

THE MARTIN LIBERAL GOVERNMENT must not be allowed to take Canada further in the direction of war and global crisis by backing “missile defence.” By joining the handful of other imperialist countries that support this project, including Britain and Australia, Canada would give undeserved legitimacy to illegal “pre-emptive” wars and the most alarming military preparations, including weapons in space.

Missile Defence is part of the U.S. Space Command’s plan to “dominat(e) the space dimension of military operations to protect U.S. interests and investments.” Expanding military operations to include outer space will only strengthen U.S. imperialism’s efforts to dominate the earth.

BOWING TO WASHINGTON’S DEMANDS will not eliminate punishing U.S. trade sanctions against Canada, nor will it guarantee Canadian corporations a share of the loot plundered from future U.S. aggressions. Canadian working people will only lose by our government’s attempts to appease U.S. imperialism.

Humanity will find no security or peace in imperialism’s dangerous arms build-up, which has continued with few limits since the short period of détente, when the Soviet Union and the U.S. signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty, now scrapped so that the U.S. can pursue Missile Defence.

The dismantling of socialism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe encouraged imperialism to plunder weaker nations, scrap social programs, attack worker rights, and expand its military horizons, ignoring world public opinion and the most important international laws, including the United Nations Charter.

Aiming to crush the people’s movements and the countries that oppose corporate globalization, imperialism continues to build its military potential and carry out aggressions, most recently against the Palestinian national liberation struggle, Iraq, Yugoslavia, and Haiti.

NOW, THE DANGER POSED by U.S. imperialism to global peace and justice is reaching a critical stage. Along with the so-called “war on terror” launched in September 2001, the Missile Defence program is an important part of the Bush regime’s intense campaign to convince

the public that the U.S. is “vulnerable” and “threatened,” justifying endless global aggressions and high military spending. The propaganda used by the U.S. and its allies to justify aggression is steeped with lies and deceptions, concealing imperialism’s plundering aims.

Racism is a prominent (and profitable) part of this propaganda. Imperialism uses racism and religious intolerance against Arab and Muslim people and against all kinds of “foreigners” to divide the global working class movements, weakening efforts to build anti-imperialist unity, especially between workers in imperialist and non-imperialist countries.

How useful is Missile Defence as a “protective shield” for North America? Leading scientists completely reject the notion that Missile Defence will work. Considering most countries have no ballistic missiles able to strike the U.S. (including much maligned North Korea) and no country poses a credible threat to the U.S. military, the program is more political than practical, allowing a handful of giant U.S. military corporations to reap enormous profits.

Why does the U.S. want Canada’s support for its military preparations? Generally speaking, the U.S. wants support for its efforts to make the world even more profitable for the giant corporations, leaving workers impoverished on a global scale.

DESPITE DECLARATIONS from leaders gathered at meetings of the “Big Eight” or G8 countries, imperialism is unable to solve the world’s acute problems, such as hunger, unemployment and environmental destruction. Increasingly, it relies on illegal “pre-emptive” war, military preparations and arms budgets that impose a heavy burden on workers and cripple economies. War is a symptom of crisis, not good health.

The entire purpose of Missile Defence is bankrupt. Few things could be more foolish and dangerous for Canada than to join the program.

RATHER, CANADA MUST support international law, work for arms control and disarmament and oppose “pre-emptive” wars. Canadians must reject Missile Defence as a futile and dangerous strategy of world domination by an imperialist power draining itself with high military spending.

THE PEOPLES OF CANADA and the world are realizing that the balance of forces must shift if humanity is to survive. Imperialism must be denied the right to use war or the threat of war to further its narrow, selfish interests or to prop up a capitalist system full of crises, impoverishment, starvation, unemployment and environmental catastrophe.

Keeping Canada out of Missile Defence will be a major victory. But beyond preventing war and destruction, we need to build a world where people have food, jobs and peace, the only future where humanity will flourish.

The Communist Party believes that socialism must ultimately replace capitalism to ensure such a future. Until then, we support the widest unity to block imperialism's predatory goals and win every possible reform which can improve the lives of billions of people.

Keep Canada Out of the U.S. Missile Defence program!

For an
Independent Foreign
Policy of Peace and Disarmament



A message from the Communist Party of Canada

DESPITE RECENT CLAIMS that Canada's participation in the US missile defence program is a "done deal," a majority of Canadians oppose this dangerous and wasteful scheme. There is still time to press the new Parliament to stand for a foreign policy of peace, including support for a return to international disarmament treaties.

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