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**OR**

**A SOVIET, SOCIALIST AND INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC**



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**March 4th, 2014**

Ukraine is blowing up in its default; the weakest link in the chain of imperialist control of the colonies and semi colonies in Eastern Europe becomes dislocated and drowned by the crisis.

Since December 2013, Ukraine has entered a virtual default, submitted to the IMF by an external debt amounting USD 65 billion, of which 13 billion are due this same year. Estimations place Ukraine's total debt about USD 140 billion in the long term, which represents an 80 per cent of its GNP.

From the '90s, when it got its "independence" along the disintegration of the former USSR, Ukraine has not been able to recreate a national market, something that it could not attain along the whole of its existence, save when it federated with the FSSR/USSR of Lenin and Trotsky in 1921-1922. After that time, it became a part in that jail of oppressed nations over which Stalinism settled down in the "Great Russia".

As it does not have a national market comprising its territory, Ukraine cannot structure a labor division within its national borders. From this point of view, its insertion into the world economy labor division and particularly in Europe, has taken the form of a productive chain with Russia, looking east, or towards Maastricht's Europe, which it is linked to with thousands of economic and finance relationships, looking to the West,

Eastern Ukraine, with its huge steelworks and coal mines in the so-called "Russophile" area in the Donbas region (the basin of the river Don) produces for the Russian military complex with obsolete machines that come from the epoch of the former USSR. Ukrainian coal mines are part of the biggest ones in the world; notwithstanding that, the heavy industry in Eastern Ukraine needs importing energy and natural gas, which makes it totally dependent from the trading business and its economic relationship with Russia.

On the other hand, Ukrainian west looks at and has structural links with imperialist Europe. From Ukraine's capital, Kiev (or Kyiv) the finances are controlled collected through the commissions for the transport and the payment of the rights of circulation of the gas that flows along the three pipelines that cross Ukraine from Russia, supplying the 100% of the energy used by the eastern European nations as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, etc., and the 30 % of the gas consumed by imperialist Europe. Gazprom, the Russian corporation, performs this supply together with its European partners, as German BASF, Eo.N, Siemens, the French Gaz-de-France and Total, the Italian ENI, etc.



**Demonstration in Kyiv February 2014**

From this point of view, Ukraine is a thoroughfare for the Russian gas, essential for the functioning of the productive processes of the European imperialist powers.

Russia is presented as a main "arms exporter". Nobody would deny that. For this activity the new Russian bourgeoisie takes advantage of the old military-industrial complex of the former USSR. But to say this alone is telling half the truth. The Russian military-industrial complex works thanks to the high technology sold to it by France, Germany and in a lesser proportion, the US; which has been now exposed by the present crisis in Ukraine, showing the big deals in state-of-the-art military technology that Maastricht Europe has signed with Russia. We could say that Russia, for its military industry, depends upon French and German technology. At the same time, Russia is essentially an exporter of commodities as gas and oil. Imperialist Europe has been sucking from decades the Russian gas, oil and other riches, and Putin and his bourgeois cronies take a big slice of the oil and gas rent due to the exports performed. Europe is in this way imbricate, from Portugal to the Russian steppes, under the command of the imperialist powers, upon which Russia depends from the financial and technological point of view, and for the placement of its raw materials. The "Great Russian" bourgeoisie, as a junior partner of the imperialist cartels and MNCs in the arms industry, in the extraction of gas and oil, maintains as a legacy of the former USSR, a complex, though it is now in most part obsolete, of an industry that allows it to dispense with some imports, and for that it goes on oppressing small republics and regions, which are submitted to it as part of a common national market that was.

Germany is the great deliverer of the Russian gas all over Europe. It needs to keep the status quo with Russia, which it is sucking its energy. Though, at the same time Germany needs to control and weaken Russia because its dependence upon the Russian energy is risky. The opportunity appeared for Germany with Ukraine and its default, which allowed the former and imperialist Europe

to expand their borders so as to touch the very same Russia, and control directly all the gas pipelines that come to Berlin and Frankfurt.

In its turn, USA is the big creditor, as we'll see later, of the Eastern Europe submitted by the IMF as ransacked colonies, and ultimately, the States are from Wall Street, the last-instance usurer for the European second-class imperialists that are ruined and deeply indebted after their banks went to bankruptcy with the 2008 crac.

Ukraine is a key, however weakest, link of that chain of labor division that unites the Russian sources of gas and oil with the rest of Europe. Ukraine is a key link. There the capitalist gags, those that look to the east as well as those that look to the west, from the fall of the USSR in the '90s and the revival of an "independent" Ukraine, are at each other throats for the control of Kiev, because there the commissions (and grafts, NT) are collected for the transit of the gas, and the finances are dealt with. That finance center of Kiev is now and has been since the '90s the bone of contention of the native bourgeois fractions that in some stances negotiated with Russia and in the next with imperialist Europe, selling themselves in each opportunity to the highest bidder, i.e., to that who gave them the juiciest commissions for the control of the toll barrier in the passing through of the gas pipelines.

On the other hand, the tragedy of the capitalist restoration has made the agrarian question to retreat, leaving the famous "black soils" of great fertility, in the hands of the big grain MNCs, as the Monsanto, etc., and of a very rich "native" oligarchy (the true Ukrainian farmers lack credit and supplies and get only poor and second-class harvests, NT). The 90% of the Ukrainian territories consist of a flat sliding towards the Black and Azov Seas. The tillable lands comprise 48,6 billion hectares. From there food and fodder are exported to China and all the countries in Eastern Europe. The production of wheat, barley, corn and now soybeans for the world market, which leaves an agrarian rent of USD 20 billion yearly has created a new agrarian oligarchy directly linked to Monsanto, Cargill, the London Stock Exchange ("the City") and Wall Street.

The burst of the Ukrainian crisis has already broken the status quo and the stability all through Europe and worldwide. It is because Ukraine having a very big external debt has entered in default, ceasing its repayments to its great creditor that is USA through the IMF. The only status that USA allows Ukraine to have is that of a colony under its tutelage in order to collect the debts the latter has contracted, with the former being its usurer. Maastricht Europe wanted to

control Ukraine having it as a "partner republic", that is, as a vassal colony.

What has now been opened is a scrambling for Ukraine between the EU and USA, for catching the upper hand, controlling it and being the deliverer of the businesses. Putin tells them: "don't leave me behind!" and so is showing that he is able to be the gendarme to crush the proletariat were it to stage an upheaval, not only in Ukraine but also in Russia and the rest of Eurasia.

US imperialism knows that by means of the Ukrainian slave-labor, the reconversion with high technology of the coal mines and steelworks that are profitable, and the closing up of those unprofitable, the appropriation of the fertile lands and the control of the gas pipelines -which could allow it to collect commissions from the whole Europe- it would be repaid with a juicy retribution the fraudulent external debt that in late '80s it imposed on all the former worker states with the capitalist restoration, and so it would be better situated to recolonize even "Great Russia".

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In its trip to Europe, Obama has said to all the EU powers. "Ukraine reminds us that the price of freedom is not gratuitous". US imperialism is not willing to allow Germany and France to continue their huge business with Russia selling it high military technology and at the same not paying their part of the funds for the working of NATO, which is under the UK-US command. US is not at all willing to let France continue selling Russia Mistral state-of-the art helicopter-carriers with helicopters and equipment, even sharing the secrets of the technology



**Russian invasion to Georgia in 2008**

with its client, associated to the Russian military complex for USD 6 billion, and even less to let Germany training and equipping 30,000 Russian soldiers yearly in a war simulator of high technology (the program "Soldier of the future", NT), without putting a dollar in NATO.

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USA as the dominant imperialist power demands to be who heads and distributes the businesses in Eastern Europe and even Russia. Placing NATO as the "guarantor" of the Ukrainian "independence" against Russia is not only a blackmail against Putin in order to discipline its (US's. NT) agent but also against all the European powers so that they submit themselves to the dominant imperialism. In his trip to Europe, Obama told the EU to end its energetic dependency from Russia, if the EU countries really want to re colonize it. Meanwhile he also told them: "if you want US oil it will be more expensive than the Russian one" unless the EU leave aside the "ecological rules" that the European oil companies dispute the world businesses with, and perform their own shale fracking in European territory to have gas as US is doing presently.

Meanwhile, all of them together are threatening Russia with the world isolation. Putin has taken Crimea, as we'll see later. For imperialism, so far, in the negotiation with Russia to make it leave Ukraine alone, this peninsula is not a key spot. In fact, it has ceded it to Putin. That means to leave to Russia the control of one of the three gas pipelines that go through Crimea. They have left a small slice to their agent, but in exchange of leaving Ukraine for good.

If we consider things from the point of view of the world division of labor and the place of Ukraine in it, Russia is which has been deprived of its part of the business in Ukraine. Imperialism goes for all. It has sent to bankruptcy and imposed "Versailles-like Treaties" to the minor imperialist powers that lost the trade race in Europe, as Greece, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, etc.

The Russian troops have been deployed along the eastern borders of Ukraine. They demand a federate Ukraine, with Eastern-Ukraine having linguistic-political-trading autonomy. At the same time, Putin, minion of imperialism, is negotiating to be him and his troops those in charge of crushing and massacring any revolutionary

uprising of workers in Ukraine and any of the former soviet republics. They are threatening (in words, NT) with pro-Russian upheavals in Donetsk, Kharkov and Lugansk, for imposing the federative policy, manipulating the feelings of the masses who effectively will be sacked and end unemployed, because what the IMF is preparing in that zone is the reconversion of the metal and steelworks and coalmines of Ukraine, closing all of them that are unprofitable and "restructuring" the rest (that is, laying-off the "redundant" labor. NT). Well, Putin is not against it. He only demands to be taken into account when distributing the businesses.

What Russia is doing is struggling to keep its old "national market" that includes Eastern Ukraine, completely integrated to the Russian division of labor. So that Russia is struggling for... not being maimed. Is Russia imperialist? Czarist Russia fought against Japan to reign over Far East Pacific islands. Allied with Great Britain and France in the 1WW it fought to take Poland and the entire Ottoman Empire... including old Persia, that today would be Iraq and Iran (and part of Afghanistan, NT). The... "Great Russia" ... of today fights so that nobody cuts it the arms and hands of its "national market". Putin does have "imperial dreams", but the result is a Russia advancing ever more to be a semi colony, encircled by imperialism after the capitalist restoration of 1989.

In 1989 with the blowing up into pieces of the former USSR, Russia was maimed of dozens of republics and nations with which it had structured a common production and market. Those who speak of an "imperialist" Russia keep quiet about this rare "imperialist country" that lost all the republics that previously it oppressed. Only for giving a single example, in Central Asia Russia lost Kazajstan, Kyrgyzia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, etc., were it was left with military bases associated to UK and US for covering the back to the imperialist troops that invaded Afghanistan. Russia also lost the Caucasus, for example Georgia, and also Armenia and Azerbaijan, which today are disputing on behalf of different imperialist powers, the territory of Nagorno Kharabaj. There is one of the biggest reserves of oil and gas in the planet (at the level of the Iranian ones), which is exploited and taken abroad by the BP, Chevron, BASF, etc., through one of the pipelines that crossing Georgia, (the Caspian Sea) and Ceyhan in Turkey goes to the Mediterranean from where it is distributed to Europe and at world level.

With Ukraine has been put into question a essential link of a chain, the gas thoroughfare that unites Russia to the entire EU, controlled up to now by the same (Russia and the EU, NT). Ukraine, despoiled and exploited by imperialism has been left with one of the worst paid labor movements of Europe, with wages of USD 300 a month and strangles by the gigantic external debt it has with the IMF, while the gas runs under their feet for a dime.

Ukraine means the bursting of the key link for the energy source of the entire Europe. It is the bursting of a link that cannot any more pay the imperialist looting. It is a blowing

up, and that is what we were looking at during the last few months, of the political relationships among the fractions and the different Ukrainian bourgeois gangs, which reached a point where they cannot live any more side to side in the same country, because of their economic and market interests. This is what explains the sharp political crisis opened in the "top", that is, the phenomenal crisis suffered by the government of Yanukovich, pulled apart by Russia and the EU, to see who was going to be the guarantor of the repayment of the external debt to the IMF and the US. In December Ukraine had already crashed against the underwater rocks of the crack and the default. Nothing could continue as before.



Russian troops in Crimea

The Ukrainian crisis expresses the desperate situation of the masses, which do not bear any more to live as they have lived up to now. Before that situation, as is shown by the genesis and the provisory outcome of the Ukrainian political crisis that "beheaded" Yanukovich, the imperialist powers only acted in anticipation of an announced ending: either a revolution opened where the working class intervened unifying the masses of eastern and western Ukraine, or supported by the high layers of the petty bourgeoisie and the finance bourgeoisie of Kiev, imperialism cut the agony and took the entire Ukraine as is the case now, turning it into a colony under its tutelage and the "protecting" mantle of NATO. This relationship of forces imperialism not only wants to impose it to the Ukrainian masses, but also to the "Great Russia" that threatens with not allowing for such an humiliation and demands to go on being a partner in the business of the countries along which its gas pipelines run and which it needs for the functioning of its internal market, as is Eastern Ukraine.

For imperialism Ukraine must be a "new Georgia", that thoroughfare for the pipelines originated in Azerbaijan and Nagorno Kharabaj towards Europe, crossing the Mediterranean Sea from Turkey, which distributes it.

Now the EU and USA want all of Ukraine. The world crisis started in 2008 is threatening with a new and ferocious round, as we'll see later. Imperialism needs not only Ukraine, and the following is a serious conclusion that all the world proletariat must draw from the present events: imperialism needs to finish re colonizing Russia in the next period and taking all the Russian businesses, with the hydrocarbon and metal resources, from the European parts of the country up to the Siberian and Arctic steppes.

Ukraine is a step and a decisive link in that route for imperialism. US by means of Kerry's trip in last February let now crystal clear who is the master in Ukraine, in a message that was not only addressed to Russia but also to US partners in Europe... the master is the creditor, i.e., USA and NATO. As soon as USA stepped on Ukrainian

soil, it took all the golden reserves of Kiev and locked them within the FED (yes! The US Federal Reserve! NT) US imperialism has told its minion, Mr. Putin, that from now on his "services are no more needed" in Ukraine.

For the time being Russia is neither a colony nor a semi colony. It is a capitalist country, which depends upon imperialism and the capitalist world economy for developing even its production in entire branches of its industries. Russian bank system coexists with the big imperialist banks as the Citibank Group, the HSBC, the Deutsche Bank, the Bundesbank, etc. To name only Germany; this country has 6,000 enterprises in Russia with direct investment for 25 billion Euros. But even now, Russia is not a colony, not even a semi-colony, as we had underscored above, because from a political point of view, it maintains still now a relative independence from the imperialist powers with which it negotiates its place as a guardian of the property of everyone of them in Eurasia, and still takes advantage of the military industrial complex of the old Soviet industry.

