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The strong alliance between the DPRK and Russia is a powerful guarantee to advance a victory for the antiimperialist camp.

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The DPRK-Russia "Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" is essentially an alliance treaty. This treaty between the DPRK and Russia, announced on June 19, 2024, in Pyongyang, represents the highest level of relations between two countries in history, including the one between the DPRK and the former Soviet Union. For instance, Article 4, which stipulates, "In case any one of the two sides is put in a state of war by an armed invasion from an individual state or several states, the other side shall provide military and other assistance with all means in its possession without delay," is almost identical to Article 1 of the "Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance" between the DPRK and Russia, signed on July 6, 1961. It is also confirmed by Putin's remarks at the press conference in Hanoi.

We should note that Russia has now signed the treaty with the DPRK, at a time when the war in East Asia is imminent, at the same level as the Soviet Union signed with the DPRK just before Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. The former socialist country, Russia, is taking a step at the level of the Soviet Union, which was the original socialist state and the guiding and leading force during the antifascist war, World War 2. This is particularly significant given that the treaty counterpart DPRK is the most steadfast socialist country and has already fought a war against 16 allied countries including the USA.

In other words, Russia has declared to the world that it is determined to fight imperialism by establishing the highest level of strategic relations, essentially an alliance, with the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist and anti-imperialist country. Also, it has significant meaning because the

treaty was signed under conditions where Russia had already seized a clear victory in a two-year war practically against NATO through its special military operation in Ukraine, and where the USA and NATO, panicked by this, have allowed Ukraine to attack the Russian mainland with the weapons they supplied.

Although the USA calls the "ROK" and Japan its allies, the "Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of Korea and the United States" of October 1, 1953, only states that in the event of an armed attack the parties will "consult together" in Article 2. Article 4 of the same treaty states "The Republic of Korea grants, and the United States of America accepts, the right to dispose United States land, air and sea forces in and about the territory of the Republic of Korea," which demonstrates the true nature of their relationship: imperialist and colony. "The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan" of June 23, 1960, only stipulates in Article 4 that the parties will "consult together," and in Article 5, in the event of an armed attack "act to meet the common danger". Therefore, these two treaties fundamentally differ from the DPRK-Russia Treaty on June 19. "North Atlantic Treaty" of April 4, 1949, also only stipulates in Article 4, "consult together" and the Article 5 merely states "consequently they agree ... each of them ... will assist by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary" in the event of an armed attack. By contrast, this treaty between the DPRK and Russia is not only the highest level among the historic treaties between the two countries, but it is also incomparably stronger than other similar treaties on the planet. It is especially significant given the essential characteristics of the current political situation.

The current world situation can be summarized as "the flames of World War 3 perpetrated by imperialism are spreading from Eastern Europe to Western Asia and then to East Asia." World War 3 began with Russia's special military operation in February 2022, has intensified with Hamas's Operation Al-Aqsa Flood in October 2023 and Iran's Operation True Promise in April 2024, and will enter full swing when the war in East Asia erupts.

Meanwhile, from the imperialist side, the high probability of Trump's victory in the US presidential election in November, who will likely hand off from the war in Ukraine if he comes to power, can be a severe unstable factor.

Therefore, in order to make World War 3 an irreversible trend regardless of whether Trump is elected or not, considering that the DPRK and China are keeping patient with "strategic patience" and not entangled in imperialist provocations in East Asia, imperialism seems to change its direction to expand the already ongoing wars in Ukraine and West Asia to promote the flow of World War 3.

These signs have been especially intense since the end of May 2024. In addition to the weapons mentioned above provided to Ukraine to attack the Russian mainland, the imperialists have begun to deploy troops to Ukraine, sharply expanded its arms supply, and even Nato countries, including the USA, have practiced firing tactical nuclear weapons against Russia in war simulations. In West Asia, Israeli Zionism has now reached the stage of deciding on an all-out war against Hezbollah, attacking Rafah at the same time.

Signs of war in East Asia are also surging. The USA has been conducting nuclear war exercises against North Korea by continuously putting strategic assets such as nuclear strategic bombers and nuclear aircraft carrier battle groups in the "ROK." The USA in particular has been promoting the separatist movement in Taiwan, making the Yoon Suk-yeol government of the "ROK," the Kishida government of Japan, the Lai Ching-te government of Taiwan, and the Marcos Jr. government of the Philippines the "first island chain" surrounding China. All of these governments are facing plummeting approval ratings due to political and economic crises, forcing them to resort to shocking events such as war as the only way out under the control of their master, the USA.

Above all, Western imperialism, including the USA, is acting strategically to expand NATO, the imperialist aggressors, not only to the North Atlantic but also to the Pacific. It has already established the "Indo-Pacific" policy, which is a step further from the "Pivot to Asia" policy, and formed the "AUKUS" and "QUAD" to form an encirclement that isolates China, the DPRK, and Russia while fiercely conducting various joint war exercises and nuclear war drills to raise a war crisis. The Biden administration's talk of the "New Washington Consensus" or "de-risking" is just a deception to cover up its war efforts.

In this international situation, the DPRK-Russia relations of comprehensive strategic partnership at the highest level create a major rupture in the imperialist camp's encirclement. Most importantly, the DPRK has been freed from all sorts of sanctions, and Russia has gained a powerful ally in the Far East. The two countries will jointly develop the Tumen River region, benefiting enormously from exchanges and cooperation in logistics, energy, high-tech industry, and agriculture and from the extensive development of a relatively vulnerable region. Above all, military cooperation between nuclear and missile-armed states with all nuclear weapons and delivery systems will have a synergistic effect and contribute significantly to regional and global peace and stability. In short, this all-round strategic cooperation and alliance, including in the military field, between the two strongest bastions of the anti-imperialist camp in the situation of World War 3 will add significant momentum to the strengthening of anti-imperialist forces, and advance the final victory of the antiimperialist camp.

Mobilising the working class of the ruling countries against imperialism

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At present, most of those who reject imperialism do not do so from proletarian or socialist positions. Strictly speaking, what they are questioning is the abusive behaviour of certain powers, according to the dictionary definition. It is this limited understanding that allows the real imperialists to confuse, divide and weaken the peoples, especially in the dominant countries. For example, many people in solidarity with Palestine do not support Russia's military action against the puppet regime in Kiev or the struggle of China and Korea for their reunification because they think that these countries are also imperialist. They do not understand imperialism in all its geographical and historical manifestations and therefore in its class roots.

Clarifying this question is essential to develop a force that will defeat the imperialists and put an end to imperialism for good.

The essence of contemporary imperialism

Phenomena such as invasion, domination, oppression and exploitation of one country by another have existed throughout history. But their causes and consequences were very different from one time to another because their essence was also different: before capitalism, territorial property, which is the primary form of private property, was coveted. Already in the epoch of the flowering of capitalism, the most advanced country, England, was imperialist in that it exploited its colonies and their workers. It was therefore outwardly imperialist, but not inwardly imperialist, where freedom and equality based on fully realised private property reigned. It even had some monopolies engendered by the mercantile regime, but these did not dominate the market as a whole.

