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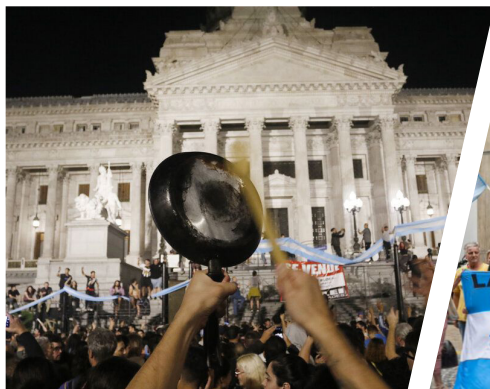
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Milei, the US and the big capitalists

**They are intensifying the war against the
workers and the plundering of the nation**



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Two years of the criminal Russian invasion of Ukraine

Thousands of dead and injured, millions of displaced, cities destroyed...

Ukraine: a nation devastated, divided, occupied and a thousand times more plundered and indebted to imperialism

Out with the Great Russian occupation troops of fascist Putin from the Ukrainian nation!



The war-torn city of Avdivka

Zelensky, the head of the Ukrainian pro-imperialist oligarchy, threw the entire weight of the crisis and the war on the workers and the exploited people, who are the ones who really die, already without ammunition, on the battlefield.

From the hand of the NATO's lackey government, the Great Russian invasion cannot be defeated.

Strangled by the IMF, and while Ukraine is invaded with iron and fire, financial capital sucks away all its wealth and Monsanto and Cargill steal all the wheat and cereals from the rich Ukrainian land that they sell at low prices throughout Europe.

Subjected to imperialism and the transnational corporations, the Ukrainian nation will not be able to free itself or expel the invader.

A government of workers' councils and rank and file soldiers must be established to take the political and military leadership of the war into their own hands

We must unite the ranks of the Ukrainian working class from Kyiv to the Donbass with the same demands for national liberation and against the superexploitation and martyrdom of its workers from the East to the West.

Hundreds of thousands of young workers in Russia are refusing to go kill their brothers in Ukraine and die for the jackal Putin.

There is the great ally of the Ukrainian people! In the hands of the youth and



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workers of Russia it is the path to their liberation.

The fight for the national liberation of Ukraine is also part of the same struggle of the workers of all the former Soviet republics, from Kazakhstan to Georgia, from the Caucasus to Belarus, where ferocious dictatorships allied to Putin and imperialism crush the oppressed peoples.

Yesterday, US imperialism was using Ukraine as a pawn to be crushed by Putin. Thus it wore down and economically isolated Moscow in a long trench war, while destroying the European market and weakening its competitors, the Franco-German axis that was supplied with Russian gas associated with Putin.

The response of imperialist Maastricht was to deepen the attack on the workers and all the oppressed classes of Europe by a thousandfold.



January 2022: mine-workers protest in Ukraine. "Our children also want to eat"

The US imperialism and imperialist Maastricht in their bankruptcy have launched a fierce offensive against the working class and the oppressed peoples of the world. War is also their big business.

In Ukraine, in the heart of Europe, a huge struggle for the national liberation of an oppressed nation is taking place. The fate of all the workers and the oppressed nations of the continent also goes in it.

The European working class must stand up to defeat the Russian occupation of Ukraine, its plunder by the IMF and end with imperialist Maastricht!

Stalinists and social-imperialist parties are those who support Russia's bayonets that are crushing Ukraine. They say that this is how they "fight against NATO." How miserable! From the unions and workers' organizations, these leaderships disorganize every workers' struggle throughout the old continent, and support their governments, which are all from NATO, and together with them they attack and loot all the oppressed peoples of the world.

They have left the national liberation struggle of the Ukrainian working class isolated...

No people that helps oppress another can liberate themselves.

The European working class must come to the aid of their Ukrainian brothers now, before it is too late. Weapons for Ukraine! Continental General Strike now!

Russia's counterrevolutionary adventures, fueled by imperialism, have taken a leap with the invasion of Ukraine.

Before, Putin's troops went to **crush the uprising of the workers of Kazakhstan** and to **support Lukashenko's counterrevolutionary government** helping it quell the uprising of the workers and people of Belarus.

The outrageous deeds of the butcher Putin, the guardian of the businesses of imperialism and all capitalists, do not end here. Today Zionism, under the command of the US imperialism, is attacking the Palestinian nation and performing massacres in Gaza... **Putin and his counterrevolutionary troops are today guarding the borders of the Golan for Zionism!**

They do this "dirty work", just like the Shiite bourgeoisie of Iran and Lebanon who are fencing Gaza, by preventing millions of Palestinians from going to fight alongside their brothers.

Traitor parties of the international working class support the PLO, a bourgeois leadership that collaborates with Zionism from the West Bank, and represses the Palestinian people so that they do not enter the fight alongside the masses of Gaza.

Putin, the murderer of the masses of Ukraine and Syria, is far from being an ally of the Palestinian people in their fight against the fascist state of Israel.

From the UN, the Moscow jackal is a defender of the "two states", that is, of the Zionist keeping the Palestinian people prisoner in concentration camps.



Zelensky and Biden

Yesterday **the jackal Putin, allied with the fascist al-Assad**, stamped out with iron and fire, in a true genocide, the revolution of the workers and people of Syria. Millions were left as refugees and forgotten as pariahs inside and outside their own nation.

From the Russian military bases in Syria, such as those in Tartus and Latakia, Putin acts as a true shield protecting the supply of the counterrevolutionary forces of the fascist Zionist state of Israel.

Putin, murderer of the people of Syria and Ukraine and accomplice of Zionism and its massacre of the Palestinian nation!

Counter-revolutionary white Russia is at a 180° angle to the **brave Yemeni nation** that has declared any ship carrying weapons and ammunition for the state of Israel

in the Red Sea a war objective...

That is what the role of Putin and his regime of oligarchs of Great Russia is all about: being the defenders of the businesses of imperialism throughout Eurasia, and always ready to massacre helpless and unarmed peoples.



Russian troops invade Avdivka

Ukraine: a great national liberation struggle of the oppressed Ukrainian people...

A tremendous surrender by the NATO-lackey Zelensky government and the Ukrainian oligarchy and a huge betrayal from the left-wing currents servants of Putin

The traitorous leaderships have led the workers' organizations to not distinguishing their allies in the trenches of war, in every battle and in every revolutionary process carried out by the exploited.

In Colombia with Petro, in Chile with Boric, in the US itself with Biden, to give just a few examples, they made the workers believe that these governments were their allies, though they only brought more hunger, misery and war.

This is the true tragedy of the 21st century:

Stalinists, social-imperialist parties, union bureaucracies, traitors of Trotskyism and the Fourth International, **passed off**

the butcher Putin and the ferocious dictatorship of the jackal Al Assad as allies of the exploited masses of the world, and instead they are who have filled with blood and imposed the most ferocious genocide of the century XXI to the revolutionary Syrian people that were fighting for bread, freedom and national independence.

Some renegades of Marxism, servants of the imperialist bourgeoisies, have **tried to put the workers on the side of Putin who invaded Ukraine**, and so they have managed to isolate this national liberation struggle from the European working class. Others made the workers believe that the oppressed peoples could free themselves

from the hand of NATO and the imperialist Maastricht... A big lie, a great infamy.

They all have a great point in common: they have passed off the greatest enemies of the masses as their allies, they have broken the unity of the European and international working class and they have subjected the workers to their executioners...

It was these conditions of imperialist offensive and a thousand and one betrayals of the lackeys of imperialism, which gave Zionism a free hand to openly massacre today in Gaza and drown the Palestinian nation in a bloodbath.

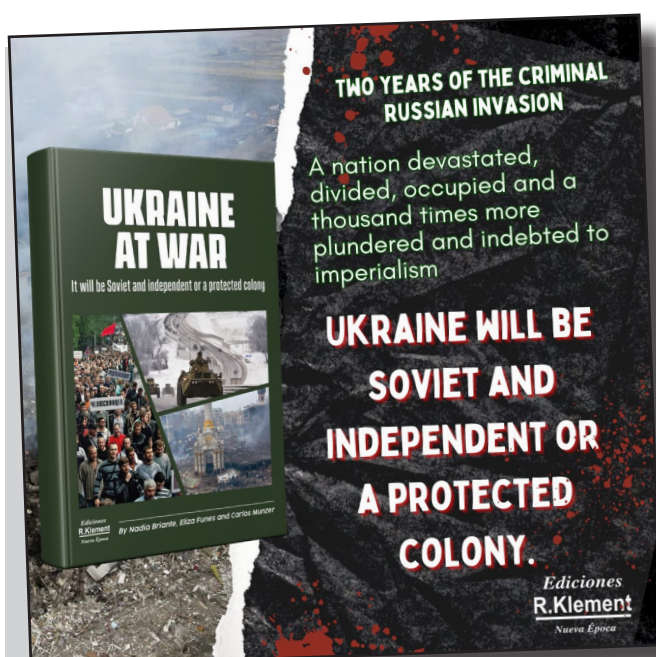
The workers who take to the streets for "Free Palestine" in all the capitals of Europe must raise the minimum demand for "arms for Ukraine", as the flag of their struggle, and also "unity with the working class of that occupied nation" and for "the military defeat of the butcher Putin", the murderer of Damascus, Aleppo and all of Syria, who is the partner of Zionism and the US imperialism in the occupation of the Palestinian nation.

Ukraine will be Soviet and independent or a protected colony.

For the United Socialist States of Europe!

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In the face of a serious agrarian crisis in Europe

Ruined smallholder farmers' demands can only be solved by the working class and its fundamental ally in the countryside: the farmworkers

Smallholder farmers have taken the highways of almost all EU countries and are keeping governments of the region on edge making their anger be heard, by blocking routes, camping on roundabouts, their tractors affecting the entrance to big cities such as Paris. This movement started almost 2 months ago and keeps spreading. It has reached Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy, Ireland, Hungary, Spain, Greece, Poland, Romania and Switzerland.

The anger has reached the very EU gates in Brussels where measures to appease the situation were discussed February 26th.

Even in France, in "the Agriculture salon", Macron had to run away from farmers invading the room during a meeting with farmers' unions. Insults, whistling and the shouts asking Macron to renounce were loud and clear while farmers, tired of not getting solutions, confronted the police. Two days after, milk producers invaded the exposition claiming for the low prices they get for milk production.

In Poland, they have been protesting for months against the amount of Ukrainian products saturating the inner market and decreasing their income. 3000 Ukrainian trucks have been stopped and some wagons with grains have been opened and their content poured on the roads. This provoked a counter protest on the other side of the frontier, in Ukraine.

In Spain there is a similar situation with low-price goods coming from Morocco. In Greece they are also protesting the unlawful competence of Ukrainian products and against the norms imposed by the EU.

This crisis affects the whole farming-breeder sector. However, it won't be the big agrarian bourgeoisie the one to pay for it but the ruined small producers already suffering high cost of small scale production and climate regulations imposed by EU. Let alone the brutally exploited farmworkers in the field.

Maastricht crisis is striking the farming sector

The EU is going through a phenomenal crisis. The interimperialist disputes do not cease. By provoking the war on Ukraine, the US prevented France and Germany from buying cheap oil and gas and stopped their commerce with Russia. It has also weakened the EU in the world economy, disorganized its market and even broken the Franco German axis.

Now the US, with its transnational companies, Monsanto and Cargill, is withdrawing food raw materials from the southern Ukrainian ports and also from Poland. Cheap wheat, cereals, and



French farmers start the siege of Paris

all kinds of food are flooding Europe. In 2022 Ukraine provided Europe with 52% of corn and it was the first sorghum provider.

This, essentially, ruins the small farm holders who cannot compete given the high costs of production and the EU norms imposed for producing.

What is more, in Europe, producers get subsidies in relation to sown area which benefits mostly those sowing wheat, cereals and sunflower in scale. Intensive farmers producing certain priced fruits, vegetables and organic farmers invest a lot in a few hectares. They need more agricultural input and labour force, although they do not receive as many subsidies. In Spain, taking advantage of the demoralization and bankruptcy of small and medium producers, great investment funds are buying and hoarding great extensions of land for this type of farming that, together with superior technology will guarantee them over 10% profits.

At the same time, the war on Ukraine and the Middle East disputes on the Red sea -in particular those generated over the Zionist massacre on the Palestinian people- intensify this crisis since prices rise, especially transport of oil and other goods.

Due to inflation, the rise in electricity and oil prices, consumers are keen to buy cheaper products and small producers are going down the drain. Their standards of living have plummeted and they work long hours, sometimes even at a loss with banks drowning them for debt collection.

This is what the enormous farmer crisis is about in the imperialist Europe, which is also reaching the countries in Eastern Europe.

We must not forget that by the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th in England, the bourgeoisie got rid of its agriculture because it was cheaper to get meat, cereals and food from the semi colonial world. This is the path the imperialist European bour-

geoisie is taking now which will ruin its farmers. The agreements the EU intends to sign with Mercosur show this. France pushed this pact but could not carry on due to the farmers uprising. Not being able to implement it, France will pay a high price within its borders and it will weaken its offensive towards the world market.

France has recently been expelled from its former African colonies by anti-imperialist movements. Macron was forced to cut down state costs and so he tried to remove farmer production subsidies. After having taken away healthcare, retirement pensions, and leveled the workers' wages, now he has started to attack his own social base: the farmer petit bourgeoisie that has sustained imperialist governments for decades in exchange of subsidies.

This and similar situations in the rest of Europe have led to the current revolt of this sector in the European countries.

US-EU inter imperialist dispute intensifies

Another aspect of the enormous farmer crisis in Europe is that the state treasures, emptied by the financial capital to save their own crisis, are not enough to subsidize their farmer producers.

What is more, France, Germany, Spain and Italy are rushing to sign a pact EU-Mercosur to get food and farming products a million times cheaper than the local ones. This deal will also let the European powers participate in the disputes with the US over important raw materials such as lithium, gas, copper and other minerals as stated in the free commerce agreement signed recently by Europe and Chile.

