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A Million Filipinos Rally Against Aquino Power Grab

Feb. 28—Nearly a million people filled the streets of Manila today, and several hundred thousand more did the same in cities throughout the Philippines, in “prayer rallies” which were organized as a protest against President Obama’s puppet President in Manila, Noyon Aquino. Aquino is running a sham impeachment process against the Supreme Court Chief Justice, to clear the way for Aquino’s plan to illegally turn his country into a military base for Obama’s war policy against China.

Aquino, only days earlier, had called for a mass turnout for the celebration of the 1986 U.S.-orchestrated coup against Ferdinand Marcos, which placed his mother Cory Aquino in power on behalf of the Anglo-American imperial interests. However, his hopes for a new “people’s power” fizzled, as only a few hundred people showed up.

Today’s rally was organized mainly by a religious sect, Iglesia ni Cristo. As a million people showed their muscle against Aquino, his impeachment trial against the Chief Justice is falling apart for lack of evidence of any wrongdoing.

China: U.S. Syria Policy Is al-Qaeda and Civil War

March 2—China’s *People’s Daily* wrote, after the joint Russia-Chinese veto of the United Nations Libya-like resolution on Syria:

“The U.S.-edition ‘solution on Syria issue’ has become very clear and its key points include: First, pre-setting the goal of regime change The United States ... regards itself as the master of Syria’s domestic affairs.... It has completely eliminated the possibility of solving the Syria issue in a peaceful way of dialogue....

“Fourth, highlighting the role of the Arab League.... According to reports, the Special Forces of the United Kingdom

and Qatar have entered Syria, providing guidance and assistance to opposition groups to launch attacks on government forces. The United States, under the banner of ‘supporting the Arab League efforts to resolve the Syrian crisis,’ maneuvers behind the scenes and controls the development of the situation.

“Fifth... the al-Qaeda and other extremist forces are taking advantage of the chaos in Syria and speeding up to infiltrate it.

“Overthrowing Bashar’s regime is much more complicated than ‘toppling’ other political strongmen in the Middle East. So, the ‘routines’ with which the U.S.A. and the Western countries have made a proven track record in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen are hard to be workable in Syria.

“If Bashar’s regime cannot restrain its domestic unrest or open an inclusive political dialogue process timely, it can be expected that the results brought by the American version ‘Syrian Solution’ shall be escalating violence; Syria sinks into the quagmire of civil war ... and the situation in the Middle East destabilizes further.”

Brits Protest Argentine ‘Buy Elsewhere’ Campaign

March 1—A round of calls from Argentine Industry Minister Debora Giorgi to the heads of some 20 Argentine companies on Feb. 28, suggesting that they cease purchasing goods from the U.K., and instead turn to countries which support Argentina’s sovereign rights over the Malvinas Islands, has driven the British government into outer orbit.

Britain’s Cameron government, which has been building up its military might in the South Atlantic over recent months, protested that “the right approach here is one of cooperation, not confrontation.” The Prime Minister’s spokesman threatened that the U.K. might pull investments out of Argentina.

The British Foreign Office has demanded that the European Union lodge a collective protest against Argentina. The irony of that was not lost on Argentina,

whose Foreign Minister Hector Timerman responded with a press release, welcoming the United Kingdom’s having finally “gone to an [international] forum to seek a diplomatic solution to the Malvinas issue.” Argentina proposed that the EU join with UNASUR (the Union of South American States) in analyzing the Malvinas issue, and called on the U.K. to take up diplomatic negotiations, which the United Nations has repeatedly urged.

Russia Again Offers Cooperation with U.S.

March 1—A conference on U.S.-Russian relations, sponsored by the American University in Moscow, gathered a crowd of more than 200 people in the Hart Senate Building in Washington, with a number of speakers from Moscow, including a representative from Russia’s Putin Presidential campaign as well as a member of the opposition.

Stephen Cohen, a New York University professor, presented a devastating indictment of U.S. policy toward Russia over the last 20 years, with recent U.S. governments either refusing to make key agreements, or reneging on agreements already made. Cohen noted that the latest rebuff involved newly appointed U.S. Ambassador Michael McFaul’s meetings with the opposition, which has caused a furor among Russia’s policy elites.

Sergey Rogov, of the Russian U.S.-Canada Institute, gave a run-down of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin’s recent article on foreign policy published in *Moskovskie Novosti* (*Moscow News*). While the Western press describes the article as a “Putin diatribe” against the West, Rogov underlined that in it, Putin clearly says that he is prepared to reach an overall partnership agreement with the United States, urging it to return to the basis of the consensus reached with President George W. Bush at Kennebunkport.

Rogov condemned Obama’s “open-ended development of ballistic missile defense.”