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In the face of Silicon Valley Bank, the Credit Suisse and other imperialist banks' bankruptcy

A New blow of the global capitalist crisis

The stocks, securities and currencies circulating among states, companies and banks do not correspond to the real goods created by human labor.

The world socialist revolution is the only way out of the capitalist catastrophe that are already threatening with war and fascism

Once again, the capitalist explosion is here... the banks are foundering.

The bourgeois gangs of imperialist parasites seek to escape from the same hell they have caused. They know their recipe: save themselves by bankrupting the states and throwing their crisis on the masses.

The kings of Wall Street, London and Maastricht call in counsellors, magicians, sorcerers and village witches. There appear also the quacks of reformism offering their prescriptions to deceive the workers.

*In response to the crisis of the 1930s, Trotsky, in his work "Marxism in Our Time", writes the following, demolishing all charlatans, druids and system nurses: "Prices, oscillating around the value of labor, fluctuate above and below its values. The causes of these variations are fully explained in the third volume of Capital in which Marx describes 'the process of capitalist production considered as a whole'. However great the differences may be between the prices and values of commodities in individual cases, the sum of all prices is equal to the sum of all values, **because in the last analysis only those values which have been created by human labour are at the disposal***

of society, and prices cannot pass this limit, even if the 'monopoly of prices' or the 'trust' is taken into account; where labor has not created a new value, even Rockefeller himself cannot get any." (emphasis added)

Imperialist parasitism has created value not backed by goods. It has taken for itself profits on account of wealth not yet created by human labour. The shareholders know this, and when this robbery breaks out, they are quick to get out and their states seek to rescue them. In this crisis the states are also hit, and they are hollowed out.

It is high time. If the working class wants to survive it will have to crush the system with socialist revolution; or the system will punish it with war and fascism. But first reformism will come with its quacks to save the dying system. The margins for concessions are narrowed to the maximum.

A period of counter-reformism is opening up. The traitors will have to give back to the capitalist states the coins the latter gave them.

The joke is over..

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About the failure of SVB and other banks

This new round of the global economic crisis that has hit us, came to light with the bankruptcy of Silicon Valley Bank, a U.S. commercial bank that was born in 1983 in the heat of the development of the technology sector and became a bank in which at least half of the technological companies are imbricated in terms of deposits, accounts, investments, credits, etc.

During the pandemic, huge amounts of capital poured into this technology sector. There were profits to be made as these applications increased in use as they became more necessary during the quarantine. SVB went from \$71 billion in capital at the beginning of the pandemic to \$220 billion by the end of 2021.

This over-accumulation of capital led the SVB to make other investments, such as in the so-called "risk assets", for example in the junk bonds of mortgages that other banks considered uncollectible. In other words, it buys for a dime the right to collect the repayment of loans that another bank has not still collected, and now the SVB is in charge of collecting it.

Other investments are in so-called "derivatives", which are contracts that today do not have a value in themselves, but are securities tied to the value of a future asset

(for example, shares, or a ton of wheat or soybeans). It is again a risky investment since we are estimating what is going to happen, but we do not have the certainty that it will happen..

And since never "all eggs are put in one basket", these "high-risk investments" are compensated with low-risk investments such as buying US Treasury bonds. US Treasury bonds are the "lowest risk" investments, in the jargon of stock market capitalists, because it is a payment obligation of the US government that has the entire US economy as a guarantee of solvency enough for it to be repaid.

Thus, in the balance sheets, i.e., the reports on the economic, financial, accounting, etc. situation of the companies, the accountants and CEOs of the latter have made all these investments appear with a value that is not a certain one, but a number representative of this high or low risk investment situation. In other words, the balance sheets reported not what they have but what they believe they will have.

However, what happened is a consequence of a law of capitalism, i.e., the tendency of the rate of profit to fall. At a moment when investing in some branch of production gives a good profit, all the capitals turn "anarchically" to produce there, that is to say, without a plan of how much it

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Revisionism: a cancer in Marxism



Stock Markets drop

is necessary to produce, how much the one next door produces, and not even if what is produced is going to be sold or not. So there occurs overinvestment. More capital was invested than the real value generated in that branch. Then those capitals did not obtain the profitability they expected, and they left. That is to say, when the profit rate (the profitability obtained for each dollar invested) fell, the capital withdrew.

Thus, there was a massive capital flight from the technology sector and a disinvestment in the SVB. This bank began to suffer deposit withdrawals and decapitalization, to such an extent that on March 8 it had to face a payment of 2.5 billion dollars and did not have the liquidity to do so. It had to sell US Treasury bonds to cover the payment, but it did so for less than the amount shown in the balance sheet, because the bonds that this bank bought at the time had already fallen because China and Japan, the main undertakers of those bonds had already sold them massively some time ago.

So the SVB had inflated values of US treasury bonds in its balance sheets, since they were not worth that much in the markets. And if that is the least risky investment, let alone what would happen to risky investments. So deposits were massively withdrawn from that bank, the shares fell 60% on Thursday and the following Friday it closed its doors.

What happened was that the capitals did not make a profit on their investments, so they withdrew. Now, this is not the case of just one isolated bank. This is the situation of other US commercial banks, which also started to fall in a chain, such as Signature Bank (linked to cryptocurrencies) or First Republic Bank. They all fall because they made, as parasites, "risky investments" in derivatives, etc. covered by US Treasury bonds, which saw their prices fell. And they fall because there is no investment in a sector where real value is produced capable of supporting those investments and that the capital gets the profit recomposed. That is what underlies every crisis.

It is not about the bad business of this or that bank... **but about the fact that the whole system does not find room in production to recompose its profit and therefore all the fictitious values accumulated in the banks are coming to light.**

In the aggregate of all North American banks alone, there is a \$620 billion difference between bank balance sheets and market values.

Not to mention Europe, where all banks also have gone under. Switzerland's second largest bank, Credite Suisse, was taken over, as was SVB's subsidiary in England, while Germany's Deutsche Bank and France's Société Générale showed sharp falls. All of them are caught up in the same process.

The only answer so far is the imperialist states going out to cover certain deposits and the superbanks of the financial oligarchy beginning to absorb failing banks. But this way they take over the debts of junk and bad bonds that they themselves had gotten rid of after the crash of 2008. It is an attempt to delay the crisis so that it does not hit them yet and they can face it with their capital, but, as we said, it is a dog eating its own tail, since they are again filled of worthless bonds.

There is no solution without new values created by human labor to support so much fictitious value created by this bunch of parasites. Capitalism is not still creating an investment cycle, it is not recomposing its profit. Ahead, the iron alternative is socialism or barbarism and war.

Martín Guerrero
and Leandro Hofstadter

New bank bankruptcies in the US and Europe. The era of crises, wars and revolutions is going worse.

Capital and the imperialist parasites share among themselves fictitious profits that human labor has not yet produced.

The credits at 0% rate granted by the central banks of the imperialist countries, were either put by the bankers and transnationals into their own pockets, or were used to fictitiously raise the value of their shares.

Without goods created by human work, there is no god or devil that can create wealth and values at circulating titles and currencies.

Again one more blow from the world crack. The capitalists emptied the States, claimed their bankruptcies of 2008 and 2019-20, threw the crisis at the masses and, as if that were not enough, a handful of financial capital shareholders put the bailout credits on their companies and banks as profits in their pockets. The shares of their companies fictitiously rose due to the super profits they distributed. This worked until the actual balance sheets showed up exposing that everything had been counterfeited.

Now they seek to clean up this crisis with inflation. This is the way in which the states and the capitalists extract a quota of extra profits from the workers in the consumer market to cover their deficits and their robbery to the states. And they do this even at the cost of devaluing the capital itself.

Bankrupt USA throws all its crises at the world. They need dollars to cover their huge state deficit and for this reading they are also raising the interest rate. The world, the states and the same companies are being strangled with their debts.

Imperialist Europe, overwhelmed by the increase in energy prices, finds itself in recession and in an already open inflationary situation. Once again their bonds and funds will be devalued and trapped within Wall Street with the current busting of a chain of large US banks.

Capitalism is a mad irrational dog biting its tail, which is living on even more and more barbarism.

Not to mention China, which has just witnessed the bursting of a huge housing bubble at home. To cover its new losses, it has gotten rid of US treasury bonds, and turned to buy minerals and inputs for transnationals and large Chinese companies in cash.

As Lenin would say, **parasitism is what imperialism is all about.**

The way it has to get out of its terminal crisis is war. There, creating destructive forces, capital seeks to recover in a market that is limitless to destroy and then to build. Imperialism shows all the parasitism of a pestilentially decomposing system.

In the war in Ukraine one could see that they even ran out of missiles and ammunition, and they put 5,000 factories to produce them. They were thus able to sell all their inventories of already stored obsolete tanks and artillery pieces from the 1970s.

Unlike in the US banks, there is no crisis in there. There are only profits. That's because war is the most important economic factor of the imperialist epoch, as the Third International used to say. How right it proved to be.

The era of crises, wars and revolutions continues to deepen.

Over there, there are a couple of fools who preach, just like a bankrupt messiah, that a new era of the mode of production has opened: THAT OF

CAPITALIST RESTORATION (sic). As if capitalism, as a worldwide mode of production, had lost control of world politics and the world economy.

Capitalism has been saved. Stalinism saved it. They did so in the postwar period with the Yalta Pact, which saved capitalism from the European and world revolution. They saved it again by betraying the revolutionary rise of '68-'74.

Needless to say, much less did capitalism disappear in 1989, when that counterrevolutionary leadership ended up handing over the workers' states.

This is how they invented an era called "of capitalist restoration", whitewashing Capital saviour Stalinism and inventing a whole new reformist period of the world capitalist system. All this to tell the masses, from the parliamentary benches, that the socialist revolution is no longer posed as an immediate task and that the proletariat can improve its standard of living without taking power.

New wizards selling old poison potions. "Capitalist restoration"..., spouting empty talk to low-level reformist and pseudo-academic audiences, they feel idolized. They only seek to get the masses off the path of the revolution.

The Trotskyist theory and program continue to pass the test. It is the geometric development of the leadership crisis that here and there closes the way to the power takeover by the masses.

Dozens and dozens of brilliant revolutions **have been taking place in the last few decades and being carried out by the masses.** The latter have turned out to be a thousand times more insightful than their leaderships full of traitorous revisionists and Marxist renegades.

Did they expect victories? How could they, if they did betray and surrender every attempt by the masses to seize power. There is a full catalog of that...

Now, either the masses resolve this contradiction of the leadership crisis in the immediate period or the road to war and barbarism will open up ever more. The objective conditions for the revolution are already rapidly decomposing.

The delay of the socialist revolution and the betrayals it has suffered are the causes that allow **the survival of capitalism in its imperialist phase.**

The 21st century, from the point of view of the leadership of the proletariat, becomes dark at times. Of the Fourth International and its legacy, reformism has left nothing standing. But **the revolutionary flashes of the masses do not stop.**

The fall of the imperialist banks will again be thrown on the masses backs and also on reformism. The latter will be in charge of diverting and betraying the mass combats that fight or die.

Sprawling comfortably in the armchairs of their university chairs, on the bourgeois parliaments and the upper layers of the aristocracy and worker bureaucracies where they swarm, Reformists cannot be so calm. The system that supports them forces them, and will force them even more, to get along worse and worse with the insurgent masses.

Regrouping cadres around drawing the lessons of the civil war of classes is the task of the moment in order to re-found the Fourth International. Here reformism shows its political invalidity.

March 15 marks the 12th anniversary of the Syrian revolution, the most advanced of the 2011 revolutionary uprisings in the Middle East.

In Damascus, Homs, Aleppo, Afrin, in Idlib... reformism tested its revisionist theory on life itself. There in Syria, reformism and revisionism are splashing in a mire of mud and blood. Some openly supported the genocide of the fascist al-Assad while others asked the US to arm the masses...

They are such a bundle of rascals. They want to make the masses believe that fascism is confronted with imperialism, though it is the latter that arms the former and sends it against the masses.

Other cynics ran away from the battlefield. They said "Let them kill each other!" and went to Rojava with Kurdish Stalinism. They ended with the latter supporting Al-Assad and Zionism, under the orders of the centurions of the Gringo bases.

Fascism, revolution and treason have already been tested for 12 years in Syria and throughout the Middle East. Today it is Latin America where the great convulsions of the time are taking place: Chile, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador... With the US imperialists' crisis, nothing will be the same in their backyard. And what about the Reformists? As always, they are putting their shoulder to save capitalism.

Today in the Ukraine, the leaderships that defend capitalism are advancing, riding on Putin's tanks, liquidating that oppressed nation's every right to its national liberation and self-determination.



They say they are facing NATO, but it handed over the Ukraine so that Putin could bleed it, at the price of the collapse of Russia itself.

And tomorrow it will happen in China, where the US imperialists are already lining up their gunboats, as Japan did in the last century. The Gringos are going all the way for Russia and China. They do it by means of splitting Europe and bringing Germany to

its knees.

The nosedive of the bankrupt capitalist system pushes more and more to war, if the socialist revolution does not stop the imperialist beast.

The time is one of crises wars and revolutions, STUPID!



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The Decline of the Productive Forces in the Imperialist Epoch

On the counterfeiters of Marxism and their "theories" of "capitalist expansion".

"Marx says that a social regime must disappear when the production forces (technology, man's power over nature) can no longer develop within the limits of that regime. When these conditions are present, the basic premises for changing the old social order into a new one are in place.

For revolutionary Marxism, in our epoch, these conditions are present from 1914 onwards, when capitalism entered its epoch of decadence, and the imperialist epoch opened up.

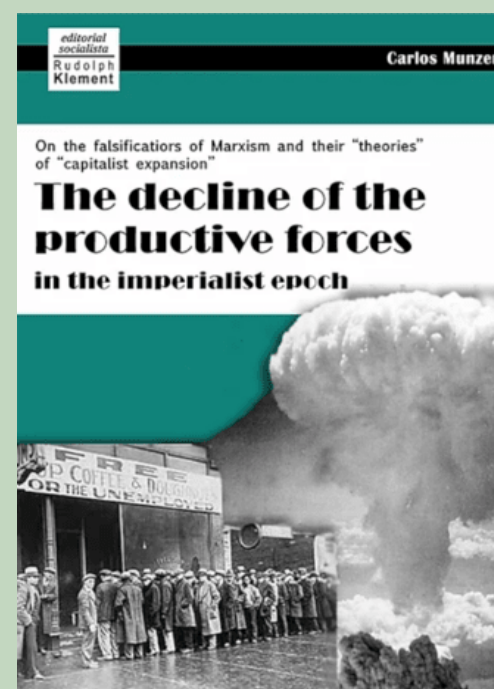
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FRANCE

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*The heroic struggle against the pension reform that is setting France on fire, a decisive fight for the French working class
To defeat this attack*

Out with Macron and the Fifth Republic! Let's bring back the Paris Commune!



April 12, 2023. Barricades in Paris

For three months the French working class, the youth, the pensioners, the workers as a whole have won the streets of the imperialist Fifth Republic. With strikes, pickets, blockades, barricades, with general assemblies where they vote daily to go on strike, they are fighting against the pension reform and against the attack of their imperialist bourgeoisie. On April 13, the 12th national day of struggle took place as a continuation of the struggle they have been developing.

The Macron government imposed a pension reform to extend the working time by raising the retirement age from 62 years to 64 years and to raise the years of contribution to achieve a full retirement from 42 to 43 years. This reform also liquidates the "special regimes" of the sectors that do unhealthy, dangerous work and where life expectancy is lower. Moreover, foreseeing that parliament would not approve it, he used article 49.3 of the constitution, which allows him to enact the law without it being voted on by the legislative assembly. This has finally unleashed the fury of the masses.

The crisis of the capitalist system is really outstanding and the imperialist powers are tearing each other's eyes out for business and to stay competitive. By provoking Russia's invasion of Ukraine with its maneuvers in NATO, US imperialism has dealt a blow to the business of Maastricht Europe, leaving it reeling. It was indispensable for the US imperialism to prevent the Franco-German axis from "taking over" the juicy business of Russia and China. In order to get out of the brutal crisis that this rotten system has been dragging along since 2008, the race is on to colonize China and Russia in order to plunder their

wealth and take over their markets.

This has created an enormous crisis in Maastricht Europe, where the dominant powers have been dislocated, lost juicy business deals and plunged into an energy crisis and inflation that in some countries had not been seen for decades. A crisis that today is also reflected in their broke states and major banks.

In France it is expressed by an official unemployment rate of 7.2% and above all by inflation, which is particularly high in foodstuffs, causing a decrease in the consumption of working class families, where about 42% of French people in a precarious situation have already cut out one meal.

