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Organizing Commitee For A World Without Imperialism Contingent National Office

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Dear Friends:

In an important step in preparation for war, the U.S. deployed the first Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in West Germany, Britain, and Italy this December. Recently, the West German Defense Ministry's #2 man said: "The first American battery of nine Pershing 2 rockets is ready for action...". With these deployments, the U.S., along with NATO has achieved important parts of their strategic aims.

Yet, for the imperialists, the situation is far from "under control". The deployments came rapidly on the heels of the "Hot Autumn" protests, which in West Germany alone saw 1,000's of people blockade and demonstrate in massive outrage against the deployment. The meeting of the Bundestag (the West German parliament) which rubber stamped the decision to deploy was forced to take place "under seige", surrounded by barricades of barbed wire and thousands of police, shooting water cannons laced with tear gas to push back the protesters.

Thousands of West Germans have gotten involved in the anti-missile protest, giving rise to a serious political crisis for the West German government. Many political forces have joined the fromtlines, including squatters, feminists, pacifists, anarchists, and Turkish immigrant workers. The diversity of the forces has greatly intensified broad debate over what direction to go in, and over underlying questions of the causes of the deployment and the war preparations and what it will take to stop it.

Joining with this opposition was the World Without Imperialism Contingent, its 30-plus members from across the U.S., including anti-nuclear activits, college and high school students, punk and proletarian youth, revolutionary communists, and feminists. They came together to "desert America's warmongering" and raised the slogans, "Down with the Pershing and Cruise Missiles and all War Preparations, both East and West!" and "A World Without Imperialism, Not an Imperialist World War!"

After arriving October 15 to participate in "Action Week", they traveled throughout West Germany thru December to all the

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