Many imperialist coups, counterrevolutionary blows, cracks and economic strangling are still necessary to re colonize countries as Russia or china, and over all, it is necessary for that some wars, either direct or proxy ones, to colonize them. As we will see in this work, the world imperialist system -which for the moment is breathing alleviated because the treacherous leaderships of the proletariat have put off the fires of revolution-, in order to reconstitute historically its rate of profit, must begin to produce at a great scale destructive forces of high technology and robotics, which would not be utilized by production for ending with wage-slavery, but for destruction, as the drones, the optics, state-of-the art weaponry and equipment, the osprey, the war simulators of technological wars, etc. Well, for imperialism the time has come for new low intensity wars, massacres to the masses and the revolutions as we see today in Syria, so as to start destroying them and make flourish again the military industry with new war of high technology. That is, imperialism can only go out of its terminal crisis and reconstitute its rate of profit by

developing destructive forces.

Today the reformists of the lackey left to the service of Wall Street keep silence about the massacre in Syria. There were used both conventional armament and WMD for massacring more than 300,000 exploited, and having 10 million displaced people and refugees in the refugee camps in the borders of Syria, in tents in the middle of the desert. This genocide against the proletarian revolution is only an advance pattern of what the imperialists are ready and need to do in order to get out of their crisis.

With the fall of the USSR in 1989 plus the political crises that preceded and followed it,

It has been established with clarity that Ukraine can only become a colony under the tutelage of imperialism, if the proletariat does not defeat it and advances towards a new socialist revolution

As we can see, since '90-91, the "Ukrainian independence" has been but a chain of crises: busts, defaults, breaking of the payments chain and huge inter-bourgeois clashes for the grappling of the businesses. The lack of a Ukrainian "national market" is what makes impossible for bourgeois fractions to coexist peacefully and administer in common the State without destroying or annulling each other.

Both fractions, the eastern as the western ones, strangle together the forfeited Ukrainian proletariat who is effectively the only one having a genuine "national interest" that unites it all over the Ukrainian territory (as much as which unites it with the whole European working class): defeating imperialism and the IMF; expropriating the land from the hands of the new oligarchy linked to Monsanto, Cargill and their Kievan lackeys in order to have inexpensive wheat and bread. The proletarians are the only ones interested in putting an end to the slave-wages of USD 300 a month with which the bourgeoisie has submitted and continues to submit them in Ukrainian maquilas and using theirs as second class labor all over Europe. These are the chief slogans and the historic task poised to the colonized Ukraine, urgent tasks that can only be conquered, as was demonstrated categorically in '21-'22, with the victory of the worker and soldier councils, as a soviet

Ukraine.

Ukraine is in default. The situation is unbearable and insupportable among all the classes and class sectors of the society. A revolutionary situation was beginning to open between December 2013 and February 2014.

But the plans for Ukraine are not the same now for imperialism. Germany was trying to anticipate the bursting point, offering Ukraine a partnership, so before the default and the crisis, Europe had the upper hand to negotiate with the great bourgeois gang of the "oligarchs" liked to the business with Moscow; it was ready even to let Yanukovich stay in the government while imposing the country terrible conditions for taking Ukraine out of the default.

Putin appeared with 15 billions dollars as a guarantee to be able to go on business as usual. Though, as we have already said, USA, as creditor and usurer wanted to "take all" and put its paw on Ukraine with the threat of NATO. What is left of a Ukraine looted by the bourgeois gangs associated with the great imperialist powers, we insist, is not an "independent Ukraine" but a colony of NATO and the EU, i.e., an endless decadency.

In case it was not enough, there are always the Russian weapons always ready to crush any proletarian revolution. As this is was Russia did in 2008 in Georgia. The workers rose up against Saakashvili, against his cruel plan of starvation and wage busting. The workers of South Ossetia, which was annexed to Georgia, wanted to flee from that starvation and unite with their brothers and sisters of North Ossetia that are federated to Russia (in the Russian Federation, NT). With the excuse of supporting that "comeback home" of South Ossetia, the Russian army entered the place and massacred the Georgian working class that was staging an uprising against the government, and left more than 5,000 dead



The Red Army marching in the streets of Kyiv in 1919

in a country with only 3 million inhabitants.

Anyone that drives along the Caucasian roads or in former South Ossetia, can see that Putin's promises of improving the life quality of the exploited were pure hot air; the only things one see are the same destroyed houses left so by the bombings of 6 years ago. The Ukrainian workers know about this, due to the experience of Georgia and all their remembrances from being submitted to that jail of nations that "Great Russia" was under Czarism and afterwards under Stalin's boot. (One may recall the Ukrainian mineworkers striking for soap and hygienic paper just before the USSR collapsed, NT). This is what has allowed the Kievan bourgeoisie to display its "pro-European" demagogy before the masses. Though, the eastern workers, manipulated by Putin, know for sure that in Maastricht Europe they won't have their jobs secure as currently they see million of slave workers suffering their same miseries in the streets of Madrid, Athens, Paris, Berlin, etc.

The betrayal of the leaderships of the European working class, as we'll see later, is what favors at each step and guarantees the division of the Ukrainian proletariat, either submitting the whole European labor movement to imperialist Maastricht, or showing Putin as a "peoples' liberator" when he supports genocidal individuals as al-Assad in Syria.

### Ukraine arrived too late to nation building in the 19th century

The "independence" of Ukraine from the former USSR from the early '90s was no more than a fantasy, an illusion. Then, Ukraine was born as an "independent nation" undertaking the 17% of the huge external debt that Russia had built with the Citibank and the rest of the imperialist big banks, and was equally submitted to the latter two; it has a Russian military base that has guaranteed (and still guarantees) the circulation of the gas and oil pipelines across the Ukrainian territory to Germany and Europe in general, and is submitted to the "great Russian" bourgeoisie associated to imperialist Big Oil, as the French Total, the German BASF and the British BP, which (as stakeholders associated to Gazprom in different wells and camps, NT) extract gas and oil from the Russian steppes for supplying the entire Europe.

It was the heroic socialist revolution in 1917 that built the USSR, which gave in 1922 the right to self-determination, including its independence (separation). That soviet Ukraine decided voluntarily in 1922 federating itself to the soviet republics of the USSR. Thus, only as a socialist soviet republic, Ukraine could take in its hands its own destiny.

The tragic end of this historic process became later on with the expropriation of the October Revolution and the imposition of the "dark night" of Stalinism, which turned again the soviet republics into a jail of nations.

Ukraine got again trapped inside it. The result of these developments was that after the capitalist restoration in 1989-90, the former worker states in Eastern Europe didn't end at the same level as Germany and France, but as colonies under the tutelage of different imperialist powers.

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In the '90s Ukraine "was born" with the legacy of the Chernobyl catastrophe, which decimated a big portion of its fertile soil and its population... Ukraine was born as a semi-colony and as a link in the business of the European imperialist big powers with Russia. It was born handing out all its nukes.

Ukraine as an "independent" bourgeois nation is a Utopia. Life has given its verdict. After the capitalist restoration in 1989 Ukraine has been 100% under the tutelage and the surveillance of the Russian troops on account of imperialism, directly commanded from the City in London and from the IMF. The new Yeltsinite Russian bourgeoisie was swimming in dollars in London and Monaco. From there the Russian gendarme was being monitored to control the first steps of "independent Ukraine".

In 2004, 2009 and as we see it today, Ukraine saw permanently successive crisis, social slumps, upheavals, clashes between bourgeois gangs, submission and super exploiting for the Ukrainian proletariat. Before and during the "orange revolution" in 2004, the technical default in 2009 and in the present crisis, different "pro-Russian" or "pro-European" governments were swept away, as those of Kuchma, Yanukovich, Yushenko-Timoshenko and again Yanukovich, all of them hated by the masses.

In short, **Ukraine does not have a national market. The different Ukrainian bourgeois fractions (of which the essential one is imperialism that sacks it through the IMF, its agrarian rent and a cheap transit to Europe) do not have a common anchorage in a national market. Moreover, due to the atrophy caused by its dependence upon the Stalinist former USSR (that Russified wide portions of its territory sending Russian people to live obligatorily in Ukraine, NT), Ukraine**

**does not have even a universal language. Strangled by the European banks and MNCs and submitted to the IMF, Ukraine has lost any remaining vestige of national independence.**

Putin's jackboot goes beyond the production in eastern Ukraine linked to the Russian military complex. Putin, a minion of imperialism, wants to keep his place as a guarantor of the "social peace" and the over-exploitation of the Ukrainian working class, and not only for the production in his (Russian, NT) military industrial complex, but also for guaranteeing the transit of the gas to European imperialists flowing from the Russian steppes.

The demands of the Ukrainian working class are the only thing that can unify the nation along all its borders, from east to west, to confront all its executioners, who have no fatherland, only businesses to defend

Once more the anti-Marxist charlatans blame the Ukrainian proletariat for the consequences of the treason by the leaderships of the European and world working class, though those leaderships are who really divide the proletarian ranks

We revolutionists affirm that only the Ukrainian working class has common interests and for that reason is the only "national class". Today the proletariat "looks to Europe" or "to Russia", upon the relationships between which most of their jobs depends. That is because they are earning starvation wages and millions of workers are emigrating to imperialist Europe or to Russia, and so the Ukrainian families are obligatorily divided. With 300 miserable dollars of an Ukrainian wage, one of the most exploited proletariats in Europe and the world has to live, both in the east and the west of the country.

The demand of earning in Euros the same as the West European workers earn is something that can really unify the entire working class and the exploited of the nation. For a wage of 2,000 or 2,500 Euros a month is a demand that could unify the entire working class in Ukraine and at the same time unites it with the proletarians of Eastern Europe, with that of the Maastricht imperialist powers and with the one in Russia, particularly.

This working class program is the starting point for conquering the break of the Ukrainian working class both with Putin, the minion of imperialism, and with the Kievan bourgeoisie and Wall Street.

The Ukrainian proletariat is the only class that has national interests from the east to the west of the country. When unifying its ranks throughout a class program, the working class would confront immediately

all the bourgeois gangs in Ukraine, which are lackeys to imperialism, and to the "Great Russian" oppression of Putin and his genocidal militaries, minions of Wall Street. The proletariat, in order to be able to eat, needs to re-collectivize the land, breaking with imperialism. Those tasks can only be solved through seizing power, combining them with the directly socialist tasks.

The Ukrainian proletariat is the only one that has in its hands the only possibility of unifying the whole Ukraine with the demands: "Let[s] break with the IMF and recover the richest lands of Europe" in order to eat in a dignified way. It is the only Ukrainian class that can be united with the "minimal" demand of a wage equal to the cost of living... but to achieve this it has to break with the bourgeoisie and expropriate all the gangs that subdue it to imperialism. Only the working class, by seizing the power would solve these minimal tasks which are fundamental for Ukraine to be a real nation, combining them immediately with the expropriation of the bourgeoisie, of the new oligarchy and of imperialism, and retaking the struggle for restoring a independent and soviet Ukraine that will be a stronghold in the fight for the world socialist revolution in the East and the West of Europe. Only from here and from this immediate task that the Ukrainian proletariat has ahead -alongside the European proletariat generally- Ukraine, the states of Eastern Europe and the entire Europe (including the imperialist powers) would be able to free from the catastrophic capitalist crac and bankruptcy.

**We the socialist revolutionist affirm once more that if the Ukrainian proletariat has not been able to unite its ranks, it is not due to the lack of immediate demands and necessities common to everybody in it that could unify its ranks. It is because the worker aristocracies and bureaucracies of the imperialist powers in Western Europe have cornered the European working class have prevented it from defeating the imperialist governments that have already since many years launched an attack along the whole line against the workers' historic gains.**

Those leaderships have closed the road for the heroic Greek revolution and for the uprisings of the Spanish, Italian and all-European working class. In 2009-2010 they affirmed that it was possible to smooth the "adjustment" and conquer a "more social Maastricht", that is, they said that it was possible to "smooth" the brutal imperialist attack against the working class of their own countries, and over all against the proletariat of the oppressed nations of the Glacis (the old Warsaw Pact nations, NT) and Eastern Europe, where the big MNCs relocated their plants, creating the maquilas with which they enslaved the workers of those nations. Those leaderships, supporting the idea of a "more social Maastricht" allowed the IMF to act as agent and usurer on account of Wall Street and subdued with double and triple chains of pillaging and oppression the East of Europe.



The masses in square Maidan against Yanukovichs government

Now, many of those “illustrated socialists” are complaining for the “backwardness and “division” of the Ukrainian proletariat. They guess: how can it be that the Ukrainian working class “has not intervened in this crisis in an independent Way?”... As is the position of the (Argentinean, NT) PTS and its “international” rubber-stamp the FT. If all the treacherous leaderships of the European proletariat told it that it was possible to “moderate” the attack of the imperialist powers in Europe and to “change Maastricht to socialism”, that is the European Union of the imperialist butcher... What could you expect now?

Another group are guessing: how can it be that the proletarians of eastern Ukraine want to be tied to Moscow? Let’s remember that in this crisis nobody defended the government of Yanukovich, as we’ll see later, and conditions abounded to unify the Ukrainian working class. Though, let’s speak clearly: all those lackeys to Wall Street, those traitors in the world social Forum were devoted to tell the entire world working class that al-Assad, Khadafy, Putin and the mandarins of the Chinese CP were allies of the proletarians and their struggle against imperialism.

**It was the activity of the treacherous leaderships of the international proletariat and particularly of the European one, who strangles the Ukrainian working class and prevented it, for the moment, to intervene in a decisive and centralized way in the gigantic economic and political crisis in Ukraine.**

Shameful traitors of the WSF gathered in Spain in 2010 convened alongside the fake Trotskyists to an alleged “European General Strike”. They called from the plenums of all the unions to march to Greece. Though for those social-treacherous parties and the union bureaucracies, the Eastern European workers are not “European”. For them, Europe ends in Germany, while for imperialism,

its eastern “backyard” –Russian steppes included- is a key area for making its MNCs function with cheap energy and slave labor. The imperialist powers have filled with maquilas from Poland to Ukraine to Latvia, Belarus and the Balkans. This situation guarantees imperialism having cheap labor without bothering about labor rights or benefits; it uses those workers as casual and temporary labor in the metropolises and then sacks them and leaves them “free” to turn back to their destitution in the countries of origin.

The Rumanian workers of Dacia-Renault rose in 2009 to the cry “we want to earn the same as the workers of French Renault”. It is necessary to expose the treacherous currents that where at their heads, because with those leaderships and the “anti-capitalist parties” looking the other side, the Rumanian, Hungarian, Latvian, etc., proletarians that were staging uprising in that year (2009) were left isolated from the Greek, French and West European working class in general ... and it was a disaster for both the proletariat of the imperialist countries and that of the eastern European colonies.

