

## BOOK REVIEW

### **Opening Guns of World War III**

*Washington's Assault on Iraq*

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In *Opening Guns of World War III: Washington's Assault on Iraq*, author Jack Barnes maintains that Washington's devastation of Iraq did not mark the opening of a new world order, it held a mirror to the declining world order of capitalism and to its accelerating conflicts and contradictions. With President Bush's management of the Gulf conflict coming into question from conservative as well as liberal sources, and with his decisions before, during and after the Desert Shield and Desert Storm operations entering the current political arena for charge and countercharge, *Opening Guns of World War III* with its unique perspective offers valuable insights into this and possible future conflicts as we play out the final decade of the twentieth century.