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It is now clear that the great Greek capital in bankruptcy is a junior partner of Maastricht and the IMF in the bankruptcy of Greece... In its puppet parliament all of them together voted for a true confiscation of the peoples' pockets

DOWN WITH THE ATTACK BY MERKEL-TSIPRAS AGAINST THE GREEK WORKING CLASS!

This pact is the starting point for a new
imperialist offensive against
the workers in Germany and the entire Europe



Merkel and Tsipras

The spark in Athens now has to set on fire Berlin and the whole continent

EVERYBODY OUT, NO ONE MUST STAY!

FOR THE EUROPEAN WORKING CLASS TO LIVE, IMPERIALIST MAASTRICHT MUST DIE!

FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

Ukraine

**Revolution and Counterrevolution
Heroic resistance of the Donbass miners**

WHITHER GREECE?

We Trotskyists of the FLTI were right. The plebiscite on July 5 was “*a new trap against the Greek workers and suffering masses of exploited*” (Declaration of the FLTI on July 3). There we said: “*both the YES and the NO vote mean that the Greek and European workers will have to pay for the crisis of the bankers and the MNCs*”.

In that same declaration we affirmed: “*The plebiscite is an anti-democratic deception, because this is not about the confrontation of a “working class program” against the “capitalists’ program”. The NO vote of Syriza and the YES vote of Merkel are two politics by the capitalist bandits for the working class to pay for the crisis...*” We also posed: “*The plebiscite is totally antidemocratic and Bonapartist. The workers are given to choose between the flames of Syriza or the hellholes of the EU.*”

What did the FLTI/Committee for the Re-foundation of the Fourth International? For a reckless fight against the trap and the deception to which the Greek working class has been pushed against! Our position was: “***Down with the trap of the plebiscite of Syriza, Merkel and the IMF!***” Let’s the



Demonstration for “NO” in the referendum

power of the working class stand up, as it is real, because it comes long giving battle with 32 general strikes!

Life has just given its verdict. The plebiscite was a trap for taking the masses out of the revolutionary struggles in the streets and preparing worse attacks over their gains.

THE PLEBISCITE: A TRUE ANTIDEMOCRATIC FRAUD

Before the plebiscite, the Greek government had proposed cuts for 8 billion euros as a point of departure for negotiating a new recue to its debt. Then it doubled the bet. It called to a plebiscite that showed to be a true fraud. When the last vote for the NO was still counted, in his meetings with the EU, Merkel and Hollande, Tsipras sat down to “improve his position in the negotiation”.

In his new proposal after the plebiscite Tsipras offered immediately that the cuts be for 13 billion euros. His government proposed reforming the pension system –what allows it to save a 0,5% of the GNP and 1% starting in 2016-; letting the age for retirement go up gradually up to 67 year; slashing the subsidies to the lower pensions; increasing the VAT percentage... Well, Syriza declared it was going to turn “combative” and so it thought about increasing a 2% the taxes on the capitalists... It was a very bad joke, because the Greek ship-owners and their bankers en the HSBC collect their money outside Greece and keep their assets abroad

As we can read in the last news, this plan makes sense if Greece, as a debtor, puts all the state enterprises as collaterals, that is, if it makes a huge mortgage of the whole country. Tsipras would elaborate that it was “the best negotiation we could get”.

Speaking clearly, the plebiscite was an antidemocratic fraud and an ultimatum at the same time. Greeks were obliged to vote either for “YES” or “NO”, that is, for Merkel’s plan or for Syriza’s proposal. That’s the truth. The illusions of the masses about defeating the Troika and Merkel with the “NO” without defeating the pro imperialist bourgeois government of Syriza

was a trap armed by Tsipras and the entire world reformist left.

A plebiscite in the bourgeois regime is totally dictatorial and Bonapartist. It has not even a slight piece of formal bourgeois democracy that could be used to its favor by the workers.

If in the plebiscite people would have had to choose clearly between Merkel’s program and the real Syriza’s proposition with all the measures it implied... **would the workers have voted for the latter? Certainly not!** The plebiscite, as we insisted in our declaration on July 3, was obliging the workers to opt between the hot embers and the boiling oil. Just for that, the plebiscite worked as a trap.

And that was the plebiscite about: preventing the masses from resuming their fighting for the recovery of their gains, preventing them from declaring war to their oppressors, and taking them to deposit all their illusions in that voting for NO they could stop the merciless attack of the capitalists, Merkel, the EU, the IMF... and of the Tsipras Government, a representative of the imperialist bankers in Greece.

The working class can utilize the bourgeois parliaments as a stage for denouncing the enemy and preparing its own battles. Or, as is the case of the freedom of expression, for organizing unions, etc.; but the Bonapartist institutions for domination of the bourgeoisie, as is the justice, the police forces, and in this case, the referenda or plebiscites, cannot be utilized by the workers, because they are antidemocratic, Bonapartist measures or tools (that is, in-

trinsically repressive to the service of the bourgeoisie, NT) even from the point of view of bourgeois formal democracy. **The plebiscite was intimation to the masses, blackmail for them to commit self-murdering.**

The whole discussion between “voting YES” or “voting NO” was a fraud. Tsipras always made clear that the belonging of Greece to the UE was not into question. Today Syriza can say that his proposal was “the maximum he could get in the negotiation”. We insist. All those that collaborated with this trap by Syriza against the masses ought to explain the fraud that

they supported.

The Greek Parliament is just beginning to meet, the fraud of the YES and the NO will soon be exposed. Right wing New Democracy Party and Syriza will vote for the deal between Tsipras and Merkel. If there are too much abstentions or votes against, there will be a new election, a new Parliamentary distraction to channel the indignation of the masses. If not, the officers’ caste of the Greek Army, a member of the NATO, will be coming to put order, if the working class does not prevent them from.

THE PLEBISCITE, WITH THE FALSE CHOICE BETWEEN YES AND NO WAS A TRAP FOR PREVENTING THE REVOLUTIONARY UPRISING OF THE MASSES WHEN GREECE WAS ENTERING DEFAULT AND THE POWERS WERE NEGOTIATING THE RESCUE OF THE NATIONAL DEBT

We must start saying that Syriza called for a plebiscite for strengthening and legitimizing all the institutions of dominion of the exploiting class in Greece, whatever the results between the YES and the NO vote.

The government of Tsipras –coming from repaying 7,5 billion euros of the debt in a common memorandum with Merkel- did not call a plebiscite against itself. Syriza did not call for a plebiscite to be defeated and make its own government fall down. It never intended to weep in case the YES vote was the winner. If that had been the result the politics applied would have been exactly the same to that Tsipras is now applying, which shows that the negotiations in the back room among the capitalist gangs in Europe have never stopped.

With both options, both YES or NO, the bourgeois institutions of domination would be equally legitimized, and this is what they needed amidst the tremendous political crisis that exists in Greece. Moreover, the Parliament is just going to meet to give the deal a final blessing in the form of a law, which will show the fraud committed by the bourgeoisie. Maybe the “left” and “nationalist” wings break with Syriza, voting against it, but there will be an absolute majority of the YES and the NO, imposing the worst sufferings to the masses.

Whoever does not start by saying this is a vulgar charlatan that long ago has stopped to confront the bourgeois state and its institutions.

The plebiscite was called at the last moment by Syriza **for preventing a colossal political crisis and a new revolutionary uprising of the masses in the midst of a possible economic burst.** On 30 June the rescue of the Greek debt was due. Greece was in the brink of defaulting, which would amount to a huge crisis for Europe, its banks and its hedge funds, **and also for the very same Greek bankers and their transnationals, which are entitled to claim 128 billion euros from bankrupt Greece.**

In this situation the way was open for the Greek masses for stopping the attack and interrupting again with their battles by confronting directly the Greek big bankers and parasites. This



would have amounted to go to an inevitable clash with the government of Syriza, which comes applying the same plans of attacking the masses that were applied yesterday by Karamanlis and Papandreou.

Some people want to paint the Greek bourgeoisie as opposite to the vassal treaties proposed by Maastricht’s Europe. Though as it has been demonstrated all these 8 years, all the bourgeois fractions and all their governments closed ranks with the Troika –of which they are part- against the workers. **CAPITALISTS DEFEND THEIR POCKETS, NOT GREECE.** They are who broke Greece and sacked its workers and poor people.

The plebiscite was for distracting through a vile lie and a deception, the perspective of fighting of the exploited against their executioners, the Greek capitalists and their government that submit with treble chains the Greek working class and the ruined petty bourgeoisie to imperialist Maastricht.

The world reformist left tried to use this plebiscite against the Troika. Though, to be sure, the only one that used the plebiscite was the Troika itself for gaining time, with Syriza, and be able to attack violently the masses, as it is happening now. The members of the Troika defended their businesses and the social imperialist left was kind enough not to defend the interests of the working class. It’s because that is not their métier.

THE PLANS OF GERMANY AND USA IN THE BACKROOM, IN FRONT OF GREECE, WHICH HAS LONG DEFAULTED

Greece is a small imperialist country in bankruptcy and decadency. No slightly serious Marxist may hide that Greece was the front detachment in the borders with Eastern Europe and the former USSR, a minor imperialism closely associated to Wall Street and, military speaking, to NATO. This petty imperialist country, when East Europe fell, took the Balkans together with the US imperialists.

Anyway, they want to make us believe that a bourgeois government “defends the fatherland, the (Greek) nation”. This is a lie. Long ago, from early Twentieth Century, the bourgeois states, their nations have turned into an absolute obstacle for the development of the productive forces. That is what the emergence of imperialism, phase of decay of capitalism is about.

The bourgeoisie does not defend the fatherland, but the markets, the foreign concessions, the sources of raw materials and its spheres of influence. The bourgeoisie never defends the fatherland for the sale of the fatherland in itself. Capital has no borders. When its profits and its businesses are threatened, it is even defeatist against its own nation.

This is what has just happened in Greece with Syriza and the government of its bankers and big ship-owners. They have defended their businesses with the EU and Wall Street... and not Greece.

World leftists, in all their shades, only devoted themselves to embellish the attitudes of a class that is in decay and bankruptcy, which is the bourgeoisie, and the rotten capitalist system. The “socialists” were who went to “defend the Greek Fatherland”. The bourgeois sectors that “defend Greece” are up to now marginal sectors that long for getting out of the euro, but not to go to the Drachma; they want to go TO THE DOLLAR instead, as golden Down or the partners of Syriza in the government, Independent Greeks, and also a wing inside Syriza.

During the whole discussion previous to the plebiscite, one point was crystal clear: the Greek debt is not and cannot be collectable unless the working class is deprived of the 100% of its gains and the petty bourgeois layers are completely expropriated. This amounts to a true civil war headed by Merkel and the imperialist Greek bourgeoisie not “against Greece” but against the Greek working class and exploited.

Starting on June 30, the Greek debt should be rescued or re financed. In both cases, it would be done through an awful trimming against the masses.

The plan of the IMF, which acts as a true usurer, is imposing a vassal imperialist country as is Greece, the plant they imposed to a semicolon, as is Argentina, in 2005 with the Kirchners. In those years they turned an un-collectable debt in a collectable one, with juicy interests, which have been already collected and put into their pockets. That was a variant being discussed at the board of secret negotiations among the imperialist gang. Ultimately that would have



been a “sweeter” plan for Greece than the present one.

That is the politics of USA, which through the Morgan Bank and Goldman Sachs has secured the collection of its credits in Greece on the basis of a percentage of the export and import taxes and the games-tax. USA seeks that Germany does the “dirty work” against Greece, so that, by means of future crises, the US government may attract the beaten country under its “protective” wings. Meanwhile, it sits on its hands, just waiting.

Though, the plan imposed and the actual negotiation that came out was that proposed openly by the EU, with Germany at its head.

Germany has his Central Bank (the Bundesbank) full of junk bonds of the Greek debt. That’s why the German proposal and urging starts saying “this is not the moment to make concessions”. Even if the Greeks had filled up the ballot boxes with 100% NO votes, Germany as the “lender”, would have all the same wanted to take all the assets of its debtor.

Thus act the capitalists as lenders before their borrowers: **either the debt is refinanced so the lender earns more money as usurer, and is able to collect the debt however in a longer lapse, or the lender takes the absolute control of the enterprise to guarantee the repayment. This is what the proposal of Europe –main lender to Greece- and Germany in particular, is about.** As we have said, the Bundesbank is full of Greek junk bonds for a total value of 50 billion euros. It has to revalue those papers; if not, the German state will be obliged to put fresh euros in the coffers of its bank, something it does not want to do.

That’s the reason why the proposal by Syriza after the plebiscite of making trimmings for 13 billion euros, increasing the age threshold for retirement, the percentage for VAT, reducing the amount for pensions, etc. This does not suffice

Germany to give new value to the junk bonds. Germany demands the suspension of the stability for all the state employees so that they can be laid off if the interests cannot be paid, **and that all the Greek state enterprises are put as collateral of the debt; Germany also wants to get a big portion (25%) of all the funds put by the EU to rescue the debt.**

Any one that follows today in the media the impositions of Merkel and the servility of Tsipras will see that the German impositions are thought to re value the papers of the Greek external debt and its junk bonds that are in the Bundesbank coffers.

Though, the Greek bankers want also a little of the cake as a prize for getting Greece to kneel beneath the UE impositions. These bandits have proposed Germany and the EU the following business in exchange for the 80 billion that will rescue the Greek debt: 25% of the money lent by Europe and Germany is for the repayment of the debt. I.e.... it goes to the Bundesbank. Another 25% should go for the "productive investment" of the European transnationals that will make business in Greece and all across Europe. And the rest (50%) will be earmarked to recapitalize the Greek and European banks so that they can relive the "corralito". So

the Greek bankers also take a bit of the rescue packet, after having broken with their crisis the finances of the state. Tsipras agrees.

The whole crisis will be paid for by the masses. The masses will pay for the crisis all the way through. Will allow the former to pass this plan of the imperialist gang of Maastricht and the Greek bourgeoisie parasites? That remains to be seen.

The true divisions and political crisis in the Europe of Maastricht and Greek capitalist gang is about how much the latter are able to maintain, a share –even a smaller one- of its business before the bankruptcy, as they together measure up to where they can make the masses pay for this crisis; whether this plan agreed between the Merkel and Tsipras can be imposed without becoming the midwife of the Greek revolution; up to what point the deception of the plebscitedisorganized and demobilized the masses; whether the exploited are taking the revolutionary lessons of this hard attack and deception from their oppressors.

The last word is not said. This will be defined in the streets, in the class struggle... not at the ballot box or in the secret negotiations among the imperialist bankers.

THE CREDITORS OF GREECE ARE ACTING NORMALLY, AS ANY CAPITALIST CREDITOR WITH HIS DEBTOR.

IN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, FOR BOTH CREDITORS AND THE CAPITALISTS IN BANKRUPTCY, ALWAYS THE WORKERS ARE WHO MUST PAY FOR THE CRISIS. THAT IS WHAT THE MERKEL-TSIPRAS PACT IS ABOUT

Let's talk about clear. Germany behaves to Greece, on a large scale with the essence of the mechanics of relationships that capitalists set when their competition goes bankrupt or melts.

When a company goes bust, employers do not pay for the crisis; neither the creditors nor the debtors. The latter also keep money in their pocket. Bosses cheat each other. Those who pay for the crisis are the workers suffering dismissals, hunger, factory closures... or with the loss of all their conquests. Thus runs the capitalist system, which is not a charity.

The Government of Syriza is as the directory of a lesser company (Greece) that is broken. There is a directory. This directory has a President – something everybody is trying to hide – which is New Democracy, a Greek "right-wing" party. This President was voted by all the representatives in the House, starting with Syriza. In that directory there are Ministers of the Independent Greeks Party, a rupture by right of the New Democracy party.

To lure workers, in that bourgeois directory there is Syriza. In this broken Greece, and with its workers uprising for years, the directory put as "Executive Manager" of the company a "Manager of left" (Tsipras) to mislead the workers so that they do not expropriate the factory, as the Greek working class threatened to do with its revolutionary struggle.



What does the bourgeois directory for a company - or a bourgeois Government - name a CEO of left for? To make the workers believe that their company directory is their ally against the creditor. In this case, Syriza would be "great ally of the masses against the Troika". Alternatively, if the workers are mobilized, they may be convinced that their "friend", the leftist CEO, can thus press best the creditor not to liquidate the conquests of the workers.

