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Letter to the 59th International Anti-War Assembly in Japan

WE ARE WITH YOU ON THIS DAY OF INTERNATIONALIST COMBAT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MARXISTS OF JAPAN

To the 59th International Anti-War Assembly in Japan

To the Zengakuren [All-Japan Federation of Students' Self-Governing Associations]

To the Antiwar Youth Committee

To The Japan Revolutionary Communist League (Revolutionary Marxist Faction) (JRCL-RMF)

We are together with you fighting in the first lines of combat of the rebellious masses of Colombia and Chile. We do it in the martyred Syria and its heroic resistance. Together, we have fought for the freedom of Syrian, Palestinian, Chilean, Colombian, Bolivian, Chinese political prisoners to free these fighters of the world working class taken hostage in the dungeons of murderous states and regimes.

We stand alongside the huge general strike of millions of Iranian workers who show that only the working class will be able to liberate that nation from imperialism, seizing power and defeating the infamous counterrevolutionary regime of the Ayatollahs, as part of one and the same revolution throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East. This is the only way to defeat Zionism, which occupies the Palestinian nation, and imperialism that plunders all the wealth of that region. We fight alongside the masses of Hong Kong and Myanmar. Together, we raise the cry of freedom and the right to self-determination of the Uyghur people in China, as part of the struggle of the proletariat of that country to end the counterrevolutionary regime of the "red businessmen" of the Communist Party. **In the victory of these revolutionary battles today**



Protests in EEUU - 2020

there is the only possibility to stop the capitalist catastrophe, its barbarism and the imperialist wars that threaten to plunge the entire civilization.

Comrades,

The capitalist system has entered a cycle of acute decomposition. In 2008, just like a large Titanic, the world economy collided with the underwater rocks of a phenomenal financial crash. The capitalists had spent benefits that human labour had not yet produced, as they continue to do now.

In a spiral way, the crisis, here and there, scourges different parts of the planet, creating and recreating new bubbles, fictitious profits, parasitism, looting and wars. **In 2020 a new heart attack of capitalism has developed.** It had survived distributing the “zero interest rate” loans as investment profits. With these loans, the imperialist states supported their companies. Then they did the same with the fresh funds that the imperialist states gave to finance capital to “ease the crisis of the pandemic”, while leaving the working class to its “fate”: unemployment, the high cost of living and death. The decline in the growth of the imperialist powers is nothing more than the theft, looting and parasitism of finance capital. Here and there, destructive forces continue to be developed, that is, producing weapons and supplies for war. While the 1% of parasites continues to concentrate the wealth of the planet, more than 300 million migrant workers are looking for a country and a job to survive. The Covid-19 pandemic only has exacerbated this crisis and stagnation of the world economy.

The system expected a new economic revival with the decrease in the health crisis, despite the plummeting of entire branches of production such as aeronautics, tourism, etc. But the crash is so acute that the news about the spreading of the “Delta” variant of Covid-19 alone, set off a new stock market crisis.

In the central countries, the big imperialist laboratories monopolized the vaccines and left 90% of the semicolonial world devastated by the pandemic and the stagnation of its economy, without vaccines, without work and without bread for the masses. This is what we saw and still see in Colombia, Chile, Bolivia, Peru in Latin America. These are the same causes for which Swaziland and South Africa are burning today. In the latter, the starving masses take the supermarkets to get food for themselves and openly confront the regime of “reconciliation” of Stalinism and the black bourgeoisie with imperialism. It is the current

catastrophe that has once again set the Middle East ablaze with blows of revolution and counter-revolution. **It is these contradictions of imperialism that lead it to bite its own tail. It destroys the areas of the planet from which it obtains its superprofits with plunder and wars.** This rotten capitalist system has long deserved to die.

Comrades,

In this way, the semi-colonial world has been populated with enormous revolts, insurrections and mass uprisings, as well as new betrayals and new counterrevolutionary blows to crush them. Regimes lose legitimacy. Imperialism and the bourgeoisie throw their entire crisis on the workers and the exploited. And in the central countries, settled in the labour aristocracies and bureaucracies and their counterrevolutionary parties, they blackmail the masses with economic crash, layoffs and chronic unemployment. In the US, the working class had entered a phase of ascent and, fighting against murderous police, unemployment and misery wages, had forced Trump himself to hide in a bunker under the White House. But the treacherous leaderships of Stalinism and the renegades of Trotskyism led the exploited in the US to support Sanders and the so-called “democratic socialists”, who in turn tied the fate of the oppressed masses to Biden, the new butcher of Wall Street pirates.

With the **perfidious policy of class collaboration** with imperialism and all its regimes, Stalinism, now with the open complicity of the renegades of Trotskyism, has subjected the working class to its “democratic” or “progressive” -as they say- executioners in each revolutionary process, with the excuse of “defeating the bourgeois right-wing.” Thus, with the lies of the Constituent Assemblies, electoral traps, “siren songs”, they disorganize from within and paralyse the revolutionary mass offensives, while fascism and Bonapartism crush the best of the vanguard, as it happens in the uprisings of the exploited in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. The reformist leaderships have integrated themselves into the full functioning of the bourgeois parliaments. They are far from using them as a tribune to develop the extra-parliamentary mobilization of the masses.

Comrades,

Imperialism and the bourgeoisie have taken care of giving Stalinism a survival after it handed over the former workers’ states in 1989, so that they continue to act as true internal police in the mass organizations and the unions, as well as to



Joe Biden and Sanders

be themselves those who administer the capitalist restoration, as they do in China, Vietnam and Cuba itself, becoming a new ruling class. Meanwhile, Stalinism openly handed over the former USSR to imperialism, dissolving the CP of the USSR and becoming themselves different gangs of the nascent new bourgeoisie. **This cynical policy of preserving Stalinism, the most capable counterrevolutionary agent the bourgeoisie had in the 20th century along with social democracy, has been the worst blow to the world working class for more than 30 years.** This question confirms the Marxist thesis that the crisis of the world proletariat is reduced to the crisis of its leadership, which has worsened even more since the renegades of Trotskyism handed over the clean banners of the Fourth International to Stalinism to give it a leftist varnish so that it can wash its hands full of blood and betrayals in the eyes of the new generation of the world working class.

In Latin America, under the command of the Cuban Communist Party, they have consolidated this pact to cover up the capitalist restoration in Cuba from the left. The cry “socialism is no more, not even in Cuba” came from there. This is the cruellest blow to the fight for socialist revolution in the entire continent.

Thousands of workers have taken to the streets of Havana and the main cities of the island, driven by HUNGER. The party of Castroism, which is associated with the French, Spanish and Canadian transnationals in nickel, tourism, hotels and tobacco, speaks in the name of “socialism” and “communism”. The Spanish imperialism has more than 300 companies that do fabulous business in Cuba. In addition to this, hundreds and hundreds of new capitalist companies are already proliferating throughout the island, managed by different gangs of the Cuban CP. They do all this from their luxury homes in private countries, while the Cuban people are starving. And above all, the Stalinists shout from the rooftops that they “fight against the US blockade”, when they have been in charge of betraying each of the revolutionary processes in the American continent in recent decades.

Comrades,

How can it be possible to defeat the Gringo blockade in Cuba together with Castroism, if this party of the new “red businessmen” is in the boards of oil companies such as Total, the Meliá hotel group, the Canadian nickel transnationals, when all these are listed not only in the European stock markets, but also in New York and distribute dividends from the exploitation of the Cuban masses on Wall Street? How to combat the US blockade on Cuba by begging Biden



2021 Colombia protests

to lift it and receiving Obama with honors before, as Castroism did? This is a lie, a thousand times a lie. The embargo on Cuba or the looting of any oppressed nation in the world cannot be defeated without defeating the native bourgeoisies that have succulent businesses as minor partners of imperialism. The US blockade, like the embargo on Iran, **can only be defeated as in Vietnam and Iraq:** with the call for an ironclad alliance with the American working class that together with the heroic resistance of the exploited of those nations, forced the US imperialism to flee from those countries. Today the Gringo blockade in Cuba would only be defeated by expropriating imperialism and its companies that plunder the wealth of that nation in association with the new businessmen of the Communist Party. The blockade would be defeated by expanding the socialist revolution in Latin America and by not supporting decadent bourgeois regimes which exploit the masses, such as those that constitute this farce of the “Bolivarian Revolution” just as decades ago it was the infamy of the “peaceful way to socialism”, by which Chile and the entire continent were drown in a blood-bath in the '70s.

Comrades,

The treacherous leaderships are those that block the way to the arming of the proletariat in each revolutionary offensive. They are the ones who betray the General Strikes and lead the working class to a state of despair, as it happens in South Africa. The same is happening in Venezuela, where the “Bolivarian bourgeoisie” has drained hundreds of millions of dollars from that country and is keeping the workers and the poor people under conditions of ex

treme misery, even pushing them into mass exile. Stalinism and the renegades of Marxism are the ones who have subjected the indomitable Greek working class to a popular front policy and class collaboration, as they did yesterday with Syriza. With Podemos and the so-called “Anticapitalists”, true loyalist forces to the Bourbon monarchy, they crushed the Catalan insurrection. They surrendered the struggle of the workers of France in defence of their conquest of the 35-hour workweek. They are the same ones who subjected the working class of Donbass in Ukraine to the butcher Putin and covered his back so that he could divide the proletariat of that country and take the Crimean Peninsula. **It has been these and dozens of others betrayals that are giving time, calm and relative stability to the governments of the imperialist powers to unload all their crisis on their own working class, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.**

It is in these conditions that, under Biden’s leadership, the US “returns to the world”, after the failure of Trump’s “trade war”.

This time with the Democratic Party, the US imperialist establishment recognizes that the US cannot keep being “first” in the world without making pacts and agreements with the rest of the imperialist powers to share the current business of the world economy. The US cannot be “first” either if it destabilizes the institutions of domination of the planet. In its attempt to control the world, at every step US imperialism but create and recreate political crises that open gaps which the masses can break through. The US blanket can no longer cover the entire world market, when France and Germany have conquered its “living space” throughout Europe, from Portugal to the Russian steppes.

In his first tour as US president, Biden has travelled to Europe to propose a pact to the Franco-German axis to reconstitute institutions of stable rule, on the condition that it subsidizes and guarantees the support of NATO, under the command of US imperialism. Biden has agreed to the completion of the construction of Nord Stream 2, the gas pipeline that goes directly from Russia to Germany, while guaranteeing him and his family the business of the gas that circulates through Ukraine. Biden also met with Putin, his partner in the massacre of the Syrian masses, to whom he proposed to support the counterrevolutionary pact in Geneva. From there, Russia together with Turkey guarantee stability not only in Syria, but throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East in the face of the crisis of Zionism and the weakening of Iran. The US relies on the emergence of the “great” Turkey, a minor power that controls all the gas pipelines that run from the Caucasus and the Middle East to the Mediterranean and the world.

The US can no longer be “first” without recognizing the true balance of forces it has with the rest of the imperialist powers. And Biden went for his goal: to propose to all - Japan included - a front to strike together to subdue China and take over its domestic market of 400 million consumers and its large conglomerates of big state-owned companies. On his trip, Biden proposed the German and French companies for them to be the ones to control the market for the production of microchips for war industry, auto industry, electronics, etc. so that the great conglomerates of China that falsify and copy the patents of the US and European imperialist powers could not.

Days ago, when it was the stock market crisis, all these companies, both state owned and private ones, were immediately withdrawn by the Chinese government from Wall Street Stock Exchange. This was because the “red entrepreneurs” in Peking were in panic that the price of these companies could be devalued and so the US imperialist pirates would buy most of their shares at a very low price. The reason is that imperialism is not only attacking China politically, but also financially. America first... Off the shores of China, the US imperialists show their gunboats, in an aggressive and offensive policy, sustained even from its military base installed in Japan. While China develops an arsenal and a defensive military force on its borders, it is the United States that travels with its military fleets and bases throughout the Pacific. Today, to get out of the current catastrophe, imperialism prepares new wars and economic and military blows to control China. The economic and political battle for China gets deeper under Biden’s command, as guns and gunships are deployed over the Pacific.



The exploited in Venezuela eating from the garbage

Comrades,

The road to war must be stopped. The capitalist catastrophe and imperialism's parasitism, place the masses under conditions of unprecedented sufferings and the prospect of new military conflagrations.

The implementation of a revolutionary strategy for the victory of the world working class is the central task of the international Marxist movement. The struggle to break with all kinds of class collaboration policy is a priority in the revolutionary program. The fight to defeat the imperialist domination of the colonial or semi-colonial countries will not succeed by sealing pacts with the low native bourgeoisies, as Stalinism and all the renegades of Marxism proclaim. Those bourgeoisies are minor partners of imperialism and will always be united with it to attack the masses, defending their own private property. On the contrary, it is a question of uniting the working class with the impoverished layers of the peasantry and the people to seize power and thus liberate every oppressed nation from the imperialist yoke. For the proletariat of the central countries, the "enemy is at home". Only along this path will the working class be able to conquer its international unity.

Reformism intends to fight fascism and bonapartist regimes by subjecting the proletariat to the fractions of the bourgeoisie that claim to be "democratic". This is a fallacy. The proletariat defends democratic freedoms with arms in hand and with the method of proletarian revolution. The fight to set up bodies of armed dual power of the masses at the beginning of any pre-revolu-



US Aircraft Carrier USS Ronald Reagan in the South Ocean of China

tionary or revolutionary situation is a key and decisive issue for the victory of the masses and to prevent their crushing at the hands of fascism. The fight to conquer revolutionary leaderships in the unions, based on the most audacious workers' democracy is the way to collaborate decisively with the masses to get rid of the treacherous leaderships. Imperialism centralizes its offensive and the treacherous leaderships. Uniting the international struggle of the proletariat is an urgent necessity.

Comrades, the iron alternative today is no other than socialism or barbarism; socialism or war.

Let us continue fighting together against imperialism, the bourgeoisie and the enemies of the world proletariat! For the working class and the oppressed peoples of the world to live, imperialism must die!



Zengakuren youth's protest at the Zonist Embassy in Tokyo, supporting the Palestine masses (May 19th, 2021)

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THE ATTACK ON AFGHANISTAN 20 YEARS AGO: THE USA "OIL WARS" FOR THE CONTROL OF ENERGY SOURCES IN THE PLANET

In 2001, with the "oil wars" launched by Bush and his policy of military aggression, which meant more than a million dead in Iraq in both the 1991 and 2003 invasions, the US embarked in a drive to control directly and militarily the gas, oil and all the wealth in the Middle East, from where it flows the main source of energy for the working of the world capitalist system. This military action included the self-attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, organized and prepared by the CIA and the US government as a 21st century Pearl Harbor, in order to gain the US people's support.

In a grotesque way, and with no serious analyst believing it, there was a new enemy of USA in those years: Bin Laden and his fraction of the Saudi bourgeoisie, so far the biggest allies of the US oil companies, particularly partners of Bush and his family in the construction businesses in Saudi Arabia. This is the same bourgeois fraction than the Taliban, which were armed to the teeth to control, as US direct agents, the decomposition process and fall of the USSR that started in the mid-80's with Gorbachev and ended in 1989, as well

as to put a contention disciplinary policy on the former Soviet bureaucracy that invaded Afghanistan in the '80s. They stabilized Afghanistan *manu militari* to guard imperialism their businesses there in the '90s.

The mujahedeen of the high Saudi bourgeoisie and Taliban were the guardians of imperialism in the face of the danger that, as the USSR splintered, there could be revolutionary uprisings of the masses in the former Muslim Soviet Republics such as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, etc.; while in Moscow, Yeltsin first and Putin later, launched an atrocious genocidal war against the Chechnyan nation, where they left no male older than 14 alive.

On the other hand, in the '80s, the Talibans and their "partners" of Al Qaeda prepared themselves with the US to contain the expansive waves of the huge Iranian revolution that left no trace of the pro-imperialist regime of Sha Reza Pahlevi in Iran. This revolution hit the very borders of Afghanistan.

Imperialism thus used the reactionary Muslim bourgeoisies, both Shiite in Iran and Sunnite in Afghanistan, as counterrevolutionary forces and to discipline the rebellious masses. The fall of the USSR weakened Stalinism as the big counterrevo-

lutionary guarantor in the region. That is to say, in the '80s and in the '90s "prince" Bin Laden and the Pash-tun landowner bourgeoisie, with their theocratic armed political party, Taliban, were the biggest direct agents of imperialism in the region and in Afghanistan in particular.

A few days after the US withdrawal from Kabul, we can see now rivers of ink in the writings of a Euro-centric social-imperialist left about the US withdrawal of Afghanistan and the return of Taliban to power, liquidating every class characterization and class struggle view about the military events. This cannot lead us to something different than thinking that we are before cruel reformists covering up the imperialist adventures yesterday and their defeats and retreats today. These "left" cover-ups liquidate the existence of a powerful working class in Afghanistan and in the entire Middle East, one of the most militant working classes in the world, as we have seen in the last decades, even if they are hidden by the bourgeois leaderships that manipulate them and by the betrayals of the western labour aristocracies and bureaucracies, which are accessories of their own imperialist powers' plunder in the region.

The US pirates in their "wars for oil", as in their entire history, have proven



Taliban press conference in Kabul

to be the biggest terrorists in the planet and the carriers of the cruellest barbarism to the peoples they subjugate. They are called by the bourgeoisie, their spokesmen and the reformist left as “civilization” while the masses, the subjugated people that are defending from the looting of the oppressors are called “barbaric peoples” as it was said in Caesar’s Rome. Here, imperialism is barbarism and the antiimperialist struggle of the masses is the only way forward for *civilization*, that is to say, the victory of the revolution.

With the 2001 invasion, USA wanted to get rid of that national bourgeoisie that had started to contest the business deals as a junior partner, but mainly the US also wanted to transform Afghanistan into a cover state, directly in the imperialist forces’ hands, to control the borders of Russia, China and Iran. Iraq and Afghanistan were two counterrevolutionary focuses where imperialism was settled to control the routs of oil and opium and to put its military forces (as it did with NATO in Eastern Europe) to control completely the world economy and politics that in 1997 hit the US with the first international crisis after 1989. This crisis exploded in Clinton government’s hands when the stocks of all the banks and technological companies fell and they falsified the profits they showed in their balance sheets in a parasitic rapacious way.

