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Over the past three years, we have been witnessing the nuclear negotiations between the P5+1 (the five permanent members of the UN Security Council: the United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China, and France, plus Germany) under the leadership of the capitalist-imperialist U.S. on one side and the reactionary Islamic Republic of Iran. These negotiations that have taken place over the last three years, between the two oppressor and exploiter states are not in the interest of the humanity. Both the U.S. and Iran are facing growing contradictions internally and externally. There is much uncertainty on both sides right now and there are many unforeseen factors that could cause shifts and quakes throughout the world. One thing is certain though, no matter which side has the upper hand, neither outmoded system has the interests of humanity in mind.

On March 9, 2015, 47 Republican U.S. Senators wrote a open letter addressed to the, "the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran"⁽¹⁾. The letter was written a week after the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to the U.S. Congress after being invited by the Republicans.

The Republican Senators letter warned the Iranian government against reaching a comprehensive final agreement with the Obama administration, warning, "it is only an executive agreement and that the next President and Congress can override it with the stroke of a pen can or at any given time the next U.S House of Representatives can modify the terms of the agreement. "

In that letter, we have confronted not only the escalation of contradictions within the U.S. ruling class, but also the heightened internal conflicts faced by Iran's ruling class in the nuclear negotiations. There has also been a building of fronts and alignments on both sides. In the United States, Liberals and "progressive" supporters, "peace-seeking" and "anti war" groups, as well as those who have tremendous delusions about Obama and the Democratic Party. Many of these "progressives" hope that the negotiations will help contain Iran and its nuclear program and prevent the potential of U.S. military engagement against Iran.

Iran is no exception! Various pro-Islamic Republic forces in Iran, as well as "new left" supporters, those who rallied and voted to elect Rouhani as President and have delusions about his presidency have willingly blinded themselves and shuttered their sights on the possibility of a future outside of the current regime and it's no less reactionary policies.

On the other hand, a lot of "analysis" about the nuclear negotiations from those claiming to be "socialist" is not deep and has no substance. Some of that so-called "analysis" asserts that the nuclear negotiations are "ridiculous and demagogic."

Such a reductionist view sees all things as if they are part of a "conspiracy theory" against the "interest of working class in Iran," based on that metaphor and economist view that the ruling class of both the imperialists (Group 5+1) and the Islamic Republic regime are just making the "working class to wait and see" and keeping them away from moving to get their "economic befits" through "strikes"! This is just an attempt to shoulder off the responsibility for understanding this phenomenon in a deep and all-sided scientific, dialectical materialist approach and methodology for making it possible to seize political power in a communist revolution in Iran.

All six of the ruling class representatives of the capitalist-imperialist countries (Group 5 + 1) have six different opinions that are a reflection of inter-imperialist rivalry, competitions and contradictions about their strategic interests in the world and in the Middle East region on one

side, and the reactionary rulers of the Islamic regime, which is against the oppressed and exploited masses and has particular contradictions and is contending for its own strategic interests in the Middle East - a reactionary theocratic system struggling to survive through negotiating with all six of those imperialists.

In such circumstances some people, groups and organizations who claim to be "left" or "socialist" and who have such a simplified view which just stays at the surface of the phenomenon (the Nuclear Negotiation) are trying to turn everything upside down with a flick of the pen based on a conspiracy theory that is not in the interest of the emancipation of humanity - let alone in the short and long-term interest of the "working class." And no matter with what intensity they might claim that they are fighting for the interests of the working class, they are not able to scientifically understand this phenomenon, and therefore they leave the working class under the wing of the Islamic Republic's ruling classes' propaganda machine.