Controlling the seas and the world market during the early 20th century, England decided to do away with its farming production and shifted to its colonies' supply. In turn, this let England open markets within its colonies to provide them with manufactured products.

One of the EU farmers' demands is that they cannot accept Mercosur livestock because "it increases polluting gases". In reality, this would lead dozens of thousands of them to financial ruin.

Imperialism and monopolies loot and shape the markets in their colonies and semi colonies according to their needs. They organize the global division of labor as they see fit. But at the same time, as happened to the US and its brutal move on to China by the end of the 20th century and beginning of the 21st, the imperialist powers weaken their internal market to an extreme and create new contradictions and class clashes.

Thus the world imperialist capitalist system boosts here and



France: farmers burst into the "Salon de l'Agriculture" rebuking Macron

there some sectors of the economy while destroying most of the world productive forces.

Both Reformist and Stalinist leaderships break apart the working class and them from the ruined urban and rural middle classes

Farmers see Ukraine-made products as disloyal competence since it is impossible for them to compete with the production costs. This leads to a growing nationalist feeling. In Poland, farmers protested and blocked the border with Ukraine claiming "it is us or them". The extreme right parties use this division to put forward an isolationist, closed-borders program even suggesting to exit the UE. Such is the case of Le Pen in France.

If this is possible, it is because the European working class leaderships, particularly the Stalinist parties leading the main trade union confederations, have left Ukrainian workers to their fate in their national liberation war so that Putin could smash it and the imperialist US and IMF could plunder it. This is how they have divided the working class country by country. The sinister role of the treacherous leaderships in the Ukrainian war left this nation isolated and closer to a defeat in their national liberation struggle, with Putin occupying territory and the US plundering their food, gas and minerals.

At the same time, trade union bureaucracy and working aristocracy have tied the hands of the working class preventing it from intervening with a independent strategy at the service of the whole oppressed classes in the current farmer crisis. Facing the ruined small producers and the farming workers' demands, the passivity of the European trade union confederations led by the treacherous bureaucracy is exposing their support to their own imperialist governments.

In light of such a farming crisis, the Trotskyite renegades, e.g., the Anti-Capitalists, that have long ago stopped fighting for the proletariat to seize power, claim as a way for France and the whole Europe: *"to guarantee minimum remunerative prices for farming products at the EU scale. Therefore, the minimum rights for all Will be guaranteed as well as a farming production led to quality in the short circuit and oriented to the satisfaction of needs... instead of the market and free competence!"*... They add that salaries should be indexed to inflation... and there are two occasions to express it through strikes and manifestations: *"March 8th within the feminist strike against violence and March 19th within the civil servants inter trade union strike."* (NPA: **L'Anticapitaliste** - 697 - 29/02/2024)

Solidaires, a trade union confederation influenced by them, has done nothing for unifying the demands of the workers that are currently fighting sector by sector, with those of the farmworkers and the ruined small producers, in a moment that they could hit together by organizing a general strike that could defeat imperialist Maas-tricht when it is going through a phenomenal crisis.

They divide the working class from the impoverished, desperate middle classes letting them alone running at the feet of the bourgeoisie. They demand from capitalism in crisis to reform itself, when it can no longer dispense of any crumb not even to feed its social base. They disarm the working class and deprive it of its potential ally before the terrible imperialist attack. A real catastrophe!

The working class must provide a solution for the ruined small producers so as to prevent them from being the base of fascism

The farming bourgeoisie will save itself bargaining around a tax exemption or subsidies with the great capital, its government and regimes. It will surely increase its capital concentration in the countryside.

Through its organizations, the European proletariat must quickly intervene in this crisis to win over and lead the ruined middle classes both rural and urban or else it will pay a high price.

Otherwise, fascism will follow the separation of the working and the middle classes. Based on the ruin imposed by financial capital, it will stir the desperate masses against the working class -particularly the immigrant one- and blame them for everything. We can't let that happen!

Farming workers are important in farming production. They are the ones who work in collective farms and breeders and they are being attacked the most by inflation and life hardships. Their demands are the same as of the working class. Defeating gas high prices and the problems of thousands of small producers means to fight against inflation and the cost of life.

But, at the same time, only the working class can solve the small producer's problems with cheap electricity and oil. In France, energy workers provided working neighborhoods with electricity during the combats against the attack on pensions. In the same way, great oil refinery workers could get cheap oil to ruined small producers.

There is no time to lose! We are facing a hard challenge: either revolution or fascism and war

With the cruel war on Ukraine, with the world plundering by the imperialist powers, with massacres as the one in Gaza, it is Maastricht what is at stake.

The imperialist counter offensive moves forward with wars and fascism. In the semi colonial world, the current looting does not make room to parliamentarism or cheap demagogic governments. Popular fronts disorganizing the masses, fascism, counter revolution and genocide are commonplace. This international-level catastrophe can only be stopped by the proletariat and the revolutionary victory. Otherwise, fascism and war will overcome. This is the alternative.

Workers must take the streets with an independent program to recover their conquests and lead the ruined small farm producers

The proletariat has a solution to overcome this situation. Starting with expropriating banks under workers control and without compensation, the money to condone impoverished farmers' debts and give them cheap loans to produce is there! Nationalization of financial capital —that 1% of parasites looting the planet!- under workers control and without compensation!

The struggle for high technology collective farms in the imperi-



Roadblocking in the Spanish State near the border with France

alist countries will give the best conditions to the ruined small farmers under **a revolutionary government of workers and rank and file soldiers.**

Against the rise in oil and food prices, inflation and high cost of life, we need to expropriate great food monopolies without compensation and under workers' control!

For decent jobs and decent salaries for all according to the family basket, to recover pensions, for 35 working hours a week for all the European working class, we have to fight for:

A CONTINENTAL WORKERS CONGRESS!

To organize a decisive fight against the imperialist bourgeoisie of Maastricht, and unify the working class demands, starting with those of the immigrants and the ruined farmers in the whole continent.

Stop the genocide on the Palestinian people!

Putin out of Ukraine!

Down with treasonous Zelensky who has surrendered Ukraine to NATO and EU!

The European working class must free its class siblings in the semi colonies and colonies, looted by the imperialist European powers. Otherwise, it would never free itself.

Out with imperialist companies looting Africa, Asia and Latin America!

Before it is too late:

Capitalist and bankers must pay for the crisis!

Out with imperialist Maastricht, NATO and other executioners of the oppressed peoples.

For the United Socialist States of the whole Europe.

Ana Negri and Luisa Campos

ARGENTINA

March 5, 2024

The Milei government, the IMF, US ambassador Stanley and the big capitalists Are escalating their war against the workers

In these first 3 months of government, with pan-banging in the streets, hard struggles surrounding those laid off with solidarity, wage conflicts by union that led to a partial general strike on January 24...

The working class is not shying away from the fight

Their fighting is for now limited because, in the first place, the leadership of the unions as well as of the piquetero movement refuse to coordinate the demands for jobs and wage rises against the anti worker government of Milei and to set up common organizations of struggle that could unify employed and unemployed workers and all sectors that enter the fight in each city, province and at national level.

This unification is crucial today, when thousands of layoffs are underway, such as in the UOCRA (Construction Workers Union), due to the decree paralysing all public works; among state workers; and also in hundreds of private factories as a blackmail by the employers keen to increase the exploitation of their workers.

The high fees and fares of the public services and the pervasive conditions of misery are pushing the creation of still molecular struggle organizations of retirees.

The new and brutal increase in these fees and fares that is coming in March and April is threatening with an intensificación of the cacerolazos and the taking to the streets of the ruined middle classes.

However, the union bureaucracy is preventing any coordination of the different forces in struggle that seek to unify in a generalized claim the demands of all sectors attacked by the government.

Undoubtedly, the fight to set up bodies of self-organization and coordination of the masses that are starting to go out and fight, is a key factor in the pursuit of the development of a counteroffensive against this government of misery, colonization and surrender.

What is as worrying as all this is that the



Milei at the opening of the Congress ordinary sessions

union bureaucrats insist in leaving the unregistered workers, the falsely considered "self-employed" workers, the outsourced and time-contracted workers, and the unemployed, out of the demands and unions, thought they are currently the absolute majority of the working class and those who suffer the most from the government and the regime's offensive.

In each collective bargain and in each factory fight, the demands of the most exploited sectors of the labor movement are left aside.

To tell the truth, this is a great conquest for the capitalists, which was guaranteed by the Peronist government of Fernández and before by Macri.

This is what the betrayal of the bureaucracy is all about, because it divides the workers, disorganizing their struggles as it calls for pressure actions, designed to make the bosses sit and negotiate to maintain the bureaucrats' privileges, and the only thing the working class receives from the government, which is at war against them, is a

thousand times greater attack; however this attack goes now against the union bureaucrats themselves, whom the government considers increasingly less necessary to keep the labor movement under control.

The imperialist bourgeois gangs are increasingly enthused and have upped their blows because 60% of the Argentine working class is already under maquila conditions. The bureaucracy is responsible for this situation because all union leaders know where are the workshops, factories, construction sites, distribution centers, etc. where there are unregistered or short-contracted workers, who do not earn more than 200 thousand miserable pesos (u\$200) per month and are left to their fate.

Any decisive struggle of the labor movement, so that it can exert all its vigor, must take this central demand into its hands and unite its ranks with the method of the assembly, to recover the bodies of factory or shop delegates, the workers' self-organization and the coordination of all the sectors that are fighting.

What ended up weakening the unions and union centers to the extreme was the bureaucracy, dividing the struggles and surrendering the majority of the working class as cannon fodder for exploitation.

The leadership of the workers is the limit the working class has to win the battle that it is already waging. The central task to be fulfilled is an advance in imposing organizations capable of waging a struggle at the level of the attack by the government and the capitalists that does not cease, but only deepens. Uniting all the sectors that are fighting and their demands, setting up bodies of coordination and self-organization is the task of the moment to prepare and organize a decisive combat, even superior to that of 2001, to sweep away this anti-worker government and the rotten capitalist regime on which it is based.

***Those at the top are fighting
for the bounty of the looting
at the expense of rising
hunger and chronic misery
that is settling in Argentina***

In his speech during the opening of the ordinary sessions in Congress, Milei called on the governors to sign the "May Pact" in Córdoba. In this way, Wall Street's BlackRock, Ambassador Stanley, the IMF and the big capitalists listed on the New York Stock Exchange, have called on the different bourgeois factions, whether those in the import-sustitutive industries that work for the home-market, the regional bourgeoisies and their big works contractors and even the monopolies installed in Argentina that produce for the domestic market, to associate in their businesses or be left out of this plan.

In its offensive in Latin America and in Argentina in particular, imperialism has already defined which provinces it plans to respect and even award super-benefits. USA is even molding a new nation, colonial Argentina. In it there will only exist the provinces of Vaca Muerta in Patagonia, one in the northwest made from those provinces where the lithium is, the Cuyo provinces with their minerals and the Pampa Húmeda of the cereals. All of this so that the gringos can take their loot abroad... Let the rest die.

We are not facing one more belt-tightening, but rather the imperative need of imperialism to inflict a defeat on the working class, the only "truly national" class, to de-



Bridgestone: Tire workers striking against layoffs

finitively fully colonizing Argentina, as it has already been doing with its agents, whether "democratic" or "coup plotters", throughout Latin America.

The bourgeois gangs hidden behind the governors and the "conciliatory opposition" or under the wing of the Kirchnerites, or the European transnationals that enter into open competition with the US for the Latin American subcontinent, all have a great point in common with the Wall Street gang, Citibank, BlackRock and the IMF that today controls the government: all of them are fans of **imposing labor flexibility and total slavery of the workers and strengthening the nation's submission to the IMF.**

What's more, both the "opposition" bandits and the parasites who are in the government today, had in the Peronist government of the Fernandezes and Massa a phenomenal "squeezed lemon" that allowed them to organize the greatest attacks on the working class of the last years. As we will not tire of insisting, between Macri and the Fernandezes they put the majority of the workers under unregistered works "without rights"...

These "opposition" bourgeois sectors only want an equitable distribution of business or even a minority part of it, but they will never be willing for the labor movement to break out independently. The thing is that in this struggle, the demands of the working class would attack all bourgeois factions and gangs equally, as all bosses all declared enemies of the interests of the workers.

Hence, any policy of placing the working class at the feet of any of the bourgeois fractions to carry out "intelligent negotiations" or a "patriotic resistance" is suicidal for the exploited. It is already clear that the

greatest limit that the working class has to fight is the union bureaucracy, as it is always tied to this or that bourgeois sector.

***In this inter-bourgeois dispute the
workers have nothing to gain.
This war is class against class.***

The working class neither has to be in Córdoba in May, nor today with that den of bandits of the bourgeois Congress, where the Kirchnerites together with the parliamentary left have announced that there was a "victory" because the "Omnibus Law" had been defeated, when this was instead imposed with a thousand times more virulence with the government's Decree of Necessity and Urgency. And in case this DNU is "defeated" in the Senate, the government will take out 100 more DNUs because the arch-reactionary Constitution of '53 allows it, which gives the president the powers of a monarch and the powers of supervisor of the businesses of imperialism to the Supreme Court of Justice.

Milei has risen above even the Parliament and declared himself "emperor." He is going for everything. The US imperialism wants gas, lithium, minerals and agribusiness and is willing to get them at any cost, as it has already demonstrated in Peru with a wild coup and before in Bolivia with Áñez.

What Milei is looking for today is a pact with sectors of the big bourgeoisie and its politicians, especially the governors, to achieve "legality" and parliamentary "legitimacy" for the looting that he is already promoting. And if not, he will move forward without them. Wall Street knows very well the kind of cowards and miserable partners with whom it is acting in its plan to colonize Argentina.

Faced with unprecedented suffering, despite the union bureaucracy, the working class is fighting
Although reformism wants to avoid it, the only way is the Argentinazo and the revolution

There is no time to lose. The working class wants to fight. But to do this it is essential to unify their ranks, transform each assembly in each factory and in each establishment into a bastion of the fight for the **transfer of all unregistered and contract workers to the permanente payroll**, and get **decent work for all, reducing working hours** without wages reduction, because it is time for the capitalists to pay for this crisis.

