

## Letters from our readers

4 April 2013

*On* “US deployment of stealth bombers escalates military standoff in Korea”

Lt Col Catherine Wilkinson, a Pentagon spokesperson, was reported as saying “The United States will not accept North Korea as a nuclear state; nor will we stand by while it seeks to develop a nuclear-armed missile that can target the United States.” Given that North Korea is supposed to have detonated at least one nuclear device and put a satellite into orbit, this statement amounts to a public declaration that the US military intends to attack North Korea. And sooner rather than later. A war that will be potentially far more dangerous than either an attack on Iran or Iraq; both China and Russia have borders with North Korea and there is no indication that the US intends to restrict its military options to conventional weapons.

Chris  
Ireland

31 March 2013

*On* “US food stamp use swells to a record 47.8 million”

This piece is a terrible indictment of American capitalism and should be seen as a warning to workers in other countries. In the UK, from Monday, similar cuts to our benefits are taking place—namely, the so-called bedroom tax, which will mean on average a cut to Housing Benefit of some £15 per week. Like in the USA, this money is being taken from the poorest so the financial elite can live their parasitic lives at our expense.

Dave  
UK

29 March 2013

*On* “Albuquerque police chief resigns amid surge of police violence”

As an addendum to this article, please note that Albuquerque is home to Kirtland Air Force Base and that New Mexico houses two national war-related labs, Sandia Lab and Los Alamos Labs, both subsidiaries of

the Department of Energy.

The state is summarily owned and operated on behalf of the US imperial war machine.

The abundant resources directed toward these institutions stands in direct contrast to the widespread poverty of the greater population and serves as a textbook example of the relationship between imperial war preparation and working class immiseration.

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30 March 2013



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