Contemporary imperialism born at the confluence of the 19th and 20th centuries is the necessary result of the development of the capitalist regime of production which turns free market competition into its opposite: i.e. the domination of all economic branches operating in the national market by a few monopolistic enterprises. This results in an enormous surplus of capital forced to seek profitability in countries where capital, wages, land and raw material prices are lower. The domination, oppression and exploitation of a majority of countries by a few is the inevitable consequence of the domina-tion of the bourgeois monopolies within the older and more developed capitalist countries. This is the essence of imperialism today.

Therefore, imperialism can only be completely eradicated through the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat to destroy the capitalist relations of production and build socialism.

The anti-imperialist alliance and the working class

This is not to say that the working class is the only class that needs to fight imperialism. At the present moment, in addition to the dominant proletariat in China, Korea, Cuba and other socialist countries, it is the dominant non-comprador bourgeoisies in Russia, Iran and other states that are in the front line fighting the imperialist powers. They are helping to weaken and destabilise these main pillars of capitalism and reaction on an international scale. The first duty of class-conscious proletarians is to support and strengthen the struggle waged by these bourgeois forces against the imperialists. They are our allies for the main task of the moment:both from an objective point of view, because their economic, political and military strengthening undermines the parasitic source of power of the imperialist bourgeoisies;and from the subjective point of view, because they defend democracy with their demand for a 'multipolar world' against the 'unipolar' submission to the United States and its allies.

For our alliance with the sovereign forces of the world become from necessary to real, we must develop a force of opposition to imperialism in the rear of imperialism. And it will only be a real force if it unites a section of the population, neutralises the undecided and isolates the recalcitrant imperialist minority. It is not enough to bring together those who repudiate imperialism, not out of their own material necessity, but out of solidarity with other peoples.

We must bring together those who are also oppressed by their own imperialist bourgeoisie: firstly, the proletarian majority and, secondly, the minority of small landowners.

To do this, we must refute the ideas that hinder the rapprochement between the anti-imperialist movement and the working masses who are still ignorant of their class interests.

These pernicious ideas stem not only from ignorance, intellectual dullness or inexperience, but also from the antagonisms of the capitalist society in which we live.

The majority of people with misconceptions are not aware of their class character, but this does not mean that they do not correspond to the interests of the bourgeoisie or to the illusions and contradictions of the intermediate social strata. The necessary pedagogical generosity towards these comrades should not prevent us from revealing which class the ideas that harm the anti-imperialist cause serve.

This class characterisation of ideas is necessary to develop consciousness of their fundamental interests, both among the proletarians and among their bourgeois and petty-bourgeois allies.

This ideological demarcation and framing is indispensable to forge the class alliance that sustains the anti-imperialist movement.

In the ruling countries, if we do not fight for the political independence of the proletariat, our contribution to the international struggle against the imperialists will be limited to spontaneous protests incapable of shaking their power.

Clarifying to the working class why it is interested in fighting imperialism

How can we bring the workers closer to the antiimperialist movement?

Firstly, by revealing the exploitation and oppression of the workers and dependent peoples by the imperialists.

Secondly, by refuting the slander suffered by the forces opposed to imperialism, especially when it comes from supposed supporters of the working class, revolution and socialism:whether they are social democrats, trotskyists, adherents of the theory of the 'imperialist pyramid' and other opportunists, revisionists and sectarians.

Thirdly, by avoiding total and blind followerism towards the bourgeois forces fighting the imperialists today, because it favours a passive and expectant attitude in the proletarians, instead of helping them to take up their interests as a class. In this sense,

- We must refrain from promoting the reactionary part of the ideological and political positions of our allies, and we must even criticise it dialectically.
- We must relativise the validity of peaceful and legal forms and claim the revolutionary point of view to bring the oppressed masses into action.
- We must support the class struggle of the workers

- and other exploited people also against the national bourgeoisies confronting imperialism.
- We must explain the irresistible tendency of all capitalist development to monopolism and thus to imperialism, defending the necessity of socialism in all countries.

Fourthly and finally, the decisive condition for the workers to join the anti-imperialist movement is that we regain full confidence in the majority of the workers and go out to meet them where they are in order to meet their immediate needs.

Mass Tactics in the Imperialist Countries

The lack of confidence in the proletarians of the imperialist countries is due to the fact that they spontaneously show little solidarity with the oppressed in other countries. This feeling reinforces petty-bourgeois positions in the anti-imperialist movement: First, questioning the class identity common to all proletarians, their fundamental difference from the intermediate classes and social strata, as well as their ability to unite them against

monopoly and finance capital; Second, to deny the necessity for the working class to lead the international struggle against imperialism, as a condition for defeating and eradicating this social regime; And thirdly, to consider the majority of the proletariat of the imperialist countries as labour aristocracy, ignoring Lenin's criterion that it cannot be calculated in advance how much of the proletariat will move to the imperialist camp, except that it will be a minority.

Instead of going to the working masses to free them from bourgeois influence, they blame them for the weakness that our class has carried with it ever since many communist parties renounced the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism. They argue that revisionism was fatally and inevitably imposed due to objective circumstances such as the changes in imperialism after the Second World War. However, the decisive factor that tipped

the balance of forces within the communist parties of the capitalist countries in their favour was exogenous. It happened in the 1950s, within their international stronghold, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. And it was not due to the new conditions of capitalist society, but to the result of the class struggle in the first socialist society.

Now, the worsening structural crisis of capitalism, the growing conflict between the national bourgeoisies and the flexible resistance of the socialist countries offer us better objective conditions. But there are no shortcuts or miracle solutions: the decades-long absence of mass communist parties must be filled politically. We cannot leap over this imperative, however much events are rushing ahead at breakneck speed.

We must address the industrial proletariat and the most oppressed. We must spread agitation for the most backward and propaganda for the most advanced. We must organize the most advanced in the party with the mission of solidly linking up with the most backward. We must determine the tasks by the strategic objective and, in contrast, the forms of struggle, organisation and slogans must be determined according to what is acceptable at any given moment for the broadest masses: as Marx explained, suaviter in modo, fortiter in re or, in other words, flexibility in tactics and firmness in strategy. As soon as possible, we must bring the communist organisations together to draw up and implement jointly an action plan centred on the allout fight against imperialism. And you must rely on the best international initiative: the World Anti-Imperialist Platform.

Critical analysis of the positions of the organizations of the Spanish State regarding imperialism

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Good afternoon to all of you.

My intervention—which I will try to make brief—has a fundamentally critical sense. Critical with the positions of a substantial part of the communist movement of the Spanish State in matters of international conflicts, but critical also, above all, with the theoretical foundations of these positions.

