Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to ity of the regime headed by ational take on Libya appeared to the Obama administration’s ini- and its attitude towards the giant American energy con- and protect the bottom line of the aim of Washington is to the bloody events in Libya has been characterized by hypocrisy, cynicism and cold-blooded calcul." "As throughout the past month of revolutionary upheavals that have spread from Tunisia to Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain and beyond, the response of the Obama administration to the Obama’s appearance before the television cameras on Wednesday appears to be driven by growing fears in Washington that Gaddafi will not succeed in putting down the uprising. At the same time, US officials are concerned that there is no vetted opposition to take his place and quell the struggle of the masses. They are not sure who will end up in power—and in control of the country’s valuable oil fields in Egypt, Washington cannot pull strings in a US-dominated and trained military to attempt the reconstitution of a regime capable of defending US imperialist interests. There was an element in Obama’s remarks of treading water, playing for time as events continue to unfold. Noticeably, the US president’s remarks included that an intervention is imminent is impossible to say. What is clear, however, is that Washington is growing increasingly desperate over the unraveling of its position in the Middle East, and particularly the threat of a disruption of oil supplies. Desperate rulers are prone to desperate measures. Libya has a long and tragic history with colonialism. It seized control in 1911, carrying on 30 years of war against a rebellious people. This culminated in the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini employing aerial bombardments, gas, concentration camps and de-liberate starvation to wipe out nearly half of the population. In the aftermath of World War II, Washington attempted to turn the country into its own platform for asserting control over the territories previously dominated by the European colonial powers. It established an intervention Journal, which accused the Obama administration of “dithering” and declared that the US was presented with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, which included “stopping a blood- bath, preventing a refugee cri- sis, improving energy security and putting an end to a long-time threat to international law and order.” In short, the Wall Street Journal proposes regime change. The newspaper sug- gested that an intervention could begin under a humanisti- pretensions, for nearly a de- sions, and even social- cursive into Libya would rep-"