To get out of this quagmire, the imperialist French Fifth Republic has been unleashing an attack on the masses for a long time and now it needs to sharpen it. After robbing them of the 35-hour work week and smashing collective bargaining in 2016, the French bourgeoisie is now going after the pensions because it needs to wrest all historical gains from its own working class. It needs to lower the deficit, and get a more flexible working class; it is even discussing a revision of the labor law and a new law on immigrants that would allow it to give asylum to almost no more immigrants. Everything in order that the Fifth Republic is not left out of the race in the brutal inter-imperialist dispute that has been deepened by the war in Ukraine.

Thus, in this attack on pensions there is no turning back and after facing weeks of struggle of the exploited, the answer of the government is that this law will not be discussed.

From strikes and mobilization to mass political struggle: 3 months of enormous struggle of the exploited that has the bourgeoisie on tenterhooks.

Since the end of last year, the exploited masses have been demonstrating with their heroic struggle that they are not willing to be robbed of their historical gains any longer. They have already had 12 national days of strikes and mass mobilizations in the streets all over France; with roadblocks and pickets; with indefinite strikes voted by the rank and file assemblies in sectors like the railways, air traffic controllers and other transport sectors like the metro, electricity workers, refinery workers, rubbish collectors, education, health and other state sectors; with the high school and university students mobilized and taking over high schools and colleges which they put at the disposal of the struggle; with barricades where the exploited, with the youth at their head, are fighting real pitched battles against the repressive forces, even pushing them back, as was seen in the Normandy refinery, when the police was trying to make them return to work so that the lack of fuel would not deepen.

On 16 March, faced with the application of the decree (article 49.3), with which the government imposed the reform, the masses broke out in spontaneous mobilizations, outside the action days called by the trade union centers. And from that day on to the present day they have been fighting barricades almost every day, in particular the youth, who every night burn tires, pallets, bins, attack banks, insurance companies, and even government houses and the headquarters of political parties such as

the Republicans, Renaissance (Macron's party), and National Rally (Marine Le Pen's party) and confront both the riot police and the motorized police.

Thus, beginning to outstrip the leaderships that sought to contain the hatred of the masses in a pressure struggle, the exploited entered into an open political struggle against Macron and his government, agents of big capital, and against the regime as a whole that gives the president monarchical powers.

From there on, seeing that it was losing control of the exploited, the bourgeoisie deployed its armed wing unconditionally. Arrangements of thousands of police in front of the demonstrations, arbitrary arrests (in which not even the charges were reported), brutal repression of every action of the masses, tear gas, sound bombs, rubber bullets, dispersal grenades... all this arsenal used in a savage manner, aiming at the head and the eyes, etc. The ultimate expression was the repression of a demonstration of 30,000 farmers and environmental activists in Sainte-Soline against the construction of a dam, which left more than 400 injured, two of them in coma.

But this has not made the masses and the youth retreat, who, on the contrary, continue their confrontation, defending themselves with stones, acid, firecrackers, Molotov cocktails, trying to avenge the wounded and free the hundreds of prisoners.

France is experiencing a revolutionary situation because, as Lenin defined it in "The Collapse of the Second International" of 1915, "**the lower classes do not want any more**" and "**the upper classes are unable**" to go on living as they have been living; there is a **worsening of the sufferings of the oppressed classes**, a product

of the attack faced by the exploited; and there is also a considerable intensification of the activity of the masses who in turbulent times are pushed towards an **independent historical action**, such as those we have been seeing for days now. And this is what the reformist leaderships keep quiet about, as we shall see below.

The trade union bureaucracies and the social-imperialist parties are a limit that tries to extinguish the revolutionary fire of the masses.

The different trade union centers unified in the inter-union have been calling for months for mobilization days and staggered strikes every 10 days, and are keeping the strikes divided sector by sector. This is beginning to lead to the attrition and isolation of the most militant sectors of the working class which, despite the will of the leaderships, are voting to continue the strike.

The trade union centers, linked to the Socialist Party (CFDT) or led by the Communist Party (CGT) or by renegade currents of Trotskyism like Lambertism (FO) or the NPA (Solidaires) and the social-imperialist parties claimed that such an attack could be stopped in the puppet parliament of the Fifth Republic of the French imperialist transnationals. Thus, the trade union leaderships led the enormous forces deployed by the French working class and youth to put pressure on the parliament for it not to vote for the reform. Then, when the government passed over the parliament, they said that the government, which, on the contrary, showed more and more firmness, could be pushed back by being many on the streets.

Today, while the CFDT is calling for a negotiating table with the government, seeking a mediation, imploring for a truce, the CGT is talking about the need for a citizens' referendum to show Macron that the people are against reform.... As if all these months of struggle had not made it clear enough!

The PC and its allies in the inter-union

do not want to lose control of the working class and that is why their policy is to wear down this struggle because they are bitter enemies of the masses setting up their organisms of self-determination and attacking the citadel of power. It is the same policy that Stalinism is pursuing in the whole of Europe, where it leads the majority of the trade union centers, thus dividing the struggle of the workers country by country.

The parties of the so-called "far" left in France like the NPA, LO, Permanent Revolution, among others, are proposing to organize the rank and file, to deepen the strike, even talking about an indefinite general strike. The NPA now raises the need for a constituent assembly. They are trying to re-direct the huge struggle against Macron, his government and his regime into a struggle of pressure *in extremis*. That is why none of them speak of the need to open up the revolution, nor do they clearly state that Macron must be overthrown, hiding the fact that a revolutionary situation has opened up, because they are enemies of the workers overthrowing the power of the imperialist bourgeoisie and imposing a government of the exploited.

When it has already been proved that this parasitic system seeks to overcome its crisis on the shoulders and blood of the workers. There is no room even for them to throw us a few crumbs to appease the fury unleashed among the exploited class. The only way to achieve even the smallest demands, such as preventing the pension system from being ripped away from us, is to fight for everything.

The parties that call themselves revolutionary, instead of explaining this to the workers and preparing the conditions to wrest power from the bourgeoisie, make us believe that we can achieve better living conditions within this bankrupt system. Or they want to make us settle for crumbs that, if we get them, we will lose them quickly unless we do advance to take power.

The only brake we have to prevent us from winning all our demands are the bureaucratic leaderships of the workers' centrals and reformist parties, the Communist



Battles against the police on the French streets

party and the renegades of Trotskyism who want us to put pressure on the imperialist bourgeoisie instead of attacking the citadel of power with all our might. These leaderships, with their politics, do not allow the power of the bourgeoisie to be questioned, as if we were in the thriving epoch of capitalism and the exploiters were going to distribute among us some of what they rob from us, when we the workers are the only producers of the wealth that they usurp from us. We are in an epoch of crises, wars and revolutions, which together with the current crisis pushes the proletariat to raise the question of power, to defeat this rotten capitalist system. And *"If a workers' party is incapable of leading the proletariat to the conquest of power, the life of society will necessarily continue on a capitalist basis, until a new crisis or a new war,*

until the complete collapse of European civilization". (How does one arrive at a revolutionary situation? in *Whither France?* L. Trotsky). That is why for decades they have been telling the workers that they have to fight only for minimum demands on the way to, some day, conquer "socialism", though it has become clear that the only way to conquer even the smallest demand is to fight every day for the socialist revolution.

The fact is that those at the top are obliged to attack, we at the bottom are not ready to surrender even one more conquest and we have more than proved our enormous readiness to fight. France is on fire every day. But the situation is as revolutionary as it can be within the non-revolutionary politics of the trade unions and the parties that speak in the name of the working class. However, the independent mass actions show that it is possible to break the corset of the reformist leaderships, and to advance in opening the road to revolution.

It is only the proletarian revolution that can defeat this system that can no longer even feed its slaves. Because *"revolution arises only out of a situation in which the above-mentioned objective changes are accompanied by a subjective change, namely, the ability of the revolutionary class to take revolutionary mass action strong enough to break (or dislocate) the old government, which never "falls for itself" not even in a period of crisis, if it is not toppled over."* (*The Bankruptcy of the Second International*. V. I. Lenin May-June 1915)

The way forward is set by May '68: Open the revolution! Down with Macron! Bring back the Paris Commune!

For the French working class it is already clear that to defeat the reform it is necessary to defeat Macron, his government and the regime of the Fifth Republic. And so it is heard on the streets of France: "Macron, resign"! The conditions for the

April 14, 2023

The Constitutional Council approved the pension reform

To get the masses out of the combats in the streets; the reformist leaderships of the union centrals and the

social imperialist currents of the 5th Republic



April 14, Protesting before the Constitutional Council

French had called to put pressure on the Constitutional Council so that it does not validate the pension reform law....

The Macron law of the pension reform and the imperialist 5th Republic are to be defeated in the streets....

Get out Macron!

Down with the 5th imperialist Republic and all its institutions at the service of the great French employers

The masses do not abandon the streets or their fight!

To defeat the law and conquer the demands of the workers and the people:

Forwards to the Paris Commune!

opening of the revolution are already here.

The French bosses said that they will not negotiate anything... We, the workers, have nothing to negotiate either! The imperialist transnationals and bandits only give something when they see that they are about to lose everything. And "everything" is their ownership of the means of production, with which they exploit the workers and plunder the world.

So, let's fight for everything! **Down with the reforms! Take back what was taken from us! Out with Macron!** We must expropriate the expropriators of the people, the banks, and the transnationals and take the means of production into our own hands, putting all the factories and establishments under workers' control. There is the money for having decent pensions and for work, health, and housing for all, first of all for the immigrants who do the worst jobs.

For that, we need bodies that are fit for this fight. We have to develop the organisms of self-determination and power of the working class, the militant youth, the pensioners, the immigrants, the people without papers, the committees per factory, which the local, regional trade unions must join, so that the exploited majority of the population, who are struggling, have the power to decide about their struggle. These bodies already exist! In every place of work and study, in the occupied schools, in the grassroots assemblies of the factories where they vote day by day on the future of the strike imposing workers' democracy, in the interprofessional assemblies, in the roadblocks, and in every barricade. Where all of us who fight and carry out these actions, we meet, we recognize each other in Lyon, Rouen, Marseille, Bordeaux, Nantes, and in the working class districts of Paris, let's coordinate with direct democracy, let's set up **coordinators of struggle by neighborhood, city, region**, let's vote delegates and let's send them to a **National Congress of struggle**, a body that centralizes and coordinates, at national level, all the actions that sweep away the government of Macron and his regime. And from there let's set fire to the whole of France.

The trade union centers led by the Communist Party and the Socialist Party and other lackeys of the Fifth Republic should at the very least call for a General Insurrectionary Strike! or will they continue to seek a negotiation with the French Fifth Republic to surrender our struggle?

To defend ourselves from the attacks of the state, the police and their repressive forces, we must set up, from all the trade unions and from the blockades, the factory pickets, from the assemblies, from the barricades, armed self-defense organizations. Raising the cry that thunders in the streets of "everybody hates the police!", to disarm the murderers and to impose the **Dissolution of the police and all repressive forces!**

DOWN WITH THE 5TH REPUBLIC OF THE IMPERIALIST BUTCHERS!

This parasitic system can give us neither a plate of food, nor work, or housing, or health, or education, or a decent retirement, where hundreds of thousands of immigrants die drowned in the seas or overcrowded and shot at the borders of



April 13, 2023. Massive mobilization in Paris

the imperialist countries. Rotten capitalism deserves to die. It's them or us. Against the 1% of parasites of bankers and transnationals let's stand up the power of the immense majority of workers and laborers who produce all the wealth and get the country in motion. **LET'S BRING BACK THE PARIS COMMUNE!**

The international tasks of the French working class: liberate the French colonies and raise up their brothers in Europe to defeat Maastricht.

By throwing down Macron, we will be in a better position to liberate our class brothers and sisters in the colonies and semi-colonies oppressed by the 5th Republic, which in Africa plunders all the wealth and minerals for its arms, energy, and space industries, and with TotalEnergy steals all the gas and oil. The exploited people of Mali and Burkina Faso are making their hatred felt against French imperialism, which in Mali imposed a massacre on the people to steal lithium and cobalt. And recently Macron's visit to Gabon, Angola, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, was repudiated in these former French colonies. The working class of the imperialist countries that do not liberate their class brothers and sisters in the colonies will never be able to liberate itself.

Out with French imperialism from its colonies and overseas territories! Out with French military bases in Africa!

In this Europe in crisis our allies are the working class fighting in the UK, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Germany. It is the same struggle, we have the same enemy: the imperialist Maastricht which is unloading a ferocious attack on the working class and the exploited masses. Let the fight of the European working class be extended and centralized! The fate of the working class of the continent is at stake in the fights in France, it is life and death for them to succeed. For a day of rage throughout Europe to defeat the imperialist Maastricht.

The European working class has a big task pending ahead of it: it cannot let its class brothers and sisters in the warring Ukraine, who are defending their nation against the Russian invasion, be massacred. The European working class holds in its hands the keys to stop it and liberate the

Ukrainian people by confronting the NATO governments that make juicy business out of this war. In France, in Portugal, in Spain, in Greece, in the UK, in all Europe, the working class fights against the robbery of its gains, it is imperative to win the unity with the Ukrainian working class to stop the massacre of our siblings in Ukraine.

Long live the unity of the Ukrainian working class and the whole of Europe! This is the way to crush the invasion of the butcher Putin and to defeat the governments and regimes of NATO and the imperialist Maastricht!

Let the European workers' organizations raise the motion to donate each worker a day's wage to send these funds

to the Ukrainian resistance to supply them with everything they need, weapons, supplies, medicines, and as was the tradition in the 1930s in the Spanish Revolution, let us send international brigades to fight together against the Russian invader!

DOWN WITH NATO! OUT WITH THE IMPERIALIST MILITARY BASES FROM THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES! Out with the european imperialist military bases in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America! **DOWN WITH MAASTRICHT!**

For the working class to live, this system must die!

Ana Negri y Luisa Campos

THE FRENCH WORKERS' STRUGGLE UP TO DATE

April 20 2023

Against the pension reform...

The working class does not cease in its struggle and takes over the Paris Stock Exchange



See all our correspondents' notes of the French working class struggle on:
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IRAN

April 24, 2023

Key battalions of the Iranian, Middle East and World proletariat enter the combat

Long live the struggle of the oil workers of Iran! Out with the murderous Theocracy!

A huge workers' strike has broken out of Iran's oil and gas, the heart of the proletariat of that country that is second in export capacity of oil and has the second gas reserves in the world.

The claim is for a salary increase of 79% before a brutal inflation, and a labor regime of 20 days of work and 10 days off, to have the opportunity to be with their

families, among other demands.

The working class leads a revolutionary national struggle that began in September last year against the starving murderous theocracy.

Bread, work and wage increases now! Revolutionary General Strike until the regime falls!

National Assembly of delegates from all sectors in fight!

Self-defense committees and strike pickets to strengthen, extend and defend our struggle!

Away with theocracy and its regime of big capitalists and military assassins of the people and the region!

We reproduce below the call to strike launched by the oil-gas workers and the solidarity of the Haft Tappeh sugar workers.

Statement of the strike of the Council for the Organizing Protests of Contract Oil Workers

LET'S GO HARD TO THE STRIKE!

It's the beginning of the year and it's time to hire new oil project workers and update the contracts of our current companions. Despite the astronomical growth of inflation, predatory contracting companies continue to think of imposing very low wages, and even in places where they had given in to the demand of twenty days on and ten days off, under the pressure of our protests, now they have not applied it and this demand has not been implemented in many workshops. For this reason, this year, the workmates have gone on strike earlier than every year.

The strike was started by the comrades from the welding project at Salman Farsi Petrochemical in Sarbandar on 22 Farvardin (April 11, 2023) and started a massive

strike against the intimidation of the contractor company by demanding a wage increase based on the requested amount.

After that, our companions at Dehhran Petrorefinery (Dasht Abbas) went on strike on the 26th of Farvardin (April 15, 2023) with the same demand and work shifts of 20 days on and 10 days off. They went on strike and closed the workplace. At the same time, our companions from Abadrahman and SCAF joined the strike at Phase 2 of the Abadan Refinery and evacuated the workshop. A 79% increase in wages and 20 days on and 10 days off for a chance to be with the families is an urgent demand from our project workers in these strikes, and at the same time, we are pursuing our other demands without response, as our

long time unemployment, including the scarcity of proud contractors' hands.

It is desirable to improve the conditions of the dormitories and raise their standards, we want safety in the work environment.

Comrades! This year, our strikes started earlier because the skyrocketing price tags and dizzying inflation rate have not given us a chance to think.

We declare that we will continue with our strikes until our demand for wages and twenty days of work and ten days off, which is our physical and social need, be answered.

In keeping with the unity and solidarity with the forces that have started their strike, the Oil Contract Workers Organization Council calls on all the workmates who work in all the oil, gas and petrochemical complexes to join the strike.