This is a brutal hoax. It is what the "new left" want the working class to believe in Greece and around the world. The capitalist system does not work in such a way.

The biggest enemy of a directory is always the workers, either that the company is in bankruptcy or in expansion. Whoever does not say this clearly lies to the masses, as it has been doing all the left worldwide with Syriza, the left leg of the Greek bourgeois Government.

The broken company will only come out of its crisis by attacking all the conquests of the working class, either shutting its doors, paying the creditors, or by having the State to pay them; while they keep their money in their pockets. This is what is happening today in Greece.

In short, the Greek Government, as any directory on a broken company, does not mean about the workers. It intervenes to defend the bosses' profits and their future at the expense of workers. His ally is the creditor, although this may have taken up the rope to his neck. His enemy is the workers, who must pay for the company's crisis or be dismissed when the capitalist auctions his property, not just because it is in crisis, but to go to a quiet place to rest.

Any sensible worker can understand this. The role of the reformist left, which promotes a policy of class collaboration, is to blur the boundaries of class and pass the enemies

of the Greek workers - as Syriza - as allies. Theirs is a complete lie. That is what is happening in acute form in Greece.

We will not tire of insisting. Tsipras is acting for what it is, a bourgeois Government filled with parasitic bankers and ship-owners who are partners to Goldman Sachs, but with its business rooted in Europe under the industrial and commercial control of Germany.

Tsipras isn't a madman, or a pancake that has turned upside down, or a man out of control. He is not "betraying" his class, namely the capitalists. He is loyal to them, because he is one of their kind. He is acting as a broken company director discussing with creditors how best wrench his workers and collect himself and his bosses and creditors all that remains of the value of the broken capital. He defends their business, their market, their place in the division of labor in which Greece is located today in the Europe of the Maastricht Treaty.

That Tsipras and Merkel do, and very well. Each one defends their mutual interests. Those who cannot defend their interests due to the leadership they have at their head, are the workers.

THE PLAN IMPOSED TO GREECE BY GERMANY AND THE REST OF IMPERIALIST EUROPE IS THE PLAN SO THAT ALL EUROPEAN AND GERMAN WORKING-CLASS PAID IN PARTICULAR, THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

Germany knows and understands the conditions of the economy and world politics perfectly and why keep uncompromising against Greece, as it did. It seeks to punish, but not "Greece" but the Greek, European and German labor movement in particular. Leftists' patriotic zealotry and pro bourgeois policy cover, ultimately, the real imperialist policy against European workers.

Bankrupt Europe needs, so that the immense heaps of junk bonds and capital that banks go again to the production process, a labor movement in the imperialist countries under the same conditions that Merkel and Tsipras want to impose to the Greek working class.

If Germany and Tsipras manage to impose this plan, all the European capitalists and their imperialist powers will stand up and cheer. A Greek labor movement without retirement, hospitals or public schools, with unemployed starving to death on the streets as a cheap industrial army of reserve, without social security, with depressed wages, with hundreds of thousands of laid-off State workers, is their golden dream. Towards there they are seeking to take the Greek...German, French, English and Spanish working class.

What will Germany and the Government of the new "Iron Lady" - Merkel - say to their working class? "Lower your salary, I reduce your pensions, your health and free education are gone for good... and if you rise up, I'm going to invest my capital in Greece, where the workforce is the cheapest". For the German working-class it is a question of life and death to stop this attack on its class brothers and sisters in Greece. The plan imposed to Greece by Germany and imperialist Europe is the plan for all European (and German in particular) workers

to pay for the crisis of the financial capital.

There is no "rescue plan" for Greece here. What's here is a plan of attack to the Greek working class, to impose those conditions throughout the European -and particularly German- working class.

Germany needs to defeat its own working class because the European crisis and crash are already here to stay, and also the huge competition with America, which fights to enter Eastern Europe and challenge Germany for the control of the sources of raw materials and the Russian military apparatus. USA imperialism, with NATO, has already set foot in Ukraine. It has started to lock up Germany. Merkel cannot make concessions. She prepares to redouble the attack on the German working class...



Hollande, Obama, Merkel and Cameron

SYRIZA AND ITS BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENT HAVE "NOT BETRAYED" THEIR CLASS... INDEED, THEY HAVE BEEN LOYAL TO THEIR CLASS: THE BOURGEOISIE, THE CAPITALISTS AND THEIR BANKERS, WHO TOGETHER WITH THE TROIKA ARE CREDITORS TO THE GREEK DEBT PAID BY THE WORKERS. THE ONE WHO CAPITULATED WAS THE REFORMIST LEFT CALLING TO RELY ON THE FRAUD OF THE PLEBISCITE

"Syriza betrayed", "it capitulated", "it has disappointed the people", the left now says tearing their garments, such as a deceived person. **In any case, they let themselves be deceived. And they helped Syriza to fool the people.** "But Syriza betrayed", they are still screaming, when the next day of the plebiscite Syriza presented the EU with a vassalage agreement as a starting point for negotiating an even greater attack against the Greek workers. They already speak of "coup d'état". It is because, as we have seen, Germany requires new collaterals for the 80 billion euros of rescue to the Greek debt: all State-owned enterprises in Greece.

These would be mortgaged and untouchable if the creditor, in this case Germany and the EU do not authorize to sell or rent them.

This is what a creditor would do with a broken company that is its debtor. If it makes the latter a loan for it to continue working, the creditor would require it to put machines, titles and property as pledge or mortgage in the name of the creditor for the money received. That is what Germany has been imposing even after the plebiscite. The creditors want to be repaid their money. But also the directory of the company in bankruptcy wants to collect what they put into the company. It puts everything as part of the debt package. Makes mortgages on the machines and puts the workers to produce. The conquests, the holidays, the eight hour day, all of that is over... The directory says goodbye to half the personnel and to the rest... "to produce!". This is what Syriza is doing.

Thus runs the capitalist system on a large scale. In this case, under imperialist powers, the PIGS in the South of Europe lost hundreds of millions of dollars with their bankers on Wall Street crisis. States saved the bankers' money. The broken company directory has money in the pocket. The States are which go bankrupt now. And today they have to starve the people to pay for a bad debt.

We will not tire of repeating it. Syriza has not "betrayed" the class it represents, which governs and manages the interests of all the Greek bourgeois and the European imperialism. He was loyal to the bourgeoisie and the EU, of which the Greek capital is a part. Among them they of course have disputes; they fight for business... sometimes they have to shoot shots. But all of them have it clear that the workers are their true enemy. Stronger imperialist gangs whack the



Greek government: Kammenos of Independent Greeks, Tsipras and the president Pavlopoulos of New Democracy

smallest ones, put them on their knees, and submit them. They will take their spheres of influence and looting. Greece wouldn't do anything else if Germany was the debtor.

What's more, that was made to Germany after the two world wars. In the first Germany was imposed the Treaty of Versailles, according to which it had to pay all military expenditures of the victors: England and France. The latter, in the mid-1920s, came with his army and took all the railroads and railways to Germany to rebuild France (and once when Germany could not pay, France invaded its Saar iron and coal mines, NT). Capitalists don't lose time beating around the bush. The loser pays. Precisely that Treaty of Versailles was what opened the way to fascism in the 1930s to lift the great Germany that had been cruelly humiliated.

To this Greece is approaching dangerously today, if the Government manages to defeat the workers and imposes a new "Treaty of Versailles". Golden Dawn is today ignored by the entire reformist left though it is the fascist bludgeon for crushing labor with the lure of "ending the vassalage of Greece". With the Greek working class crushed, Greek bankers, partners of Goldman Sachs, will be ready for any counterrevolutionary adventure in the semi-colonial world and Eastern European countries where their bosses in NATO and Wall Street send them.

The crossroads, as we have said, is socialist revolution or fascism. For this serious crisis and attack of the capitalists, neither Syriza nor the treacherous trade union bureaucracy of the PC, the deserters of Trotskyism and their "new left" in the world have prepared the working class.

THE GREEK CRACK AND THE CRISIS OF THE CHINESE STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCE A NEW RUPTURE OF THE BALANCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

THE "NEW LEFT", A REFORMISM WITHOUT REFORMS

Despite what reformism without reforms thinks, **there is no possible harmony among the imperialist powers in this agonizing period of capital.** Some powers are doing well if others go the wrong way. In this case, USA, Germany and to a lesser extent France are doing well at the expense of the crisis and the meltdown of the others. There is no place for everyone in the looting of the world, when the market has narrowed and the crack is here.

The US has thrown its entire crisis to the world and with its burst, Wall Street left across Europe into bankruptcy. We insist, there is no harmonic development of the capitalist system in the imperialist epoch, as everybody in the reformist left paints it. The working class can much less improve their standard of living within this system by pressing the bourgeois parliaments or putting on the political standing of class collaboration with "progressive" and "democratic" bosses. The entire crisis lies with the working class. And that 1% of the planet has grabbed the 50% of the assets of human civilization. This story speaks of Greece.

The Greek crisis this time is connected with the outbreak of the Chinese stock market, which preannounces that the stagnation of its economy is the product of a new relocation of transnationals to parts of the world where labor is cheaper. It is the indication that the capital is coming out of the production process, where the rate of profit has dropped. Uncontrolled banks parallel to the official banking have given credits to 90 million savers to invest on the stock exchange in a housing bubble, which already does not find buyers.

The banks have had to put more assets as collaterals as the stock of the transnational companies are devalued. Thus the banks borrow and the Chinese State has begun to squander its reserves.

Dog's biting its tail. Parasitism takes place at very high speed in this "booming economy". The "Chinese locomotive" will have to play the role assigned to it by USA, the dominant imperialism in the Pacific: no more an exporting machine but a super-buyer of the overproduction by transnational corporations. The plan of semi-colonization of China has begun.

But every nightmare can worsen. The European crisis further limited the capacity of China's export. The apologists



of capitalism already took it for overcome the crisis of 2008. However it was an illusion; the leaderships of the proletariat had given Capital a short respite strangling the wave of revolutionary offensives of the masses.

The imperialist States helped its broken banks. Only the strongest were able to absorb the world capitals, as did U.S. to cover its huge deficit, or hold itself, as well as the powerful German economy. The majority of the imperialist States went bankrupt. They pulled their entire crisis to the masses and to the world, or else were filled with junk bonds, which they "re valued" as in Greece, transforming the country into vassal or by multiplying the looting of the semi-colonial world.

But again the reality knocks on the door. Capitalism did not destroy enough to recover from the crash of 2008. Greek bankruptcy and subsequent default and the outbreak of the Chinese stock market announce a new slump in the world economy, which will make the dominant imperialism show the claws not to allow this crisis to touch them.

But what is even more serious, the bourgeoisie knows perfectly well - and Merkel knows what it is about - to collect from Greece, its debtor, and to bring this back to grow as to pay the debt it will not suffice to make it a "remove". Her plan is to finish getting all conquests off the Greek working class, to turn Greece into a maquila, where investing would be a great temptation and big business. Think that the reformist left told the masses that they could put pressure on imperialism, in a state of crisis and crack, through a referendum and voting for 'NO'!

But here the issue is that the Greek capitalists and bankers are not broken. By breaking the Greek State, they

have already recovered all their 2008 losses, and have become associated - although to a thousand times smaller extent - with German and American financial capital. From now on, only the people will pay for the crack. Without proletarian revolution there is no breakthrough for the Greek working class and people. Everything else is a vulgar lie.

WHAT THE REFORMIST "NEW LEFT" DOES NOT SAY IS THAT GREECE HAS NO SOLUTION FOR WORKERS IF THEY DO NOT TAKE POWER

About all this discussion on the Greek question there are already written rivers of ink. But what reformism never says is that Greece has no solution for workers if they do not take power. That is the immediate task posed since 8 years now, before the crack and bankruptcy. Or what are the workers going to do? General strikes are impossible for getting pay rises and defending their pension, when there are millions of laid-off workers, 25% unemployment, closures of schools (over 1000 will be closed) and hospitals (of which 54 high complexity were already closed).

The political struggle of the masses for defeating the infamous regime of the Troika which governs Greece already has shown that is the only possible way of combat of the exploited. The economic struggle has no immediate solution if it not rises to political struggle and the masses don't defeat and pull down the regime and the Government of the ruling classes. Conditions for socialist revolution in Greece are much more than mature, they are rotting and decomposing openly.

Modern "leftists", which are nothing more than cooks revitalizing a concoction of old recipes of the old left, have written rivers of ink on the analogy with the Argentina's 2001, on the "economic implications of rupture of Greece with the EU", on "the difference between Greece and Argentina because the latter has enormous supplies of raw materials for export"... There are high heaps of stupidity of the left following the bourgeois charlatan politicians and journalists.

But everyone wants to hide under seven keys the real issue of Argentina in 2001, i.e. the masses' battle cry: **"Que se vayan todos, que no quede ni uno solo!"** (That every one of them goes away, not even one of them should remain). In Argentina revolution had started and President De la Rúa had to go by helicopter off the Government House before the harsh fighting in the streets and the embryonic emergence of bodies of self-determination of masses, which threw down five Presidents in one week.

Thousand and one times Greek exploited tried to take this road. They even raised the cry of "que se vayan todos, not even a single one must remain", crashing to the bourgeois Parliament and the then Government of Papandreu, whom

The "new left" is nothing more than a reformism without reform. The secret charm of Syriza did not last even 4 months for the masses. The "new left" will have to look in this mirror. Their bosses, the imperialist bankers, will make them play its role by quickly clashing with the world working class. The global capitalist system into bankruptcy will not give reformism peace or tranquility.



2001: Argentinian revolution

they said "you will be another De la Rúa". These huge fights were thousand and one times betrayed by the bureaucracy of trade unions led by the Greek CP, and by the "new left" of Syriza, sustained by the debris of Trotskyism.

It has been extremely clear that the only way to put a limit to this brutal attack is with a revolutionary uprising of the masses and by defeating in the streets the Government and Parliament of the parasitic bankers and ship-owners of Greece. Let the revolution begin! Open the way to the Councils of workers and soldiers!

That was the plebiscite about; once again the politicians raised that illusion to prevent a crisis in the heights that would have allowed an independent decisive action of the Greek masses leaving no stone of this infamous regime of the Troika and its anti-labor Government.

After so many years, some "leftists" giggle when we speak of Councils of workers and soldiers in Greece. But inside themselves they well grind their teeth. The sole idea causes them panic. That's because if these councils develop, and extend, their days as Greek working class leaderships will be counted.

They want us to believe that the struggle began with the "NO" in the plebiscite of Syriza. But since 2008 the working-class and rebellious youth of Greece have already been performing 32 General strikes, bouts of barricades, factory outlets, casting the bureaucracy out of the trade unions in cities as Thessaloniki, expelling the Union bureaucrats from

the demonstrations... The masses clashed with this trade union bureaucracy and their armed bands when the latter were defending the Parliament of Papandreou, which voted the worst attacks against the masses.

With the rebel youth and its self-defense committee immigrants were defended from the beating of the fascist gangs. The ruined middle classes of the countryside went to directly sell their products to the city, to break the chain of middlemen that affected the price of their goods, so that the people could eat. The workers and people alliance was within reach of the hand and still is, faced with the "corralito" expropriating the ruined middle-class savings. The youth put their martyrs, as Alexis Grigoropoulos - shot by Karamanlis murderous police - and Pavlos Fyssas, murdered by the fascist gangs of Golden Dawn.

Then, here which capitulated are those who submitted to the plebiscite and embellished Syriza from the left, i.e., those who closed again a revolutionary path to the Greek working class.

They capitulated who have poisoned the consciousness of millions of workers worldwide awakening illusions in Syriza, saying it would confront the EU and that it could be imposed with 60% of 'NO' votes in the polls. You lie! Capitalists don't feel pressed by votes! Their attack can only be stopped by the working class with its revolutionary struggle. It's them or us, the class of capitalists or the workers.

They capitulated who made the Greek and world working class believe that with "the victory in the polls", Germany, the head of the European imperialist powers, with its Bundesbank filled with junk bonds of Greek debt, would feel frightened and declare their banks' default.

They capitulated who sought to convince the exploited that the Greek bankers were in opposition to the EU, when the great Germany acts as it is, the large dominant imperialist power in Europe, together with US, and Tsipras also acts as he is: a junior partner to international finance capital, and walks on his knees before it.