Unless we start from here, from this historic vision of the last period of the class struggle in Europe, no conscientious worker would understand the limits and the submission that the Ukrainian proletariat is still suffering under the different bourgeois gangs that blackmail it, as does the pro-Russian bourgeoisie of eastern Ukraine, telling them that if they join the EU they will lose all their jobs, or as the Kievan clique does, manipulating the workers with the promise that thanks to the help of the IMF and Germany, they would “some day” earn as much as the workers of the French Renault. Without this vision of the material and international conditions that qualify colonized Ukraine, no Marxist would be able to orient himself in a revolutionary sense before the enormous economic and political



General strike in Greece November 2010

crisis open in that decisive link that Ukraine is in the chain of colonies and semi colonies that the European imperialistic powers and the IMF control eastwards. Unless the Ukrainian working class goes central in the struggle for solving the national question, is its fighting is again expropriated by the bourgeoisie and Ukraine is subdued by double and triple chains by imperialism, the European proletariat will see all its gains quickly put in danger. This is what the entire European working class, and the Russian one particularly must understand.

The imperialist bankrupt of Wall Street and the world capitalist crisis of 2007-2008 drove to the blowup and a deep stagnation to Maastricht's Europe and to a brutal crisis to the East Europe states.

*In 2007-2008 crack is the genesis of the actual economical and political blowup, the default and the dislocation of Ukraine from the European work division.*

Maastricht and Wall Street's bankruptcy of 2007-2008 took as tsunami this crisis to the weak economies from the countries from Eastern Europe. This meant the blowup and default of the former workers states from East Europe. When the URSS felt in '89, all these states were strangled, as Latin America, by big foreign debts with IMF and the imperialist bank. In 2009, after paying successive debts expiration, the east Europe countries had a break from almost 2 billion dollars. Occidental Europe also was set in fire: all the imperialist banks were at the edge of the crisis and the crack. The chance of a generalized default in Eastern Europe shook the broken Banks of the imperialist powers of Maastricht. It is that the 84% of the billion dollars that the Eastern states were debts contracted by the European imperialist banks. It was about a huge chain of robbery and looting of the financial capital, which went from the Russian steppes of Europe to Wall Street, going through

Germany and all the imperialist powers. They had to des-synchronize the entrance of the Eastern proletariat with the western ones of Europe that at that time carried on huge battles against the attacks of the imperialist states in Greece, France, Italy, etc.

That's why G-20 strengthened with IMF funds so that with usurer loans stop the default of these Eastern countries. U.S.A. appeared then as the great loan shark. That's why today the US imperialism is the one who raises itself as great referee of the events of the East of Europe and the one that in the last stance will define the course of the events. The loan shark commands. That's why, before the new events and as we already stated, in February Kerry travelled to Ukraine, he declared it "NATO land" and intimate Russia to stay in the border. The creditor took possession of Ukraine. And this one is again strangled, as yesterday in 2009, with leonine agreements with the IMF.

In 2009, Ukraine was the country that got hit the most by the crisis, even from the entire world. Its GDP already felt a 40%. The banks were broken and as in Argentina of 2001, a "corralito" was imposed that didn't allow withdrawing the funds from the banks. Its currency was devalued 100%, what meant a massive default of the consumption credits and credit cards which payments were set in dollars. That's how they made pay this crisis to the Ukraine working class. But also this crisis went through the entire European East which had made uprisings and economical catastrophes as in Bulgaria, Slovakia and the Baltic countries as Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. On one side, Rumania could avoid the default: 20.000 million dollars from IMF loans saved it circumstantially. But all these countries of East Europe felt like a domino tied to the imperialism, to the international financial usury and the worst of the lootings, while imperialist Europe used them as sweatshop with cheap and highly qualified work forces, replacing factories there their transnational companies. The former worker states from the Eastern Europe became in that way not in "new capitalist paradises" but in new colonies or semi-colonies fully looted.

The imperialism policy of aiding Eastern Europe and its bankrupted countries, as we stated, wasn't only an economical decision, but also politic. We must reaffirm that the panic of the financial capital was given by the latent danger that meant that the working class from Eastern Europe would upraise from the workshop of misery wages alongside their class brothers from imperialist Europe.

The events in Maidan Square started at the end of 2013, it can't be addressed nor the crisis that means that the proletariat couldn't intervene decisively with an

independent action of masses, overcoming the bourgeois leadership that stopped them from defeating Yanukovich, without exposing the role that the treacherous leaderships from imperialist Europe played. These leaderships were enemies of earning the streets at the war cry of "the Ukrainian workers must earn as the French and German workers" in solidarity with their class brothers in Ukraine, when the Ukraine masses paralyzed and kept hanging the entire country for two months. Thus, day by day, the pro-European bourgeois fractions of Ukraine and their fake "nationalism" not less lackey of imperialism could stop that the exploited are the ones that solve on their favor the huge political crisis opened.

It was this treacherous policy of the European working class leaderships, we insist, the one that stopped the proletariat and the exploited masses from Ukraine to take advantage in their favor from this huge crisis from the ones on the top to dismantle the institutions of the bourgeois state, their parties and capitalist cliques and ending with the officers caste of the Ukraine army, lackey of IMF and Putin the butcher.

In 2008-2009 Ukraine burned in flames, as it is happening now. That crisis devoured the government of Timoshenko that had reached power with the "orange revolution" and this government only increased the kneeling of Ukraine to the imperialism at extreme rates.

US imperialism settled itself as the bosses of Eastern Europe and also as the usurer partner of Maastricht, granting loans of trash bonus to the imperialist powers in bankruptcy as Italy, Greece, Portugal and Spain. They were left as imperialist powers defeated in the commercial war and they had to pay great part of the debt and the fall of Wall Street. If this happened with the minor imperialist powers, let's think what wouldn't have happened with the colonies and semi-colonies of the former worker states of Eastern Europe. These countries from the east were left doubly and triply knelt to the imperialism. For these years the sufferings of the masses became unbearable. The no coordination of the combats of the working class of Imperialist Europe and Eastern one was a true tragedy to the world working class.

Ukraine proletariat was left with a wage of 300 dollars, the lowest one from the entire Europe. Even then the huge migration of slave Ukraine workers to occidental Europe, was a palliative to the economical catastrophe of the Ukraine masses. It is that they sent part of their wages for their works in the imperialist powers for 800 or 900 dollars and that way it was kept an important part of the Ukraine working class. The crack and the economical crisis in Europe closed this foreign exchange circulation. Hundreds of thousands of Ukraine workers were left without work in Occidental Europe and in misery in Ukraine.

As we stated, they made pay the crisis to the Eastern workers. And it went also very bad to the Western Europe working class, knelt country by country to the slavery and the scourge of its own imperialist bourgeoisie.

The European working class was not coordinated. Through the IMF and the direct loans, U.S.A. thrown all their bones and papers without value form their financial oligarchy to the bankrupted powers of Maastricht, while they carried away the cold hard values of the entire Europe. The European governments and banks throw their crisis to the workers movement. In Ukraine that meant that the government of Yanukovich, held by the whip of Putin, and the band of the three "oligarch" multimillionaire from Ukraine, kneeling it to IMF, overwhelmed the poor masses from the middle class and drove to a dead end of awful misery to the workers movement.

At the end of 2013 the conditions for a revolutionary uprising were ripe. The political crisis exploded and, because of treason of the leadership of the European proletariat, controlling them and kneeling Maidan Square at the foot of Obama and Maastricht, while Yanukovich and the gang of the "oligarch" blackmailed to keep the businesses of East Ukraine and that way split Ukraine. The "Russophile" proletariat from the east didn't intervene in favor of Yanukovich, as he did against the "orange" uprising of Timoshenko, as we will later see. These were the conditions to forge the union of the working class. For now, and just for now, the working class couldn't give a definitive answer to this matter.

But the lateness of the Ukraine working class, European and Russian in particular, in conquering the unity of their ranks is what allows Putin and the "great Russian" bourgeoisie to be able to manipulate again the proletariat from east Ukraine. That way Ukraine has blown, as we state in this work, as the weakest link of the imperialist control in the east of Europe. The crisis is far from closed. The crack is here. The debt's default is here. The "Great Russia" has been humiliated and driven to their borders... Putin tries to compensate taking over Crimea, but has already lost the main control of the gas pipelines that loot the Russian gas that goes through Ukraine. The imperialist powers sit in the table and has discussed, as they did in the meeting of EU and USA from the "Atlantic Agreement", how they distribute the booty and how they hold their hetman Putin.

Yanukovich's government, supported by Moscow, from 2010 to 2013 was the guarantee for the IMF collection and of the enslavement of the Ukrainian working class

In 2010 Yanukovich's government came to be a Bonapartist attempt, rising above other bourgeois factions to unify their businesses; towards east with Russia, towards west with their finances and the gas with the imperialist Europe, and with everyone as guarantors of the payment of the debt with the IMF and mainly with the US imperialism. Thus, by throwing the entire crisis to the masses' movement and with more indebtedness with the IMF, Ukraine came that year out of the collapse.

This oligarchy has so much weight that in the same month of February while the Maidan Square was burning, the leader of the "opposition" that posed as "combative", the boxer Vitali Klitschko, met with Rinat Akhmetov, the richest man in Ukraine and Putin agent, to discuss the steps to follow regarding the monumental crisis opened with the annexation of Crimea by Russia, after the escape of Yanukovich and his destitution from the government.

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Igor Kolomoisky, a banker and industrial tycoon, dedicates to forge short tactical alliances with different governments as it suits his businesses. Yanukovich's government was supported on this super-oligarchy, which exploited the working class to the extreme on account of the IMF and the European bankers.

In November 2013 the interests of the interests of a debt which is far fraudulent and looter of the nation became impossible to pay. The monitored Ukraine crashed against the submarine rocks of the world economic crisis, entering a monumental default and a new outburst of the debt as in 2009. Other countries of Eastern Europe, also as in 2009, are suffering the strangulation and default as Moldavia, Bosnia, the Baltic countries. This threatens to spread to the entire Eastern Europe.

But this time imperialism is already coming for everything. The international financial oligarchy has done the math and has come to the conclusion that there isn't other direct way to collect the debt of the countries looted by the international loan sharks than to keep, as it happened in Latin America in the 90s, all the infrastructure, natural riches and companies that can guarantee imperialism a

steady income to collect in assets their financial debt. That's why it isn't enough to the European imperialism, the US and the IMF to count in Ukraine on a government that pays their debt. They need to keep all Ukraine, its lands and companies, which they will mercilessly lead to bankruptcy if they are loss-making, as the ones in the Ukrainian east. But above all, the imperialist powers need to keep direct control of the gas pipelines and the gas. In these conditions it is cynical and deceitful to claim that an "independent and democratic Ukraine" can emerge, when it is being transformed into a monitored colony to impose it extreme conditions of looting and enslavement. Or, transformed into a fragmented colony with its eastern sector monitored and oppressed by the "Great Russia" and used as blackmail for the businesses of the Moscow corrupt and bloodthirsty bourgeoisie. Without expropriating the capitalists and without a new revolution to restore the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary ways, as we already said, it is impossible to solve the Ukrainian national issue. These deep processes of the brutal crisis of the productive forces and the outburst of the colonized Ukraine, oppressed by the "Great Russia" on account of imperialism and the IMF, were the ones that underlay in the background of the monumental political crisis that opened in December 2013 against the hated government of Yanukovich, IMF agent. Without departing from these international conditions of Ukraine's character and its relationship with the world market, and its place as a national state that hasn't been able to and won't be independent on the capitalist framework, it will be impossible for every advanced worker to understand the political convulsion that shook Ukraine and the entire Europe the last months.

### The last days of Yanukovich's government

Yanukovich's government was winning in this way the hatred of all the masses in Ukraine. The European imperialism and the IMF used Yanukovich as a "squeezed lemon" to collect Ukraine's debt. Once the lemon had no more juice, they threw it away. For Yanukovich the pact with the imperialist Europe and



Putin with Yanukovich

Germany meant having to deal and go towards a direct clash with the hungry and desperate masses, and he no longer had for it any social base in any sector of the masses. Russia offered Yanukovich to grant him 15 billion dollars to pay the IMF the fraudulent foreign debt and reduce 30% the price of gas. This would allow Yanukovich's government to have more time to redouble its attack against the working class and the exploited, and pay imperialism on time. Yanukovich, as we saw, didn't have social base in the working class of the east of Ukraine linked to the production of the Russian military apparatus either. Not even there was he credible. He came from leaning on the EU to try to attack the masses. His government was hanging by a thread. It only had to be pulled.

The bourgeoisie of the Maidan Square that restrained the independent burst of the masses and in the entire Ukraine, tried to saved him, by signing a government of national unity on February 21st. But it was already late. If this continued not even in the Maidan Square or throughout Ukraine the violent burst of the working class and the masses' movement could have been restrained.

Yanukovich's decline also meant the decline of the shared control of Ukraine by Russia with the imperialist bank. Russia had to move to the eastern border. The slogan was: "All Ukraine for the IMF, US and the imperialist Maastricht".

### Ukraine and the rebellion of Maidan Square: a revolutionary situation... and a revolution that could not develop

The emergence of a bourgeois fraction that comes early to a masses insurrection against the hatred Yanukovich and drags the masses to the UE

In the late 2013 a revolutionary situation started in Ukraine. The objective conditions in Ukraine were more than matured for the beginning of the revolution. As Lenin stated: it was clear that "those from the top" could not keep rulling peacefully and "those from the bottom" did not want to be domained as always, tired out of the huge sufferings and imposed sufferings. Ukraine is in the middle of social crisis and huge economic bankruptcy. As we posed before, starvation, misserable wages of 300 dollars, over exploitation, inflation were the conditions of misery that the lackey of imperialism called Yanukovich, together with Putin, imposed to the Ukranian masses.

For Lenin, for a revolution became and not just a revolutionary situation, these objective conditions



Timoshenko and butcher Obama

must be combined with an independent mass action. This happens at the beginning of every revolution; such independent mass' actions leave the bourgeois state in a serious crisis. We saw this in Libya in 2011, the Khadafist army was disarmed and destroyed. We also saw it in Syria when masses conquered arms after overcoming the limits of the pacifist actions imposed by the Muslim religios men after the prays, and after breaking the rank and file soldiers of the murderous army of Al-Assad. We saw it in Tahrir Square in Egypt overthrowing Mubarak's government, as well as in Tunisia with the revolutionary overthrowing of Ben Ali. The same happened in Argentina in 2001, Bolivia 2003 and at the beginning of revolutions where masses acted with their idependent actions.