Comrades, the strike and concentration are two complementary components, we have the experience of the previous two years.

We have to stick together so that our line stays together and doesn't get hit on the head. The experience of the Hefshjan



Facsimile in Persian of the poster for the national strike in Iran

We reproduce the statement of the sugarcane workers of Haft Tappeh to the huge oil workers struggle in Iran

We support the strike and your demands

From Friday, April 21, contractor and project workers working in oil and gas, petrochemical, copper and steel companies, mines and power plants went on strike. On Saturday, April 22nd, the workers of dozens of companies went on strike by delivering equipment and evacuating workshops and workplaces. This strike is taking place in protest against the resolution of the anti-labor council, and its ultimatum was previously given by the central oil and gas campaign. The central demand of the workers is to increase wages by 79%. The demands of other workers, including working time and monthly leave, reducing working hours, improving sanitary and food services, and clarifying the provisions of contracts and overtime pay, etc., have been announced.

Haft Tappeh workers support your strike and protest. In all the companies and industries of the country, we want the contract and non-contract workers to protest against the salary approval and to go on strike.

These massive strikes on the eve of International Workers' Day promise a strong solidarity of workers for a better life. The wage resolution is not valid from the point of view of the workers and should be canceled. Adequate and adequate wages should be determined by independent workers' representatives. May your strike be victorious and may your union be greater!

**A group of Haft Tappeh workers
in different departments**

April 23, 2023



April 22, 2023. Strike at the "Apadana" petrochemical company

SOUTH AFRICA

April 21, 2023

Faced with record unemployment, layoffs, low wages and now no electricity...

the south african workers and exploited are once again entering the fight against the anc-cp government and the reconciliation regime

RAMAPHOSA MUST FALL!

For a National congress of the workers' and popular organizations to unify all the sectors in struggle and impose the revolutionary general strike until Ramaphosa and the regime fall!

For a Provisional Workers' and Peasants' Revolutionary Government

On March 20, the South African working class and exploited once again took to the streets all over the country in a **one-day national strike demanding the right to basic electricity services and the resignation of South African president Cyril Ramaphosa**. Since January there have been successive mobilizations for this demand, which have become more and more intense.

South Africa has been suffering from blackouts for more than a decade, but in the last three years they have worsened, causing the worst energy crisis of the last three years.

South Africa's electricity provider is Eskom, a state-owned company in which the African National Congress (ANC) and Communist Party (CP) government has failed to invest in maintenance or even refurbishment. Almost all the electricity it generates comes from burning coal, of which South Africa is the seventh largest producer in the world, and the equipment is not only obsolete but has already lost the capacity to supply to the whole of South Africa.

The government's plan is to say that "investment is needed" and issue bonds to finance it. With South Africa's debt burden (over 80%), the bonds will be unpayable, i.e. they will be worthless on the market, although the South African state will be forced to take them at face value and hand over Eskom itself as part of the payment. In other



March 20, 2023. National strike banner. "Give us back our electricity"

words, there is a plan to privatize Eskom for a dime.

But this plan is already being paid for by the workers, along with all the imperialist plunder of natural resources, the suffocation by the foreign debt, and the government's fund-monetarist adjustment attacks. The situation is so delicate that the government has declared a "national state of disaster", the fourth it has decreed. The other two have been due to floods, and a third because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This situation aggravates the hardships of the masses in the poorest neighborhoods, as health and education centers are out of order for most of the

day, and the little people can buy to eat ends up rotting for lack of electricity.

Therefore, in this struggle for electricity, the demands for health, education, against hunger, the right to a job and a living wage come together... because the fundamental drive is hunger.

The masses identify the ANC-PC government as responsible for their hardship. Therefore, **they argue that to achieve their minimum demands Ramaphosa must fall**. But the struggle to improve their miserable living conditions is an anti-imperialist struggle against the transnationals, the IMF and their local managers, the government, who are responsible for the theft and plunder of all our wealth.

The situation is already unbearable! The working class has made a thousand and one attempts to impose a workers' way out of the crisis!

Their leaderships have betrayed them once and again

The working class of South Africa has been fighting in successive waves against the starvation regime, already since the huge

strike of the Marikana miners in 2012 with the demand "12,500 rands for all". Then they confronted the Stalinist trade union bureaucracy and the repression of the ANC police with 34 martyrs and they were taken to pressure the bourgeois courts, leading them away from the path to win real justice. Julius Malema, a CP youth leader who split from the CP and formed a new party called the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), played a key role in this diversion. This is a bourgeois party that raises the slogan of "black power" as a policy to deceive the masses and bring them to the feet of the regime.

Since 2017 the workers broke with the COSATU trade union center (Confederation of South African Trade Unions) and its Stalinist leadership that was supporting and sustaining the ANC government, and went on general strike to bring down the government of the then president Zuma.

In the face of this struggle, a new mediation emerged, a new trade union center called SAFTU, headed by the Stalinist trade union bureaucracy of the metalworkers' union NUMSA. This leadership led such a working class struggle to put pressure on parliament, which voted Zuma out of office, to be replaced by his deputy president, the murderer of Marikana and current president of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, a wing of the ANC representing the imperialist min-



August 16, 2012. Masikana mine massacre

ing companies that plunder the nation, who since taking office has been unloading an IMF-type offensive plan of austerity cuts and tariff increases to pay off every last rand of foreign debt.

The Stalinist bureaucracy of the NUMSA played no small role in allowing Ramphosa to assume power and continue to be the South African president to this day. They called for the SRWP - the Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party - a "party of the working class" to be set up from within the metalworkers' union itself. But the leaders of NUMSA imposed that this party was to support Lula, Fidel Castro, dressing up as "socialist" and embracing that swindle of the "Bolivarian Revolution" which was the abortion of the socialist revolution in Latin America. The SRWP, after deviating to the left and separating the workers from the NUMSA as a class alternative of the whole workers' movement, disappeared without much glory. It proved to be another variant of Stalinism to sustain from the left the regime of reconciliation with Apartheid that is in crisis.

In the meantime, unemployment has reached around 35% and last year, the masses, especially the unemployed, **staged hunger** uprisings by going to fetch bread where it is, taking it from the supermarkets.

As inflation is increasing, the unionized sectors of the workers, led by NUMSA, went on a national strike. **The demand for a decent wage increase and work for all is the demand of the whole labor movement.**

Today it is the township workers who are leading the huge marches and strikes against Ramaphosa for the power cuts because he has not invested a single rand in the maintenance and modernization needed to supply South Africa with electricity.

The electoral detour: A trap for the workers

While the masses have already identified the government as the cause of their plight, the COSATU bureaucracy, unsurprisingly, insists on supporting the ANC for the next elections in 2024. The other trade union center, SAFTU, claims to support the demands

of the masses for electricity, but has lined up behind Julius Malema's bourgeois party, the EFF. Malema wants to ride ahead of the mass actions by calling for "strikes", making "electricity court filings" and raising the slogan "Ramaphosa must resign".

Thus we see that the aim of the leaderships is to channel the revolutionary anger of the masses to peaceful means, while different bourgeois variants want to ride on the mass anger in view of the elections in 2024. But even so, the working class, winning the streets, showed that it was a great day of struggle where all sectors came out to fight, including the support of the middle classes of the city and the countryside, resulting in a blow against Ramaphosa.

Ramaphosa and the whole regime must fall. Imperialism out, IMF out!

This new day of national strike on March 20 means a big step forward, that is why it is necessary to call on all the workers' and popular organizations, especially the NUMSA union, to break with the bourgeoisie, whether "officialist" or "oppositionist", and to call a **National congress of the workers' and popular organizations to unify all the sectors in struggle behind a single list of demands, to impose a general strike until Ramaphosa, the murderer of Marikana, agent of Anglo-American and other imperialist gangs, falls, and to expel imperialism.**

That Congress **must unify the demands and struggles** of all the workers of Southern Africa who stand up in struggle for the same demands **starting with the migrant workers who do the worst jobs and today are at the mercy of the fascist gangs.** It must call to set up **committees of employed and unemployed workers, militant students, immigrants, and all those who fight for the minimum demands of the poor people.** It is necessary to set up **self-defense committees to defend themselves against the fascist gangs that attack our class brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe and South Africa because first they come for the immigrant and unemployed workers and tomorrow they will turn against all the workers in struggle.**

Out with the collaborationist Stalinist bureaucracy of COSATU that sustains this



Marching un Soweto against the government AND for

infamous regime!

For a dignified minimum living and mobile wage according to the family basket indexed to inflation. Reduction of the working day without wage reduction and one more shift per factory and establishment so that all the unemployed go to work.

The trade unions and workers' organizations must incorporate the immigrant brothers and sisters as full members. No more first and second class workers, papers and full rights for all!!!!

Out with Ramaphosa and the starvation regime! Workers' and Peasants' Revolutionary Provisional Government!

So that the crisis is paid for by the capitalists and we can live in dignity...

**Out with imperialism,
out with the IMF!**

Not a single rand more to the IMF! Expropriate the transnationals without compensation and under workers' control, as the Anglo-American, the mining, the land, the banks and the properties of these rich black lackeys of imperialism! A single state bank under workers' control and monopoly

ly of foreign trade! There is the money for credit, electricity, quality health and education and all the demands of the poor people!

For self-defense committees to smash the fascist gangs armed by the white bourgeoisie and the ANC who attack our immigrant siblings.

The rank-and-file soldiers must disobey the officer caste of the murderous army in Pretoria and take the side of the people with their weapons. For soldiers' committees to stop the repression and crush the fascists!

In this world economic crisis, imperialism is coming for everything in the semi-colonies. The African continent is no exception. The foreign debts of the African countries have become unpayable. A plundered Africa, with millions of migrant workers losing their lives in the Mediterranean in search of a country where they can get to work...

The working class is not only waging battles in South Africa, but has won the streets in countries like Nigeria, Senegal, Kenya or Swaziland where in 2021-2022 the workers rose up. The struggle of the South African working class is one in the whole region.

The struggle of the South African workers must be united again with the workers and exploited of the whole African continent!

For a Federation of Black Worker and Peasant Republics of Central and Southern Africa!

Let's reunite the internationalist ties traced by the slave route with our class brothers and sisters in the US and imperialist Europe because black lives matter!

In unity and internationalist struggle lies the strength to defeat our oppressive governments and liberate our nations from the imperialist yoke.

**Slaves in Africa, in America, in Europe,
one same working class, one same struggle!**

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PERU

A contribution to the Peruvian and Latin American masses amidst the enormous revolutionary combat in Peru

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The workers, peasants, students and insurgent people rose up for more than 3 months and left everything in the fight to defeat the Boluarte government, the Fujimorista regime and the US-led coup.

Now, learning from our struggle, we must prepare and organize a new national insurgency assault



Why didn't the murderer Dina, supported by the coup Congress and supported by the Gringos, fall?

The Stalinist bureaucracy of the CGTP divided the revolutionary mass offensive and placed its shoulder for Boluarte and the entire regime to stay put!

More than 3 months ago, the working class, the poor peasants, the rebellious youth and the poor people rose up to bring down the government of Dina Boluarte and the entire Fujimorist regime, which had already massacred more than 80 comrades, while thousands were wounded and there are dozens of prisoners for fighting.

This combat, which began in the southern regions, gained momentum in mid-January, when thousands and thousands of exploited from deep Peru marched to Lima to make the masses in the capital to upsurge and surround the citadel of power to oust Boluarte, shouting **"national insurgency!"**. The revolutionary struggle began to spread through the entire country and mainly to Lima, with the workers, young workers, students and the exploited in the capital not only offering enormous solidarity to their class brothers and sisters in the regions, but also **openly joining the combat**.

The only one who missed the appointment was the treacherous leadership of the CGTP, in the hands of the Communist Party and Patria Roja (Maoists), which are enemies of mobilizing and putting thousands and thousands of workers on the streets. So they boycotted the path to the General Strike and proposed Dina to stay, on the condition to call the elections on advance. Traitors!

Against them, the exploited broke into a mass political struggle. **The demand that unified all the sectors in struggle was "Get out Dina!"** because no one believed that it was possible to get bread, work, or any of their just demands without bringing down the government and the entire regime.

To wage such a fight, **the masses of deep Peru organized themselves and**



Lima, Peru, January 2023. Combats on Avenue Abancay

set up unitary organizations of workers, peasants, students and all the exploited in order to fight in the districts, provinces and at the regional level, such as the Struggle Committees, Defense Fronts, etc. These organizations began to coordinate in the Macro-regional Coordinator of the South to later advance in **conquering an organization to centralize the fight at the national level, the National Committee for the Fight of the Regions of Peru.**

A huge revolutionary combat that directly confronted imperialism and its puppet government

This enormous struggle was in response to the brutal coup of the murderous officers of the Armed Forces commanded by US imperialism, which is now coming for everything in Latin America.

In the midst of the marasmus caused by the world economic crisis, **the US concentrated its forces in Peru as the outpost of its offensive on the whole Latin**

America to seize directly all the sources of raw materials, minerals, hydrocarbons, etc., based on the super-exploitation and misery of the working class and poor people. In particular, in Peru they need to renew the legal contracts with which they have been plundering the mineral and hydrocarbon wealth and will have access to the lithium.

With this objective, the US imperialists put their puppet Boluarte in the government and disciplined their other agent, **Pedro Castillo, who cowardly surrendered**, while the workers and peasants were the ones who faced the bloody counterrevolutionary coup of the US and the Fujimorista regime.

The most critical point of the insurgency was when the exploited from deep Peru arrived in the capital on 01/19 and along with them the workers, youth and poor people of Lima itself revolted. With this huge mass action, an attempt was made to repeat the "March of the Four Suyos" (suyos in kechwa language were each of the 4 provinces of the Inca Empire) that in the year 2000 meant the fall of Fujimori.

But this time, **the government and the regime had the support not only of the US, but of all the political parties of the bourgeoisie and that of the very leadership of the CGTP**, which dedicated itself to dividing the struggle and agreeing to an "orderly transition" from Dina Boluarte. A policy faced at a 180° angle with the millions of workers, peasants, young rebels, etc., who had entered the combat.

The government had shielded itself and learned from the previous experience of the Peruvian masses. The CGTP bureaucracy rushed to their aid.

The strategy of imperialism was to deploy 12,000 policemen in the Cercado of Lima. In the first place, **to close the Plaza San Martín**, the historic point of concentration of the combats of the working class and the exploited in Peru, **to prevent the masses in struggle from coordinating there and centralizing their combat, since that would have meant the power of those below meeting a few blocks from Congress and the Government House.**

Along with this, **they surrounded the blocks where the Parliament and the Government Palace are located with a huge police cordon to protect the citadel of power** and make it impossible for the exploited to get there to demolish it. While the vast majority of the territory of the entire country was taken over by the insurgent masses, the bourgeoisie put all their gist in those 5 blocks where bourgeois power is concentrated, to prevent it from being defeated by the exploited.

There were all the conditions for Dina to fall. The traitors of the Stalinist bureaucracy of the CGTP took key sectors of the working class off the streets. This was the worst of the police forces that attacked the masses, because it acted treacherously and shot in the back and divided the enormous effort

of the exploited in the fight.

Moreover, the strikebreakers of the bureaucracy took over the premises and evicted the CONFENUTSSA health workers, who had been organizing together with the struggle of the regions and being part of their Struggle Committee. The Stalinist bureaucracy perpetrated this military attack to discipline and chastise the entire working class so that it does not unite with its methods of struggle to the ongoing combat of workers and peasants.

Meanwhile, from Latin America and the whole world “ambassadors” who claimed to be leftist, defenders of Human Rights, etc., true wolves in sheep's clothing, came to Perú to strengthen the CGTP bureaucracy and legitimize their betrayal. They arrived in Lima to meet a congressman of the coup Parliament, with whom they held talks and conferences, to support the plan of the CGTP leadership: that Dina leave in an “orderly manner.” That is to say, that it is not the masses who throw her out.

The result of this policy? Letting Dina leave at the end of her term... that is, in 2026! Let's talk clear. The “transition” of the CGTP bureaucracy is to keep the US-led coup regime intact. They are the bureaucracy of the Fujimorista regime!

Any attempt at a new mass offensive must settle accounts with the traitors. Whereas, it is necessary to call from now on the entire worker grassroots, health workers, metal workers, teachers, miners, construction workers, workers in the factories, ports, banks, etc., to raise their demands for decent wages, better working conditions and against unemployment. Those just claims are what the same CGTP leaders who divided the fight against Dina deliver and betray every day.

To conquer a new offensive, to march to a superior phase of the national insurgency... it is necessary to throw out the treacherous leaderships and forge the worker, peasant, popular and student alliance from organizations that genuinely represent the millions who say Enough! to this Fujimorista Peru of the transnationals, imperialism and their murderous governments!