It is about stopping the EU, imperialist Maastricht, the IMF and the cynical Greek bourgeoisie, by putting the foot on their chest and making them kneel down. That is not made through votes, but with the revolutionary struggle of the masses.

Only a provisional revolutionary Government of workers and soldiers can define the fate of the masses in their favor over the ruin of the bourgeois state. Everything else is a vulgar hoax to the exploited. It is to make the masses believe that with elections and 60% or 100% of 'NO' votes, it is possible to stop the IMF, the imperialist Maastricht, and the Greek parasites and... Germany! A country

that invaded Europe twice and unleashed two world wars seeking for a sphere of influence of its own in the old Continent. More than a lie this is a tragedy, with which the Greek working class is having very quickly its experience.

To stop the Troika you should defeat first the Greek Government because the enemy is at home. It cannot be achieved by subjecting the working class to its executioners: Tsipras and the class that he represents.

It is necessary to tell the truth. Stopping the unprecedented suffering of the Greek masses, confronting the Troika and parasites of Greek imperialism cannot be achieved with votes but with the revolutionary struggle of the masses of Greece and the whole Europe.

So, the first step to get the masses off the morass to which Syriza took them is deploying a definite fight for the rupture of the exploited with the imperialist bourgeois Government. Combat cannot be other than the fight for rallying decidedly to the streets for seizing the power and putting instead on its foot that of the working class, the unions, the factory committees, the unemployed committees, the committees of the rebellious youth and the ruined petty bourgeois. We must put up the self-defense committees and worker militias, starting by fighting for the liberation of the rebel youth in Greece who was so brave as to confront the fascist gangs; and we also must be prepared, because those gangs will now be multiplied by a thousand.

Enough already of Bonapartist plebiscites! Open the way to the direct democracy of those at the bottom! Que se vayan todos, not even one should remain!

Down with Merkel-Tsipras Covenant!

Disavowal of all the external debt contracted by Greek parasitic bankers!

Annulment and cancellation of all conventions and secret agreements of Greece with the Morgan Bank, Goldman Sachs, Wall Street and the IMF!

Expropriation without compensation of all the bankers, for a single State banking! Expropriation without compensation and under worker control of the transnational corporations of all the Greek ship-owners and finance capital!

The clash between classes is inevitable. The bourgeoisie is also prepared vigorously to these shocks. Either with Syriza disciplining all bourgeois fractions in the Parliament to vote as law the agreements with Germany and the EU; or going to new elections with a worn out Syriza, with the masses demobilized and reconstituting a reactionary power, settled in counter-revolutionary forces to discipline the exploited. These variants are which the Greek middle class is already weighing.

We insist; collisions are inevitable. There is no room for concessions. Reformism cannot regulate any reform, except to be the guarantor of the business of the capitalists openly. Syriza mask has been removed in front of the masses.

The bourgeoisie seeks to define this clash in their favor with counter-revolutionary blows and fascism. It will attempt to pull from the Greek working class until the last drop of blood and

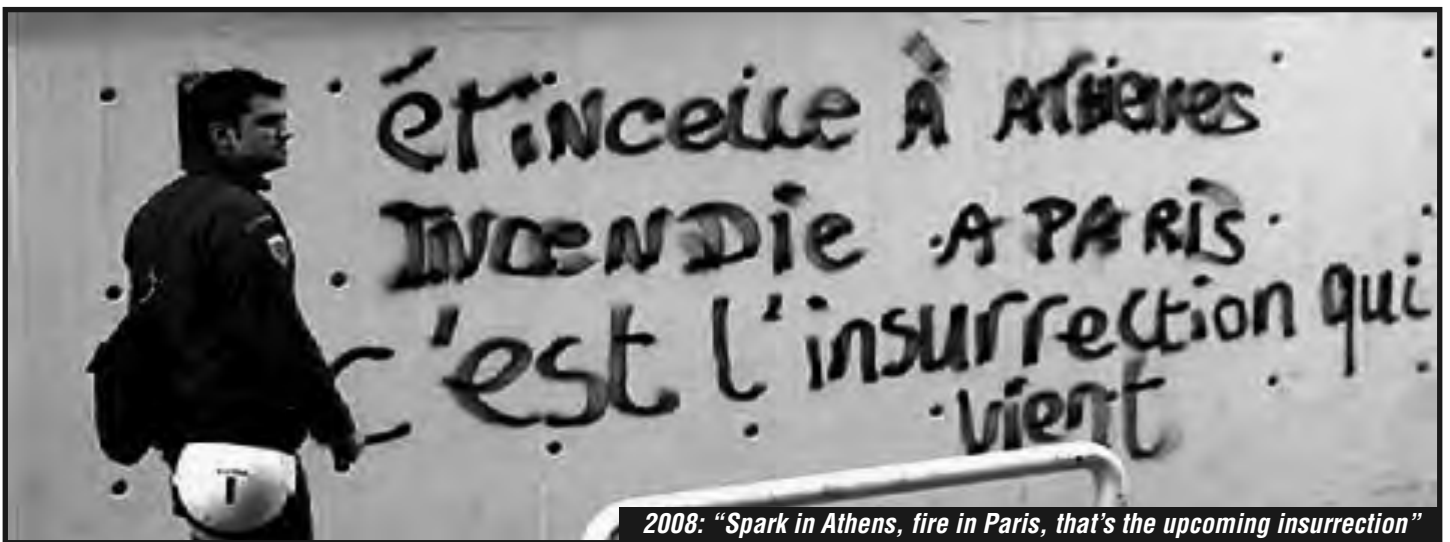
sweat, and for this purpose the exploiters are preparing a hard defeat. **The Government of Syriza and its plebiscite were a "siren song" so that the masses crash against the coup of the Greek bankers and Merkel, the "Iron Lady", the head of the EU, together with the US Capital.**

It is a lie that in Greece there has been a "coup d'état". In fact there was a common action of the imperialist forces of Maastricht and its Government in Greece against the masses, against the working class. Nobody here defeated Syriza. Actually Syriza, the bourgeois Government, is trying to deliver a severe blow to the Greek working class.

What's next is a mass dismissal of civil servants, plus pension, wage and job loss... even more unprecedented sacrifices for those masses who are already suffering. Reformism prepared the working class to pressure struggles with votes at polls to "stop the offensive of capital". The latter took its whip, and said "so this issue is resolved". Capital disciplined its agent Syriza / Tsipras, and sent him to attack the Greek working class openly.

What were those waiting who today come to spend the days after the referendum, while more and more Syriza agrees with Merkel one growing attack against the Greek workers? What did they expect with the victory of the 'NO'? Maybe they expected Syriza -pressed by the masses and the 'NO' vote- to expropriate the Greek bankers and the large imperialist ship-owners without payment, to retrieve the theft to the Greek people?

This is a vulgar invention and a political crime. The lefts' true program for Greece has all along this time been: "unity of action with Syriza and the Greek Government to pressure it to confront the imperialist Troika". The bourgeoisie cannot be pressed. Either it is made to lay on its knees, or it will crush the workers. The bourgeois only delivers some concession when it is on the verge of losing everything, and this wasn't the situation created by the plebiscite, but the opposite.



The only way... to resume the offensive fighting of 2008

LET AGAIN ATHENS' SPARK IGNITE EUROPE!

LET'S DEFEAT THE MERKEL-TSIPRAS COVENANT OF HUNGER AND SLAVERY AGAINST THE GREEK WORKING CLASS AND THROUGHOUT EUROPE!

The combat is class against class

DISSOLUTION OF THE PUPPET PARLIAMENT OF THE IMPERIALIST BANKERS! REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL STRIKE! QUE SE VAYAN TODOS, NOT EVEN A SINGLE ONE SHOULD REMAIN!

DOWN WITH THE EUROPE OF MAASTRICHT, MERKEL AND THE GREEK BANKERS! OUT WITH THE IMF! OPEN THE WAY TO REVOLUTION!

When we are publishing this statement the Greek Parliament is about to meet, which will devote to make law Merkel and Tsipras Pact against the workers and the people.

The attack by Merkel and Tsipras on the Greek working class IS AN ATTACK TO ALL THE EUROPEAN WORKING CLASS. The skyrocketing of the public service fees, the VAT increase, the attack on pensions, the job instability of public employees and the labor flexibility

that they want to impose on Greece, if it is not stopped there, will deepen and go against all the European working class. Only thus imperialist Europe will reconstitute its current bankruptcy.

This offensive against the workers of the Continent began long ago. The entire crisis of bankrupt Maastricht has been downloaded on the workers of imperialist Europe and Eastern Europe maquila. There are the same claws of Germany,

US imperialism, the Great Britain and France, among others, which are crushing the Ukrainian working class and massacring the Donbass miners. These resist heroically, along with the working class in Kiev, an attack of the same magnitude that Greek workers are suffering, an attack that will deepen in all European countries.

It is not just Greece that is bankrupt, but the whole imperialist Europe. The world crack began in the imperialist gang heads' home, USA, which is littering the world -and Europe in particular- with its crisis and thousands of tons of junk bonds.

The "new left" and their spokesmen throughout the world have said that the real clash and confrontation is "between oppressed Greece" and "imperialist Germany". They have thus forced the working class in Europe to choose a location in any of two "blocks", either in the "progressive bloc" of Greece or against it in the regressive "block" of Germany. Every working class has thus been submitted by them to its own imperialist bourgeoisie, particularly the German and Greek ones.

This is a scam. They have presented the current struggle not as a fight of the working class in Greece and throughout Europe against imperialist Maastricht, Merkel and the Greek Government. In fact we have a true class war between the exploited in Europe and the imperialist Governments and regimes. The "new left" has said contrariwise, and thus it has isolated the Greek working class from their class sisters and brothers of Germany, when it is precisely there where the attack on the Greek and European working class can be stopped.

This is the current tragedy of the European working class. The spark of Athens yesterday burned Europe. The policy of the social imperialist reformist left has been wetting the gunpowder so that the spark is already not even turning in Greece.

Against this policy of "blocks", "Greece against Germany," that the "new left" and Syriza drive, any revolutionary policy in Greece must stand clearly that: **the enemy is at home! So it is also for the German, French and English working classes. This is the only way to conquer the unity of the European working class in one single fist.**

For Merkel, imbibing the Greek imperialist bourgeoisie, in the defeat to the Greek proletariat the conditions to defeat the German proletariat are implicit. The latter, gripped by Social Democracy, Stalinism, and the threat of the crack, has not yet intervened in a decisive form. German imperialism has been regulating the crisis inside Germany; but if the attack in Greece passes, Merkel will return with all her strength to crush the German working class, such as France, England and all imperialist powers will also do. In Greece, the immediate task is the Socialist Revolution. And in Germany and the rest



of imperialist Europe, the first task in order to free the workers and common people from the yoke of the capitalists, is to stop and defeat the attack of Merkel and imperialist Maastricht against the Greek working class. Again, the battle cry is: the enemy is at home!

Preventing this is the task of the "nationalist" notion of the imperialist powers distilled by labor autocracies and bureaucracies of the old continent. It is about breaking the unity of the working class and developing the worst chauvinism in the labor movement. We insist, that is the role of a powerful aristocracy and labor bureaucracy, such as the social imperialist parties and Union bureaucracies, which are responsible for submitting the working class to their executioners.

The true policy of the German bourgeoisie is making their working class believe that the cause of their misfortunes is the "completely indolent" Greek working class... and vice versa, to convince the Greek working class that those responsible for its miseries are the German workers. "The enemy is at home," is the only possible policy to pave the way for the victory of the European working class. "The enemy is at home," means that the Greek and German working classes have nothing to gain from the Governments of Syriza and Merkel, but everything to lose. The German working class has long ago lost its 36 working hours per week and 25% of its salary. The conditions have been created long ago for the German workers to meet the suffering Greek and European working classes. Chauvinist social imperialist leaderships are who prevent it.

The Greek left and their followers in the world say - and their subordination to the plebiscite reflects it - that their program is "along with Syriza, let's defeat the Troika, and then we will settle accounts with the Greek bourgeois Government". **This amounts to putting the Greek working class in the hanging rope of its executioner and away from**

their class brothers and sisters of Germany, France, England and throughout Europe; because it is impossible to start in defeating Maastricht and the Troika without the victory of the socialist revolution in Greece. Everything else is a vile lie.

The "new left" is armed with old recipes, the pseudo theories and treacherous programs of old Stalinism: "Let's go with progressive or attacked imperialism against the aggressor imperialism". They made this yesterday in the Second World War with England and France against Hitler; and now they do so with the "Greece under attack" against the "oppressive Germany". They have subjected the working class to "democratic" or "unfortunate" imperialism saying that, in a second stage, they would make "the revolution"... but they are always hung to the coattails of any imperialist gang. So they prepare the worst defeats for the working class.

It is imperative to tell the truth to the workers. The fight for the disavowal of the external debt of Greece is the struggle for the expropriation of the Greek bankers and the transnationals, because as members of the European and American financial capital they are which created it and cheated the people. This is the only program which, breaking with chauvinism, opens the conditions to conquer the unity of the Greek working class with their brethren in Europe. That opens the way to the defeat of imperialist Maastricht and to the start of a European socialist revolution.

Plebiscites, the submission to Syriza's siren song and all their deceptions are not more than a diversion to hold the stick of Germany and Greek imperialist bankers and knock the workers. Leftist parties won't save their faces after such capitulation to Syriza and the Greek imperialist bourgeoisie. The first step to show if they are truly for the workers is that whoever speaks on behalf of working-class organizations must break openly with the class collaboration Government of Syriza, Independent Greeks... and the President of New Democracy.

Here the theory-program has collapsed of "Let's all of us go with Syriza in the first stage, then celebrate the plebiscite - as they did, on account of what they had not yet conquered - and afterwards, in the second stage we can settle scores with the Greek imperialist bankers in misfortune", as the new left claimed.

The left voted to celebrate the world day of the plebiscite and not tell the truth to the masses. Everyone cheers... White House hails... Merkel becomes a bit tough, but agrees to everything... and the left celebrates.

This is the "new left"... a concoction of old recipes of



Alexis Grigoropoulos and Pavlos Fyssas: Martyrs of the Greek workers and youth

Stalinism and social democracy.

All of them should explain. Or maybe they have some other "great tactic" to offer the Greek working class?

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! DOWN WITH THE ATTACK OF TSIPRAS, MERKEL, OBAMA AND IMF ON THE GREEK WORKERS AND PEOPLE! THE EXIT TO THE CRISIS IS IN THE STREETS! THE CRISIS MUST BE PAID BY THE GREEK BANKERS AND TRANSNATIONALS TOGETHER WITH THE EU AND THE IMF! DISSOLUTION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE TROIKA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PARASITE BANKERS OF GREECE! "QUE SE VAYAN TODOS!" ("THAT EVERYONE OF THEM GO AWAY AND NEVER RETURN!") GENERAL STRIKE!

TO THE STREETS TO FIGHT; THERE IS NOTHING TO CELEBRATE!

OUT WITH MAASTRICHT, THE IMF, AND THE "NEW LEFT"!

THEY ARE A FRAUD!

FOR THE UNITY OF THE WHOLE EUROPEAN WORKING CLASS!

Merkel and Tsipras' attack must be stopped in Berlin, Madrid, Paris, and by making the oppressed peoples in Eastern Europe rebel, since the working class of the imperialist Europe would look at itself in the "mirror" of those working classes and their squalid living conditions.

THE LIBERATION OF THE WORKERS, WILL BE A WORK OF THE WORKERS THEMSELVES!

Open the way to the revolutionary Greece of the Councils of workers and soldiers!

Against the European Union of the imperialist powers
...For the SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

The crisis of leadership of the Greek and European working class boils down to this: they have long had an overabundance of treacherous leaderships. Decisive clashes between classes are already here. The Greek pre-revolutionary situation was opened in 2008. We are now seeing its crucial chapters.

