

Demand Ramsey Clark Desist Saddam Defense

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TUCSON, Feb 6.—(Al-Masakin) The news that Ramsey Clark, former US Attorney General and lawyer for the Trotskyite Worker's World Party (WWP), on behalf of the leftist International ANSWER—a WWP front group—is not only sad and misguided it is diametrically opposed to the socialist concepts of national sovereignty, self-determination, and is fundamentally hostile to all Muslims.

WWP, and Clark, pronounced their unprincipled stance against all Muslims when they denied the Srebrenica massacre and pledged their political loyalty to the war criminal Slobodan Milosovich. Although WWP, through Clark, denied political fealty to Milosovich under the pretext of opposing US imperialism, as they did when they adhered to Saddam Hussein during the 1st US – Iraq war, the other shoe drops when WWP supposes to defend Saddam Hussein against the sovereign right of the Iraqi people.

WWP might have made the case for the defense of Saddam if the US Occupation Authority were to be the triers of fact in the Saddam case. In this case, however, the suspected war criminal, and fascist dictator, Saddam Hussein, will not be tried in the World Court or in any imperialist sponsored court. He will not be tried by the US Occupation Authority, but by the Iraqi people, in an Iraqi court, and under Iraqi national sovereignty.

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By placing himself in opposition not to the US Occupation Authority, but in opposition to sovereign Iraqi courts, Ramsey Clark confirms his political loyalty to Saddam Hussein—as many have long suspected. Not only that, Ramsey Clark, on behalf of the WWP, not only pronounces his fealty to Saddam personally, but vicariously to the Al-Zarqawi murdering criminals and the CIA sponsored terrorist MKO—Soviet mind control experiment gone haywire.

It is not small thing to place an ostensibly socialist organization in the service of fascists—underscore fascists—as Leon Trotsky once did with his old-time Bloc of Rights and Trotskyites—who poisoned food with broken glass and assassinated members of the Supreme Soviet. Trotsky placed his organization in the direct service of Hirohito, Hitler, Franco and Il Duce. It is no small thing in this case, for the WWP draws-up its political genealogy: Trotsky, Hitler, Milosovich, Saddam. There's no denying WWP has more than an affinity for Saddam and for fascism. Indeed, WWP has a political obligation to stand by Saddam in his time of need, as was prefigured during the first US – Iraq war and now comes to fruition. Its Chekhov's proverbial “shotgun at the beginning” that, by necessity, goes off at the end.

More than this however, Ramsey Clark does not deny that the US Occupation Authority can give Saddam Hussein a fair trial, since the US Occupation

Authority in Iraq will not try him. Iraqi and Muslim people—underscore Iraqi, underscore Muslim—will try him. Ramsey Clark implies that Iraqis, and moreover Muslims, are somehow unwilling or incapable of giving Saddam Hussein a fair trial. Saddam Hussein is a Muslim. He has broken our law and murdered our people. And as Muslims we will try him.

The Iranian leadership, which has many claims against Saddam, is satisfied that Saddam Hussein will remain in Iraq and be tried by an Iraqi court, and the world will see justice done. Ramsey Clark opposes this. Ramsey Clark opposes the integrity of the Grand Ayatollah Imam As-Sistani—the highest Ayatollah in all of Islam and one of the most respected men in the entire world. Ramsey Clark opposes the Iranian leadership—a highly principled political leadership.

Without asking them, or any Iraqi, or any Muslim, Ramsey Clark supposes to insinuate himself in defense of one of the most notorious Muslim criminals in the entire world. Ramsey Clark has not even the respect to contact, or meet this leadership, before arrogantly declaring to the entire world, but especially to the American activist community, that a miscarriage of justice about to take place. Dehumanizing and vilifying Shia Islam, WWP declares to the world that the Shiite Muslim leadership in Iraq cannot, or will not, give Saddam Hussein a fair trial! How dare you!

WWP, like all other political organizations, has political obligations. Their obligations, in this case, are neither to justice nor to Iraq, but to Saddam Hussein personally.

Muslims are a rich people, Iraq is a wealthy nation. The Muslim people can afford to try Saddam and provide for his own defense. At \$4 billion per day, the US is spending on the Iraq war, we should say to the American working class, and to the contributors to the Saddam Hussein Defense Committee in Jordan: “Save your money! You are the ones who will need it!” And to Ramsey Clark: “Stand down!” He Saddam is our criminal and we shall try him.

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