In order to succeed, it is necessary to conquer the anti-imperialist unity and a common combat of the worker and peasant masses of the whole Latin America

As we can see, a true front of Stalinist union bureaucrats, regional bourgeoisies and the world pro-imperialist left concentrated their forces to save Dina and the entire regime.

The true alliance that the masses need is the alliance among workers, peasants and students, with the millions of unemployed youth, of the poor of the city and the countryside. We are the vast majority of Peru. Our leaders divide us. Here and there they have tried to lead us behind the plan of truce and submission to Dina Boluarte, or else, as the tail end of the regional bourgeoisies who want to use the mass combat to pressure the US to distribute a few more soles than the miserable crumbs that they leave in Peru out of the enormous wealth that they plunder.

Some of these bourgeois sectors flirted with the rebellious people. They were the first to desert. Seeing the phenomenal revolutionary actions of the workers and peasants, all sectors of the bourgeoisie quickly

disciplined themselves with their Gringo imperialist bosses. That's because the regional bourgeoisie, as minor partners, depend on the US to maintain their businesses and their wealth.

The exploiters knew that the defeat of Dina and the coup Congress was equal to the defeat of all the possessing classes of Peru, that plunder it and hand it over to imperialism. The fight for the nationalization and expropriation of the mines, lithium and all the wealth of Peru without compensation and under worker control, would have been put on the order of the day. Condoning the loans of the usurious bankers to the poor peasants was an immediate need.

That is why they all closed ranks and together with the traitorous union bureaucrats of the CGTP, who have sold themselves for a dime, they were the help of Dina, Congress and all those above.

The true alliance that those of below must establish is that of the workers in struggle throughout the continent. We are workers and peasants who confront the IMF and the looting of the gringos. For the same thing our brothers and sisters of Colombia, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico, etc. fight and die. That is where our strength is, as it is in the US American workers who are also fighting for wages and their demands within the imperialist beast. They are our allies. Hence, in order to prepare the second phase of the national insurgency, the call made by the National Committee for the Struggle of the Regions is still pending, to set up a Latin American Congress of workers and poor peasants in Lima to coordinate the anti-imperialist struggle of the oppressed masses of Latin America.

The key to imperialism, its parties, its government and its servants of the union bureaucrats was to prevent the emergence of a dual power organs of the masses in struggle

In the streets and producing the wealth of the nation, those of below are and were the majority. Those at the top have their



Mobilization along a road of Arequipa, Peru.

power: the murderous officers of the Armed Forces, the repressive police, their political parties, their judiciary and all their institutions of domination. They have them to save their businesses and interests with blood and fire. The millions of us who entered the struggle set up regional and national bodies that embryonically began to coordinate our struggle. A huge conquest. We set up struggle committees that brought together unions, students, peasants... The power of those below began to emerge, which is the one that must evict and defeat the power of those above to end hunger, conquer the land and expel the gringos.

We have to conquer such an organization of power from those below, from those of us who know each other, of those who fight together, in each city, in each province, in each department and in Lima itself. A power that sets up the self-defense committees and calls on our brothers, the common soldiers, children of workers and peasants, to set up their committees against the generals who sent them to repress and kill their families and their people.

We must prepare the next national insurgency's assault. This is the moment to conquer a great National Congress, an Open Cabildo of all the exploited in Peru with grassroots delegates from all unions, workers, regions, peasants, stu-

dents, working-class neighborhoods, youth groups that fight for their rights, rank and file soldiers, etc.

That power is the one that would make those at the top tremble because it is the one that should really rule Peru to expel the gringos, recover our wealth and conquer bread and freedom.

We must develop, extend and coordinate the National Committee for the Fight of the Regions of Peru!

We must disobey the leadership of the CGTP and set up committees of factory, company, mine, civil construction workers, agricultural workers, banks, fishing, health, teachers, etc.!

We must open the way to the defeat of the treacherous bureaucrats who once again betrayed our struggle!

The workers and the people do not have the leadership that we deserve.

Out with the CGTP bureaucracy! Let's open the road to workers' democracy!

For a Congress of rank-and-file delegates from all unions to put the strength of the working class at the service of setting up the alliance of workers, peasants and all the exploited in Peru.

We must put the working youth on its feet. There are millions of unemployed

April 13, 2023

The scam of Pedro Castillo, Perú Libre and Juntos por el Perú: they dress up as “oppositionists” when they all support Dina and the Fujimorist regime at the service of the Gringos

The same bourgeois politicians and class collaboration fronts that for years administered the Fujimorista regime and even voted for and supported the entry of U.S. marines and military bases into Peru (as Verónica Mendoza's “Nuevo Perú” did), today proclaim different recipes to save the rule of imperialism against the masses.

There it is the coward bourgeoisie of Pedro Castillo, who during his government applied the worst anti-worker plans, cowardly surrendered to the pro-imperialist regime and surrendered to the dictates of the coup-plotter Parliament and the Justice of the bosses and U.S. Today he goes to the IACHR (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.) to be released and reinstated as president... to the IA-

CHR of the OAS who are the ones who commanded the coup!

Today Castillo asks to be reinstated when he was the first to support Dina by giving himself up! Castillo preferred to go to jail rather than call the working class, peasants and rank and file soldiers to rise up, just as his friend Evo Morales did in Bolivia in 2019, allowing the masses to be massacred in Juliaca, Ayacucho, Apurímac, etc.

Meanwhile, parliamentarians who dress as “left” like Peru Libre or Together for Peru and former ministers of Pedro Castillo proclaim the “advancement of elections” and a “plebiscite for a Constituent Assembly” to guarantee an “orderly departure” of Dina Boluarte and that the entire Fujimori regime that the masses

want to defeat remain intact, replicating the recipe that was applied in Chile with the rigged Constituent Assembly with which they saved Piñera and the Pinochetista regime.

They say that in this way the “political transition” will be able to begin. They are lying! **They are different plans that imperialism has to maintain its domination against the masses. They are all traps that have one point in common: while they seek to get the masses off the streets, Dina and Congress itself follow. Their true “transition” is that Boluarte continues in power! They all support Dina because they are all with the gringos!**

young people, children of workers and peasants in Lima and in the regions. The first line of combat came and will come from there. For collectives of the anti-imperialist rebel youth in all the cities, regions and working-class neighborhoods of Lima! Let open the path the anti-imperialist struggle of the youth!

For a national meeting of rebellious youth groups that prepares itself to be the vanguard to set up the committees of soldiers, students and worker youth. There are inexhaustible forces there that will be essential to advance to conquer the victory and power of those below.

The bourgeoisie and its parties, which are still trying to flirt with the people, turned to dividing the coordination that had emerged from the revolted masses of all of Peru. The men of the bosses' politicians who call themselves Dina "opponents" caused a split at the top of the National Committee for the Fight of the Regions.

Let them submit to the verdict of a National Congress of workers, peasants and students, which can resolve, democratically, who deserves to be at the head of the struggle of the exploited and who should be branded as a traitor and enemy of the people!

To prepare for this second wave, the children of the people under arms can never again be at the mercy of the Fujimorist officers and the U.S. military bases. For committees of common soldiers that break with the officers, vote delegates and unite with the masses in struggle!

When 6 soldiers drowned crossing the Ilave river, sent by the murderous officers, the people surrounded them and their families in solidarity. That is what the victory that must be prepared is about: the common soldiers with the people. The murderous generals with the gringos. In the middle, a river of blood.

Dissolve the police and all the repressive forces of the state! For self-defense committees and the worker and peasant militia!

Judge and punish all murderers! Freedom to the political prisoners for fighting and dropping all charges against all the fighters!

It is necessary to conquer a program for victory

Down with Dina Boluarte, the puppet Parliament and the entire Fujimorista regime, agent of U.S.! Out with the IMF and the IV Pacific Fleet from the waters of Peru!

Out with imperialism, its FTAs and its military bases! Nationalization without payment and place under workers' control all mining, banks and natural resources in Peru! The land has to be for the poor peasant! Down with legal contracts with transnational companies! That is where the money is so that there is bread, work, salary, education, health, housing and all the fair demands of the exploited!

Education and health for all! Decent job! Reduction of the working hours and one more shift in all companies and State jobs, with a salary equal to the family basket for everyone!

No youth without work! No worker without bread!

The Commander of the Fourth Fleet of the U.S. Navy, the UN, the OAS and all their lackeys came to Peru to support Boluarte.

To prepare this second assault against the gringos, let all the workers' and peasants' organizations in Latin America send delegations to Peru to organize a single continental struggle to expel imperialism! Let us make the call of the National Fighting Committee of the Regions of Peru a reality together with militant labor organizations from Colombia, Brazil, etc., to forge a Latin American and international Fighting Committee in support of the masses of Peru, together with our best allies: US workers and youth. **Everybody to Peru to organize a Continental Congress of workers' organizations that promotes the fight against imperialism in the whole Latin America!**

There is no time to lose. For a National Congress and Open Cabildo of all the unions, regions, universities and working-class neighborhoods of Peru! Self-defense committees and soldiers' committees!

Let's open the path to the power of those below! Out with the government and Parliament of those above!

For a provisional revolutionary worker and peasant Government, based on the self-determination organizations of the masses, which is the only one that can guarantee a truly free and sovereign Constituent Assembly, imposed on the rubble of the Fujimorista regime.

The great lesson of this first wave that the heroic insurgent masses from Peru led, is that there was a lack of a revolutionary party of the exploited that would help the workers and peasants to distinguish who are their allies and who are their enemies. An internationalist revolutionary party that fights to unify the masses of the entire continent in a single anti-imperialist fight against the bankrupt imperialist capitalist system.

It is necessary to conquer a revolutionary party because the revolution is necessary. Because in order to eat and live, for there to be peace and justice, the insurgency must be transformed into the victory of the socialist revolution.

Different generations in Peru gave their lives to put this revolutionary leadership on its feet. Drawing these lessons and putting this revolutionary program on its feet is will mean that those generations be redeemed by history, and the life they gave to the cause of socialism will be crowned by the revolution triumph.

The Trotskyists of the LSTI are a nucleus that seeks to retake those banners and fight to re-found and recover the World Party of the Socialist Revolution, the Fourth International of 1938.

May Day is coming, the day in which the workers strike like a single fist all over the world, for our demands such as the 8-hour working day. That's how we conquer them. Because of the traitors who divided us country by country and broke the unity of the only class that only has chains to break, we have lost the 8 hours.

To recover the internationalism of the working class is to reopen the path to recover our conquests and the path of the revolution. The day we conquer the international unity of the working class, that day will be the day of victory.

Argentina

April 18, 2023

The Head of the Southern Command of the Pentagon again in Argentina...

Out with Richardson murderer! Gringos out of Argentina and Latin America!



Richardson, Commandrr of U.S. southern Command and Taiana, Argentine Minister of Defense.

General Richardson, Head of the US Pentagon's Southern Command, is in Argentina.

She is the new viceroy of the Río de la Plata. The organizer of the coup in Peru and guarantor of the looting of Latin America with the US Fourth Fleet.

The murderer of the more than 80 people in Peru, siblings of those who fell at the hands of the paramilitaries and the Esmad in Colombia, of those murdered by the states throughout Latin America.

She is the chief to whom all the governments and generals of the armed forces of the continent report to.

Before her, all the politician bosses of Argentina have kneeled, from Kirchner to Milei. The PJ, supported by the PRO-UCR, hands over lithium, minerals and Vaca Muerta to the US, while paying off the external debt with the hunger of the people, plunging more than half of the exploited into misery through inflation.

The 6 large employers' chambers meeting today in Llaolao -under the direction of Wall Street- have already "dynamited" our wages and jobs, together with the scabs of the union bureaucracy, friends of Ambassador Stanley.

Now they are coming for more and it will not be peaceful. The militarization of Rosario, the Gendarmerie deployed in the neighborhoods of Gran Buenos Aires and the actions of proto-fascist groups against the houses of leftist parties are just the beginning.

Only the working class can stop them, leading the impoverished middle classes, with the method of the socialist revolution and the nationalization without compensation under worker control of lithium, Vaca Muerta, the banks and monopolies of Wall Street and the lands of the oligarchy.

Weeks ago, our sibling workers and peasants in Peru showed us how to confront imperialism, responding to the coup of the US and Boluarte with the revolutionary general strike and the struggle committees. The FIT-U is far from preparing the Argentinean and Latin American workers for this fight. All they care about is the electoral race in Argentina. They did not make a single call to the workers to carry out strikes, pickets and mobilizations at the US embassy against the murderer Richardson.

The elections will not bring bread, better salaries or jobs. The Argentine working class must put itself on the warpath against the war that Wall Street and its lackeys have declared on us in Argentina and throughout the continent, unifying the forces of the unemployed movement, the self-convened workers and the combative trade unionism in a great **Asamblea Nacional Piquetera (Picketers Natonal Assembly)** like those of 2001, shouting "**Everybody out, no one of them should be left!**"

The first task of that Assembly will be to adhere to the call of the Comité de Lucha de las Regiones del Perú (*Committee for the Struggle of the Regions of Peru*) to hold a great **continental congress** of the worker and peasant organizations of Latin America in Lima, to prepare a unified anti-imperialist struggle from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. That is the only path to victory.

Like yesterday in Santiago, Lima, Quito, LaPaz, Cali... Open the road to revolution! Out with the IMF and Wall Street. Out with the Pentagon. NATO out of Malvinas. Argentina will be socialist or a colony of Wall Street.

For the United Socialist States of Latin America!

April 15 2023

The "lessons" of the PTS from the revolutionary struggle in Peru...

A scandalous balance sheet to save the Stalinist bureaucracy of the CGTP

In its statement entitled "four months after the protests and the political crisis in Peru: The root causes that prevent a return to normality" (of April 2), the PTS of Argentina, through a militant from Chile, **wants to make the workers, poor peasants and rebellious youth of Peru and Latin America believe that their greatest allies to succeed were the Stalinist bureaucrats of the CGTP, when they were the main supporters of Dina and the Fujimorist regime of the US and the greatest traitors of the mass struggle.**

During the three months of the revolutionary offensive, the PTS dedicated itself to claiming that the working class had not intervened in the struggle, in order to make its whole program revolve around demanding that the Stalinist bureaucracy of the CGTP put itself at the head of the struggle. Today, when they can no longer hide the fact that hundreds of thousands of workers went out to fight, they say: *"although the workers participated in the protests, this was in an unstructured or disorganized way"*, and then go on to affirm: *"the role of the trade union bureaucracy is criminal, not only because at first they applauded the Dina government and gave it a vote of confidence, but because they constantly refused to call and organize the indefinite general strike in an effective way"*.

How were these CGTP bureaucrats going to "call and organize the indefinite general strike effectively" as the PTS wanted, if they were in charge of supporting Dina, breaking the workers' and peasants' alliance that was being forged in the streets, and preventing the proletariat from leading the fight by paralyzing the key places of production?

The PTS is disappointed because "their" CGTP leadership "refused to mobilize" the workers' movement, which according to them would have allowed the working class to intervene in a well "structured" and "organized" way as PTS likes. It is clear that the PTS only recognizes a decisive intervention of the working class when it is called upon by the Stalinist bureaucracy of a trade union center that does not even represent 10% of the workers' movement.

They say it themselves: *"The potential of the working class was shown by the*

positive on the day of the National Strike called by the CGTP on 9 February (...) This in truth was a partial one-day strike, with special participation (...) of the construction workers, organized in the Federation of Civil Construction Workers of Peru, who marched very disciplined, with red T-shirts showing the initials of the federation, helmets, gloves, masks and with a marked decision to fight, but the CGTP withdrew them before time, leaving the masses to their fate".

The PTS' mouth is drooling over the intervention of so-called construction workers marching "very disciplined", unlike the workers who "came up with the idea of going out to confront the coup government in an unstructured and disorganized way"? They are so obsessed with the column of a handful of bureaucrats from the Federation of Civil Construction that they ended up lost in the Avenida Abancay with Nicolás de Piérola in Lima... On that corner it became clear that on that famous February 9 nothing of what the PTS says happened: there was no strike nor any march of the rank and file workers of the civil construction. Stop lying! That February 9 was a milestone of the betrayal of that Stalinist bureaucracy. **Those who led that march were the bureaucrats of the CGTP, together with the bureaucrats of the civil construction workers union, who entered the Government Palace, escorted by the police, to demand that Dina resign and that the coup Congress call for new elections, that is, a plan for an orderly departure of the bourgeoisie. The PTS consciously conceals this in order to cover up for the traitorous leaders of the CGTP who were "very disciplined" to support the pro-imperialist regime against the revolutionary struggle of the masses.**

The PTS lies: the working class did intervene despite and against the bureaucracy of the CGTP, setting up self-organizing organizations together with the poor peasants, students, etc.