Only fighting to unite Greek workers with the European

THE SERIOUS POLITICAL CRISIS AND THE CRACK THREATEN AGAIN TO BREAK THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE CHAIN OF IMPERIALIST DOMINATION IN EUROPE, WHICH IS GREECE

The treacherous leaderships disorganized a thousand and one offensives of the masses in Greece and the whole Europe all these years, as we saw in the pre-revolutionary upheavals in the Spanish State, the sit-in strikes and the rebellions of the immigrants in France in 2009-2010, in the general strikes in Belgium and Portugal; in the uprising in Tottenham, England; in the fight of the German youth and working class against the proto-fascist movements; in the harsh resistance of the Italian workers against the austerity plans; and in a hundred more uprisings in Eastern Europe, from Georgia to Ukraine to Euro-Asiatic Kirgizstan. The treacherous leaderships have created the worst conditions for the European working class to fight. First they contained the first wave of struggles of 2009-2011, year when the huge revolutionary processes were beginning in Maghreb and the Middle East, in the spheres of influence of the imperialist powers. And once those have been smashed, the imperialists go for Greece, and tomorrow they will go definitely for the entire European working class.

In Greece, as in Ukraine, two great battles of the world working class are being held. Imperialism as a whole is concentrating its forces to smash these two revolutionary focuses. If it cannot crush them, they could expand and put all Europe on fire, to either side of the Rhine, both in the imperialist West as in the oppressed Eastern Europe.

The last word has not been pronounced. This will not be said by counting the votes of the working class neighborhoods, but organizing the fighting in the factories, with the immigrants, the rebel youth and the rank and file soldiers. There lies the future of Greece and also the future of the European revolution.

Let's speak up. The Greek proletariat only has common interests with the European and World working class. Without this as a precondition, no decisive struggle could be taken ahead. It's indispensable to break with the government of Syriza.

The first battles of the struggle against the deal Merkel-Tsipras have begun. When this declaration was in the press, the first clashes have started in the streets against the Parlia-

ment of the Troika and the pirates of the Greek bourgeoisie. Transport and state workers are already striking and calling to surround the Parliament today. The Communist Party, which leads the PAME Central Union, and called to vote NULL in the plebiscite, putting itself as "a left alternative" to Syriza, has now the opportunity of showing that it is really fighting for a government of the workers or is putting up a new farce to feat the working class.

There, in the bodies of dual power of the masses, it will be the order of the day the setting of a revolutionary leadership, which will only emerge as an expression of the international combat of the revolutionary forces of the fourth international against the liquidators of the Socialist Revolution.



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The KKE and the unions it dominates had an opportunity for calling to defeat the plebiscite, opposing to it, not the ridiculous call to vote NULL, but a courageous struggle of the unions and the whole working class against Syriza, which has come for a time applying a starving plan of the Troika. The Stalinist bureaucracy in the unions also prevented the masses from giving a reply in the streets to the trap of the plebiscite. Well, now the conditions are overripe to give that reply. A call for a national congress of the unions and worker organizations, to put up committees of enterprises, of unemployed, of supplies, etc., would open a new perspective for Greek exploited and also put on the order of the day a call to all workers in Europe for coordinating a common struggle against the imperialist Europe of Maastricht. Old Communist Parties in Europe are also part of the debris that constitutes this "new left", and they play an essential role in the task di-

vision inside the same. Today they are the great obstacle for opening a revolutionary perspective. Dug in as bureaucrats in the Unions, they have carried the European working class –and particularly, the Greek one- to beg the capitalists: “please, be merciful and don’t make us tight so much our belts”, “stop your austerity plans”. That amounts to begging the fox not to eat the chickens. These union bureaucracies have imposed on the unions the worst humiliations and separated the unionized workers from the millions of unemployed and immigrant workers.

The leash of Capital is uniting ever more all the sections of the working class, including the ruined layers of the middle-classes. This is now a sharp reality in Greece. The masses are trying to break the contention dams of their leaderships. This is one of the last opportunities that the Greek masses have to find a breakthrough, and a poignant warning to all the workers in the imperialist powers.

Let’s set up the organizations of dual power of the fighting masses!

It is necessary to unite all the masses that are fighting. No demands in any sector or trade inside the working class can now be achieved without defeating the government and the deal Tsipras-Merkel. All the sections of the masses that enter the struggle must set up the organizations of self-organization and direct democracy of the masses: the state workers, the Unions, the workers of the bankrupt enterprises, the unemployed, the rebel youth, the ruined petty-bourgeoisie.

A huge political crisis is now open in Greece. The treacherous leaderships want to prevent the masses from discovering the monster that is waiting for them in the shadows, so that the masses do not hit it harshly and beforehand: the caste of officers of the Greek Army, which is part of the high rank of generals of the NATO; the same caste that gave birth to the infamous murderous Greek Colonels.

The demand for committees of rank and file soldiers

which prevent any repression against the people, the right of these soldiers to be unionized, and their participation in the actions of the workers and the people in their struggles, is now a decisive question before the political crisis that Greece is entering. Out of Kosovo the Greek military bases!

Golden Down and the whole fascist movement, before the development of the crisis and supported by the ruined desperate petty-bourgeoisie, will turn to recruit fresh forces –encouraged in the backroom by Big Capital- in order to attack labor and the fighting masses. Building up a worker militia in Greece is a question of life and death for the exploited. The youth has been the vanguard of this struggle. It is necessary to set up the committees of self-defense of the fighting workers alongside the immigrant workers, facing any attempt from the part of the bureaucracy of the Unions to break from inside the struggle of the Greek exploited, as we saw already in 2012 when the masses were fighting to throw down Papandreou.

Huge class battles are on the works; Big Capital has given the order: “all-out civil war against the masses”. No one may go on creating illusions about “coming epochs of social peace and harmony among the classes”. More than ever, there is a very clear alternative ahead. Bourgeoisie with its class-collaboration governments –of the likes of Syriza- comes putting to sleep and anaesthetizing the masses, so to be able to repress violently and unmolested their left wing. Meanwhile, Big Capital prepares Fascism. In Greece, the latter has been long grinding the workers’ backs with sticks and guns.

Whither Greece? Towards an iron alternative: either socialist revolution or fascism and war

Statement of the FLTI - Collective for the Refoundation Fourth International



Two theories and two programs confront each other in the Greek barricades

**TROTSKISM AND THE THEORY-PROGRAM OF THE PERMANENT REVOLUTION;
AND THE "NEW LEFT", FOLLOWERS OF THE PSEDO-THEORY AND PROGRAM OF
STALINISM AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY**

The "new left" and the "bourgeois fields" old venom recipe

For Marxism, the history of mankind is the history of class struggle. There are exploiting and exploited classes, in this case capitalists and workers.

For reformers and opportunists, even since the 19th century, and after that for social democracy, the Stalinists and all that came after them in the 20th century to the present day, this Marxist law, which boils down to "the history of mankind is the history of class struggle", "is suspended" during some historical periods. For them, at times, the ruling classes collide among themselves. For example, they say that in semi-colonial countries the native bourgeoisie clashes with the abuses of imperialism, or that in the imperialist countries democratic imperialists collide against the "more fascist" ones.

For all of these people, at times "two blocks" occur in the bourgeoisie: a "progressive" one and another that is "regressive". For them there's a bourgeois block that the proletariat can use for their purposes making political deals with it, thus helping to strengthen the proletarian forces. So, for them, the working class must walk forward next to the "democratic bourgeoisie" against the "fascist bourgeoisie" or with the bourgeoisie of the semi-colonial countries "against imperialism".

Which more developed this "two fields" theory was Stalinism in its "popular fronts" policy. These old recipes about "progressive bourgeois fields" - led the working class to the worst

defeats by supporting "democratic" imperialism in the inter-imperialist wars or seconding bourgeois governments, lackeys of imperialism, which were disguised in "democratic" clothes to strangle the proletarian revolution.

We will not enumerate here the huge list of revolutions betrayed by this poison of the reformist left "two fields" theory. We mention here some of them: Stalinism applied it to strangle the world revolution as in the tragedy of Spain and France in the '30 and in the Yalta and Potsdam Pact between Stalin and the supposedly 'democratic' imperialism (Roosevelt and Churchill). That theory was that choked the 1968/74 revolutionary upsurge and all the fights for national independence in the aftermath of the Second World War; and so on. We could be enumerating those defeats for hours. "Two fields" theory and practice, that is, the existence of "progressive bourgeois fields", is common to all renegades to Marxism.

They hold it is "tactical" to "have the class struggle suspended" and also it is that "the proletariat limit their demands to be able to make a block with the bourgeoisie". Them, from Lassalle to Bernstein, Kautsky, Martov and Stalin to the Renegades of the Trotskyism of today, all respond that move is something "tactical".

Life has showed that not even formal bourgeois democracy is defended; imperialism can't be defeated in semi-

colonial countries nor will inter-imperialist wars be prevented, if the working class does not join forces with the other oppressed classes of society against the bourgeoisie. Where there is a bourgeois and thousand workmen, it is the bourgeois who has the upper hand, since if there is no agreement the latter goes away with his wallet, as Trotsky says. The most serious flaw of this "two fields" theory is that it poisons the consciousness of the working class and creates in it illusions in its executioners.

As Trotsky would say, on a political front with the bourgeoisie is not the law of mathematics which rules, that is, in which one plus one is two, but the law of the parallelogram of forces, i.e. the product of two forces with opposite direction is zero.

Who gives even the tip of the little finger to the bourgeoisie, or creates political illusions about bourgeois parties and Governments is giving his/her soul to the devil. Moreover, the sin is much more serious, because he/she becomes responsible for the atrocities and the exploitation of a bourgeois Government against the working class. But what is more serious still, giving the slightest support to a bourgeois Government is to waive in advance the fight to overthrow it.

That is what the policy of the "new left" is about, in this case against the 'NO' of Syriza: a clear "two fields" policy. In itself, it is a complete program

through which the left refuses to prepare the conditions for a revolutionary overthrow of that Government -a bourgeois class collaboration Government-, because it awakens illusions of the masses in it. And it is not enough to then say "Syriza has betrayed us" while they called to a political front with Tsipras by means of voting NO in the plebiscite.

This is not a tactical problem. It is a problem of strategy and principle. Of course, for reformism no strategy problems and principles exist. They live in the world of the immediate, where the strategy is not raised except for many, many years later, when the Socialist Revolution "can begin". Therefore for reformism principles and strategies have no importance.

For us, revolutionaries, any tactic that does not express the strategy and principles is a betrayal. There are tactics and tactics, some are treasonous and other are revolutionary. Support the bourgeoisie is part of the first. Marxism has a revolutionary tactics manual: the unified labor front, the revolutionary intervention in the bourgeois parliaments, etc. But if these do not pursue the objective of the seizure of power, they turn against the working class.

There have been "geniuses" of sophistry who have come to say, paraphrasing Clausewitz, "tactics are the actions of scattered patrols" and strategy is "the conjunction of those actions with a goal"... but this is quackery. The war techniques are based on a principle, which is to concentrate all forces and means available to overcome the will of the enemy. So the crucial point is separating the forces of the working class from their torturers, to liberate them from the latter and its institutions of domination in a way that allow the exploited to take power.

Therefore it is not tactical to make a political bloc with the bourgeoisie, unless you want to betray. Any tactical intervention in bourgeois electoral processes must serve to organize the fighting of the masses, denouncing the bourgeois institutions of domination, fighting for the power of the working class and to develop the forces of the revolutionary movement.



Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin

We Marxists do not reject the unity of action, even with the devil. For example, we make a military action unity with anyone who faces imperialism if the latter attacks an oppressed country. We do not deny the unity of action for a point in the struggle against imperialism if the native bourgeoisie are seeking to press it by mobilizing the masses. But we never do a political bloc with the bourgeoisie.

In the elections for parliamentary seats any political working class intervention is based on maintaining the class independence. In a plebiscite, no different class blocks hide in the 'Yes' or 'NO' alternative. The bourgeois parties next to Syriza were in the "NO" vote. The same was true for the 'Yes'. That's why now the bourgeois have very easily agreed and voted together Merkel package.

That is why, either in the elections you respect the political independence of the working class or you seal a political bloc with the bourgeoisie and betray the proletariat. There are no intermediate tactics.

Plebiscites as of Greece are the most undemocratic form of wrapping the bourgeois dictatorship and a policy of class collaboration, for **in a referendum you always opt between two bourgeois policies; the working class cannot introduce its program and put it to the vote. Or does anyone know any referendum that has been put to the vote whether or not the property of capitalists will be respected?**

Let's talk about clear. The "new left"

wanted to sell that the workers and the people were in the "NO". But many times workers vote to bourgeois parties. We saw it with Chavez, Peron, Obama... Some other "new left" parties and currents also said that if the 'NO' won, the best conditions were being created to fight.

As we see today, the trap of the 'NO' created the worst conditions to fight, not the best ones.

As we shall see later, PTS (Partido de los Trabajadores Socialistas - Socialist Workers' Party) of Argentina, which called on not to vote in the plebiscite, ended with an ambiguous policy. In other words, for them the victory of the 'NO' would be a hybrid or rather, algebraic result; i.e., either Tsipras can use it against the working class or the working class can use it to deal with the EU. As we see, this last variant did not nor could be with Syriza in the Government, because every confrontation with the EU must begin with defeating Tsipras, not with him coming as a winner with the 'NO' vote, as he did.

These are steps in the clouds and reformist fantasies. The elections are the ground of the bourgeoisie. If we of the revolutionary parties can develop our positions, we intervene in them to develop the extra-parliamentary struggle of masses. We reaffirm, however, that the "No" or "Yes" alternative in a referendum does not allow to express a class independence policy. It is the most perfidious and anti-democratic of bourgeois traps. We insist the only one that can use the referenda is the bourgeoisie. Tsipras and Merkel did very

well and quickly could discipline all the Greek parliamentarians of all parties, including the "rebels from Syriza's" and most of the "left".

In the "NO" you could find any kind of bourgeois parties, including the fascists of Golden Dawn and bourgeois partners of Tsipras at the Ministry of Defense -the Independent Greeks. In the "Yes", there was the entire EU governments plus Greek New Democracy and PASOK.

The division was established around which bourgeois program was to be applied in Greece, whether that of Tsipras, that is of negotiating a more gradual attack or that of Merkel, "operating without anesthesia"... or the exit from the euro. After the deception, they turned out to be all for Merkel's way.

The extreme pressure from Merkel legitimized the "setting in increasingly fewer installments" by Tsipras. The more Merkel pressed, the more and more Tsipras 'gave in', as his sycophants say. **Let's say the truth, both of them, Merkel and Tsipras played for the same team.** The truth is that Tsipras told the exploited: "accept my prescription, if not you will have to gulp Merkel's which is worse". He deceived them. The masses voted for 'NO'. And now he returns to say: "if we do not now support this new setting, it will become worse, because not only we have to mortgage the State enterprises, but put them on behalf of the creditors directly". Tsipras was always who worked to impose an ultimatum on the Greek working class. And this is very clear. No one can deny it. The plebiscite was a great blackmail against the masses. And the world "new left" was an ACCOMPLICE to this.

The problem is no one within it denounced that in this plebiscite, both the "Yes" and the "NO", or the hybrid positions about them, were part of a great anti-democratic trap against the working class... a fraud of various bourgeois gangs. That is the crux of the matter.

No current, even the more "reddish" ones denounced the referendum trap nor called to defeat it. Some, like Antarsya, Argentina's PO (Partido Obrero - Workers' Party, Argentina), a sector of Greek Stalinism, the Syriza

left, French NPA and other various Renegades to Trotskyism which swarm behind the "new left" emerging in Europe, called to give a class struggle content to the 'NO'. This is impossible; because after the voting, who implements, executes and decides what is to be done with those 'NO' votes? The "revolutionary" members elected by plebiscite? But the plebiscite did not elect any members, even of the reformist parties. Tsipras did what he wanted. It was the Government of Syriza that had "NO" in its pocket, as Merkel had the "Yes" vote.

Calling to vote 'NO', "though changing its content", and make the masses believe and develop delusions about that serving to defeat the attack, was collaborating with the deception against the same masses.

The PO of Argentina said in its statement on July 7 addressing the victory of the 'NO' in the referendum: *"popular rebellion against the so-called Troika, comprising the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the IMF"*... They speak of *"a sinister trio"*... but isn't the Syriza Government a part of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the IMF for attacking the working class and make it pay for the crisis of their bankers and transnationals? We have here a position that vindicates the theory of "two fields", that is, an openly class collaborationist position. For now PO, Antarsya, French NPA and all new European social-imperialist left have long broken with any policy of class independence.