These revolutions are great victories of the masses. The paradox is that because of the crisis of leadership, the working class and exploited people end up giving the power back to their enemies, who try to expropriate them, making them go back or be led to a blood bath. In Ukraine the bourgeoisie, perceiving this situation objectively revolutionary, anticipated and based on the middle classes and manipulating a fake "antionalist" feeling, it canalize the right aspirations of a sector of the masses and their anger agaisnt Yanukovich and the butcher Putin. In this way they could content the independn mass action and as we posed before they attempted to canalize the political crisis setting up a government of "national unity" or a pact with Yanukovich.

The "nationalist" bourgeoisie fractions nor the pro-European bourgeoisie fractions of Kiev have never dared to call the masses to unify to tear down

Yanukovich's government, to defeat the countrevolutionary clash forces and end up with the officer caste of the Ukrainian army, so lackey and manager of Putin whip as well as the thumb of imperialism. The bourgeoisie will never move the masses, neither arm them and they would never call to defeat and destroy the officer caste of the bourgeoisie army because they know if they do it it will risk their own power and property before the call which oppressed. The agenda of the bourgeoisie was to occupy Maidan Square with the social base they controlled, even with neo-fascist militias to prevent the worker movement to uprising independently.

It was in-extremis action so the pendulum of the negotiation with Russia which Yanukovich was next to, came back the EU. The government which emerged from Maidan Square was a pact government with Yanukovich which was quickly dissolved because if it kept alive, this link of connections and expropriation of the revolution of the Ukrainian masses who were uprising, this would have smash as a card castle.

The proof of this enormous anger which the Ukrainian government had in 2013 is that, unlike 2004, during the "orange revolution" led by Tymoshenko against Kuchma and his candidate Yanukovich, the Eastern working class carried on massive general strikes in defense of the latter ones, this time, it did not. I was expectant. The whip Putin and Yanukovich, under the command of IMF, was what make closer the masses to the imperialist European Union.

Trotsky posed in his work "The Ukrainian question" in 1939 that it was Stalin's boot and the oppression of the "Great Russia" on Ukraine, which strengthened the nationalist movement that pushed Ukraine into the arms of Hitler. This is the contradiction that allows us to understand why the bourgeoisie could anticipate and control the mass movement, and bring the pendulum of events to the agreement with the EU, without bursting a revolution with an independent mass action. The exploited ones ran way from Putin.

The crisis is not closed. There are even today vulgar "democrats" and talkative journalists from Le Monde and French imperialism, who talk about a "new spring of peoples" in Ukraine. They are chatters. Neither the bourgeoisie nor its nationalist party of Maidan Square, marched the masses and pushed into the fight, and they never intended to defeat the institutions on which the repressor Yanukovich and the three oligarchs who rule the government was based on Ukraine. The bourgeoisie of the Maidan Square gave a new rope to hang the people and the Ukrainian nation, under the orders of IMF and Putin. Therefore, we insist, the crisis is not closed.

The bourgeoisie in the middle of a huge crisis on the top and in the middle of disputes between the bourgeois, marked by a great economic crash, took the lead into



an independent action of the masses who openly began to take the streets, as it happened in 20 February which resulted in 47 killed by repression of Yanukovich.

When the danger became apparent, both the European imperialist powers such as U.S. and Yanukovich himself and immediately pushed a pact and agreement to close the crisis on the top.

We insist, after weeks of camping in Maidan Square, it began to develop, with great layers of the exploited masses, the possibility that it is the working class the one breaking out in a political crisis as the only truly national class-, leading all the exploited masses into independent historical action, giving an output to Ukraine and solving the oppressed national aspirations. It is the working class is the only class that is not bound by any interest imperialism.

The bourgeoisie threatened by the perspective of the independent uprising of the masses, it closed their ranks and gaps in the top. Under the orders of Kerry and NATO, they all signed a national unity pact on February 21, 2014, establishing that they would form a transitional government and called early elections for May this year, supervised by observers from NATO. On February 22 Yanukovich was removed by Parliament. Imperialism, after using him as a "squeezed lemon" to attack the masses, it throw him away. No government in which Yanukovich was there could be presented to the masses as a "legitimate" government, because as we said, he was hated by the masses. A day after, the parliament assigned as an interim president Alexandr Turchinov, who belongs to pro-European bourgeoisie wing. The EU and U.S. were willing to keep with the entire Ukraine and banish Putin from his control.

The last chapters of the Ukrainian revolution have not even begun to be written. We are facing the preface. But this book will contain the chapters that demonstrate that the Ukrainian revolution is inseparable from the struggle for the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary ways in the former USSR and its extension to the entire imperialist Europe.

Carlos Munzer

July 10th, 2016

**Ukraine.** *The crisis of Maastricht Europe is being paid by the European working class and the oppressed peoples*

The masses of Kiev fight against the plans of starvation, misery and plunder imposed by Poroshenko on behalf of the IMF and EU

## **The Eastern and Western Ukrainian masses do not surrender! Enough of fighting divided: One single enemy, one single fight from Donbass to Kiev!**

In early July, the masses from Kiev (the Ukrainian capital) fought in the streets once again, with demonstrations and protests against the increases of taxes on basic services (water, electricity and gas), which will start in September and will affect the already low wages of the workers and exploited masses. The government increased 100% the prices of hot water and heating. The whip of capital keeps punishing the masses, in the East and the West. Imperialism will not rest until Ukraine is tied with double chains.

However the Ukrainian masses show that their forces have not been exhausted yet. The protest against retrenchments was organized by the Union Federation of Ukraine, miners and steel workers unions, with the Federation of Independent Unions. Unions of education and science workers from the regions of Kiev and Vinnitsa endorsed the protest. It was held in the streets and avenues where thousands of demonstrators (about 5 thousand only in Kiev) around buildings of the Government and the Supreme Rada (Parliament).

"If the government talks about European values, so we want European salaries", protesters demanded. They demanded that starting on October 1st the minimum wage must be equal to the consumptions, estimated in 3067 grivnas (U\$ 123), when today it is not even U\$50. Other demands are related to the increase of pensions for retired people and students.

On the other hand, in the Rada, the fraction of the Opposition Block warned on Wednesday that the accumulation of citizen's unhappiness and vital problems of the populations will lead to social uprisings.

The fight of the masses from Kiev is a huge anti-imperialist fight, against the plans of starvation and misery dictated by IMF and EU. It is the same fight headed by miners and workers of Donbass who defend the mines and their jobs that imperialism wants to steal from them. In order to defend them, they set up militias disorganizing Kiev murderous army that attacks and bomb them, destroys their hospitals, schools, etc., and also by winning privates with their fight.

The resistance of the masses in Donbass, despite the brutal fence, isolation and the betrayal of Minsk pacts that divide the Ukrainian working class; and the demonstrations of the masses of Kiev who came back to the fight in the streets against Poroshenko and Rada

(the IMF's plans appliers) show that the forces of the Ukrainian masses are not exhausted at all.

They are willing to fight against the plans imperialism and its puppet Poroshenko. Their lives depend on it. The tragedy is the huge betrayal of the leaderships, which imposed a divided fight and weakened their forces against the enormous enemy they are confronting.

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian workers have been divided in different unions depending if they work in Kiev or Donbass. And even if they have the same sufferings, attacks or increase in the cost of living in the entire territory, the leaderships refuse to organize a joint struggle to confront the same enemy.

Ukraine will not have way out favorable for workers and exploited masses unless they unite their fight from Donbass to Kiev and if they defeat the hated Poroshenko government in the capital. This demand for better wages and against the increase in the cost of living unifies the exploited from all over Ukraine. It is the demand that links their fight with the one of the French, Greek and European workers.

Enough of fighting divided! The same enemy, the same fight from Donbass to Kiev! Down with the counterrevolutionary Minsk pact and its deceitful ceasefire! In order to end with the IMF and EU and their plans of misery, starvation and plunder! In order to end with Poroshenko and "Novorossia" oligarchy, friends of Putin!

**In order to end with the Minsk infamous pact!  
In order to recover Crimea from the hands of the killer Putin that imperialism gave him in Minsk in return for his acts! Crimea also belongs to Ukraine! Out with the military Russian base of Kolchak-Putin that is prepared to attack the masses who refuse to disarm themselves!  
In order to get wages, jobs and all the masses' demands!  
The councils of workers and soldiers must be extended, generalized and set up all over Ukraine  
Generalize weapons for the Ukrainian masses!  
For a Soviet, Socialist, United, Free and Independent Ukraine!  
Let's make Donbass masses war cry come true:  
For the return of the USSR!**

# Romania

February 9th, 2017

A European nation colonized by the imperialist Maastricht, IMF and Yankees

*Sick of a 280 euros salary—the lowest wage in the entire Europe*

*Sick of the pillage and slavery imposed by the imperialist sweat-shops (Maquilas) on the exploited*

*Outraged by the theft and draining of the state on behalf of the capitalist gangs that rule the nation*

The Romanian working class is at the vanguard of the fight against the imperialist Europe of Maastricht and his lackey governments

Tens of thousands take to the streets  
**The rebellion of the exploited has started**

**Down with Grindeanu and his corrupt government, puppet of imperialism!**  
**In Europe: one single class, one single struggle**  
**Maastricht, IMF, NATO out from Romania!**

*In 1989 the imperialists and the Stalinist bureaucracy that restored capitalism promised a future of “abundance and wealth” for the masses of the former worker states... but capitalism only brought decades of plundering, colonialism, starvation, slavery and subjugation of the Glacis countries and the entire Eastern Europe to the imperialist Maastricht*

**For a soviet socialist independent Romania  
without Stalinist bureaucrats or new rich men,  
thieves of the people**

The Romanian workers and exploited have been 9 days on the streets protesting against a decree that decriminalizes corruption cases, bribery or conflict of interests whose amount don't surpass 44.000 Euros! That is to say, the officers of the ruling parties of the government on duty authorized themselves to steal the people till that amount and legitimize what they are already doing since years. 44.000 euros was the sum that it was discovered that the president of the Social Democratic Party (currently in the government) has stolen. That's why the amount of 44.000 Euros was set. The exploited must know it is barely a tip in comparison what the people's expropriators really steal.

Romania is a colonized nation since the capitalist restoration in 1989. It is a nation plundered by the IMF first. It is a nation submitted to the IMF with a foreign debt valued in 101.4 billion dollars, with which the majority of what the workers and exploited produce goes away. With a GDP of

barely 186 billion dollars, Romania has to deal with this plundering, besides the profits of the native oligarchs.

The imperialist Europe has filled Eastern Europe with sweat-shops (maquilas) and branches of his parent companies. There, the imperialist companies exploit workers, especially from Romania, such as those companies do in China under the management of the red entrepreneurs of the Chinese CP or as it happens in any maquila country like Mexico, India, Bangladesh, etc.



Demonstration in Romania

The imperialist Europe of Maastricht has led Romanian petty agricultural producers to ruin. They have 8 or 10 hectares which are not enough to have even a survival economy for their families. Thousands of agricultural workers and petty agrarian producers move to the cities and the imperialist Europe seeking a better life. Romania as well as Ukraine, was a granary of Europe due to his huge area of arable land (14.7 millions of hectares). The expropriation of bourgeoisie at the end of the Second World War provoked the agrarian collectivization. It meant a huge leap forward for the productive forces. With the capitalist restoration in 1989 the corrupt Stalinist millionaire bureaucracy of Ceausescu transformed itself into a new oligarchy and took for itself the best lands and handed over small areas of land for tens of thousands of petty peasants covering the robbery of the vast majority of the richest lands. As usual in every survival economy, the petty producers ended up bankrupt and having a huge drop in productivity in the Romanian countryside. This meant to give land at a cheap price and a new and huge concentration of it. Even today, the trend to the concentration of land in the hands of the big economic groups and entrepreneurs of the imperialist Maastricht in partnership with a native oligarchy of the Romanian bourgeoisie is leading once again to latifundium and looting of the land. We can see in France the cost of the rent per hectare is 6000 or 4400 euros while in Romania is 2000. That is, the richest lands of Europe are a bargain. 40% of Romanian exports are an agrarian income taken by the new landowners interweave with the imperialist European powers and banks on one side, and to a lesser extent by the government, State and the new Romanian new oligarchy. The agrarian question and imperialist oppression are the maximum proof that Romania is enslaved, colonized and plundered by the Europe of Maastricht, IMF and the native oligarchy in association with them. As we see in Germany, France, Austria, Borbons and other imperialist parasites from western Europe mistreat the Eastern European countries as their backyard. They mistreat not only Romanian and the Eastern nations that form the "vital space" of Maastricht but also Russia with Putin-their junior partner. Putin guarantees gas and energy so the businesses of the pirates of the imperialist Europe can work. This counterrevolutionary bandit together with his partners of the Great Russian oligarchy sold out 49% of the shares of the Russian gas company to the German BASF. He gave France, Germany and USA the control of the high-tech of the military industrial apparatus. The plan of Europe-Maastricht and US imperialism is to advance on Eastern Europe to plunder it and even on Russia to semi-colonize it. Thus, Romania and his workers and poor people only have ahead more misery, starvation under the whip of the imperialism and plundering of his native oligarchy. The world crack doesn't give a rest. The offensive of the imperialist powers gets deepen on the entire colonial and semi colonial world and even on the working class of the central countries. So, Romania is already subjugated to the imperialism by double and triple chains having an industrial and agrarian working class over exploited and

those eradicated of the agrarian economy exiled in the imperialist Europe. **Thus, the regime and government -lackey of the imperialism- are lying down on a volcano, that is, the unprecedented sufferings of the masses who push more and more towards the political struggle against the oppressors. The decree shamelessly legalizing corruption and robbery to the people was the spark, the trigger** that made people take to the streets. The ruling elites in the government live in abundance by stealing the people while Romanian workers earn the lowest salaries in Europe as Ukraine, that is, 280 euros.

**The fight in the streets has already started.** This mass offensive provoked the political casualty of the justice and education ministers, that the government scrapped the decree and opened a huge crisis in the government, regime and the top. Masses has shown determination not to abandon the streets till "everybody go, nobody left" of the corrupted politicians, those servants of the imperialism. **The struggle method that exploited are applying is to occupy the squares, political life centre of the nation, particularly of his capital.** We can say that in Romania, **the exploited are fighting against the government and regime-lackey of the imperialism- as masses did in Egypt in Tahrir Square.** That is the ongoing process leading by toiling masses, that is, those people bellow. Despite the attempts of the world imperialist press and spokespersons of the left current to present such anti-imperialist struggle as a battle against corruption and for a policy of "clean hands", the true engine of the fight is the just mass hatred against the generalized pillage over Romania to which the imperialism has transformed into a true colony. This was guaranteed by successive oligarchy governments hugely enriched thanks to the scraps taken from the colonial looting and starvation of the people.

