S. escalates its preparations for more war.

The Egyptian people are, of course, rising up against U.S. dictate and domination and are already denouncing as a fraud the Obama administration’s renewed attempts to impose conditions on the Egyptian political process and political system. In fact, the Egyptians are persisting in their uprising. The struggle in Egypt and also the struggles emerging throughout the region against reactionary regimes sponsored by U.S and Western imperialism deserve the support of the people everywhere. In the U.S., all democratic-minded people must expose the phony “elections” and “negotiations” offered up by U.S. imperialism. Now is the time to step up our struggle to demand:

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