The PO has been caught in the bourgeois 'field' of the 'NO'. And let's be clear. The more the bourgeoisie lies to and deceives the working class the more this deception and this lie should be denounced.

For its part, French NPA - which has long ago broken publicly with the struggle for socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat - and "anti-capitalist" Greeks of Antarsya say: *"on Sunday, more than 60% of Greeks voted for NO in the referendum. What does this vote mean for Greece? It is clear that this was a class vote."* (Interview with Manos Skoufoglou, leader of Antarsya on July 6)

This is a lie. Voting 'NO' was a vote of class collaboration. Syriza and the bourgeoisie of the 'NO' used it to impose the plan of the Troika. And it is not about many NO votes coming from working-class neighborhoods. Also many workers voted Peron and his party in Argentina to Chavez in Venezuela to Obama in the USA and that does not mean that they were class votes.

The PO, the NPA, Antarsya... were in the "NO sidewalk". And now what do they complain about when Tsipras announces his "adjustment plan"? Because the masses -and not them- are who pay the consequences of such treachery and fraud.

The PTS called "not to enter the trap of the 'NO'". That was correct. Here it is not a question of winning an argument. The problem is that the same PTS ended up entering the trap...

It announced during days: "while the Tsipras Government will try to use the referendum to maneuver with European leaders and maintain the policy of retrenchment in exchange for the bailout workers, young people, the impoverished sectors have expressed their repudiation of the Troika (...) "The rejection of the Troika will be expressed in different ways, both by those that will vote NO and those who do not consider the referendum as any way out." (Declaration of the PTS on June 30 2015).

They are saying that by means of the 'NO' vote the working class could repudiate the EU plan and the Government, which had been already negotiating - as they also say - an agreement with Merkel in the backstage against the Greek people! They said that time and again... endlessly.

Syriza has deceived the Greek people. They could not express their yearning for Justice and stopping the terrible attack on them. Today the 'NO' means a ton stones dropping to each worker in the head.

The 'NO' could not nor can ever be used against the Troika because it was a tool of Syriza, its Government and the negotiating table with Merkel.

Only with the fight in the streets, with General strikes and deepening the road to revolution you can reject the Troika; and that's inseparable from - and at no time the PTS says that- defeating the Government of Syriza, which is an enemy of the people, a Government of the imperialist bankers,. This had to be said with the bravery of the Bolsheviks against the Kerensky: Syriza is a Government of imperialism, the enemy of the people. It was necessary to report it even if that amounted to remain alone, because today millions would have been saying "they were right; they were brave and did not lie to us." The PTS simulated with marching to a correct position. But stayed in the middle and ended up giving the 'NO' magic values. That's regrettable.

Though, the PTS went further still. In a statement July 7 it announces "a paradox" after the victory of the 'NO'. Its leadership expressed a sort of "Yes, but not". They say, on the one hand, that the 'NO' *"has strengthened the Government that is ready now to negotiate with the same Troika"*. How can this be? Had not they told us that the 'NO', according to the PTS, was a way in which the workers also could *"repudiate the Troika"*? Here their eclecticism is boundless. If the 'NO' serves Syriza and also Merkel, as we see today, how is the 'NO' going to serve for the working class to make use of it? As you see, the 'NO' vote has a "multiple use" for PTS.

In a previous article on July 6 the PTS had posed another "paradox": *"while the Greek people spoke out forcefully against the Troika, the destiny of the Greeks is again in the latter's hands"*.

So then PTS is saying that the plebiscite was a great trap; that the 'NO' was a fraud. Though they had said before that in this fraud "the working class expressed its repudiation to the Troika". What ends up being a fraud is the position of the PTS. How could the working class come out as a winner from a plebiscite that was a scam against it? The PTS was with one foot in a correct position facing the plebiscite, and with the other foot together with its friends Antarsya and French NPA which openly supported it.



In its Declaration on July 7 PTS ends it saying -after reporting that the 'NO' was a fraud- that it is possible that *"the NO at the ballot box" turns "into a NO in the class struggle to fight for the power of the workers"*. Here you have delirium, a 40 Celsius degrees fever. So they say that the working class, with the 'NO', that is a fraud, can fight for the power of the workers! Indeed, PTS has been lost between the columns of the Parthenon in Greece.

This amounts to saying that, despite the fraud of 'NO', despite Syriza using the 'NO' in favor of the Troika, the ballots with the 'NO' votes can exit the ballot boxes and organize the battalions to "fight for the power of the workers". We have already seen how PO -the partner of the PTS in Argentinean FIT- has raised that the success of the 'NO' vote in the referendum had been a "popular rebellion against the Troika"... How is that, a "rebellion" with votes? Have the ballots insurrected at the polls? Do they jump? What are you speaking about? This is all a smoke-screen. There was no other chance of expressing a policy of class independence and clashing with the Troika save that of facing both Yes and NO in the plebiscite; because unless workers break with both 'Yes' and 'NO', that is, with Syriza's fraud and its plebiscite, they will not advance to the Socialist Revolution.

Telling the working class that it "can use the NO vote to fight" is a lie. Because what you need to say is that

you have to break with this Government that has cheated us with the referendum, because it is pro-EU, because it is pro-IMF, because it is the "left Manager" of the Morgan banking, so much -or more an enemy of the Greek workers as is Merkel. It is the jailer of the rebellious and combative youth. It is which posed as lamb and turned out to be the Wolf. It's that freed with its judges the fascists of Golden Dawn, which kill immigrant workers with their sticks.

This had to say before, during and after the plebiscite. And what about tactics? In any case they are in the hands of the reformers, who claim to be the "geniuses of the tactics".

The PTS announced the mother of all battles against the referendum, but stayed on the "NO side-walk", giving Syriza ideology from the left. After insisting correctly that due to the policy of Syriza, *"the NO 'mandate' at the ballot box, runs the risk of becoming in a few hours in a Yes"* (and this it also called "paradox") in its statement on July 7 continues saying: *"the referendum has operated a change at a level that might not be still perceptible."* (sic.) Here it is already entering a fantasy world. The 'NO' vote has telepathic powers. The PTS says that this level, which is not yet perceptible, *"is the self-perception of the masses of their own strength. This vital element, establishing itself in the balance of power between classes, is the main asset of the Greek working class and youth to*

face the fighting to come."

Blah, blah, blah. So the Argentine working-class voted Peron and realized its own strength because he won the election? Or workers vote Obama, who won the elections, and thus they got "through their self-perception" their own strength? What kind of invention is this, to enter the 'NO' through the window?

The PTS's trick is speaking about everything, and finally saying that 'NO' has a "progressive character", which can "raise the consciousness of the masses". If this is so, why PTS has not called to vote "No"? If it rains, why not come out with an umbrella? The PTS threatened to leave the "NO field", but came to the edge of the palisade and returned to the 'field' of Syriza again. If you develops much your "self-perception" you will notice quickly from this.

Here nobody invents any position that these people do not have, though they pretend to speak in a highbrow way. Theirs is a big lie. The 'NO' and the referendum are a defeat for the working class, and they have been used by Syriza to attack it violently. This defeat now the masses must overturn once their struggles were diverted by this Government of class collaboration of Syriza and its infamous plebiscite, which turned out to be nothing more than a detour to let Merkel, the EU and the Greek bankers put the sacrifice of the working class in their pockets. That is what the triumph or defeat is about: that money goes into the pockets of bankers, with the "NO" included. Don't lie anymore!

All this left believes that the class nature of the institutions of the bourgeoisie can be changed. This is the old social democratic theory of Bernstein that the "State is neutral", an "empty bag" that each class may impose their own content to. Bernstein's followers today say for example, that you can press the bosses' justice to get "good



sentences" in favor of the workers. Or that in the Parliament, which is an institution of the bourgeois state, it is possible, due to the presence of "worker representatives" to vote laws "in favor of the workers". All this is a vile deception.

The left with 'NO' applies this same theory to the plebiscite, saying that you may give it content in favor of the masses or against them if Syriza uses it. That's a shame. Because who will use it, if not Tsipras? We will not tire of affirming that the 'NO' in the referendum was one of the policies of the Greek bourgeoisie and bankers to fool the masses and impose a brutal attack, in partnership with the Merkel who if the YES had won would have imposed the same attack with few degrees more.

These are the trickeries and drawings this people had to do to follow in the NO's "bourgeois field", covering it with a "red" mantle and saying that the referendum as an institution has "progressive features" that can be used in favor of the workers.

The FIT of Argentina is making progress in the school of this "new left", as now it has openly entered into it.

The "masters" of this theory of the "two fields" is Stalinism; this time in Greece the Stalinists have been located on the outside of both the "YES field" and the "NO field". So it was that the KKE (Greek PC) has posed in front of the referendum: "neither Yes, nor NO;

withdrawal of the EU with the people in power". But this position of the KKE is far from having confronted the trap of the plebiscite. The Greek PC leads the absolute majority of trade unions and whole labor confederations, and has not called a single action of the Greek working class to struggle for defeating the referendum fraud. It was commissioned to unravel the fabric of the working class, demobilize it and guarantee social peace to Syriza so this rearm the Government of imperialist bankers and, buttressed by the Pact with Merkel, attack - as it is doing now - the Greek labor movement.

How is it that a parent Trade Union and all trade unions led by the Communist Party has raised a passive policy of abstention to the plebiscite, if they had the best conditions to prepare a crucial struggle for June 30, when the bailout to Greece was due?

KKE, with its abstention policy facing the plebiscite, washed the dirty laundry of the fight which it did not prepare or organized, in a treacherously deliberate way. Now, it will be in the "opposition", and the "left" dam for containing the revolutionary masses when they win the streets again, as it is happening at this moment, when we are finishing this article, when the Parliament is assembled. I.e., the KKE located itself outside of the "two fields"... but to save them both from the fire of the proletarian revolution.

The old theory of "two fields" and a programmatic conclusion: "we'll first defeat the Troika and then begin the road to socialist revolution" Again on the "new left" and the old recipes of Stalinism

As it could not be otherwise, since the Syriza Government arose, all the world lefts march to its tune: critically, uncritically, denouncing it furiously for being reformist... But they do not say what is substantial: Syriza is a Government of popular front, of class collaboration, the bourgeoisie being inside; many shades of the bourgeoisie: from the Ministers of finance and defense, up to New Democracy's Pavlopoulos, chosen by the majority of Syriza in the Parliament, as the new President of Greece that is above Tsipras.

That's why they did not denounce that both 'Yes', as 'NO' were in the Government of Syriza, and for that reason that plebiscite was a scam, as the entire anti-labor Government of Tsipras the agent of imperialism is... a new Papandreou, from whom it took all the measures agreed today in common

with the EU. Papandreou and PASOK - which was destroyed in the revolutionary processes of these years in Greece - gave the post to Syriza so that it implements their plan.

For this reason, Syriza is not the expression of the revolutionary process that the Greek masses and its rebellious youth began in 2008 but its diversion and abortion. The role of Syriza is coming to anesthetize the masses, violently repress its left wing - as it has done-, protect the most reactionary bourgeois state institutions, as the caste of Greek officers who occupied the Balkans, the judges who have jailed rebel youth and even sheltered the fascist bands, which tomorrow will be called by big capital to crush the masses numbed by Syriza today.

As it could not be otherwise, the reformist left's politics of the "two fields" ends on... the theory of "revolution by stages" of Stalinism: "Let's go with Syriza in defeating the Troika and then we'll make the Socialist Revolution"... as if it were possible to combat the Troika, the IMF and the EU without putting the battle cry that "the enemy is at home". The Troika is Syriza and Greek bankers. They, with the City of London and Wall Street have stolen the money of the Greek masses. And they

enslave them along with Merkel and Obama.

The working class cannot move forward to defeat the EU without taking power in Greece. This revolution would be a link, an episode of a single and unique European revolution. As the "new left" has a theory-program of "revolution by stages", the "NO" in the plebiscite is its "motto of transition" for pressuring Syriza and making it go until the end to a break with the EU. For them, "the Socialist Revolution would come after that", and demand us Trotskyists to "let them alone" and abandon our "sectarian policy". This is pure Stalinism. This amounts to asking the Greek imperialist bands to break with its partners of the imperialist gangs in Europe, in favor of the working class. It is a reactionary utopia. It is impossible to fight against oppression and the dire situation of Greek masses unless you expropriate the Greek capitalists and bankers and call on the German and European working class to confront Merkel, the Bourbons and all imperialist gang from Europe and the IMF together with the Greek masses. None of these leftists talk about.

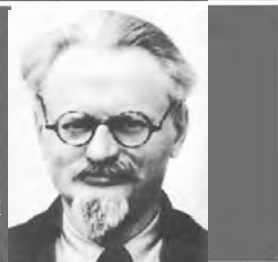
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In the reformist politics the capitulation of PODEMOS to the Spanish State cannot be absent

The fake of the “republican front” that sustains the Bourbon monarchy

The politics of this “new left” is so class collaborationist that is desperate seeking “progressive leftists” with a central program- as the one of the PTS- that is the following: to call on “the European left forces like Podemos, that governs in coalitions in cities like Madrid and Barcelona, to put all their ability to summon people to propel a great mass demonstration getting the square and streets with people in support of the Greek people and demanding, first, the unilateral cancellation of the debt of their own imperialist countries” (statement June 2, 2015).

PTS addresses Podemos of Madrid and Barcelona recognizing that this party is in government with coalitions where the bourgeoisie is in. PTS asks them to make new squares of the “outrage/indignados”. Has anyone told PTS that the old militant of the CC.OO in the ‘70s -who today is the mayor of Madrid- was during years the bourgeois judge of the Spanish Bourbon monarchy? There existed a worker judge of the king Juan Carlos? PODEMOS is a force that has been got hegemonic by the rich middle class going down and a faction of the “democratic” bourgeoisie. So “democratic” is that the latest war cry has been: “long lives the renewed monarchy”.

PODEMOS is in itself a “republican front” with the shadow of the bourgeoisie inside. but the difference is that this current “republican front” has put on his shoulders the monarchy and defend tooth and nail it against the masses.

It is unlikely to demand on supposed democrats –that they aren’t even such a thing- to carry out tasks that the militant masses of the Spanish State tried to do by a true “outrage” rebellion with their vanguard the heroic Asturias miners today chased and imprisoned, etc.

LIT-Liga Internacional de los Trabajadores- did the same: they demanded Chávez to do socialism. How can they demand the bourgeoisie to carry out socialism? If they are to make capitalism, not to give in their property?

It seems to be a lie but they say it. They speak on Madrid and Barcelona as if they were worker communes...what are they talking about? This people also say that Podemos has a policy to “gather people”. Podemos himself says that what they are doing in Spain is a “democratic revolution” and the central thing of such revolution is the “democratic” reform the monarchy has made itself by taking out all the corrupts who stole the money and putting the only prince that for now, has not been charged in any case. This is unbelievable. They are telling masses that PODEMOS is the expression of the “outrage” working class struggle in the Spanish State. It is a lie. We insist on it, Podemos I the expropriation of the “outrage” movement, the heroic combats of the Spanish working class, whose vanguard was the Asturias movement who rebelled at the war cry: “id our children suffer hunger, yours will bleed” and today those miners are in jail, chased and prosecuted with charges left isolated by the entire pseudo-democratic left currents.

PTS calls on Podemos to make the Spanish working class and masses support the Greek people...but Podemos has already acted: it supported Tsipras and his pact/agreement with Merkel. Thus, PTS created the illusion that such a bourgeois front could support the Greek working class. PODEMOS sustains the monarchy that has in jail the Basque fighters like Tsipras and his bastard left of Goldman Sachs keep in prison the Greek youth for the “crime” of confronting fascism.

The bourgeoisie of Spain learnt from the year ’31 when the “republican front” won the elections and after that the mass upsurge overthrew the monarchy by fighting in the street and boycott against the fake Berenguer Cortes. Thus, PODEMOS today is a preventive popular front per city in Barcelona and Madrid...a “republican front” that sustains a “self-reformed” monarchy to prevent the working class from leading the mass struggle against the miserable imperialist bourgeoisie, to clear out the Bourbon monarchy and open again the revolutionary road expropriated due to the treasons of the Communist Party and PSOE when Franco fell down in 1976.

