

Len Cooper Melbourne May Day

NO WAR WITH CHINA RALLY

I am representing the Melbourne May Day organization.

The Melbourne May Day organization has been organizing the annual celebration and commemoration of May Day on the streets and in the meeting places of Melbourne for 128 years.

May Day is recognized world- wide, and in Australia, as annual workers day. A day that workers demonstrate their achievements and their demands for social progress.

The May Day organization is made up of workers from trade unions and other community groups, who are opposed to war waged for profit, for the profit of big business and the capitalists that run them.

Workers and their families are always the cannon fodder in wars for profit, but the people that make the decisions to go to war are not. They send others to war.

Currently, big business, the media and other spokespeople who represent them, in many parts of the world, including in Australia, are trying to whip up a storm to prepare for war with China.

China's capitalists represent a threat to the profits of other major capitalist powers, as competitors, and therefore the United States, Britain, Japan, Europe and others are trying to whip up a storm to prepare for war against China and use their campaign to out- compete China economically.

They are using any and every means to generate war talk and to attack China in order to try mobilise support for war. A war that has the potential to be the third world war and even the potential to be a nuclear war with all the massive destruction and slaughter of workers and others that such a war would mean.

The hysterical war talk against China is despicable hypocrisy.

The U.S Authorities and its NATO allies, condemn the attacks on human rights and democratic rights in China, at the same time that they are committing human rights and democratic rights abuses against their own people and people in many other countries.

Take a minute to think about the ongoing abuses of, and discrimination against black and other colored Americans.

Take a minute to think about the slaughter and abuses carried out by the U.S., and British governments, and others, in countries like Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Venezuela, Yemen, Syria, and even further back in history, in Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Yugoslavia, etc. and so on.

Take a minute to think about some of the allies of these two major capitalist nations such as the Philippines, Israel, Turkey , Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Brazil and so on, who slaughter and torture their own people for demonstrating in the streets and having a different point of view to the government.

Why would workers in any land support war between these major war- like powers? We condemn human rights and democratic rights abuses anywhere in the world, but as workers we cannot and will not support today's warmongers preparing for new wars and aggression.

Thank you

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