The US sought to control the world after the fall of the former USSR. At the same time, it sought to step on the raw material sources and spheres of influ-

ence and keep them to itself. Afghanistan has 2.3 billion dollars in oil and gas reserves and huge mineral deposits. Recently, they discovered lithium and cobalt, both critical raw materials for the high technology branches of production. These raw materials were not extracted, except by the Taliban in a rudimentary way. This bourgeois fraction is settled in the mountains and valleys of the Pashtun region not only in Afghanistan but also in Pakistan, with which Afghanistan shares most of its border. This is the region where 80% of the opium and heroin that is consumed in the world comes from. Those are the basic raw material for all the imperialist labs. In Afghanistan they pay 0.10 US dollars a gram, and when the product reaches Germany and France they pay 79.9 US dollars each gram (drugs global report, 2014, UNODC 2015, opiates traffic maps 2016). As we see, this is a great *business* for imperialism. When it comes down to business, it does not matter if men have long beard and wear tunics or if women wear a veil.

Quietly, Germany, France and England, from NATO, supported the US invasion to Afghanistan. The German lab Bayer, with its Foundation, opened schools and made propaganda that “boys and girls had to study”, during all these years. Bayer showed a human face to plunder opium and heroin. Thus it funded research centres together with French labs. This way they took to Frankfurt and Paris 42% of the heroin extracted from Afghanistan, through Turkey and Iran, to the European impe-

rialist metropolises. Miserable cynics! They pay 10 cents of US dollars to the Afghan peasant for each heroin gram and they sell it at 80 dollars in France. They got raw materials for free from Afghanistan, and they also made millions by re-selling them to the biggest pharmacist labs in the world. This is what the military invasions in this imperialist declining phase are about; they are not to promote “civilization” nor expanding “democracy” or removing the veil and oppression from women.

Meanwhile, the big US gas companies (including Biden’s, who is one of the gas barons), controlled Afghanistan’s gas production. So USA built and funded a phoney occupation state, which also provided juicy businesses for US war military industry. They had to feed and supply the US army that was settled in Afghanistan with 150,000 men plus the parasites of Kabul’s army. This meant a fabulous 90,000 million dollars a year business deal for the US war industry.

**THE WORLD IS UPSIDE DOWN:
THE IMPERIALIST PRESS AND
THE LACKEY LEFT WANT TO
SHOW THE US IMPERIALISM
AS “BENEFICENT” AND
“DEMOCRATIC”**

To save words, we could say Taliban is an “innocent” “kind” “kindergarten child” compared to the counterrevolutionary troops that made one of the worst genocides in the history of the Middle East, which is the one carried on by USA in Afghanistan and Iraq in the 21st century. Let alone the one they made in Syria with their partners of Turkey and Russia, splitting Syria and consolidating the fascist al-Assad government. This is the US imperialism, which commanded huge bloody adventures, as pouring napalm upon Vietnam for years, or throwing 2 atomic bombs to Japan when it had already surrendered. End these hypocrisy, lies and infamy! Imperialism is barbarism!

This “child”, the Taliban, grew by being armed to the teeth by its master, the US imperialism. They learnt from their best “virtues”. For instance, Bin Laden’s fraction was educated in bour-

geois terror, in making military actions killing civil population. He learnt it from Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Vietnam, and together “fought” in the Twin Towers attacking the very American people.

Fascism in the semi-colonial world is directly linked to imperialism, which is the counterrevolutionary force par excellence. Trotsky, in his Latin American Writings states this question, that fascism and Bonapartism in the semicolonial countries are settled in the imperialist offensive against the subjugated people, whether imperialism is shown as either “democratic” or “fascist”. Stalinism, supporting the “democratic” imperialists, ended up supporting the “allies” of World War II and covering up all the counterrevolutionary offensives of the US imperialism during the Yalta pact.

Are the US “defenders of women”? Syria was demolished and sent to the Middle Ages, with 80% of the cities and houses destroyed by the bombs of USA, Russia, Turkey, all of them supporting al-Assad that slaughtered 600,000 syrians and sent 15 million to refugee camps, where women and girls were raped by the UN and its representatives, as well as the Turkish and American generals, in exchange for a piece of bread. And those are the ones talking about the inalienable rights that the Afghan women need to conquer as today they are under the guns of Taliban? Those who massacred a million men and women in Iraq, the ones that with Zionist planes and bombs have killed women and children in the occupied Palestine, the ones that take women from Central America, Mexico and USA as pimps to get them to work in the maquilas of Mexico and USA, don't have authority to talk about the rights of the female workers and their children. MISERABLE! They are not the ones who will conquer the rights of the female workers in Afghanistan not in any place of the world.

The true story is that Taliban did not fire a single shot against the US invasion in that fatidic 2001. It imposed the rendition in Kandahar, the capital city of the Pashtun region, with its chief Mohammad Omar and Bin Laden. While tens of thousands of workers and poor peasants that today rose

against the pro-imperialist government in Pakistan, while tens of thousands of agricultural workers of the Pashtun lands, Taliban property, marched to confront the US, the brave “Taliban” swiftly surrendered and agreed with the US invader generals all funded by the nation's business plundering. The best antiimperialist fighters were sold out by the very Taliban lot. They were detained, slaughtered and massively killed as it happened to 5,000 of them in Mazar-i-Shariff prison, at the hands of NATO generals.

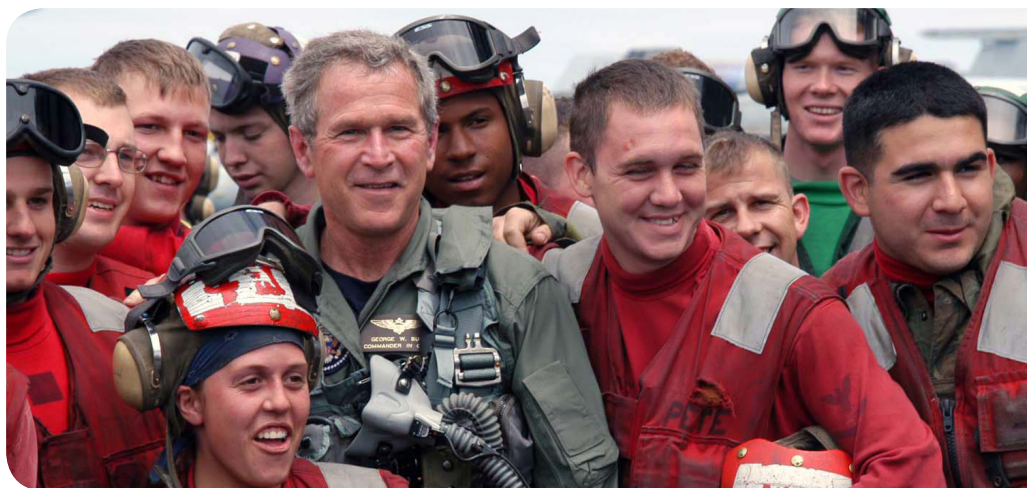
Accompanying the outpost of the US invasion, which was attacking fiercely, the Gurkha-like troops of the Pentagon, settled in ethnic groups and in the Uzbeks, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz from the Northern Front, mercenaries of the US, traveled from village to village and city by city in Afghanistan, mass raping women and girls, those who were murdered and buried in mass graves, which today throw bones to the surface.

And the Taliban surrendered. A cowardly national bourgeoisie, that of the majority ethnic group in Afghanistan, which is the only one that, if supported by imperialism, can itself give governance to the nation. A national bourgeoisie that controls and produces opium on their lands, in Afghanistan and Pakistan valleys. A great national agrarian bourgeoisie, in a Pashtun nation that doesn't recognize borders between these countries, which is 40% of the Afghan population, with around 13 million inhabitants, while it's 15% of the population of Pakistan, with 25

millions.

“Where did the Taliban come from?” the bourgeois press and the desperate leftist men and women are surprised, terrified by so much “barbarism”: it's the ruling class of an oppressed nation of 40 million inhabitants. A nation brutally looted by imperialism, whose Pashtun bourgeoisie and their theocratic party, the Taliban, are its junior partner. Everything else is cheap charlatanism and imperialist ideology to hide their larceny and deceive the world labor movement.

The Pentagon and the US imperialism took great care to put up a curtain so that the profile of the actors in this tragedy of Afghanistan invaded for 20 years is not seen. An Afghanistan that, as we have already said, is located in a strategic place in Central Asia, not only on the “silk road”, but also on the road of hydrocarbons, opium, and weapons' trades. And it's a strategic place to install a counterrevolutionary focus to control the enormous energy reserves that are in the former Muslim Soviet republics, to contain as a nexus the Middle East revolution on its border with Iran and to play a role in the trade route with China and Pakistan. There the Gringos settled directly. But always the thief wants to hide the theft and also their partners. Let's look at the famous mystery of how the Taliban (that means “**the student**”) sustains theirself. Simple. By running business, controlling entire branches of production linked to the world economy.



Bush with US Marines in 2003

In the Pashtun area, the Taliban collects 10% taxes on wealth and 2.5% on opium production above the income that the Pashtun bourgeoisie takes from that production. The Taliban thus collects 1.6 billion dollars per semester, only on the Afghanistan side. Not to mention the trade it guarantees on its borders with Pakistan and Iran and the business with open-pit mining, with slave miners and hundreds of thousands of agricultural workers who collect poppies, which constitute 60% of the workforce in Afghanistan. Is there any Marxist worthy of calling himself a socialist who will show the world working class where his class siblings from Afghanistan are?

Can the social-imperialist left be so miserable as to hide the classes, class sectors and relations of production that explain the emergence of nations, political parties, armies, struggles and wars? It's that trying to understand the US invasion of Afghanistan and its relationship with imperialism, and even the clothing mandates and the oppression suffered by women there, only through the "backwardness" of the Taliban, is like wanting to understand the functioning of the human body looking at the dirty hands of a patient.

**THE CULTURAL
BACKWARDNESS, THE
OPPRESSION OF WOMEN
AND THE POOR PEASANT,
THE EXPLOITATION OF
WORKERS AND THE LOOTING
OF THE ENTIRE AFGHAN
NATION, ARE DUE TO THE
CAPITALIST SYSTEM AND
ITS EXCRESCENCE, THE
IMPERIALIST BANDITS**

Afghanistan was in its history the main link of the "silk road". Today it is about opium... and about the centralization of the counterrevolution in the last 40 years for Central Asia and the Middle East. It was under the command of the "warlords", ruled by a cruel monarchy, which while giving democratic rights in the cities and in Kabul, in the '50s, '60s and even with its Constitution of the '70s, maintained and supported a fierce and rich Pashtun landowning bourgeoisie. A country a thousand times invaded, looted, of capitalist transit of

goods, dominated in localities by different ethnic groups with their own bourgeoisies, elites and "warlords", who dispute business with enormous violence. The Red Army of the former USSR in a state of decomposition passed through there. Twenty years of US imperialists' invasion. That is why the *burqa* is a tradition of the Afghan women of the Pashtun valleys: as a defense to centuries of rape against them and their girls.

This was used by the cruel Pashtun bourgeoisie and imperialism to redouble the oppression not only of women, but of the whole working family and the poor peasant, whom they enslaved in the opium fields, in the oil wells and in the open pit mining, using the work of women as slaves within the family. There will be no liberation of the Afghan woman without sending all the "warlords" to the firing squad, without expelling all the imperialist troops, without expropriating the Taliban oligarchy and without putting the enormous resources of gas, oil, minerals, opiates for the pharmaceutical industry, at the service of the poor people. Because Afghanistan is a rich nation, stolen, looted and oppressed a thousand times by imperialism. This will allow to open schools, remove the population from illiteracy, put a computer for every child at home, open universities, but capitalist barbarism doesn't allow it. Capitalism is the backwardness and oppression of women. In its fight against the regime, the government and imperialism, the working class must raise as its first demand the conquest of unrestricted

democratic and economic rights for working women. This combat is inseparable from the set up of organizations of self-determination of the masses.

Bourgeois feminists that today mourn the US escape from Afghanistan didn't say anything when the US soldiers raped Afghan women, as they do in the refugee camps with Syrian women and as they did in the prisons of invaded Iraq, with mass rapes of male and female prisoners. Photos of torture have also traveled the world. And they speak of "democracy" and that they bring civilization? The bandits of Wall Street, the Taliban and all the bourgeois gangs come out of the same sewer: this rotten world capitalist system.

There is the American slavers' democracy: in Guantanamo, a few miles from the US, thousands found themselves as shackled prisoners without lawyers, without trial, without the right to a phone call. The Taliban's treatment of its prisoners is one of a model prison compared to the 1,500 renditions in secret prisons of the CIA and the Pentagon. Miserable rascals!

The Taliban? Excellent students to take care of the business of the imperialist powers and the US pirates in their withdrawal from Afghanistan. After more than 40 years along which they were supported by imperialism, with whom they later made a pact in the invasion, they have learned. Today they return to power renewed in some ways, to enter the "international community."



Pro-US North Alliance 2001



Losses of the US marines at the hands of the Afghan masses, 2001

And 20 years passed... of torments, sacrifices and genocides for the masses of the Maghreb, the Middle East and the former Muslim Soviet republics. There is the Chechen genocide of that butcher Putin from Russia. But the masses didn't stop fighting either in the Middle East or in the United States, and imperialism clashed with them in the face of its military and looting adventures. The American working class revolted. That's the truth. That is the weakness of US imperialism, beyond the fact that reformism and the traitors of the world proletariat have subjected IS S masses to Biden, the scoundrel and pirate of Wall Street. In that force the anti-imperialist victory lies of the withdrawal of the US forces from Afghanistan today.

***THE GRINGOS' WITHDRAWAL:
A STEP FORWARD IN THE ANTI-
IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE BY THE
MASSES OF THE WORLD WHO
TODAY FIND THE PIRATES OF
WALL STREET WEAKENED***

***NOW ARE THE MASSES OF
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AND THE QATAR PACT AND THE
BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENT OF
THE TALIBAN.***

The withdrawal of imperialism yesterday from Iraq and today from Afghanistan are tactical victories of the workers and the American people who no longer accept the conditions of misery imposed by the economic crisis in the

US to keep the war parasites, and are not willing to die for the Wall Street pirates.

The US withdrawal from Iraq, which was caused by a fierce resistance of the Iraqi masses and the European and American working class in 2008, left a national coalition government of the Kurdish, Sunni and Shiite bourgeoisie. But at the first serious crisis, this government Burt's apart because of a huge mass offensive that is already an open part of the revolutionary struggle that has been shaking the entire Middle East since 2011.

There is the fantasy of comparing the recent withdrawal from Afghanistan, with US debacle in Saigon, though there was a workers and peasants army that imposed a defeat to the US and, beyond the so many attempts of the Vietnamese Communist Party to impose a bourgeois solution by uniting the north and south of Vietnam with a Constituent Assembly, they were united by the guns of the exploited expropriating the capitalists and imperialism. Whoever raises this fantasy hides that all those tasks are still ahead for the working class of Afghanistan and internationally.

Nor did Iraq become Saigon and even Afghanistan is not Iraq, that is, there has not yet been a mass irruption that leaves the Taliban government in crisis. Those are the policy and program of the revolutionaries at the present time, which have to be with the immediate tasks of the masses. An offensive must be prepared against the regime that seeks to settle against the clock in Afghanistan, which will be

none other than that of an imperialist protectorate, with agents managed from abroad with extraterritorial pacts. And this is so, regardless of the fact that for now the Kabul gang has escaped, led by former President Ashraf Ghani.

It is the members of the Doha (Qatar) summit who will decide their future and regulate the behavior of the Taliban. Not surprisingly the US army left most of its weapons and military equipment to them. But also, to cover its withdrawal, the US looks with one eye at Turkey and with the other at Russia. They are steadfast and proven allies. They imposed the victory of the fascist al-Assad in Syria together with the Gringos. They defined the Nagorno Karabakh crisis in favor of world imperialism so that British Petroleum could steal the oil from that region. In the General Staff of the Turkish and Russian generals the war coordinates of Afghanistan are already being discussed, coordinated with the US imperialists. Everyone looks to the Islamic counterrevolutionary guard of the Iranian theocracy, always ready to act as an economic butcher, in order to maintain its business in Tehran. The Taliban know they are "under control." A mass offensive is pending that leaves no trace not only of the US, but of the Taliban and the entire protectorate regime that the Yankees have organized since the Qatar summit. That is a task of the workers and peasants of Afghanistan and Central Asia, supported by the revolutionary struggles of the revolted masses of the Middle East. Only a workers and peasants Afghanistan, based on the *shoras* and the workers and people's militia, will win the real independence of Afghanistan as the Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan did with the October Revolution of 1917.

Afghanistan needs a mass offensive for the exploited to break through the crisis that is opening up in the heights, in a decisive combat like that of their brothers and sisters in Iran, who face the regime of the clerics of the Ayatollahs, Lebanon and Iraq, and fighting as the heroic Syrian partisans and the Palestinian masses fight in the resistance. The task of the moment is none other than to set up, as in the Iranian

revolution of the 1980s, the shoras: the councils of workers, poor peasants and armed soldiers. These are the only ones capable of uniting the Afghan nation and finally defeating imperialism, expropriating without compensation all the transnationals that steal the wealth of Afghanistan and their native partners, putting the land in the hands of the poor peasantry and nationalizing foreign trade. All revolutionary offensive of the masses will face the Qatar pact of the European imperialist powers, the US, Russia and the Taliban which, like the Geneva Conference that leads the massacre and partition of Syria, has already begun to act openly to stabilize the government and Taliban control of the Afghan state. Nothing different from supporting the greatest genocidist in the Middle East, the fascist government of al-Assad.

FOR A WORKERS AND PEASANTS' AFGHANISTAN, BASED ON THE SHORAHS AND THE WORKERS AND POPULAR MILITIA!

The US withdrawal is a step forward in the anti-imperialist struggle of the masses of the world, while today the pirates of Wall Street are weakened. In the hands of the Taliban, this will quickly turn into a strategic defeat for the Afghan nation, if the worker and peasant masses do not prevent it. They have a huge power and have great lessons.