Because, if so many communist, workers and anti-imperialist organizations have been unable to adopt a correct position, for example, before the imperialist aggressions against Libya, Syria or Venezuela, before the war in Ukraine or before the Palestinian genocide, this is due, among other things, to a theoretical misunderstanding of the nature of current imperialism. Hence the need to identify these confusions in order to be able to refute them with arguments, and thus also to generate the necessary framework to continue elaborating one's own analysis.

For my part, I will limit myself to pointing out four major mistaken lines of thought on imperialism, each of which leads, in turn, to a series of serious political errors.

The first line consists, in fact, in an open denial of imperialism as a distinctive phenomenon. Communists who hold this position juggle conceptually in order to reject out of hand the existence of imperialism as an international system of domination and exploitation, and reason, above all, in two ways: either by rejecting the Leninist theory of the monopolistic character of modern capitalism, on the grounds that this thesis denies Marx's law of value; or by rejecting the validity of the concept of "nation" as a framework of analysis,

on the grounds that every nation is split into antagonistic classes.

The first argument is spurious, because the monopolistic development of capitalism does not annul competition but arises from it and reproduces it under a new form, as Lenin himself pointed out a century ago. The second argument is also sterile. Undoubtedly, every country is divided into antagonistic classes. But if a country constantly appropriates an unpaid surplus produced in another country, and these surplus benefits the process of capitalist accumulation within the first country, while, on the contrary, it harms it in the second, then we can speak of imperialist exploitation.

In general, these communists do not understand that what Lenin contributes is precisely an analysis of the national question and of the tendency to monopoly, not as negation or overcoming, but as historical concretion of the laws of the capitalist mode of production. This does not mean that nations have priority over classes, nor that the tendency to monopoly annuls competition and, therefore, the law of value. It is only a question of incorporating theoretical elements that Marx and Engels did not manage to elaborate so deeply, or that, simply, had not yet manifested themselves in their fullness during the epoch of classical industrial capitalism.

The second line, which has been gaining strength in recent times and which finds its most finished expression in the "theory of the imperialist pyramid" of the Communist Party of Greece, is born of a biased reading of Lenin's work.

There are two different ways of formulating this thesis, but, as we shall see, both lead to the same conclusions. The first consists in analyzing imperialism as a simple stage of development of world capitalism, ignoring the particularities of its internal structure; the second consists, on the other hand, in analyzing imperialism as a simple stage of the internal development of each capitalist country, ignoring its essentially international nature.

The theoretical limitations of this position are evident. Some adopt the first point of view, according to which imperialism constitutes only a stage of development of world capitalism, to conclude that all countries participating in the world market are imperialist. This reasoning is not only as absurd as affirming that, since the working class participates in the process of capitalist accumulation, the working class is capitalist, but it also splits, as Kautsky already did, the economic content and the political form of imperialism.

This position reduces imperialism to its economic dimension that is, to its condition of monopoly capitalism—, but ignores how the very expansion of monopoly capitalism necessarily leads to the domination of the weaker countries by the great capitalist powers. In this way, the pyramid theory loses sight of the qualitative distinction between the oppressed countries and the oppressor countries, leaving only a supposed difference of degree between them, which, however, does not serve to clarify the concrete forms adopted by the class struggle in both types of countries, the possible class alliances that open up in each of them, etc.

Others adopt, on the other hand, the second point of view, according to which imperialism constitutes only a simple stage of the internal development of each country, to affirm that any country which satisfies certain requirements (such as the existence of domestic monopolies, of a local financial oligarchy or of geopolitical interests outside its own borders) must be considered imperialist. Under

this very generic perspective, only the world's poorest countries would remain outside the club of imperialist nations, while countries such as Brazil, Indonesia or South Africa would be, it would seem, indisputably imperialist. Here, in addition to continuing to ignore the weight of the division between the oppressed and oppressor countries, the essentially international character of capitalist accumulation is also lost sight of, theoretically regressing to an outdated Marxism, more typical of the 19th century than of the imperialist epoch.

However, in either case, the political sterility of the pyramid theory is obvious: if all—or practically all—the countries of the world are imperialist, then none is imperialist. The concept becomes useless because it adds nothing substantial to the analysis Marx made 150 years ago; because it does not serve to distinguish between capitalism "in general" and its concrete expression as imperialism; in short, because it does not define the features proper to the present moment of capitalist development.

The third line I want to mention, although it is more common among the ranks of social democracy, anarchism and other currents that advocate an abstract pacifism, also has a certain weight within the communist movement.

This position, born more of moral prejudice than of rigorous theoretical analysis, affirms that imperialism consists simply in the aggression or political and military domination of one country over another. Starting from a generic rejection of all wars and all violence, these communists denounce any kind of international conflict as a simple struggle between two equally detestable factions.

The limits of this analysis are, once again, obvious. On the one hand, the idea that we communists must oppose, on principle, any war, denies all our historical experience, denies the need to lead a war against the bourgeoisie and denies, finally, our responsibility to support struggles that weaken imperialism. But, besides disarming us politically,

this thesis loses sight of the fundamental aspect of imperialism, namely: the economic exploitation of the oppressed countries by the oppressor countries.

If we want, thinking in this way, to reduce imperialism to direct political-military domination over other countries, then we should affirm, against all logic, that imperialism ends with colonialism; that, once the colonies conquered their independence, they ceased to be subject to imperialism. However, the plunder and exploitation of Africa, Asia and Latin America have continued to this day. Therefore, this position only blurs and hides the perpetuation of the relations of dependence between the former colonies and the imperialist countries.

To give an example: if only those countries that intervene militarily in others are imperialist, then Switzerland, despite profiting massively from the exploitation of Africa, would not be an imperialist country, while Ethiopia, despite being a country exploited by the European powers, would be imperialist for having intervened in Somalia. In this way the essence of imperialism is distorted, giving rise to absurd reasoning that denies the imperialist character of oppressive powers simply because they are more or less coupled to the hegemony of the United States—as in the case of Germany, France or the Spanish State itself, for example—, while, on the contrary, affirming the imperialist character of countries like Russia or Iran simply because they defend themselves against the threat of the United States, NATO and its various appendages.

Finally, the fourth line that I would like to present constitutes, more than a definite position, a sort of general orientation which, in a certain sense, also operates as a foundation for the two previous lines. I refer here to the biased and dogmatic readings of Lenin. We have seen, for example, that the theory of the pyramid retains only the economic part of Lenin's analysis—that is, the idea of imperialism as a monopolistic phase of capitalism—, while the

theory of imperialism as direct domination retains only the political part of Lenin's analysis—that is, the idea of imperialism as a system of international domination of some countries by others.