The working class needs a pact with a revolutionary program to unite its ranks.

To achieve this, we must set up coordinating bodies to unify all the claims and struggles, first of all those who have no voice: millions of piece-work, unregistered and contracted workers, who have been expelled from the political and economic life of the country... and of the unions.

There is an urgent need for a National Congress of employed and unemployed workers, which we can achieve by surrounding each fight against layoffs with solidarity, uniting them with the fight of the unemployed for decent work and all their demands and with the conflicts over collective agreements, so that they contemplate the transfer to a permanent payrolls of all workers...

A National Congress of employed and unemployed workers that call for contracted and unregistered workers to vote for delegates in assemblies or underground by factory to recover the internal commissions and bodies of delegates.



1969. Cordobazo revolutionary combats

The time has come to set up a new labor movement from the bases that would rebuild its unity and declare war on its executioners, with the methods of class struggle and proletarian revolution.

Against Milei's government and the police regime, repression and decrees
Let's impose strikes, pickets, self-defense committees and the General Strike

Not just any strike is needed, but THE strike that shows who really rules in Argentina: the working class or a handful of millionaires who have become rich with the sweat of the people and the looting of the nation.

The Milei government still keeps a large part of its social base because it demonstrates what it says not only in words, but in actions. The thing is that in the midst of the catastrophe of the capitalist system, beyond the fantasies of Milei's charlatanism, he is leading an inveterate fight to win.

Due to the crisis of its leadership, the working class is still not up to that battle.

The workers need to win a bold and decisive struggle to defeat the government and all the bourgeois and "opposition" gangs that support the attack on the exploited on behalf of imperialism.

The old owners of Argentina and their society are bankrupt. They survive by colonizing the nation and multiplying their plunder by a thousand. We need a new Argentina, revolutionary and socialist. If the revolutionary proletariat does not take power, Milei will advance to consolidate his "emperor" regime and fascism will come.

The masses need a leadership and organizations that show them that with their struggle they can win. That is what the task of revolutionaries is about.


The working class wants to enter the fight. Its leaders, who subject it to pacts with the enemy and the pacifism of bourgeois parliamentarism, only manage to hinder this struggle that is and will be life and death for the workers and future generations of the exploited.

The time has come to begin to set up the self-organization coordinators of the workers, with direct democracy, with the method of assemblies, to break the containment dams of the traitors of the union bureaucracy and unify the struggles despite and in against them, as we did in 2001, in the Cordobazo and in the Coordinadoras of the '70s. It's high time.


This can't be taken anymore!

Those at the top come for everything.
We have to go for what is ours. We have to go for all of them.

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Argentina

March 1, 2024

There is no more time: hunger, unemployment, layoffs, the looting of the nation...

They make life unbearable for workers and poor people

Enough of Milei, imperialist looting and superprofits of the big capitalist gangs!



Milei next to Blinken, US State Secretary

Enough of the truce from the union bureaucracy!
Enough of fighting divided against unemployment, layoffs and apallingly miserable collective bargains!

48-hour General Strike and Fight Plan now!

We must unite the ranks of the workers!

From the bases we must impose a

National Congress of Employed and Unemployed Workers

Open the road to the Argentinazo!



December 2001, Argentinazo

So that the workers and the poor people eat and live with dignity, this rotten capitalist system deserves to perish

The self-proclaimed “emperor” Milei, a lackey and puppet of the pirate funds of Wall Street, after his trip to his homeland of choice, the United States, has returned recharged to deepen his attack on the people.

To get the dollars to repay the IMF, he has stolen the wages of retirees and state workers and has pactured collective bargains well below inflation with his Labor Secretary and the complicity of the union bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, the majority of the working class is working under precarious conditions with monthly wages of 190 thousand pesos (less than u\$d 173 per month, 6/7d, often more than 9/24h), as flexible and unregistered staff, and due to the fares increase in urban transport they can no longer even go to be exploited as slaves at their jobs.

The war wages on us by those above is total and gives no truce. The new fees for electricity, gas, etc., are the missiles fired against the masses by this gang of capitalist criminals led by the pirate Wall Street investment fund BlackRock, Eurnekin and other partners within the AEA (Argentine Business Association).

We are facing a gang of big Wall Street capitalists who are coming to definitively colonize the nation and even redraw the internal borders of the old semi-colonial Argentina among the “lithium provinces” in the north, the “provinces of the Cordillera and its minerals”

westwards, the “province of Vaca Muerta” with its gas in Patagonia and the soy-wheat-corn-sunflower “provinces of the Pampa Húmeda”. And the rest, the vast majority of workers, sunk in hunger and the most dreadful misery in an Argentina maquila.

The bourgeois fractions are disputing with those who currently own power around how their societies and businesses will be and who will also pay for this crisis... As we saw with the “Omnibus Law”, in the crisis of the provinces, etc., we are facing a ruling classes haggling over who loses and who wins in the new colony Argentina.

But this is a dispute among bosses over their business; not the workers’ business. What’s more, all of them: the challenging governor “Nachito” of Chubut, all the other governors, the peronists, those who call themselves “soft or hard opposition”, etc., not only apply in their provinces a belt-tightening and attack on the workers the same or worse than Milei; they are more afraid of a revolutionary irruption of the masses that they are seeking to contain together with their allies of the union bureaucracy, than of the colonizing attack that is underway.

That is what the hypocrisy of the “opposition” to the government of the boss politicians and the union bureaucracy is all about. **They know that a new 2001 or a Cordobazo would attack the businesses of them all: the bourgeois fractions, the IMF and the looters of the nation.**

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Yesterday, February 29, dozens of fighting teachers, judicial workers, etc., who fought in Chubut for 3 years to be paid their wages on arrears and against the mining companies that came for water and the destruction of the province's habitat, were brought to trial.

It is the workers who are going to testify in court and at risk of going to prison, and not that bully governor that does not go beyond an ineffectual warning and is actually no more than a "freethinking" partner of Milei and Macri.

Day by day Milei deepens an open and ruthless war against the working class

The parliamentary left wants to make the workers believe that this attack can be stopped from the Congress, and that the "Omnibus Law" was stopped there on a front with the bosses' politicians... A fallacy.

With a shower of decrees, the government has been applying the same offensive written in the "Omnibus Law" multiplied by a thousand without the blessing of the Parliament, using the power given by the arch-reactionary Constitution of '53 to the president.

The left is looking for "democratic" allies to confront the "dictator" Milei, which constitutes a true political scam because in that alliance with "opposition" deputies, the working class cannot even stop the offensive of the government and its bosses, much less get out of their unprecedented sufferings.

The truth is that the plan to repress the masses, establishing a police regime, and ferociously attacking the people: everything is being resolved outside the Congress.

The real thing is that **Milei has dressed as an "emperor" and the powers to do so were given to him in the US embassy**, where the entire political life of the country is developing. Political leaders (whether or not they voted for the "Omnibus Law"), judges and even union bureaucrats go there to ask for instructions...

This is colonial Argentina. Yes, even Cameron himself, the U.K. Foreign Secretary, has come to visit his Argentine colony in the Malvinas. Not to mention Blinken, US State Secretary, who came to personally supervise the progress of the colonization of the nation, embraced by Milei and the lackey Minister of Foreign Affairs Mondino. They want to turn Argentina into another "star" on the US flag.

To the war that the capitalists and their government have declared on us, we must oppose the class war of the workers and the poor people.

The war is class against class...

In the hands of the union bureaucracy and the "opposition" politicians, Milei only buys time to finish his work of colonizing the nation and defeating the working class.

Daer, the top bureaucrat of the CGT, has declared that this is a "chess game" that they have with the government... How cynical. The bureaucracy has barely moved a pawn.

Millions of workers are outside the unions and do not even enjoy the "benefits" of the apallingly miserable collective bargains signed by the bureaucracy.

Any serious struggle to confront the attack of the capitalists must start from uniting the ranks of the workers.



Mobilization during the protests in Chubut province in December 2021

Indeed, if the workers want to do so, they will have to "change horses in the middle of the river" and get rid of the bases up, of all the leaders who block the way for this unity.

In the discussion of the minimum wage (which was set by decree at 200 thousand pesos, barely u\$d190 while we are having a 240% yearly inflation!), the bureaucracy is once again surrendering not only our wages, but also the unity of the worker ranks.

Precisely, it was time to fight for a minimum, living and mobile wage of 1,200,000 pesos (u\$d 1,150 for now) for everyone: retirees, contracted, flexible workers, those in unions with lower agreements, the unemployed. That would have quickly brought all layers of the working class, which are still dispersed and enduring unprecedented sufferings, to standing on their feet and entering the fray.

What "if Milei has a majority", what "if he keeps the votes", or "if he doesn't keep them"... That is what the bourgeoisie is discussing, as for being mindful and prevent a mass irruption or to critically support the government, as it is doing.

What are they talking about? **In real life two classes are confronting each other: the capitalists and the workers with their allies, the ruined middle classes, that is, the vast majority of the population that produces the enormous wealth of the nation.**

These are the forces that confront each other. The elections were a deception, where the only option the workers had was to vote for which executioner would torment them.

Can't waste any more time

The government's offensive of high rates, high living cost and inflation that terrifies the people and ruins the working class, brings unemployment as consequence. A wave of layoffs is sweeping through the factories. The capitalists have stopped part of their machines. Consumption is falling brutally. And so, in a sea of hungry people, of consumers leaving the market, of machines that stop, the government is seeking "economic stability."

This constitutes a great scam so that the working class does not go out to fight. This is the war plan of the capitalists.

This war plan can only be opposed by a decisive struggle to fight for the **minimum, living and mobile wage of 1,350,000 pesos (u\$d1,300 for now), indexed monthly with a trigger clause according to inflation, and a sliding scale of working hours**, that is, working hours reduction according to the capable labor

availability, without wage reduction, so that all available hands can start producing. This is the only favorable solution for the workers.

The capitalists will say that this cannot be done. The workers will say that what cannot be done is starving the people.

The capitalists say they don't win money, as if the rising prices were phantoms and not the profits of big businessmen.

We must impose the **immediate opening of the accounting books** of the entire food and goods marketing chain so that the workers can demonstrate with the numbers in their hands how the capitalist parasites plunder the people and make super profits.

Factory that closes, furloughs or fires, must start to operate under the control of the workers. Not a single layoff.

Only with these minimal demands, which are a decisive step to expel the IMF and imperialism in Argentina, will the working class be able to unite its ranks, organizing from the unions and the piquetero movement supply committees, price control committees, of retirees, of unemployed, etc.

The working class must take the resolution of the crisis into its own hands so that the capitalists pay for it.

Those at the top say they want Vaca Muerta gas pits, lithium and the Pampa Húmeda; they are vulgar thieves of the nation's wealth.

We have to go after all of them to recover what they have stolen from the people!

They have come for the entire wealth of the nation. We workers must go for the wealth that was stolen from us.

Nationalizing foreign trade to prevent the flight of foreign currency and nationalizing private banking without compensation and under the control of the workers to guarantee savings to the people, is the task of the moment before Caputo's gang and company expropriate them from the middle classes, who are already being forced to exchange their dollars savings to survive.

We must expropriate the people's expropriators!

Those below, despite their leaders, are looking for a way to fight

When the first government measures were announced, **spontaneous "cacerolazos" (pot-banging)** went through the most important cities in the country. This was not organized by any fictitious assembly of the party apparatuses. It was a spontaneous action of the enraged people who should have to set up, **as happened in 2001, mass base assemblies that coordinate all the sectors that enter the combat.**

Different unions are in their collective bargains. The task of the moment is to achieve a single national collective bargain to prevent the isolation trade by trade of the claims that belong to the entire working class.

Branch 21 of the UOM of the steel workers is threatening with a fight plan for wages and the employers have responded with the threat of closing Acindar.

In SUTNA, the employers have just fired dozens of workers at Bridgestone. Thus it weakens the workers in the fight for wages.

This is the war plan of the capitalists, supported by the Milei-Caputo offensive.



Gerardo Martinez, CGT spokesman, at the US embassy

It is a question of life and death to conquer the unity of the working class. In order to do so we must incorporate as a demand the **transfer to permanent payroll of all contracted and unregistered workers of all establishments in the country to re-establish internal commissions and bodies of delegates that represent the majority of workers.**

The unemployed movement cannot continue as a beggar even one more day. We must unite the unions and the fight against layoffs, to the fight for the reduction of working hours that leads to decent work for all.

For committees of employed and unemployed workers together with the struggle committees of dismissed workers who resist and defend their jobs!

The slaves are not even allowed to work. The cost of urban transport can no longer be tolerated.

The fight for free worker-student tickets paid for by the capitalists must be the demand of the moment, as part of the collective bargains discussion, the agreements and the student struggle. How to impose it? By jumping the turnstiles like in Chile to conquer Dignity.

For a National Congress of grassroots delegates with a mandate from the entire employed and unemployed labor movement!

Freedom to and dropping of all charges on the persecuted fighters!
Trial and punishment of the murderers of Maldonado and other working-class and popular martyrs!
Dissolution of the repressive forces of the state!

Enough is enough!

Enough of Milei! Enough of the arch-reactionary Constitution of '53 with its aristocratic Senate and its Parliament where gangs discuss their businesses! Enough of "justice for the rich"!

Active strike for 48 hours and General Strike until the war launched by the oppressors and imperialism is overcome by the workers!

Everyone of them must go away, not even one should remain!

Open the road to the working class!

Open the road to the Argentinazo!

Argentina will be socialist or it will be a colony of Wall Street

POLEMIC

February 19, 2024

In the Congress of the oligarchy, the big bosses and imperialism, the Omnibus Law was withdrawn while a brutal economic war against the masses deepens....

