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THE TORY GOVERNMENT is beating ever louder its war drums, while the mass media churns out pro-war propaganda and presses Labour to follow suit.

David Cameron is determined to join in with the US, France and Russia in bombing Syria. This won't stop Isis, it won't stop the flood of refugees. Instead, it's intended to boost the UK government's prestige abroad!

BOMBS DON'T JUST KILL; THEY DESTROY INFRASTRUCTURE, HOMES AND BASIC UTILITIES THAT SUPPORT LIFE. IMAGINE YOUR HOME, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, ROADS, WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUDDENLY GONE. AND WHEN YOU FLEE TO PRESERVE FAMILY LIFE, IMAGINE HEARING CAMERON DECLARE YOUR FAMILY TO BE JUST PART OF 'THE SWARM'?

Who started the brutal wars, occupations, carnage and destruction in the Middle East anyway? And where is that Chilcot report into the 2003 Iraq War?

The West's 'blood for oil' policy, via the Iraq War, toppled Saddam Hussein's tyranny, but only for the country to be ripped apart by occupation, sectarian strife and the emergence of Isis.

Isis and its right-wing Islamist rivals in Syria have been funded and armed by the pro-West oil-rich reactionary Gulf elites. The anti-democratic

House of Saud routinely beheads and stones to death its own people. So why did Tory MP Anna Soubry, defend Saudi Arabia on BBC Question Time? Oil and trade deals maybe?

Arms dealers and super-rich investors amass private profits from the wars and conflicts around the world.

We need a very loud united global movement of socialists, trade unionists, workers, youth, and pensioners to oust all the corrupt rotten governments who chase profits through war and austerity.

"No to war and austerity" should be a worldwide rallying call to fight for publicly owned economies run and controlled by workers and the public, instead of leaving state power in the hands of war-mongering elites.

CORBYN AND LABOUR

After years of the Labour Party being headed by supporters of intervention in the Middle East, Jeremy Corbyn has expressed opposition to bombing Syria. But one difficulty he has is that he has criticised the idea of military intervention without backing from the United Nations.

Previously, regarding war on Iraq or Assad in Syria, anti-war politicians could cite the need for UN backing in the knowledge that it would be vetoed by Russia and China. And in that context this is the policy that Labour conference voted for.

However, Isis's recent bringing down of a Russian plane and killing of a Chinese hostage shifted the attitude of those two governments. So the UN security council unanimously supported a French resolution calling for "all necessary means" against terrorist attacks, which is being taken as tacit backing for air strikes by many British MPs.

In reality the UN has never been an opponent of war and military intervention. In fact the five permanent members of the UN security council

are the world's biggest arms exporters.

But the right-wing opposition to Corbyn within the Labour Party is attacking him on a daily basis. It looks like a free vote will be conceded, almost certainly giving Cameron a majority. Unfortunately John McDonnell contributed to this situation by saying publicly that Labour MPs should have a free vote.

This is yet another consequence of Corbyn and McDonnell placing 'party unity' – ie the right-wing calling the shots – above boldly taking steps to transform their party in a leftward direction. Corbyn will face issue after issue on which the Labour right will seek to force him back.

To keep the support that thrust him into the leadership position and to build on it, he needs to stand firm and use that support to bolster his position and push forward a process of building a mass pro-working class force.

Right-wing Islamist ideology only gains some traction in today's crisis-ridden capitalist societies because of the absence of democratically run mass parties based on working class unity and interests. The building of such parties is the only route to removing the causes of terrorism and war, through clearly putting forward a socialist alternative to capitalism.

One vital demand to help transform the Labour Party in that direction should be for all political forces that have been fighting against austerity to be welcomed into Labour. This means removing all bans and proscriptions against socialists but also extending the existing list of acceptable affiliated organisations to include the Socialist Party, the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition, anti-austerity forces within the Green Party, and others.

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