It wants so much to bring the masses to the feet of the bureaucracy, that in its statement, the PTS says: *"One of the limits (of the mobilization, NdR) was the lack of development of institutions of self-organi-*

zation and self-defense (...) overcoming the bureaucratic control of the main trade union centers and of the various coordinators of the mobilization. We say various coordinating bodies because this was also a limit to the process in the absence of a unified command of struggle to centralize the mobilization...".

Thus, the PTS consciously falsifies the qualitative fact that took place in Peru: overcoming those Stalinist bureaucrats, the masses in struggle began to set up their organisms of self-organization like the Committees of Struggle and Defense Fronts, to coordinate them, as with the Macro-Regional Coordinating Committee of the South, and began to centralize them on a national level by forging the National Committee of Struggle of the Regions of Peru.

The PTS has to keep on lying because what was on the agenda was not "to demand that the CGTP bureaucracy call a general strike", but **the task set to oust Dina was to defeat that strike-breaking leadership. And that was done by fighting to extend, develop and strengthen those bodies of self-organization that the masses gave themselves, by calling on the rank and file workers inside the CGTP to rise up against the Stalinist bureaucracy, to set up their committees of self-organization and vote their delegates in assemblies to send to the National Committee of Struggle of the Regions to unite with the masses in struggle. By defeating the bureaucracy, the "unified command of struggle" that the exploited won in an embryonic form was strengthened!** If this "unified command of struggle" that the PTS wanted, did not end up standing up, it was first of all because of the role of the CGTP bureaucracy which, together with the bourgeoisie of Pedro Castillo, Perú Libre, Nuevo Perú of Verónica Mendoza, etc., split the National Committee of Struggle of the Regions, a question that the PTS is also silent about.

They cover up so much for Stalinism, that not only does the PTS not even mention that the CGTP is led by Patria Roja and the Communist Party, but they do not even say in passing that **it was that bureaucracy that took, armed with sticks, the premises of the health workers of CONFENUTSSA to prevent them from continuing to organize together with the National Committee of Struggle of the Regions.** Stalinism made a military attack on a union shop to teach the working class as a whole a lesson so that they would not follow the example of the health workers, and the PTS keeps quiet about it!

Not to mention that for the PTS it was all about the "general strike called by the CGTP"... in a **peaceful way**. According to the PTS, it was possible to defeat the Dina government and the bloody coup commanded by the USA, its military bases and the Fujimorist officers, without calling on the masses to arm themselves; contrariwise, what was the order of the day was to set

up the workers' and peasants' militia and call on the rank and file soldiers, sons of the people, to set up their committees and centralize in the National Committee of Struggle of the Regions, to set up the armed dual power to defeat the power of the bourgeoisie, to expel imperialism and its military bases, etc.

The PTS silences the struggle to win over the rank and file of the army, leaving intact this fundamental institution of the bourgeois state and the repressive forces that took the lives of more than 80 exploited, proving to be servants not only of Stalinism but of the semi-colonial Peruvian bourgeois state, under the tutelage of the US.

In the fighting in revolted Peru, two opposing policies came face to face. That of the Trotskyists, fighting to develop, strengthen and arm the self-organizing bodies of the workers and poor peasants to build the power of those below; versus that of the renegades of Trotskyism, which aim to support Stalinism on the left, with the PTS demanding that the CGTP bureaucracy mobilize the working class and other groups like the NMAS of Argentina travelling to Lima to meet personally with these strike-breaking leaders.

The whole balance sheet of the PTS, far from being at the service of preparing a second onslaught of the masses, only has the objective of saving the traitorous bureaucracy, which they do not call to defeat, although there is not the slightest possibility of resuming the revolutionary struggle without getting rid of those strikebreaking rascals.

For all of which, it can be understood that they falsify all the facts of these months of struggle in order to save Stalinism. And to close their balance sheet, they dare say that they are fighting for an "international current for the socialist revolution". Instead, when revolutionary processes are opened like in Peru, they put all their forces to support the Stalinism that leads the CGTP. They bring their leaders from Bolivia and Chile to meet with bourgeois politicians, like the congresswoman of Juntos por el Perú, Ysabel Cortez, and militants of the pro-imperialist party of Verónica Mendoza in a discussion (on February 15), where they legitimized the policy of leading the masses into the trap of a bourgeois Constituent Assembly that leaves the Fujimorista regime intact. And they also sent their deputies from Argentina to Lima to meet with human rights organizations of the imperialist UN and then give them that report to the Argentinean bourgeois Congress (February 22), instead of calling on the working class of the whole continent to rise up for a unified struggle against imperialism.

Once again the PTS, supporting Stalinism and its policy to save the regime as a whole from the left.

CHILE

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DOWN WITH THE «NAIN-RETA MAL» LAW!

The murderous «pacos» (cops) commanded by Boric and the PC are not here to take care of the exploited, they are here to repress them.

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INTERNATIONALIST CONFERENCE IN THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRIAN REVOLUTION

A revolution drowned in blood

The resistance does not give up! We won't forgive, we won't forget!

On March 25th, there was an internationalist conference called from the very ground in Syria by the paper *The Truth of the Oppressed and the International Workers Organizer*, in which the comrades of workers and struggle organizations of Peru, Colombia, France, among others, attended.

From the heart of the Syrian Resistance:

STEIF ABU YAZAN

"We will tolerate 12 more years of earthquakes, but not one more day of Bashar's regime"

I cannot open this meeting without calling first for the freedom of all the prisoners we have in the jails of the regime and without honoring each and every one of the fallen martyrs. They fought in a revolution that seeks the downfall of the criminal regime. This regime, together with Iran, Russia and the forces of Lebanon, scourged the entire Syrian people, as they are doing today to the people of Ukraine.

Our battle cry is that until the last of the prisoners is released, until the last of the disappeared is found and until the regime falls, we will not stop fighting for the victory of the revolution. That is the way forward.

After 12 years of revolution, we had the honor of seeing many people on the streets. We have been hit by an earthquake devastated more than half of the liberated regions and caused hundreds of thousands of losses. Yet today, after 12 years, we say that we will tolerate 12 more years of earthquakes, but not one more day of Bashar's regime. This means that the revolution continues, that we keep on fighting.

We flooded the streets fighting for the fall of all tyrants, those in Syria, in Russia, in Iran, in Lebanon. The people are one, fighting in the streets against them. This is the path of the revolution, the path that the martyrs, those who are imprisoned today, followed.

After 12 years of struggle, the people have been demanding more and more. The most important one is the freedom of the prisoners; the political prisoners who are in the jails of the oppressors all over the world, the



The Syrian masses took to the streets on the 12th anniversary

appearance alive of our disappeared and the fall of all the tyrants on the planet.

We had an earthquake of 7.8 on the Richter scale. It hit southern Turkey and northern Syria, in cities like Jendares, Salqin, Afrin. International aid did not reach the liberated area of Syria hit by that earthquake. Turkey, the NGOs, and the UN did nothing to help the Syrians there. They didn't go in, their aid never arrived, and they didn't send machines to help free survivors under the rubble. Every minute children, young people, adults, and women were dying.

It was only after 5 days that a team of doctors from the UN came in, but they only took pictures. They settled far away from the affected areas and did not go to the danger zone.

After a while, a team from Spain entered the city of Jendares and went to the danger zone. There was also a team from Qatar and Egypt. But they had no machinery to remove the rubble to rescue people and there was

very little they could do.

We will not forget how we were treated by the Turkish government, which in the face of this catastrophe closed the borders and did not allow any Syrians to enter their hospitals for treatment. Many had internal hemorrhages and needed transfusions and could not get them and died.

Bashar claimed that much of the damage and destruction it can be seen today was caused by this earthquake, when he had been bombing for 12 years. They did the same with the missing people, they were the ones he had kidnapped and made them look as if they had disappeared with the earthquake.

Not only did the earthquake bring down the buildings, but also exposed the lies to see who was really with whom. They still want Bashar in the government, and therefore they gave him aid, which was going to the areas under his control, which were hardly affected by the earthquake.

Thus, we will not leave the streets. Whether it takes another year or two, the revolution continues. Alive they were taken, alive we want them back. We want the prisoners back with us. We will not stop until the last one of us is back.

Finally, a message to everyone. Continue to fight as you have been doing in each of your countries against your governments. It is clear to us that nobody will succeed if we do not unite together as a people. If we all coordinate the struggle, there will be no oppressor to oppose us. The people have the power and they must take it to the streets. We call on you to take to the streets in your cities and to coordinate. It is one battle together. To achieve that, we have to overcome the fears. Let's fight together Arabs and foreigners.

Comrade Amir here will remember that he was attacked by Shabihis (Al Assad's thugs) on a march in Amsterdam. The regime does not only strike inside Syria, but also outside Syria. That is why the fight is one and together.

Greetings from the Syrian people to all the participants. We thank you and consider you as siblings to everyone who raised our banners. We are one fist, our struggle is one. We will defeat the regime, Russia, Iran and all counter-revolutionary forces inside Syria. When we started the revolution 12 years ago, we thought it was a domestic Syrian revolution, and now we see that it is a world revolution that is fought in every street of this planet. Thank you all very much..●

ABU MUSTAFA:

Greetings to all the comrades from Argentina and to all those who are present on this day of the 12th anniversary of the Syrian revolution. Thank you all for being part of this day.

Honor to all martyrs! Freedom to all detainees! Long live the revolution in Colombia and Latin America! May everybody be clear about this message: We will continue this revolution. We will lead it to victory. Whether it is us, or our children, or our children's children, the revolution continues. We will triumph!

ABU AHMED:

The Syrian revolution will continue until the last martyr and until the last child is freed from the yoke.

Greetings to all those present on the 12th anniversary.

We had technical problems connecting because we were far away, but it is an honor to be here on this day



León Sedov Brigade

From the Editorial Comitee of the newspaper The Truth of the Oppressed

Abu Muad

It seems fundamental to us to take up the lessons of 12 years of struggle, of combat, of revolution and counterrevolution, the product of betrayal and slander. A revolution that started as a chain of revolutions all over Middle East, from Tunisia, Egypt, through Libya where the masses armed themselves and a similar scenario is happening in Syria. In Syria, our brothers defeated Bashar's army. They blew up his military apparatus, they defeated Bashar's generals.

Imperialism, frightened, sees its Zionist gendarme threatened, and did not hesitate to intervene, in the way the masses let it intervene. Because it was not the time of Bush, but the time of Obama, the "good brown guy", where the US working class did not allow its imperialist bourgeoisie to go to war.

So, what imperialism did is to paint the generals that Amir was talking about as "revolutionaries" in order to place them at the head of the revolution. They tried to con-

trol the masses, who did not give an inch because they wanted a dignified life, like in the whole Middle East. Thus, the Free Syrian Army emerged as a fifth column.

The first to make pacts with Bashar were the Kurdish bourgeoisie, who must be denounced at every opportunity, because the left at the international level presents them as the model to be followed and supported. This bourgeoisie broke the front of the Syrian revolution and made a pact with Bashar.

This Syrian revolution tended to converge with the revolutionary processes in Europe in 2011-2012. Imperialism knew that it had to stop it. And who fired the first poison darts against this revolution were the parties that call themselves left-wing, that call themselves Trotskyist, accusing the Syrian masses of not being working class, of being NATO troops, of "committing the crime" of arming themselves.



The martyr Abu Al Baraa in a demonstration to the Sunnite bourgeoisie's barracks to recover the weaponry

The revolution poses to us that unless we conquer the armament, unless we coordinate with other countries and other comrades to set up a revolutionary party on an international level, which is the leadership that can put forward the conditions for victory, the revolutionary uprisings will be led

by their leadership towards defeat. In Syria there was too much heroism and not only a lack of revolutionary leadership, but above all there was an overabundance of counter-revolutionary leadership.

Speech by Carlos Munzer, member of the Editorial Committee of "The International Workers' Organizer" (excerpts)

*Stand up alongside the exploited and martyred masses
of the heroic Syrian revolution!*

Greetings to all the comrades who are present on this International Action Day; delegates of the National Fighting Committee of the Regions of Peru, young rebels from the cones (working-class neighborhoods) of Lima, the youth of the First Lines of Colombia, the immigrant workers of the Black Vests who intervened from France. Greetings to all the comrades who have expressed their solidarity, as the revolutionary Marxists of Japan. A fraternal greeting to the comrades of the UTC union center of Colombia, the leaders of the Solidaires union of France, and the comrades of Democracia Obrera who, year after year, from Argentina played a key role in support of the heroic Syrian revolution.

"From our current, the Collective for the Refoundation of the Fourth International / FLTI, we have travelled the world seeking to set up an international solidarity action so that the workers' organizations would be the ones to go directly to the battlefield in support of the great revolution that was developing in Syria. We travelled to the Pacific and to plenary meetings of trade union centers such as the CSP-Conlutas in Brazil. We took the proposal to trade unions in Spain and hundreds of workers' organizations around the world so that they would be the ones to send funds and volunteers to fight in Syria. This was the way for the working class and its fighting organizations to take solidarity with the Syrian revolution into their own hands. This meant openly contesting the control exercised



Japan, 2012. Exchange of banners between the Committee for Syria and the delegates of the 30th Anti-war Assembly.

by the Sunni bourgeoisie and the businessmen who, from the rear of the liberated areas, managed to hand over the rebel cities one by one."

We want to tell the revolutionary fighters of the Syrian resistance that they were not and are not alone, despite the brutal campaigns of slander and defamation that was carried out against the Syrian revolution and the combatants who gave their lives facing the fascist al-Assad.

It was the dog Bashar who, together with his partner, the butcher Putin and the murderous theocracy of Iran, did the "dirty work" of massacring the masses on

behalf of all the imperialist powers. As all of you have denounced, today all of them are together with Turkey and the rest of the Arab bourgeoisies to support al-Assad's government after his genocide in Syria.

After 12 years, the curtain on Syria has risen and everybody can see hundreds of thousands of exploited people who have been massacred, tens of thousands of political prisoners and disappeared, and millions of refugees who continue to live in tents in the middle of the desert or in miserable conditions in neighboring countries and in the same Europe.

The Syrian partisans had to endure a campaign of the fifth column of the traitors of Stalinism and the world social-imperialist left who accused them of being "terrorists". The same thing imperialism said about all the revolutionary workers and peoples that rose up in the world. It is the perfect excuse of the imperialist powers to rob, occupy and plunder oppressed nations and to attack their own working class in a state of revolt. We can see this in Europe, where they accuse those who dare to break the limits of the labor bureaucracies and aristocracies that submit the proletariat to their executioners of being vandals and terrorists.

Today the truth is coming to light amidst a sea of blood, with the Syrian masses taking to the streets in the liberated areas, to denounce the pact of the Sunni bourgeoisies, Turkey, the US, and the whole "international community" which, no longer needing to hide anything, publicly support al-Assad as the only recognized government of Syria.

This is also paid for by the Kurdish people who, far from achieving their liberation, have been isolated, subjected to the bayonets of al-Assad, and stay under the command of the US military bases. They were led there by the Communist Party of Kurdistan, which brought them to their knees and to the feet of their oppressors... A truly miserable bunch.

Dozens of anarchist groups and also renegades of Trotskyism proclaimed that "libertarian communes" had existed there. This is a lie. Unless they believe that

the villages controlled by the US centuries are "libertarian"... So much "fighting against the US, supporting al-Assad", as they claimed, and it turns out that they all ended up under the discipline of NATO and its military bases in northern Syria. This is infamous.

They have now left the Kurdish people tied up and subjected to the chains of al-Assad, his deals with Turkey, Putin's boots and under the orders of the U.S. bases. That is what the submission of Stalinism to imperialism is all about. A true tragedy for the oppressed people.

"The question is clear: al-Assad and Putin, with their military base in Latakia and their missiles, are guaranteeing the sucking of the oil riches of northern Syria for the "7 sisters", that is, the biggest oil companies on the planet, and guarding the gas and oil pipelines that go from there to Turkey. Most importantly, al-Assad is in charge, as was his father and his infamous regime, of guarding and safeguarding the Golan Heights for Zionism...

We will not tire of denouncing the truth. It is high time for it to be known that the Syrian masses have staged a great revolution along the last 12 years that was crushed in iron and fire by al-Assad and Putin and given up from within by the Sunni bourgeoisie, Turkey, and other Arab bourgeoisies. Today these same actions are, by means of a counter-revolutionary deal, dividing up Syria and its business, on the basis of a sea of blood, repression and misery for the revolutionary masses."

With its counterrevolutionary offensive in Syria, imperialism has been seeking to chastise all the masses of the Middle East that rose up in 2011 and the second intifada that tries to stand up with the radicalized and revolutionary combats of the exploited in Iraq and Iran, as Sudan and Algeria before, with the return to the struggle of the Tunisian masses and the uprising of the Lebanese workers and people against the Hezbollah government and its agreement with the pro U.S Maronite bourgeoisie.

