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OIL MOVES THE IMPERIALIST WAR MACHINE

by M. T. K. , 2002

Since its inception, the Bush Administration has launched two great foreign policy initiatives: a so called "global war against terrorism", and a global campaign to expand US domination of oil resources. So today the so called "war on terrorism" is in reality a counter-revolutionary imperialist offensive to redive the world and plunder the oil resources in the five continents. The big oil monopolies and the big banks are behind this plot.

The underpinnings of the Bush foreign policy can be found in the national energy policy paper of May 17, 2001, known as the Cheney report. This report became infamous for two reasons: Cheney wouldn't release the names of the people he consulted for it, and the report recommends drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. But these controversies distracted attention away from the gist of the report, which is spelled out in chapter eight, "Strengthening Global Alliances." There, the report "recommends that the President make energy security a priority of our trade and foreign policy."

The report says the United States will become increasingly reliant on foreign oil. At present, the US obtains about half of its petroleum from foreign sources; by 2020, imports will account for two-thirds of U.S. consumption, the report predicts. From this, it draws two conclusions: The United States must dominate Saudi Arabia and other oil producers in the region, and the United States must diversify oil suppliers around the world. "Middle East oil producers will remain central to world oil security," it says, but "our engagement must be global." This means controlling major suppliers in all oil-producing areas, including the Caspian region, Africa, and Latin America, which the report calls "high-priority areas."

The Cheney report notes, "Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has been a linchpin of supply reliability to world oil markets." But there are other regions of importance: look at the U.S. military training operation in the Republic of Georgia, which is just getting under way. Ostensibly, the aim of the operation --which will involve the deployment of several hundred U.S. Special Forces advisers-- is to enhance the capacity of Georgian forces "to fight terrorists" and other insurgents along its border. This is just a cover, it is evident that Washington seeks to "reduce the threat" to the vital pipelines that will carry oil from the Caspian Sea across Georgia to ports on the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

"The Caspian Sea can also be a rapidly growing new area of supply," the Cheney report notes. "Proven oil reserves in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan are about twenty billion barrels, a little more than the North Sea." One find in Kazakhstan, it adds, is "comparable to Prudhoe Bay," the giant oil field off the north coast of Alaska. Its recommendation to Bush: "Ensure that rising Caspian oil production is effectively integrated into world oil trade." dominated by the oil monopolies. One way it is doing this, in the wake of September 11, is to establish permanent bases in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

A similar situation is developing in Colombia. The United States has increasingly involved itself in Colombia's civil war, first on the pretext of fighting the "war on drugs". Increasingly, the Bush Administration is seeking to aid the Colombian military directly in its war against the guerrilla groups--often described as terrorists by U.S. and Colombian officials. In the latest incarnation of this effort, the United States will help the Colombian military to protect the pipeline that delivers oil from Occidental Petroleum's Cano Limon oilfield to refineries and terminals on the coast --a pipeline the rebels have often sabotaged.

With the American public fixated on the "threat of terrorism", however, the Bush Administration is afraid to portray its "new war resolution" as primarily for the plunder of oil supplies worldwide.

For all of these reasons, the so called "war against terrorism" and the imperialist struggle for oil are likely to remain connected for the indefinite future. This will entail growing U.S. military involvement in the oil-producing nations. At times, such involvement may be limited to indirect forms of assistance, such as arms transfers and training programs. At others, it will involve the direct deployment of significant numbers of U.S. combat troops. This means involvement in an endless series of wars overseas.//

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Hands off Iraq!

Defend Iraq, Defeat Imperialism

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN IRAQ.

Thousands of anti-war demonstrators marched through Australian cities in protest against Australian involvement in a US led war against Iraq. Protests were held in all the major cities. In Sydney prominent members of the Muslim community, joined showbusiness personalities, politicians, church figures and other prominent members of the community. Demonstrations are taking place all over the world. In Italy, Florence 500,000 to 1,000,000 took to the streets to oppose the war in Iraq led by the US Imperialists. In Europe and London large demonstration condemn the forthcoming war on Iraq. The USA has started to sound out about 50 countries, including Australia, on what they might contribute to a possible war on Iraq. Australia is the 'staunch' est supporter in the "war on terrorism". The pullout of Aust. troops from Afghanistan is certain to fuel speculation that Iraq is not far away for an attack.. No doubt, the "talks" in the 50 countries will involve 'who is going to pay for the war'. Some estimate the war will cost one trillion US dollars. In Australia, that's 2 trillion! Who is going to Pay? We are, the workers. We'll pay with greater decline in health services, education, care of the homeless, the aged, the mentally ill. There will be serious loss of civil liberties, as few as they are. And, serious pain in the hip pocket. Watch out for conscription as the Australian commitments to war increase and as a comedian remarked; when the armed forces are as big as a soccer match.

The other campaign running in Australia is the support of the asylum-seekers. Australian -weekend 14/12/02 said, 14,000 are on the run in Australia after having their refugee claims rejected. These 'absconders' are being supported by an increasingly sophisticated underground network providing accommodation, medical care, food and financial support. Rely on the masses. HANDS OFF IRAQ !

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