In both cases we find a partial and limited reading of Lenin, which splinters the economic content and the political form of imperialism. More generally, I would dare to say that many communists, in the face of the retreat of the revolutionary movement during the last decades, have preferred to take refuge in formulas and prejudices rather than continue to apply the fundamental tool of our doctrine: that is, the concrete analysis of the concrete situation. Between the time Marx published Capital and Lenin published Imperialism barely 50 years passed, but those 50 years were enough for the transformations undergone by capitalism to force communists to apply and elaborate Marx's theory in order to understand the particularities of their own historical moment. Today, however, more than a century after Lenin wrote about imperialism, it seems that almost nobody is interested in studying the transformations that imperialism has undergone from 1916 to the present.

Some communists arrive at erroneous political conclusions and others arrive at correct political conclusions, but almost all do so based on a mere application of preconceived recipes and formulas, such as, for example, the famous five features of imperialism enumerated by Lenin. During the last few years, certain organizations have taken this recipe book to conclude that Russia, since it more or less satisfies these five traits, is an imperialist power. Others, with greater political intuition, but the same theoretical narrowness, have taken this same recipe book to conclude that Russia, since it does not completely satisfy these five features, is not an imperialist power.

What practically no one has asked is whether this formula does not require updating; whether

100 years of capitalist development do not oblige us to elaborate, as Lenin himself did then, a more concrete and exhaustive study of the fundamental features of present-day imperialism, of the conditions of our own historical moment.

Today, for example, there is no longer a territorial distribution of the world as in Lenin's time, because the great colonial empires have been dissolved and the exploitation of the dependent countries is carried out by other means. Today, for example, the export of capital, although important, is no longer a necessary condition for the Western monopolies to exploit the labor force of the dependent countries, because the world value chains allow them to obtain the same profits without the need to commit their capital in those countries.

In short—and I am finishing—: the importance of updating our concrete analysis to understand the essential features of contemporary imperialism lies precisely in the need to identify what are the dominant forms it adopts today, and, from there, to define an adequate political orientation, capable of taking advantage of the contradictions of current capitalism to advance the revolutionary socialist project.

"It is time to adopt the courageous and heroic experience of our ancestors"

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In recent years, processes that threaten to drag the world into the abyss of carnage and large-scale upheavals have been rapidly gaining momentum. The instigation by Western (mainly American) imperialism of the massacre against the Russianspeaking Donbass and the Palestinian population at the hands of the Ukrainian Bandera regime and the Zionist Israeli government is a wake-up call to all mankind. History reminds us that all local military clashes provoked by the "powerful of this world" served as a forerunner to world wars that claimed the lives of millions of people. While strongly condemning the aggressive aspirations of the "globalist" henchmen in Ukraine and Israel, speaking out against the genocide of the inhabitants of Novorossiya and Arab lands, we must not forget about the class essence of what is happening. Today, as in the 1930s, international capital is betting on unleashing a worldwide massacre and on strengthening geopolitical expansion in order to capture new sources of raw materials and markets for finished products. In this way, the bourgeoisie expects to minimize the consequences of economic crises for itself, distract working people from the root causes of their difficult and oppressed situation, sow seeds of discord in the ranks of the proletariat, pushing its representatives along racial and national lines. Only the consolidation of communist and workers' parties and movements, people of labor from different countries of the world into a single antiimperialist front, the deployment of the struggle against the bourgeois system, for socialism will open the way to the establishment of a stable and just peace on Earth, will put a barrier to those who are trying to plunge the planet into an ocean of blood. It was the consolidation of the progressive forces of a number of countries during the struggle against the Entente intervention in Soviet Russia, during the struggle against Hitlerism, that served as one of the key factors in the victory over world reaction. It is time to adopt the courageous and heroic experience of our ancestors, raising our voice against the omnipotence of capital, and contribute to the approach of the victory of the working people!

We will defeat imperialism, No to fascism, No to imperialism, Long live the Victory of the Working People throughout the world

Boris Litvinov | Donetsk Republican Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation

Dear participants of the World Anti-imperialist Platform. I am Boris Litvinov, Member of the People's Council of the Donetsk People's Republic, head of the regional committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, I greet you from this square named after Lenin of the heroic city of Donetsk.

Behind me, stands a monument of Lenin. That's one of the few that remained on the territory of the former state of Ukraine. Everything that is connected with Lenin, everything that is connected with the Soviet Union, everything that is connected with the victories and the achievements of the Great Soviet people in Ukraine was destroyed.

More than 100 years ago, the great Lenin defined imperialism. Lenin said that imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism and since then our country has followed the path of the Soviet Union. The fight against this world evil of imperialism was seen also during the formation of the Soviet state at the dawn of our Motherland in the 1918-1919 year when representatives of more than 14 countries landed to our land and went to war against the young Soviet state, and so it was during the Great Patriotic War when imperialism set Hitler's fascism against us, the Soviet country. And the same thing happened in 2014, the working people of Donbass which is a proletarianized region. Here are miners, metallurgists, coke chemists, teachers, doctors, students. Here is a huge industrialized region. Here people realized that they don't want to continue living according to patrons and according to the rules of the imperialists. We do not want that.

We want to build our own state, not according to orders from Washington, Brussels or other capitals of the imperialist powers. We will not live under the dictation of the financial capital. We rebelled against and we created our own Donetsk People's Republic. Today we have united with the Russian Federation, which, despite all its difficulties, is fighting against the dictates of financial capital. Today the world is in a struggle between the monopolies for the final division of the world. We don't want this, we want to live our own lives. We want to live according to our own will and build our own state, a Peaceful State today. Again, as it happened before at the beginning of the 20th century, and in the middle of the 20th century, and again armed representatives of financial capital came to our land.

Armed representatives of the financial capital from more than 50 countries of the world came to our land with missiles, bombs, shells, planes and tanks in order to suppress our will, so that they can drag us to what they call order and to make us adopt the rules of life, which are dictated to humanity by fascism through the global financial capital. We won't allow this.

I am addressing the delegates of the Antiimperialist platform. You probably remember how, back in 1919 the English workers... gave the world the slogan "hands away from Russia". I call on everyone today. All fighting workers of the earth unite and call for this topic. Hands off today's Russia. Today, bombs, shells, airplanes, which I spoke about earlier which are made by the hands of workers are being shipped to Ukraine in order to be dropped on our heads for more than 10 years.

The Russian people can never be defeated. Invaders often came to our Russian land. We have always come to Europe and other countries as liberators from the tyranny of various regimes. There is an ongoing propaganda that Russia tries to annex foreign territories. We don't need other people's lands, we have enough of our own. But we want to live our own lives with our own ideas about our future, we have a great past and we will have a great future too. The most important thing is that we give the world an example of the fight against imperialism.

I call all of you. Together with Russia, to fight and defeat this world's evil, imperialism and its offspring, fascism. We started here 10 years ago on this square near this glorious monument. We will continue this fight. We will defeat imperialism, No to fascism, no to imperialism, Long live the Victory of the Working People throughout the world.