Regarding the PTS and its “democratic front” policy in the Parliament of the people’s executioners

In the document presented by Lizarrague “Milei’s first defeat and the new coming from below” and which was voted on, amended and corrected by the national leadership of the PTS on February 8 of this year, **they affirm that Milei’s government is a “weak Bonapartism” for suffering a defeat in Congress for withdrawing the Omnibus Law. Castillo, deputy of the PTS, also insists on this statement.**

Thrilled, the MPs of PTS celebrated the fall of the law by giving each other flowers. What do the PTS deputies celebrate? Firstly, we Marxists identify the bourgeois Parliament in a semi-colony in the imperialist era as one more of the mechanisms of deception of the regime of domination. This institution is a notary office of the US embassy where what imperialism decides is approved. Parliament, as an institution of democracy for the rich, exists to deceive the masses and has fulfilled the role that Wall Street expected. While the Omnibus Law was being discussed, the “weak and defeated” government carried out the plan that the imperialist companies, the banks and Biden’s government dictated.

It is necessary to clear the enormous cloud of dust thrown into the eyes of the working class of Argentina and the world, regrettably promoted by the leadership of the PTS and the FIT-U

We affirm that what the working class and the group of exploited people in Argentina are experiencing today is not the “defeat” of the Omnibus Law, but rather they are bearing on their shoulders a brutal economic blow carried out by the government in only two months of mandate: high rates, rampant inflation, misery wages, labor slavery with 70% of workers without an agreement, outsourced, contracted or unregis-



FIT-U MPs together with Kirchnerist MPs outside the Congress

tered and millions of unemployed people plunged into famine, feeding their children in neighborhood soup kitchens.

The government, protected by the arch-reactionary Constitution of 1853-94, uses the monarchy powers granted to the president to govern by decree.

Given this, the union bureaucracy, which has just been pushed to a 12-hour general strike on January 24, continues at the feet of the Peronist bourgeoisie and the bosses’ justice, openly obeying Stanley’s commands, the US ambassador in Argentina.

The leadership of the PTS says that we are facing “an attempt of a ‘weak’ Bonapartism (...) A government that, despite the support of the big bourgeoisie, could go into an overall crisis if there is a drastic fall in the social base that is still preserves (...) This weakness was revealed with the defeat of the Omnibus Law” (Christian Castillo, “What the defeat of the Omnibus Law left and what is coming”, LID, February 13, 2024).

But, each of the blows delivered by this government that the PTS sees as “weak” has not been approved or discussed in Congress. If for the leadership of the PTS and the FIT-U the law of this Bonapartist government was defeated, why doesn’t Congress

stop the economic attack against the working class and the exploited? Because at this point ALL the bosses’ politicians agree that it must be the masses who pay for the current crisis and bankruptcy of the nation.

In Parliament the discussion revolved around the delegation of powers to Milei, privatizations such as that of YPF that leave juicy royalties to the provinces and about the taxes that the government wanted to impose on different fractions of the bourgeoisie such as the agrarian oligarchy that is against paying any type of withholding tax on grain exports.

The thing is that, to pay the IMF, the government also wanted different bourgeois gangs to chip in, reducing federal co-participation, harming the regional bourgeoisies and the agrarian upper bourgeoisie. This was what they disagree on during the “debates” of Parliament and left open a negotiation of how the profits of each of them will be in this offensive plan of imperialism to colonize the nation.

The PTS silences the imperialist offensive to impose Argentina as a colony and makes Milei’s Bonapartist government appear “weak” when what we witnessed for days in Parliament were nothing more than bourgeois disputes about which gang should pay.

The offensive of the Milei government, supported by the AEA (Argentine Business Association) and the AmCham (Chamber of US monopolies in the country), the UIA, etc., is directly commanded by the great financial capital of Wall Street, such as Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, BlackRock, etc., who are the heads of the government and are traveling to Argentina to clarify the plan of looting, colonization and super-exploitation of the working class.

Does the PTS think that the K and Peronism “are silent” and doing “nothing”? They are the guarantors, along with all the Peronist leaders of the unions and the picketer bureaucracy, of giving the government time to move forward in this attack. That is, the PTS believes that Peronism is doing nothing as it is actually doing everything.

We remind the PTS leadership that *“Colonial and semi-colonial countries are under the sway not of native capitalism but of foreign imperialism. However, this does not weaken but on the contrary, strengthens the need of direct, daily, practical ties between the magnates of capitalism and the governments which are in essence subject to them – the governments of colonial or semi-colonial countries. Inasmuch as imperialist capitalism creates both in colonies and semi-colonies a stratum of labor aristocracy and bureaucracy, the latter requires the support of colonial and semicolonial governments, as protectors, patrons and, sometimes, as arbitrators. This constitutes the most important social basis for the Bonapartist and semi-Bonapartist character of governments in the colonies and in backward countries generally. This likewise constitutes the basis for the dependence of reformist unions upon the state.”* (León Trotsky, Trade Unions in the Epoch of Imperialist Decay)

Milei's government: A “weak Bonapartism”?

Although the PTS wants to make the working class believe that in Argentina there is a bourgeois-democratic parliamentary regime, Caputo's measures were not voted on in Congress because precisely the **Constitution of '53 gives Bonapartist powers to the government**. Everything Milei does, imposing recurring devaluations, salary liquidation, removal of subsidies, high rates, etc., has open constitutional protection to do it so as president.

Can the PTS leadership tell us what

economic strike against the working class was stopped and defeated in Congress? No attack has been stopped, nor will it be stopped in that den of bandits.

Precisely the circus in Parliament and its operation did not stop the attack and the war against the masses, but during those days and afterwards it only deepened.

Defining Milei's government as a “weak Bonapartism” means sugarcoating a reality that only comes out of the conjurers' galley of the PTS leadership, who do their analysis from the comfortable armchairs of the Chamber of Deputies, alluding that Milei is “weak” because it does not have a parliamentary majority, or because it does not have any provincial government... a vision copied from Kirchnerist journalists and absolutely far from Marxism.

Can a “weak” Bonapartism impose an anti-picketing protocol and a police regime? Milei and Bullrich, under US command, have brought out the Police, the Prefecture and the Gendarmerie who will have free rein to crack down anyone who wants to step on the asphalt. An example of this occurred when the Congress sessions were taking place, where the police fiercely repressed, with dozens of prisoners not only in Buenos Aires, but also in Rosario, Mendoza, Jujuy, etc. Even the piquetero movement has not returned to the streets fighting for genuine work.

The PTS hides that Milei's strength to unleash such a Bonapartist attack on all the exploited comes **from the diversion and strangulation of the Latin American revolution** by the mostly Stalinist union bureaucracies, from the fact that Cuba was sold out to the capitalist restoration from by the new bourgeoisie of the CP, **and that is why they deepen the counterrevolutionary offensive of imperialism worldwide**.

This is why Milei heads the Executive Branch today. And for this reason, settled in these conditions and in the brutal tearing apart of the workers' ranks, the US imperialism comes for everything... and there is no Parliament to stop them.

Milei's Bonapartist government has not settled yet, but it seeks to do so by defeat-



Crackdown to the mobilization during the sessions on the “Omnibus Law” in Congress

ing and removing the working class out of the picture. The last word has not been said yet. In short, **the strength of this government is directly proportional to the betrayal of the union and piquetero** (unemployed) **bureaucracy**, to its submission to the Peronist bourgeoisie and to the bosses' justice and to the deep division that was imposed within workers' ranks. They are the ones who support this government!

Falsifying the lessons of the Argentine revolution of 2001, the PTS in the Congress and in the streets organizes a “democratic front” with Kirchnerism...

For the PTS, Peronism “will continue as long as it can playing its double game, of parliamentary opposition and street mobilization, with its main references such as Cristina Fernández de Kirchner or Sergio Massa without saying a word but implying that the streets must not be taken” (“What the defeat of the Omnibus Law left and what is coming”, February 13, 2024).

The leadership of the PTS and the entire FIT-U ask the Peronist bourgeoisie to change its class nature and to put its forces into mobilizing against the Milei government... Who are they trying to fool? A few days ago, Cristina Kirchner wrote a letter from her luxury chalet a few meters from the National Congress. Of course, she made a class statement, defending the interests of the bourgeois faction that she represents, a cowardly bourgeoisie and as much a servant of imperialism as Milei.

Kirchnerism governed the previous four years, they have pulverized salaries, imposed brutal worker slavery, and they hand-

ed Milei a labor movement dismembered, divided, and plunged into unprecedented hardships. And now they rant against the Peronist bourgeoisie for "demobilizing"?

Do they expect this division above the bosses' politicians and their front with the Kirchnerists that we saw in Congress to be expressed in mobilizations in the streets to defeat Milei? A fraud.

They want to pass off the Peronist politicians as "democratic" to whom they demand to mobilize against "the right" of Milei and Macri... but both come out of the same sewer of this rotten capitalist system.

No one has been defeated yet. We insist, this is so, because a brutal betrayal of the Peronist union bureaucracy led by the PJ and monitored by Stanley, the head of ALL EMPLOYER POLITICIANS IN ARGENTINA, has been imposed.

The PTS and the FIT-U want to make us see the film backwards. The revolutionary exploits of 2001 recognized their enemy, the slogan of "Everyone of them must go

away, not even one of them should remain!" confronted all the employers' politicians and also the union bureaucracy, which was forced to call 8 general strikes against De la Rúa.

Truth must be told. **The Popular Assemblies of 2001-2002 organized the middle classes bankrupted by the imperialist bankers. The revolutionary piquetero movement, vanguard of the entire working class, unified the ranks of the exploited under the slogan of "pickets, pots and pans, the fight is one."**

While the piquetero movement blocked the circulation of goods on the route, the employed workers imposed political strikes that directly confronted the anti-worker government of the Alliance, while the bankrupted middle classes attacked the banks that had expropriated their savings.

What do these enormous feats have to do with the "neighborhood assemblies" that the PTS promotes in CABA and Greater

Buenos Aires where the FIT-U and Kirchnerism militants go to carry out cultural events? Absolutely nothing. Precisely, the FIT-U is anxiously waiting for Kirchnerism to unite "breaking with its demobilization policy" and that, as Castillo says, the "CGT militants" break the "inertia" and call for assemblies in the factories... They falsify and take the tactics of Leon Trotsky's Action Committee in France in the '30s out of context to cover up their democratic front in the neighborhood assemblies of the FIT-U with the K, a true front of class collaboration.

Christian Castillo tells us "Our members support and promote the neighborhood Assemblies that have begun to be established in CABA, greater Buenos Aires and other sectors of the country, an instance of self-organization that we call on to strengthen, especially those who have been voting for us. And to come together with the working class, its struggles and its organizations..."

Who are they trying to fool? The working class will stand up with self-organization, breaking with the bourgeoisie, overcoming

Regarding the Argentine revolution of 2001, the popular assemblies and the struggle organizations

Against the falsifications that the FIT-U currents are intentionally making to justify their policy of "neighborhood assemblies" in which they seek to make agreements with the Kirchnerists by passing them off as "democratic", we reproduce here an enormous example of what the popular assemblies who self-organized in the 2001 revolution that blew up the rule regime in Argentina truly were.

In the face of so much betrayal, deceit and falsification on the left, the resolutions we present here collide head-on with the class collaboration policy of the parliamentary left.

We hope that these will be a contribution to the new generations of the labor movement and the exploited to resume the path of the revolution, the one of the Argentinazo, the only path that will defeat the colonizing plan of the US imperialism, uniting with the exploited of the continent, from Alaska to Patagonia.

Inter-neighborhood Popular Assembly

(Extracts from the resolutions from the first Inter-neighborhood Assembly held from March 1 to April 14, 2002)

- Everyone of them must go away, not even one of them should remain and let not one more come
- Out with the Senate, the second federal bastion.
- Out with the Supreme Court. Everyone leaves.
- Ensure the direct democracy of the Assemblies.
- Workers' and Neighborhood Assemblies Government.
- Kick out the union bureaucracy and recover unions for workers.
- No to external debt payment
- No to the IMF
- Renationalization of privatized companies under workers' control
- Renationalization of the AFJP under workers' control
- Nationalization of banks.



January 2002. Inter-neighborhoods Assembly in Parque Centenario

- Nationalization of foreign trade
- Reduction of the working day without a pay cut and granting those hours to unemployed workers
- Jail for De la Rúa-Cavallo for his responsibility in the murders of the 19th and 20th [December 2001, NdeR]
- The Inter-neighborhood assembly of Lomas de Zamora promotes a popular court to judge those guilty of the genocide of our people

the slab of the pro-US imperialist Peronist union bureaucracy, uniting the employed and unemployed and setting up its own organizations of political struggle, with direct democracy...

For the PTS and the FIT-U the fight is not class against class, but rather calling on the "democratic and progressive" bourgeoisie to mobilize to confront the "right-wing forces"... this is the classic Stalinist policy of class collaboration, which ties the hands of the working class. They even go so far as to call their voters to join this fight to strengthen their "neighborhood assemblies." How are votes for FIT-U organized? The working class organizes itself in unions, in factory committees, the revolutionaries organize themselves in cells... an invention that is not new. For the PTS, as it was in the MAS of the '90s, the "neighborhood assemblies" and the "action committees" are made up of its militants and their voters. Do they mean to tell us then that the Soviets will take place within the FIT-U? From ridicule there is no turning back.

This parliamentary left is the enemy of calling for a general strike to decisively confront the US imperialism colonization plan, of organizing a Congress of Employed and Unemployed to unite the ranks of workers... none of that.

We insist, the FIT-U and the PTS, speaking from the upper layers of the labor aristocracy, "forget" that 70% of the working class is outside the unions and are already slave labor. The flexible worker does not earn more than 190 thousand pesos... how can he face the government and the war they have declared on us? The great tragedy that the working class is experiencing today is that the bureaucracy, while negotiating not to lose the billions of dollars of social works, is hiding under the bed. A call for a general strike, where transport is stopped and routes are cut, would unite the entire employed, hired and unemployed working class in a single struggle.

But this is not happening. The Peronist bureaucracy buys the government time and supports it, preventing the ranks of the working class from uniting for a vital and mobile minimum wage of \$1,300,000 for the entire labor movement, the reduction of the working day so that all available hands enter to work under an agreement would immediately put an end to the war that those at the top have declared on us. This is the true



Bregman, PTS / FIT-U MP, in front of Congress, celebrating the executive's withdrawal of the "Omnibus Law"

betrayal that has been imposed on us and the FIT-U maintains a thunderous silence.