Millions of miners, oil workers, agricultural workers and poor peasants, had



US bombardment over Afghanistan, 2001

the experience and learnt about their foreign and native enslavers. In Pakistan, the Pashtun working class is ally of the very powerful proletariat in that nation. Iran is shaken by a powerful workers and popular uprising. The Iraqi masses have not given up. Neither those of Lebanon gave up. The masses of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan in the former Soviet republics have entered huge processes of struggle in the last 10 years. They come from the Soviet experience and today they suffer all the calamities of the capitalist restoration. In them, the Afghan people will find enormous forces for their national and social liberation struggle. The Central Asian working class is destined to play a key role and, just as the bourgeoisie opened the route of its trade, it will surely open the route of revolution.

When the masses of the Maghreb, Middle East and Central Asia claim to be Muslim, the pro-imperialist re-

formist left gets goosebumps. However we, Marxists, know to distinguish what it means to be "Muslim" for the masses, not for their executioners. **For the masses it is a national entity against the imperialist offensive and plunder.** We know to distinguish that anti-imperialist starting point of the masses in the region from the reactionary character of the Muslim bourgeois fractions and their institutions, which are the ones that tie the hands of the masses, those that, defending the interests of imperialism, deals them the most ferocious counterrevolutionary blows.

There is no solution for the invaded looted tormented Afghanistan without conquering a workers and peasants Afghanistan, based on the shorahs and the workers and people's militia, in a Federation of Soviet Socialist Republics of Central Asia, together with its siblings, the working class and the exploited masses of the entire Middle East today in their uprising.



Donald Rumsfeld, Bush's Secretary of Defense, with US troops in Kabul, 2003

The working class of Europe and the US must commit themselves to fight decisively in support of the Afghan masses, to make sure that never an imperialist company nor a single counterrevolutionary soldier from their countries attack the Afghan nation again; so that never again the rapacious imperialist laboratories, their banks, oil and mining companies lead to hunger and misery the millions of exploited in Afghanistan and all the Muslim republics of Central Asia. The day the European and American proletariat have the leadership they deserve to fight this battle will be the day the working class and the poor peasants of the Maghreb and the

Middle East, starting from their anti-imperialist conscience and combat, will advance in the fight for the socialist revolution, and the time of death of the Taliban will arrive.

In the hands of the Taliban, this step forward in the anti-imperialist struggle of the masses of Afghanistan and the world threatens to be lost under a bloody counterrevolution. The native bourgeoisies and imperialism learnt from the experience of Syria: they had to cut off the heads of the hydra of the revolution before it was too late, as al-Assad's generals said. A fierce counterrevolutionary blow of the Taliban, with a state of extreme militarization of the country, is undoubtedly also in the manual of the protectorate regime in which Afghanistan remains. This is why they already have, as we said, the highly sophisticated weapons that the US left them.

The pro-US policy of the social-imperialist left, on the one hand, and on the other hand that of the opportunists who

do not prepare the masses to openly confront the junior partner of imperialism, the Taliban, are the two sides of the same coin that will only take the exploited to a heavy cruel defeat. The setting up of an independent workers' strategy is the starting point to set up an internationalist revolutionary combat party of the Afghan masses. Its construction is inseparable from the struggle to recover the banners of the Fourth International, handed over by opportunism and revisionism to Stalinism.

The economic marasmus, the crisis of the US and the imperialist powers, the fierce resistance and a state of pre-insurrectional revolt of the masses in the Maghreb and the Middle East are pushing for a revolutionary crisis at the top in Afghanistan, which would put the Taliban in trouble and in crisis. But the policy of reformism, tied to the apron-strings of imperialism, only strengthens and will strengthen imperialism.

The Afghan working class and the resistance of the Pashtun masses against imperialism did too much good

to the world proletariat. As in Vietnam or Iraq, the black bags of the US troops arriving to New York, made the fierce American working class to rise. There is the great ally of the masses of Afghanistan. **It will not be Biden or Trump, but the exploited in the United States the ones who will have the last word.** The exploited masses of Afghanistan, like those of Iraq, today in revolutionary offensive, have their future tied to their alliance and solidarity with the American workers who fought the same white supremacist forces of the US army that committed one of the worst genocides in the 21st century in Afghanistan and Iraq. ●

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The Gringos "return home": chronicle of an announced withdrawal

This was agreed at the Doha summit among the US, the Taliban and the official government of Kabul and its puppet army. They claimed that it had almost 300,000 men. The US gave it 89,000 million dollars a year. "It was an expensive court for Caesar in his occupation of the barbarian peoples." "Surprisingly," this army disbanded within 24 hours. Actually, a voracious bourgeoisie of the finances and the commissions on the transit of merchandise through Kabul, with its generals, did not have more than 20,000 soldiers under arms. The rest were nothing more than lists of soldiers and officers on paper. And those generals collected the bulk of those millionaire payrolls sharing them with the American generals. This is "the leg that failed", and ultimately it exposed what is really happening: the US must withdraw from Afghanistan because it can no longer fight directly the



Marches in Pakistan against the US 2001

"oil wars" in those areas of the planet. The political crisis open today in the US establishment amounts to the fact that the failure of the plan of "orderly transition" in Afghanistan has been exposed, and with it the political weakness of American imperialism to control the world economy and politics. It must run it by means of (temporary or not) agreements and deals with the rest of the imperialist



powers and also with the reactionary and counterrevolutionary local bourgeoisies, as a way of maintaining its business, in this case in the Maghreb, the Middle East and also in Central Asia as is the case with the Taliban. The Taliban has a peculiarity with respect to the rest of the Muslim bourgeoisies. It guarantees imperialism it does not leave the Pashtun area or Afghanistan as a counterrevolutionary force. That is, they are forbidden to enter the Shanghai group with Iran, China, Russia, etc. Nor can it carry out counterrevolutionary actions outside Afghan borders, as it never did. Unlike the fractions of the Sunni bourgeoisie managed by the Gringos such as ISIS or Al Qaeda, or the counterrevolutionary troops of direct intervention such as the Iranian Islamic Guard, the Taliban cannot leave the borders of their country, if they want to stay in power and defend US imperialists' businesses and their slice of it. Hence, the policy of the Taliban is to set up an "Afghan emirate."

Along with the Doha summit, however organized by Trump, the immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan was also prepared in Biden's last trip to Europe. For this he met extensively with Putin. This was also the subject of his meeting with the G-7, where Afghanistan was a decisive point on the agenda. Germany and France were totally against U.S. withdrawal, as they made business and it was the United States that paid for the expenses of its army and endured the siege of the masses. Reluctantly, Bayer and Sanofi, the largest German and French laboratories, accepted the withdrawal.

But the plan of "orderly transition" agreed with a strong coalition government, that included the coordinated armed forces of the Taliban and Kabul, collapsed like a house of cards. The curtain has risen: the true heir of the Gringos' withdrawal from the Middle East and Central Asia, the one who comes to guarantee the interests in the former's

flight, is the Taliban bourgeoisie, with whom imperialism always agreed and negotiated its "stay" there.

It has already become clear that neither through Obama's pacts and accords, nor with Bush's "oil war", or by means of Trump's trade war, the US can control the world all alone. The fact is that there are many imperialist powers and vultures that are pecking their fight for the planet. Among them, the Franco-German axis that has conquered its vital space throughout Europe and from there disputes the semi-colonial world. In the case of England, despite the deep agreements it has with the US imperialism, here and there it seeks to consolidate its own areas of influence and business from London, while a Japan politically and militarily subordinate to the United States, seeks its vital space in the Pacific.

The US knows that it must concentrate forces and stabilize its domination regime because its strategic battle is for China, its powerful domestic market, its huge state-owned companies and its banks. That's what Biden's interim political deal with the G-7 and "friend-foe" Putin was all about.

But the biggest crisis that the US has - which in 2008 and in 2020 has thrown two crashes to the world like the one of the 1930s - is with his own working class, which is in an offensive position and has surrounded Wall Street in different waves of struggle and when not, it has openly confronted the government of the American pirates with huge fighting in the streets. Inside the imperialist beast lays the great ally of the workers and oppressed peoples of the world: the American working class. It does not allow Wall Street to develop new counterrevolutionary adventures abroad for now, and has played a decisive role in the US withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, as it did with Vietnam in the 1970s.

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Down with the government of Taliban, the new guardian of imperialist businesses!

Down with the Doha deal between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance under the US command!

Free & Sovereign National Afghan Assembly

To recover the nation, break with imperialism,
get the land, conquer bread,
decent wages and work for all

Disarm the Taliban and all the warlords! Generalized arming of the workers and poor peasants!

For a revolutionary provisional workers and peasants' government!



In Afghanistan, the US has withdrawn, leaving the Taliban in charge of guarding the businesses. This is what they had agreed about in Doha (Qatar) where, under the US command, there had been meetings of the representatives of this bourgeoisie with the former Afghan US-puppet government of a bourgeois coalition known as "Northern Alliance". The US intention was, as declared by all the participants of this conference, to form a unity regime together with the Taliban government, performing an orderly power transfer. That is to say, they decided that, in the face of the US withdrawal, the Taliban was to be appointed as head of the Afghan government, as long as it guarantees the US companies to keep having the same businesses amidst a power sharing. The US left and Taliban was handed the US weapons and the control of the army's facilities and equipment, including the airport now. However, the power transfer was not an orderly one, because as

soon as the US troops started to withdraw, the state started to disintegrate quickly. The US was not even entirely out that the Afghan president Ashraf Ghani ran away. So the Taliban rushed to reach Kabul and keep a steady control on the masses, preventing, suppressing and slaughtering any attempt of uprising. That is to say, the Doha pact was in crisis, as a part of it banished in hot air. It still has its "Taliban" leg stepping on Kabul and most of Afghanistan, openly upholding the Doha pact. But its other leg, the Northern Alliance, is laboriously trying to get back on its feet after its spectacular collapse and be able to assume his assigned role of controlling part of Afghanistan. That's why they ask from afar to enter the business deals, as Ashraf Ghani says from UAE. They also use their army-parties to make some sort of a guerrilla war in some provinces of the Afghan north where they are a majority, as in Panjshir valley. They even conducted some demonstrations where they rose

the Afghan flags opposed to Taliban's. Its goal is to install the Doha pact regime as agreed, today praised by Biden and the governments of France and Germany, which also travelled to Doha.

There are also bourgeois fractions that have not entered the agreement. The international imperialist press calls them "ISIS-K". Its way of negotiating is through bourgeois terrorism, which is indiscriminate, with attacks as the one in the airport, where in order to negotiate their slice they killed hundreds of women and children with their bombs. Their goal is to open a negotiation and enter the Doha pact.

But on the other hand there were demonstrations of Afghan women in the capital city, Kabul, fighting for their rights to vote, to work, to study, etc. They marched for 3 straight days since last Thursday. On the last day they were repressed with teargas by the Taliban.



DOWN WITH THE DOHA PACT! FREE & SOVEREIGN NATIONAL AFGHAN ASSEMBLY! GENERALIZED ARMING OF WORKERS AND POOR PEASANTS!

In the face of this situation, now is the time to deal a revolutionary blow to the regime in crisis, before the Taliban settles as US guardians! **The US, the main murderers in Middle East, have just gone away. Now the Afghan poor peasants and workers, regardless of our ethnic group and religion, must fight shoulder to shoulder against the Taliban.** May the Afghan lion show its teeth and get rid of the last hyenas! Down with the Taliban government!

Down with the Doha pact between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance under the command of US imperialism! Let's end with every type of imperialist intromission and all its agents!

For a **revolutionary National Assembly**, with delegates 1 each 10,000 inhabitants, recallable at any moment by their voters, with a wage equal to that of an average worker! This assembly must break with imperialism to recover the Afghan nation, give land to the peasants, nationalize the foreign trade and design a workers' & popular economic plan in favour of the ex-

ploited masses of Afghanistan. This assembly must guarantee the right of self-determination of the different ethnic groups and nationalities.

Access to free and quality public education! As it is being fought by marching in the streets of Kabul, "equal rights for women!" Freedom for meetings and associations!

We need the right to build unions and organizations of workers and poor peasants where we can fight for our rights, for a decent wage, work for all and bread in every home of the Afghan workers. In the last days, Afghanistan went through a serious devaluation of its currency, which watered down the wage of the workers, in addition to the fact that many people cannot collect their wages for the restrictions imposed on the bank withdrawals. US imperialism and their junior partners and agents stole away even the Afghan bank reserves, while the workers suffer from hunger, shortages and a huge unemployment. Children are taken as slaves to work in the opium plantations. Enough is enough! **Return the 8 bn US dollars of the Afghan reserves that the US impounded! Immediate wage increase to take wages at the level of the family basket, indexed according to the cost of living! Reduce the working hours to share the working hours, so that all the unemployed can enter to work! Free the children from slavery, as they are taken to the opium plantations to harvest the crops for the warlords!**

For the assembly to be truly free and sovereign, we need to end with the army-parties of the businessmen, which are all at the service of imperialism, and conquer the generalized arming of the workers and the poor peasants. **Disarm the**

Taliban and all the warlords! Weapons for the people; one man, one gun! Let's take the weapons the US left for their new guardians, the Taliban, to defeat them and carry our struggle forward!

FOR A PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND PEASANTS' GOVERNMENT!

The working class cannot expect anything either from the bourgeois leaderships, or from the Taliban, the new guardian of the US businesses, which are linked through thousands of connections and common businesses with imperialism, or from the Northern Alliance which were the managers of the imperialist occupation for 20 years, promoting misery and hunger, championing the plunder of the Afghan nation.

The riches of Afghanistan cannot remain in the hands of warlords or businessmen allied to imperialism! **Expropriate the land** of the large properties to make collective farms work, and share the land among the poor peasants, and **nationalize banking** into a single state bank, with which we can guarantee all the workers and the poor free access to retrieve their savings and wages and give cheap loans to the peasants! There is the source of food where we can grow wheat and have bread for all. This is the source of wealth where opium poppy is grown, used to extract opium, critical raw material for meds. **Expropriating the labs without compensation** where morphine and other opium based meds are engineered, as well as the mineral wealth in **lithium, cobalt, gas and oil fields, and also all the transnational companies, we will recover our resources to quench the hunger of our bloodied nation and get, finally, our desired freedom.**

All these can only be guaranteed by a revolutionary provisional workers and peasants' government, based on the armed self-determination organs of the masses, the shoras, which must be set up in each city, region and coordinated in the nation.

ONE SINGLE STRUGGLE IN THE ENTIRE REGION!

We must **join forces with our brothers in Iran**, who are rising against a totalitarian bourgeoisie such as the one that is trying to be imposed here in Afghanistan. One single fist against one single enemy!

The fight of the Afghan people lives also in the fighting waged by the masses in the entire Middle East, such as Syria, Palestine or Iraq, against their regimes that are only in favour of imperialism and make the workers and the common people ever poorer.

The fight in Afghanistan is indissolubly linked to the struggle of the Pakistani working class, who marched, rose and crossed the borders to fight against the US invasion in 2001. We call them too, to fight against the oppressor allies to imperialism and recognize the right of the self-determination to the Pash-tun nation, part of whose territory is in Pakistan.

The Afghan working class is part to the working class in the region, and its struggle is part to a single fight with the workers of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, that is to say, to **restore the dictatorship of the proletariat under revolutionary ways in the former soviet Muslim republics. The fight for a workers and peasants' Afghanistan must be on the way for a federation of workers' and socialist republics comprising the entire central Asia.**

OUR ALLIES ARE THE WORKERS IN THE IMPERIALIST METROPOLISES

If the US imperialists left **it was essentially because of the struggle of the US workers that hit the core of US imperialism.** For years, specially in 2006-2008, the US workers and their anti-war movement paralyzed the ports and took to the streets massively. They marched against "Protective Edge" Zionist offensive on Gaza, funded and commanded by Obama in 2014. Last year, the working class and the black people in USA staged a huge uprising where the very president Trump ended up hidden in a bunker under the White House. That's why **the US working class imposed imperialism the need to withdraw the troops and a loss of firepower for new counterrevolutionary adventures and invasions.** It cannot even use its Zionist gendarme facing the revolutions in Maghreb and Middle East.

The pro-imperialist left hides this. They say the Taliban defeated US imperialism, hiding the pact between them in Doha; and mainly they don't take into account the class struggle. Those who truly imposed a limit to US imperialism in its invasions are the masses, not some local bourgeois fraction with which they do business together.

This is an islamophobic left, which

spent years slandering the working class in Maghreb and Middle East and its struggle, denying its existence, calling it "terrorists", "barbaric peoples", isolating its revolution from all the workers in the planet. This treacherous left supported al-Assad, Putin and the Iranian Ayatollah openly, all of them people that drowned the Syrian masses in a bloodbath, perpetrating one of the bloodiest genocides in the 21st century. They support Zionism, gendarme of imperialism, with its "two state solution" policy for Palestine. They took care of subordinating the working class to its executioners, especially to the Democratic Party of the US imperialist butchers, under the pretext of "confronting Trump".

Against this left, servant of imperialism, we call the working class of the central countries, especially the US working class, to **keep on marching against the counterrevolutionary adventures of their governments.** The US troops withdrawal is a gigantic step forward, but we still have a long road ahead. The European workers are marching in support of the Afghan refugees. This is the way forward! In the streets of the imperialist capitals we will win definitively, defeating imperialism. From New York, Paris and London to Kabul, one single struggle, one single enemy!●

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Faced with a negotiation committees' new attempt to surrender...

The Resistance doesn't give up and the exploited people revolt!

DOWN WITH THE SIEGE TO DARAA BY AL-ASSAD AND HIS ALLIES!**LET THE FRONTS OPEN IN IDLIB AND THE LIBERATED NORTH!****OUT OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT THOSE WHO SEEK ITS SURRENDER AND LEAVE DARAA ISOLATED!**

Once again, the negotiating committees (the local Darraa bourgeoisie) is trying to hand over the resistance in a deal with the regime and Russia. After last week's attempt, which failed because the Resistance doesn't surrender, yesterday they tried to make a new agreement located in the Saraya area, bordering the besieged city of Darraa. The reason is they have to impose the surrender to a great resistance that for two months has been confronting the forces of al-Assad. The Resistance defeated the latter's attempt to take the city militarily, and that is why the regime maintains the encircling and siege from afar, submitting the masses of Darraa to starvation and constant bombardment. Meanwhile, the local bourgeoisie tries at every step to surrender the resistance from within. But the Resistance has defeated each of these attempts.