Supporting Russia is anti-imperialism

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The era of political, economic and military interventions by imperialism against largely defenseless countries is coming to an end, and a new one has dawned in which the US and its dominated NATO are challenging countries with large nuclear arsenals and powerful armed forces. The fact that the US is reducing its presence in its traditional theaters of war, such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, indicates that Washington wants to strengthen its economic and military presence in the Indo-Pacific region, i.e. around China.

The NATO regularly conducts military exercises in which "defensive attacks" against Russia are rehearsed. The most recent were: Steadfast Defender 2024 (from April 8 to May 31 in Northern Europe) which became by far the largest exercise since the end of the Cold War and one of the largest since the organization's existence, Immediate Response 2024 (from April 21 to May 31 in Sweden), Brave Warrior (May 1-22, 2024 in Hungary), Swift Response 2024 (May 14-June 14 in Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland), Spring Storm 2024 (May 6-17 in Estonia), Grand Quadriga (April 30-July 30 in Germany and Lithuania).

It seems that the NATO member countries are urgently looking for a war against Russia. In January this year, NATO Admiral Rob Bauer called on the people of Europe to prepare for a war against Russia within the next 20 years!

Roderick Kiesewetter of the CDU/Germany pointed out that the war must be taken to Russia.^[1]

We well remember that in 2014 the US and the EU staged a coup in Ukraine against the then democratically elected President Yanukovych after he refused to accept the terms of the EU agricultural agreement, which would have largely opened the Ukrainian agricultural market to highly subsidized EU agricultural producers^[2]. Former President Viktor Yanukovych said: "I, as a president

and as a patriot of my country, cannot accept such conditions" [3].

The behavior of NATO states where their economic interests cannot be fully asserted, where the free exploitation of other countries' raw materials by their monopoly companies is not fully guaranteed, where limits are imposed on the export of capital or on the return of capital (e.g. in China), is well known: to overthrow an undesirable head of state. To defend one's own agricultural producers would be mad and tyrannical, but to call for war against Russia after Germany was responsible for the deaths of between 27 and 32 million Soviet citizens in the Second World War would be the purest expression of reason.

The madness, of course, is not that the peoples of the world want to defend themselves against the exploitative policies of the imperialist countries. The madness is to believe that all the peoples of the world must accept them without resistance and that if they do not, they will be forced to do so with sanctions, coups and even wars. This is what happened in Ukraine with Yanukovych.

Since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in 2014, Russia has been looking for ways to achieve peace, such as the famous Minsk agreements. In December 2021, Russia presented NATO countries with a proposal for a security agreement. Among other things, Russia proposed that Ukraine should not join NATO and, to avoid incidents, that neither NATO nor Russia should conduct military exercises in a strip defined by all parties to the treaty on the border between Russia and NATO member states (including states that have only a military alliance with NATO). [4] It was a last-ditch attempt to make Russia's security interests clear to NATO states through diplomatic channels before the start of the Special Military Operation in Ukraine. [5]

But Russia has continued to try to reach

agreements with the "West", even after the start of the special military operation. Negotiations took place again in March 2022, this time in Istanbul. [6] Both sides signed a document that stipulated very unfavorable conditions for Russia. For example, the Donbass was to remain Ukrainian, as previously stipulated in the Minsk agreements. According to the Washington Post, Crimea was to be handed over to Russia only 'on a lease basis'. Russia would withdraw its troops. In return, Ukraine was to reduce the size of its army and not join NATO. And Russia signed the agreement and withdrew its troops. But, according to David Arachamia (a Zelensky official), Boris Johnson (the then British Prime Minister) went to Kiev and gave Ukraine a choice: if Ukraine complied with the agreement, there would be no more Western aid. But if it continued to fight, it would get all the money it could possibly get. Today we know exactly what Zelensky decided.^[7]

In the face of NATO's relentless escalation of warmongering, the overwhelmingly re-elected Russian President Vladimir Putin warned on 29 February this year that Russian weapons could also reach European territory.^[8]

A few days earlier, on 26 February, Putin said that the deployment of NATO ground troops in Ukraine "would be the last step before World War III"^[9]. On the night of 17 March he warned that a direct military conflict between Russia and NATO forces in Ukraine would mean the world was one step away from a third thermonuclear world war.

But no, thermonuclear war seems to be worth it for the NATO states if it means saving their battered and moribund economies from collapse. Two days later, on 19 March, the head of Russia's foreign intelligence service, Sergei Naryshkin, reported that France was already preparing to send a contingent of some 2,000 troops to Ukraine. [10]

Also on 19 March, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin attended a meeting of the Contact Group on Ukraine at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, where he reiterated US policy that NATO would soon be at war with Russia if Ukraine were defeated. How ironic, since it would have been sooner had Russia not blocked NATO's advance into that very country... The extension of NATO's architecture to Ukraine would have directly destroyed the nuclear parity between Russia and the United States, to Russia's detriment.

The day before, the German and Polish defense ministers, Boris Pistorius and Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz, met on the outskirts of Warsaw and announced that the two countries would jointly deploy a rapid reaction force on the EU's eastern border (initially with 2,500 troops per country).

On 1 March, an audio recording was leaked which revealed that senior Bundeswehr officers were planning an attack on the Kerch Bridge (Crimea) with some 20 Taurus cruise missiles. ^[11] On 6 May, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz decided to travel to Latvia and Lithuania ^[12] to talk to Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda about the 4,800 Bundeswehr troops that Germany plans to station on NATO's eastern flank because of "Russia's increasingly aggressive behavior and the increasingly tense situation". ^[13] [14]

On 24 May, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg urged NATO member states to allow Ukraine to use Western weapons against Russian territory^[15].

On 28 May, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz echoed Stoltenberg's calls, saying he would agree to Ukraine using German-supplied weapons against Russia "within the framework of international law", including on Russian territory.

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that "this further escalation could have serious consequences"^[16].

In Germany, the CDU^[17] is likely to form the next government and, hard as it may be to believe, the signals it is sending suggest that it is likely to outdo the current government in warmongering. For example, it has advocated the gradual reintroduction of conscription in Germany in order to 'send a clear signal to Russia', arguing that Germany is currently incapable of defending itself against foreign aggression. This is Kafkaesque because Germany is a US-occupied country, and has

been since 1945, when it was not the US, Britain or France but the Soviet Union that liberated the country from fascism. It sounds schizophrenic, but it is true: Germany "must" militarize, not to drive the current occupiers out of the country, but to wage war against those who liberated it from fascism...

Last Wednesday (05.06.224), the German Defense Minister said: "We must be prepared for war [against Russia, it is understood] until 2029"^[18].

The reaction of France, the US, the UK, Germany and NATO as a whole to Russia's repeated calls for reason seems unbelievable.^[19]

NATO is sacrificing Ukrainian lives for its own interests. It is trying to do the same with the Baltic peoples and with Georgia. A large part of the population of the latter country is strongly opposed to being bled dry again by foreign interests. But the NATO countries will continue to plunge more and more peoples of the world into blood and death. It should not be forgotten for a moment that the governments of the NATO countries are rightly desperate because their economic systems are collapsing. All this seemingly irrational warmongering is ultimately an act of survival.

