

Condemn Soviet-Ethiopian Aggression in Eritrea

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The Russian revisionists, their Cuban mercenary troops and the Ethiopian fascist junta are today in the middle of yet another genocidal offensive against the just struggle of the Eritrean people. Frustrated by the failure of their recent large scale offensive to "once and for all" crush the 17 year of Eritrean national liberation struggle, these combined counterrevolutionary forces have now deployed all their human and military resources to launch their biggest "final" offensive, the most barbaric and ruthless yet in Eritrea and with few parallels in history.

It is no accident that Menghistu's "working visit" to the Soviet Union has coincided with the escalation of the war of aggression in Eritrea. It was no doubt for a final consultation at the top level on the final details of the offensive. The entire operation of the bloody counter-revolutionary war exercise is planned, directed and led by Soviet generals and many Cuban and East German military experts. These Kremlin-directed war experts are taking charge of operating the sophisticated weapons, the MiG's, tanks, rocket launchers, artillery, etc., in this unjust war being waged against the Eritrean revolution. In addition to the over 200,000 Soviet aggressor troops already in Eritrea, thousands more have been airlifted to the occupied Eritrean cities such as Massawa, Asmara and Agordat. An unprecedented size of Soviet heavy arms, napalm bombs and chemical defoliants similar to those used by the United States in Viet Nam are being used in this genocidal offensive, according to the international press. MIG fighters flown by Soviet and Cuban pilots are spraying defoliants throughout the countryside, with special concentration on

densely populated areas. The spraying of defoliants in the countryside is a criminal design by the Soviet revisionists to lay bare the hundreds of thousands of displaced Eritreans and expose them for a mass genocide by depriving them of food and the only shelter they have, the forests.

Thus, the Soviet revisionists, their Cuban mercenaries and the Ethiopian fascists are using the most savage methods of annihilation to commit mass genocide of the heroic Eritrean people. Unable to subdue our people and maintain their colonial occupation of our country, their current war campaign indicates that the Soviet revisionists and their Ethiopian puppets are practicing the only fascist solution they could think of -- the complete extermination of our people. Hundreds and thousands of innocent men, women and children are being killed, displaced, and made refugees; crops, forests and plantations are being destroyed on a large scale. Soviet MiG's are engaged in a round the clock bombing mission leveling hundreds of villages to the ground.

The Soviet revisionists' all out offensive to crush the Eritrean struggle and annihilate the Eritrean people is not confined to their military intervention and their concerted propaganda campaign, hi their further attempt to "break" the fighting will of the Eritrean masses, they have launched a campaign of terror against Eritreans residing in the Soviet Union., According to a recent report from Amnesty International, for example, two Eritreans attending school in the Russian city of Odessa were recently rounded up in Moscow for deportation to Ethiopia where they will inevitably face execution at the hands of the fascist Menghistu regime. Furthermore, the revisionists have unleashed their full propaganda might in a campaign of slander and vilification of the just struggle of the Eritrean people.

The Soviet revisionists are in the most glaring manner exposing their true counter-revolutionary colors, as the declared enemies of the Eritrean people and the world's peoples. Although they had for a long time made every attempt to hide their direct military intervention in Eritrea, with the help of the capitulationist "leaders" of the Eritrean revolution, they have now unmasked the real meaning of their bankrupt "peaceful" solution proposal as well as the diversionary stories they have been spreading about their "unwillingness to intervene" in

Eritrea, which they have used to cover for their true intention of militarily crushing the Eritrean struggle. In pursuit of their expansionist designs in the Horn of Africa as elsewhere, the Soviet revisionists have definitely assigned themselves the task of instigating, planning, directing and leading counter-revolutions in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

While the Soviet revisionists are engaged in such counter-revolutionary machinations, to achieve uncontested domination of the area, their chief rivals, the U.S. imperialists are also making feverish attempts through collusion and contention with the Soviet revisionists, to subvert the Eritrean struggle and gain dominance in Ethiopia. In order to sabotage the Eritrean struggle from within, U.S. imperialism has of late deepened its alliance with the counter-revolutionary Sabbe clique through its puppet regimes in the region.

The Eritrean struggle is no doubt facing the biggest onslaught in its history. The Soviet-Ethiopian forces of aggression have made some temporary gains in recapturing most of the towns and cities and are boasting of "once and for all smashing" the Eritrean struggle. However, there is one thing these counter-revolutionary forces cannot foresee -- and that is the indomitable will of the Eritrean people to resist, and our people's unflinching determination to carry their revolution through to victory. No matter how long it takes, or whatever sacrifices it entails, in the end victory belongs to the Eritrean masses. This is the merciless verdict of history.

The Soviet revisionists have also succeeded in enlisting the complicity of the "leaders" of the Eritrean revolution in their attempt to hide their counter-revolutionary aims and deeds in Eritrea and their propaganda to isolate and strangle the Eritrean struggle. The "leaders" of the Eritrean revolution, rather than opposing and exposing the counter-revolutionary intervention of the Soviet revisionists in Eritrea and correctly identifying them as the primary enemies of our people's struggle have instead capitulated to them. All along, in face of the growing involvement of Soviet- led revisionists in the war of aggression in Eritrea the "leaders" of the Eritrean revolution have shamelessly cooperated with them by not exposing them to the world's peoples, and have hidden their true nature amongst our people. They have betrayed our heroic people by calling the

butchers of our people, the Soviet-led revisionists as the "strategic allies" of the Eritrean revolution. Although now in the face of the Russian and Cuban planned, directed biggest onslaught against our revolution, the "leaders" are out of fear of being exposed voicing "opposition"; they have been calling on their "strategic allies" to rectify their "erroneous stand".

However, in spite of the treachery of the "leaders" of the Eritrean revolution, in spite of their failure to lead the struggle at its most difficult juncture, our heroic fighting masses will through much sacrifice correct the errors committed by the "leaders" and surely frustrate the enemy's criminal designs through a protracted struggle. Displaying the revolutionary qualities of defiance and heroism they have accumulated in the course of their 17 years long heroic armed struggle, our people will, at any cost, persevere on the road of armed resistance until they achieve their goal of national independence and democracy.

In conclusion, we call upon all progressive, democratic and peace-loving forces of the world to be cognizant of the dangerous precedent taking place in Eritrea, a precedent which is of colossal threat not only to the Eritrean people and Ethiopian peoples but also to all fighting peoples of the world. At this difficult moment of our people's struggle we call on all revolutionary and progressive forces to stand on the side of the Eritrean people and intensify their support.

We call upon all progressive forces to strongly condemn and expose this latest genocidal campaign of the Soviet revisionists and their puppets the Ethiopian fascists and the Cuban mercenaries against the Eritrean people and also condemn the subversive activities of the U.S. imperialists against the Eritrean struggle.

**DOWN WITH THE SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN WAR OF
AGGRESSION IN ERITREA!**

**SOVIET AGGRESSORS, CUBAN MERCENARIES OUT OF
ERITREA!**

**LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE ERITREAN PEOPLE
FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY!**

**DOWN WITH THE FASCIST DERGUE, SOVIET
REVISIONISM, U.S. IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM, AND ALL
REACTION!**