Yesterday, the negotiating committees embarked on a new attempt to seal a new surrender agreement, which they didn't do publicly or widely known because they know that it would be rejected by the Darraa Resistance, so they decided to implement it directly only for that bordering area of Darraa (Saraya). They sought out the resistance militiamen so that they handed over their weapons one by one; if they didn't agree to surrender unconditionally to al-Assad, they would have the option of going north by bus, to the area occupied by Turkey, to live in tents in the middle of nowhere like refugees. Only 10 of them accepted at the beginning and went to the buses, as the forces that respond to Russia replaced al-Assad's in the checkpoint of that area used to surround Darraa. Actually Russia plays the "good policeman" that comes when the

siege is opened to let goods in and is in charge of negotiating the surrender of the resistance, while al-Assad and Iran are the "bad policemen" who bomb, surround and besiege.

The Darraa negotiating committees published the arrival of Russia and the end of the blockade, hiding such details as the disarmament and the bus that was heading north with the militiamen. However, this news became known, and spontaneously the exploited began to leave the Saraya area to march to the checkpoint where Russia was and the buses that were going to evacuate the militiamen. They began to sing the slogan "*Death, but not humiliation*" and "*Syria free forever.*" Two of the militiamen refused to get on the bus, and it started with eight

evacuees. There was a huge uprising that once again rejected the surrender agreement, even though it had been super partial (since it involved the disarmament of only 10 militiamen) and it had been kept as hidden as possible. **The Daraa bourgeoisie cannot impose surrender because the whole of Daraa people are in revolt.**

That is why the Russian forces withdrew and those of al-Assad and Iran returned and began to attack the demonstrators unmercifully, reestablishing the siege and continuing with the mortar fire on the city. They accuse those who didn't comply with the agreement (not only the two who got off the bus, but all the members of the Resistance) of being "ISIS terrorists" and demand that the negotiating committees hand over 100 of them unarmed in buses, or they will continue with the siege and the bombardment. For this reason, the negotiating committees have resumed the campaign of propagandizing all the bombings, the siege and the harassment of al-Assad and how terrible it's to be under the siege, which they use as a basis to convince that their agreements with Russia would put an end to all this.

The truth is that **the Resistance and the people of Daraa do not surrender**, and heroically resist a terrible harassment and siege by Al Assad, Iran and Putin. But they find themselves fighting alone, isolated.



No front has been opened in the liberated North. Al-Assad and Putin are bombing Jebel al Zawiya at will and there isn't a single response or fight from HTS, least of all from the National Army, which is under the command of Turkey. **HTS and all the generals of northern Syria Sunni bourgeoisie are also part of the siege to Daraa.** They are there to ensure control of the masses in Idlib and not to confront Assad. This is the Geneva pact that strangles Syria.

Meanwhile US imperialism continues to take the oil from Raqa and Deir ez-Zor. Biden lets every agent act to defeat the masses and the resistance, as long as he can continue to suck the blood out of the open veins of the Middle East.

Out with al-Assad! Down with the Geneva Pact! Get out all invading troops! The siege of Daraa must be defeated!

To defeat al-Assad, we must **expel from the Resistance all the businessmen** that are part of the Geneva Agreements and seek to seal deals with al-Assad and Russia to impose surrender, defeat and misery on the masses. **Let the fronts open in the North! All the weapons in the hands of HTS, Turkey and the National Army under its command must be at the disposal to break the siege of Daraa, end the massacre in Jebel al Zawiya and defeat al-Assad!**

Let's expropriate the bloody merchants, the businessmen, all those who get rich from the war, in order to solve the problem of the bread and to put all the resources to win the war!

Let the coordinating committees return!•

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In France and the whole Europe...



OPEN THE BORDERS!

DOCUMENTS, HEALTH SERVICES, DECENT WORK AND HOUSING FOR ALL MIGRANTS!

The Mediterranean Sea has turned into the graveyard for thousands of Moroccans, Algerians, Libyans, Eritreans, Sudanese, Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians that run away from misery, starvation, persecution and massacres, risking their lives to reach Europe. Thousands of migrants are knocking on the doors of Spain, Italy, France, Germany, that is to say, of Maastricht Europe, which has looted and over-exploited the semi-colonial world of the African continent for centuries. Due to the current economic and social crisis, 30-40% of migrants that used get a job in Europe cannot have it anymore, as the companies shut down or offer only part-time jobs.

So far, 1,146 people have died this year while crossing the Mediterranean Sea, trying to get to Europe looking for a decent life and a job to sustain their families. But the doors are shut for them.

If they survive this hard crossing and can get to step on European soil, refugee camps, which are true open-sky, overcrowded prisons, are awaiting them. COVID-19 de-

vastates them. They have no water or the minimum living conditions. They even suffer from snake-bites, like it happened in Samos, Greece.

Such is the case in France, where immigrants make up 12.38% of the population and are the heart of the working class. Thousands of undocumented, which are not shown in statistics, as the documented ones living under the worst conditions and in the middle of the pandemic, were at the first line making the country to work. Cashiers, hair dressers, bus drivers, delivery men, security, cleaning, housework, hospital personnel, garbage collectors, plus 270 thousand irregular workers that are 80% of the agricultural workers. They work without gloves, masks or alcohol, earn low wages and some even had to change their names in order to share the working permits among them.

This is how the French imperialist bourgeoisie pays the most exploited sector of its working class: with overexploitation, irregular situation, deportation and locking them in overcrowded detention centres,

where they don't even have soap. Also, by harrassing them, imprisoning them, suppressing them and killing them in the suburbs. Inside France they are outcasts. In the tormented Africa, the imperialist France and its Foreign Legion and military bases plunder the huge wealth of that continent by invading Mali, DRC, Ivory Coast, CAR, Tchad, leaving scoured earth.

Between May and October last year and despite the lockdown, fed up with so many hardships; tired of living in terrible conditions, thousands of migrants, exploited from many countries, mostly from Black Africa but also from Algeria and other Arab countries, refugees and undocumented, took to the streets of Paris in the so-called "Solidarity demonstration", setting up different collectives to get organized, and expressing their hatred and anger to the war cry of "documents, decent housing" and "shut down the detention centres". As the Black Vest Collectives which were on struggle said: **FEAR HAD CHANGED SIDES.**



The CGT, Solidaires and other unions voiced their support to these demonstrations, but kept the struggle of the undocumented, immigrants and Black Vests separated from the French working class ranks and their unions, leaving the former on their own.

A year later, the migrants are still the sector that suffers from unemployment the most and their demands are more valid than ever.

It is necessary to organize a decisive struggle of the whole working class to confront the brutal offen-

sive of the imperialist french bourgeoisie against them.

For this, the trade union federations must raise, in the first place, the demands of the undocumented. Break the division imposed by the trade union bureaucracy among the most exploited and subjugated sector and the unionized working class. One single class, one single struggle!

Affiliate the undocumented to all the unions right now!

Documents for all migrants and refugees! Down with the

assylum law! Decent housing and work for all! Equal pay for equal work!

Free all the migrants and refugees imprisoned in the “administrative retention centre” where French imperialism has them hostage!

Immediate release of and drop all charges upon all those fighting!

We are one single class, we have the same enemies... Let's fight together!

For a unified fighting of the whole European working class and its most exploited and oppressed sectors, as the immigrants and undocumented.

Undocumented and Immigrant lives matter!

Out with the imperialist French Pirates from Libya, Mali, Tchad and the entire Black Africa!

Out with the French troops and military bases from the entire tormented Africa!

From Africa to Europe, one single enemy, one single struggle!

LIBYA, A HELL FOR MIGRANTS

The imperialist Europe of Maastricht funds and supplies the Libyan coast guard with equipment for them to prevent the departure of migrants to European coasts, and to stop those who were able to depart, by shooting the precarious wooden boats in which tens of people travel. Even on European shores, they block most of the rescue ships due to “administrative reasons”. They press charges on those ships’ crew. They strive for those rescued in the Mediterranean Sea to return to Libya.

According to denunciations, the migrants are terribly treated in Libya. There, they live a true hell, in which rape, murders, tortures, kidnapping, disappearing and starvation are usual. That's why the migrants rather go embark in any boat than staying or returning to those detention centres.



From enormous independent mass actions to a combat retreat and a fierce counteroffensive by the murderous Duque government and the regime of the American military bases ...

A GREAT STRUGGLE, A GREAT BETRAYAL!

The workers never gave up, it was the traitors of the CNP (National Strike Committee) bureaucracies and Stalinism, supported by the entire reformist left, which gave up our fight!

Indefinite National Strike of The 28th of 2021: A monumental revolutionary uprising and a historical milestone in the class struggle of the Colombian workers and popular masses.



The revolutionary uprising in Colombia is the continuity of the onslaughts that in 2019 and 2020 the working class of the Latin American continent has been leading in Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile, as part of the revolutionary hotspots in the semi-colonial world, where in the middle of the crack of the world economy, imperialism is forced, for saving itself from its crisis, to unleash a superior attack with entrenchment and taxes, making the living conditions for the masses truly unbearable. **This great struggle was the most important historical event in the history of class struggle in Colombia, which shook the foundations of the old bourgeois regime, overthrowing ministers, throwing back the package of reforms that they wanted to impose on the Colombian working class and popular masses; they intervened after more than 40**

years of passivity since the civic strike of 1977, as never before, in open political struggle, surpassing the union bureaucracies and the reformist leaderships that wanted to tie them up.

The masses understood that if Duque and the regime were not defeated, they would not be able to overturn the reform or win a single demand. The actions were huge independent revolutionary days that cornered the government and made the regime tremble, a regime that is a central counterrevolutionary device of the American South-Com throughout the Americas. We knew that if we did not act and if we did not take the power we would not achieve anything either. That is why the Colombian revolution that had started, was also of fundamental importance for the rest of the Latin American mass-

es; if it did not succeed it was due to the betrayal by the leaderships that did not allow the independent organizations suitable for political struggle that emerged to coordinate, centralize and arm themselves, and also in the face of such mass onslaught these leaderships granted that it would not be able to overthrow the puppet Duque. That is why they want us to forget and only in the face of the enormous energy and the war cry of the rebellious masses today can we understand the great concentration of counterrevolutionary forces that conspired to push back and defeat the great Colombian revolution. This phenomenon also showed the essence of the fascist regime, which not only massacred us with its official repressive institutions, but also felt forced to use hitmen, criminals, fascist gangs and its urban paramilitaries, as it uses to do in rural areas, assassinating peas-

ant leaders, social leaders and going beyond its own institutions and its so much boasted about “democracy”.

The magnitude of this insurrectionary uprising of the proletariat and the poor masses was supported, endorsed and legitimized, by a great movement of internationalist solidarity all over the world through great mobilizations and worldwide actions of solidarity with the Colombian people’s uprising. But none of that stopped the murderous regime in its eagerness to impose the reform measures and to break up and crush this glorious struggle. Today, when corpses still float down the rivers of Colombia, there are hundreds of missing, thousands of wounded, and the prisons are full of prisoners, the pseudo-left, having turned its back on the struggle, surrendering it, is preparing to legitimize this regime of bandits, washing their faces with their electoral participation, looking for a little place in the rotten bourgeois parliament, a real carnival and circus and a farce aimed to deceive the masses and get them off the streets. The masses have retreated, but they have also gone into a phase of resistance, despite the treacherous leaderships and the sinister plan to lead the movement into an electoral trap that would take the workers and rebel youth off the streets while Duque and his ES-MAD continue a fierce repression on the vanguard and the fighters. Likewise, throughout the continent new betrayals and new counter-revolutionary blows by the regimes that were weakened as a result of the heroic struggle of the masses have been performed to crush the fighters. With the lies of Constituent Assemblies, electoral traps, “agreements and dialogue roundtables”, all of them siren songs, they disorganized from inside, paralyzing the revolutionary mass offensives, while fascism and Bonapartism crush the best of the vanguard,



such as it happens in the uprisings of the exploited in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, Colombia not being the exception. Here it **was the traitorous strikebreakers of the Stalinist centrals, of the National Strike Committee (CNP), which, having called for an indefinite strike, suspended it and called a meeting by Zoom on May 1, supported by the CCP (Colombian Communist Party), Colombia Humana, the MOIR, the Greens and other parties of the “opposition bourgeoisie”, which with deception and detours gave up our fight.**

The CNP, together with the three trade union centrals and FECODE, divided us separating the labor movement linked to production from the vanguard, leaving the latter isolated at the roadblock points, preventing the workers from intervening centrally, with factory and mine strikes, attacking the property of the capitalists. However, we took a leap forward, got on to the streets and with blockades, the Indefinite Strike was imposed, cornering the murderous Duque Government, which withdrew the reform package that he had intended to impose to try and dilute the masses onslaught. Thus, the trap and deception to fence and divert the mass offensive began. The betrayal of the CNP union bureaucracy alone was not enough. The Colombia Humana of the bourgeois Petro -who de-

scribed the blockades as madness and called to lift them- said that a “great victory” had been achieved and the chorus of pseudo-left leaders joined his claim. Giving partial concessions, at the risk of losing everything, the bourgeoisie recovered the breath with the gust that the treacherous leaderships inflated them once the latter had divided and driven the masses from the streets. Then the government was able to respond by launching a brutal repression and massacre. **Faced with the enormous revolutionary struggle advanced by the masses, the betrayal of the bureaucratic leaderships led the workers’ struggle to a dead end, allowing the retreat of the masses and the bourgeois counteroffensive. Today emboldened the bourgeoisie imposes a new Tax Reform. The Government enjoyed the complicity of the parliamentarians, who approved it by an absolute majority in a single day of discussion in the Congress, voting the make-up proposal, to hide that also the old Tax Reform has been imposed that seeks to collect 15.2 billion Colombian pesos, which implies, among other things, modifications in Labor matters against workers, such as the freezing of the salaries of public employees for ten years, hourly hiring, paying only 75% of the salary to new workers who enter the labor market, layoffs of reg-**



istered workers that are under collective bargaining, huge tax advantages for large companies, indebtedness and privatization of assets of the state in Ecopetrol, measures that the whole bourgeoisie supports to be able to repay 167.5 billion dollars of the fraudulent foreign debt.

The masses offensive in a great struggle has come to an end, we face a very hard defeat and an attack on the labor movement as a result of a great betrayal, the policy of the CNP bureaucracies, who became true strikebreakers, was imposed. **They do not represent us!** They are a fundamental pillar that supports Duque's head and the regime so that the government centralizes its forces by sending ESMAD, the "paracos" (paramilitary forces) and the lumpen to kill us. The mutilated corpses still appear floating in the rivers of Colombia, the comrades are still imprisoned and impunity, arbitrary arrests and attacks continue for us to never dare to raise up again. This is why the workers' ranks must be regrouped. All the political and union currents that speak in the name of the working class and the poor peasantry **MUST BREAK WITH THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE REFORMIST LEFT THAT SUBORDINATES THEM TO IT. Enough is enough! Out with the traitors, scabs and strikebreakers of the National Strike**

Committee! these are agents of the bourgeoisie who call for silence and look the other way. They have to respond to the proletariat for their cowardice and pettiness because they drove the masses off the streets when the corrupt and bloodthirsty regime, supported by the bayonets of the lackey officer caste of the nine Gringo military bases, was about to be swept away by the popular insurrection. Clearly, this deadly attack against Colombian workers lays the foundations and conditions to advance the plans of the IMF and the bourgeois regime on the proletariat in their quest to restore the rate of profit that has fallen sharply since the crisis, the crack and the financial crash of 2008/2009 and that has deepened even further since 2020. As if this were not enough, at the beginning of June the National People's Assembly (ANP) was set up, a concentration of forces where the pact for "peace" and reconciliation played all its counterrevolutionary role, imposing a policy of "continuing the Strike" by means of... "marches," "peaceful sit-ins" and cultural events, calling for negotiations with the Mayors and the Government, "respecting human rights" and "peace" together with the Government, the bourgeoisie and the para-state Human Rights entities and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights IACHR of the OAS, a true pantomime that

came to cover up the massacre in order to finish surrounding and enclosing the masses under the cloak of the reconciliation plan of the Havana accords agreed with the Castros, imperialism and the CIA. The ANP ended up being a true class collaboration front with the aim of demobilizing the masses completely and locking them back into the reconciliation pact for "peace" and "democracy."

The reformist left role: Supporting from the left the Stalinist trade union bureaucracy and its "democratic front" policy with the bourgeoisie, a policy that is in full opposition to the revolutionary uprising of the workers and the exploited. The National Social and Popular Trade Union Coordinator (CNS-SyP) and the National Popular Assembly (ANP), true Trojan horses to help save the regime legality within the bourgeois parliament.

The task of all the reformists was to put pressure on the bureaucracy from the left to demand that they negotiate well, though at the same time keeping Duque's Government and the regime of the "reconciliation pact" intact. They are the greatest enemies of the emergence, development and centralization of the self-determination bodies for masses political fight and their armament. In a recent statement, once the masses have been taken off the streets, the **Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores (Socialist Workers Party -PST- Colombian group of the LIT-CI**, in its statement "*The role of the First Lines and the Dismantling of ESMAD on August 16, 2021*" declares: "*The emergence of the front lines, in the face of the constant aggression of the National Police through the Anti-riot Squads, ESMAD, throughout the country is not a conjunctural issue, on the contrary, it is a legitimate response from the organizations and communities in*



the face of an authoritarian presidential regime that has responded in a criminal way to the social explosion generated by the application of neoliberalism, the crudest face of the capitalist economy". An opportunistic and belated recognition of the organizations that emerged in the heat of the struggle in the national strike of 28/A, expressed in the **Popular Assemblies, in the barricades and their blocking points, the Resistance Collectives and the First Lines**, as we faced in the streets day and night the brutal response of the bloodthirsty Duque-Uribe regime, against the police, ESMAD, groups of hired hitmen and narco-fascists, today called «good people» who murder, imprison, disappear, torture and carry out real witch hunts against the working youth, mostly informal workers, precarious to the maximum in the informal sector, unemployed, with no future for themselves and their families. The PST and the Coordinadora Nacional Sindical Social y Popular (CNSSyP) in a bureaucratic agreement of leaders, legitimized and strengthened the **CNP** when it unmasked before the masses as true strikebreakers. They refused to call a National Committee of Struggle to advance towards the path of the General Strike to defeat the CCP and MOIR bureaucracy that were coming from a hard defeat at the beginning of 2019 due

to the great battle of the workers' base that kicked them out of the stage of the Eliecer Gaitán Theater in the Meeting on January 30 and 31, 2020. The CNSSyP was the expression of that new labor movement that sought a new leadership, but the reformist left and the renegades of Trotskyism led it to transform itself into a new, smaller bureaucratic apparatus.