Romania, an enslaved working class in a plundered colony

**Under no circumstances, the capitalist restoration in the Eastern Europe could create new capitalist powers but only colonies.** There is overabundance of imperialist powers. It has been proven during the 2008 crac where the European southern powers like Italy, Greece and Spain were left totally in bankruptcy and among the big imperialist powers has started a hard clash of commercial wars for a world market getting smaller. The old Stalinist bureaucracy before becoming a new bourgeoisie in 1989 also began to indebt the worker states he was destroying as well as submitted the worker states to the IMF and imperialist world economy. Romania is the major sample of this. Poland, Hungary,

Czechoslovakia, Ukraine and USSR were in debt to the IMF. In that way, imperialism entered into the planned economy, that is, the worker states went into debt to be able to buy in the world market what they could not produce. The capitalist restoration in 1989 was not imposed by Hitler's tanks- as he tried to do after World War Two- but by IMF and Citibank dollars. The former stalinist bureaucracy became a direct agent of the imperialism and a new owner class that promoted the setting of dictatorial Bonapartist fascist governments like in Chechnya, Balkans, Georgia, Ossetia, Armenia by terror methods and massacres. It is unbelievable that the renegades of Trotskyism at the feet of Stalinism in 1989 keep saying today that capitalism was restored in the worker states by bourgeois democracy and peacefully. They are vulgar liars! During Yalta and post-war they embellished Stalinism. And when Stalinism restored capitalism and became a new bourgeois ruling class, the renegades of Trotskyism covered them as "democratic" and "liberal". The latest decree of the Russian Bonaparte Putin, the hit man of the imperialism-decriminalizes domestic violence in cases where mistreatment, blows inside the family against women and children provoke bruises, scratches, or superficial wounds or physical pain-but not bodily harm-. That is, in these cases there will not be criminal liability. There is no legal right to go on strike in Russia or any country located in Eastern Europe. This right is mixed up in bourgeois laws and decrees that prevent it. In Russia, a demo with more than 2 people means more than 5 years of prison. Why don't the "anticapitalists" go to Moscow to set up their parties? Why don't the British SWP, French NPA or Argentinean FIT go to Moscow to try the bourgeois parliamentary "democracy" they say there is in Russia?

They proclaim the "real democracy" for the imperialist Europe and keep silent and back the murderous Putin that massacred in Syria, and together with the imperialism opened military bases in the former Muslim republics of USSR. Podemos, servants of the Spanish crown, and Syriza, servants of Morgan bank claim to "democratize Maastricht" when there's NATO cannons and counterrevolutionary hit men on borders. In Russia and Eastern Europe there are regimes totally Bonapartist, based on terror, intelligence services, agreements and negotiations with imperialism in the back rooms.

**The Romanian masses rebel against all of this.** Their struggle objectively hit hard against imperialism and all its counterrevolutionary devices in Europe. That's why the Romanian

working class is a decisive faction of the European working class. In the backyard of Europe-Maastricht, Romania suffers all the European working class woes but in an increased way since Romania is a colony of Maastricht. The nation is tied to it by an usurious foreign debt. Masses life conditions have nothing to envy to Africa or Latin America. All of them are dominated by the international finance capital through a mechanism of foreign debts. In Romania it means a 280 Euro-salary paid using a domestic currency without value, maquilas, unemployment, usury and plundering of land. The imperialist banks in the bankrupted Europe (Greece, Spain or Italy) which went bankrupt in 2008 had their assets in Wall Street and then took the treasury of the states. They put the money in their pockets. They collected their debts. The states broke. And now they move onto an attack on the working class. But before that, in order to recover their profits, they plundered and keep on plundering all the countries in Eastern Europe, as we see it done by the Italian, German, Greek, Belgian transnational companies.

The direct agents of IMF and the finance capital in Romania today are the Social Democratic Party and the National Liberal Party, the representatives of both bourgeois gangs in which the old oligarch became... the allies and friends of the old Romanian Stalinist billionaire Ceausescu.

**Merkel's Germany and the whole imperialist Maastricht** gets supplies from the agricultural production in Romania and floods it with manufactures, while has installed over there big sweat shops. The imperialist Europe relocated its auto industry and auto parts industry as well as light industry to produce in Romania and all across Eastern Europe with cheap slave qualified labour. This subjugation has also created a huge industrial reserve army, in the cities and in the farms, that is forced to go to the imperialist Europe and do the worst jobs there, together with their class brothers and sisters from Asia, Africa and Middle East. The alternative of the Romanian workers is to be a second class worker in Romania or second class slaves in the imperialist Europe.

The imperialist bankers of Maastricht have said "Romania is an associated member of EU". This is a lie. **Romania is a French-German colony, strangled by the rope of IMF and NATO troops, with their generals, that have the military bases installed in there.** Last year, USA installed a high tech missile shield. Romania is nothing but a mirror in which the rest of the former workers states of European



Demonstration in Romania

East should look... as well as Russia and China that still have a relative independence in the world economy and the world division of labour imposed by it. This division of labour has broken in this new round of the world economic crisis, with the crisis of BRICS. Obama, Trump and the US imperialist butchers are saying that China has to be a big importer and give in its domestic market to imperialism; while Russia must supply raw materials and its military device and finances should technologically depend on imperialism. Without any doubt, the current dispute of the imperialist powers, such as Germany, USA, Japan and England is on how to end up colonizing China and Russia as they did with Romania, Vietnam and Eastern Europe. If this is the plan of imperialism in the middle of an economic crisis and bankruptcy, Romania has ahead only barbarism and decay that still hasn't reached the bottom and it is far from it.

If in post-war the Stalinist bureaucracy and its red army were in charge of controlling the masses in Eastern Europe, today it is directly imperialism with NATO

**The leftist currents lackeys of imperialism, wrongfully named "anti-capitalists", the shameless social-imperialist supporters of Maastricht such as Syriza or Podemos announce that NATO have moved**

**troops to Poland, Hungary and the Baltic countries to threaten the "super-enemy Russia", as they say. This is a lie! We have seen this before in Ukraine and in the Balkans. NATO troops are occupation troops in Eastern Europe used to control and ready to attack and slaughter every revolutionary process that develops in the region, whether commanding the local military mercenary forces or doing it themselves directly... or hiring the services of the murderers of Putin white army, as a last option. This is a matter of life or death for the Romanian masses, as it was yesterday for Ukraine, as they have entered in state of rebellion. An example of this is Ukraine. NATO is there to attack the masses in Donbass with Kiev counterrevolutionary forces, while Putin is there to isolate the masses, to divide them from the rest of the workers in Ukraine to expose from inside the most militant of the revolutionary vanguard. His annexing of Crimea in 2014, as the Ukrainian revolution started, chased the main goal of the masses no to take over his military base. Today, Trump reminds his friend Putin to give that base back. Before that, Obama ordered him to remove his soldiers from the borders with Ukraine and this imperialist lackey obeyed blindly.**

Yesterday, the role of controlling the masses in Eastern Europe was played by the red army as World War 2 ended. In that region,



Demonstration at Victory Square in Bucharest

the working class had defeated fascism with their blood and militant organizations and imposed –in spite of the Stalinist bureaucracy- the generalized expropriation of the capitalists and the landowners. The red army was then in charge of controlling the masses in Eastern Europe. This was established by a pact of Stalinism with the “democratic” imperialisms such as USA and England, i.e. Yalta agreement at the end of World War 2.

This role was very well played as we see it with the Russian invasion to crush the revolutionary processes in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Eastern Germany... that is the “peaceful coexistence” of Stalinism with imperialism in post-war while it strangled hundreds of socialist revolutions around the world. Today, once capitalism is restored, that role cannot be played by Russia anymore. That’s Maastricht’s backyard and now the one imposing discipline is NATO. Furthermore, huge missile shields are installed for cornering Russia, increasingly subjugate it in economy and finances, and militarily control it from the point of view of the high tech war that Russia doesn’t have. Putin’s counterrevolutionary government has to fulfill his duties first. He did it in Syria very well and he will do it in Eastern Europe whenever imperialism circumstantially needs him. If so, they will call him but under NATO’s control. The key point is that the missile shield installed in Romania, Poland and Hungary; NATO troops surrounding Russia and in the Baltic countries are not there to attack Putin but the Russian masses that rise as in 1917 or enter into revolutionary process overthrowing the regime and the murderous government of Putin and take control of the Russian industrial military

apparatus inherited from USRR. That’s what imperialism fears and that’s the reason NATO besieges Russia. They are aiming to the masses, not Putin or his government who never shot a cork from a cider bottle to imperialism,

Romania, as a colony, is also a military base of NATO. The Romanian masses in their struggle are confronting these very powerful

enemies. In their favor they have that they are one of the links of the European working class (east and west) which is strategically located. In this colony, as it couldn’t be in any other way, the Romanian army is under the command of NATO generals. There is not a single gram of independence from the imperialist powers for these Eastern colonies. European imperialism and IMF are watching the uprising of the Romanian masses with huge concern, as it was yesterday in Ukraine. They anticipate that the Eastern working class can return to the fight. It was the vanguard in the fights in half of the Twentieth Century, before, during and after World War Two, confronting fascism, Stalinism and imperialism in 1989 processes.

The world bourgeoisie is afraid of the workers uprising in Eastern Europe because they know that in there and in Russia every revolutionary uprising immediately poses the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat, under revolutionary ways, and the expropriation of the capitalists. The Ukrainian masses gave this meaning to the slogan “let the USSR return”. The new oligarchies of Romania, Ukraine and others are very far away from this. The working class in Eastern Europe is entering into the fight again. It is the big ally of the workers in the countries of the imperialist Maastricht Europe. To conquer the unity of the European working class in the east and the west is the task to do right now in order to confront Maastricht, IMF, their hired killers such as Putin and to advance in the fight to reopen the socialist revolution in the old world.

The Romanian working class, a vanguard battalion of the European working class in state of rebellion

The Romanian working class since 2008, responding to the crack as a result of the crisis which broke out that year, together with their class brothers and sisters from Eastern Europe has staged huge combats against relaxing of labour benefits and for a decent wage. The metal-mechanic workers were their vanguard and one of the most advanced working class in Europe. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS THE WORKERS OF DACIA-RENAULT WHICH CLAIMED "WE WANT THE SAME SALARY AS THE WORKERS OF RENAULT IN FRANCE!" in

order to get united with the French workers. This happened as a part of a first revolutionary wave of the entire working class of Europe (East and West) facing 2008 crack. The Stalinist traitors, the trade union bureaucracies, the so-called New Left wrongly called "anti-capitalist" turned

a blind eye on the workers of the colonies that Maastricht's imperialist gangs have in Europe itself and left the internationalist call of the Romanian workers isolated. Thus, they prevented the revolutionary struggle in the whole European continent to get coordinated. At the beginning of 2010, the World Social Forum held a meeting in Madrid. They promised a general strike in the entire Europe at the end of the year. This way, a corrupt bureaucracy, a servant of Maastricht imperialist Europe left the European working class isolated in each country facing an enemy that centralized its forces and launched a brutal attack on the exploited of the whole continent so it could burden on them the whole crisis of the imperialist bankers. This is how the wave of factory occupations in France and the general strikes in Belgium and Portugal were sold out. This is how

the movement of the revolutionary masses "indignadas" in the Spanish State was betrayed, as well as the fights of its most militant sectors and the uprisings of the workers in Romania, the first fights of the Ukrainian working class and the struggles of the workers in Georgia and the countries in Caucasus Mountains. Today, as a consequence of this actions of the treacherous leaderships, the Romanian workers did not succeeded, but neither did the French workers –as for example- who lost the 35 hours of work a week.

In 1989, the imperialist demagogy promised the workers in the east to earn as much as the German workers and now they have even worse wages than the workers of Congo,

Bolivia, China, Middle East, etc.; or we have the cases of Russia and Ukraine where workers don't even collect their wages for months. However, the workers in Germany, France, Spain also see how their conquers are getting lost... their wages low and their jobs lost



Demonstration against the Government

as the imperialist Maastricht goes bankrupt. The struggle of the European working class is a single one, from Portugal to the Russian steppes. The socialimperialist left only recognize the IMPERIALIST EUROPE OF TROIKA, AS THEY ARE THEIR SERVANTS. For them, Europe ends in Germany, Austria and Netherlands. They cry when the imperialist bandits go in crisis, as the proimperialist "socialists" of England which support Brexit, that is to say, the exit of England from Maastricht to save itself as an imperialist power off from the European ruin. But the true "Brexit" exists in the European East, as it is colonized and plundered by the imperialist gangs. There are also the shamless "anti-capitalists" that call for a "more social Maastricht" with full democracy, while Maastricht is nothing less than a bunch of imperialist gangsters that

have colonized Eastern Europe while they go in dispute for the world market with the rest of the imperialist powers. They pretend to bring "more democracy" to NATO, to their missile shields and the fascist generals that slaughter the colonial and semi-colonial peoples. These "anticapitalists", this "New Left" as that of Syriza and Podemos or the renegades of Trotskyism are hiding that the imperialist bourgeoisie are overexploiting and plundering not only the peoples in Maghreb, Middle East, Africa or Latin America but also Europe itself, which is a few hundreds or thousands of kilometers away from where they live. They are just covering up for the crimes of their imperialist bandits. Just to give an example, this trash left of Syriza and the world left treat the Greek bankers as if they were a native bourgeoisie of a colony. It is a lie! Colonies are in Glacis and in Eastern Europe. It is a lie! This is an excuse to support the Greek imperialist bankers, junior partners of Morgan Bank and London City... This is just to support the shipyard owners that control the routes of world trade with their battleships. One of the most backward imperialist countries in Europe as Greece has 300.000 soldiers of NATO under their command. They patrol the trading routs of the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal. With their banks they plunder the poor peoples of the Balkans, on behalf of US and Maastricht imperialisms. The social imperialist left also wants to hide and isolate the heroic struggle of their brothers, the workers of Eastern Europe, when as yesterday in Ukraine and today in Romania threatened to be the biggest allies of the working class in the imperialist powers of Maastricht. They defend the interests of the transnational companies. They are the labour aristocracy and bureaucracy, bought by the finance capital to strangle the unity of the world working class.

The working class and the  
Romanian masses have accumulated  
a huge experience in mass political  
struggle

THE ENGINE OF STRUGGLE OF THE ROMANIAN WORKERS IS THAT THEY REFUSE TO HAVE THE LOWEST WAGES OF EUROPE (AS IN UKRAINE) WHEN THEIR COUNTRY GROWS ABOVE 5%.