Podemos comes to prevent the mass revolutionary upheaval using petty-bourgeois phrases, changing the names of the Madrid streets that had old fascists’ names but he rules for the bourgeoisie against the worker movement and sustaining the Spanish Bourbon monarchy, the biggest representative of Maastricht.

PODEMOS pretends not to notice the trade unions and worker organizations using in his favour the huge discredit of the trade unions. They are getting ready to be like Syriza that doesn’t have any pressure on the part of the worker movement, thus, allowing that the trade unions keep inside a social pact- the Moncloa Pact- for the bureaucracy can continue strangling the working class’ struggle.

PODEMOS sweetened by the world reformist left is the twin star of Syriza. Both are the new stars in the “New Left”’s world that only irradiate new catastrophe and sufferings for the worldwide working class.

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The reactionary utopia of the "New Left": They wanted to show Tsipras as a new "European Chavez"

The reformist left wants to convince that Greece is a colony or a plundered semi colony, and its bourgeoisie as if it were half oppressed by imperialism and half oppressor of its own working class. The only thing missing is to say that Syriza may be "Peron" "Chavez" or "Naser". They want to bring about a "Bolivarian movement" in the imperialist Greece. It's a fraud!

Sometimes in semi colonial countries, and under specific historical circumstances, the native bourgeoisie haggles their share of national income and supvalue taken out of the labor movement with imperialism, which controls most of the economy of these countries. The bourgeoisie blackmails the imperialism mobilizing the masses, up to the point that they can control them because if not they may attack not only the interests of imperialism but also the native bourgeoisie.

Greece is not a colony or a semi colony. Their imperialist gangs are junior partners of imperialist domain of the world. Greece is the weakest link of imperialist domain in bankruptcy of Europe.

Imperialist gangs even the smallest ones and minor partners, share out world market and the big or tiny areas of influence, where they are associated.

Since a long time imperialist powers are left over. Most of European powers have remained vassals after the 2008 crack



Troops of the Greek army

The relationship between them and the imperialist powers that won the commercial battle like the US, Germany and Japan is vassalage. The imperialist pirates' winners will keep the losers' business and even their areas of influence. The losers will try to join them, recognizing the forces relationship. And if not, they will wait the moment to recover their businesses. That was the reason of first and second imperialist world war.

For the reformist charlatans, war does not exist. Here what is being defined in the Chinese crisis, European bankruptcy and Greek crisis it is how the imperialist powers defeated in the trade war pay the crisis and which of the victorious imperialist powers will have to pay the next crisis, that It is already here. Germany has told the IMF and the US: "Not me, I do not pay anything in Europe." The vultures are peck-

ing each other. And if the working class does not take the power, the war will come, which is the last path that the world capitalist system has to solve its chronic crisis. This is the only way to raise the current situation of Greece from a strategic point of view. Everything else are reformist lies.

GREECE HAS THE SECOND MILITARY BUDGET OF ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND ITS REACTIONARY OFFICERS, IS AN ADVANCED DETACHMENT OF THE IMPERIALIST NATO TROOPS

Gentlemen, we must speak clear. Under these conditions, to pretend the masses believe the emergence of a "Bolivarian phenomenon" in the imperialist Europe is stupid. In Eastern Europe, in the new colonies and

republics of the former workers states that possibility is open. But here we are talking about the bourgeois government of Syriza, the Greek shipowners, one of the largest shareholders of HSBC, of those who had put their assets as partners of Banking Morgan and Goldman Sachs on Wall Street. You are talking about a small bankrupt imperialist nation, but which has the second military budget in Europe, even bigger than Germany. Greece and Turkey dispute the southern Mediterranean, the routes of the Black Sea and the Balkans. You are talking about transnational companies of the largest ship owners in the world.

Greece's military budget has been under German observation. This requires a reduction of 200 million euros of Greece budget. Greece and its generals officers, used to make coups and kill workers, is the outpost of NATO troops to the Balkans, Eastern Europe and the southern Mediterranean.

These people are now in bankruptcy. But they are not willing to pay for the crisis. That's what Tsipras and Merkel discuss: how to make the masses pay for it. The relationship between them is as it happens among capitalist gangs: pirating, step on to the other... the pillage's winner imposed conditions to the losers, puts him down on his knees... and will remain, as it is inevitably, with most of its business. If Germany wins, Greece will go back to a category of vassal. This is capitalist system. **These Greek pirates will never call to support the working class and its organizations of struggle. Instead, the world reformist left, indeed, called to support Syriza, the left cover of these imperialist gangs, some of them run down.**

Then, to pretend that Greece is a plundered semi-colony is a fraud

because what they are proposing to Syriza, a direct agent of Greek and European imperialism is a "anti-imperialist front" to face Maastricht. Why they do not intend to propose Hollande, the Prince of Belgium, the Netherlands, the new king of Spain to make a front to face Maastricht? They have already gone too far when they proposed Hollande and imperialist social democracy to make an "anti-austerity" front.

These are the doodles the left of Maastricht has to draw to deceive the masses and left support Syriza.

We must speak clearly. The pseudo-theory of a "Bolivarian government" the in imperialist Europe of Maastricht is a huge revisionist cruelty and deception for the masses. What lies ahead are governments of class collaboration, popular fronts, to rebuild the battered states and regimes of imperialist Europe. If they fail in their attempts, the next it will be the fist of fascism.

The real program for Greece of the left is "unity of action with Syriza and the Greek government against imperialist Troika". This is to be a servant of imperialist gangs into disgrace. In Greece: the main enemy is at home! So it is for the German, French and English working class. This is the only way to conquer the unity of the European working class. The nationalism of imperialist powers is to break the unity of the working class and develop a worst-chauvinism in its labor movement. Plebiscites, are submission to the siren call of Syriza and all its deceptions are merely a round-up to support the big stick of Germany and the Greek imperialist bankers against workers.

Facts and figures demonstrate this. If you do not face and defeat the bankers and capitalists parasites of Greece, there is no solution for the

working class of this country. **Forecasting debt of Greece, which is now 320,000 million euros in 2011, 110 billion euros of Greek debt belonged to Greek banks, which had fallen into the debacle of its partners Banking Morgan and Goldman Sachs in Wall Street's crisis. The Greek state paid these banks 110 billion euros. And now, Greek banks are creditors of 40% of the Greek debt (about 128 billion euros) today.**

We must tell the truth. We are facing a policy of class collaboration, of subordination of the working class to bourgeoisie political fronts. That was the support to the NO together with Syriza "against the Troika", as if the fate of the Greek masses could be tied to the fate of NO of Syriza. Why are these people surprised now about the "betrayal" of Syriza?

When there are thousand workers and a boss, you do what the boss says. Otherwise, the boss goes.

With the plebiscite, they beautified the good boss, who is ready to hit the working class. These are the facts. You can't deny it. Do not lie anymore!

The left of the left gave legitimacy to the referendum of Syriza. This is the trap of attacking directly the masses. They will tell this opportunist left, "You also told lies and deceived us." And they will be right.

We insist, we are facing an open policy of class collaboration. The Greek government is popular front government, as Stalinism imposed for decades. That is, a government of workers' parties with the imperialist bourgeoisie.

Carlos Munzer

Supported by the workers of Kiev who refused to join the Army to kill their brothers and sisters in Donetsk and Lugansk,

the miners of Donbass stopped the counterrevolutionary offensive

of the fascist forces working for Poroshenko's government commanded by NATO



Putin, Merkel, Hollande and Poroshenko



Miners of Donbass

Now... Obama, Merkel, Hollande and Putin, agreed in the Minsk Conference on disarming together the masses of Donbass and preventing the unification of the fierce Ukrainian working class

Down with Minsk Pact of Obama and Putin!

√ Out with NATO, IMF and the European Union!

√ Crimea is also Ukraine... Out with Putin, NATO's hitman in Eastern Europe and partner with Citibank!

FOR A SOVIET UNITED FREE AND INDEPENDENT UKRAINE!

UKRAINE

An heroic resistance fighting by the miners in Donbass slows the counter-revolutionary offensive of the Fascist forces of Kiev under the command of NATO

The true power of miners from Eastern Ukraine lies in the uprising of the workers in Western Ukrainian and Kiev (Kyiv) -the capital- who refused to fight against their class brothers and sisters and began to face the attacks of Poroshenko Government

Now... in the Minsk Conference, Obama, Merkel, Hollande, Putin and Poroshenko together have agreed to disarm the masses in Donbass and prevent them from unifying the whole hardened Ukrainian working-class in a single combat

Down with the Minsk Pact!

The Great-Russian bourgeoisie tries to disarm the heroic masses of the Donbass from within

The struggle against the imperialist plunder, and also against their miserable wages of 150 Euros a month and the high cost of life unites the Ukrainian working class and pushes it to fight alongside its class sisters and brothers of Europe, first of all with the Russian workers, super exploited and beaten with permanent devaluations by the anti labour Government of Putin

The brutal attack of the IMF, the EU and the Bundesbank puts in the order of the day the unity of the Ukrainian working class with workers from all over Europe. The demand is one and the same for all: **down with imperialist Maastricht! Out with the IMF and the EU from the colonized Eastern Europe peoples!**
The crisis should be paid for by the 1% of imperialist parasites of Wall Street and the Bundesbank!



For a Congress of delegates of Kievan and Donbass' workers together with delegates of the committees of rank and file soldiers and poor peasants!

In order to eat and to stop privatizations, wage reductions, layoffs and the spoliation of oppressed Ukraine...

In the same way that yesterday the workers acted against the Government of Yanukovich, agent of the IMF and Putin...

Today... we must defeat the Government of Poroshenko, break with the IMF and expropriate without compensation the imperialist bankers and the Ukrainian oligarchs -partners to the EU and the Great-Russian bourgeoisie!

For a labour emergency plan to get away from the disaster imposed by the native capitalists and imperialism! They provoked the crisis, so they should pay for it!

In '89, imperialist demagoguery promised workers from Eastern Europe they would earn the same wages as the West German workers, however today they have worse wages than those earned by the workers of Congo, Bolivia, China, Middle East, etc.
Workers from Ukraine and Eastern Europe should earn the

same as and fight alongside the working class of imperialist Europe! Only thus they would be able to also regroup their forces to stop the attack of the bankers and their Governments that takes from them all their conquests.

Immediate wage increases according to a family shopping basket! For a minimum wage of 2500 Euros, this should be movable according to the inflation for everyone!

The capitalist restoration and the recolonization of Ukraine and the peoples of the East have transformed the working class in these countries in new nomads across the European continent, immigrants without future in an imperialist Europe of generalized layoffs.

**Enough of layoffs! Enough of unemployment!
For a Public works plan! Reduction of working time without wage reduction! All free hands should go to production!**

For the state-ization without compensation and under workers control of every mine and factory that shuts off or dismisses workers! Not one single dollar more to pay for the fraudulent debt with the IMF! This debt was taken by the old Stalinist rubbish, today turned into a new bourgeoisie and oligarchy in Ukraine and Russia, monitored by the Citibank!

The business of Putin and Merkel around Gazprom is based on the looting of Russia, The Russian Federation and all the nations that constituted the former Warsaw Pact, in complicity with their Governments.

For the immediate seizure of all assets of the parasitic Ukrainian oligarchy which in ' 89, as heads of the Stalinist Communist party clique, stole the goods and the riches of the people and handed over the former worker States to Reagan, Thatcher and the Citibank!

FOR A UNITED, FREE AND INDEPENDENT SOVIET UKRAINE!

Out with NATO, UN, IMF and Merkel from Ukraine and the East European countries! Let's crush the fascist troops from Kiev, which are under their command!

Crimea is also Ukrainian! Obama and NATO handed it over to Putin, such as to please and reward him for acting as policeman of the revolutionary uprising of the masses in Ukraine and all oppressed peoples of the East!



Donbass miners in Kiev

Out with the Great Russian military base in Crimea! Out with the counter-revolutionary white troops of Putin, the hitman of NATO and partner of Citibank! He prepares to disarm and crush the Ukrainian revolution as soon as he closes a deal with imperialism to get a good business, as he did yesterday in Georgia, in Chechnya, in the Caucasus as a whole and in the Balkans

For the return of USSR of the Councils of workers, peasants and soldiers, this time relieved from the traitors of Stalinism, who handed over the revolution of October 1917 and the international socialist revolution!

**EITHER UKRAINE WILL BE SOVIET,
SOCIALIST AND A BASTION OF EUROPEAN
REVOLUTION... OR IT WILL BE A COLONY!**

The workers of the Donbass, despite suffering enormous casualties and the massacre against the civilian population, stopped the advance of the counter-revolutionary offensive of the Kievan military forces under the orders of NATO

Their great ally is the working class of Western Ukraine, which refused to fight against their class brothers and sisters in the East

A revolution is in the works in Ukraine. Imperialism has concentrated its forces and makes play to all of its agents to defeat it. The exploited in the Eastern regions do not give up and defend their jobs, their homes, their land and their families with their committees of workers and soldiers, questioning the plans of the IMF. The Western Ukrainian exploited in Kiev, also face the IMF imposed plans of Poroshenko puppet government. The whip of capital tends to every step to unite the ranks of the proletariat of the entire Ukraine, faced the same enemy: the plans of looting and misery by the IMF, the World Bank and the EU.

Thousands of plans were launched by imperialism to bend the heroic resistance of the Donbass in Eastern Ukraine: mas-

sive bombing and massacre, siege by starvation and shortages. But none of this was enough. **Heroically, the workers of the Donbass have slowed the counter-revolutionary offensive of Kiev's military forces under the command of NATO**, suffering huge casualties and massacre of civilians. They were not Russian troops, under the command of Putin the butcher, the protagonists of this battle. They have been the heroic working class of the Donbass and its miners, and the working class of Kiev.

In this battle, which prevented the occupation of the Donbass, the other main protagonist was the heroic resistance of the workers in the West who refused to fight against their class brothers and sisters in the **Donbass and have disintegrated the army**

of Kiev. Thousands have passed together with their weapons to fight alongside the militias of miners, exploited and rank and file soldiers in the East.

In January the Government of Poroshenko launched a levy to recruit 50,000 soldiers, but failed miserably. **More than 7500 Ukrainians face criminal charges for evading military service.** Mothers, daughters, girlfriends, and women of all Ukrainian men run to recruitment centers and surround them with the cry of **"We will not go to a fratricidal war"**. Working-class women of Donetsk and Lugansk are in charge of denouncing the murderous colonels and generals of Kiev, insulting them and wanting to do justice for their dead sons and husbands, for the destruction of their land. The only forces that the Government in Kiev in Ukraine can rely on are the fascist militias as Aidar or gangs of outsiders and mercenaries against which the masses have already revolted in cities like Konstantinovka.

This shows that the fight of the masses from East and West Ukraine is one and a single one, for the same demands and against the same enemy.

That is why –and despite the leadership it has at its head which is trying to split it at every step– the Ukrainian working-class again and again struggles to unite its ranks.

In the Minsk negotiations, Putin has handed over the heroic resistance of the masses of the Donbass

The exploited in the Donbass stopped temporarily the offensive, but the bourgeoisie of East Ukraine and Putin handed that victory over to Poroshenko and imperialism in the Minsk negotiations.

The major point of this agreement was to **divide the ranks of the Ukrainian exploited to impose the disarmament of the Donbass and implement the plans of the IMF in Kiev.** Thus they opened a "demilitarized zone", splitting and tearing Ukraine, to prevent the imminent unity of the masses from East and West, which would have meant the beginning of the revolution in the entire nation, the only way to conquer bread, jobs, and wages.

The "demilitarized" zones of the Minsk agreement are nothing but boundaries drawn by a counterrevolutionary plan by which Putin and the Great-Russian bourgeoisie are given the central work of disorganizing from the inside the revolutionary process of the Donbass. No doubt if they are able to impose it, the way to the colonization of Ukraine and the privatization of the mines and all the State companies will be at the order of the day. But they will not be able to do so without snatching the weapons from the working class militias in the Donbass and defeating the workers in Kiev and the rest of Ukraine who have stand up struggling against the plans of the IMF.