The last word has not yet been said ... We must stop the attack and defeat the Labor Reform! Against the capitalists' plan: An emergency workers' plan to unite the workers' ranks by driving out the traitors of the union bureaucracy. The power of the exploited must be put back on its feet! Down with the "new" Labor Reform that liquidates all the workers' conquests!

We must call from the grassroots to set up the factory, workplace, unemployed, students and poor peasants Committees, centralized in a workers' militia to set up a National Fighting Command and prepare the Revolutionary General Strike without leaving one stone on another of Duque's murderous pro-imperialist regime. A revolutionary leadership must be achieved in the Unions, ending with all these bureaucrats for life, and the Unions must be independent from the State, based on the base Assem-

blies and Unitary Committees of factories and establishments. Because no serious fight can be faced or won under the lead of the traitors and strikebreakers of the National Strike Committee -CNP-, who are Duque's partners and employees of the capitalists. Against the wage reduction and the hourly contract: an emergency worker plan against the empty-handed promises and miserable handouts of the Mayors and the Government; one that declares the unity of unionized workers with "informal"at, flexiblized and unemployed workers, reducing the working day with one more shift in all factories so that all available hands enter into production with a salary equal to the family basket. Collective Bargaining Agreement for all!. **Enough of enslaving the sons and daughters of the working class!** Faced with the false promises of the suspension of "Enrollment 0" for strata 1, 2 and 3 (the poorer layers of the population, NT) to enter the National Universities by 2023, we must resume the fight for free and quality education at all levels. Our fight is also for 4 paid hours of work and 4 paid hours of study by employers and the State on the basis of taxes on large fortunes and non-payment of foreign debt. Free scholarships for all students! **Bread, land, health and decent work for all!** **We workers must fight to conquer all that on the basis of the expropriation without compensation and under workers' control of any factory that closes, furloughs or dismisses: Factory closed, factory taken over!** **We must expropriate the expropriators of the people! Let the capitalists pay for the crisis! Out with the IMF! No repayment of the fraudulent foreign debt!**

Although what prevails today is a counteroffensive of the regime due to the betrayal of the collaborationist leaderships that deceived and diverted the masses leading

them to negotiations and the electoral trap, the situation remains indefinite because nothing has been achieved. Nor will it be achieved if we do not overthrow the Government and the regime, expelling imperialism, advancing in the expropriation without compensation and under worker control of the large landowners, the Chiquita Brand and other multinational agribusiness companies, the mining companies, and the imperialist oil companies and their banks.

Against the murderous repression that has cost hundreds and hundreds of lives, we must organize the self-defense committees in the city and in the countryside, calling without delay to form centralized worker and peasant militias, to defeat the paramilitary groups, the army and the police! Dissolution of the murderous police and dismantling of ESMAD! Out with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights -CIDH-, come from that den of imperialist bandits of the OAS! It is a new fraud to impose on us the sinister plan of reconciliation and “peace of the graveyards” of a people enslaved and surrendered to imperialism by the leadership of the ex-FARC (today Comunes) and Castroism in the Havana agreements.



Trial and punishment of all those responsible for the more than eighty assassinated comrades! Unconditional freedom for all political prisoners! Reappearance Alive of all the missing comrades! Therefore, it is urgent to set up, in the streets, factories, universities and popular neighborhoods, committees for a new revolutionary party and a rebellious anti-imperialist youth that firmly call the masses to victory, that is to say, to the socialist revolution. Expelling the American bases. Expropriation without payment the transnational companies that plunder Colombia defeating this murderous regime

that, in the name of peace and reconciliation, has showered over Colombia

We must rely on our own forces, regrouping and calling for a revolutionary leadership to stand up, to prepare a new onslaught that this time will allow us to conquer the victory that these leaders took from our hands. **FOR A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP OF WORKERS AND YOUNG REVOLUTIONARIES! FOR A NEW REVOLUTIONARY ONSLAUGHT, OPEN THE PATH TO REVOLUTION...! OUT WITH DUKE, OUT WITH IMPERIALISM FROM COLOMBIA AND LATIN AMERICA! ENORMOUS REVOLUTIONARY ACTION DAYS WERE NOT ENOUGH, WE HAVE TO RETAKE THE PATH OF 28/A FOR THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION TO SUCCEED ... ONLY UNDER A REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS WILL WE ACHIEVE ALL OUR RIGHTS AND OUR DEMANDS.**

COLOMBIA WILL BE EITHER A SOCIALIST OR A WALL STREET COLONY!•

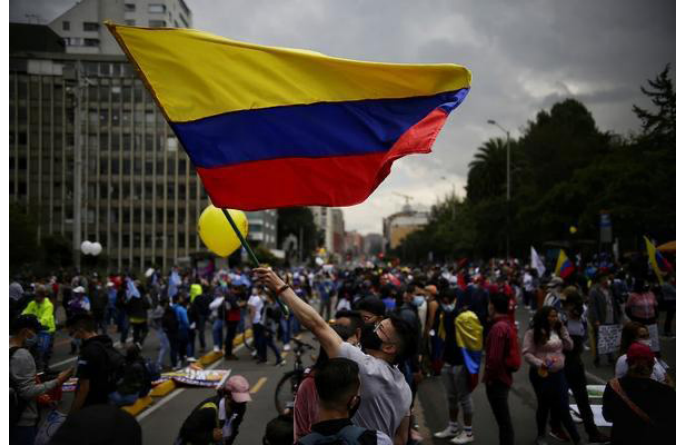


COLOMBIA TODAY EXPRESSES IMPERIALISM'S COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONAL PLAN FOR LATIN AMERICA

Imperialism and the bourgeoisie to return to the productive circuit must do so by maquilizing the working class of its backyard and for that it needs to apply the reform in blood and fire. What they are trying to do to Colombia is what awaits the Latin American working class as a whole, defeating the workers movement to resolve its crisis. Hence we make our most fervent call to the revolutionary youth, the popular trade union organizations to overtake and expel those leaderships that have led to the defeat of all our struggles. It's urgent to retake internationalism, which was expressed spontaneously in the world with great mobilizations, in support of the heroic struggle in Colombia and in the world there was only one voice: Let the despotic regime of Duque-Uribe fall, sustained by the bayonets of the US imperialism soldiers, in the military, air and naval bases!

We call to deepen the struggle for our demands, for the freedom of the political prisoners, for the appearance of the disappeared, for the trial and punishment of the criminals of the regime, against the assassinations and tortures.

We call on all the workers' organizations, especially those with mass influence such as the Conlutas of Brazil and the peasants to call for an emergency Continental Workers' Congress to confront and stop the attack of the governments and the lackey regimes of imperialism. Let us prepare and organize a new battle to smash the bourgeoisie and its repressive forces, together with the masses of exploited from Patagonia to Alaska.



As stated in the Transitional Program, **OPEN THE ROAD TO THE YOUTH! OPEN THE ROAD TO THE WORKING WOMEN!**

Today we rise: ... "The older generation, having suffered terrible defeats, will leave the movement in significant numbers... The revolutionary workers should feel themselves to be the masters. The doors of our organization are wide open to them.... The movement is revitalized by the youth who are free of responsibility for the past... Only the fresh enthusiasm and aggressive spirit of the youth can guarantee the preliminary successes in the struggle; only these successes can return the best elements of the older generation to the road of revolution. Thus it was thus it will be."

FOR A NEW REVOLUTIONARY GROUPING THAT IS THE ROAD TO RE-FOUND LATIN AMERICAN TROTSKYISM UNDER THE PROGRAM AND LEGACY OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, THE WORLD PARTY OF SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.

Grupo Comuneros de Cali / Cali Communards Group and Núcleo Obrero Internacionalista / Internationalist Workers Nucleus.

Adherents to the FLTI-CI - September 15, 2021



The electoral farce concludes of the 2021 PASO (Mandatory Open and Simultaneous Primaries)

Either Peronism or PRO win or lose...

Those that always win are the IMF, the big bosses and the oligarchy

The FIT-U celebrates being “third force”...

What must be conquered is a FIRST FORCE in the working class

to sweep away the union bureaucracy and end this anti-worker government of the UIA, the bosses and Wall Street

The PASO electoral trap is over. Now the truth must be told. It's necessary to conquer a **first force** in the labor movement to defeat the corrupt traitors of the Peronist union bureaucracy of the unions and the “piquetera” (unemployed organizations) bureaucracy that distributes alms to millions of unemployed workers and that long ago stopped fighting for decent work and much less in actively participating in the struggles of the employed workers as in 2001.

We must throw away those ministers-without-a-portfolio that the traitors of the CGT and the CTA are, who have placed the workers' organizations as an appendix to the Peronist government, the slaver bosses, the bankers and the IMF. This must be conquered and will be conquered through the struggles and from the bases of the labor movement. The workers and especially their most exploited layers can no longer bear to live as they have done up to now. Inflation corrodes workers' wages. There are millions of workers unregistered, outsourced, unemployed, in the informal economy. From the bowels of the anti worker government of the PRO yesterday and today of anti-worker Peronism, a new working class is being born more flexibilized in a new maquiladora called Argentina.

Defeating the union bureaucracy is the way to untie the hands of the working class to put a foot on the capitalists' chest and reopen the way



Fernandez and the union leaders of the CGT

for the **general strike** and the **Argentinazo**.

That is the way out to unite the very hard and scattered struggles, which end, some of them, without victories and defeated. That is the way to reopen the collective bargaining to win the salary and to put on its feet the unemployed movement that rose up on the roads fighting for work and not for handouts.

That is the FIRST FORCE that must be conquered so **that the working class weighs in national political life** where the bourgeoisie and its parties only organize attacks against the people.

Seeing the FIT-U celebrate the possibility of placing 1 more deputy and being a “third force” in the midst of the suffering and misery of mil-

lions, is pathetic. Unfortunately, the vote to the left in the 4 key provinces where 80% of the labor movement is (Buenos Aires, CABA, Cordoba and Santa Fe) was not more than 4.2% on average, and didn't reach 5.3 % at the national level.

There is nothing to celebrate here. The Peronist government collapsed electorally and the workers didn't kick them out to flee in helicopter, as the anti-worker government of Macri also deserved, so much servant and agent of the IMF as that of the Fernandezes'. The regime's mechanisms have fully functioned and the PRO maintains its votes by resurrecting the anti worker bunch of the UCR.

Millions didn't vote, making the most important abstention since 2003. This means that,

despite hating the regime and its parties, they don't see a revolutionary alternative in the parliamentary left. An alternative that was seen by the desperate middle classes, and even a strip of workers, in the PRO that won them over in the streets, with pickets of oligarchs and anti worker elements, surrounding the presidential residence, while the parliamentary left treated the Fernandezes' arch-reactionary government as "progressive".

What changes 1 more point of votes to the FIT-U if it isn't at the service of convening right now to coordinate all the struggles, the self-organized, the combative unions and the piquetero movement that fights for genuine work?

The groceries and supermarket shelves are inaccessible right now. The task of the moment is to reopen the collective bargaining and put the workers' movement as a whole on a war footing to wipe out the union bureaucracy and fight for decent work for all and for a minimum wage according to the family basket. This desperate situation of the working class cannot wait for November. This is a matter of life and death for the workers. These minimal and immediate demands, this battle against the union bureaucracy, which is an internal police of the labor movement, will not be resolved with 1 or 4 or even more than 100 left-wing deputies. Moreover, even if they have their own quorum, they will not be able to conquer the demands, because for this they have to attack the property of the capitalists, their banks, expropriate their lands, put to produce the machines paralyzed by the parasitism of the bosses, etc. This can only be achieved by a provisional revolutionary government of workers and impoverished popular sectors. And this must be said clearly, otherwise it amounts to a deceiving and lying to the working class.

They say that in Jujuy "the wall of the bosses' parties was broken"? Well then, let it be a revolutionary bastion to give this national combat. If not, it will go down in history as the 14% votes for Del Caño in Mendoza in 2015, or the "Trotskyist Salta" of 2013, when the FIT exceeded 20% of the votes.

The battle is for being the **FIRST FORCE**. In **Jujuy, if they got 24%, the FIT-U is already the first force in the labor movement where it is**, in the companies, in the sugar mills, in the public employees and in the unemployed movement. The FIT-U has the opportunity in that province to **summon the labor movement to put itself in a state of permanent assembly to expel the union bureaucrats**, raise a single set of demands voted by the workers' bases of the entire province and call from there and from all the

ongoing fighting, to a great National Workers Congress of employed and unemployed workers. This is the force that the working class needs.

It's still in the memory of a generation of the labor movement the fight at the end of the 1990s of thousands of workers from Jujuy, one of the most advanced vanguard sectors in the fight against the "Menemato" (the perfidious anti-worker administration of president Menem, NT) that went in their thousands to the Federal Capital to make their claims.

Conferring the vote the strength it doesn't have -as the FIT-U does- is a typical fetishism of social democrats. Parties of this type even won national elections in some countries, where they announced the "peaceful way to socialism", but they always refused to defeat the states of the capitalists, who were the ones who ended up chastising the masses.

The electoral "ammeter" of the FIT-U in these PASO 2021 moved to the level of 5.30% throughout the country, similar to what happened in 2013, when the MST was not in its ranks. No one can celebrate this. But no serious revolutionary Marxist can celebrate either that, due to its parliamentary cretinism, the FIT-U has not been able to conquer a portion of millions of workers who abstained or voted null, who used this means to repudiate the government. The FIT-U wasn't an alternative of class independence to channel this enormous process of a fringe of the mass movement.

The FIT-U is devoted to attacking the right wing and sweetens the Fernández government with a "progressive" halo, criticizing it for "not going all the way" or being "inconsistent" in the fight against the agrarian oligarchy... But in the heart of this government is the union bureaucracy, hated by the workers, because for 2 years it has not lifted a finger for wages, against unemployment and dismissals, while it came to support the Macri government until the end so that it wasn't overthrown by the workers' uprising that in 2017 threatened to do so. The present is a government commanded by a political operating board of the upper bourgeoisie, the bankers, the IMF ... and the same anti worker bunch of the Rural Society, of which they are partners in multiple businesses.

The same FIT-U, with its policy of pressure on the Peronist government, ended up closing the way for itself to be the "third force". More and more the union bureaucracies subjected the la-



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bor movement to the Fernandezes' government, more and more the left painted it as "progressive" before desperate masses of hungry people who only ended up hating it, and more and more the PRO and the infamous bourgeois regime of the capitalists, the oligarchy and imperialism became stronger.

Under these conditions, the labor movement was brought by its leaderships to a very dangerous paralysis, under this infamous regime of the Social Pact. That allowed the ruling classes to throw the entire crisis at the masses and even prepare Milei's fascist test balloon to organize desperate sectors of the ruined middle classes and even impoverished layers of the exploited, to attack the labor movement in the future...

The "right-wing bourgeois opposition" and imperialism will take good care of protecting Fernandezes' anti-worker government, both in the Parliament and the streets. They will seek not to weaken it to extreme degrees since it guarantees them, with the bludgeon of the union bureaucracy and the police, the control of the labor movement and the advance towards the maquila Argentina.

It's enough to see the first measure that Peronism resorts to get out of this crisis: it is already preparing to hand over millions of free slave workers to the capitalists of the countryside and the city, with the state paying them AR pesos 13,000 from the social plans and subsidizing the bosses 50% of a minimum wage of AR pesos 25,000 with the ATP (*Emergency Assistance to Work and Production*). (A living wage would amount today AR pesos 90,000. NT). This is

how Peronism seeks to “give work”: workers without rights, with a salary that is enough to live 4 days a month or visit the supermarket 3 times...

While some celebrate their “victories”, what is important for the labor movement is that from the bases of the Acindar steel factory in Villa Constitución, assemblies have begun to be promoted by the base to demand the reopening of the collective bargaining. Activism is regrouping at the Río Santiago State Shipyard to prevent the way to privatization with the change to State Society.

This should be the electoral campaign in the labor movement until November: from the grassroots, with the method of workers’ democracy, the union bureaucracy must be cornered and the path to the General Strike must be reopened. Sectors of the traitors of the CGT and CTA bureaucrats and of the “popular economy” call for a march in support of the Fernandezes. How far they are from fighting for the interests of workers and how close they are to the interests and businesses of the bosses and their government!

We must break the straitjacket put around us by the PJ leaders and the “red picketers”, who lead the unemployed to work out for misery, as third or tenth grade workers, painting schools or in city halls, totally out of any collective agreement and with many of them taking a “tithe” from them to support that bureaucracy in exchange for hunger and misery. It’s time for the true unemployed movement to return: that of Teresa Rodríguez, of Aníbal Verón, of Kosteki and Santillán ... the one that fought for decent work and didn’t visit the offices of the Ministry of Social Development of the bosses’ politicians. In the unemployed movement of CultralCó and Mosconi, the Menemist ministers had to go to the pickets and make public negotiations Infront of the rebel bases!

We must reopen the road of 2001. They all have to go and not one should remain.

In that battle, the left and socialist currents will have the best conditions to win an “excellent election”, beyond the votes they get, because they will have prepared the proletariat for the present and future combat that must be waged, which is no other than the one who prepares the victory of the socialist revolution. Because either Argentina will be socialist or a Wall Street colony.

Editorial Committee of the newspaper *Democracia Obrera*

Statement of the LOI-CI / Democracia Obrera of Argentina on the PASO of September 12

A trap to strengthen the anti-worker government of the PJ and the anti-worker of the PRO

Everyone defends the capitalists’ profits and the looting of the IMF and Wall Street!



Finance Minister Guzmán with Georgieva, head of the FMI

In the Argentina of those below...

The high cost of living and unemployment cannot be endured anymore!

The fight against the attack of the capitalists is here and now: Out with the union bureaucracy!

National Coordination Committee of the self-summoned workers and the combative piqueteros

The PASO (*Primary, open, simultaneous and mandatory elections*) trap and the November Parliamentary election will develop when almost two years of the Peronist government have been going on, supported and sustained by the union bureaucracy that surrender one by one the collective bargaining, the salary and the jobs of the Argentine working class. Along with the large employers of the UIA and the transnationals, the union bureaucrats are the true cabinet and “ministers without portfolio” of the anti-worker government of Fernández and Kirchner.