While the imperialist pirates and the oligarch managers have superprofits from the colonized Romania in euros and dollars, they pay miserable wages in a devaluated Romanian currency for the high qualified workers whose living standards fall every day with no schools or hospitals. The thirst for profits of the imperialists doesn't let them resources to improve the precarious infrastructure. The imperialist bourgeoisie of Maastricht and the shameless left speak of a "dual velocity Euro" and they keep silent that this already exists: they have a currency to steal away Romania and the rest of the countries of Eastern Europe, the euro, and have worthless papers (the Romanian currency Leu) to pay the workers for them to feed as they can. The workers in the imperialist Europe should look into the mirror of the Romanian workers, because this is what will happen to them as Maastricht crisis gets deeper. **That is to say, the imperialist bankers strangle the European working class with a single rope that has to ends.** On the one hand we see what happens to the workers in the imperialist Europe: the workers collect their wages in euros but in amounts that don't let them live even half a month, while the slave work increases each day. On the other hand, there's the plan that already exists in Romania and other republics "annexed to the EU": a euro as a measurement unity for the trading and financial transactions and a worthless currency for paying the workers wages. Those shameless of the trade union bureaucracies and the social imperialists make the working class of the imperialist countries to be tied to the needs of their own capitalist governments. They applaud, as the British SWP does or as several social imperialist currents promote- to exit Europe and only stayed as associated, that is to say, for their bourgeoisies to make transactions or superprofits in euro or dollars while their working class are paid with semi colonies salaries. That's the British plan of Brexit, supported by the social imperialist left. Other ones want to keep the unity of the Europe of Maastricht -such as Varoufakis and his Plan B of the Greek left- in order to "democratize it". That is to say, let the workers starve with euro at the expense of the superprofits of the imperialist monopolies but "with democracy". The two policies of the treacherous left condemns the working class to be in between the hot coal of euro and the fire of devaluated currencies that save local bourgeoisies. The alternative for the European working class is the path that today is marking the Romanian working class: to attack capital and all its institutions of domination, the expropriation of imperialist bankers, the revolutionary overthrow of their governments, demolition of states of

parasites and plunderers of the planet. The Europe of the workers councils and revolution is that one who must be and the path to be opened in a bankrupt continent that throws its entire crisis on the exploited. Without any question, if the working class doesn't provide a way out of this barbarism, war will come, as we have seen it in the 20th century. Neither Maastricht or Brexit! For a Europe which started 100 years ago with the revolution of October in Russia, that opened the way for the rising of the workers councils and the socialist revolution! The Romanian working class

is at the head of this struggle. We are before a working class that has been fighting for years. In 2010, as we saw it, it was part of a pre-revolutionary uprising in Europe with the French and Greek working class. It settled an internationalist leap in the program for the unity of the workers across Europe as the workers of Dacia-Renault cried "we want the same wage as the Renault workers in France". The Stalinist trade union bureaucracies, the "anticapitalist" of words and enemies of socialism in the facts came to drown this revolutionary program posed by the masses in their fights.

Already in 2015 huge mass demonstrations in Romania overthrew the government of Victor Ponta, also from the Social Democratic Party, after the fire in a disco in Bucarest killed 64 young men and women. This was allowed by the government then, as much as corrupt as the one of today. Corruption continues to be under the control of these bourgeois gangs that administrate -as lackeys- the imperialist plunder in the former workers states.

Now, the Romanian masses already have learnt in the mass political struggle. They have gained trust in their forces to confront the lackey governments of IMF, EU and NATO. **They have learnt that the governments can be removed by the people whenever they want. Further, they have learnt that the most minimum demand can only be achieved by defeating and demolishing the government and the state of the oppressors.**

**NOW, THE MASSES WON'T RETURN THO THEIR HOMES UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT FALLS! EVERYBODY**



**OUT! NO ONE MUST REMAIN! EXPROPRIATION OF THE BANKS AND ALL THE PROPERTIES OF IMPERIALISM WHICH PLUNDERS ROMANIA AND ENSLAVES THE WORKING CLASS, WITHOUT COMPENSATION! IMMEDIATE IMPOUND ALL THE PROPERTIES OF THE ROMANIAN OLIGARCHY WHICH WERE STOLEN TO THE PEOPLE SINCE 1989! OUT WITH IMPERIALISM AND HIS PREDATORY GANGS AND IMF! NO PAYMENT OF THE FOREIGN DEBT WITH WHICH IMPERIALISM SUCKS THE VEINS OF EASTERN EUROPE AS WELL AS THE COLONIAL AND SEMICOLONIAL WORLD!**

**EXPROPRIATION OF THE BIG LAND EXTENSIONS THAT THE ROMANIAN OLIGARCHY HAS STOLEN TOGETHER WITH THE IMPERIALIST OF MAASTRICHT EUROPE! NATIONALIZATION WITHOUT COMPENSATION OF THE BANKING SYSTEM, TO END WITH THE USURY ON THE SMALL PEASANT AND RE-OPENS THE WAY FOR THE COLLECTIVIZATION OF THE LAND, FOR ROMANIA TO PRODUCE FOOD TO SUPPLY ALL THE WORKERS IN EUROPE!**

The most needed demands of the masses, like a decent wages or work for all can be conquered re-taking the war cry "we want the same wage as the French workers", but now we should add "fight together with them for getting 35 hours of work a week for all"

The political fight of the Romanian masses once again places at the order of the day the slogan "fight as in Egypt" as hundreds of

thousands occupy the squares all across the country. Plaza Victoria has transformed into Tahrir Square of El Cairo, as the Republic Square in Paris transformed into the Commune Square and Puerta del Sol in Madrid transformed into the Square of the Indignados (outraged).

The working class in Eastern Europe, such as in Russia, before the chaos they are suffering as a result of the capitalist bankruptcy, recognizes its former gains. **The fight for the workers councils is the task of the moment, to expropriate the capitalists and defeat their governments.**

DOWN WITH PRIME MINISTER GRINDEANU AND PRESIDENT IHOANNIS! IMMEDIATE DISSOLVE THE FAKE PARLIAMENT, THE NOTARY OFFICE OF MAASTRICHT EUROPE! OUT WITH NATO AND THEIR SERVANTS LACKEY ROMANIAN GENERALS! DISARM THE POLICE AND THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ROMANIAN OFFICERS CASTE BEFORE THEY MASSACRE THE PEOPLE! BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE, LET'S SET UP FACTORY COUNCILS, WORKERS MILITIAS AND SOLDIER COMMITTEES TO MAKE THE TRUE DEMOCRACY OF THE MAJORITY OF THE SUBJUGATED PEOPLE THAT TODAY HAS RISEN!

OUT WITH IMPERIALIST MAASTRICHT AND THEIR PARTNERS OF THE NATIVE OLIGARCHY! FOR THE UNITY OF THE ROMANIAN WORKING CLASS WITH THE WORKERS OF THE IMPERIALIST EUROPE AND THEIR CLASS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE EAST THAT FIGHT IN UKRAINE AND START TO RISE IN THE RUSSIA RULED BY THE MURDERER PUTIN ONLY TO COLLECT THEIR WAGES! FOR THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS IN THEIR REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, FROM PORTUGAL TO THE RUSSIAN STEPPES!

FOR THE REVOLUTION OF THE WORKERS COUNCILS! LET THE REVOLUTIONARY USSR RETURN, WITHOUT STALINIST BUREAUCRATS! LET THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION RETURN!

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# RUSSIA

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## **Putin slaughtered the Syrian exploited on behalf of imperialism and now reinforces its ferocious attack on the working class and the subjugated people in Russia**

***“In the world politics and economy ruled by the imperialist powers, the gangs of Moscow only have room to be gendarme and guardians of the interests of the international finance capital. Only as such they can get their cut of the profits...”***

***The biggest fear imperialism and the counterrevolutionary gangs of Russia have is that the soviet revolutionary masses take over the Winter Palace again”***

A major part of the treacherous left and Stalinism in particular make huge efforts to present Putin as a “friend” of the exploited of the world when he is actually a minion of imperialism. However their fallacies are very far away from reality.

Each time imperialism requested his services to slaughter the masses, this murderer from the former KGB has been always ready for it. In Chechnya, he exterminated every men over age 10 for the sole “crime” of rising for the right to national self-determination. He invaded Georgia, North and South Ossetia; he filled with military bases the former soviet republics that got independence from Russia, such as Moldavia, South Ossetia, Belorussia, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan and Ukraine.

Imperialism assigned the former Stalinist bureaucrats (now turned into bourgeoisie and capitalist restoration governments) to play the role of discipline, subordinate and crush the masses in the former workers states. The cynic ruthless counterrevolutionary role of the new Russian bourgeoisie that rose since the 90's with the capitalist restoration is not new. Previously, in the 90's, this bourgeoisie was proved in the Balkans with the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia, where they supported Milosevic the genocidal, the president of the “Great Serbia”, also from the kidney of the former bureaucracy. He was used by imperialism to suffocate and discipline all the uprisings for national independence of the

nations that the “Great Serbia” subjugated and he made genocide in Bosnia. After that genocide in Bosnia, when this butcher of the Balkans wanted to take over the small nation Kosovo by exterminating the masses and making an exodus of thousands of exploited, NATO intervened to impose discipline on its guardian dog by bombing and plunging it in destruction, suffocating the masses of the region in a bloodbath. Yugoslavia was later shared among the different imperialist powers. Germany took over Croatia and Slovenia. France kept a big share of the business deals of Serbia. USA kept Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Bosnia. The IMF is the creditor of them all. The “Great Russia”, dressed as “anti-imperialist” by the renegades of Marxism, did not take a single inch from the Balkans. Imperialism “thanked Milosevic for his services” and just in case he thought about advancing half a meter, imperialism took Milosevic to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where he was judged and sentenced as war criminal.

That's the role in world politics and economy imperialism reserves for Moscow gangs: TO BE A GENDARME AND SLAUGHTER IN ALL THE AREAS OF FORMER USSR, BUT NOT KEEP AN INCH OF LAND AS SPHERES OF INFLUENCE. THIS IS HOW IT HAS BEEN AND HOW IT IS.

Putin also intervened in Ukraine as a gendarme. He posed of being “confronted to imperialism” when

he supported the pro-US government of Janukovic, an oligarch who is a junior partner of its business deals and kicked out by the Ukrainian masses, after selling out Ukraine to the IMF with its hands and feet tied. Putin signed with imperialism the Minsk agreement with which they besieged the revolutionary Donbass, while recognizing the fascist government of Kiev. It is thus clear that imperialism and its guardian in the region threatened the unity of the working class in Ukraine and the war cry of "let the USSR return" in a Soviet Ukraine.

**Putin's role as gendarme and hit man of imperialism is the guardian of the transnational companies and the finance capital in Caucasus nations and Eurasia.** When Zionism failed and 2011 revolutions broke out in Maghreb and Middle East and the imperialist devices of control in the region fell, **imperialism relied on Putin for him to support Assad as he was falling in Damascus as besieged from the revolution in Syria in 2015.** The Russian air force, together with Al Assad slaughtered and ended up destroying the most important cities in Syria. Putin the butcher proved to be a good gendarme of the Muslim nations of former USSR such as Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, etc with the threat of his bayonets and together with the new national oligarchies allied to the «Great Russian» bourgeoisie. All of them are discipline by 150.000 marines that USA has in Afghanistan. They not only control that country but the whole route of opium in the region, particularly the Muslim masses.

Putin's gang not only plays the role of gendarme and hit man in the region. **In the first place, he and his Bonapartist counterrevolutionary government are the guardians of the business deals of French-German and US imperialism in Russia. He is**

**just a junior partner of the imperialist powers. Putin is the jail guard of the Russian (former USSR) working class that made one of the biggest revolutions in history in October 1917 defeating capitalism.** Putin is the "first shield of NATO" (although he has big contradictions with NATO and imperialism) to smash the Russian masses if they think to set up again soviets and the councils of workers, soldiers and peasants once again. Imperialism and Putin himself fear this prospect. That's why even imperialism will want in the first place to disarm his hitman from any nuclear weaponry, not because they fear Putin which will never fire on imperialism not even fireworks. It is mostly due to the panic that the masses take over power. Imperialism knows it must control the Russian military industrial apparatus directly, throughout copyrights of transnational companies or with generals. Such a military power cannot fall on the hands of a new red army. Putin uses military technology inherited from the USSR to negotiate his location and part of the business deals with imperialism. But on the long term and historically, he needs to disarm it. That's what NATO advance in Ukraine is about. That's what NATO bases in Lithuania, Estonia, Poland is about. That's what the embargo on the Russian oligarchy is about. And that is also why Putin doesn't get a piece of Syria as it happened yesterday in the Balkans. The destiny of Putin's Russia is the Balkans. The fate of the "Great Russia" is that of the countries it subjugates. That's what imperialism has prepared for it.

The policy of imperialism is to penetrate in Russia by economic and financial means. Citibank, American Express and Visa handle the Russian banking and financial circuit. BASF owns 50% of Gazprom, which supplies gas to Europe and is one of the biggest of the world.

Imperialism pushes to colonize Russia more and more and must force and blackmail the Russian oligarchy to surrender. It has expropriated the Russian oligarchy all its funds abroad, which is the sum of 300 thousand dollars and still hasn't returned it. Meanwhile, imperialism uses Putin and the Russian oligarchy as hitman and bodyguard, as we see in Ukraine, Syria and mostly Afghanistan. USA knows that if it withdraws from Afghanistan due to a new revolutionary assault of the masses of the region or because of the struggle of US masses, it has a guardian dog already proved in Syria ready to massacre



Russian troops in Syria

in Kabul.

**Russia is a transitional capitalist country, which depends on the world economy, the finances and politics of imperialism. It increasingly besieges Russia because they want to colonize it. But in the meantime it needs the counterrevolutionary forces for them to keep the masses in Eurasia and Romania aside.**

Imperialism needs Putin as gendarme and hit man, as a bodyguard, but not as an associate. Even the minor imperialist partners of USA, Germany, France, England were brought down to their knees. There are too many imperialist powers.

Russia and China emerge as new capitalist countries since 1989, in a world already partitioned by war and with spheres of influence totally subordinated by several imperialist gangs. Undoubtedly, these contradictions will be solved with huge convulsions, revolutions, counterrevolutions and wars.

The same thing happens with China. First, Obama besieged it with a free trade agreement with 14 countries in the Pacific. It did not turn out as China started a negotiation and a trading agreement with Europe, even with a new infrastructure for the traffic of commodities from Beijing to London. Now Trump came and kicked the door. He blackmails and threatens US transnational companies will withdraw from China and USA will close his domestic market (the biggest one in the world) only to its products, and to increase US economy productivity of labour to make China surrender and put it down on its knees to make China give USA the state profitable companies and most of the shares of the Chinese banks. The bankrupt international finance capital controls new markets, each time with fewer intermediaries. Ultimately, the dispute is between USA and Germany, that is to say, with Maastricht imperialist Europe, to see which imperialist power keeps colonizing Russia and China. That is what the commercial war that has started is about.