This is the great significance of Russia's struggle against NATO on Ukrainian territory. Russia is directly confronting imperialism there. Whether it is doing this by its own will or because history has dragged it into it is of no historical importance. Russia is confronting imperialism, this is the only fact that counts.

In recent months, the Russian military has made great leaps from an army that made serious and elementary military mistakes to one that is disciplined, capable of excellent military strategy and, without losing its moral basis of focusing military action on military objectives and protecting civilians as much as possible, increasingly prepared to confront a more powerful enemy.^[20]

Russia's struggle in Ukraine against NATO and fascism marks the beginning of the defeat of imperialism in the world.

Notes

[1] Kiesewetter's words were:

"The evil in all this is Putin and his criminal war of aggression. That is why Russia must be shown that it cannot go on like this. Russia must recognize the right of its neighbors to exist. The war must be taken to Russia. Russian military installations and headquarters must be destroyed. We must do everything possible so that Ukraine can destroy not only Russian oil refineries, but also ministries, command posts and combat centers. It is time for the Russian people to realize that they have a dictator who is sacrificing Russia's future."

[2] This would have made Ukrainian agricultural producers uncompetitive.

[3] Yanukovych's words were:

"I, as president and as a patriot of my country, cannot accept such conditions. That is why, in search of a way out of the current economic situation in Ukraine, we have agreed with Russia to reduce the price of gas from \$430 to \$268.5, to provide a \$15 billion state loan and up to \$5 billion in development loans at acceptable interest rates. We have agreed to draw up a roadmap to restore the \$15-17 billion in trade between our countries that has been lost over the last 1.5 to 2 years. We have signed an agreement under which we will look at joint programs for a number of industries to increase production of finished products and create new jobs."

While Yanukovych flirted with the EU and NATO, he was considered a "flawless democrat". When he put Ukraine's national interests before those of the EU and NATO, he was overnight declared a "dictator" (in the bourgeois sense of the word), opposed in the streets by a "freedom-loving" people.

[4] Russia also proposed that short- and medium-range land-based missiles should not be deployed in areas from which targets on the territory of other States Parties could be attacked. In general, nuclear weapons should not be deployed outside one's own country. Finally, Russia proposed a return to the NATO-Russia Founding Act, which prohibited the permanent stationing of NATO troops in Eastern Europe.

[5] NATO's written response of January 2022 has not yet been made public, but according to statements by US Secretary of State Blinken and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg, no concessions were made to Russia. This is in line with NATO's behavior since its founding (1949).

[6] It is not true what the bourgeois media reported that Russia torpedoed the negotiations.

[7] It is not a question of defending "democracy" and "freedom", even in the bourgeois sense of the word. A quote:

"We cannot allow Russia to win this war. Otherwise American and European interests would be seriously harmed. This is not about supporting Ukraine just out of generosity and because we love the Ukrainian people. It is about our own interests and those of the United States as a global actor."

These were Joseph Borrell's words.

[8] Putin's words were:

"They must understand that we also have weapons [...] that can attack and eliminate targets on there territory. [...] All this is real and can provoke a conflict and lead to the use of nuclear weapons. Don't tehey understand? These are people who have suffered hard times. But now

they have forgotten what war means."

[9] Responding to a journalist's question about French President Emmanuel Macron's comments on 26 February that the deployment of NATO ground troops in Ukraine could not be ruled out, Putin said that everyone knew this would be the last step before World War III:

"Everyone knows that this will be the last step before World War III. [...] I have said it many times and I will say it again. We are in favor of peace talks, but not just because the enemy is running out of ammunition."

[10] Sergei Naryshkin said:

"Initially it will consist of about 2,000 troops. [...] This will make them a legitimate priority target for the Russian armed forces. This means that they will suffer the fate of all the French who have ever invaded the Russian world with a sword".

[11] The authenticity of the recording was immediately confirmed by the German government. The bourgeois media and the German government were shocked not by the content of the conversation between senior Bundeswehr officers, but by the fact that it had been leaked. As military strategist Scott Ritter pointed out, this was an act of aggression by Germany against Russia, and Russia could rightly have interpreted it as an open declaration of war by Germany against its country.

[12] At the Lithuanian military training area of Pabrade, he visited the Bundeswehr's 10th Armoured Division, which is taking part in NATO military exercises there.

[13] This will "only" cost around €9 billion.

[14] At about the same time as Oslo announced its recognition of Palestine, the Norwegian authorities passed a law banning Russian tourists from entering the country. The Associated Press reported on 23 May:

"Norway said Thursday it will further tighten its entry restrictions on people from Russia, warning that those with tourist visas issued by Norway before controls were tightened in 2022 or issued by another European country will not be able to enter the Scandinavian country starting next week."

The day before Spain's official recognition of the state of Palestine came into force, Zelenski was personally received by the King of Spain. Subsequently, security agreements worth millions were signed between the Sánchez government and Zelenski.

[15] Stoltenberg's words were:

"The time has come to consider whether it would not be right to lift some of the restrictions that have been imposed. If [Ukraine] cannot attack military targets on Russian territory, then [the restrictions] tie the hands of the Ukrainians and make it very difficult for them to defend themselves. It is clear that Ukraine has the right to defend itself [...] Legitimate self-defense includes the right to attack legitimate military targets inside Russia."

[16] Putin's words were:

"Today, the NATO Secretary General talks about the possibility of attacking Russian territory with long-range precision weapons. He should know that long-range precision weapons cannot be used without reconnaissance satellites. The final selection of the target and the so-called flight task can only be carried out by highly qualified specialists on the basis of technical expertise. This flight task is not prepared by Ukrainian soldiers, but by representatives of NATO member states. They should be aware of what they are getting into.

First they provoked us in Donbass, led us by the nose for eight years, deceived us into believing that they would solve the problem peacefully and forced us to resolve the situation by armed means. Then they deceived us during the negotiations.

They thought they would defeat Russia on the battlefield and inflict a strategic defeat on Russia. We warned them: do not invade our territory, do not bombard Belgorod and other neighboring areas, otherwise we will be forced to create a security zone.

This constant escalation could have serious consequences."

[17] The CDU will probably have to form a coalition government with other parties that are not yet foreseeable (perhaps the AfD and the SPD).

[18] Der Spiegel reports:

"Due to the threat posed by Russia, Defense Minister Boris Pistorius wants to strengthen the Bundeswehr's operational readiness. 'We must be ready for war by 2029,' said the SPD politician on Wednesday during the government's questioning in the Bundestag. 'We must not believe that Putin will stop at Ukraine's borders if he gets that far,' said Pistorius. Russia is not only a threat to Ukraine, but also to Georgia, Moldova and ultimately to NATO. 'We must act as a deterrent to prevent things from coming to an extreme."