March 11, 2015, the Editorial Board of The New York Times (conveying the views of one faction of U. S. ruling class wrote an article that on one hand tried to diminish the effect of the Senate Republicans letter as one, "which was drafted by Tom Cotton, a Republican of Arkansas, a junior senator with no foreign policy credentials."⁽²⁾ The New York Times attempted to serve as damage control for one section of the U.S. ruling class and defend the Obama administrations negotiation attempts with Iran warning, " these Republicans are perfectly willing to diminish America's standing as a global power capable of crafting international commitments and adhering to them."⁽²⁾

We are addressing our oppressed and exploited brothers and sisters in the United States. We are speaking to our Black and Latino brothers and sisters, Native American Indians and all of those who have nothing gain from this putrid system. We do not negotiate with our oppressors! We should struggle against them on the revolutionary battleground. The oppressed masses in our country, as well as you, the young fighters of America from Ferguson to New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles and elsewhere, our struggle is intertwined. You are our strategic allies, our enemies are the same. Each of our successes and

failures will have a significant impact on the other! In essence, we stand in the same front against tyrannical rulers!

We consider you who are under the oppression and exploitation of the U.S. imperialists as our ally in the struggle against the oppressive rulers of Iran. Neither imperialism nor religious fundamentalism (of any religion) can emancipate humanity.

Our hope is set on those of you in the United States--in the most powerful imperialist country. We consider your just and courageous fight against the brutal, murdering police and the struggle against white supremacy as part of our struggle for the emancipation of humanity. Our struggles must unite to create a new world, free from oppression and exploitation. Those of you in the United States, struggling right in the belly of the beast, the number one oppressor and exploiter in the world! We declare our solidarity with you. Your struggle and your victory is ours and ours are yours.

The U.S. ruling class (which includes its ruling parties and representatives within the media) are desperately seeking to shore up U.S. hegemony in the world, in which control in the Middle East is strategic, however they are deeply divided over how to seek these interests. Regardless of policy differences between the Republicans and Democrats, U.S. policy consists of little more than implementing modern slavery--relations of exploitation through unchallenged economic, political, cultural and military dominance. Both U.S. imperialism and Islamic-fundamentalism are repressive and outmoded systems and therefore both the U.S. imperialist system, as well as the Islamic Republic of Iran need to be swept into the dustbin of history. We unite with the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA in applying the revolutionary-science of Communism to prepare for the time when these outmoded systems can be swept away in an all out struggle for state power.

The U. S. ruling class has the blood of millions on its hands: from the enslavement of African Peoples the time of slavery as well as the murder of radicals and revolutionaries of throughout the world. Not to mention the U.S.'s role in countless coup d ' états (including but not only the American-C.I.A.- coups in Iran in 1953 and American coup in Indonesia in 1965 as well as Chile

in 1973). And it continues today, with the killings of people of color across America at the hands of police. Today millions are incarcerated in the United States while countless others face the daily harassment of the system's enforcers, the police.

Malcolm X correctly stated "a ruling that from the time of slavery up to present time, with enforcement of racial discrimination against Negroes and eradication of leaders and fighters of the civil rights movement, including the bloody suppression of blacks who were fighting for their civil voting rights in Selma (March 7, 1965, located in the State of Alabama), and oppressed black citizens it suppresses and kills, cannot not occupy any chair on the Human Rights Council of the United Nation and tell others how to respect human rights." (3)

In 1979, millions of oppressed Iranian people made a revolution and toppled the U.S. backed Shah of Iran. On the eve of the revolution and prior to the fall of the Shah , the ruling classes of the capitalist countries (the United States, Britain, Germany and France) led by U.S government conspired in the Guadeloupe Conference (January 04 to 07, 1979)(4), once they recognized that their strategic interests in the entire Middle East were in great danger. When Shah's regime was toppled through, they choose the Ayatollah Khomeini and clique surrounding him (those who were the representatives of the reactionary feudal landlord class that had been weakened and lost their land during Shah's regime) as the new ruling classes to rule Iran, and thereby the basis of religious fundamentalist dictatorship of the Islamic Republic of Iran was locked in.

