

Do you hate capitalism? Well if you truly do then you must take a stand with the socialistic Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) against the intense threats it is facing from capitalist states. Rally to demand:

U.S. MILITARY *GET OUT* OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THE YELLOW SEA!

STOP THE CAPITALISTS' PROVOCATIONS AGAINST SOCIALISTIC NORTH KOREA!

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The governments of the U.S.A, Japan, South Korea and Australia have launched a volley of threats against North Korea. It is only support for the DPRK from the Peoples Republic of China that has thus far prevented an all out U.S.-led invasion of North Korea.

So why are they targeting North Korea? They invaded Iraq to gain greater control over the world's oil supplies. Yet North Korea is not oil-rich. The reason that they are targeting the DPRK is because it remains a socialistic state.

In such a situation anyone sympathetic to socialism must side with the DPRK regardless of whatever deformities the workers state there may have. The issue here is a class conflict between the socialistic DPRK and capitalist forces. The exact manner in which any battle arises is not of decisive importance just like it does not matter to socialists how a struggle between a capitalist boss and a trade union fighting for workers rights comes about.

Nevertheless, it is clear that it is the capitalist side that is provoking the conflict. Tens of thousands of U.S. troops remain stationed in South Korea. North Koreans remember the horrific crimes of the U.S., Britain and Australia during the 1950-53 Korean War, crimes which exceeded even their hideous atrocities later in Vietnam. On several occasions they exterminated the civilian population of North Korea's capital Pyongyang by simply burning the entire city to the ground with napalm. Now, over the last few years, the U.S. and South Korea have been holding ever more threatening military exercises against North Korea. In these exercises they have taken to firing live ammunition over disputed waters.

The imperialists aim to either provoke a war or to bleed North Korea dry. Until the DPRK's Soviet ally collapsed leaving the DPRK extremely vulnerable, North Korea's socialised economy had enabled a universally well-fed population with one of the world's highest literacy levels, free medical care, housing for all and advances in women's equality. Since the Soviet Union's destruction the capitalist noose around the DPRK has tightened. It has been hurt by sanctions and the provocative acts of the U.S. military forces in the Korean Peninsula have forced North Korea to spend valuable resources on building up its military defence. Still, contrary to the hysterical Western media propaganda, the North Korean masses manage to get by and continue to hold steadfast against all the threats. They can be compared to workers on a long strike against a powerful boss – their struggle brings many hardships but they stand firm in the hope of a brighter future.

Their courageous struggle to maintain socialistic rule must meet with solidarity from opponents of capitalism here. The conflict between the U.S-led capitalist states and the DPRK is a frontline in the conflict between socialism and capitalism, between the working class and the capitalist exploiters. Anyone here who cannot rise to the defence of the socialistic conquests in the DPRK – however warped they are from incessant capitalist pressure – is incapable of winning new conquests against capitalism.