Donbass miners

The bourgeoisie has an invaluable point to their favor: **all leaderships of the world working class have conspired, encircling the resistance, and established a false confrontation between the masses of the Donbass and the Kievan masses** so that they do not face with a single fist the plans of re-colonization and sacking of Ukraine. Nothing prevents the unity of the exploited from all over Ukraine except this huge conspiracy of the bourgeoisie and the betrayal of the leaderships of the world proletariat. These have left the leadership of the most heroic of the Ukrainian resistance, the miners in the Donbass, in the hands of Putin and the bourgeoisie of the East who are trying to depict the Eastern workers' true allies, i.e., the workers in the West of Ukraine, as their enemies.

Putin is junior partner of Merkel in the gas business, both the Gazprom and the gas trade in Europe. Yesterday he supported Yanukovich and today manipulates the resistance of the working class to continue staying, somehow, in business.

Imperialism snatched from its hit man Putin the control of Ukraine, but in return for these services in the region, it left in Putin's hands the peninsula and the pipeline of Crimea. **The bloodied hands of the White troops of Great Russia must stay off Crimea! We do not recognize any annexation rights to Putin the butcher!**

The Great-Russian bourgeoisie and their peers and allies of the Donbass did not fight against the Kievan counter-revolutionary forces which are under the command of NATO and "democratic" Obama. The waste of European Stalinism are calling to crush the Fascist forces of Kiev by means of a front with Putin and the Great-Russian bourgeoisie and against the workers from the rest of Ukraine, under the guise of an "anti-fascist struggle".

Life has given its verdict. "Combative" Putin pulled out all his troops from the borders to prevent Russian rank and file soldiers from passing with their weapons -as some did- to fight alongside their class brothers and sisters of the Donbass, **as soon as Crimea was sure in his pocket and his accounts were frozen at Citibank and the Bank of Cyprus.** Thus, he proved to be a simple lackey and junior partner of the imperialist bankers.

What disorganized and prevented the formation of an army of 140,000 men, which would have crushed the rebellious Donbass in days or weeks, as we have said, was the working class of Kiev that did not appear to be recruited in the barracks and refused to take the gun to hold it against their brethren of the East.

The Ukrainian working class imposed a factual united front. What united them to their class siblings was the miserable 150 Euros as average salary earned by the Ukrainian workers who manage to have work and have not had to flee as slave immigrants to imperialist Europe.

We must now talk about clearly.

With the Pact of Minsk the Donbass is again encircled and the bourgeoisie in Kiev is given time so it can reset its counter-revolutionary forces, and the Great-Russian bourgeoisie disarm the miners' movement.

There is no way to victory without the unity of the entire Ukrainian working class, which supports the same pro-IMF attack throughout its territory.

The Minsk agreement: a counter-revolutionary Pact between imperialism and its agents to disarm the masses and re-colonize Ukraine

The Minsk agreement was a real counter-revolutionary Pact led by Obama, who sat Merkel, Hollande, Putin and Poroshenko at the table of negotiations. **It was not a "peace agreement", it was a Pact to prevent the unity of the exploited of the whole Ukraine from East to West who confront the plans of the IMF! This counter-revolutionary pact aims to prevent the unified exploited in Ukraine sweep away Poroshenko puppet government and defeat the plans of hunger of the IMF with the victory of the proletarian revolution.**

Thus, they seek to submit the masses of the Donbass to the pro-Russian bourgeoisie, disarming them, to implement the plans of the IMF in the West. This Pact seeks to "integrate the militias to the new regular army" and the forefront of this plan is the pro-Russian bourgeoisie of the East, launching an ultimatum and threatening to declare "illegal" any militia who do not want to submit. Thus, with a divided Ukraine, with a false "autonomy" to the rebel areas, they seek to stabilize the region and ensure the re-colonization of the country.

Let's say the truth: **Putin and the bourgeoisie of the East, which used the mobilization of the masses as small exchange for their business, today command this plan of disarmament agreed in Minsk and no doubt they will impose it with iron and fire.** The Minsk agreement has exposed the farce of a "democratic" bourgeoisie in the East "facing" the fascist bourgeoisie in Kiev: they have sat down together to negotiate how best to submit the masses and disarm their militia to impose the IMF plans. Putin and the pro-Russian bourgeoisie in the East exerted only a beat-around-the-bush, a deceit, a conspiracy against the masses and empty handed demagogy, so the hated Poroshenko, the puppet of imperialism and NATO, can follow to pursue the plans of Obama and the EU against the masses, deepening the



Merkel and Putin

looting and subjecting Ukraine to imperialism -converted today into a true colony of IMF and NATO. Putin and the pro-Russian bourgeoisie have handed over the military victory of the Donbass' masses in the Minsk Pact.

The bourgeois fractions of Kyiv linked to EU and the bourgeoisie of the Donbass seeking in a race against the clock to disassemble the revolutionary masses are the same Ukrainian Moguls and oligarchs who yesterday supported the Government of Putin-Yanukovich. They are now trying to come as partners of the complete colonization of Ukraine by U.S., NATO and the EU, or as partners of the Putin butcher. This is what their business is about. They are nothing more than the old hierarchy of Stalinism, the Gorbachev and Yeltsin's cronies; the same who stole all the riches and key sectors of the Ukrainian economy in '89.

Nothing fills the Ukrainian and Great-Russian bourgeoisie of dread more than the armed workers, because the latter call into question the business and property of imperialism and the bourgeoisie not only in the West but in the entire Ukraine. Putin and his allies see that their heads may roll, if councils of workers and soldiers of the Don come together with their starved and dismissed Russian brothers and sisters who are in same or worse conditions than their brethren in Ukraine. **The weapons must not be submitted! The militias will not be dissolved! Only the working class with its committees and its armed militias can guarantee bread for all the exploited in Ukraine! Only with the unity of the working class of the Donbass with the whole of the Ukrainian working class -which suffers misery, the scourge of emigration and the imperialist plundering of their nation- and fighting with the method of the proletarian revolution the Ukrainian exploited would be able to crush the fascists in Kiev, and get rid of the great Russian bourgeoisie that prevents them from fighting for their demands and succeed in the class war all over Ukraine; and their victory will only be attained through a successful revolution of the workers and poor peasants!**

Only by joining their ranks workers in the East and the West can defeat imperialism and its puppet government in Kiev!

Conditions to forge the unity of the masses of Ukraine are not only at the order of the day, but they are an absolute necessity. Only the working class and its vanguard the Ukrainian mineworkers, putting themselves at the head of the masses, can find a breakthrough to Ukraine, strangled by an unpayable debt with the IMF, and achieve true unity and national independence.

Within the consciousness of the exploited in the Donbass lives the cry "We want the USSR to return!" because they know that the fate of their life, their jobs and their bread is linked by thousands of ties to Russia, due to the overlapping of both economies.

Revolutionary Trotskyists know that so that those links do not become chains, the USSR that must return is not the USSR of the Stalinist bureaucracy -jailer of Nations turned into a Russian bourgeoisie-, the vendors of the worker States to imperialism and Citibank. Putin is responsible for dividing at each step the struggle of the exploited of the Donbass from that of the exploited of Kiev and uses the blood of the martyrs as currency for the business of Gazprom and the Citibank in Russia. **The bourgeoisie of Great Russia was the first to sign the payment of the Ukrainian fraudulent debt with the IMF in a deal with imperialism, and at the hands of Yanukovich, download the entire weight of this agreement on the backs of the masses.** A Ukraine independent from the EU, Maastricht and the NATO

Ukraine will be Soviet and Socialist... or it will be a colony!

For a united, free and independent Soviet Ukraine!

Without Poroshenko and his Kievan fascist army, without NATO and the United Nations, without Obama or the IMF, without Merkel and her lackey Putin...

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT UNDER REVOLUTIONARY FORMS IN UKRAINE, THE NATIONS OF THE FORMER EASTERN BLOCK, RUSSIA AND ALL THE REPUBLICS OF THE FORMER USSR!

For Ukraine to be united, free and independent, it must be Soviet. The revolution of the Councils of workers and soldiers of the Donbass must succeed in Kiev, with the working class taking the political leadership of the war in the first place, expropriating the expropriators and breaking with imperialism to have bread, jobs, and decent wages. The restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary forms in Ukraine would be a big step forward for making come again the revolutionary Soviet Union of Lenin and Trotsky. This is what all the left of Obama has convened to hide and that's why they have set up a ring of silence and shame against the heroic fight of the East Ukrainian exploited. **In the East and the West of Ukraine, the enemy is the same: the imperialism; which starves slaughters and plunders the oppressed peoples! From the Donbass to Kiev, a same struggle against looters and exploiters!**



Demonstration of Donetsk miners

as well as from the oppression of Great Russia can only arise as a by-product of a great worker and socialist revolution. It would wake up all the Nations of Eurasia oppressed by the boot of Great Russia and the US, French, and English imperialists military bases, which have settled in all the former Soviet republics to plunder their riches and super exploit their working class. It would shake from Russia from its foundations, as the absolute majority of the Russian working class survives in conditions of absolute inequality and loss of their historical conquests, under Putin's fierce dictatorship and the infamous regime of the new Russian oligarchy, junior partner of imperialism. **Putin and the great Russian oligarchy do fear more the unity of the Ukrainian working class of the East and the West, and with the exploited in Russia, than they fear imperialism placed with NATO along Russian borders, encircling it.**

The Kiev Parliament prepares to vote a law by which it is prohibited to use symbols from the former Soviet Union in the whole Ukrainian territory. It is clear that many of these symbols were used or left run by Putin in Ukraine to handle Eastern workers that do not accept to be submitted by the European imperialist banks. And we say only in Ukraine, since on May Day there was a mobilization of the Russian unions -that do not represent more than one 5% of the working class of that country- sponsored by Putin, which took very well care not to carry any red flag or claims of the working class. They only carried sky-blue flags to support Putin's party. Despite this, the demands of salary increases, against the high cost of life and the dismissals, were expressed in that mobilization, even when there were trade unions representing only the privileged layers and labour aristocracy of Great Russia.

Mining and heavy Industries from the Ukrainian East are intimately linked, in the division of labour, to the factories of the Russian military-industrial apparatus. The Soviet consciousness of the Ukrainian masses is based in that a submission to the EU and the IMF would mean a massive closure of mines and mass lay-offs... not only on the Ukrainian side but also on the Russian side.

For USA -the owner of the planet- stepping on Ukraine with NATO and so reaching the border with Russia is a key to be which makes high technology business to Russia's military industry, and not as happens until now, that France and Germany manage this business through their companies. In Ukraine, in the heat of the events of revolution and counter-revolution, the dispute is developed for who controls the process of semi-colonization the international financial capital need to make, including over Great Russia.

In their fights, the militias of the Donbass parade fist high. They use the flags of the former Soviet Union. This identification of the mining workers militias is because they assert themselves as Soviet Patriots. Already long ago laborers in the East of the continent are making a very rich experience: that full shelves in the super markets shown them by imperialism in '89 for them to consume weren't other thing than a lie and a deception, since the imperialist countries only offer them today being a slave worker and for Ukraine being subjected and ruined. And today they have been taken to living conditions worse than those they had when all the conquests of the USSR were vanishing at the hands of the Stalinist scourge restoring capitalism at accelerated pace. Even today the working class of the West already cannot consume, since Maastricht bankers have expropriated their wages, jobs, retirement savings and all their conquests.

Ukrainian revolution is a hinge one in Europe. For this reason there have emerged the contradictions driving to this huge civil class war and no lesser inter-imperialist clashes for the control of Ukraine in their race for the control the Great Russia. It is a hinge revolution because it puts at the order of the day the unity of the European working class against imperialist Maastricht and the struggle for the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary forms in the former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries.

Then, the enactment by the Parliament in Kiev of the law that forbids the use of symbols from the former Soviet Union is already an indication that the masses take it seriously, and that the miners of Ukraine do not accept the lay-offs planned by the IMF, or that the production is disassembled as well as the division of labour that exists with the Russian industrial apparatus. There, on the common border, Ukrainian workers also have their largest ally: the Russian workers exploited by Putin who also see as their own the uprising of their brothers and sisters in the Donbass.

In their demand "that the USSR comes again", the masses of the Donbass express the opposite of what Putin and the cynical great Russian bourgeoisie do, which in '89 handed over the October revolution to Citibank and imperialism, with the Stalinist bureaucrats becoming in new native oligarchies, so



Ukraine miners

much in the great Russia as in all nations that it oppresses.

Pro-imperialist butcher Putin has nothing to do with the conquests of the October revolution in the former Soviet Union, as he is seeking only to keep his business with Merkel and Obama, staying with Crimea and the gas supplies to Europe. Neither has it to do with the former Soviet Union and the conquests of the '17 this coward great Russian bourgeoisie, genocidal towards the masses in the Caucasus and Chechnya, which gave all the technology of the Russian military industrial apparatus to German, French and American imperialism, and key sectors of the economy to the Citibank and the Krupp and BASF Groups of Germany; and whose funds are in the accounts of the imperialists banks.

For more efforts that Stalinism waste does in Europe, it will not be able to return to deceive the world working class. **As how can it defend and call to fight alongside the miners in the Donbass - which raise red flags and desire "that the USSR comes again" - when it supports the Pro-imperialist clique of the Castro brothers, the last bastion of Stalinism, that has handed over the Cuban revolution to Cargill and Coca Cola?** The remains of European Stalinism are the 'left voice' of Putin, who tells "democratic" Obama "not to rely in the fascist gangs of Kiev", while he is, like yesterday with Yanukovich, willing to make the Ukrainian masses pay until the last dollar of foreign debt with the IMF. And the pulse of those remains of Stalinism will not tremble in crushing and killing from inside the Donbass masses so that they disarm.

Ukraine threatens to be the spark -as also Greece for the imperialist Europe- that restarts the historic Soviet Revolution of the party of Lenin and Trotsky and the III International, which left unfinished the task of defeating the imperialist powers in Europe; that allowed Stalinism to isolate the USSR, and then -once defeated the world revolution- surrender it to imperialism.

In the former worker States there had been achieved huge gains that were delivered by Stalinism to the world capitalist system, becoming this doing in a new proprietor class, a new bourgeoisie plunging those achievements of the Socialist Revolution. It was not the working class of the former USSR which benefited in the handing over to imperialism but this coward new Great-Russian bourgeoisie, which established relations with the world economy, becoming in junior partner of Citibank and the German BASF in the sacking of Russian gas. Actually the Stalinist clique had already

long been keeping those trade relations with imperialism.

Seeing the working class of the Block and Eurasia in a condition of plundering and destitution as the rest of the semi-colonial countries, and the Russian working class martyred and over-exploited by the counter-revolutionary boot of the Pro-imperialist Government of Putin amounts to definitely understanding the enormous historical importance which the developments in Ukraine have for the European and world revolution. The working class of that country and its fierce vanguard, the miners in the Donbass, craves to put the USSR again on foot. The way for this is the unity with the working class in Kiev and Europe, and Russia in particular.

It has been the unprecedented suffering of a torn and martyred working-class as the Ukrainian one; it has been the scourge of Capital which has pushed the masses to revolution and to defending their jobs that the EU and the IMF want to destroy. That has approached them to the "symbols of the USSR". The working class clings to its mines and steelworks, as outside them lays slavery, migration, and the precipice. The historic task proposed by the revolutionary Trotskyist who are continuity of the Fourth International, of fighting for the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat in the former worker States is, nothing more and nothing less than giving an immediate objective to any immediate uprising of the working class in countries where it had already expropriated imperialism historically.

The catastrophe of the world capitalist system and the Wall Street explosion of 2008 pushes the former launch huge offensives against all the world working class and even to lesser imperialist powers -such as Spain, Greece, Portugal and all of southern Europe, to which it has imposed true "Versailles treaties" and surrendering. These offensives of looting and enslavement against the world's masses have pushed and will continue pushing increasingly the working class of the former worker States to fight for regaining its old conquests. To do this it must settle accounts with the Stalinist rubbish that expropriated the socialist revolutions handing them over to the bourgeoisie and world imperialism.

In the fighting in Ukraine, like yesterday in the Caucasus, we see the first steps of a counter-offensive of masses by workers who, in the 20th century, conquered the first victories by expropriating the bourgeoisie. Neither Putin, nor the Ukrainian oligarchy, or traitors of the WSF, the Stranglers of the Socialist Revolution of the 21st century do not have, nor will have anything to do with it. The Ukrainian revolution has not said yet its last word.