On the day after the revolution succeeded in toppling the Shah, Khomeini's reactionary regime launched an offensive on women, he mandated women to wear hijab coverings (veil), and reduced women societal role to housework and childbearing, thereby legally instituting theocratic-patriarchy. It has not been long after establishment of the Islamic Republic regime - early 1979- the attack from the ground and in the air was launched against heroic struggle of Kurds(a national minority in northwestern and west Iran) The Kurds led a heroic struggle against the U.S. backed Shah and then against their new oppressors, the Islamic Republic.

After overthrowing the Shah, the Islamic Republic imprisoned and brutally tortured political opponents which included people imprisoned under the Shah, communists, and other opposition forces. In 1981 and again in 1988, the IRI carried out mass hangings of revolutionary and communist forces, while the U.S. kept silent on these horrifying crimes against humanity. All of this served to bolster and solidify the continued rule of the Islamic Regime.

Despite temporary defeats and bloody suppression, the struggle in Iran and Middle Eastern and the North African continues. Work to construct a scientific, theoretical/ideological summation of the achievements and setbacks of our struggle (in a historic and dialectical sense since early 1900 up to present time) in relation to the 1979 revolution in Iran still continues.

The 2010 Arab Spring (in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen) consisted of hundreds of millions of oppressed and exploited masses at the bottom of society standing up against the two reactionary alternatives of global capitalist-Imperialist system (U.S. Imperialism and Islamic-Fundamentalism). Many people in the Middle-East and North Africa saw this struggle as a chance to finally throw off their chains and this struggle still wages on.

The major powers involved in the current nuclear talks, including the Iranian regime are based on oppression and exploitation of the masses. All of them have committed gruesome acts of murder, domestically and globally. These nuclear negotiations are not about ending imperialist war and occupations. These negotiations are not about establishing peace and democracy in the world, or releasing of political prisoners, emancipating women, nor are they about supporting and protecting the rights of the people.

These rulers recognize that our struggles are united interrelated. They will use all kinds of tricks to make us passive and obedient as they seek to divert our path by causing split amongst

our ranks and groups. They will attempt to install their political and ideological moles and agents among us.

As Malcolm X in his speech on the occasion of the Suppression of Selma In 1965 said:

"To understand this, you have to go back to what [the] young brother here referred to as the **house Negro and the field Negro** -- back during slavery. There was two kinds of slaves. There was the house Negro and the field Negro. The house Negroes - they lived in the house with master, they dressed pretty good, they ate good 'cause they ate his food -- what he left. They lived in the attic or the basement, but still they lived near the master; and they loved their master more than the master loved himself. They would give their life to save the master's house quicker than the master would. The house Negro, if the master said, "We got a good house here," the house Negro would say, "Yeah, we got a good house here." Whenever the master said "we," he said "we." That's how you can tell a house Negro.

If the master's house caught on fire, the house Negro would fight harder to put the blaze out than the master would. If the master got sick, the house Negro would say, "**What's the matter, boss, we sick? We sick! He identified himself with his master more than his master identified with himself.**"

This modern house Negro loves his master. He wants to live near him. He'll pay three times as much as the house is worth just to live near his master, and then brag about "I'm the only Negro out here." "I'm the only one on my job." "I'm the only one in this school." You're nothing but a house Negro. And if someone comes to you right now and says, "Let's separate," you say the same thing that the house Negro said on the plantation. "What you mean, separate? From America? This good white man? Where you going to get a better job than you get here?" I mean, this is what you say. "I ain't left nothing in Africa," that's what you say. Why, you left your mind in Africa.

On that same plantation, there was the field Negro. The field Negro -- those were the masses. There were always more Negroes in the field than there was Negroes in the house. The Negro in the field caught hell. He ate leftovers. In the house they ate high up on the hog. The Negro in the field didn't get nothing but what was left of the insides of the hog. They call 'em "chitt'lings" nowadays. In those days they called them what they were: guts. That's what you were -- a gut-eater. And some of you all still gut-eaters.