The bourgeois and collaborationist leadership of the Palestinian National Authority kept this heroic people as "neutral" during the massacre in Syria. Zionism did its job: with its fascist methods it multiplied a thousand times its oppression, occupation and looting of the Palestinian nation...

In the Syrian revolution, the world reformist and social-imperialist left turned off the light so that fascism can freely murder the workers and poor peasants who up surged 12 years ago against hunger and the fierce dictatorship of al-Assad.

So, our revolutionary salute goes to the Syrian partisans who resist not only the counterrevolutionary war of al-Assad and the shots in the back from HTS and Turkey, but also the isolation imposed on them by all the treacherous leaderships on the planet.

Our current is in Syria. We have been and will continue to be spokespersons for that heroic combat. We left our fallen comrades there and drew the lessons of that enormous revolution. As many Syrian revolutionaries said: today it is Syria; tomorrow it will be your country, your city, your neighborhood, your house...

Some conclusions that must be taken into account 12 years after the start of the Syrian revolution

Twelve years on, we revolutionaries have come to denounce this united front of servants of imperialism, headed by the henchman al-Assad, for waging a true "proxy war" to crush a great revolution.

We affirm that the masses have given all their hearts and souls during the revolutionary uprising in Syria. They were besieged and isolated internationally and handed over from within by Sunni clerics and sheiks, partners of the same Arab countries, like Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates that today, after massacring in Yemen, openly support the continuity of al-Assad.

We denounce the bourgeoisie and Stalinism that separated the Palestinian revolution from the fighting in Syria and broke the front of the fight against al-Assad in the 2011 uprising, supporting the Kurdish bourgeoisie that agreed with the dog Bashar to strangle the revolution.

We denounce the social-imperialist left that, together with the bourgeois leadership of the FSA, made the Syrian masses believe that al-Assad could be defeated with the "support of NATO", with "the US liberating the skies", with the mobilization of the "international community"...

The objective of these siren songs was to disarm the masses and force them to surrender in order to pave the way for the surrender and partition of Syria to pave the way for the surrender and partition of Syria.

The champions of this policy today remain silent about their own ignominy. Perhaps today they do some acting of the "international community" but it will only be to whitewash their dirty clothes.

We revolutionary socialists affirm that only with the method of socialist revolution, expropriating the capitalists, uniting the entire Syrian working class for the demand for bread and land, expropriating the businessmen in the rear and putting all the forces to crushing al-Assad in Damascus, the masses could move towards the victory of the Syrian revolution.

We vindicate the workers, poor people and common soldiers' Coordination Committees which in 2011 broke al-Assad's army, armed and self-organized themselves. Those were the organisms of power from below. That is what the counterrevolution was about: to crush them so that the worker and peasant revolution would not succeed that defeat al-Assad and expropriate the expropriators of the people.

With a revolutionary policy of the working class and the exploited of Syria, the combat would have been coordinated of the Tunisian, Algerian, Lebanese working class and the powerful Iranian and Iraqi proletariat that today are in great maneuvers of revolutionary struggle.

The Syrian revolution receded and suffered heavy counterrevolutionary blows not because the masses lacked heroism, but because they were brutally betrayed and turned in, and a glut of treasonous leaderships left them isolated and separated from the all-Middle East intifada and the working class uprisings



Idlib, mural por el 12º aniversario de la revolución siria

in Europe, US America and worldwide.

If a considerable part of the solidarity actions carried out with the Palestinian nation or against the U.S. war in Vietnam or Iraq had been carried out with the Syrian revolution, the Syrian masses would have been installed in Damascus for a long time, with al-Assad's head in their hands.

At the international level, renegades from Trotskyism, Stalinists and Social Democrats made the workers of the world believe that those fighting in Syria were "terrorists", "ISIS troops", "agents of the invading Americans"... We denounce them because they are who isolated the Syrian revolution from the world working class. They are fundamentally responsible for the defeat and isolation of the Syrian masses; the same is true for those who called for trusting the support of NATO and the US to free themselves, when today it is already clear that the UN with U.S., Putin, China, France, England... they all recognize al-Assad.

Their lies have fallen apart. It is time for them to come forward and take responsibility for the massacre in Syria, one of the largest genocides in recent decades, together with those in the Balkans, Chechnya and Congo.

For the workers of the world, it is a decisive task to learn from these lessons that the revolution and the counter-revolution in Syria have left for us.

The lessons from Syria are crucial to guide us in the face of the occupation war that great Russia has imposed to the Ukrainian nation and people. The traitors who support Putin in his war against Ukraine affirm that "the enemy is NATO" silencing that this same NATO and U.S. were the ones that let Great Russia invade Ukraine. They keep silent about the fact that the Ukrainian working class and the Russian working class youth, sent as cannon fodder to die on the battlefield, are who put the dead. They are silent that what is being occupied and annihilated is an oppressed nation, looted a thousand times by the IMF. They hide that all the governments that have been ruling Ukraine in the last decades, both pro-US and pro-Russian ones, are the greatest servants and lackeys of the IMF and the World Bank. The Yanukovich government, which was overthrown by the masses in 2014, is just one example of this.

Today it is already clear that the US

imperialists handed over Ukraine as a pawn for Putin to leave it devastated, but without definitively winning the war. In this way, the US will be able to stay with a destroyed Ukraine and its defeated working class, while economically, politically and militarily wearing down Russia in order to go after it in the future.

The Ukrainian working class, like the Syrian masses, have as their first task to confront Putin and his lackeys and defeat his war machine, which has been defending the businesses of the imperialist transnationals and the big capitalists in all the former Soviet republics, Eurasia and Russia.

The Ukrainian workers hold the key to victory in their struggle to expel all occupying troops from their nation, which is unity with the Russian youth and workers who refuse to go to die for Putin and his billionaire oligarchs, partners in the plunder and oppression manu militari of the whole of Eurasia.

The Ukrainian working class has common demands against the Zelensky government that has banned the right to strike and ripped away all workers' gains, while Putin has not paid the wages of the Donbass miners for months. Uniting the working class all over Ukraine for their demands is the task of the hour. This would allow it to set up a proletarian leadership of the war to take in its hands all the economic and military resources to defeat Putin and to break with the IMF, imperialism and NATO, to make the big capitalists, Monsanto, Cargill, Arcelor Mittal and the gas barons, who are making millionaire business out of the death and hunger of the people, pay for the war.

Ultimately, victory against Putin and a break with the IMF can only be guaranteed by a soviet, socialist and independent Ukraine. Everything else is a lie and a betrayal.

The whole European social-imperialist left, which lives on the crumbs that Maastricht and US imperialism leave them of their looting, claims to "confront imperialism"... But today, when the workers and the people of France up surges against one of the most powerful governments of NATO and Maastricht, they are all going to save Macron to prevent a new victory of the exploited, as was the Paris Commune a century and a half ago.

Today in France, as in the fighting that has begun in Latin America, the future of

the resistance of the Syrian, Palestinian and Middle Eastern masses is at stake.

In Latin America, a wave of revolutions twinned with those in the Middle East has broken out. It struck in Ecuador, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia. A real revolutionary tide that also up surged deep in Peru. Today imperialism is trying to stop it with siren songs. But we know that in the midst of one of the deepest crashes of the world capitalist system, in order to take the lithium, the minerals and the wealth of the oppressed peoples, imperialism is preparing and will prepare new counter-revolutionary attacks, wars and fascism, as it did in the Middle East for oil.

Learning from the lessons of the Syrian revolution is a task for every conscious worker. To distinguish who are really the allies and who are the enemies of the revolution becomes decisive in order to open the way to the next victory. This is the fundamental task of revolutionaries.

From Europe, we must set up an International Committee of solidarity with Syria.

Today we see that in different countries of the Middle East, the masses are returning to the streets as in Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Sudan... but already Syria, for now, is defeated and in a phase of resistance. The same is happening in martyred Palestine.

An international support to the Syrian and Palestinian resistance becomes indispensable to strengthen the exploited of the whole Middle East who have launched a new offensive against imperialism and its regimes of opprobrium.

The Syrian revolution cannot remain like this, nor the Palestinian masses suffering a thousand iniquities by the Zionist invader. The revolutions in the Middle East today must take the support of the Syrian and Palestinian resistance into their own hands. Their lives are at stake.

The role of the traitorous leaderships of the workers and oppressed peoples of the world around Syria was to confuse the masses and poison their consciences

in order to pass off their allies, the uprising Syrian people, as their enemies, and their real enemies, Al Assad and Putin, as their friends. Meanwhile, others claimed that their real allies were NATO and the US who would supposedly "deliver weapons to the rebel masses". It was a lie, as has already been demonstrated. US imperialism will never be a force to help liberate the oppressed peoples. It is the biggest oppressor over the planet.

Today, when everything is clear after 12 years of genocide, all the scoundrels who did that are silent, so that tomorrow this play will be re-enacted by massacring another revolution.

Our struggle is day by day so that the workers of the world take as their own the demand to stop the massacre in Syria.

This same struggle, for example, we are promoting in Latin America, so that the working class of each country sees that the struggle is one to break with imperialism and the IMF and defeat their governments and infamous regimes; that the ally is among the workers of the USA to stop the imperialist plunder in their "backyard".

Therefore, as the comrades surely know, we are fighting for a big Latin American Congress of workers' organizations to coordinate and centralize the fight against imperialism in the whole of the Americas.

The struggle to re-establish militant internationalism in all the workers' and oppressed peoples' organizations of the world is the task of the moment. In this the strengthening of the mass uprisings will lie that are underway for the victory of the revolution.

Solidarity with the Syrian masses should not remain dispersed country by country. The Action Day of struggle for Syria must not be once a year, on the anniversary of its revolution. It is decisive to give a leap to support the Syrian resistance that is already winning the streets again against the infamous pact of Turkey and HTS with al-Assad, Putin and the US to guarantee the survival of the dog Bashar at the head of the Syrian government.



Presentation of the book *Syria Under Fire* in the National Library of Argentina, 2015. Authors of the book.

The Syrian intifada is an inseparable part of the Palestinian intifada to expel the Zionist invader.

The committees of solidarity with Syria in Europe, which paraded and marched on 15 March in Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, France, Spain and Finland, have the possibility to call for the immediate establishment of an international struggle committee in solidarity with Syria and the heroic resistance of the Palestinian people.

Unfortunately, this proposal was not seen in any of the events that took place in solidarity on this 12th anniversary. If we wait for the 13th anniversary, there will be tens and tens of new massacres and millions who will see their martyrdom worsening. The concrete solidarity must be here and now.

We propose to all workers', HR and anti-imperialist organizations to coordinate concrete solidarity in support of the Syrian and Palestinian masses; and to organize a big movement in Europe to expel all ambassadors of al-Assad and Zionism. They and the imperialist regimes are the real terrorists!

Why don't the organizers of these acts of solidarity in the European capitals call for an international committee of solidarity with Syria to go to all the trade unions and call on all the workers' organizations to support the Syrian revolution? Why only on March 15? It shouldn't go

on like this.

From "The International Workers' Organizer" we affirm that the experience that thousands of refugees made to put pressure on the UN and the "civil society" is over. Both are all supporting al-Assad. They are not moved by our martyrs, tortured, disappeared, prisoners, refugees. They are part of the problem and not the solution.

Whereas, we propose to call, without delay, for an international meeting to set up in Europe an International Committee of solidarity with Syria, which among other things would guarantee that no more refugees die crossing the Mediterranean, neither Syrian, nor Afghan or Moroccan. Never again! Papers for all now!

After 12 years, a new generation has entered international combat and political life against the oppressors. A new generation has also been born, which has suffered bombs and massacres as children, and today is a very important part of the resistance against the genocidal al-Assad. These lessons of that heroic revolution must be known so that the workers and oppressed peoples of the world can definitely affirm that **the enemies of the Syrian people are al-Assad, Putin, Turkey, and the cowardly Sunni bourgeoisies that together with the US, have divided Syria, plundered its wealth and massacred its people, and that the latter's real allies are the heroic resistance of the oppressed masses that is now winning back the streets, as well as in the whole Middle East and internationally.**

The banner of the Syrian resistance must be raised on the streets of Paris, just as it has been raised on the streets of the battles in Chile, Colombia, and all of Latin America. It must also be at the forefront of the fight against the murderous Putin's occupation of Ukraine, where it is the working class that is dying, not the national-war-surrendering oligarchs of Zelensky and his associates.

We Trotskyists will fight for this and will continue to fight for the uncompromising defense by the exploited of a revolution a thousand times sullied, a thousand times betrayed •

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Digital Supplement

Internationalist Conference in the 12th anniversary of the Syrian revolution

**A revolution drowned in blood
The resistance does not give up!
We won't forgive, we won't forget!**

On March 25th, there was an internationalist conference called from the very ground in Syria by the paper The Truth of the Oppressed and the International Workers Organizer, in which the comrades of workers and struggle organizations of Peru, Colombia, France, among others, attended.

Presentation

By Abu Muad

In this even there are going to be speeches here by comrades who, although they are part of the Editorial Board of the newspaper, these words cannot fully define the courage of these comrades, nor their work, their actions or their convictions; they haven't studied become writers for a newspaper, but who bit the bullet. They were convinced that the working class deserves to triumph, today they draw lessons from the battles they have been fighting throughout all these years and they share them and put them in this newspaper.

Thus, we are honored that our editors are not mere students of journalism but comrades who are on the same battlefield giving their lives so that the class triumphs once and for all.

It is a great honor for us to be here today to present comrades of this caliber, comrades from Syria who fought alongside Abd al Bassef Sarout, one of the most renowned martyrs of the Syrian revolution, the goalkeeper of the Syrian national team, who, when the revolution

began, did not hesitate for a second and took the side of the masses.

It is an honor to present the brother of our leader in Syria, Mahmoud Abu Al Baraa.

We will also have the presence of comrade Amir Hakim Al Amery, who, being in Europe, knew how to raise the banner of the Syrian revolution. He carried the whole struggle on his shoulders. He fought absolutely alone against all the treacherous leaderships and today he continues to do so from his place.

This section cannot be complete without the voice of a comrade who surprises us all every day, because since the revolution began in the Maghreb and the Middle East, she has not stopped

YEMEN

Abril 20, 2023

Around 90 people died in a stampede in front of a food distribution center in the Yemeni capital Sanaa

A massacre on the starving people

Yemen, as Egypt, Syria, Libya, Tunisia, etc. was part of a chain of heroic revolutions that were betrayed and later massacred by the counterrevolution and imperialism.

Yesterday evening, hundreds of starving people, mostly widows, orphans and elder, went to an overcrowded school where donations were delivered. As this crowd was at the school, the Houthis fired gunshots to the air to disperse them but hit the high-tension wire above and it fell and killed 90 people.

Yemen is a true reservoir of slave labour force. Thousands of workers that built Qatar, the oil wells of the imperialist companies in Saudi Arabia, in the Emirates or Kuwait come from there.

They rose up in 2011, united their ranks, the poor peasants from the north and the workers of Sanaa and the south of the country and hit against the murderous pro-US government of Saleh.

For their heroic uprising in 2011, as part of the revolutionary chain of Maghreb and Middle East, they received a brutal punishment by 7 armies of the Gulf bourgeoisies headed by Saudi Arabia, which transformed Yemen into scourged earth. Thousands died in an heroic resistance, while the local bourgeoisies made an agreement with the invader troops that could not enter or establish dominance over the territory over the blood of the brave insurgent masses.

There were years of a heroic resistance and hard massacres, no different from those of al-Assad, Putin and the Iranian Islamic Guard in Syria.

In April 2022, with the masses divided in a besieged Yemen, with a revolution

drowned in blood, Rashad Al Alimi took office. In Saudi Arabia, with the backup of the United Arab Emirates, there is an infamous pact of the "Leadership Council" to re-establish the presidential power in Yemen. Most of the Yemeni bourgeois fractions entered the agreement selling out the blood and the life of the exploited.

The chastise was the starving siege on Yemen, suffered by thousands of exploited. Meanwhile the bourgeois factions agreed the "Leadership Council". The northern Houthis even today are bargaining the control of the millionaire businesses of the oil and gas of Yemen.

A hunger siege

What do the ones that sold out and divided the revolutionary chains of Middle East in 2011 mean by "international community", UN or NGO's?

The miserable social-imperialist left accused the Yemeni masses of being terrorists. They called then "barbaric peoples". BASTARDS! This is how the labour aristocracy and bureaucracy treat the slave workers of the Middle East. The Barbaric and fascists in the colonial countries come from Wall Street, London, Berlin, Paris!

As in Syria, today in Yemen a great



Hundreds of exploités pile up to receive a piece of bread.

pact of control and plunder is underway. The pact of Iran and Saudi Arabia is being expressed with a provisory ceasefire. As we have seen, all the bourgeois factions support it, while the local gangs bargain part of the businesses with imperialism and shares in the oil and gas incomes in a starving bleed-out Yemen.