The working class, brought to a front of class collaboration, will only lower its demands, including the fight for a salary at the level of the family basket, because both Milei, the K and all the bosses' politicians who pose as "opponents" and even the provincial governors tell the working class that "there is no money." Lie! There is plenty of money, but the IMF, the transnationals and Wall Street are taking it.

But the PTS insists: first we must form a parliamentary front and unitary "neighborhood assemblies" with the Kirchnerist bourgeoisie, which they pompously call "action committees" to defeat the already "weakened" Bonapartist government of Milei.

Stanley, the US embassy and the financial capital of Wall Street are the true rulers here! That's the truth. The situation is already unbearable for the masses. All commodities have New York prices and the worker salary is like that of Haiti. Milei did not do this through Parliament, but rather imposed it by decree.

The one that is really weak is the working class because it cannot conquer the organizations of mass political struggle to resume the revolutionary path of 2001.

Someone has to refresh the minds of the PTS and FIT-U leadership. In 2021, in the Chubutazo, the Megamining law was defeated, surrounding and leaving all the institutions of power of the exploiters in ashes. In the Jujefazo of 2023, the roadblocks and general assemblies of all the workers and poor peasants made shake all the bosses' parties. The Peronist union bureaucracy said "never again" and isolated these heroic fights.

Taking back to the path of the Chubutazo and the Jujefazo, that of the self-convened people who began to organize themselves outside the bureaucracy in different parts of the country? Deepen the strike on January 24 to open the way to the general strike? No. The union bureaucracy left the working class in the dark in the face of the capitalists' war. For the PTS and the FIT-U, the way out to confront the government is in unity with the Peronist bourgeoisie that goes from Pichetto to Bregman in congress and from Cámpora to the FIT-U in the streets.

The PTS and the FIT-U are rare "socialists"; they have been seeing Milei saying that "we must end with the socialists" as he did in the meeting with Trump in the United States and they have erased the fight for the socialist revolution from their program even from the electoral campaign.

We need to organize factory committees now, assemblies in all establishments, voting delegates to unite the ranks and all the demands of the entire working class to open the way to the general strike.

Only the working class, leading the exploited as a whole, can defeat the colonizing offensive of imperialism by attacking capitalists' property, expropriating the expropriators and leaving no stone unturned in bourgeois power, expelling imperialism and setting up a revolutionary worker and popular government.

We must return to the path of 2001. Open the road to the Argentinazo! Open the road to the revolution!

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PERU

February 25, 2024

Under the orders of the US imperialists that are coming for everything in Latin America...

The coup government of the assassin Boluarte deepens its attack against the workers and the poor people

Against the starvation wages, the brutally high cost of living, the attempt at privatizations and the thousands of layoffs that they are preparing in the public sector...

The rank and file workers and the exploited are in a war footing in Lima and deep Peru

The anti-worker offensive of the Boluarte dictatorship can be taken no more. Together with the coup Congress, day by day the government redoubles its attack to make the working class and the exploited masses pay the price of the crisis in a Peru that has openly entered into recession.

The miserable minimum wage, which the vast majority of the workers earn, is not enough to cover basic expenses beyond the 10th day of each month, while the prices of food and the basic food basket are increasing every day. The situation of 70% of the working class, which is totally flexibilized, is already unbearable. To add insult to injury some factories are starting lay-off procedures, as the bosses, after amassing fabulous profits, do not hesitate to leave hundreds of workers in the street.

Now the coup government is announcing that because of the crisis they must cut the fiscal deficit and with this excuse they are also preparing the massive layoff of thousands of public employees. How cynical! The real crisis in Peru has been caused by the ferocious plunder of the imperialist transnationals that are stealing the minerals and all the wealth of the nation, condemning the workers, poor and exploited peasants to the most absolute misery, while the big capitalists of the National Confederation of Private Business Institutions (CONFIEP) continue to make fortunes at the cost of the hunger of the people and the slavery of the workers.

The bloody coup of December 7, 2022, which put the murderous Dina Boluarte in power, was commanded by US imperialism to redouble this plundering, keeping for itself directly the lithium and renewing the mining contracts. That is why they responded with iron and fire against the revolutionary insurgency of the masses that confronted their plans, massacring 80 sib-



Murderous Boluarte and the butcher Biden during the 2023 APEC summit in Washington

lings with their police and army and leaving thousands wounded.

They are the same ones who today command the anti-worker government of Milei, as the spearhead of their offensive in the entire Latin America, a government that has declared war on the Argentinean working class to fulfill the imperialism's mission of imposing a colony in Argentina and grabbing the lithium, gas, oil, etc.

The current attack by the Boluarte government is part of this policy of the US imperialists who are coming for everything in their "backyard"; that is why they are also announcing their plans to privatize water.

If today Boluarte and her coup henchmen in Congress have a free hand to redouble their offensive against the workers and exploited, it is thanks to the bureaucracy of the CGTP, in the hands of the CP and Patria Roja and all the collaborationist leaderships that sold the mass insurgency out and dedicated themselves to sustaining the coup government.

Though, in spite of all these treacherous leaderships, the workers and exploited have not given up and continue to put up a fight.

Faced with the brutal attack by the government, the CGTP bureaucracy had to get out of its comfortable armchairs and call for a mobilization against the government over the minimum wage increase and the layoffs in the public sector on February 21.

Despite the attempts of the bureaucrats to impose their stamp of a testimonial march, summoned for a working day in the morning, with no call to stop production or activities, thousands of rank and file workers of the public sector were present in the center of Lima and marched making their voice heard with their just demand in defense of their jobs.

The bureaucracy is already playing its full role of taking the workers to the dead end of the dialogue boards with the government and the corrupt Congress. They demand Boluarte to "listen to the workers' demands", when this murderer has her hands stained with the blood of dozens of workers and is the one commanding the ferocious attack under orders from the US!

The bureaucrats, servants of the coup government and the Fujimorista regime, are trying to prevent this incipient struggle that different sectors of the state workers

have started, from converging in a common struggle with the workers and the exploited of deep Peru, like the inhabitants of Cusco that confronted the attempt to privatize Machu Picchu, the exploited of Ayacucho who have been organizing against the increase in the price of transportation, the miners and artisanal fishermen who have mobilized and in the first place, with the brave relatives of the martyrs and wounded of Juliaca, Ayacucho, Puno, Apurimac, Arequipa, Cusco, Junin, La Libertad and Lima. The comrades have united throughout the country and have set up the "National Organization of Martyrs and Victims" to deepen their heroic struggle for justice, which we can only achieve with the working class and the poor people taking into their hands the struggle for the trial and punishment of all the murderers.

Enough of fighting divided!
For a National Committee of Struggle of the public workers, the "National Organization of Martyrs and Victims" and all the sectors that are fighting, in order to vote for a unified plan of struggle!

To defeat the attack from above and to make the capitalists pay for the crisis, it is necessary to wield again the unity of the workers and exploited of Lima and all of deep Peru! **It is necessary to take up again the road of the revolutionary insurgency of the masses to defeat the coup government and expel imperialism!**

Out with the traitorous Stalinist bureaucrats, supporters of the usurper government of Boluarte and the coup regime, servants of the US imperialism!

We must recover the CGTP for the working class base and put it at the service



Wounded by the bloody coup, their relatives and relatives of the martyred, have founded the "National Organization of Martyrs and Victims"

of the struggle of all the workers and oppressed in Peru!

For a Workers and Peasants Congress, with rank and file delegates voted in assembly from all the unions, workers, unemployed workers, poor peasants, students, the rebellious youth, together with the rank and file soldiers who put up their committees in defiance of the murderous officialdom of the Armed Forces, to reopen the road to the Revolutionary General Strike.

A single cry in the coast, highlands and jungle: **Out with murderous Dina! Out with the Congress and the entire Fujimorista regime!**

The US imperialism must be expelled in order to stop the plundering of lithium and all the wealth of Peru!

Nationalization of all mining, banks and all natural resources without compensation and under workers control! Land for the poor peasants! Down with the Contract Laws with the transnational

corporations that tie Perú indefinitely to be robbed of its mineral resources! Out with the IMF!

There is the money to finance all our demands: Wage increase now according to the family basket for the entire the working class! No layoffs! Decent work for all! Reduction of the working day and one more shift in all the companies and jobs in the state! Free education and health for everybody!

Out with the US military bases and troops in Peru and the whole of Latin America!

The blood spilled will never be forgotten! Jail to genocidal Fujimori, the murderous Dina and all the coup perpetrators! Trial and punishment for the murderers of the people!

Freedom to all those imprisoned for fighting! Acquittal of all persecuted fighters!

Imperialism is coming for everything, as it has demonstrated with the coup in Peru, with its current offensive in Argentina and the ferocious genocide of the Zionist state of Israel against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

Our best allies to confront the attack by the Boluarte government and imperialism are the workers and peasants of the entire Latin America and the US working class.

Open the road to the anti-imperialist unity of the exploited of Latin America with the US workers! Stand with the Palestinian masses!

US imperialists, go home! Peru will be socialist or a colony of Wall Street!

Socialist League of Internationalist Workers (Liga Socialista de los Trabajadores Internacionalistas / LSTI) of Peru, member of the FLTI



Mobilization of public sector workers in Lima on 02/21/24

BOLIVIA

February 28, 2024

Amidst the brutal attack of the MAS government that guarantees the payment of the foreign debt to the IMF, while workers and the people suffer ferocious inflation and high cost of living...

The workers, students and the exploited people of Oruro are forcing with the struggle in the streets a reversal to the fare hikes in public transport

On February 27, the massive mobilization called by the Central Obrera Departamental (Departmental Workers' Central) (COD) of Oruro against the fare hike in public transport took place, after days of strong confrontations between university students of the UTO (Technical University of Oruro), neighborhood councils and workers against the transport bosses who wanted to impose the fare hike, a question that would immediately increase the cost of the family basket.

People in their thousands mobilized through the streets of Oruro, led by miners, UTO students, neighborhood councils and the people poor, who came together in a mass meeting to denounce the agreement signed behind closed doors by the government, the mayor, some leaders and the public transport bosses to impose the fare increase.

Thanks to this magnificent struggle action by the masses, which were tending to radicalize in the face of the attack by the transport bosses and the MAS government that are throwing the crisis on the poor people, the offensive to raise the public transport fares was temporarily stopped.

For fear the struggle of the exploited could be sharpened, on February 28 the Court of Justice had to announce the annulment of the fare hikes and the initial fare was returned to the original value, accepting a document of "popular action" which was presented.

Long live the struggle of the Oruro workers, students and people poor!

Now, let's deepen the fight for a free and quality bus ticket for schoolchildren, university students and workers, paid by the state!

Out with the IMF! Progressive taxes on the big profits of the bosses! For a real nationalization without compensation and un-



Lobby of different workers' organizations against the increase in public transport fares

der workers' control of the hydrocarbons! For the nationalization without compensation and under workers' control of the 93% of the mines, which belong to the private and "cooperativist" bosses!

Let the capitalists pay for the crisis!

Enough of exploitation and rising cost of living! For a general wage increase indexed to inflation so that the workers, the poor people, the drivers exploited by the bosses who own public transport, can live in dignity with their families!

Enough of the monopolization of transport! For the nationalization of public transport without compensation, under workers' control!

The people poor have taken to the streets.... We do not belong to any faction of the MAS bourgeoisie. Neither of Morales who for 14 years handed over the minerals and gas to the transnationals and guaranteed the land to the fascist Media Luna, nor of Arce who now, in continuity, does the same, handing over the mining resources to imperialism, while they throw the rising cost of living to the poor people.

Enough is enough!

For a COB (Bolivian Workers Central Union) and COD independent of the bosses' parties to unify the ranks of the employed and unemployed workers!

Out with the Huarachi bureaucracy from the COB!

Congress now of rank and file delegates of the employed and unemployed workers, poor peasants and militant students!

Read the LSTI statement

The UTO university students, the neighborhood associations and the workers have stood up for fighting against the increase in transit fares



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Huanuni

February 27, 2024

Rank and file miners paralyze the company to demand the payment of the overproduction bonus and call for an emergency general assembly

In the early hours of this morning, a blockade of the mine shaft was carried out by rank and file miners from inside the mine, paralyzing all production work. The reason is that the management of Empresa Minera Huanuni (EMH) refuses to pay an overproduction bonus that is in arrears since 2023. As a result, the rank and file miners want to decide about demanding the resignation of the company manager and that of the current union staff, and for this they are calling for an Emergency General Assembly.

According to workers' claims, there would be 5,072,018.22 bs (more than 5 million) for such payment, against the manager's statements that there is no money for paying such a bonus. This filled the mining base with anger because they have the experience of last year when they were denied this payment.

The leadership of the new union is committed to have the bonus paid at the end of the current month. For this reason, yesterday morning they prevented the manager from going to work and asked for his resignation due to allegations of corruption.

In the last few years they were taken away the health and safety bonus, the school bonus, the light services bonus (which benefited the miners who did not have company-provided housing, an amount was paid for electricity fees) and now the administration wants to take away more conquests, although... the "production incentive bonus" comes from the effort, muscles and lungs that the workers leave in the mine!

We must break all deals with the government! Because the miners have achieved nothing in return, on the contrary, they government wants to take away more of our conquests.

These are the results of the subjugation

tion to the government that the collaborationist leaders of the COB, FSTMB and the various leaders of the SMT-MH (Huanuni Mixed Union of Mining Workers, NT) have imposed on the miners! Enough of sealing deals with the government of the transnationals, servant of Wall Street!

In the 2022 struggle, the miners of Huanuni and Colquiri took over the COB and the Mining Federation, respectively, disavowing the bureaucracy of Huarachi and the Mining Federation for doing nothing against this attack. The fighting of the miners aimed at recovering the leadership and put it at the service of the struggle. We must return to this path!