We are facing a government settling in this Social Pact, supported by the IMF, which the reformist left calls and treats as “progressive”, and criticizes for being “inconsistent in the fight against the right.” This is a fallacy and a real poi-

son thrown into the conscience of the workers. **The Peronist government is the representative and the guarantor of the profits of all the bourgeois gangs of the nation. It acts under the direct orders of the IMF** and coordinates with it the best conditions for the super-exploitation of the working class. The PJ, the PRO and the anti-worker of the Rural Society are committed to pay with the hunger of the people until the last penny of the fraudulent foreign debt, as they already are doing and have done during the last decades.

This is a government of the capitalists, the transnationals, the bankers and imperialism that, by sinking the workers’ salary and with almost 20% chronic unemployment and more than 5 million precarious workers, offers to the

world capitalist economy an “Argentina maquiladora” with slave workers to start what they call “a new cycle of industrial production”. They do this supported by the nationalization and the extreme cooptation by the state of the unions, with the bureaucracy of the CGT and the CTA supported by a mountain of dollars to betray the working class. MISERABLES!

The PJ government didn’t touch the businesses, the interests, the super profits or a square meter of land to the oligarchy and the bankers, **with whom it has very close ties in thousands of common businesses.** For decades and decades, the oligarchy takes a fabulous agrarian income together with the transnational cereal companies. They have dollarized the price of food and all consumer goods of the masses. Given this, the government has only devalued the peso and liquidated the collective bargaining to guarantee the capitalists that they continue to accumulate huge profits, lowering the value of the workforce and its investment cost.

Meanwhile, the full weight of the economic crash and pandemic has been thrown to the masses. We are in the middle of one of the biggest economic and social crises in Argentina in recent decades, only comparable to the catastrophe of 2001 and ‘89.

Nothing different from the conditions of social crisis and economic crash that pushed the masses of Colombia, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador and even Cuba days ago -where the capitalist restoration is advanced-, to enormous uprisings and revolutionary uprisings against hunger and misery, against the IMF plans, imperialism and their sepy governments.

THE FIT-U AND THE NMAS: AN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN THAT BREAKS WITH ANY POLICY OF CLASS INDEPENDENCE

THE LEFT REFORMIST CALLS AND TREATS THE FERNÁNDEZ GOVERNMENT AS A “PROGRESSIST” ...

This is not just a fallacy. Telling the workers that there are “progressive” bourgeois bosses and governments, supported by the traitors of the union bureaucracy and the big bourgeoisie, is the way in which the parliamentary left seeks to integrate into the bourgeois regime as a “third force” that would supposedly fight accordingly. “against the right” of the PRO or Milei. This is what the FIT-U proclaims. Manuela Castañeira from NMAS calls this “renewing the left.”

We are facing a social democratic left of the regime, which has abandoned any policy of class independence. Beforehand, in the middle of the electoral campaign and before millions of exploited, they announce that they have withdrawn from the fight to defeat the Fernández anti-worker government and the union bureaucracy.

Undoubtedly, the PRO and the anti-worker not only support, but will support this government in the face of any mass uprising. Meanwhile, be-



yond “cracks” and fights in the living room or for their businesses, everyone defends the profits of the capitalists and the looting of the IMF and Wall Street.

THE LEFT OF THE REGIME DENOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT PREPARES A FONDOMONETARIST ATTACK AFTER THE ELECTIONS...

But the attack is here already! There are 2 and a half million unemployed, 6 million workers unregistered, the loss of 50% of the purchasing power of wages. This is the IMF attack that the Fernández government is already applying.

THE FIT-U, THE NMAS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY LEFT AFFIRM THAT BY PRESSING THE PARLIAMENT IT CAN BREAK WITH IMPERIALISM AND CONQUER WAGES AND DECENT WORK ...

They are telling the exploited masses that the Humid Pampas and the richest and most productive lands in the country can be expropriated and recovered for the nation through parliament. They are affirming that with a pressure struggle on the Congress of the capitalists, the imperialist mining and oil companies can be expropriated, in order to break with imperialism and the IMF. This is an open lie and a deceit against the working class. Reformism has long since broken all ties with the revolutionary program. Those are tasks that only a socialist revolution can conquer, sending the rotten regime of the Constitution of 1853-1994 and the bourgeois state to the dumpster of history.

When the working class set itself that objective in the Cordobazo and in the 1970s, the ruling elites didn’t hesitate to dissolve Parliament and bring the generals’ sabers to carry out genocide in Argentina.

As announced Castañeira, Bregman, Del Caño and Pitrola, the way is to fight like the “green wave”. This is a lie and an open policy of class collaboration. Or will they tell us that they will get deputies and senators with “sisterhood” from the bosses’ parties to expel imperialism, expropriate the transnationals and the oligarchy? Stop lying. What that Parliament deserves is that the masses fight again as in December 2017, but this time not with 3 tons, but with 50 tons of

stones, so that there will be no traces of this democracy for the rich and all its arch-reactionary institutions.

The left of the regime promises to confront the right, the oligarchy and the Rural Society, without calling for the expropriation without payment of all the land, from which the greatest wealth of the nation is extracted. They accuse the government of being frightened by Vicentín, but they are terrified of raising the demand for expropriation without payment of all the lands that the Argentine oligarchy usurped, to initiate a plan for agrarian recolonization. They keep silent about this, because for every Marxist this would mean the beginning of the civil war, because this can only be conquered with a revolution, with a triumphant Argentinazo (see box).

“Confront the right” without the method of proletarian revolution? Another lie and another deception of reformism.

Moreover, from the “Group of 6” (the Stock Exchange, the UIA, the bank, the Rural Society and the chambers of commerce and construction) that supports the Peronist government and the anti-worker opposition with which they did fabulous business, today they launch Milei to group the desperate middle classes ruined by the crisis, which tomorrow will be overturned with all force against the working class. Milei and his gang speak the language of crisis. They are a probe that the bourgeoisie has launched to explore the conditions to mount a proto-fascist movement. Does the reformist left want to confront this proto-fascist movement in gestation by putting “pressure” on the bourgeois Parliament? Fascism must be crushed at the first breath, before it arises. FIT-U and NMAS don’t say a word about how to do this.

THE PARLIAMENTARY LEFT CALLS TO BREAK WITH THE IMF AND IMPERIALISM WITHOUT A COMMON COMBAT WITH THE WORKING CLASS AND THE POOR PEASANTS OF LATIN AMERICA AND WITHOUT AN ALLIANCE WITH THE WORKERS OF USA

They proclaim themselves “anti-capitalists” but they hold and support the bourgeois government of Castillo in Peru, which they called to vote. They did the same with Morales’ MAS in Bolivia and with Haddad-Lula in Brazil.

They proclaim themselves “anti-capitalists” but they support and group together with fractions of the Castro Communist Party that is selling worker and peasant Cuba out to the world capitalist system.

They proclaim themselves “anti-capitalists” to dispute the seats in Argentina, but in the French NPA and in the PSOL of Brazil, which openly support the bourgeois regimes, they are all together, as is the case of the PTS, the NMAS and the MST. Meanwhile, everyone in USA is supporting Sanders and Ocasio Cortez who supported Biden. “A wide left.” proclaims Bodart and the MST in the FIT-U intern, as the PSOL does from Brazil. They are referring to: the social-imperialist wing of the Democratic Party of the US imperialism pirates.

The fight against the IMF and against imperialism is a revolutionary struggle of all the masses of Latin America, who will not be able to dream of liberating themselves if it's not in an indestructible alliance with the workers of the United States. They hold the key to defeat the 1% of Wall Street parasites that plunge the entire world into misery. Of course, this reformist left of the Argentine bourgeois regime doesn't fight at all from the electoral platform for the internationalist and anti-imperialist unity of the working class of our continent.

“Anti-capitalists”? Bullshit! Capitalism isn't fought without organizing or preparing the working class for socialist revolution. The “anti-capitalism” of the “New Left” is nothing more than a cover for new social democratic currents. This is what their campaign for being a “third electoral force” or “renewing the left” is reduced.

The FIT-U and the NMAS have long refused to use the electoral and parliamentary platform to organize a regrouping of the workers' ranks under a revolutionary program that prepares a new mass counteroffensive that leaves no stone of this government, this regime and this killer state.

They have isolated the struggling sectors of the working class and millions of unemployed, who are treated as beggars by the bourgeois



Sebastian Romero



Daniel Ruiz

state and a recalcitrant picket bureaucracy. They leave the self-summoned workers divided sector by sector who today face the traitors of the union bureaucracy, while they coordinate to “share” the seats. That is what his “unity” of the left is all about.

PASO 2021 DEMOCRACIA OBRERA POSITION:

IN SANTA FE AND CHUBUT, WE CALL TO VOTE FOR ROMERO AND RUIZ ON THE FIT-U LISTS

We Trotskyists call to vote for Sebastián Romero (former General Motors delegate, today a political prisoner) and Daniel Ruiz (former oil delegate prosecuted for fighting) on the FIT-U lists of Santa Fe and Chubut. It's a vote of principle for the freedom of political prisoners against the bourgeois state.

The State of the exploiters has committed genocides and the most ferocious of bloody repressions against the workers and the poor people. Corrupt judges, direct agents of the capitalists, at every turn use repressive forces to attack workers' struggles, their mobilizations. With Berni, Patricia Bullrich's partner, they repressed in Guernica. With professional gunmen hired by the bosses, they beat up the workers in struggle at Penta meat packing, among others. Today they repress the teachers of Salta. The infamous regime and its bosses parties have covered up the murderous repressive forces of Santiago Maldonado, Rafael Nahuel and Facundo Castro.

The only “crime” that Sebastián Romero committed, like Daniel Ruiz, was to fight in defense of the rights of workers, retirees and all their claims. Today they are hostages of this infamous regime so that the working class doesn't fight again like in 2017. That is the path that will have to be followed to stop the attack of hunger and misery that the Peronist government

After disorganizing and dividing the left wing of the working class in the struggles, the FIT-U takes a decisive step in its integration into the regime

Let's say the truth: the FIT-U has positioned itself as the left wing of Kirchnerism and all it does is to keep them away from the harsh resistance against the government and the Social Pact regime, and bring them closer to fraternizing with Peronism.

If for years the FIT-U was the expression on the electoral field (albeit reformist) of the left wing of the working class that gave a thousand battles, this is no longer the case. Tied to an incurable parliamentary cretinism, they were absorbed by the regime. Their refusal to coordinate the struggles of the working class in recent years, led to tens and hundreds of cruel partial defeats to the working class. The FIT-U today, beyond the votes they get, will be the expression of loose votes from the loose left or disenchanted with

Kirchnerism. But it's no longer the political expression of the most fierce and combative of the working class, which it led to a dead end at the feet of the infamous regime of this democracy for the rich, that is, of the fiercest dictatorship of the capital.

Their parties, united only for electoral convenience and for positions in Parliament, in the workers' struggles have only managed to divide them and divide themselves, as is the case with the “Plenary of Combative Unionism” of the PO and the Socialist Left, against the collateral groups of the PTS. Or like it happened in the different struggles led by the different forces that make up the FIT-U.

imposes today, supported by thugs and strike-breakers from the union bureaucracy.

The same general staffs of the transnationals, the oligarchy and the bankers who support the PJ and the PRO, allocate some coins from their succulent businesses to set up a proto-fascist movement that threatens to “burn down the Central Bank” and attack the hungriest layers of the masses. The revolutionaries, without doubting it, call on the working class to set up strike and self-defense committees, to develop and extend the movement of the self-convened and to re-conquer the unemployed pickets of 2001, to punish in the streets any attempt of the anti-worker of attacking the masses in struggle, to defend ourselves from the repressive forces and to prepare a new December 2017, to defeat the government and the bosses’ politicians, whom we already kicked out once in 2001.

It’s a shame that the PTS and the PO have hidden Romero and Ruiz at the end of their lists, as substitute candidates for senator, from where they cannot lead the fight for the freedom of political prisoners, nor for the deprocessing of thousands of fighters persecuted, nor for the acquittal of the oil workers from Las Heras sentenced to prison and life, to whom the FIT-U didn’t give them a place.

**WE CALL FOR A VOTE FOR
CLASS INDEPENDENCE TO
POLÍTICA OBRERA, THE
TENDENCY OF THE PO,
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

Altamira and Política Obrera correctly denounce that both the Fernández government and the PRO are preparing to apply the IMF’s worst plans and to agree with it against the workers. **This is correct and raises a line of class independence against the government and the bosses’ parties. That is why we will call to vote for Política Obrera.**

But we clarify that the pact of the IMF and the bosses’ politicians has already been here for a while: from Congress, the PJ supported the Macri government in its worst attacks against workers, and today all together support Guzmán and the Peronist government in their agreement of hunger with the IMF.

The Fernández government is based on an increasingly Bonapartist regime that, according to Trotsky, has until the end nationalized the CGT, the CTA and all the unions and makes them function in fact as true ministers without portfolio at any attempt by the working class to stop the brutal attack it’s suffering today.

The surrender of the collective bargaining and salary and millions of jobs, have placed the bureaucracy as direct agents and have been integrated by the ruling elite as a true internal police that executes the plans of the capitalists, as human resources managers within the labor movement. And just like in the ‘90s, they have



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become a veritable corporate bureaucracy. This is what the Social Pact regime is all about and this is what speaks of the “strength” of the Peronist government.

Fernández and the PRO have long supported the union bureaucracy together, which are implementing the IMF’s plans and using the Ministry of Social Development to contain the uprisings of the hungry. We cannot wait for the PASO and the November elections to end to regroup the workers’ ranks against the fund-monetarist plan. It becomes essential for any revolutionary policy worth its salt today to put the electoral platform at the service of organizing now and without delay the response to the brutal attack from those from above.

It’s time to move from words to deeds.

At this point regarding the use of the electoral platform, Política Obrera has an enormous responsibility.

Very tough struggles such as that of health workers, port workers, shipyards, teachers from Salta, miners from Río Turbio, like yesterday from Arre Beef, Penta or for housing in Guernica, are being carried out, despite and against the union bureaucracy and in open struggle against the Peronist government and even outside the unions or sectional groups led by sectors of the left.

A new labor movement enters the battle facing the PJ government, which it even voted for them the last elections. **It’s in the streets and in these combats that fringes of the working class, for now at the vanguard and at the forefront, begin to break with Peronism.** We could see this in 2001, when the slogan “That everyone goes away and no one remains “openly expressed the break with all the bosses’ politicians. Opening this process - which the FIT-U closed during all these years with an openly parliamentary policy - is the only firm and serious path towards class independence.

Despair today drives millions of hungry people to have to subsist on slave labor or to be led by the bosses’ politicians and the “red caciques” of the left to beg for a tupperware with food and miserable social plans. These social plans were conquered by the labor movement in 2000, but as a consequence of an enormous struggle for

decent work and in unity with the employed workers. The bourgeois state transformed these tactical conquests of mass revolutionary offensive decades ago into a strategic blow against the workers’ movement: it divided its ranks between the occupied and the unemployed. They controlled an indomitable industrial reserve army that drove the Argentine bourgeoisie crazy during the 1990s, holding pickets, roadblocks, and fighting, as was done in Mosconi and Cutral C6, for decent work. Or directly taking factories that closed as in Zanon and Brukman, to put them to produce under direct workers’ administration. The exploiters gave something not to lose everything, but those miserable handouts are not and cannot be the future that the Argentine working class deserves.

**NATIONAL COORDINATION
COMMITTEE OF THE SELF-
ORGANIZED WORKERS WHO
FACE THE UNION BUREAUCRACY
AND THE COMBATIVE
PIQUETERO (UNEMPLOYED)
MOVEMENT!**

The task of the moment is to coordinate the movements of self-organized workers that already exist and fight throughout the country, in very tough isolated struggles, as we see in the teachers of Salta, in the Turbio River or in the port terminals, to give only a few examples.

Coordinate the already existing self-organized movements and call from the militant sectors of the working class to set up a movement of self-organization of the bases to break the siege that the union bureaucracy imposed on the workers to fight, it cannot wait, if what it’s about is to open a way to a decisive fight against the government and the regime.

Fighting to defeat the piquetero (unemployed) bureaucracy and its policy of pressure to distribute miserable coins and bags of food, which no longer allow the great hungry masses to survive, it becomes decisive in unifying the ranks of the workers and preventing capitalist bankruptcy from falling in full force on the shoulders of the workers.



We have to go from words to deeds. For this reason, from Democracia Obrera we call on Política Obrera to put **all its forces and its electoral platform** to develop the struggle to set up a Coordination Committee of self-convened workers and the combative piquetero movement.

We call on Política Obrera to put its forces at the service of this enormous challenge faced by the workers' vanguard. This is possible since they influence or co-direct important factories such as Acindar and are part of the Tire union, teaching sectors, the combative piquetero movement, etc.

In this struggle they will count not only with our vote, but also on all our forces in unity of action to fight together for this new regrouping that the working class needs to resist today and prepare a new mass counteroffensive.

This call, if made concrete by Política Obrera, would be an enormous step forward and a revolutionary use of the electoral campaign and would mean taking the struggle for class independence to the end to open the way to generalize the self-organization of the working class to sweep the traitors of the union bureaucracy out of the unions and for the piquetero movement to fight again as it did with Aníbal Verón, Teresa Rodríguez, Maxi and Darío, for decent work and alongside the occupied workers.

The struggle for a National Assembly of employed and unemployed workers, which was conquered in 2001, is an objective to be achieved. The forces for this are already resisting and fighting. They have to be joined and coordinated.

OUR CRITICAL VOTE FOR POLÍTICA OBRERA: THE FIGHT TO BREAK WITH THE IMF AND DEFEAT THE BOSSES' POLITICIANS IS PART OF A COMMON FIGHT OF THE WORKING CLASS AND THE POOR PEASANTS OF ALL LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORKERS OF UNITED STATES.

FOR AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND INTERNATIONALIST ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN!

We call on workers to vote for Política Obrera, from our program of anti-imperialist struggle and for the socialist revolution.