Meanwhile, the masses are overcrowded and die out of stampede looking for a handful of flour and rice, which is thrown to the starving who desperately seek for food in the school doorstep. This is the result of the rotten food delivery made by the NGO's and the UN!

In the revolutionary processes of Maghreb and Middle East, they fought for decent life, bread, dignity and national independence of their peoples!

The imperialist plunder and the voracity of the native capitalists is the cause of national decadency, hunger and fierce crackdown on the insurgent people!

The barbaric of Wall Street, London, Berlin, Paris come for all. In this region, 80% of the whole energy of the world is produced. It is the black gold and gas... revolution must go for all of them!

Expropriate the expropriators for the people to eat and live! Expel imperialism! Weapons for the masses!

Prepare the victory of the next revolutions and waves of struggles setting up the revolutionary party of the insurrected slaves!

Break with the businessmen of the local bourgeoisies and their infamous governments and regimes!

The working class in Europe and USA must pay heed to the tragedy of the workers of Yemen, Syria and the whole region. This is the future that the world capitalist crash will give them, with new wars of conquest among the inter-imperialist disputes.

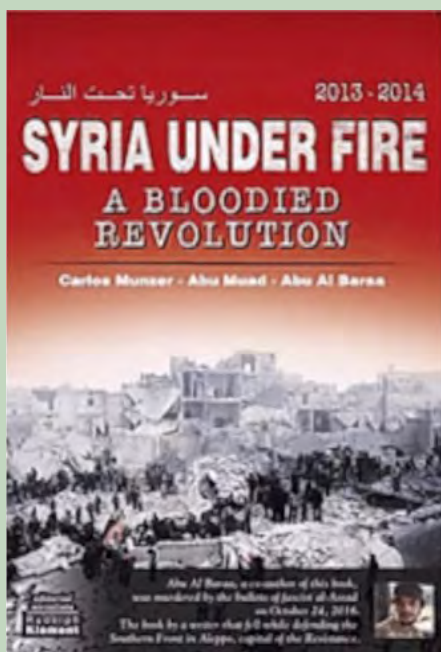
May Day is coming.

The Chicago martyrs die today in Yemen, Syria, Palestine.

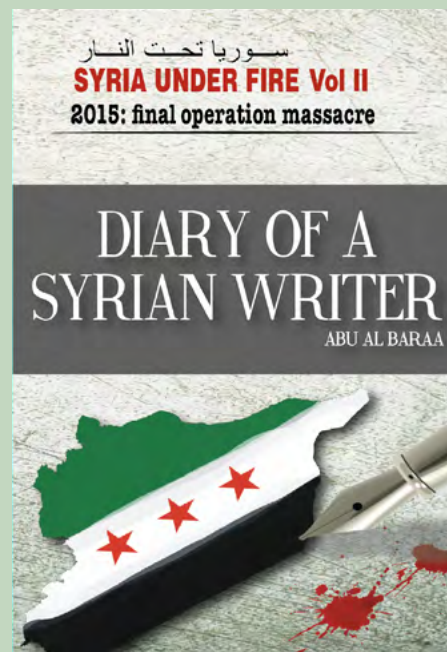
It is time to unite the internationalist forces of the workers of the world!

The socialimperialist left, which lives out of the coins given by their bosses of the international finance capital, have their days numbered too... TRAITORS!!!

SYRIA: a great revolution drowned in blood and covered by betrayals



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Once again on the Chinese question

Answer to Shaheed from WIVL (South Africa)

Camrade Shaheed,

We have read your note asking for our views on the current situation in China. Not only in Africa, but also internationally, very many left currents coming from the former Trotskyist movement, affirm that China has become a "new imperialist country", while the old Stalinist currents, today again "in fashion", continue to see it as a "market socialism" and, together with the Russia of the butcher Putin, a focus of "anti-imperialist struggle". It is clear that all those who call themselves "Putin's friends", like those in the Communist Party and other Stalinists in South Africa and throughout Africa, Latin America and the Pacific, are well and truly servants of the IMF and the US imperialist transnational corporations.

Surely you remember that we together produced a pamphlet on China in polemics with the US HWRS and the New Zealand CWG which we jointly elaborated at an FLTI Congress in 2010. There we defined the key questions of what is still our position, also expressed in our assessment of the fall of the workers' states in '89: after the imposition of capitalist restoration, both China and Russia were left as relatively independent capitalist countries, which gave fresh blood to the imperialist capitalist world market. But that blood has now run out and imperialism, after successive crises and crashes, is looking for new markets to survive, as the old ones have shrunk, and new colonies and semi-colonies to throw its crisis at.

As the last decades have shown, imposing capitalist restoration in the former workers' states was not enough for imperialism. Since the crash of 2008, there has been a brutal open offensive by the US in dispute with Maastricht Europe to take over these new markets, trying to recolonize China and Russia for good, while the European glacier nations, Georgia, the Caucasus, the former Soviet Muslim republics, Vietnam and lately also Cuba are already in the process of colonization.

Our positions on China have been set out in different documents and periodicals that we published after the brochure that we jointly issued in 2010.

Here we are sending you, first of all, our positions on the policy of US imperialism during the Trump administration. His trade war against Russia and China in particular, led to the closure of the markets and a harsh economic war.

We enclose herewith

- **Statement of November 2016 entitled "US imperialist pirates dress up as Trump".**

- **July 2018 statement entitled "Europe and the US: between economic bankruptcy, trade war and class war".**

- **Our discussions with the JR-CL-RMF Japan, published in December 2019, where together with them we addressed the Chinese question and made contact with the Jasic Workers and Students Support Committee.**

Today in the war in Ukraine it is clear that the USA has handed over its pawn for Putin to destroy it without Putin being able to win the war. The aim of the US is to wear down Moscow and to leave Ukraine divided and crushed in order to colonize it definitively and then be able to advance on Russia.

This is an expression of the aggressiveness with which American imperialism is fighting relentlessly for its crisis-ridden control of the world market. The US has even broken the living space that the Franco-German axis had conquered from Portugal to the Russian steppes, where it had gained an enormous source of raw materials for its production and a division of labor throughout Europe, articulated around the Maastricht economy.

The race today is for Russia and for China: for Russia's sources of raw materials and for the huge internal market built around the huge imperialist investments in China and the super-exploitation of its working class, guaranteed by a rapacious and counter-revolutionary new bourgeoisie, the real enslavers of its proletariat on behalf of the imperialist capitalist world economy.

There is no doubt that in this new colonizing offensive of bankrupt imperialism, vassal imperialist powers will also be created.

Imperialism is parasitism. Already in successive world crisis, it has come to light that the capitalists have spent profits that human labor has not yet produced, flooding the world and the banks with derivative values unsupported by production. The global crash is here. It is spiraling around the planet. It is about the US, Maastricht and Japan financial capital dumping its crisis on the whole world.

The US military outrages in Taiwan show that the gunboats are already part of the "trade negotiations" with China. The war in Ukraine anticipates what may happen in Taiwan.

War is the biggest business on the planet and the decisive economic factor of this age. The development of destructive forces pushes more and more towards the recolonization of China and Russia, with the wars that this brings.



China: strike at the Foxconn factory in 2022.

Therefore, the way forward is either fascism and war or socialist revolution.

We have developed these questions in several documents and statements. So we are also sending you a **Dossier that we published on 13 March 2020, entitled "Towards a depression of the world economy?"** Moreover, in **our last book Ukraine at War**, we have developed this aspect in the **chapter with the conclusions on this European war**, which is nothing but a link in the inter-imperialist disputes to also go for China. We refer to chapter IX of this work, which we are also enclosing in English.

With these materials, you will be able to follow our current position on the Chinese question, which reflect the evolution of our positions since the pamphlet we jointly produced in 2010.

China today

In all these materials that we are sending you, you will be able to see that there we define a more precise characterization of the different moments of crisis and China's position in the world division of labor: from the exporting China - which with its trade surplus sustained the deficit of the US treasury - to the struggle of imperialism to turn this situation around and, as we have already said, to take over its internal market, with the sending of its banks for opening up China's financial market or by encircling it and imposing tariffs on its production, as Trump did during his administration.

It is clear that China's situation today, as demonstrated by the Evergrande crisis and the bursting of the real estate bubble in 2021, is one of economic and financial asphyxiation. This has forced China to divest itself of US bonds in order to obtain cheap raw materials from around the world and at the same time to initiate a plan to build free trade zones in order to activate its internal

market and offer it for new capitalist projects. This at a time when big capital, and the US in particular, is beginning to relocate its companies to India, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indochina, the Philippines, etc.

In order to get out of this encirclement, China today has an **aggressive trade policy**. We insist, without cheap raw materials, it loses its domestic market. Therefore, it enters Latin America and Africa like an erupting volcano to buy minerals, but it does so with cash, as a big trading partner, much like England at the beginning of the 19th century.

The famous yuan loans that China makes to bankrupt countries in order to trade are for the sum of 150 billion dollars, backed by US Treasury bonds in its Central Bank. This is the conclusion of an encircled China: having bought for decades overvalued US bonds to finance its deficit it is now selling them at a lower value, to get raw materials so that the imperialist transnationals do not go away... Japan has already said that the business is good for it and that it will not leave China, while France has proclaimed to the four corners that it will not remain submissive to the US in its encirclement of China.

China is encircled, including by the US from its island of Taiwan, as we have already said. The US is forcing China as it did in the last century, into an arms race, including an aerospace arms race, in an attempt to break it economically, as well as Russia itself.

Biden has even shown himself to be doubling down on Trump's trade war and threatens to take it into the military arena.

Our characterization of China today is that, like Russia, they inherited the old gains of the former workers' states which are in the hands of strong native bourgeoisies, associated and totally imbricated with imperialism in their business, on which they depend in the world-economy. In the midst of the world crisis, imperialism is af-

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ter them and they are resisting to be recolonized. The US in particular does not yet find the strength in its proletariat to go for higher offensives, although the campaign of demonization of China within the US gives it a certain basis for attacks, including military attacks. The encirclement of Russia with the NATO countries is the gun to the head that the US uses in order to surrender Moscow.

China and Russia, then, are capitalist countries in a state of transition. Either the struggle for socialist revolution and the restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary forms returns there, or if they continue to be dependent on the world economy, as is happening now, they will be cornered, encircled by imperialism and in the future, colonized.

The cowardly native bourgeoisies of Russia and China have long been indirect agents and junior partners of imperialism with which they are not and will never be willing to break off their deals, let alone rely on any mobilization of the working class and poor peasants to "defend their sovereignty". It is they who are the enslavers of the Russian and Chinese working class and the peoples oppressed by the jackal Putin.

The definition of this historical process will not be reached peacefully, but through wars that will bring civilization to the brink of barbarism. Though, the last word has not been said. The working class has by no means been taken out of the picture and the revolution is once again the protagonist of this third decade of the 21st century.

We hope that with these materials and these small reflections we can contribute to the concerns you have raised. We remain at your disposal for a comradely political exchange on these questions.

We would also like to inform you that from the FLTI we are closely following the development of the acute class struggle in South Africa with the strikes and struggles that are developing against the power cuts, the chronic unemployment that pushes the hungry to take their bread in the supermarkets and the historic crisis that has opened up in the ANC and in the regime of domination of the transnationals that strangle this oppressed nation. We would be pleased to know your positions on this issue.

Will South Africa open a new chain of revolutions on the African continent, as Tunisia and Egypt did yesterday in the Middle East and then Chile, Ecuador and Peru in Latin America?

In the meantime, France is burning. We are enclosing the statements we have issued in the face of what we consider already a revolutionary situation that has brought forward May in Paris.

Fraternal greetings to you and your comrades

Omar and Milenka López

Kazakhstan

The oil workers rise up

New fronts open for the jackal Putin

The Ukrainian working class is not alone

New fronts of combat are opened against the imperialist oil companies that plunder Kazakhstan guarded by the genocidal troops of the jackal Putin

The front of the French working class and Youth that threaten to burn down the Fifth Imperialist Republic and open the path to the Commune.

Zhanaozen oil workers return to struggle after layoffs and besiege the Energy Ministry building in the country's capital Astana!

About 150 laid-off oil workers from Berali Mangistau Company, an oil services contractor in Zhanaozen, gathered in the capital near the Kazakhstan Energy Ministry building demanding to be given a stable job. The dismissed workers of the company are demanding their jobs back. They said they would remain in the building until the problem is fully resolved.

"On 1 April, we became unemployed. We were forced to come here. Once every two years, a tender is held and this year our company lost. We also want to live as oil workers, to have a stable job and receive a stable salary. I myself am a driller, the work is hard, it has a very negative effect on health," said one of the participants of the strike.

After Berali Mangistau Company lost the tender, and the workers were left on the street, the winning company offered to take them on, but at a much lower wage.

Last week, dozens of women in Zhanaozen had already staged a protest demanding permanent jobs for their children and husbands, while hundreds of former oil industry employees gathered outside the offices of OzenMunaiGaz to demand employment.

On April 11 police dispersed protesters travelling from the western region to the capital. At least 80 workers have been taken into custody.

Anger over the repression quickly spread to Mangystau, the home province of the striking workers. In response, workers from several oil companies went on strike immediately and spontaneous marches were held in the city of Aktau and the town of Zhanaozen. In Zhanaozen, a large number of residents gathered in front of the town hall to demand the release of the workers detained in Astana..

On the second day of their demonstration, after protesters refused to leave the square in front of the Energy Ministry, hooded police in black uniforms surrounded the area and a representative of the prosecutor's office arrived to order those present to disperse or face the consequences of breaking the law on public gatherings.

A few hours after the clash at the Energy Ministry building, two leaders of the protesters, Zholmurat Ulykpanov and Nursultan Nurumuly, appeared in a video appeal affirming that almost all protesters were returning to Mangystau. They also claimed that five representatives of their group would stay in Astana to negotiate on



January 2022. Kazakhstan Government buildings burning

how to resolve the conflict with the Energy Ministry and KazMunaiGaz, the state-run oil and gas company

Meanwhile, KazMunaiGaz issued a statement that striking employees had returned to their workstations at three of its subsidiary companies, UzenMunaiGaz, UzenMunai Service and Burgylau.

However, protesters in Aktau and Zhanaozen refused to disperse until they received final confirmation that the police had released the detained oil workers.

A tenacious and resilient working class slaughtered by Putin

The city of Zhanaozen had already been at the center of demonstrations in January 2022. A real insurrectionary situation shook Kazakhstan with oil workers at the forefront of the fighting in the face of a criminal fuel price hike. This ignited the prairies, and the fighting spread through the cities like wildfire, escalating into a full-blown revolutionary general strike on 4-5 January last year. Government offices and the National Parliament were attacked. The workers armed themselves in clashes with the police. Fed up with living in misery while the imperialist oil octopuses like BP and Exxon plunder their wealth, the Kazakh workers went out to fight in phenomenal battles.

The bourgeoisie and imperialism trembled at the prospect of the Kazakh workers resuming the revolutionary path that led them to seize power in 1917 under the leadership of the revolutionary Third International and the Bolshevik Party, bringing down the head of the tsar.

That is why Putin, the gendarme of imperialism, rushed in to drown this huge uprising in blood, with his murderous troops massacring hundreds of exploited people. Hundreds more were arrested, prosecuted, tortured. The uprising was crushed ruthlessly as Putin usually does. Putin is a rare "anti-imperialist" who has always aimed his tanks, missiles, and bombs against the working class and never against a single interest of imperialism. Putler and his CSTO gangs organized a real intervention and a massacre in Kazakhstan, as a rehearsal for the invasion of Ukraine. By stepping on Kazakhstan and crushing the Kazakh working class, the butcher prepared his invasion of Ukraine. Today, the Kazakh oil workers, confronting the imperialist oil companies that plunder the nation and plunge the people into misery, returned to struggle...

A new front opens against Putin

The Kazakh workers are brothers of the Ukrainian workers who are dying under Putin's boots and are plundered by the imperialism that amasses fortunes with the blood and hunger of the Ukrainian people!

The oil workers of Zhanaozen are brothers of the Russian workers who refuse to die in Putin's war!

Same class, same enemies, same struggle!

The working class of Eurasia and Russia must take back what is theirs, take back their revolution handed over to the bourgeoisie and imperialism by the Stalinism.

Eliza Funes

UKRAINE:

*More than a year after
the Russian invasion...*

Viene de contratapa

We are facing a war of invasion of “Great Russia” against the oppressed nation of Ukraine. Putin, still wanting to prove himself necessary as a gendarme of imperialism in the region, seeks to take a part of the Ukrainian nation, while the US and NATO, without firing a single direct shot, seek to be the ones to take the lion's share of the spoils of a Ukraine indebted to extreme degrees and offering a juicy multi-billion-dollar reconstruction deal, for which the whole of imperialism is rejoicing.

