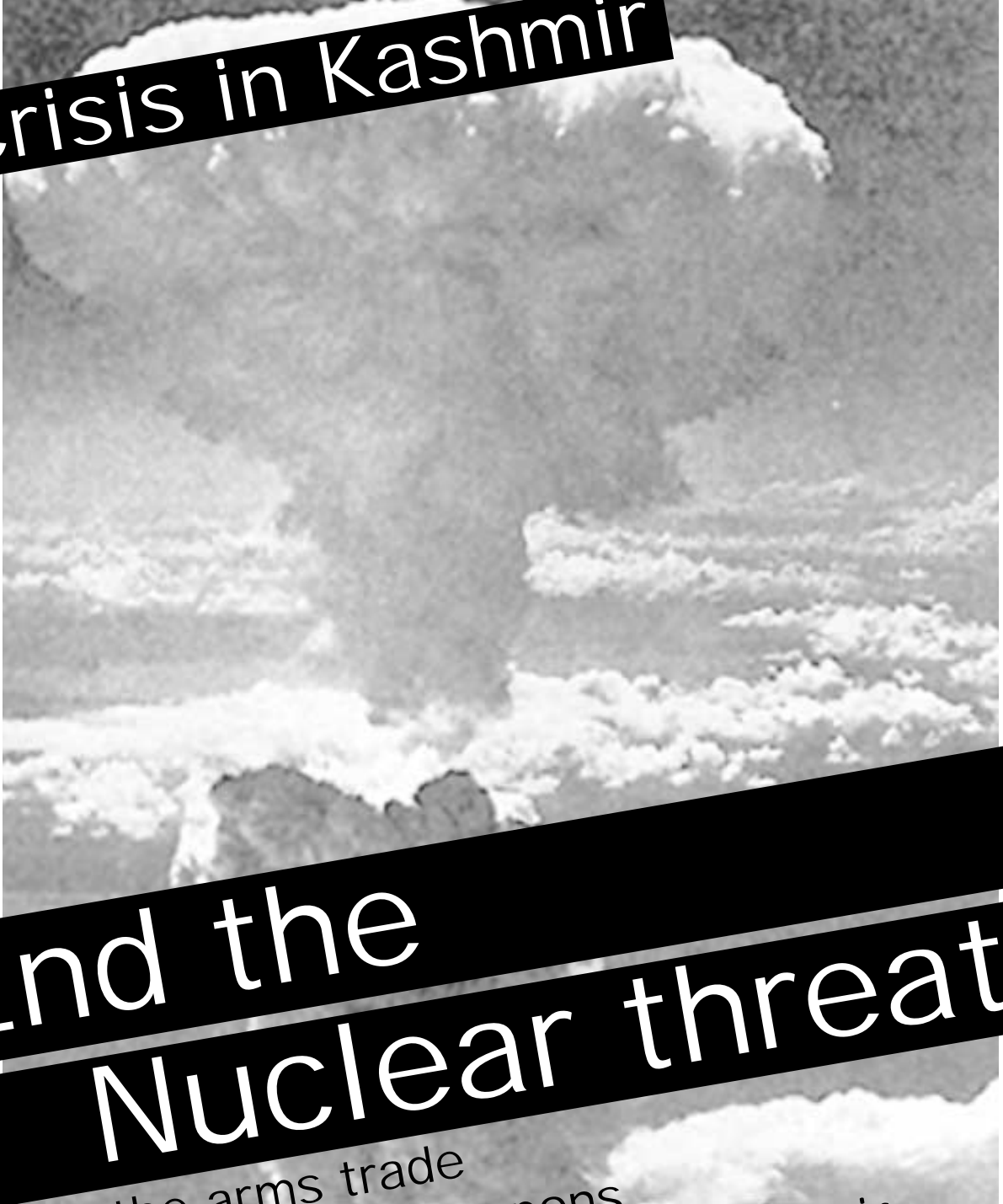


Crisis in Kashmir



**End the
Nuclear threat**

- Stop the arms trade
- Scrap all nuclear weapons
- For an independent socialist Kashmir

Build a socialist alternative to capitalism



End the nuclear threat

For the first time in thirty years the world is faced with the possibility of the horror of nuclear war. Over the last weeks, the world has watched with apprehension while two nuclear powers, India and Pakistan move towards war.

While India and Pakistan may yet step back from conflict, a war between the two countries could escalate into nuclear war. If this happened it would create almost unimaginable devastation and loss of life.

The US government estimates that in the first day of a nuclear war between India and Pakistan, upto 12 million people would die, while injuries could be as high as seven million. In the aftermath many more would die from fallout. However, the repercussions on human health and the environment of even a single nuclear strike would be felt worldwide, far beyond the Indian sub-continent.

ISR condemns both the Indian and Pakistani governments for being prepared to go to war and to use nuclear weapons. They will have the blood of millions on their hands if the conflict escalates into a nuclear conflict.

We also condemn the US and British governments. George Bush may crit-

icise India and Pakistan for threatening to use nuclear weapons, but the US possesses more nuclear weapons than all the other governments put together. Bush has made it clear that he would be prepared to launch a 'first-strike' nuclear attack against 5?? countries, including Iraq, Iran and China.

The US and Britain are also the world's two biggest arms exporters. They have both allowed and encouraged their own arms industries to arm the Indian and Pakistani military. In 2000, the British government granted 700 export licences for military equipment worth £64.5m, to India.

ISR calls for an end to the arms trade and for the skills and resources used in arms manufacture to be directed into socially useful production.

US and UK polices create conflict

The foreign policies of the US and British governments, including arms exporting, are creating instability, inequality and conflict throughout the world.

Bush and Blair claim that their policies, like the attacks on Afghanistan, are in the interests of ordinary people. In reality they are carrying out their actions to

protect their power, and the interests and profits of big business. They are not concerned with the consequences of their actions for the majority of the world's population; the working class and oppressed peoples.

The current threat of nuclear war in south Asia shows that Bush's so-called 'war against terrorism' has done nothing to make the world a 'safer place'; it is as dangerous as it has ever been.

Socialist solution

ISR believes that a solution to the Kashmir crisis can only be achieved by the workers and rural workers in Kashmir, India and Pakistan. A mass movement must be built that stands for an end to the conflict and for the right of the Kashmiri people to independence.

However, as long as a society based on profit and the exploitation of people and the environment by multinational business continues then there will still be poverty and conflict.

ISR believes that workers and poor in the Indian sub-continent and the world must build a new socialist society. Socialism could mean that the resources and wealth in all societies could be used for the benefit of all.

ISR is building action internationally against against war and nuclear arms and in support of our members in Kashmir.

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