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U.S. out of Grenada now!

On Oct. 25, 1900 US Marines and Army Ranger paratroopers, backed by a 12-ship Navy task force, invaded Grenada in a predawn airborne strike-- a shocking and brazen act of aggression against a sovereign state. This invasion by the US must be condemned! It is a blatant act of interference in the internal affairs of Grenada. Furthermore it threatens to escalate into a broader conflict and a direct confrontation between the two superpowers, bringing us that much closer to World War Three!

We demand that the US get out of Grenada now!

Reagan justified the invasion with pretexts about "protecting" Americans and "urgent requests" from east Caribbean countries. But it is Reagan's claim that the Marines will "restore democracy" to Grenada that says it all. Like the "democracy" that the US protects and backs in apartheid South Africa? or Zionist Israel? or the rightwing death squads in El Salvador? or the Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines? Reagan's invasion and occupation of Grenada are not aimed at "democracy" but at smashing third world independence. Reagan's cries about the so-called Cuba/Soviet threat are more pretexts to attack indigenous independence and people's forces in Grenada, and likewise in Central America and the Middle East.

The US has historically considered the Caribbean an American lake and Central America its backyard, which it has dominated politically, militarily and economically for the last 75-100 years. The US is especially worried about national liberation and independence in the Caribbean and Central America, due to their proximity to the US, particularly to the oppressed Black Nation in the South and the Chicano Nation in the Southwest, and given the affinity between Afro-Americans and Latinos in the US with Afro-Caribbeans and Latinos in Central and South America and the Caribbean!

The invasion of Grenada, like the US intervention in Lebanon and Central America, is part of US efforts to restore its global pre-eminence. Over the last 15 years the US has suffered a strategic decline, due to the just struggles in the third world for independence and liberation, the growing capitalist competition from W. Europe and Japan, and the rise of the Soviet superpower, which has achieved nuclear parity with the US and, in its own bid for world power, is trying to fill the US's shoes wherever the US is kicked out. The Soviets have amply shown in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kampuchea and Poland that it has no more respect for self-determination and independence than the US.

Now Reagan is openly declaring that the US has the right to use military force anywhere in the world against any country it considers to be a "threat." And he is whipping up anti-communist hysteria and

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Chauvinism here at home to carry out this gangster policy. Reagan also hopes this atmosphere will dull our minds to the fact that this same rightwing motion has brought only poverty, violence and chauvinism for workers, oppressed nationality peoples and women. Additionally it is these conditions that force working class and minority youth to join the Marines and to be used as cannon fodder for Washington's military aggression.

Reagan's warmongering -- his drive to regain US nuclear superiority, the US occupation of Beirut, the continuing intervention in El Salvador -- threats to Nicaragua (including 3500 US troops now stationed in Honduras) and now this bloody invasion of Grenada are attacks on the independence of other countries and threats to world peace -- and must be opposed.

We demand: U.S. must withdraw all troops from Grenada now!

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