[19] Instead of peace talks, they are escalating the war. First they sent arms to Ukraine, then medium-range missiles, then Leopard and Abrams tanks, recently they started discussing sending long-range Taurus cruise missiles, which can penetrate deep into Russian territory, and sending NATO troops to fight Russian soldiers, and today they have authorized Ukraine to use weapons supplied by NATO countries on Russian territory.

[20] The appointment of the new defense minister, Andrei Belousov, who was trained in the Soviet years and is an advocate of a strong state industrial base, is to be welcomed.

Putin has nominated Andrey Belousov as the head of the Russian Defence Ministry. Andrey Belousov was born on 17 March 1959. He graduated from Moscow State University in 1981 with a degree in cybernetics and economics. He was Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation and Head of the Department of Economics and Finance of the Russian Government. From 2012 to 2013, he headed the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation. From 2013 to 2020, he was Assistant to the President of the Russian Federation for Economic Affairs. On 21 January 2020, he was appointed First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Government. Deutschland Funk reads:

"This Moscow-born economist is considered an advocate of industrial and state economic policy. In terms of economic theory, he is therefore more a follower of the teachings of John Maynard Keynes (state control of the macro-economy) than of Milton Friedman (the market regulates everything). 'Beloussov was one of those who saw the state as the main driver of everything, and at the same time analyzed the same data as we do, unlike most other pro-state economists, who just juggled with abstractions,' says Konstantin Sonin, an economist and professor at the University of Chicago."

The fight against imperialism is a fight for civilization

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A world in decay

Imperialism is disintegrating. Even in the know-ledge of its inevitable fatal outcome, it will refuse to leave the stage of history voluntarily.^[1] In their drive for expansion, driven by the absolute necessity to avoid a colossal economic collapse that would ultimately mean the end of the hegemony of the imperialist countries, the NATO countries^[2] have for decades relentlessly tried to contain the development of Russia and China.

NATO is evolving from a North Atlantic alliance into a global war alliance. The USA is known to have formed alliances against China. AUCUS and the "Five Eyes". It is also expanding in South America. In Haiti, the USA is preparing a "new MINUSTAH", the MSSM.

NATO's history shows that it does not operate on a single front, that it imposes its "peace" and "war" policies on the whole world, and that in many cases it has pursued its interests by military means. It forces Russia, China and other sovereign states to respond to its destabilizing and belligerent actions. It forced Russia to invade Ukraine under the threat of a massacre of the Russian-speaking population in that country. It is currently dragging Iran into a war against Israel and China into a military conflict over Taiwan and Hong Kong. And it is the US that is provoking South Korea's military confrontation with the DPRK. It is also the US that is fomenting a military conflict over Venezuela.

Despite the fact that the hegemonic NATO countries, especially the USA, currently have the upper hand, despite the fact that NATO dictates economic, military and diplomatic policy to the whole world, despite the fact that NATO is becoming a global organization, despite the fact that

NATO seems to be synchronizing military conflicts in the world and despite the fact that NATO, in its eagerness to wage war against Russia and China, is dragging large parts of human civilization to its death, in the end there is no force that can save imperialism from death. Humanity will give and is already giving an immeasurable, unimaginable and terrible sacrifice to bring capitalist imperialism, the ultimate society of exploitation and oppression, to its grave, but it (humanity) will prevail. The first foundations of such a collapse were laid in 1917 and what we are witnessing today is nothing but the continuation of the long and painful death of the last human system of exploitation and oppression.

National liberation struggles in the world

In Africa^[9], the people are taking the path of struggle for national sovereignty with increasing determination, driving out the colonial powers of Western Europe and, more recently, the United States, which for years have supported and financed terrorism in the region in order to destabilize it.^[10] The US is reluctant to lose its global influence (because its economy, based on plundering other countries' natural resources, would collapse in an instant)^[11].

The people of Yemen (and their resistance group Ansar Allah) and the people of Lebanon (and their resistance group Hezbollah) have decided, in solidarity with the Palestinian people, to take up arms against Israel and all the countries that support it. Ansar Allah, which has won de facto the war against Saudi Arabia, has attacked all ships flying the Israeli flag, coming from countries allied to Israel or calling at Israeli ports. At the time of writing, Ansar Allah is in the midst of its fourth

phase of retaliation in support of the Palestinian people. The US and Britain, in their usual cowardice towards weaker countries, have not hesitated to attack Yemen directly. The latter has repelled such attacks with astonishing success. In Syria and Iraq, the armed resistance forces have intensified their attacks on the US military bases in Syria in order to show solidarity with the Palestinian people and to weaken the US military presence in the region.

I believe that what is happening today in the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, where the Taliban have driven out the US forces, can be assessed positively. Afghanistan has come a long and painful way to where it started. Having paid a high price for its alliance with US imperialism, Afghanistan is now building its main economic and manufacturing links with Russia and China, i.e. the Russians and the Communists, which is ironic given that all the misery in that country began when the Mujahideen joined forces with the Americans to drive out the Soviets, i.e. the Russian Communists. It just goes to show how strange the twists and turns of life can be.^[12]

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always opposed the US imperialism, NATO and Israel, carried out solidarity actions with the national liberation struggles in West Asia and Latin America (especially Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela) and expanded its relations with several African countries, China and Russia despite the economic sanctions and the continued terrorist and interventionist actions of imperialism against it.

Iran's confrontation with US imperialism and its lackeys and its open support for national liberation struggles around the world is strengthening the regional and global resistance. Iran's "True Promise" response to Israel's attack on the Iranian diplomatic mission in Syria was inevitable, forced by Israel (and the USA) and welcomed by the vast majority of the peoples of the region. Iran did not intend to attack Israel on a large scale, but to send

a message: Israel must know that its actions will no longer go unpunished.^[13]

Iran is the only country in the region that poses a real threat to Israel. Israel could not stand up to it alone. The support of US and British imperialism (and other countries such as Germany and France) is essential for its survival.^[14]

Demonstrating that Israel cannot act with impunity and that it is vulnerable was not the only positive consequence of this important event. More important was the fact that the Sunni-Shia divide is narrowing. The Hamas statement supporting the Iranian response is significant.^[15]

Another important consequence of the "True Promise" is that with this response Iran has demonstrated that it can reach not only any part of Israeli territory, but also any part of the region where US troops are stationed. It is not for nothing that the US has asked Iran not to attack its troops in the region.

But perhaps the most important consequence has been the reactions of China and Russia. China has supported Iran with its characteristic diplomatic posturing, as it did with Russia and the special military operation in Ukraine. [16] Russia's support for Iran's "True Promise" was, as usual, more direct. [17]

A new world is maturing

In my view, China and Russia are the only two countries capable of stopping NATO globally. By this I mean the ability to provide global military and economic support to any nation attacked by this organization. The cases of Libya and Syria are exemplary in this respect.^[18]

As the only two countries capable of stopping NATO on a global scale, they are also the ultimate target of NATO. This is the main dilemma of the present, from which arises the inevitability of a great confrontation between imperialism, on the one hand, and Russia, China and all the peoples of

the world who want to be or remain sovereign, on the other.