Emergency general assembly now! As a first point, this assembly must vote that no bonuses are touched and that payment is guaranteed because there is plenty of money in the mine.

From the Assembly we can fight to call for a Congress of the Mining Federation of employed and unemployed miners, where the base of the cooperatives that do not exploit other mine workers should be present, to be able to throw out this bureaucracy, servants to any government in office! And thus a vote for a plan of struggle to confront the attack of the capitalists has to be conquered. We must break all pacts with the anti-worker government of the MAS! Let us take back the COB from the hands of sellout bureaucrat Huarachi!

Enough of dividing us among this or that



Miners block access to the mine

leader who is kneeling at the feet of some sector of the masista bourgeoisie! With that excuse, in Huanuni and in the country, they only tie our hands so we are not able to fight against the management and the government. **We must recover the class independence of our parent organizations and our struggle.** Enough of submitting to our executioners, i.e., the bosses!

We cannot fight divided, while in the city of Oruro, the COD, the students of the UTO, neighborhood councils and the poor people are fighting against the hike in public transport fares that will only increase the cost of living. This is a demand of the entire workers' movement. We cannot fight in isolation!

There is plenty of money to be able to have better living conditions... Not to mention the billions of dollars that the imperialist transnationals and the so-called "cooperativist" bosses steal by plundering the minerals guaranteed to them by the government. **There is more than enough money left over to invest in the Huanuni mining company and pay the bonds!**

Let the capitalists pay for the crisis! As we have seen...there is money, and plenty of it!: **Nationalization of ALL mining without compensation and under workers' control! For a true nationalization of hydrocarbons without compensation and under workers' control! No to the repayment of the fraudulent foreign debt with the IMF!**

HUANUNI - Breaking news

March 2, 2024

After the emergency mine-workers assembly imposed by the rank and file:

The union committed to manage the payment of the "production incentive" bonus in a 10 days lapse and COMIBOL (Miners' Confederation) will investigate the manager for corruption allegations



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The imperialist beast keeps control of the planet by means of wars, counterrevolution, genocides and fascism

CENTRAL AFRICA

February 24, 2024

Years of genocide in Congo

Transnationals plunder coltan and minerals in a sea of blood of slave children and workers

A brutal massacre, including children and women, is taking place in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Imperialist transnationals plunder cobalt and coltan, under terrible conditions of super-exploitation, with slave labor, child exploitation, rape, massacres and outrages of all kinds. This is an open secret that governments, multinationals and even the media are hiding.

The transnationals, in search of natural resources for the manufacturing of cell phones, tablets and all electronic devices, enslave workers, women and children in “artisanal mining” at surface mines that accumulate great wealth that the lavas have thrown to the surface from the great depth of the Rift fault.

Both coltan and cobalt are extracted through this “artisanal mining”. Thousands of children work long days for one or two dollars a day and are forced to extract the ore from the earth with their bare hands or rudimentary tools.



Child exploitation in Congo cobalt mines

The imperialist powers dispute control of these deposits, which is why it has become a war zone. There are around 130 armed groups, made up of the security guard companies of the mining companies (as *Agemira*, company registered in Bulgaria, headed by Frenchman Olivier Bazin, and Congo Protection, composed of Romanians trained in the French Foreign Legion) and the armed wing of these multinationals, who kidnap children and women and take them to work in the mines at gunpoint. Unicef estimates that around 40,000 Congolese minors are forced to work in these mines.

To impose control over the population in mining areas, guerrillas resort to all types of violence and sexual abuse.

For 30 years, the Republic of Congo has been bleeding into armed conflicts that have cost the lives of 6 million Congolese. The Coltan Wars occurred between 1998 and 2003, which was followed by the Kivu War, a conflict that pits the north and south of this region bordering Uganda and Rwanda. It is precisely there that the coltan mines, the real cause for these conflicts, are located.

The region is guarded by the UN biggest mission and its blue

helmets, MONUSCO, who have occupied the nation for years. However, no one has done anything against the conditions of the Congolese in these mines, that is, such an outrage is allowed to pass on the exploited, under the complicit gaze of the UN.

There is also “industrial mining”, which is the “legal” one, for which China has many contracts and thus it supplies raw materials from technology companies to transnational companies. But the majority of mining is done “illegally”, that is, “artisanally”, and is in the hands of imperialist powers, especially the US American and British ones, and to a lesser extent German. As we said, it’s done with the endorsement of the UN and the Congo government.

The big business of mining transnationals on the blood of the Congolese people

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has enormous wealth: 80 percent of the coltan and 50 percent of the cobalt come from its mines and concentrates 80% of the reserves of these minerals. The cell phone and tablet industry moves an incredible 3 trillion dollars business, which implies 4.4% of the world’s GDP.

At the other pole, the Congo, according to the United Nations

Human Development Index, is one of the world poorest countries, ranking 176 out of a total of 187 countries. Poverty reaches 80% of its population and a quarter of Congolese cannot eat regularly. While 6.9 million Congolese were forced to migrate, driven by armed conflicts.

Multinationals are which benefit from these minerals at low prices. The coltan mines have fallen into the hands of guerrillas led by Rwanda and Uganda, supported by the different imperialist powers. The war over minerals escalated when genocidal Rwandan troops withdrew from the DRC under the protection and cover-up of France. Then the Somigl company was created, whose largest shareholder is the Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD) guerrilla led by Azarias Ruberwa, who at a conference in Europe declared that this group had 70 percent of the shares of this company. Companies like Somigl are which pay the guerrillas and resell the coltan to large multinationals from the US, Europe or Asia. For this reason, these multinationals that directly finance the rebel groups operating in Kivu, are responsible for the ongoing massacre.

Dozens of private armies on the payroll of transnational corporations, including official government troops, defend the businesses of imperialism with iron and fire.

M23 is attacking Kivu province in eastern Congo

The March 23 Movement (M23) is one of these private armies of the many imperialist companies that plunder the riches of the Congo. These private armies must not only defend the rich mineral deposits, but they must also control populations, that is to say, entire zones, to take women, children and men to work as slaves in the mines.

These are the real frontiers of the Congo, where even the



Thousands of miners work in terrible working conditions in Congo cobalt mines

Rwandan army intervenes directly, defending the transnationals that are in its territory and seek to expand.

One of the richest countries on the planet in minerals has been driven to misery, stagnation and slavery for centuries. Imperialism is reaction all along the line.

Of late, after the inauguration of President F. Tshisekedi, the armed group M23 attacked the region of North Kivu and is getting closer and closer to Goma, the capital of this province. In this region, the Congolese are cornered between the army of the Republic of Congo and the M23 armed group. Thousands of inhabitants are pushed into the streets, swelling the ranks of the millions of internally displaced persons.

A crisis compounded by stormy rains, floods that razed 100,000 houses; war, a cholera epidemics, famine, that's what the tormented Congolese are suffering.

Access to Goma has been cut or is being cut in three directions (south, west and north). While there are still no shortages in the markets, food prices are rising. This has been happening in recent years in all the mining and living labor force areas in the Congo.

With total cynicism, the United Nations met urgently and behind closed doors to condemn the M23 offensive and the armed groups operating in the country, while letting the massacre and looting with slave labor go on.

The black bourgeoisies of neighboring countries such as Burundi, Malawi and Tanzania have already sent soldiers to the Congo to defend the various British, US, French and Belgian imperialist companies and even the big mines of the Beijing bourgeoisie, which has an urgent need for coltan and cobalt for the transnational companies producing in China.

The ANC government of South Africa did not want to be left out and, monitored by Anglo-American imperialism, has already sent between 800 / 1,000 soldiers as an advance on the 2,900 who will remain in the territory until December 2024, under the excuse of supporting the "peacekeeping operations". The presence of South Africa is doubly ignominious, since within its country artisanal mines also operate under the same conditions as in the DRC, also guarded by

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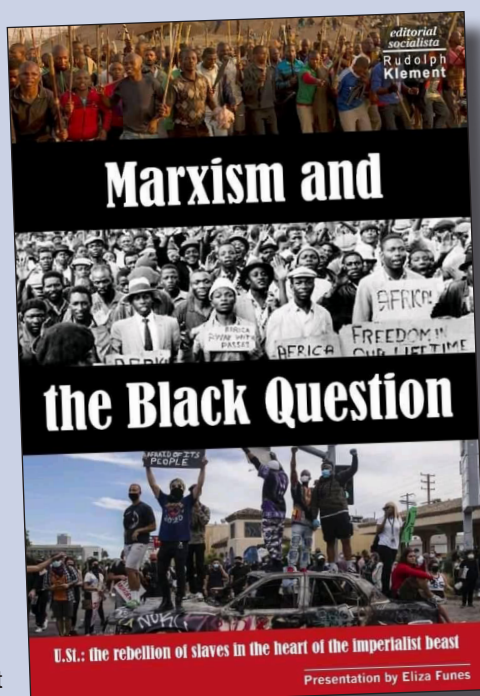
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the black bourgeoisie at the service of the transnationals. The ANC government is co-author of the genocide of black Africa at the hands of the imperialist mining companies, at the same time that it poses as a "defender of human rights" as in the case of the Palestinian question.

The genocide in the Congo must stop now!

The traitorous leaderships of the workers' organizations have hidden the massacre of the black working class. Enough is enough!

In the Congolese capital (Kinshasa) the marches against this genocide have already begun in front of the gates of the UN Mission, to the cry of "out with the band of hypocrites" and "the West is an accomplice of the Congolese genocide". In Paris, on February 11, a demonstration was also held in support of the Congolese people.

Stalinism, which controls trade union centers as in South Africa and other trade union bureaucracies of the region look the other way in the face of the genocide of the workers of Congo. Actually these leaderships guarantee the same plunder and exploitation across all the countries of black Africa.

In the same way that the Stalinist parties silenced the genocide in Syria by supporting al-Assad and Putin, today they want to sweep under the carpet a genocide a thousand times worse than the tragedy that the Palestinian masses in Gaza are suffering at the hands of Zionism. How miserable!

In Palestine, in D.R. of Congo, in martyred Syria, in the Ukraine occupied by Putin's troops and plundered by the US imperialists, the task of the world working class is to clearly identify who are its allies and who are its enemies and to place itself at the head of the trenches of the exploited masses.

The working class of Africa, which moved the world with great revolutionary uprisings in the twentieth century, as it continues to do today in South Africa, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Senegal, must take into its hands the struggle to coordinate and centralize the anti-imperialist struggle of the working and peasant masses of the entire black continent.

The enemy is exactly the same: the imperialist transnationals that plunder all African wealth, and their partners, the new black bourgeoisies that have made fortunes in a sea of starving slaves.

The break of the masses with the bourgeois governments that are sustained here and there by Stalinism and the trade union bureaucracies, is the task of the moment for the black proletariat and its allies, the poor peasants.

The black working class in the U.S. in its struggle against Trump showed that it can be the vanguard of the struggle of the black workers' movement internationally, on condition that it breaks with the butcher Biden, a murderer of the Palestinian masses and chief of the plunderers of the oppressed peoples of the world.

Labor unions and confederations, organizations of the European working class, in the US and around the world have to fight with strikes, roadblocks and other different actions, to put an end to the genocide of their Congolese brothers. This is one and the same struggle against the transnationals that subsume martyred



Slave labor in Congolese mines

Africa in a sea of misery, blood and plundering while attacking the conquests of the workers in the central countries.

This struggle in Africa against the imperialist transnationals to stop the genocide and plunder in Congo can only achieve victory as a unified struggle of the black workers of the whole martyred Africa and their siblings within the imperialist powers, above all in the U.S. It is the same class against the same enemy that enslaves us on both sides of the ocean, plunders our nations to fill their pockets and drowns our families in a sea of blood and misery. **One same class against the same enemy!**

Out with imperialism from the African continent!

Coltan, cobalt, lithium, uranium, manganese, gold, oil, gas for their true owners: the working class and the poor peasants of Africa! We must expropriate without compensation and under workers' control all the transnationals, US, British, Belgians, French imperialisms that steal all African natural wealth and also the land!

We must disarm their fascist guards with which they massacre and enslave in Congo! For the generalized arming of the Congolese people to defend themselves against such bloodthirsty forces!

The national bourgeoisies have been all along the junior partners of the imperialists in the plundering of black Africa and continue to be so. We must defeat this bourgeoisie, vassal of imperialism and impose **a black workers and peasants' republic in RDC**, and together with its siblings from Niger, Somalia, Senegal, Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Nigeria, Chad, Mali, Burkina Faso etc., **let's set up a Federation of Black Republics of Central and Southern Africa!**

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PALESTINE



Let's stop the Holocaust of the Palestinian people!

Biden and Netanyahu are war criminals!

In Gaza, West Bank, South Lebanon and the entire diaspora: a gun for every person!

Against the genocide by Zionism and imperialism

A Mass Civil War all across Palestine and the Middle East

March 1, 2024

To break the siege of Gaza and confront the genocidal Zionist aggression, we must fight like the brave Yemeni nation!

For the victory of the Palestinian resistance!

The genocidal attack of Zionism on Gaza, and its ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people have been going on for more than 5 months now and have left more than 30,000 massacred, the whole of Gaza devastated, and one and a half million displaced persons who cannot even have access to a little flour, at the risk of being bombed by the occupying fascist army.

The Palestinian nation is facing a real catastrophe, a new "Nakba" that is being carried out on a fenced Gaza.

Only the Yemeni nation, which attacks the imperialist ships that supply the state of Israel, added to the thousands who are massively mobilized both in Yemen and around the planet, are the ones who have come out in support of Gaza.... But for their part, the bandit Putin, the fascist al-Assad and the worker-murderers of the Iranian theocracy have not fired a single missile against the genocidal Zionists.

The Stalinist reformism and the social-imperialist parties went to the den of bandits of the UN and its judges of the International Court of Justice to request them to stop the massacre of the Palestinian people. They are despicable cover-ups.

A US private set himself on fire shouting "Free Palestine!" and his comrades burnt their uniforms in his honour.



Mobilization in Yemen in support of Gaza

This is the concrete way to stop the genocide in Palestine!