The field Negro was beaten from morning to night. He lived in a shack, in a hut; He wore old, castoff clothes. He hated his master. I say he hated his master. He was intelligent. That house Negro loved his master. But that field Negro -- remember, they were in the majority, and they hated the master. When the house caught on fire, he didn't try and put it out; that field Negro prayed for a wind, for a breeze. When the master got sick, the field Negro prayed that he'd die. If someone come [sic] to the field Negro and said, "Let's separate, let's run," he didn't say "Where we going?" He'd say, "Any place is better than here." You've got field Negroes in America today. I'm a field Negro. The masses are the field Negroes." (5)

Today, in accordance with what Malcolm X has said more than 55 years ago, we are witnessing the "house Negroes" of capitalism-imperialism (Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson and many other black representatives of Congress and the U.S. Senate) attempt to line up the oppressed and exploited behind the rulers of this criminal system. The Presidency of Barack Obama served the same purpose, to realign the oppressed masses back under the wing of the U.S. ruling class. In the current conditions a large part of the U.S. Government ruling class is attempting to line up all factions of the Islamic Republic of Iran to ensure its strategic interests in the Middle East region, dominated by its on strategic interests in controlling the region.

At this moment in history, any organization that claims to support and defend the oppressed and exploited of the world cannot do so by supporting the Islamic Republic and its attempts to dominate and defend its strategic interests in the middle east, nor can it do so by supporting the U.S. ruling classes strategy (represented by Obama) attempting to enforce its interests in

the region by placing Iran and the rest of the middle east under the domination of capitalism-imperialism. Supporting either side betrays the oppressed people of entire Middle East and the world who struggled so hard to overthrow the American backed regime and gave their lives to oppose imperialist domination. Supporting the rulers on either side leaves us in the hands of the enemies of humanity once more. It will lead to more suppression and the continuation of war and occupation. The situation is analogous to when the police take one your lives in America, if rather than condemn the outrageous murder and the system that continually murders people of color, we supported it! If we do so, we would betray you. Be assured that we will never choose to go that way.

So the basic problem for the whole of humanity around the world is this: Are we, the oppressed and exploited of the world going to support and get in line behind our rulers and oppressors?! Or in contrast, support the oppressive and tyrannical rulers of the reactionary ruling class in the other country? In this case, how will such a reactionary unification affect our struggle? Supporting either reactionary ruling class to oppose the either ends of strengthening both and sets us up for further domination! What should be the dividing line for the oppressed of the world? Which side should we take?

The process of lining up behind the rulers of the Islamic Republic is in accordance with the strategic interests of the world imperialist system and entails the all of the suffering that comes with it. The heavy load of global imperialism's economic sanctions on Iran, led by the U.S. has caused the growth of inflation and food prices going up. The has fallen mainly on the shoulders' of the oppressed and exploited masses at the bottom of Iranian society leaving the ruling class untouched. The outcome of such economic sanctions has included: the growth of the black market for critical medicines with prices increasing significantly. The imperialist sanctions have also led to the growth of prostitution, burglary, and even selling kidneys to survive. Many workers have unpaid wages dating back several months. Overwhelmingly, the impact of sanctions are a big blow on daily life of those at the bottom of Iran's society- the proletariat class!

At the same time we should not close our eyes on the Islamic Republic's support of religious fundamentalist forces like the Houthi in Yemen. Iran is competing for domination in the region against Saudi Arabia, Egypt, U.A.E. and Turkey who are backing the opposition in a war against progress of the Islamic Republic in the Middle East region. Such a reactionary and anti-human war is nothing except what the Islamic Republic regime looking for its own strategic interests in the region. Direct and indirect military intervention of the Islamic Republic in Yemen (sending military equipments and weapons, and high level of senior Quds(international military forces of Iran's Revolutionary Guard) forces as military advisors to support the Houthi's is to achieve its strategic interests in the region . Such a move is seen by global imperialism and the puppet regime of America (Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Egypt, Pakistan and Turkey) to be in hostile to their strategic interests in the region. Without wanting to arrive at a comprehensive analysis of this particular war in Yemen and the bloody conflict over the strategic interests of the United states and its lapdogs (the Arab states in the Middle East on the one hand, and the Islamic Republic of Iran on the other), but in the light of the latest rounds of nuclear talks, the Government of the Islamic Republic, in opposition to the American backed Arab regimes, is intensifying the war in Yemen by strengthening military force of the religious fundamentalist -Houthi forces. This has resulted in the horrendous killing of thousands of people in Yemen. This assault is being used as leverage for the reduction of pressure by Islamic Republic Regime.