The Política Obrera leadership called to defend and openly support Pedro Castillo against Keiko Fujimori in Peru, as did the FIT-U. All these currents called to support Castillo (or to vote for him, as did the UIT-CI and LIT-CI), supposedly "against the right" that wanted to prevent his assumption as president. They raised this at a time when the transnationals, together with the US embassy, were preparing the script for him



and setting up Castillo's cabinet. They lectured him on how to contain the rise of workers and peasants that led to a brutal revolutionary crisis and the outbreak of the Fujimori regime last year in Peru.

At every step the Latin American reformist left resorts to the perfidious policy of class collaboration in support of the "progressive bourgeois camps" that it inherited from Stalinism.

Today, as we write this electoral manifesto, this anti-worker government of Castillo has launched a savage attack and fierce repression against thousands of miners, who were fired by the Cerro Sac company. The national police violently attacked the miners and their families. Nothing different from what they have done for decades to successive governments of the Fujimori regime.

The support given to the bourgeois government, like that of Morales yesterday or the vote for Haddad "as the lesser evil" against the right, breaks and limits any policy of class independence in these legislative elections in Argentina. Hence, our vote for Política Obrera is critical.

We affirm that a working-class current can never vote or support any bourgeois party in the least, since, according to Trotsky, this means giving one's soul to the devil. It's that the struggle and combat to defeat the IMF in Argentina will only be achieved with the exploited of our country fighting alongside the rebellious masses of our continent and standing alongside the North American working class. Neither with Castillo, nor with Lula, nor with the rigged and deceitful Constituents like the Chilean who only came to save the Pinochet regime.

We call on Política Obrera to change that political course and to take a path that fights for the worker and peasant alliance throughout the continent against all the native Latin American bourgeoisies, against the farce and scam of the "Bolivarian Revolution" and for unity with the working class of the USA.

Our vote for Política Obrera is therefore a vote for class independence and in relation to this, we are willing to develop and propose the broadest unit of action both in the electoral campaign and in the very tough struggles, which today are isolated and surrounded by the traitors of

the union bureaucracy and the repression of the bourgeois state. No petty and sectarian politics can prevent the establishment of this combative pole of action and struggle for class independence in the workers' movement.

We know of the enormous differences that separate us and separate us in the struggle to re-found the Fourth International, as well as those that separate us in the responses to the acid tests of the class struggle, as is the case of the Middle East, and the combat against Stalinism, supported today by the renegades of Trotskyism to contain the international proletariat.

But all this doesn't prevent, we insist, a serious and common struggle for class independence, to regroup the workers' ranks and to unmask the open path to reformism and submission to the bourgeois regime that the FIT-U and the NMAS are trying to impose.

Likewise, the PASO, which impose a floor of 1.5% of the votes to be able to pass to the general elections, is clearly a proscription legislation, especially for new currents that claim themselves socialists that seek to gain a decisive weight in the masses and come up with their positions. It's for this reason that we also call to vote for Política Obrera and we put ourselves at the disposal of the fight against the prohibition of the PASO that limits them.

In these PASO, we call to vote for Romero and Ruiz and to deepen the fight for the freedom of political prisoners, for the deprocessing of all workers and popular fighters, for the acquittal of the Las Heras oil workers and for trial and punishment of the murderers of Maldonado, Nahuel and Castro.

To fight for class independence, for an electoral platform at the service of coordinating the self-convened and the combative piquetero movement, to confront the bosses' politicians and the electoral trap, we voted for Política Obrera, Tendency of PO.

National Committee of the
LOI-CI / Democracia Obrera

FIT-U and NMAS use snippets of the Transitional Program to justify their reformist policy

The FIT-U announces in their spots that it's fighting for a salary increase according to the family basket and the reduction of the working day. This calls to conquer it with a law that would be granted by the bourgeois Parliament and with a struggle of the masses pressing on it.

This is a fallacy. Putting all the available hands to produce, distributing the working hours among all the unemployed, reducing the working day as much as necessary, with a decent salary that covers the family basket, is a task that will only be achieved as part of an offensive fight of the proletariat and as a result of a victorious revolution that conquers a workers' and popular government. We are talking about a direct attack on the property of the capitalists and imperialism, which can only be conquered, we insist, with a revolutionary victory.

Reformism has transformed into a minimum program the demands that push the working class to take power, giving the bourgeois Parliament the character of a neutral institution, and not as what it is: representative of the fiercest dictatorship of capital.

The reformist left affirms that by putting pressure on the bourgeois Parliament, this one can stop defending the interests of the capitalists and at times can defend "socialist" measures, of attack on the property of the exploiters. That is the pseudo-theory of old reformists from centuries ago, including Kautsky and Bebel of the German Social Democracy, and then Stalinism. This reformist program is also supported by Castañeira of the NMAS, despite the fact that she threatens to "renew the left." Old opportunistic potions shown as "new" and "saviors" to the eyes of workers. This is what the misery and deception of reformism is all about.

These people want us to believe that minimal and partial democratic concessions taken from the bourgeois Parliament, such as the right to abortion and equal marriage, or minimal demands achieved by this or that struggle for the masses, where the bourgeoisie is forced to give something not to lose everything is equivalent to also being able to start measures that openly attack the property of the capitalists. This is the old policy of Stalinism, which has already been tried. Today we could call "anti-capitalist struggle for the peaceful way", the policy that Castroism applied yesterday as the "peaceful way to socialism", which in Chile ended with a bloodbath by the Pinochet generals.

The "third force" that the FIT-U seeks to conquer is one more force within the bourgeois regime. NMAS doesn't "renew the left" at all. Both only use remains of the Transitional Program to cover up reformism and their adaptation to the regime.

But the "bragging" of the NMAS, the FIT-U and the entire Argentine left ends when it's time to propose the expropriation without payment of all the lands of the Rural Society and of the large ranchers and parasites of the oligarchy that together with the Imperialist cereal companies plunder the agrarian income, with which they could feed every last child in Argentina and achieve such an accumulation of funds as to solve the problem of housing and the life of the poor people.

The unresolved land question, together with national independence, are the central questions that every semi-colonial or colonial country oppressed by imperialism must resolve in order to get out of its prostration and backwardness. In this key issue of the revolutionary struggle in Argentina, the FIT-U

plays hide and seek or they pretend to be distracted.

Grabois, a man of the Church, has "dared" to propose that it's necessary to take small unproductive plots of the oligarchy, of a few pairs of hectares, to produce food. So he went looking for some oligarch who unhappy to make his experience of "agrarian popular economy" and fled like a rat to the first counterrevolutionary picket of the oligarchs and their thugs.

An absolute hypocrisy and absolute falsehood. Argentina produces food for 400 million people while the nation's exploited starve to death.

The reformist left raises the reactionary utopia that it is possible to break with the IMF and expropriate imperialism without a great continental struggle of the Argentine working class with the workers and peasants of Latin America, and our great ally, the North American working class. This would also mean openly confronting the "Bolibourgeoisies" and their scam of the "Bolivarian Revolution" that led to the worst defeats, hunger and misery for the workers and poor peasants who rebelled at the beginning of the 21st century throughout our continent.

Added to this is their cowardly silence before the oligarchy and the fight for **the expropriation and nationalization without payment of all land areas of more than 200 hectares, put to work under workers' and popular plan of agrarian recolonization, expropriation without payment and seizure of all the imperialist cereal companies and nationalization of foreign trade.** The maximum that these "brave anti-capitalists" come to is to raise some points to increase the withholdings on agricultural exports ... A kind of Kirchnerism with some degrees of fever.

The general staffs of reformism are "anti-capitalist" but they are not foolish, although they are politically cowardly. They know that Videla and Martínez de Hoz came from the heart of that murderous oligarchy. They look the other way, because only by disarming the bourgeoisie, destroying their state and their rule of domination with the proletarian revolution, will the great exploited masses be able to eat with dignity in Argentina and be owners and possessors of their natural wealth like the Humid Pampa, as well as minerals, oil, natural gas and even water, which are in the hands of imperialism.

The reformist left, hanging on the skirts of the bourgeois pseudo-parliamentary regime, doesn't fight for the true revolutionary democratic tasks that Argentina must solve as a nation oppressed and plundered by imperialism. It's that only with the victory of the socialist revolution and the imposition of a workers' and popular government, based on the organisms of self-determination of the masses, can these unfinished tasks be guaranteed to liberate the nation and for the people to eat and live with dignity.

For some time now, the FIT-U and the NMAS have given up the fight to prepare and organize, in the footsteps of the Cordobazo, the Coordinators of the '70s and 2001, the fight for a triumphant Argentinazo.

The struggle to set up a new revolutionary and internationalist leadership of the Argentine working class is inseparable from the fight to re-found Argentine Trotskyism and the Fourth International.

The Congress with a Fujimori majority gives the “vote of confidence” to Castillo and his cabinet

A new deception to the worker and peasant masses from Peru

On August 27, the Congress of the Republic of Peru granted the “vote of confidence” to the Ministerial Cabinet of President Pedro Castillo with 73 votes in favor, 50 against and 0 abstentions after two days of parliamentary speeches in favor and against this new cabinet.

Thus, the corrupt Congress, controlled by a majority of the “right” Parties of the Fujimori regime, granted the investiture vote to the Council of Ministers, who in the portfolio of Prime Minister Guido Bellido exposed for almost three hours the 12 thematic axes and guidelines of the Executive Power for the coming months favorable for businessmen and imperialism.

This way, it was a test for Castillo, because up to now the professor has shown merits as a good student of the Transnational Corporations, imperialism and the U.S. Embassy, as he already did organizing his cabinet. He named for the important positions, two representatives of imperialism: the Justice and Finance Ministers, so the latter, Pedro Francke is a former official of the World Bank who clarified that in this government no company was going to be expropriated or nationalized and he was going to guarantee the payment of the fraudulent debt to the IMF.

Weeks earlier, the Peruvian “right” and the pseudo-leftists (Caviar left) were engulfed in a visceral debate when Prime Minister Bellido presented his ministers, since of the 18, 10 were questioned for having complaints that they support Shining Path and its political arm Movadef (Movement for Amnesty and Fundamental Rights). As can be seen all this week, the streets of Lima were filled with demonstrations from one bourgeois side and the other, managing to congest the main avenues of the city, the “right” of the bourgeoisie demanding the departure of the 10 ministers and the Caviar Left (the left of the bourgeoisie) defending them by mentioning that they are supposed “representatives of the people.” When in fact both have an agreement to keep Peru under the tutelage of the U.S. and their military bases, respecting and defending the private property of businessmen and transnational companies, repressing the miners and their families who defend their jobs.



Pedro Castillo and Keiko Fujimori

In this sense, demonstrating obedience to Fujimorism, businessmen and Transnationals, days before this event in the Congress, Castillo’s cabinet had the first casualty when Héctor Bejar (former “guerrilla leader of the National Liberation Army) who was in charge of Foreign Ministry, was replaced by Óscar Maúrtua, a former minister in Toledo’s Government who is known for being in favor of U.S. imperialism plans in Latin America. Also, yesterday the Minister of Labor Iber Maraví made his position available after the request for his resignation by Prime Minister Bellido, after the press spread complaints that relate him to terrorist attacks in the ‘ 80.

The supposed “confrontation” between Castillo and Keiko Fujimori, is just the opposite, today we see him in a parliamentary pact with Fujimori to rebuild the regime and its institutions, which were smashed by the hatred and revolutionary actions of the masses in the heroic days of November last year.

Castillo is approved by the Parties of the Rich, while brutally repressing the country’s poor people who fight for work

From the rotten Peruvian Congress, which is a clerk’s office of Wall Street and the Pentagon, Castillo has now been tested, if he passes with honors being the defender of the interests of corrupt capitalists, Transnationals and private companies. This is not surprising, since Professor Castillo has already been a member of the Regional Committee, of Peru Posible (Possible Peru), the bourgeois party of Alejandro Toledo, who is currently sentenced and has an extradition order in the United States. For these elections, Castillo was invited by the bourgeois party of Peru Libre (Free Peru) led by Vladimir Cerrón, a doctor who studied in Cuba, who despite proclaiming at the top of his lungs that he is a “Marxist, Leninist and Mariategui’s follower”, is a corrupt politician who was sentenced to

4 years of suspended freedom and currently with home appearance and for 10 years he cannot rule any position in the State.

Now we see the professor as the representative of the bourgeoisie who, as soon as he assumed the presidency, unmasked himself as the defender of the business of the rich, since his hand did not tremble to brutally repress, with his police, the miners and their families in the Pasco hill who are desperately defending their jobs, and after resisting this attack, these miners and their families undertook a “march of sacrifice” and have been fighting in the streets of Lima for three days now until they are reinstated in their jobs.



Miners of Cerro Sac company in strike

The workers' most heartfelt demands, such as decent work, have not been met and the situation has only worsened. While the inflation of the family basket has skyrocketed, as a result of the rise of the Dollar against the Sol, hundreds of factory workers are marching through the streets of Lima asking to be reinstated in their jobs, as are the workers of the Gloria group who are on an indefinite national strike against the violation of their human labor rights. In the same way, the health workers and the unemployed are in constant struggle, because the misery, the lack of labor guarantees has only increased. The bosses do not stop attacking the workers with their “perfect suspension” laws, which Castillo's ministers have already announced they will only “modify”.

This is the swindle of the Castillo government with which, Stalinism from the leadership of the workers' organizations like the CGTP (Worker General Union of Peru) and the former Trotskyists of the continent, are in a front of class collaboration that took the masses out of the revolutionary struggle in the streets in November 2020. And it is in those huge combats where the future of Peru was in the

hands of the masses that had thrown out two presidents. Unfortunately today the future of the oppressed nation, due to the actions of this front of class collaboration, is now being negotiated behind the backs and against the people. Thus the bourgeoisie is trying to find a way out in its favor in the face of the crisis opened by those revolutionary days and which to this day cannot be closed.

The CGTP workers' organizations must break with the bourgeois Government of Castillo and provide an emergency way out favorable to all the exploited

Enough, the workers and poor peasants can only have confidence in our own forces. It is time for the masses to be the ones to give a way out for the crisis, The Mining Federation must call for a Workers' Congress of the CGTP and the peasants' organizations to vote as the first point to immediately break with the Government of Castillo and the capitalists, it is time for those of us who suffer the attacks, the inflation, the layoffs due to the “perfect suspension”, the starving masses, to give a way out of the crisis beginning expropriating the land of the oligarchy and expelling imperialism and the IMF from the country.

Only on that road will we be able to obtain bread, decent wages, decent health and put an end to the misery in the country. And it is only with a provisional workers' and peasants' government, that arms the masses and expels the U.S. military bases, that we will be able to fight for a free and sovereign Constituent Assembly, that expropriates without payment and under workers' control the mining companies, the landowners and expels the IMF, which Castillo comes to defend and guarantee their business.

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Police repression against the miners

September 11th, 2021

48 years after the genocidal military coup of Pinochet, the DC and imperialism that massacred the revolution of the Industrial Cordons

- Yesterday, in the 1970s, they betrayed us with the “peaceful way to socialism” of Allende, Castro and Stalinism, which resulted in the “bloody way” to the imposition of the Pinochet dictatorship.

- Today, in 2021, they diverted our revolutionary struggle of 2019 with the farce of the rigged and undemocratic Constituent Convention that took us off the streets, saved Piñera and kept the regime of the '80 Constitution intact.

Enough of deceit, traps and betrayal!



The best tribute to our martyrs is to return to the path of October 2019

so that the socialist revolution succeeds and not even a stone remains of this damned civic-military regime

The union bureaucracies of the CUT and the Social Unity Board, the “red pacos”(red police) of the CP and all the collaborationist left continue with their hoax, i.e. that we will conquer Dignity and all our demands from the hand of that Constituent Convention, when it has been instead a death trap against those below. Its only objective was to get us out of the revolutionary struggle and to re-legitimize the Pinochetista regime that today is getting ready for the farce of presidential and parliamentary elections, hand in hand with the Right, the former Concertacion, the Broad Front, the CP, etc.

Those treacherous leaderships are the ones that betrayed the Revolutionary General Strike and separated the working class from the rebellious youth and the fighting masses. Thus they guaranteed that Piñera continues in power and now he can end his term in peace, while mercilessly unleashing the furious attack commanded by Biden and the Wall Street pirates on the workers and exploited with hunger, unemployment, high taxes, hellish conditions of super-exploitation, etc., at the same time that imperialism redoubles its plunder.

Enough of the Constituent farce and the electoral trap!

Only by kicking Piñera out of La Moneda palace and destroying the Pinochetista regime

with the revolutionary struggle will we open the way to conquer the long-awaited freedom, justice and dignity



Immediate and unconditional release of the more than 2,500 political prisoners!

Trial and punishment for the Pinochet generals and the murderers of our martyrs of yesterday and today!

Without disarming the genocidal caste of officers and ending their theft of the copper businesses, without imposing the end of the curfew and the “state of exception”, without expelling the US imperialists’ military base of Con Con, without dissolving the murderous Pacos, without the self-defense committees (the worker and peasant militia to arm the rebellious people together with the committees of rank and file soldiers) we will not achieve dignity.

There will be no “democracy” or “freedom” with imperialism plundering our nation.

Copper must return to the hands of the Chileans, expelling the transnationals and blowing up the FTAs to guarantee free and quality education and health, work, decent salaries and pensions, and all our other demands.

We have to jump the subway turnstiles again and recover Plaza Dignidad (Dignity Square)!

Rank and file assemblies and works councils in each factory, mine, port, workplace and study facility to rekindle the revolutionary fire of Chile from below!

Let the Industrial Cordons return!

Out with the union bureaucracy and all the traitors to our struggle!

National Congress of grassroots delegates of the workers, poor peasants, rebellious youth and all the exploited masses to resume the path of the Revolutionary General Strike



October 2019: Dock workers strike

They massacred the revolution of the Industrial Cordons ... The time has come to settle accounts!

The only solution for those below is the victory of the socialist revolution!

The workers and the exploited will raise the power of those below, we will defeat this infamous regime and bring to victory the revolution that they crushed in 1973 and the one that they have now betrayed.

We will fight together with the masses of Colombia, with the workers who rose up in Cuba against the hunger they suffer from the capitalist restoration imposed by Castroism, and with the indomitable American working class.



July 11: Uprising of the Cuban workers and masses against the hunger

Only a **provisional revolutionary government of workers and poor peasants**, based on the self-determination organisms of the masses in struggle, will be able to guarantee the just demands of the workers and the people and the land for the peasant, breaking with imperialism and expropriating all the expropriators.