What are the trade unions and unions of the 5 continents waiting to start fundraising of material and economic solidarity to break the siege of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who are at risk of starvation?

And what about calling for an international general strike? This is the only way to attack the property of the imperialist corporations that support and arm the fascist state of Israel to the teeth.

Gaza is under siege by genocidal Zionism... and it is being surrendered by those who claim to be its allies. Actually, the latter are sealing a deal with its executioners like the UN, and now in that farcical "peace" meeting being held in Moscow, they are coming to impose the surrender of the Palestinian nation.

The butcher of Ukraine, Putin, has

a powerful military base in Tartus in Syria. He uses it to massacre the Syrian people, while together with al-Assad he guards the Golan Heights for Netanyahu... They are a bunch of cynics!

Millions have taken to the streets all over the world.

The Yemeni nation is leading the way to effective solidarity.

The support of rank-and-file soldiers and workers of the US is the way to victory.

Palestine has been filled with corpses... Traitors will have to explain...

Those who, like the PLO, seal a deal with Zionism to prevent the West Bank from fighting, will have to explain...

The servants of the Iranian theocracy and the butcher Putin already have a murderous stain on their foreheads.

Only in the international working class there is the power and strength to smash Zionism and destroy the fascist state of Israel.

Only with the support of their siblings among the colonial peoples can the Palestinian nation emerge from its martyrdom and reclaim a free Palestine from the Jordan River to the Sea, with its capital in Jerusalem.

Editorial Committee of
"The Truth of the Oppressed"

February 10, 2024

Zionism is bombarding Gaza at full blast and threatens to invade the last refugee of the displaced in Rafah, while the Arab bourgeoisies negotiate with Blinken:

A gun to the temple of the masses to impose surrender on the Palestinian resistance

Zionism continues its genocidal offensive against the Palestinian people, with more than 28 thousand dead, the vast majority of whom are women and children, 8,000 missing under the rubble of infrastructure, houses, buildings, schools and mosques completely destroyed, a non-ending displacement of 85% of the population and a brutal siege that is causing widespread hunger, lack of medicines, lack of fuel and lack of electricity.

Most Palestinians have now taken refuge in the southern Gaza Strip cities of Khan Younis and Rafah. Zionism is directing its bombings there while threatening that they will invade by land to deepen the massacre and displacement of more than 1,300,000 refugees who are crammed there in a true ghetto.



Palestinian refugee camps in the south of the Gaza Strip

The governments of Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia warn that this could turn into a regional conflict, since the exploited could rise up throughout the Middle East if the Zi-

onist offensive continues. For this reason, Egypt and Qatar have declared that they are making every effort to establish a framework for a ceasefire negotiation in Gaza,



Italy

February 25, 2024

The Italian proletariat is standing alongside Palestine

On Saturday, February 24, in Milan, for the twenty-first consecutive time, a demonstration took place against the genocide of the Palestinian people in Gaza perpetrated by the Zionist colonial occupation entity in Palestine, on behalf of U.S. imperialism and its associates,

The national demonstration followed the general strike for Palestine, called for Friday, February 23 by the rank and file trade unions, in response to an appeal by the Palestinian associations in Italy.

Not only Milan has taken to the streets for Palestine and against the genocide of

the Palestinian people perpetrated by Zionism in Gaza along these five months, as there have been also dozens of demonstrations in Genoa, Rome, Florence, Naples and Turin, as well as in Puglia, Sicily, Sardinia, etc.

What makes the difference, negatively, is not the will of the masses to mobilize but the inaction of the leadership and in particular of the leaders of the majority unions Cgil-Cisl-Uil.

They have joined the Confederation of European Trade Unions and the International Trade Union Confederation, but are turning a deaf ear to the call launched, five months ago, by the Palestinian trade unions, also members of the ITUC, to prevent the supply of arms to the Zionist occupier and to expel Histadrut, the Zionist employers' center union.

The unions of the International Trade Union Network of

Solidarity and Struggles of the French Solidaires and the Brazilian CSP-Conlutas, which have neither responded to the call of the Palestinian unions to block the military supply to the Zionist entity, nor to the call of S.I. Cobas, also a member of that Network, to the general strike for Palestine on February 23, are also turning a deaf ear.

Let us build the European general strike to stop the genocide of the Palestinian people perpetrated by Zionism, under the command of US imperialism!

Let us break the siege of Gaza by Al Sisi, the Jordanian king, the PLO, the Iranian theocracy, al-Assad, Putin, Hezbollah and the whole Arab bourgeoisie, all accomplices of the genocide!

Let the borders and all fronts be opened to fight Zionism!

Giovanni "Ivan" Alberotanza for
Avanzata Proletaria, sympathizing
nucleus of the FLTI in Italy



which includes an unconditional surrender of Hamas and the Palestinian resistance.

We are facing a brutal cynicism from the Egyptian bourgeoisie, which while saying they "fight for peace and humanitarian aid", militarizes the Rafah border with tanks to not allow anyone to leave. The Arab bourgeoisies are discussing with the US American Secretary of State Tony Blinken. In the International Court of Justice a farce has been set up to deceive the Palestinian masses and the world that the genocidal offensive of Zionism can be stopped there.

A large smoke screen has been deployed to cover that they are trying to bring the Palestinian resistance to its knees while Gaza continues to be massacred!

They are putting the gun to the masses' temples... The negotiators that appear are actually demanding surrender... While Al Sisi, al-Assad, Putin, Hezbollah, Iran, the PLO and the Jordanian king are part of the siege. Everyone is looking the other way.

The resistance in Gaza needs the uprising of the entire Palestinian masses in the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan and all the exploited throughout the Middle East to defeat the extermination offensive of Zionism commanded by US American imperialism.

It is urgent to paralyze this counterrevolutionary offensive, or Gaza will become a new massacred Syria, a defeat for the entire proletariat of the Middle East and worldwide.

Let's stop the genocide of Zionism! Let us paralyze the war machine of Zionism and imperialism! For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist State of Israel!

Let's open the fronts! All the Palestinian masses of the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan, must enter the combat with their brothers in Gaza to defeat the Zionist occupier!

Every man a rifle!

For the victory of the Palestinian resistance!

From the workers' organizations, let's organize a campaign to raise funds, medicines, supplies, to go break the siege on Gaza!

Steif Abu Yazan and Abu Muad
for the Editorial Board of the paper
"The Truth of the Oppressed"

January 30, 2024

The International Court of Justice, under USA and UN command, declares that the "genocide of Zionism has not begun yet"...

A miserable judicial ruling for Biden and Netanyahu to continue massacring the Palestinian masses but with "good manners"



Gaza devastated

The members of the International Court of Justice, managed by that den of UN bandits under US command, have declared that there is still "no genocide in Palestine"... nor "ethnic annihilation."

It is the "Court of Justice" of the executioners of the Palestinian people!

The heroic resistance of Gaza has every right to use any resolution or contradiction of the enemy to use it militarily. It's their decision.

But it cannot be the international policy of the organizations supporting Gaza and the entire Palestinian nation to consider the resolution of the International Court of Justice that supports the invasion of Zionism as a victory, with nothing more than "good manners". They do this to demobilize the masses of the world and get them to leave the streets.

It seems incredible that currents that call themselves defenders of the Palestinian people see the UN resolution as a "favorable ruling" for the martyred Palestinian people...

The resolution affirms that there is **no** genocide and alerts **zionism to kill more carefully as the "bad manners" increase the mass uprising in the world against the massacre**. This is the central and substantial part of the UN resolution: they tell the Zionist-fascist state

of Israel to "take care of its ways." MISERABLE!

Let's see. These are "the ways" of the occupation of Gaza:

✓ 1,800,000 refugees wandering through Gaza with their homes demolished by bombs

✓ 26,000 murdered, most of them children

✓ Widespread famine to cause extinction

✓ 12,000 political prisoners

And the International Court of Justice affirms that "there is no genocide yet"! On top of that, they have the cynicism to demand that the resistance return the hundred prisoners of war they have in Gaza.

But everything doesn't end here...

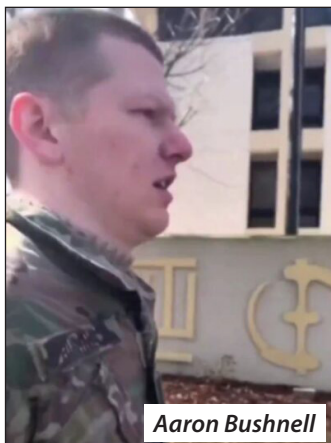
The UN, under the command of Anglo-American imperialism that filled the fascist occupier state with weapons, is now withdrawing humanitarian aid from Gaza, accusing its NGO of having accomplices in the October 7 battle of the heroic resistance.

To the social-imperialist left kneeling at the UN and its "progressive resolutions" it must be told that they should go live and fight in Gaza. They no longer have any shame.

Carlos Munzer

UNITED STATES

February 26, 2024



Soldier Aaron Bushnell immolated himself in front of the Zionist embassy in Washington, shouting "Free Palestine!"

Biden and Netanyahu are his actual murderers!

A tragic but brave action... The heroic support of this US soldier to the Palestinian nation is travelling around the world.

Socialists, however, affirm that his fight against the genocide in Palestine should have been channeled to organize thousands of common soldiers within the United States.

A brave man has fallen in an individual action resulting from the desperation of millions of workers and oppressed peoples of the world who are trying to save lives in martyred Gaza. For that, heroes like Aaron Bushnell are needed, but for organizing the masses to defeat Biden and Netanyahu's counterrevolutionary offensive against the Palestinian people.

The best tribute we, the forces that fight for the victory of the Palestinian nation, can pay to Aaron Bushnell is to call for setting up committees of common soldiers and workers in the US, recognizing the Palestinian resistance in Gaza as a belligerent force and uniting all the Palestinian masses of Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Jordan to enter the fight despite and against the collaborationist bourgeoisies colluded with Zionism and the murderer Biden, which tie the masses' hands to fight.

At the ports and as does the brave Yemeni nation, all shipments of cargoes with supplies and weapons for the Zionist state of Israel must be paralyzed.

To the brave anti-imperialist fighters: the Palestinian cause needs them alive to organize millions to crush Zionism.

The masses of the world must take this sacrifice as a banner but to put millions and millions into the streets in the US and throughout the planet.

If the workers and people of US America win the streets massively, they would have in their hands the possibility of making Palestine a victory like Vietnam and Iraq yesterday.

Solidarity with the Palestinian nation needs all its heroes fighting. Today a tribute is paid to a brave man who has fallen. It was Biden, Netanyahu and their counterrevolutionary forces who have dragged him into his anti-imperialist despair and his death, just as they murder thousands of Palestinians.

The global reformist left and the social-imperialist parties have tried to lead mass actions around the world to trust in that den of bandits of the UN, which supports the fascist state of Israel, and its International Court of Justice, which declared that "there is not yet a genocide in Gaza."

Aaron's desperation is the same as that of more than one and a half million Palestinians who are surrounded, in the midst of widespread famine in Gaza.

Union bureaucracies around the world have refused to call for joint and unitary international action by all the world's workers. They have not even made a fundraiser from the unions to march to Gaza to break the siege imposed by Zionism and bring food and solidarity to the massacred people.

The forces of the brave and heroes are needed to defeat so many traitors to the cause of the world proletariat and the anti-imperialist struggles of the oppressed peoples.

Aaron Bushnell will not be forgotten.

US American youth will multiply their fight in the streets for a thousand fold. The workers and oppressed people of the world need them in the streets, sieging Wall Street.

In 2011, Mohamed Bouazizi, plunging into desperation, immolated himself in Tunis because he was not allowed to sell vegetables from his cart to survive, even though he was a computer technician. This could not be forgotten. It was the spark that set the entire Middle East on fire with a revolutionary uprising that shocked Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, the Iraqi masses...

Let the workers and common soldiers in the US revolt!

Let the siege of Gaza be broken!

It is Wall Street, the imperialist butchers, Zionism and its counterrevolutionary forces which deserve to be set on fire!

For the workers and oppressed peoples of the world to live, imperialism must die!

As we finish this note, Jordanian soldiers and pilots, risking their lives, drop food on Gaza. That is the way to ensure that Aaron Bushnell's death is not in vain! •

The American working class, as demonstrated by the young soldiers who burned their uniforms in honor of Aaron Bushnell and condemning the massacre commanded by Biden and Netanyahu in Palestine, has placed itself at the forefront, together with the Yemeni nation, of the international solidarity with Gaza.

While the collaborationist Arab bourgeoisies meet with Putin in Moscow and join with the US imperialists and Netanyahu in imposing surrender on the Palestinian resistance with a Zionist gun to its temple, the youth of the US and Gaza give their lives for the liberation of Palestine.

Enough of surrender and collaborationism of the PLO and the Arab bourgeoisies with the Zionist murderer who is fencing Gaza!

Millions of workers of the world are already winning the streets. To stop the massacre, the great ally for victory is in the entrails of the imperialist beast: the American workers and youth who today confront the genocidal Biden, as they did yesterday fighting against the US imperialist butchers in Iraq and Vietnam.



13th anniversary of the Syrian revolution

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either since that would have sparked the process of civil war throughout the region.

This is why, at first certain native bourgeoisies of some countries, and imperialism set the trap of constitutional assemblies, national unity governments and democratic fronts so as to take the masses away from the streets, only to lately smash the exploited with counter revolutionary strikes as we saw in Egypt with Al Sisi dictatorship and his Rafah wall blocking the masses in Gaza.

In Syria, imperialism needed to drown the revolution in blood. **Under these conditions, it was al-Assad who did the dirty work** on behalf of the imperialistic powers... and Zionism. He started a high scale massacre city by city, where millions of workers and peasants had risen and got to combat as close as 3kms from the presidential house in Damascus.

Though, the blows by fascist al-Assad were not enough. Besides the attacks by Hezbollah from Lebanon and the Iranian guard, Putin, the butcher and his troops from Moscow invaded Syria and bombed every rebelled city.

