

## Foreign Political and Diplomatic Activities (Part III)

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For the US, military superiority was essential for the protection of its strategic economic interests. It therefore, devoted huge resources industrial, financial and human to the production of weapons. The time has seen not only an increase in U.S nuclear capability but the developments of a weapon system in space (Star Wares), which was based on the use of the result of scientific and technological research in space for military purpose. These developments raised American military superiority and negotiating power.

American efforts to militarily strengthen client states have been growing. The consideration of the NATO alliance, the deployment of new nuclear weapons in Western Europe, the upgrading of the NATO members' capacity to produce nuclear weapons, and the consolidation of NATO air, naval and ground conventional forces were indicators of American military thinking. The U.S. also attempting to strengthen regional alliances and individual client states through increased military aid to enable them, in the absence of direct American interference, to defend themselves and act as regional watchdogs. And in case this strategy fails, the U.S had its military bases and Rapid Deployment Forces which it has been strengthening for years. Moreover as the invasion of Grenada and the Libyan air raids show U.S disinclination to resort to direct military interference.

An aspect of U.S military strategy that has become more pronounced over the years was indirect military intervention, the support of opposition groups, where this do not exist, the creation, organization and financing of groups to fight Anti-American states. It supported to the contras in Nicaragua, UNITA in Angola and the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan in a manifestation of this policy, a policy which was supplemented by CIA espionage, sabotage, terrorism and assassination.

The American government claims to stand for liberty, brotherhood, equality, democracy and human rights in order to protect its worldwide interests. The policy of racial discrimination against Blacks and Native Americans, the violation of the social, economic and political rights of large sections of the population in Western Europe, the emergence of extreme right-wing and neo-fascist groups and the elimination of moderate and democratic forces by terror and sabotage were phenomena that give the lie to American claims.

The U.S. world political strategy can also be perceived from the type of regimes that are found in the semi-developed and under- developed Asian, African, and Latin American countries. Most of those allied with the U.S.A were military, monarchist and fascist dictatorships abhorred by their peoples. Moreover, those countries that establish true and democratic systems were

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subjected to US engineered coups, military pressure and economic sanctions.

In the decades, the US has adopted a new foreign policy tactic.

When extremely notorious regimes are threatened by popular uprising, the Americans promptly before things go out of hand replace the unpopular leaders, leaving the regime intact. Moreover, the Americans goad client governments to carry out reforms to blunt popular opposition and ensure their survival.

It is the responsibility of international and regional organizations like the U.N. and the O.A.U. to prevent human rights violations and invasions and solve conflicts. But among other causes, American domination virtually paralyzed these bodies. The U.S. uses its international influence to prevent the cases of the oppressed from being raised in those bodies and to ensure their rejection if they are raised. It also pressures these international forums into passing resolutions that favor it. And when it does not suit its interest, the US by passes these bodies and resorts to force to solve the problem it faces. As a result bloody conflicts and injustices that have continued for a decade and more have not found proper solutions. The Eritrean case was one of many examples.