***After defeating the Syrian revolution, Moscow gangs will increase their Bonapartist counterrevolutionary turn in Russia and in the nations it subjugates inside it***

**Tens of subjugated republics did not get the independence from the "Great Russia" in 1989**

**with the fall of USSR and now they are inside it, subjugated. After the defeat of the Syrian revolution and with the strengthening of Moscow gangs, the national oppression and the terror regime over those nations has exacerbated.**

The cruel lies and deceptions that scattered all the treacherous leaderships of the world proletariat asserting that the rebel masses of Syria were nothing but "terrorists", "jihadists" and "agents of imperialism" gave green light to the fascist Al Assad and the criminal Putin to exterminate over 600,000 exploited and devastate entire towns and villages, without the masses and the Russian proletariat rising and paralyzing the machinery of war to prevent this carnage. The "Great Russian" oligarchy had already proved itself to be an expert on genocides such as Chechnya and Bosnia, among other massacres it consummated on behalf of the imperialist powers.

Putin can play this role because he keeps the proletariat and the exploited Russians under his boot with a regime of terror. This assassin for imperialism was thus able to emerge victorious and strengthened from the massacre in Syria, and this strength is now turned to redouble the subjection and oppression against his own people and the small nations that "Great Russia" oppresses.

**It is more than clear that Putin and the Moscow gangs showed as "allies of the peoples of the world", as we said before, never shot a single bullet against imperialism. Not even against Turkey which downed a Russian airplane, while Putin looked astonished. Nor against the Yankees and European imperialisms, which froze his accounts and the ones of the Russian oligarchy. Moreover, when Ukraine was in default, suffocated by the IMF's usurious debt, Putin offered to give a loan to his friend Janukovich (the president back then), to fulfill his "payment obligations." We insist: not a single ammunition or attacks of these genocides and massacres were directed against imperialism; they were always against workers and poor people.**

Putin has proved to be a "brave" butcher against the masses, and a lapdog and cuddly puppet of imperialism, who does all the dirty work of drowning revolutions for bread in blood.

The strengthening of the Russian bourgeoisie in Syria is also paid by the Russian masses with more starvation, misery and repression.

Russian economy is suffering the blows of the new round of the world bankruptcy that made the prices of commodities and raw materials -fictitiously inflated- to fall. Over 50% of its income comes from the looting of its gas and its oil.

To make things worse, imperialism presses on Russia embargoing individuals and companies for billions of dollars. In this way imperialism makes sure that his assassin Putin exemplarily carries out the "dirty work" he was assigned to massacre the Syrian revolution, to act as a gendarme in the Eurasian region, and to submit and surrender the Ukrainian revolution in the Donbass.

**The answer of Putin has been to launch the crisis costs on the exploited masses.** At the end of 2015 and beginning 2016 **the value of Ruble** (Russian currency) **dropped 50% in days, thus, capitalists took for themselves half of the salary of workers.** Millions of Russians found themselves below the datum poverty line (41% don't have enough money to buy clothes and food) and the economic breach got bigger. The official level of poverty is 16%, although it is estimated that among the 30% and 50% of the Russian people are at risk of poverty. Only 1% of the people have 71% of the private assets.

**Thousands of workers have lost their jobs and those "luckily" employed are not paid their salaries.** For example, in the Russian Donbass, bosses have not paid salary for months to 70.000 workers: the debt is about 57 million dollars. The most affected workers are those in manufacturing and construction. This is the case of the mine KingCoal (coal mine) in Gurlovko city (province of Rostov in the Russian Donbass). Since last year, they went on hunger strike, carried out stoppages, and demos demanding the salary payment without obtaining any response. Far from being "the great power ousting USA" as the bourgeois analysts and the spokespersons of the Left currents say, the Russian workers suffer like in Zimbabwe, one of the poorest countries in the world where they don't have even a miserable salary.

But what happens if workers want to demand what belongs to them? Putin regime is ready to criminalize, put in jail and brutally repress those who dare to do so. If a person carries a banner on the streets, he can be fined for it or sentenced to prison. A demonstration with more than one protester must be authorized, if not protesters can receive a fine equivalent to 2 years of

salary or sentenced to days in prison or forced works; and if he does it again: 5 years of jail. The "incitements" to the disorder called from the social media are also fined!

### The terror regime of the Moscow oligarchy gets deepened

The most exploited sectors of the working class experience the regime of terror of Putin and his clique of oligarchies. Recently, they approved a law where to blow a woman, children or parents once a year will not be considered a crime. The law will punish the offenders only when the violence is a recurrent event but woman should prove it before the court since the justice will not litigate ex-officio as regards domestic violence cases. Every day, 36.000 women and 26.000 children in Russia suffer domestic violence. 12.000 women are killed every year by their partner: a woman per 40 minutes. 2.000 children commit suicide per year and 10.000 ran away from their families. 40% of all the violent crimes in the Russian courts are cases of domestic violence. 97% of the cases related to domestic violence in Russia don't reach courts; the victims know that none "justice" will come from police, judges and the bourgeois state. The parliament voted 385-2 to decriminalize domestic violence. The Duma has 450 members of the parliament with 42 belonging to the Russian Communist Party. They rejected the law, but shamelessly presented a proposal of not removing the penalties on the aggressions on children or pregnant women. These "communists" are the biggest supporters and those who make the butcher Putin pretty as well as the reactionary regime. The partners of the Russian CP in Europe are those who sent hit men of the European Communist Party under the name of "anti-fascist international brigades" that killed and murdered from the back all the fighters of the resistance of Donbass that refused to obey Minsk agreement in Ukraine, which prevents the masses of Donbass to unite themselves with the working class of Kyiv and smash fascism there. These "internationalists" of the European CP are those who smashed and dissolved from inside the "Phantom Brigade" of the miners of Donbass, that made imperialism and Kyiv government to terrify, marched to pay tribute to the fascist Al Assad in Syria. That's what the role of the Russian Communist Party is about, it is the biggest supporter and partner of the oligarchy of Moscow.

It is not rare that the legalization of violence against women is supported by the reactionary Russian orthodox church to which Putin just gave the properties expropriated by the people during October Revolution back.

It is no surprise that this law is voted by those who committed the biggest femicide in the last years and a massacre of children in the rebel Syria. The majority of martyrs as well as those who most suffer from the crimes of these criminals is women and children.



**This is the Russian “democracy”:** a true regime of terror of the hit man Putin and the oligarchs. This is the “antiimperialist” Putin to which Stalinism and the renegades of Trotskyism want to present as allies of the masses: the slaughterer of the Syrian masses, the undertaker of the Ukrainian revolution, the one that crushes the Russian working class under his jackboot and the gendarme of imperialism in Eurasia. The Communist Party is the founder of the white Russia of the oligarchs. From its kidney and insides these ferocious thieves of the people emerged. They are those who kept the factories, the lands, the rubles that belong to the exploited, the bloodiest repressor. Today, the Communist Party stays as the “leftist” support of the Bonapartist government of Putin and is his most loyal ally in the biggest outrages on the working class inside and outside Russia.

**Let the USSR return, without Stalinist bureaucrats traitors!** As we saw, the oligarchy of Moscow and its counterrevolutionary terror government is the first device of imperialism in Eurasia to prevent the Russian working class to stand up again and heads a new revolution as those of the twentieth century. Imperialism and the bourgeois gangs of Moscow know that every serious revolutionary uprising of the Russian masses directly poses again the struggle for the expropriation of the capitalists. They promised the masses of the former workers states a better future if USSR falls... a future as in Germany, France or USA and they have put the exploited in Russia and the entire Eastern Europe in the living conditions of Africa,

**Latin America and the semi colonial world. The bourgeoisie knows that the Russian working class, with a new revolutionary uprising will start from the historic experience, which is to expropriate the capitalists, the socialist revolution. “Let the USSR return”, as the slogan of the Ukrainian masses when they entered into the fight DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY MISS THE OLD STALINIST BUREAUCRACY THAT SOLD OUT THE WORKERS STATES BUT THEY WANT TO RECOVER WORK, WAGES AND DIGNITY THAT THEY HAD CONQUERED WITH THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION.**

In a process of mass offensive against the bourgeois gangs of Moscow, the task of restoring the proletarian dictatorship but in revolutionary ways will be posed as an immediate task and will represent a leap forward in the anti-capitalist consciousness. A workers uprising in Russia will turn on the meadows of Eastern Europe, which is plundered by the imperialist powers with maquilas, finance strangling and NATO guns. Moscow gangs are aware of this situation and their role as a gendarme of imperialism in Eurasia, which they want to highlight before the imperialist gangs with which they clash and negotiate a bigger share of the business deals. This allows them also to do an “empty hand” demagogy with the middle classes and sectors of the masses, denouncing “an attack of the western powers against Russia” and developed nationalist chauvinism, a false national defense over which they are based to militarily control the working class in its own country and the nations they subjugate inside Russia. The whole reformist world left and the renegades of Trotskyism were riding the coat tails of Stalinism

when the USSR fell. In Russia they supported Gorbachev and the capitalist restoration. They turn a blind eye and want to hide that with the capitalist restoration, imperialism conquered in Russia a new counterrevolutionary gendarme. The European social imperialist left as Podemos, Syriza and the "real democracy" movement of "citizens" speak about democratizing Maastricht and silence the openly counterrevolutionary regimes of Eastern Europe, particularly Russia. The social-imperialist democrats in Maastricht Europe are there to cover the back on Putin in Eastern Europe, as they did in Ukraine and Syria, supporting the Minsk Agreement in the first case and the mass bombings in the last case. The so called "anticapitalists", the renegades of Trotskyism, are strange "anticapitalist" that don't want and don't let the masses in Eastern Europe and Russia to go back through the footsteps of the socialist revolution and the expropriation of capitalists. Further, all of them poison the masses of the world in their consciousness so they condemn the socialist revolutions that occurred in the 20th century, even the workers that expropriated the capitalists. They are posers, servants of imperialism that want to make the huge gains that meant the expropriation of the capitalists in those countries as if the Stalinist bureaucracy had done those expropriations and not the revolutionary masses. As Trotsky said, the expropriation of the capitalists is the only thing that they cannot stand. They will go to war, counterrevolution and of course buying off the bureaucracy as an restoration agent inside the working class. That's why the Trotskyists that fight for the refoundation of the Fourth International that fight for the socialist revolution, for the destruction of the bourgeois states, we take as our own the war cry of the masses in Eastern Europe: "Let the USSR return, without Stalinist bureaucrats or traitors that sold it out". Down with Putin's autocracy and his oligarchy, the heirs of the treacherous Communist Party of Stalin, Yeltsin and Gorbachev! Down with the dictatorship of Putin and his semi-fascist party "United Russia", supported by his appendix the Russian Communist Party, the one that sold out the USSR! Full rights for organizations, to have meetings and to go on strike! For the right of self determination of the nations that are subjugated by the Big Russia, on behalf of imperialism! Dissolve the murderous officer's caste, the ones commanded by imperialism that

crush the subjugated people as in Syria! The Russian working class needs to get back on its feet, with its unions and revolutionary soviets of workers and red soldiers as in 1917 October revolution! For the working class to eat: Expropriation without compensation of all the capitalists, companies and imperialist Banks such as Citibank, German company BASF, the high tech companies of Silicon Valley that are in Moscow! Recover, re-stateize without compensation gas, oil and minerals and place them under workers control! Take them away from the Russian oligarchy and the imperialist oil transnational companies! Impound all the imperialist companies that have occupied and control key branches of production in the Russian industry! Re-stateization and collectivization of the land under the workers in the farms and the cities! Immediate impound of the assets of the parasitic oligarchy and Russian bankers which in 1989 as leaders of the Stalinist camarilla of the Communist Party stole away the wealth of the people and sold out the workers states to Reagan, Thatcher and Citibank! The slogan is "BREAD, LAND AND DISARM THE COUNTERREVOLUTION OF MOSCOW GANGS, AS WELL AS NATO AND IMPERIALISM!" **100 years after the October Revolution, the workers are called to once again fulfill a historical mission: to start once again the path of the socialist revolution and to become a stronghold and the advanced of the European working class. Open the road for the workers and soldiers councils!** Today, the Russian workers have a key role and an internationalist task of vital importance such as the working class in USA and the imperialist Europe has: to paralyze the war machine of Putin, the hit man of imperialism. Let the military bases and the murderous troops of the Great Russia out of Syria, Ukraine and Eurasia! Down with the counterrevolutionary pacts of imperialism with Putin the butcher! Those are pacts of massacre, subordination of the revolutionary Ukraine and Syria! Crimea is for Ukraine and the resistance of Donbass, Tartus is for the rebel forces of the tormented Syria! **From Portugal to the Russian steppes, one single working class, one single revolution. For the Socialist United States of Europe!**

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# RUSSIA

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Elections in Russia 2018...

***With a 61% turnout to the polls  
Putin and his 7 friends ran as candidates***

***A true farce and a scandalous electoral fraud***

**The gendarme of the subjugated people of Eurasia and the killer of the Syrian masses on behalf of imperialism wants to put some makeup on its government and counterrevolutionary regime**

This is what happened in the last elections of March 18th. There were 3 candidates from the old Stalinist nomenclature, which today has become the sumptuous Russian oligarchy.

Those 3 candidates were: Putin, the former boss of KGB; Pavel Grudinin, also known as "the king of strawberry" because of its farming businesses, who ran as candidate of the official Communist Party (who got 11,77% of the votes) and Maxim Suraikin from the dissident Communist Party (which got 0.68%) who took over a high tech company when Stalinism sold out the former USSR to imperialism at gunpoint. Putin "competed" also "against" the candidate of his current party, United Russia, as he ran as an independent candidate, in order to get rid of all the charges of corruption of that party full of corrupted and expropriators of the people that have been managing the business deals of the oligarchy and imperialism in "the Great Russia". In this fraud, there were also 4 candidates that did not surpass 0.1% of the votes. They were "Great Russian" ultra-nationalists that competed to see who the best supporter of general Putin's saber was, bearing in mind that Putin is the murderer of the nations that the "Great Russia" subjugates and the gendarme of the EU and USA for Eurasia and Middle East.

The so-called "independent candidate", Navalny, accused of corruption, was banned from elections



**The genocides Putin and Bashar Al Assad**

because he was critical to Putin. They were preventing gaps from being opened, as throughout those gaps the hatred of the masses against the opprobrium, oppression and plundering regime could pass through. This already happened when Navalny was arrested and thousands took to the streets to fight for democratic elementary freedoms in a "Great Russia" where the law forbids to go on strike or to fight for any national right of the subjugated peoples, and it even forbids four people marching together, or even one person rises a sign on a certain street. These are punished by law.