Since even with all this it was impos-

sible to defeat the civil war, Imperialism **sent the fifth column**: the Sunni bourgeois "opposition" that had its Generals dissolve the rank and files soldiers' committees and set up the Free Syrian Army with call for election promises. This was not yet enough to deceive the masses so the US sent ISIS –an appendix of Hussein's bourgeoisie- from Iraq to control and repress the revolution while the Free Syrian Army surrendered the free cities from within.

Since this was still not enough, the Kurdish Communist Party (KCP) first settled with al-Assad, then with the US. Under their flag and discipline, the KCP broke-down the revolutionary front that drove towards getting Damascus.

The KCP and its YPG troops together with al-Assad and Putin's bombing are responsible of shutting the way to the rebel masses that were taking over Aleppo (considered to be the capital of the Revolution together with Homs), and of drowning them in a bloodshed.



Syrian refugees

Syria: the largest genocide of the 21st century

An scorched earth. Every city was destroyed. Every house, demolished. But most important: what once were the direct democracy organizations of the masses -the worker, peasant and rank and file soldier coordination committees- were defeated.

Syria was drowned into a bloodbath with the same counter revolutionary methods that the Zionism employs in Gaza and the occupied Palestine today.

Putin's fascist troop's involvement has been crucial to consolidate the counter-revolution. The images of Gaza today are barely a sample of what is left of Aleppo, Homs, Al Bab, Raqa, Deir ez Zor, Ghouta, Duma, Qusayr, Baniyas, Dariya, etc.

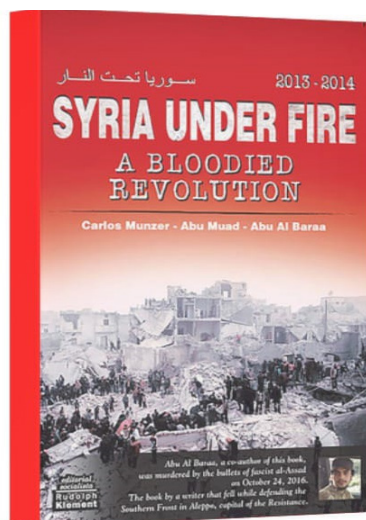
Today, while looking after the Golan Heights for the sake of Israel, al-Assad and Putin are kneeling together with the Iranian theocracy to help fence in Gaza: notwithstanding their rhetorical claims, they are sending neither soldiers nor doing anything to help the Palestinians. They do this after having dropped thousands tons of bombs over Syria.

In Tartus, Latakia province, in the coast of Syria, Putin has one of the largest military bases of the Great Russia, only 250 miles from Gaza. From there he custodies and looks after all the ships navigating the Mediterranean Sea with supplies for Zionism.

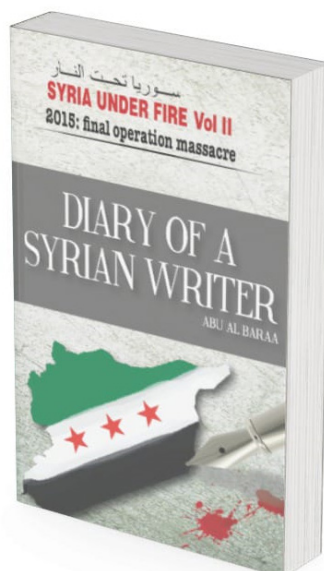
In opposition, the brave Yemeni nation is attacking and stopping commerce of all shipment on its way to Israel under the US or other imperialist powers' flag.

On top of it, we have to endure the venom spread by the neo Stalinist groups, lackeys of Imperialism, which want to pass

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Putin as an “anti-Zionism and anti-Imperialism fighter”.

Moscow's jackal is continuing today the counter revolutionary policies by Stalin, who had agreed with the UNO on the foundation of the Fascist State of Israel when WWII was coming to an end.

In a time when Zionism is massacring the Palestinian people in Gaza, we have to remind the workers the truth of their history, and in the first place, tell the truth to the Palestinian masses.

Yarmouk, a Palestinian refugee's camp in Syria was a prequel to what Zionism is doing in Gaza today. Yarmouk was seized by al-Assad's troops with the help of Putin's bombings. Over 6 thousand men, women and children were massacred. The remaining 18,000 fighters resisted until ISIS got in to finish the counterrevolutionary job.

This is the true story that the traitors want to hide. They are all stained with blood and opprobrium.

Together with imperialism, reformists have set up an “anti-terrorist front” to cover up the massacre of a heroic revolution

The Syrian masses have left 600,000 dead, 180,000 imprisoned or disappeared people and 15 million refugees. They are not responsible for this tragedy and the defeat of their heroic combats.

One by one, the revolutionary processes in the Middle East have been surrendered by the native bourgeoisies, but mainly by a **front of traitors** grouped in the World Social Forum. From there, and together with the French, US, German, and British imperialisms (states that own the imperialist oil companies that loot the Middle East), the Castroite, Chaviezist, Stalinist, Trotskyist renegade and social-imperialistic currents have campaigned to implied the notion that in Syria they were combating against “ISIS terrorism”, the very same ISIS that the US had used to smash partisans defying al-Assad!

By setting this “anti-terrorist front” they isolated the heroic revolution in Syria from the world working class. Dozens of thousands of refugees have arrived in European coasts, Greece in particular. They have been ignored by every Stalinist



2013. Thousands displaced from Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp

and social democrat bureaucracy in the European unions. The Mediterranean is full of their bodies.

With the defeat in Syria, also Palestine was rendered isolated after Hezbollah had surrendered the great revolutionary uprisings from the Lebanese masses, and with its multi-millionaire leader Nasrallah their party entered the government in Lebanon.

Today's martyred Syria is the mirror in which the Palestinian and world masses must see themselves.

The chain of revolutions that threatened to reach Jerusalem from Tunisia and the entire Middle East and the Maghreb was smashed in Syria. **Imperialism pulled all its strings and concentrated its strength using all its agents to smash the Syrian revolution and to cut the chain of revolutions so as to regain control of the region.**

In order to achieve this goal, imperialism needs Zionism to smash the Palestinian nation and their heroic resistance.

Today's Palestinian massacre is the continuation of yesterday's Syrian one.

This 13th anniversary of the Syrian revolution, we want to set things right.

Stalinists who have supported al-Assad and Trotskyite renegades who have upheld him are tied to the apron-strings of Putin and Biden, today's greatest sponsors of Zionism.

Those who dreamed with a “free Kurdish people” organized in “free communes” and “militia of progressist women” are seeing today their lies collapse in history. In each of these “communes” there is a barracks of US marines guaranteeing the secu-

rity of Shell, Chevron and BP as they loot the black gold from the north of Syria and send it towards Turkey.

This is how they fenced in the Syrian revolution and let it fall, with every rebel city surrendered to al-Assad from within by the “opposition” bourgeoisies. Just like al-Assad in Damascus, these bourgeoisies repress and imprison the people partisans in Idlib. That city, once filled with thousands of combatants against al-Assad, is under HTS –a branch of Al Qaeda and an Erdogan's agent- control, Together with Putin and the US in the north, they have shared among themselves the occupied Syria.

Today Idlib is under police and military control since HTS had to disarm every partisan who had risen during the revolution. Many of them are in prison and the masses are already taking the streets to conquer their freedom.

The traitors' front are flatterers of al-Assad, Putin or the native “opposition” bourgeoisies, accomplices of smashing the revolution. Led by the Black bourgeoisie and Stalinism in South Africa, they are the same ones who now support the “peace plan” to surrender the Palestinian resistance. They have denounced Zionism to the International Court of Justice, which, of course, has stated that “there is no genocide in Palestine yet” **which is precisely what they had said about Syria.**

All of them are responsible for the fence in Gaza. Neither the Iranian theocracy, nor the bourgeoisie of Hezbollah in Lebanon, or the OLP, al-Assad and Putin have moved a finger to stop the suffering of the Palestinian masses. They are part of this fence imposed by Biden to let Zionism massacre while he is throwing pennies to them and

all counter revolutionary regimes in the region so that they are the jailers of their own people.

In the heart of the Syrian revolution, together with over 600,000 murdered people, Trotskyist militants have left their lives combating together with the masses for a revolutionary program

In the same way the rebel masses were slandered and bastardized, the traitors have treated the Trotskyists who fought in that heroic revolution.

From the Syrian resistance, we Trotskyists organized in the Collective for the re-foundation of the Fourth international/FLTI, want to pay our tribute to the revolutionary socialists who have fallen in combat in the Syrian revolution.

Their names are clean for they fought in a just cause. **Abu Al Baraa, Mustafa Abu Jumaa and their comrades have left this legacy together with interna-**

tionalists who arrived in the battle front.

The reformist left wants to erase this internationalist tradition of struggle in the civil war. They won't be able to.

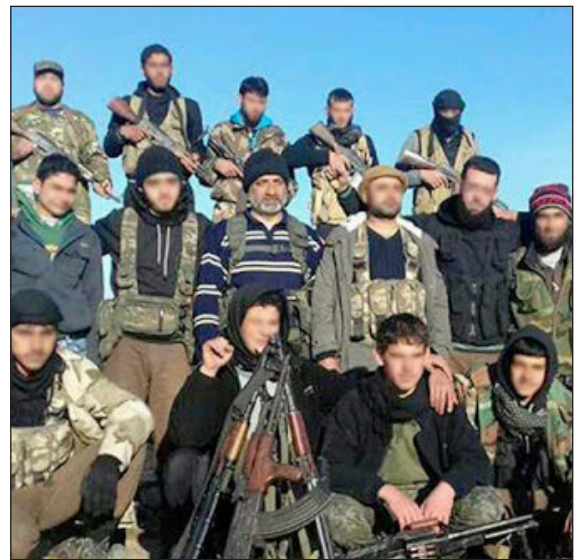
Our comrades have died fighting under the flag of the Fourth international. They live in the struggle for its re foundation.

Honor to the Trotskyists of the Leon Sedov Brigade!

Their generation is fighting and dying in rebel Palestine and in the combats against the butcher Biden on the streets of Washington and New York. Their fight has not been and will not be in vain.

Down with al-Assad, the guardian of the Golan borders!

Out with Putin, the Iranian Guard, the US, Turkey and all troops occupying Syria!



Leon Sedov Brigade

For the destruction of the Fascist- Zionist State of Israel!

In Syria and in Palestine, one and the same fight against the same enemy!

The Syrian revolution is not dead. It lives in the heroic combats in Gaza. It lives in the combats of the American working class within the imperialist beast. It lives in the clashes of the Ukrainian workers in the battlefield fighting to expulse from their nation the troops of Putin, the "Pinochet" of the insurgent peoples in Eurasia, and a base lackey of Maastricht's imperialist Germany.

Together with the Palestine flag, the flag of the Syrian revolution must lead the combats against imperialism and Zionism in the whole world.

We have to redeem the blood and the reputation of the heroic exploited who died fighting against the oppressors and were treated as terrorists and barbarians by the traitors.

Honor to the hundreds of thousand martyrs of the Syrian revolution! Freedom to half a million detainees/disappeared and justice for the murdered under fascist torture in the man-slaughtering jails of Al Assad.

We don't forget, we don't forgive!

Editorial Committee of
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Syria and the Middle East

Idlib

March 2, 2024

The masses are once again taking to the streets seeking to recover their prisoners in order to confront Al Assad and Putin, the guardians of Zionism's borders

Massive mobilizations in the liberated areas of Idlib and Aleppo province for the freedom of all the political prisoners of the revolution that HTS (Hayat Tahrir al-Sham) has in its jails and for the fall of its leader Abu Muhammad al-Jolani. The exploited people who gave their lives for the revolution are rising up against these local bourgeois who keep the masses there under tight control and who have agreed with Al Assad on their share of the business and administration of Syria that was split at the Geneva conference.

The masses are fighting to defeat the genocidal regime of the fascist Al Assad, to open the Golan fronts and to unite in the same fight with their brothers in Gaza against the Zionist occupier. But they themselves say "how to confront the regime when the revolutionaries are imprisoned?"

Free the prisoners!

The people want the Jolani to fall!

Al Assad out!



All invading troops out of Syria!
Arm all the people!

Expropriation of the assets of the businessmen enriched by the Syrian genocide and let's put all the resources for the people to eat and defeat the fascist Al Assad and march to the Golan to confront Zionism and fight together with the masses of Gaza!

Let's break the siege on Gaza! For the victory of the Palestinian resistance!

For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel!

Correspondent from Idlib
Steif Abu Yazan

March 15th, 2011 - March 15th, 2024



13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRIAN REVOLUTION



2011. Mobilization in Homs at the start of the revolution



2016. Massacre in Aleppo

In 2011, Tunisia was the spark that lit the revolution throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East, triggered by a rise in food prices. This is one of the richest regions of the planet and one that has been brutally looted by the imperialist oil companies.

Standing on the oil and gas that moves 80% of the world economy, enormous masses of starving workers rose up to enact huge revolutionary processes.

Millions took to the streets in Egypt, taking control of many factories and El Cairo main square for weeks.

Libya and Argelia also rose up. Even before that, people were fighting for bread in Iran and the US marines had to

speedily withdraw from Iraq. The masses irrupted in Yemen. In Sudan the long military dictatorship fell after a wave of general strikes.

As part of these combats, a great revolution burst in Syria. **The masses detached the army rank-and-file and set up the coordination committees.** Middle East masses saw this enormous worker and peasant uprising in Syria as a road to Jerusalem and the defeat of Zionism.

Then, al-Assad had long also become a direct agent of the HSBC: Middle East imperialist oil companies' super profits fled abroad through his central bank. To-

day the reformist left tries to dress al-Assad as "an anti-imperialist fighter" that "the US has tried to downthrow". A bunch of lies!

Having been forced to withdraw their army from Iraq, the US imperialism couldn't directly intervene to suppress the enormous revolution in Syria where revolutionary uprisings kept expanding from city to city and even started to break the army horizontally. The US masses were standing up at home against the war in Iraq.

Zionism couldn't intervene directly

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Years of genocide

Transnationals plunder coltan and minerals in a sea of blood of slave children and workers