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As yesterday with the heroic Syrian revolution, the enemies of the Socialist Revolution, the left of Obama and Putin have... surrounded the heroic miners in the Donbass and all Ukrainian working class to close the road to the revolution

The international character of the worker revolution that has begun in Ukraine:

In Eastern and Western Europe, the same foe: reactionary EU of Maastricht

Open the road to the European Socialist Revolution! For the Socialist United States of Europe, from Portugal to the Russian steppes!

The IMF and the EU, Obama and Merkel, merge to plunder Ukraine. Putin and the Great Russian bourgeoisie do not want to lose their business.

The workers in Germany, France, Spain, Greece, Great Britain and all imperialist powers have been snatched enormous conquests together with the loss of wages and millions of jobs, and plans for permanent retrenchment.

In imperialist Europe of Maastricht, all the working class is "immigrant", united by the whip of Capital!

Maastricht and Wall Street will not stop until they turn all of Europe, from Portugal to the Russian steppes, into a

large maquila of slave workers, and Nations becoming in colonies and protectorates, under the command of NATO and the imperialist powers that emerge victors in the trade war.

In imperialist Europe only it is saved from the attack on the working class a minority of worker aristocrats and bureaucrats, paid and corrupted with coins falling from the despoliation of the colonial and semi-colonial world.

Their social imperialist parties and Union bureaucracies have betrayed all decisive struggles which, from Portugal to Russia, since 2008, the European working class has starred. They have dis-

organized from inside the revolutionary offensive of the masses, as in Greece, in France, in the Spanish State... They have led to covenants and agreements with the exploiters the massive general strikes that shook Portugal and Belgium.

They are saving the bankers and managing openly the bad business of its financial capital, deepening the attack on the workers, as does Syriza in Greece and PODEMOS is preparing to do so under the orders of the corrupt Spanish monarchy.

In 2010, when the European working class was uprising, from the World

Social Forum they closed the road to the general strike, because they are great defenders of imperialist Maastricht and the EU. The World Social Forum concealed the worst counter-revolutionary offensive of their imperialist regimes, which together with Obama, have massacred and martyred all the revolutionary processes of the Maghreb and the Middle East.

They want to disguise Putin as an ally of the workers and the oppressed peoples of the world, though he is the largest agent and partner of Merkel, the Citibank and the IMF, and the largest exploiter of the Russian working class and of the peoples that Great Russia oppresses. We have already seen Putin supporting Yanukovich, the largest agent of imperialism in Ukraine, as well as providing Bashar dog with weapons to make genocide in Syria and support the counter-revolutionary Zionist-fascist State of Israel which occupies the Palestinian nation, among other outrages.

Let's defeat the aristocracies and labour bureaucracies that prevent workers from all over Europe from unifying their revolutionary struggle!

From fighting Ukraine, from the rebel and armed Donbass, from the Greek working class and its rebellious youth vanguard, workers from Europe should unite their forces to confront the imperialist Governments and the governments of the new semi-colonies of the East!

In Ukraine a decisive match of all the European working class is played. Ukraine is a link that has dislocated itself from the imperialist US/ Maastricht domination, as the masses started a revolutionary offensive. A "Holy Alliance" has grouped at the Minsk Conference to prevent the unity of the Ukrainian working class and the standing up of the revolution of the councils of workers and soldiers.

The heroic resistance of the exploited of the Donbass must succeed with the revolt of the working class in the whole Europe, defeating the damned EU of Maastricht and NATO that today direct the military attack on the miners in the Donbass and subdue and exploit the working class across Europe, both East and West!

The battle of Ukraine is a decisive



battle for the global working class and for Greece and across Europe in particular. There fights the advance of the resistance against the plans of hunger and misery of the IMF and the Europe of the Maastricht Treaty. **The division imposed by the treacherous leadership has prevented by now the Ukrainian revolution from being a ram for the European revolution, and that has resulted very onerous to the working class.**

In Greece, Spain, Italy, and even in Germany and Western Europe, the imperialist pirates are deepening their fierce attacks against the exploited. The German working class has already lost its 36-hours-a-week and has received as a "prize" a reduction of more than 25% of its salary. To the reactionary Union of Maastricht of the imperialist Pirates -that punishes the European exploited and plunders the semi-colonial world-, it is necessary to oppose the Revolutionary Unity of the working class, the only way to conquer the independence of the oppressed countries of Eastern Europe, to retrieve all the achievements that they are snatching from us in Western Europe like bread, jobs, decent wages, health and education that are the demands of all the exploited from Portugal to the Russian steppes.

So the working class lives and eats with dignity; to put an end to national oppression at the hands of the butcher Putin of Eastern Europe, Eurasia, the Caucasus, as well as with the national oppression of the Irish, Catalans and Basques from the British and Spanish Monarchies... **we must expropriate the**

assets of the EU and Wall Street parasitic 1%! It is necessary to set up the revolution of the Councils of workers and soldiers from all over Europe! Let's retrieve the militant working-class internationalism! In the imperialist powers, the enemy is at home! In oppressed peoples, only the working class with the method of the revolution will succeed in their release!

Open the way to the European Socialist Revolution! For the Socialist United States of Europe, from Portugal to the Russian steppes!

A Ukraine sacked under the boot of NATO, the EU and the IMF would be a new base for counterrevolution in the region. On the contrary, a victorious revolutionary Ukraine would be a huge support for Eastern Europe today doubly colonized. Also for the exploited of bankrupt imperialist countries as Greece, which rise facing the same enemy: the reactionary EU and IMF that are unloading on them the entire weight of the crisis. **The masses of the Donbass show the way to address the hunger plans of Maastricht and the IMF!**

They must not go on fighting isolated one minute more!

From all labour organizations, it is necessary to vote: **labour brigades to go and fight in the Donbass and unify the ranks of the working class of the entire Ukraine, to defeat the plans of the IMF in Kiev and the Government Poroshenko, puppet of Maastricht and Wall Street! Food, medicine and ammunition for the resistance! •**

formism denies the tendency of capitalism fall in the imperialist phase due to collapse of the productive forces, the same decline as historical trend, and the development of destructive forces as more crucial economic factor this time. They deny the parasitic nature of capitalism in the imperialist epoch.

That is to say what they all say the apologists of capitalism, which, for example, a company like What's App, which is a computer, an internet program, 50 employees and 2 apartments- worth 40,000 million dollars, of which few thousand of imperialist parasites cut the millionaire stock

This is ridiculous. This is parasitism. It is to invent fictitious values that human labour has not created. They are as fictitious as the cycles of expansion based on US mortgages garbage or bad foreign debt ... Capitalism, lives, expands only sending to ruin whole areas of the planet and industries. It grows in one side of the market, and sinks most of it.

Capitalism reconcentrated, with its cartels, and prepare for war, ie the industry producing goods with an unlimited market, since they are destroyed. That is imperialism and what develops: destructive forces.

This discussion is not secondary in the Ukrainian question. They are disputing the fate human civilization between gangs and imperialist bands.

A defeat for the Ukrainian working class, new de-

feats and slaughters in Syria, of not advancing to new leaps forward into the European and world revolution, imperialism will inevitably move, to get out of its crisis and survive, into the most important economic factor this time: war. Today more than ever, the alternative of civilization is socialism or war.

The last word is unsaid yet. 2008 opened a huge historical crisis in world capitalist system. The crisis gave birth to a mass revolutionary offensive, which hit in every continent. The highest point was the tendency of synchronization of revolutions in the semi-colonial countries and imperialist ones; they were de-synchronized by treacherous leaderships. Thus we witnessed revolutions in Maghreb and Middle East, which threatened to set on fire once again the spark of Athens and from there imperialist Europe. We also witnesses the defeats and the escapes of Iraq and Afghanistan –which opened a “Vietnam syndrome” in USA, and prevent that country from attacking with military offensives all over the world like Bush did.

That is why USA, WB and IMF stabilized their dominance with counterrevolutionary pacts, as the one today in Ukraine with Putin; or like we see with the same characters supporting Geneva II with killer Al-Assad. This is what allowed imperialism launching new counteroffensives and generalize them all over the planet, despite its crisis.

With pacts with the new



Castroite bourgeoisie they got the support of US working class to Obama; disarm Colombian resistance; and that “Bolivarian” governments (like Bolivia, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Equator, etc) not only expropriate the revolution in the sub-continent, but also launch retrenchments, on behalf of transnationals against their working classes.

But to reach this point, imperialism had to order and organize all its agents. Popular front and class collaboration fronts are here to numb the masses, divert revolutions, submit exploited to their executioners, as they are trying to do today with the masses kneel before Putin, who is shown today as an ally of the oppressed people, like Kaddafi (Libya) or jackal Al Assad (Syria).

As we saw with Syriza in Greece, those fronts of class collaboration only numb the masses, so then the generals impose a counterrevolutionary order. In Egypt, this is a cruel reality.

In Ukraine the plan is exposed. The pact with Merkel, Hollande and Obama wants to close the

crisis of the ones of the top, to close the revolutionary irruption of the Ukrainian masses. They are preparing new “Balkans” and new “Syrias”. The European proletariat, particularly the Russian, cannot allow it.

On one side of the barricades there is Obama, Maastricht, hitman Putin and all treacherous leaderships of the world -some of them hung on the coattail of Kiev financial bourgeoisie- which is heading the attack against the miners of Donbass, with the same repressive forces who slaughtered in Maidan Square under Yanukovich’s government.

There is another kind among left currents, like PTS of Argentina, that every time there is a war, every time the fights of the working class “militarize”, these socialdemocrat Kautztis misters say the class struggle stops; working class disappears. They would say that in Ukraine there is a war between Putin and Obama, where masses do not intervene, when they are actually dying in the battle field. There is no limit in the cynicism of this current. They want the proletariat believe that bourgeoisie makes wars where

they fight each other and do not use exploited people for it. They are neutral in all kinds of wars, even in civil wars. They are comfortable in the sofas in the parliaments. They cannot distinguish the interests and needs of the working class neither in wars, nor class struggle, nor elections.

On the other side of the barricades and trenches in Ukraine there are workers of Donbass, defending revolution's capital which was diverted and aborted in Kiev and today it stands up in the East. This is why this "holly alliance" to smash them, like happened with the exploited people in Homs (Syria).

Imperialism concentrates its forces in the capitals of revolution. Yesterday did it in Athens, to put down the spark of the European revolution. It concentrated all treacherous leaderships to put down the fire of the Latin American revolution and the anti-imperialist uprising and against war of US working class, which even siege Wall Street.

Those leaderships prevent the world working class from concentrating their forces to hit centralized imperialism in the key places; this means unifying combats of the semi-colonial proletariat with the working class of the imperialist countries.

The fight for re-founding 4th International and solve the crisis of leadership of proletariat it is today a speed race: between the perspective –for the historical period

opened- of the victory of proletarian revolution; or the opening to the way to war. This question has not been solved yet. Any tendency of the masses at international level -like we see today- to start tough classes offensives to hit and cause strategic defeats to the treacherous leaderships which imposed the current fence against world revolution.

This is what we are witnessing in China with tough workers' strikes against the party of red business men, Putin's friends; i.e. the bourgeoisie that hides the most brutal attack against the working class on behalf of TNCs, with their defence of "market socialism".

Those are strategic blows of the exploited people because they make run the leaderships that submit them to executioners. This is what we see in Brazil, where the left of the social pact cannot enter into exploited's Brazil, outraged's Brazil, the rebel Brazil and despite and against the parties of labour bureaucracy and aristocracy.

In this perspective -for these strategic combats- there are preparing new forces of the ones who fight to re-found 4th International. Unify the Ukrainian working class to Putin or the killers of Kiev, means preparing the road to defeat beforehand. •

Is Putin an "anti-imperialist"?

He is Obama's hitman, who already kneeled before imperialism in Ukraine



Chechnya destroyed by Putin's counterrevolutionary army

Unable of invading like Bush did, US imperialism sent Putin this time to complete Al-Assad's genocide in Syria. Today they make him work as a hitman, after they made him kneeled in Ukraine. There, as soon as Putin tried to bargain a slice of business, imperialism froze Russian oligarchy's accounts abroad; it imposed "sanctions" by freezing their business with military industry and stopped gas exportation (mainly to Germany and from there to rest of Europe) imposing the use of US gas and therefore their exportations. They forced him to withdraw his army and demilitarize Russian borders. NATO blocked his roads to Ukraine.

In Donbass only the masses kept fighting. Putin run away. It was the biggest humiliation suffered by the Great Russian bourgeoisie since they exist as such in 1989. Putin was forced to kneel and then he was sent to Syria to do the "dirty work".

Putin attacks and massacres in Syria since he has his hands free for it. Besides, after losing Ukraine, he needs to attack somewhere to strength the Great Russian bourgeoisie so they oppress the other peoples of the former USSR. Putin knows that smashing Russia, he strengths himself to discipline among the Muslim Republics of former USSR and even the Russian workers. And it is a good deal for imperialism having a hitman to use it when they need to smash the masses.

Putin's army is not the Red Army of the Soviets' Workers Republic. It is a white counterrevolutionary army, at the service of CIA, sent to kill and massacre the rebel masses and the Eastern peoples.

Syria, Russia, Chechnya and former USSR: a single working class oppressed and slaughtered; a single fight! Out with killer Putin! For the military defeats of his counterrevolutionary troops! As the rebel miners of Donbass and their militias said... For the return of the USSR!

PUTIN: ANTI IMPERIALIST?

A CITIBANK MANAGER AND JUNIOR PARTNER OF FRANCE AND GERMANY IN THE BUSINESS OF HIGH MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND GAS

The treacherous leaderships grouped in the WSF, of Stalinists and a wing of the renegades of Trotskyism, have talked about the "anti-imperialism" of the murderer Putin. This is nothing but a joke in bad taste.

From the financial point of view, Russia is tied with multiple bonds of imperialist dependence. Citibank has, only in assets, more than \$ 10.3 billion, with the largest bank in Russia, managing financial transactions and its customers include many of the multinational and Russian companies operating in the country. Putin "anti-imperialist"? You are a manager of Citibank!

Other treacherous currents claim that Russia is a "military power". The reality is that Russia is capable of mass production of conventional weapons exported to backward countries, inherited from the former USSR. But it is far from producing weapons with technology. Imperialist companies make huge and bulky business, supplying high technology including to the Russian military industrial complex.

All Russian navy and army depend on high technology of the imperialist powers. In 2011 Putin signed a contract to acquire two French Mistral helicop-



ter carrier, for 1.4 billion euros. These vessels can accommodate up to 16 heavy or 35 light helicopters, 50 military vehicles, including a dozen tanks, four boats of assault and a half thousand soldiers.

Two more of these helicopter carriers will be built at the end of 2014, in Russian shipyards, where French imperialism consolidate its technology in Russia to produce, to the future, large-scale weapons of this type, to be sold worldwide through the huge marketing chain having Russian weapons in the world market (27%), second only to the US (which has 30%).

In 2011, Russia also signed an agreement with Germany to build a military training camp for 120 million euros. This camp works virtually, it is a real

simulator of any war situation, and the same can train an entire battalion, up to 30 thousand Russian soldiers, who travel to Germany every year to educate themselves militarily.

USA jumps with joy for these businesses that lost Russia, making today the French and German imperialism. Therefore, the US is doubly aggressive with Russia in the Ukrainian crisis. As we have seen, USA requires Germany and France, and to all European countries, which "put the funds to NATO if they want to maintain their freedom". Hollande and Merkel give the funds... for the business, with Putin.

The situation in Ukraine is serious, because it anticipates that the struggle for the vast Russian market will also be a commercial, polit-

ical struggle and in the future, military of the imperialist powers who are fighting and the contest. Only the proletariat and its revolution can stop this inexorable path.

USA has placed in Eastern Europe (in countries like Poland or Hungary) a missile shield, which means a huge business for their transnational corporations. Ukraine should be "a new pro-US Poland."

This is the "high-tech transnational corporations and imperialism". Ultimately, this has gotten out momentarily the economic crisis of 2008, surrounded by a legion of leaders traitors payments that saved him from the proletarian revolution, increasing exploitation of the working class, the looting of the semi-colonial world and developing destructive forces, ie, weapons, high-tech, robotics dedicated to war, drones, or forces capable of destroying the entire human civilization. From there, imperialism re-builds its rate of profit. Everything else is a lie of reformism that suggests that imperialism slows its expansion, then the crisis comes and with the same impulse like the previous one it expands again. Re-

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