This is the infamous Bonapartist regime of the murderer Putin, supported by the European Left Party, by all the Communist Parties in Europe and the world, which have become direct agents of imperialism, by the "re-newers" Syriza and

Podemos. They are camouflaged by a large share of the renegades of Trotskysim, which wash the hands of their massacre in Syria. With this true election fraud they try to give credit to the coward murderer lackey that gave away Ukraine for the IMF and NATO. Previously, when his oligarch partner Yanukovich was president of Ukraine, they had already sold out Ukraine to IMF plundering, a fierce exploitation of the Ukrainian workers movement. For those workers to survive they had to go away (nearly a third left) to work as slaves of the European Union season. This was an election fraud of a regime and a government that subjugate nations. The counterrevolutionary government that can openly massacre in Syria today, with the confidence of imperialism, is because it was tested yesterday killing 4 million Chechens that rose against the "great Russian" oppression.

What happened in March 18th elections was a fraud, a lie and a deception to support the guns with which the new multi-millionaire oligarchy, linked to world imperialism throughout thousands of economical, political and military connections, keeps the Russian proletariat under its jackboot so they never "dare" again to storm the heavens.

The results of the elections were already predicted months before they happened. Every bourgeois election is a deception to the workers and the poor people, because it's an attempt to sweetener and cover the fiercest capital dictatorship. However, this election in Russia didn't even have any sweetener. Putin ran as a candidate along with his partners under a terror regime, that cannot allow the smallest democratic liberty (therefore it has Bonapartist form), because on those liberties some gaps could be opened, and the rage of millions of Russian exploited and of those nationalities that the "Great Russia" oppresses could erupt. The seven candidates who followed Putin could perfectly be members of the same electoral list and the same ballot papers.

Putin has received immediately the greetings and appreciation of all presidents in the world, and, of course, in the first place, those of the imperialist countries. His friend, Trump, greeted him in a low voice; as they were trying to stop the businesses that they have in common from being known as well as those which are being prepared by the US industrial-military apparatus companies with Putin and his businesses selling armament. The former boss of the KGB brags about his 76.69%, a percentage even bigger than on the previous elections on 2012 (63.60%). Under the conditions of this electoral fraud, this cannot be different, because it was logical for the real Putin to be the one who gets Putin's votes. Merkel's German government recognized Putin's

victory and congratulated him, even that this results were already anticipated; the genocidal Assad; the starvation government of Maduro; the restorer of capitalism, servant of the US imperialism, and counterrevolutionary agent in Latin America, Raúl Castro; as also Xi Jinping, leader of the red mandarins, murders of Tiananmen, that under the transnationals companies and the imperialism command, transformed Beijing in the city which has the most multimillionaires in the world.

Just to mention one more element about this fraud and this electoral deception, millions of workers were forced to go voting, under the bayonets of the National Guard, the same one that was in charge of controlling the results of the ballot boxes. Even Hitler would be jealous of this "democratic" regime that preserves the terror of the old KGB and the old counterrevolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy, and all the filthiness of capitalism and the new oligarchy, crushing, looting and consuming until the last drop of the working class and the oppressed nation's blood today.

The government of the "great  
russian" oligarchs is based in an  
armoured regimen

We insist in how the 8 candidates who contested the elections were all Putin. Because they are all linked with thousands business, robberies and thefts in the "Great Russia", under the leadership of the family of oligarchs associated to the world imperialism and who have come from the old naming of the former counterrevolutionary stalinist bureaucrats. They kept all the factories, banks and lands of the former USSR. Every loophole or minimally democratic opening would mean the irruption of the working class that in order to tell the truth, subjected to a terrible and brutal exploitation, each time more distinguishes those who openly stole the wealth of the former USSR, associated with world imperialism, with whose companies share the looting of gas, oil, finance and industrial-military apparatus "Great Russian". An oligarchy totally subjugated and imbricated with the imperialist banking. In Frankfurt, in London, on Wall Street, in Cyprus and in the Bahamas there is 80% of the gold, dollars and euros that the "Great Russian" oligarchy have been stolen since the year '89 as the heiress of the Stalinist bureaucracy that sold out the USSR to imperialism. So imbricated are the "8 Putin" with the oligarchy that there was not a single candidate who was really "opposition" to Putin. Who wanted to pose as an opponent and channel the immense hatred that the masses expressed in mass mobilizations during 2017 (since, as we said, Navalny, the bourgeois who fulfilled that role and could really be the opposition was not even allow to set his candidacy) was Ksenia Sobchak, who obtained 1.68%. This journalist based her election campaign on the

slogan “against everyone”, but this was not credible. She is the daughter of Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor of St. Petersburg who set Putin in politics. His father was Putin’s mentor and at the same time the political chief of Dmitry Medvedev, Gorbachev’s presidential consultant, when he started the USSR’s surrender to the Anglo-American imperialism of Reagan and Thatcher in the mid-1980s. Anatoli Sobchak was also a parliamentary partner of Yeltsin (who in 1989-1991 snatched the power of the USSR in a palace coup) and then president of the Constituent Assembly of ‘93 which instituted that prison for workers, poor peasants and nationalities oppressed which is the Russian Federation today.

They are all from the same kidney: they all come from the Stalinist counterrevolutionary nomenclature and they are the ones who sold out the USSR and they became a new bourgeoisie tied with thousands of businesses with imperialism.

**As we have already said, as if this were not enough, the climate in which the elections took place is far from the “democracy” that the communist parties and their ex-Trotskyists bakers want to show. As we said, during 2017 there were massive mobilizations declared “illegal” where hundreds of people were imprisoned and repressed. The regime was armed with its National Guard preparing for any uprising in Russia. It is that in the “democratic paradise of Putin” according to the report CreditSuisse Global WealthReport 2016, 1% of the population of Russia is in possession of 74.5% of the national wealth and there are 20.3 million people under the poverty threshold (13.9% of the population).** They are people whose monthly income is below the minimum to be able to subsist (currently corresponds to 9,889 rubles or 158 euros); thousands of workers do not receive their salary and are condemned to hunger and indebtedness due to unpayable credits.

This abominable regime of bloody exploiters is wanted to be passed as “friend of the people” when they are those who massacre in Syria and are those who imposed that the miners of Donbass in Ukraine submit to their partners, the oligarchs of that country. Thus they prevented the unity of the Ukrainian working class so that the shout of the revolutionary miners who revolted by claiming “We want the return of the USSR!” will not triumph. The big ones interested in crushing the revolution and even leaving Ukraine were not only NATO, but also Putin and

the Russian oligarchy. Is that to triumph the cry of “We want the return of the USSR!” would mean that all of them lose their heads as yesterday happened to the Tsars and not to mention the property, land and companies that they robbed to the working class.

That is why for the imperialism it is indispensable the role played by this counterrevolutionary regime and the Russian oligarchy, whose life depends on keep under its boots and bayonets the Russian working class and all the oppressing people. This is the material basis of this assassin who today openly slaughters the masses in Syria. As we stated in the advancement of book *Ukraine in civil war*, this counterrevolutionary gendarme takes good care of nuclear weapons and the Russian industrial-military apparatus, inherited from the USSR, so that they do not fall into the hands of revolutionary attacks of the masses.

Meanwhile, imperialism is bankrupt in the middle of the open trade war between the different imperialist gangs like the EU, Japan, England and the US that is on the offensive, threatens more and more to throw all its crisis to Putin’s Russia. Keeping directly with the business of oil, gas and its industrial-military apparatus is a precious treasure that the imperialist gangs want for themselves without intermediaries and that they are already openly disputing, as we also develop in the advancement of the book.

Imperialism, which ordered Al Assad and Putin to do the “dirty work” of massacring in Syria, knows perfectly well that Russia is eaten away by a huge capital flight and by huge expenditures of the state apparatus, which have been further exacerbated by the expenses of the war in Syria, beyond the business that Putin hopes to do with the sale of arms. The devaluation of the ruble and the huge part of the profits that the imperialism takes from the oil and gas, where its companies are partners in the plundering of Russia, push more and more to a brake on economic growth and prepare new leaps



Putin with Trump



**Genocide against the syrian people**

in the Russian crisis, which is expressed in a huge deficit and payment crisis of the state. Hundreds and thousands of companies, friends of Putin and his gang, are fictitiously supported by the state, which threatens to go bankrupt. The delay in the payment of health workers, education and public services becomes to one year and in the best case, they pay them in installments.

The Putin government hopes to get a break to deepen its offensive against the masses. It is a Bonapartism of "empty hands". The fight for land and bread is again the motor of struggle of the Russian working class. When they take to the streets to fight "against corruption" they are facing just this: the huge theft that the gangs of the former Stalinist bureaucracy made against the people, keeping all the companies and lands, either under the state orbit (managing business) or private, filling their pockets with theft to the people. Every Russian worker and exploited knows that the oligarchs did not make these enormous riches "working", much less: they distributed as hyenas the goods of the Soviet state while they sold out the USSR to imperialism. That is why all the fight against "corruption" in the former workers states is different from what it can be in any other country in the world: it is a fight against the traitors of the PC turned into oligarchs and their restorative regime.

The electoral fraud was nothing more than a smokescreen that quickly dissipates. As we saw in the last months, prior to the elections, the opposition Navalny called for the boycott of the elections. At each rally or meeting the repression was felt and there were 240 detainees. They even sentenced one of the protesters against Medvedev (Russian Prime Minister) to 25 days in prison for having shown a rubber duck through the window (in reference to the garden that Medvedev has in one of his mansions where he has a lake full of ducks). Another protester was also convicted for having participated in a public assembly ... and the cases multiply. Being an opponent of the regime in Russia means persecution and jail.

It is because while Putin shows himself as the victor, massacring the Syrian masses on account of imperialism, the children and women who still subsist in the resistance, besieged by the bombs of the regime of Bashar the dog and his friend Putin; more and more, the regime was bonapartised within Russia and the nations that it oppresses; and more imperialist powers squeeze and extort Putin to continue fulfilling his role as gendarme. This is how, with the excuse of the poisoning of former spy Sergei Skripal in England, the USA and 20 other countries have expelled a hundred Russian diplomats, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, etc. And all continue to demand the return of Crimea and maintain the embargo of the accounts of Russian magnates. More and more imperialism corners Putin, more and more he must fulfill his role as gendarme and murderer of Eurasia, and more and more to attack his own people. What hypocrisy is that of imperialism! From London, Frankfurt and Washington mourn the death of a former spy of Putin, while applauding and agreeing to the massacre and genocide in Syria.

**Out with Putin, repressor of the workers in Russia and assasin and gendarme on account of imperialism in Eurasia!**

**Down with the counterrevolutionary pacts of Geneva, Astana and Minsk, with wich the imperialist powers, Putin and the native bourgeoisies drown the Syrian and Ukrainian revolution in blood! Out with Assad, Russia, Turkey, the US and all the invading Syrian troops! Out with Putin from Crimea; Crimea is from Ukraine!**

**The Russian workers and exploited are the ones who can move Russia from its foundations and conquer all its demands by taking up the war slogan of the workers of the Ukrainian Donbass: Let the USSR return without Stalinist bureaucrats or those who sold out socialism!**

**For the right to self-determination for nations oppressed by the "great Russia"!**

**Open the road to the workers and soldiers councils! For the seizure and nationalization without payment of all property, businesses and land stolen to the workers by Putin, his gang and all the former counterrevolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy!**

**For the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary forms in all the former workers states!**

**For the Socialist United States of Europe from Portugal to the Russian steppes!**

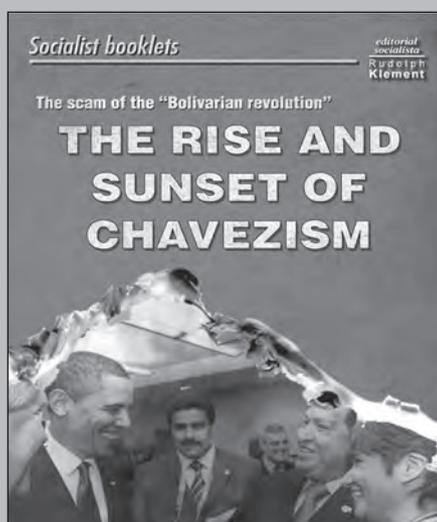
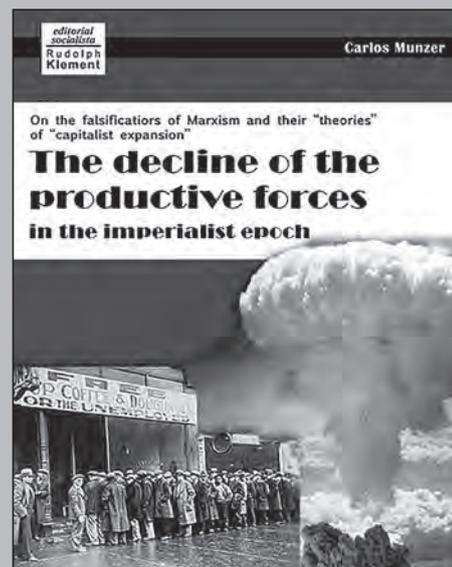
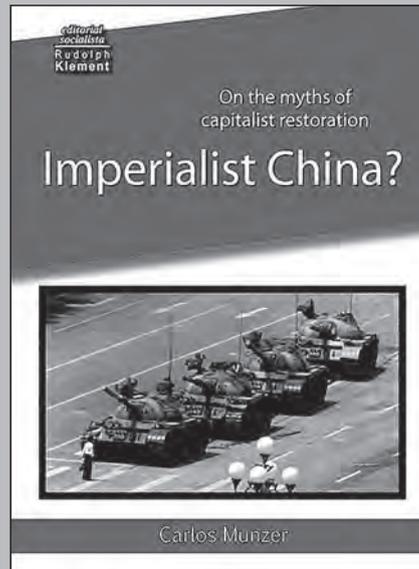
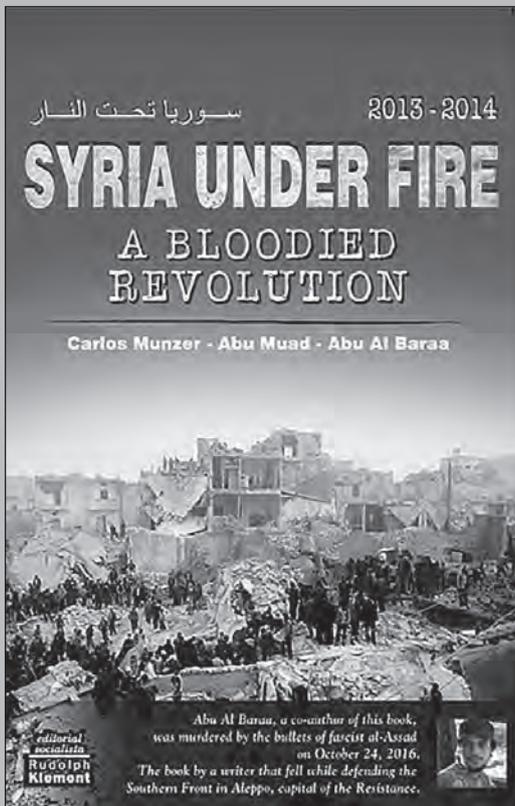
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