Either Chile will be socialist or a Wall Street colony!

Partido Obrero Internacionalista – Fourth International (POI-CI), adherent to the FLTI

The event “Trotsky in permanence” was held in Brazil, organized by Frank Garcia Hernandez of the Cuban CP

Former Trotskyists gather together under the leadership of the Cuban CP to cover up for the nouveau riche of Castroism who restored capitalism in the island

From August 2 to 6 the online event “Trotsky in Permanence” was held, organized in Brazil. The currents that make up the FIT-U of Argentina (PTS, PO, MST and Izquierda Socialista/UIT-CI), the LIT-CI, the PO-Tendency of Altamira and the International Marxist Current led by Alan Woods, the same one that years ago delivered the Trotskyist Transitional Program to Chávez as to show him as “socialist”, participated in the event. Likewise, there were currents coming from Spartacism, and the EEK from Greece. It is noteworthy that most of these currents are tendencies within the PSOL of Brazil and as such they participated in this event, including all the Mandeliste tendencies, which are the self-styled «anti-capitalists» of the French NPA.

Paul Le Blanc, former leader of the US ISO and today a militant of the “Democratic Socialists of America” (DSA) of Bernie Sanders, that is, the “left” of the butchers of the US imperialist Democratic Party who today are in power with Biden, also intervened.

As we can see, almost the whole range of the renegades of Trotskyism were present at this event which was directly led by the Communist Party of Cuba, through Frank García Hernández. This leader of Cuban Stalinism was the same one who organized a meeting on Trotsky in Havana in 2019. At that time, the renegades of Trotskyism, well away from the Cuban workers and exploited, locked themselves in a classroom to «lecture» on the legacy of the leader of the Fourth International together with the Castro party that received with honors Mercader, the KGB agent who assassinated Trotsky. That meeting was the meeting of reconciliation, with the former Trotskyists embracing the executioners of the international revolutionary movement, who in turn «apologized» for having persecuted the Cuban Trotskyists in the 1960s.

The event that has just concluded was the

continuity of that one they held in 2019, with an aggravating factor: this time they met days after the uprising of the Cuban workers and masses against the hunger they suffer due to the imposition of capitalist restoration on the island.

As we will show in this article, all the renegades of Trotskyism, beyond their nuances, subordinated themselves to the policy of García Hernández, representative of the nouveau riche of the CCP who want to use Trotsky’s legacy to cover up the capitalist restoration they imposed on the island. The former Trotskyists are thus also concealing the enrichment of this new bourgeoisie as junior partners of the imperialist transnationals, while they are starving the Cuban masses, whom they violently repressed as the latter rose up last July 11.

The liquidators of the Fourth International have willingly disciplined themselves to this policy, usurping the clean banners of Trotskyism to legitimize the new bourgeois millionaires of the Cuban Communist Party. In the service of this, these currents exposed during 5 days, and intervened in the different “round tables” and “thematic symposiums” of this event. Together with academicians and intellectuals, they dedicated themselves to falsifying and destroying the program, the strategy and the entire revolutionary legacy of the Fourth International in order to erase the river of blood that exists between Trotskyism and Stalinism and to justify that for years they themselves have joined the so-called “New Left”, in a common party with the Stalinist scourge.



The renegades of Trotskyism disciplined to Frank Garcia Hernandez and Castroism, on the barricade confronting the starving Cuban masses

These currents pass off this impostor Frank García Hernández as if he were an “opposition fighter persecuted by the Castroite regime”, which after imprisoning him on July 11 in Havana, would have kept him in house arrest. Some of them, such as the LIT-CI, even speak of him as a “Trotskyist activist” inside Cuba, when contrariwise García Hernández is a self-confessed Stalinist militant, proud leader of the CCP. This guy is such a fervent Castroite, that not only did he quickly clarify that his arrest in Cuba was due to a “confu-

sion” and the next day he was released, but he also boasted of having been in the column of the Cuban Communist Party on that July 11, the same one that beat to a pulp the starving masses that mobilized all over the island. Thus, in the same days that the aforementioned event was taking place, García Hernández, in an interview for a radio station in Argentina, affirmed: *«I was not with the demonstrators who were in the protests. Rather, I was (...) as a member of the Communist Party, marching with the members of the Communist Party. (...) A group of communist militants were shouting: «this street belongs to Fidel», «I am Fidel»... To the four winds this Stalinist cadre unfurls his full Castroite flag! The same one he unfurled when he celebrated months ago the infamous support of the Castroite regime to the fascist al-Assad in Syria, who together with the hit man Putin massacred more than 600,000 workers and exploited.*

García Hernández closed the event “Trotsky in permanence”, defending the policy of the CCP about the problem of hunger and misery in Cuba being due to the U.S. embargo on the island. Clearly, García Hernández concealed the capitalist restoration imposed by the nouveau riche of the CCP. Tragically enough, in this event, the renegades of Trotskyism did the same, since in their various dissertations they silenced the fact that in Cuba private property has been reestablished, as well as the right to inheritance and, above all, that from the bowels of the CCP a new possessing class has emerged which is the Castroite bourgeoisie.

Beyond the differences they have on the characterization of Cuba, all these currents kept silent and concealed the businesses of the Castroite “red businessmen”, associated with Spanish, French and Canadian imperialisms in tourism, nickel mining, oil, etc.

Thus they placed themselves on the barricade confronting the Cuban masses, because the only way for the latter to eat and recover their conquests is with a new revolution that expropriates all the businesses and properties of the CP hierarchs and the transnationals installed in Cuba, as part of the Latin American revolution.

They are such lackeys of Castroism, that in this event members from the Spartacist current were heard to affirm without any shame that the Cuban workers in revolt were all “counterrevolutionary agents organized by imperialism”. Miserable servants of Stalinism!

Regarding the US imperialists’ embargo, the policy that García Hernández is supporting from his blog “Communists Cuba”, is a petition begging Biden to lift the embargo on



Cuba, making the Cuban workers, the US and the entire continent believe that the new representative of the butchers of Wall Street can be their ally!

That petition was not only signed by old “Bolivarian” figures like Lula and Correa, by Sanders’ DSA, etc., but was also supported by the majority of the currents that gathered at the “Trotsky in permanence” event, like the PSOL of Brazil, Mandelism from the “Unified Secretariat”, etc. This is no coincidence: all the renegades of Trotskyism share with the CCP the will to hide that the only way to defeat the blockade is to confront the Biden government, with the unity and with the revolutionary struggle of the American working class -which had imposed the withdrawal of the US from Vietnam-, and with the Cuban workers armed as when they defeated the Gringos in the Bay of Pigs.

The sellouts of the Fourth International are covering with a “red garb” the party of Castroism that is imposing all across the Americas a “new 1989” (i.e., the year that Stalinism consummated the capitalist restoration in the USSR, China and other former workers’ states). While the worst stab in the back is being given to the revolutionary struggle for the seizure of power by the workers and peasants, making the masses of Cuba and the continent believe that “socialism” is the hunger and misery suffered by the exploited of the island, the former Trotskyists find themselves embraced by the ones who have sold the socialist revolution out.

That is why it is not surprising that the Mandelite current has had a great protagonism in this event. Actually, Mandelism is a current proven for decades in its submission to Stalinism and in sustaining it when the events of 1989 took place. The very same Mandel dedicated himself since the second half of the 1980s, to support and legitimize Gorbachev, the direct agent of the US and UK inside the USSR, who, with his policy of “perestroika”

(economic opening) and “glasnost” (political opening) began to hand over the workers’ state to the world imperialism. So open is its rupture with the legacy of Trotskyism, that in one of its Congresses this current removed from its statutes the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat, that is to say, it openly renounced to fight for the seizure of power by the working class. How could it not support today Castroism which handed over the last dictatorship of the proletariat that existed!

An event on Trotsky where the legacy of Trotskyism was falsified to give “permanence” to the program of Stalinism

As they have been doing for years, in this event the sellouts of the Fourth International revised the program and the theory of revolutionary Trotskyism, castrating its revolutionary content. Thus, they presented a Trotsky adapted to the “good manners” of the bourgeois universities, transforming him into a harmless icon and falsifying the combat waged by Trotskyism against Stalinism and other traitorous leaderships which are bought by the bourgeoisie to sustain the world capitalist system in its imperialist phase.

In this event the program of the Fourth International of death struggle against Stalinism, social democracy, the labor aristocracies and the trade union bureaucracies was liquidated. These currents dedicated themselves to show that the differences between Trotskyism and Stalinism were “ideological” or “theoretical” questions, and not that **Trotsky’s revolutionary legacy was to call to confront those counterrevolutionary executioners, servants of imperialism, with civil war, as was the program of political revolution to overthrow the Soviet bureaucracy and transform the USSR again into a bastion of the world**

revolution. For fighting for this policy, Stalinism persecuted, imprisoned and murdered the Trotskyists, beginning with Comrade Trotsky himself!

At 180° of this, the former Trotskyists in this event were silent not only on the historical betrayals of Castro-Stalinism to the world revolution and the surrender of Cuba to imperialism, but also silenced the stabs in the back they inflicted on the revolutionary struggles of the workers and oppressed of the continent, as in the U.S., Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile and recently in Colombia.

The maximum example of this is when at the opening of this event it was affirmed that **“there is a revolutionary movement broader than Trotskyism”**, that is to say, that **there are “revolutionary” wings of Stalinism, such as that of Frank García Hernández**. Everything they debated in the different symposiums was at the service of this policy, as was the enormous weight they gave to the discussion on the “Workers United Front”, which was vilely falsified to justify that the “united front” of these currents is with the Stalinist scourge. This is what the renegades of Trotskyism are doing all over the planet, setting up blocs and common parties with Stalinism, as was demonstrated by this event in Brazil together with the CCP.

This new meeting of the liquidators of the Fourth International once again confirmed that they have become neo-Stalinist currents, which, for example, in an open policy of class collaboration, are reissuing the old recipe of Stalinism of supporting the “progressive bourgeois” or “democratic camps” for the sake of “confronting the right wing” and “fascism”, thus subjecting the proletariat to a sector of its executioners and liquidating any policy of class independence.

We could see it in the support they gave to Haddad-Lula against Bolsonaro in Brazil, while today the PSOL is discussing to make a front with the PT for next year’s elections. It was the same recipe they applied in Chile: with the excuse of confronting Piñera and the regime of the Constitution of 1980, they all ended up at the feet of the Pinochetista Constituent Assembly scam, while in Peru they called to vote for Castillo “against Fujimori”. Speaking of “all against Trump”, there was no lack of support given by the renegades of Trotskyism to Sanders, the “left wing” of the Democratic Party today commanded by the butcher Biden.

In this way, these currents raise the Stalinist pseudo theory of “two-stage revolution”, telling the working class that it has ahead a whole stage of struggle for “more democracy”

against the “reactionary” bourgeoisie and it will be able who knows when, to fight for the socialist revolution, in an open rupture with the theory-program of the Permanent Revolution of Trotskyism.

With this policy, the renegades of Trotskyism did nothing more than collaborate in sustaining the deviations imposed on the revolutionary processes that have developed throughout the continent. That is why in all the symposiums the strategy of Trotskyism was silenced which, against any policy of class collaboration, fights for the rise of the armed soviets for the triumph of the mass struggles and the socialist revolution.

This policy raised by the ex-Trotskyists explains why this event was developed behind the backs of the working class of Colombia that suffers the massacre of the Duque-Urbe government, of the masses of Chile that have more than 2,500 political prisoners rotting in jails and of all the Latin American proletariat, hiding the need to conquer a common revolutionary struggle against imperialism, its governments and regimes and the traitorous collaborationist bureaucracies and leaderships. And the great absentee was the U.S. working class, although it is the one that holds the key to the liberation of the Cuban workers and of the whole Americas.

What took place in Sao Paulo was a session of the single party of Stalinism and the renegades of Trotskyism

As part of the international policy of the so-called “New Left”, the ex-Trotskyists have definitively dissolved the Fourth International to march to single parties at the feet of the Stalinists in the whole planet.

The renegades of Trotskyism want to justify their surrender of the Fourth International and their submission to Stalinism all over the planet, by affirming, as we have already said, that there are sectors with which to converge because they are part of the “revolutionary movement which is broader than Trotskyism”. Even, in order to cover up their misdeeds, they went so far as to affirm that “there are Stalinists who do not know Stalin’s crimes”. The PO of Argentina (including the current Tendency of the PO) and the EEK of Greece -which were present in this event- dedicated themselves years ago to hold conferences



2019: Frank Garcia Hernandez with Oprinari from PTS, at the meeting in Havana

and to discuss the setting up of a common International with a female minion of the hit man Putin, Darya Mitina of the Unified Communist Party (OKP) of Russia, with the excuse that this “sector of Stalinism is rethinking and drawing lessons from its actions”.

What took place in Brazil was a meeting of the “section of the Americas” of this new international that Stalinists and liquidators of the Fourth International have set up. Just months ago, the “African section” of this unified party met in the event “Marxism Africa 2021” by the ISO of the English SWP, where they met with representatives of Zionism and the South African CP of the ANC.

The fact is that the “Bolivarian” bourgeoisies and the old World Social Forum have already surrendered all the anti-imperialist struggles of the masses and now have no authority to expropriate any revolutionary struggle of the oppressed peoples. For that reason, the renegades of Trotskyism and Stalinism have advanced throughout the planet to centralize their forces and set up common parties to contain the revolutionary upsurges of the world working class. That is the role they play in the “New Left”, which this time met in Sao Paulo, where they enlisted to contain the irruption that is simmering in Brazil due to the profound hatred of the masses against the Bolsonaro government.

Against all of them, we Trotskyists fight to recover the Fourth International from the hands of those who have sold it out to Stalinism and have led our world party into the mire of ignominy and betrayal. For this reason the struggle to re-found the Fourth International is inseparable from recovering its clean banners. This will be the road for true Trotskyism to reach Cuba and we will do it against the Castroite scum and the liquidators of Trotskyism who cover the backs of the betrayers of the revolution.

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SOUTH AFRICA

August 16, 2021: Rally in the 9th anniversary of the murder of the 34 miners of Marikana



On August 16, a rally, organized by the Marikana miners' union AMCU, was held to mark the 9th anniversary of the massacre of the 34 miners who were on a heroic strike demanding "a 12,500 rand wage or we will kick out the managers" in the Marikana mines (South Africa) operated by the transnational mining companies Anglo American (Amplats) and London Mining Company (Lonmin). The Marikana miners staged a 5-months-long strike and staged one of the largest combats of the working class in South Africa. There, they set up their organizations for the struggle, the strike committees, the strike picket lines, and united the ranks of all the 70 thousand miners who were not only from South Africa, but also from Namibia, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique. Anglo American and its South African ANC police hitmen, its South African lackey government and the Stalinist trade union bureaucracy carried out this massacre in Marikana and killed the striking miners.

AMCU and Malema continued stating to seek justice in the bourgeois courts

At the 9th anniversary rally, this massacre was denounced and it was stated that there is still no justice for our martyrs, and therefore the fight for justice is a pending task. Its organizers, the AMCU leadership, as well as one of the main speakers in the rally, Malema (former leader of the ANC youth and current leader of the party called EFF), denounced the transnationals that enrich themselves at the expense of the workers. They denounced the ANC government for giving the order to kill the Marikana miners, Zuma (which was the president at that time) and the current South African president Ramaphosa, who was manager of the Marikana mining company. They also stated that we must continue to seek justice and compensation for the families of the martyrs, but this must be achieved by pressuring the courts.

That is to say that, despite denouncing the judges who have covered up the murderers, that the greatest murderer in Marikana is today the president of South Africa, and that the commission





that investigated the facts gave conclusive evidence of the massacre and was not taken into account in the courts, they continued with the policy that they have been applying of seeking justice by the hand of the South African bourgeois courts. This policy has brought the Marikana miners to court and they have been divided from the group of South African workers, who in previous years had carried out general strikes, as a result of which former President Zuma fell. The leaderships of all the unions, trade union centrals and workers' organizations in South Africa had also isolated the miners when they carried out their heroic strike and were massacred.

The reformist left turned the back on the Marikana miners and the 34 martyrs

For this reason, in this rally for the 9th anniversary there were none of these organizations, neither unions, nor leaders of the working class, nor the left parties that speak in its name. Neither the metalworkers union NUMSA, nor the Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party (SRWP), nor Keep Left (which belongs to the international grouping headed by the British SWP) was present. The latter held an African meeting with all its groups and the CP of South Africa, in which there was no mention of Marikana and they censored the Trotskyists who from the first day and for 9 years have been together with the miners and their families. None of these groups were present at Marikana's event. In it, independent personalities of the black movement participated and expressed their greetings, but all the parties that claim to be for socialism (only to sell it out) were absent. For them, Marikana does not exist.

The Trotskyists of WIL-Zimbabwe and the FLTI were present in the rally claiming for justice for Marikana miners

Those who did attend at the event, as for 9 years we have been together with the Marikana miners and their families, were the Trotskyists of the FLTI, from the WIL of Zimbabwe and the International Workers Organizer. We sent our messages of solidarity, which were reproduced in the transmission of the event, closing it, followed by a minute of silence kept by the widows of the murdered miners and the miners in the Marikana field where their comrades were killed paying tribute to them. As for 9 years, we continue to fight for justice for the Marikana miners, and we warn that it will not come from the bourgeois courts, but that this is achieved with the methods and struggle of the working class, unifying its ranks throughout South Africa and in a joint fight with the workers of the whole Southern Africa and with the black workers of the USA and those who go to Europe and leave their



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The best way of paying tribute to the 34 murdered miners of Marikana is by making a call to the whole working class in southern Africa to rise in a single struggle for decent wage,

against the waged slavery, against unemployment and hunger. The same struggle, the same enemy

: Anglo American, the transnational companies, imperialism and its puppet governments we don't forget! Open the road to the work to the black power!

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blood in the Mediterranean Sea. The demand raised by the Marikana miners of a decent wage is the demand of the entire workers movement. The fight for justice for the Marikana miners is the same fight for justice for George Floyd and all the murdered black workers. Workers and popular courts to judge and punish all those responsible! In South Africa, throughout Southern Africa, in the US and Europe, the same fight against the same enemy: the transnational companies and their puppet governments!●