Thus, as the months go by, it becomes clearer that imperialism's policy in Ukraine is for Putin to massacre and devastate the nation, but not to win the war.

Contrary to the NATO lackey left, which clamours for NATO to send it more and better weaponry, imperialism does not want to arm Ukraine to the level that it would defeat Moscow. Moreover, the US is not a force for national liberation. To claim otherwise is not only a fallacy, but an outright infamy.

The US is forcing Russia into a defensive trench war, where zones are already beginning to be demarcated with war borders, both in the Donbass and in the Crimea.

In this war of attrition, the US is careful not to weaken Putin and his counterrevolutionary forces to the extreme, since the US still cannot with its own army restrain the workers who in successive uprisings rose up as we saw in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, yesterday in Georgia and in the Caucasus, against the worst of the imperialist plunder and attack to the masses by the capitalists. The US still needs their hitman, including in Syria, to continue to play a vital role in sustaining al-Assad, who guarantees the partition of that nation and a huge plunder by all the imperialist powers, both the US and Europe as well as Turkey itself.

Hence this war of attrition that the US is provoking against Russia in Ukraine and the economic siege it is imposing on the former so that a bourgeois faction in Moscow can emerge as a direct agent of Washington. This is what Wall Street needs, which has just broken the balance, the trade and the living space that Franco-German imperialism had in the whole of Europe, which was largely based on the extraction of minerals, gas and raw materials from Russia.

For its part, Moscow cannot give up the Donbass and Crimea, at the risk of a new implosion, crisis and even a mass uprising. The uprising of thousands and thousands of young people who refuse to go to fight and die for the jackal of St. Petersburg and his business, anticipates what would come with the fall of Putin.

On the other hand, as we can see, the massive withdrawal of imperialist capital from Russia is causing serious damage to its currency, as the transnationals are withdrawing by selling their shares and companies and taking their dollars with them. In the course of the war, 25 billion dollars have left Russia. The crisis there has already begun.

What a weird “anti-imperialist” Putin is!... while the US imposes an embargo on the foreign assets of the Russian oligarchy and their businesses for more than 300 billion dollars, Putin lets the imperialists to take theirs freely abroad when they liquidate their companies, banks, etc., in Moscow.

The devaluation of the rouble has already reached Greater Russia and with it, the increase of hunger and misery of the masses.

As we will see in this article, far from the claims that the jackal Putin is “liberating” Ukraine, and far from the claims of the “NATO club of friends” who want to present



Russia. Putin's guard dogs attack, suppress and detain anti-war protesters in 2022

this organizations as the savior of the nation, the more Putin massacres in Ukraine, the more the Ukrainian nation and working class are tied down and subjected to imperialism. To tell the truth, Putin's massacre and imperialist plunder are the two ends of the same rope strangling the Ukrainian nation and its working class.

Ukraine: A nation plundered by imperialism and destroyed by Putin's bombs Either Ukraine will be Soviet and independent, or it will be a overseen colony.

Since the Russian invasion, Ukraine has spent more than \$32 billion on national defence, almost 10 times more than in 2021. Despite record levels of unemployment, several regions already face labour shortages due to the forced exodus of almost 8 million people who left Ukraine and 5 million internally displaced persons. High inflation and rising prices for food, essential goods and electricity have produced a severe wartime cost-of-living crisis.

Meanwhile, the banks and enterprises remain in the hands of imperialism and Zelensky's oligarch associates doing fabulous business.

Let us remember that, in the midst of the war, Zelensky applied against the workers a brutal flexibilizing labour reform that no president before (neither Yanukovych, Moscow's partner, nor imperialism's puppet Poroshenko) had managed to impose. This law allows workers to be fired without justification and without the consent of the trade unions, increased the working week to 60 hours and abolished the inviolability of the right to wages. In addition, Zelensky exempted the employers from holding the job in reserve and continuing to pay the wages of the workers enrolled on the battle front.

As the bourgeoisie always does, the costs of the war and the crisis have been dumped on the workers. Even the soldiers are seeing their pay affected, and some of them are still waiting for their bonuses from November or December, generating a wave of unrest and even demoralization among the soldiers.

Imperialism rejoices: the business of debt and reconstruction

The deal that the US and the European powers are rejoicing over: the future reconstruction of Ukraine, valued at 750 billion dollars.

Against the leftist NATO servants, it is worth clarifying that the imperialist pirates do not give Ukraine even a sin-

gle rifle ammunition, they charge for it. It is their business. Let's see:

Ukraine's foreign debt keeps growing with every “aid” package, every shipment of war materiel, the vast majority of which is nothing more than the leftovers and remainder that the imperialist states had lying around, which is to be repaid. Since 24 February 2022, when the Russian invasion began, Ukraine has received more than \$20 billion from the World Bank and more than \$110 billion from the US, including military support. A real plunder of Ukraine's veins. In 2022 alone Ukraine was due to repay nearly \$18.5 billion in foreign debt. In addition to the interest that multiplies with each postponement of this fraudulent debt, new million-dollar loans - subject to new political and economic reforms - will continue to increase Ukraine's mortgage.

Meanwhile, Cargill, Monsanto and the big grain companies continue to make fabulous profits from Ukrainian grain. The blast furnaces of the ArcelorMittal steelworks in Kyrvoi Rih continue to operate, while the mines and deposits of coal, graphite, titanium, manganese (the world's third largest reserve) and other riches have not ceased to be plundered. Everyone make big business on the blood of the Ukrainian proletariat and impoverished masses of the city and countryside.

While Putin drowns in blood and destroys Ukraine, Russia is more and more encircled and economically suffocated.

As we have already seen and demonstrated, Russia's bogging down in Ukraine has impacted heavily on its economy. The government's energy revenues have fallen by almost half, while the fiscal gap reached \$34 billion in the first two months of this year, equivalent to more than 1.5% of the country's total economic output. Russia's current growth rate stands at 1%, which in a country like this is not even a maintenance rate, with a contraction of around 2% of its GDP.

Russian banks have also been hit by the economic crisis resulting from the war, with the Central Bank's losses running into the millions and the profits of Russia's largest banks declining.

Meanwhile, Russia's import restrictions are having an impact on industry. Russia's defense industry remains heavily dependent on parts and components imported from the West. And in this war Russia has lost substantial quantities of weapons, ammunition and equipment. By mid-December 2022, Russia had lost 4,500 armored vehicles, 63 fixed-wing aircraft, 70 helicopters, 150 unmanned aerial vehicles, 12 warships and more than 600 artillery systems.

Not less than a third of Russia's budget is estimated (because much of the budget is classified or unlisted) to be **earmarked for the invasion: 31 billion dollars**. But while it is the arms industry that is "booming" in the Russian economy, this corresponds to its own consumption as it is leading an invasion, while Russia as a "major arms exporter" is no longer in that position. **Russia's share of global arms exports fell from 22% to 16%**. Undoubtedly, the biggest beneficiary of this drop were the US: **their market share has grown by up to 7 percentage points to 40%**.

We insist, in this war, **Putin is destroying Ukraine, devastates it and massacres and drowns in blood the Ukrainian working class, which will be absolutely crushed if Putin wins the war** - another of the great objectives of this invasion - **to impose the partition of the nation and its definitive colonization**. And, if the proletariat does not prevent it, we will see new global confrontations between the imperialist powers to recolonize Russia and China (see box).

But today the US policy is, as we have said, for Russia not to win the war, instead it would be worn down to such a level as to go bankrupt economically... without NATO firing a single shot. This is what the strength of Biden's and NATO's policy is all about.

Contrary to those who claim that this is an "inter-imperialist war" between the US&NATO and Putin, they are lying through their teeth. This is a **rare "NATO war" in which NATO delivers missiles that go no further than 80 kilometres, some drones and absolutely defensive equipment, just so that Russia does not advance by taking more territory. The US war against Russia is commercial; its aim is to break it, and to push militarily by NATO**. Finland recently joined NATO, adding 1300 kilometres to its border with Russia.

The Marxist position on war: a working class policy in defense of the oppressed nation

Ukraine is already partitioned, it is occupied by Russia in the Donbass and in the Crimea, and the "peace pact" is being imposed that had already been signed in the Minsk agreements and is now being upheld *manu militari*.

Sectors of the world left claim that the character of "national struggle" has been liquidated and that it is now a war between two reactionary sides. Thus they **erase any class line in the war**, hiding the Ukrainian working class and the rank and file of the Russian soldiers, workers forced to go to the fratricidal war, who are in the trenches and do the killing, while the big oligarchs and the whole bourgeoisie continue to do fabulous business, far away from the battle fronts.

They are also trying to erase the Ukrainian national question. But Ukraine is an oppressed nation, subjugated in double and triple chains by a semi-fascist native oligarchy, agent both of Moscow, with which it had and still has huge business deals, and of the IMF. Today Putin's bayonets have occupied the Ukrainian nation. He is tearing it apart, taking great care not to attack the big industries, ports, mines, and lands that are under imperialist control.

They hide the fact that the war in Ukraine is about Putin's partition, plunder, pillage, massacre and destruction of that nation today, in order to open the way tomorrow for an open colonisation by imperialism. We are dealing with a nation plenty of wealth and strategically located for the transit of goods throughout Europe. A nation subjugated for centuries, by the Tsars, by Hitler, by Moscow...

As we put it in our book, *Ukraine at war*: **"Any policy in this war that does not start from fighting for the national liberation of Ukraine, crushing the Russian invasion and breaking with imperialism, under the leadership of its working class allied with the workers of Europe, is not a Marxist policy, but one belonging to the lackeys of imperialism and favoring the plunder of the Moscow oligarchy"**.



Rubbles of the houses in Irpin, after the Russian bombing in 2022

The massacre against the Ukrainian working class must be stopped now!

For a proletarian leadership of the war!

While Putin's bombs are falling on the heads of the workers and the poor people, while he is bleeding the nation to death and bringing it to ruin, **Zelensky in the rear is taking away pensions, not paying wages, enlarging the working day, imposing a brutal flexibilization of labor**, and not even guaranteeing that the workers on the front line can have boots, binoculars, not even toilet paper. Meanwhile, Ukraine continues to get into debt and **in the middle of the war is paying 7.5 billion dollars to the IMF. This way we cannot crush the invader and win the war!**

In this war the exploited cannot continue to give up their lives for the exploiters and executioners in order to continue to live in hunger and misery. **A programme of social reform, of attacking the business of the capitalists and imperialism is necessary to win the war:**

All resources, every Ukrainian dollar, every factory, every grain of wheat must be at the service of the people and the workers to eat and to have the best supplies and the best armament to win the war!

It is urgent and indispensable for the working class to take the lead in this war to defeat the invader.

For committees of workers and rank and file soldiers in every neighborhood, city, region and at the national level! The workers, the poor people and the rank and file soldiers **must take control of the armaments of all the barracks in Ukraine, putting under their control and subordinating all the officers**, always ready to negotiate with Moscow and imperialism.

Out with the IMF from Ukraine! Not a single dollar to pay the fraudulent foreign debt! Out with Cargill and Monsanto, and all the expropriators of the people! Expropriation of the banks and the big properties of the millionaire oligarchs and imperialism, without compensation and under workers' control!

The workers in the Moscow-occupied Donbass are not even paid their wages, as we saw recently in the strike in Zaporizhzhia. **Only by uniting the forces of the workers of Kiev and Donbass we will be able to expropriate and take back under workers' control all the mines privatized by the lackey governments of imperialism in Kiev, and also by Putin, to put all the mining, all the profits for all the workers and their families, from Donbass to Kiev to be able to eat and live in peace.**

Also in Russia it is the exploited who pay for the cost of the war with high living cost, unemployment and workers not being paid their wages. While thousands of sons and

daughters of the working class are persecuted, tortured, and imprisoned for evading forced conscription and denouncing it, and thousands more are dragged to the front to die in a fratricidal war. Therefore, **Russian soldiers, workers and poor peasants under arms must desert and go over to fight alongside their Ukrainian brothers**. For no people that oppresses another can liberate itself.

The unity of the working class of Petrograd and Odessa, with the triumphant workers' revolution, achieved at the beginning of the 20th century the most heartfelt demands of the exploited, for bread and a dignified life. Thus, today more than ever, in the face of imperialism's offensive to recolonize the region, we must fight for the **restoration of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the dictatorship of the working class, under revolutionary forms, without sold-out bureaucrats like those who turned the USSR into a prison of nations and handed over the wealth of the people and their enormous gains to imperialism.**

For a united, soviet and independent Ukraine, let the USSR return!

Only a Red Army of workers and peasants can defeat Putin and NATO's counter-revolutionary White Counter-revolutionary Troops, as it did in 1917 against the imperialist armies. But this is a task for the world working class.

The cynical social-imperialist and Putin-friendly left tells the martyred Ukrainian people that, while dodging the bombs that every day kill their families and destroy their cities, while liberating the workers of the Donbass who are under Putin's boot, and fighting on the front lines to fraternise and unite with the Russian soldiers, ... they must defeat Putin, Zelensky... and they must also at the same time defeat NATO in Britain, Germany, France, USA. They are scoundrels!

NATO would be defeated only by spreading and generalizing the Commune throughout France and Europe, by raising up the workers against the imperialist Maastricht, to set up the United Socialist States of Europe!

NATO would be defeated only by the workers and youth winning back the streets in the US, making the US imperialist pirates tremble!

Either under Putin's boots or under the boots of the US and the EU, Ukraine will be a partitioned and a overseen colony. Only the socialist revolution can stop this merciless fate.

For a united, soviet and independent Ukraine, for the return of the USSR of the workers and peasants, without bureaucrats and sellouts!

April 18, 2023

UKRAINE More than a year after the Russian invasion...

A nation oppressed, occupied and massacred by Putin

A colony increasingly indebted to imperialism and the IMF

The working class pays with its blood for the cost of this war of invasion that Moscow has imposed on it

For a proletarian leadership of the war to defeat the jackal Putin and break with the IMF!

The oppressed nation and the Ukrainian proletariat cannot be left alone.

The Russian youth rises up and refuses to go die for Putin and his autocracy.

In the Europe of Maastricht and the US, the working class is already confronting the imperialist governments. They have the key to defeat NATO and come to the aid of the slaughtered Ukraine!

The workers of France lead the way!

The sufferings of the Ukrainian masses continue to worsen more than a year after the Russian invasion. The most aggressive attacks of the butcher Putin are today in the Donbass area, centrally in the cities of Bajmut and Avdivka. However, Russia is pounding Ukraine with aerial bombardments, missiles and rockets also in the provinces of Kharkov, Zaporizhzhia, Odessa, attacking the entire infrastructure, and increasing day by day the number of dead under the rubble, as well as the unheard-of hardships of the masses. It is the working class that is fighting the war. The Ukrainian oligarchy and bourgeoisie have been on leave and enjoying their luxury resorts outside the country for a long time.

Thousands of workers and their families are still living in the bombed cities, hiding in cellars, without water and electricity. According to official figures, more than 200,000 people have already died. The economic cost of the war for Ukraine is enormous: its GDP contracted by 35% in 2022 and in 2022 alone, the state budget deficit exceeded 25 billion dollars. Damages are estimated at \$138 billion.

The war is taking on a chronic character: Putin has become bogged down and fails to control the entire territories of the Donetsk and Lugansk oblasts, even though a region of these territories were placed under his control in the so-called "Minsk Agreements" with which



April 15, 2023: Drone attack in Bakhmut, in eastern Ukraine

Russia and imperialism had split the Ukrainian nation. This "failure" of the Kremlin is largely due to what we can call "the most powerful weapon" that the Ukrainian working class has: the refusal of the Russian soldiers to die and kill for the interests of the butcher of the Kremlin. In other words, Russia still has its hands tied by its own people and

the world working class to go to a war of total extermination by aerial bombardment, as Moscow's "Attila" did alongside al-Assad in Syria.

Russia's policy seems then to be concentrating on trench warfare, occupation of territory, which it had before the invasion, and a siege and gradual destruction of Ukraine's infrastructure by air with drones, and from the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea.

Russia is estimated to have destroyed about half of Ukrainian energy infrastructure, plunging the population into darkness and cold in the harshest northern winter months. And this Putin's offensive included invading Belarus, with the support of that nation's government, carrying troops and nuclear weapons. Right there, in 2020, the jackal Putin had played his role as imperialism's hired gun and gendarme, propping up the hated Lukashenko regime and suffocating the uprising of the workers with his murderous troops.

Belarus and Kazakhstan, then, have been where Putin massacred workers' and poor people's uprisings and insurgency in recent years. These counterrevolutionary adventures were the "beachhead" of Putin and his invasion of Ukraine.



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