The American backed Arab Dictatorship regimes involved in the Yemen War are trying to enforce the New World Order of their master (U. S. Imperialism) in the Middle East and force the Islamic Republic to give up by surrounding it. So is this not a indication that the foundations of all negotiators of Capitalist-Imperialist countries' system (Group 5 + 1) and their Arab servants- protectors are based on the oppression and exploitation of the toilers of the world.

To create a new society and end the oppression, war and acts of madness; we need no waste a moment to unite and fight against the ruling powers. We need to discuss various ideas in creative and constrictive ways to choose the best way forward. We want the emancipation of all humanity—nothing less. We must smash the state machinery and topple the ruling classes of the capitalist system, in order to do this we need a Communist leadership armed with a revolutionary scientific strategy that can prepare for the conditions when a revolutionary situation comes about, which is formed through the conscious work of revolutionary communists hastening while awaiting. All of this can make it possible to seize political power when the time is right.

The truth is clear to us like the sunshine! Based on our experience in the revolutionary struggle. We are not waiting for the wind to blow! The struggle of our people in Iran, as well as the struggle of the oppressed masses in the United States shows us that nothing short of revolution will emancipate humanity. Even though it seems that the mood of the people today is in shadow of darkness, silenced to revolution. The oppression and suffering of the masses of people is like a gun powder keg, a single spark can ignite the fire for the revolution! We will burn their palace and replace it with our own! The system of the oppressor will be smashed. Their defeat will be not be like one Vietnam, not ten, but hundreds of Vietnam will be wagged until we win!

Long live the internationalist unity of oppressed masses people all over the world!

Long live the just struggle of toilers of the world!

Long live the revolution!

Long live the Marxism- Leninism- Maoism!

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Footnotes

1- http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/03/09/world/middleeast/document-the-letter-senate-republicans-addressed-to-the-leaders-of-iran.html?_r=1

2- http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/12/opinion/republican-idiocy-on-iran.html?_r=1

3- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgTwelljMQk&t=123>

4- Prior to the fall of the Shah in 1979, heads of major Western powers met in Guadeloupe, a French group of islands in East Caribbean, and, as various sources indicate, agreed that supporting the Shah from then on was futile.

The Guadeloupe Conference attended by heads of four Western powers; U.S., UK, France and West Germany, was held in the first week of January 1979 on the island of Guadeloupe. Their agenda concerned world issues and the political crisis in Iran, where a popular revolutionary upsurge was about to topple the Mohammad Reza Shah; the monarch brought back to power by a coup organized by CIA and MI6 in 1953. The dimensions of the agreements achieved before and after the conference have been kept secret. French President Giscard d'Estaing hosted the Guadeloupe Conference which convened between Jan, 4 and Jan, 7 1979. US President Jimmy Carter, British Prime Minister James Callaghan, and German chancellor Helmut Schmidt attended the 4 day meeting.

These leaders had reached the conclusion that Shah could no more stay in power and his stay would only raise tensions. In a press conference, the US secretary of state Cyrus Vance announced that Shah was getting ready for holidays outside Iran adding that Shah's political role on shaping Iran's future had come to an end.

5- from 1961-1963 when former U.S. President John F. Kennedy proposed through the doctrine of his foreign policy to Shah of Iran to do the land reform-"agrarian reform" by launching "the White revolution of Shah and people" which was finally launched 1963 in Iran.



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