Stopping NATO is one thing, defeating it is another. Russia's special military operation was the new beginning of the struggle against fascism, imperialism and its criminal instrument, NATO. But defeating NATO is a task that has to be carried out, if not by all, at least by a large part of humanity. Russia and China are not able to do it alone. They need all kinds of anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, patriotic, socialist, democratic, revolutionary, believing and non-believing forces, all communists in all parts of the world, all peoples, the vast majority of humanity. And all these forces need Russia and China. There is the DPRK, Cuba, Iran, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Vietnam and Laos, Mexico and Bolivia, there is the revived African continent, there is Palestine, Yemen and Lebanon, Afghanistan, there is the BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation, the Belt and Road Initiative, there is a world in which non-imperialist capitalist and socialist countries cooperate in peace, there is also us.

In the late 1990s, Brzezinski^[19] suggested that the most potentially dangerous scenario for the United States and its goal of maintaining its hegemony over the world for as long as possible might be a grand coalition of China, Russia and perhaps Iran. ^[20]

The growing cooperation between Russia and China and Iran points to a promising future in terms of the defeat of imperialism, but not only in this respect: China bases its strength on the vigorous economic and political development of its country, oriented towards the construction of socialism. Thus, the forthcoming clash between NATO and China will not only be a clash between two superpowers, but above all a clash between systems, between a dying imperialist capitalism and a socialism which, after the terrible defeat of 1989 with the liquidation of the USSR, is regaining

its historical cause.

In the preface to the text "On the Critique of Political Economy", Marx pointed out that the present "social formation, therefore, the prehistory of human society comes to an end."^[21]

Therefore, the national liberation struggle, the anti-imperialist struggle, the anti-fascist struggle and the struggle against NATO are the manifestations of the international class struggle and these struggles contain the seeds of socialist society. Thus, with the overthrow of imperialism, personified by the USA, EU and NATO, a new horizon opens for humanity: the passage from human prehistory to socialist civilization.

Notes

[1] The disintegration of the world organized in NATO strengthens the aggressive policy of this warmongering organization to prevent the immediate collapse of the economies of its member states.

The finance capital determines the political decisions of the world organized in NATO and directs the functioning of these economies by destabilizing them through speculation, while relentlessly pushing the member states to open up new markets in search of new investment opportunities and cheap access to sources of raw materials, labor, transport and trade routes, as well as new centers of speculation, in order to continue its intoxicating casino economy.

[2] The expansion of finance capital is followed by military expansion. This leads to a growing political, economic and military threat to societies that resist this exploitation, while those that submit to it are impoverished by the unfavorable conditions imposed on them for the unimpeded plundering of their economies.

In particular, the USA, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada and Italy.

[3] The NATO website states:

"NATO has a number of 'partners around the world' or 'global partners' with whom the Alliance works on an individual basis. NATO's global partners include Afghanistan1, Australia, Colombia, Iraq, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand and Pakistan. NATO's engagement with global partners is becoming increasingly important in a complex security environment where many of the challenges facing the Alliance are global rather than geographically confined".

A footnote reads:

"The Partnership with Afghanistan is currently suspended due to decisions taken by the North Atlantic Council in the context of the security environment".

[4] US General Laura J. Richardson has blatantly demonstrated the colonialist and interventionist mentality of the USA by repeatedly pointing out that the natural resources of our countries are strategic interests of the USA. In order to impose military, economic and political structures in the interests of the USA, she is constantly visiting

different Latin American countries.

[5] In 2017, Colombia became one of NATO's global partners and its first Latin American partner. In 2018, preparations began for Chile's application to join the second tier of the classification system for non-NATO countries. This process is expected to be completed later this year. Argentina applied to NATO this year for Global Partner status.

[6] MSSM: Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti. The MSSM is a new military intervention, this time justified by the serious problem of criminal gangs kidnapping, terrorizing and murdering innocent people. What is not mentioned is that these criminal gangs are supported by the country's national oligarchs, who in turn are supported by the USA, and that they are targeting the only person fighting against them: Jimmy "Barbacoa" Cherizier, leader of the revolutionary forces of the G9, who enjoys broad popular support and has a strong social and anti-imperialist conscience.

[7] NATO sought to create "living space" in eastern Ukraine by "cleansing" the "insurgents", which would have paved the way for NATO to militarize Ukraine and, as mentioned above, directly broken nuclear parity between Russia and the US to Russia's detriment.

[8] This grave situation has led the DPRK to conclude that the diplomatic track with its southern counterpart is now exhausted.

 $\left[9\right]$ Algeria is a particularly interesting case. The TSA quotes Algerian President Abdelmajid Tebboune:

"If you are in debt, you are finished: you cannot defend Gaza, Western Sahara, human rights or the rights of the oppressed in Africa or anywhere else as long as you are a slave to debt and to those who lent you money! That is why we are not indebted and we have not become indebted, even if we have been set up," said the Arab president.

Algeria is one of the last countries in the world to be completely free of foreign debt and even foreign military bases.

The Arab state's leaders decided in the 2000s to get rid of its foreign debt after the government of the day accumulated loans and debts during the rebellion of religious radicals in the 1990s.

Since gaining independence in a bloody armed war of national liberation, the leadership of the ruling Arab socialist party, the National Liberation Front (FLN), has pursued a long-term strategic policy of total renunciation of foreign loans and foreign military installations on Algerian territory. It has set itself the goal of total self-sufficiency in all areas.

[10] The current anti-colonial uprisings in countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, which have brought patriotic military governments to power, are encouraging evidence of the revival of the fighting spirit of the peoples of the African continent. The recent decision by Niger and Senegal to end their military cooperation with the United States and demand the immediate withdrawal of US troops from their countries is a significant step towards national sovereignty for the countries and a great signal to the continent and the world. Niger has signed a new military agreement, this time with Russia. US troops must go, Russian troops must come. And that's pretty much what happened. At least the part about Russian soldiers going to Niger to help fight terrorism was fulfilled, and they were greeted with a standing ovation by the Nigerien people. Shortly after arriving in the country, the Russian soldiers entered the US military base in Niger, which since their arrival is supposed to be their new home, while the US troops, who are taking an inordinate amount of time to leave the country, are still there. So it happens that the Russian soldiers are camped at one end of the military base, which the Americans are reluctant to leave, while the latter are stationed at the other end, without a word being exchanged between the two groups. A comic scene in the midst of a serious international situation.

[11] As more and more African countries decide to end their "cooperation" with the United States, the latter is preparing to find a way to regain what it has lost. The man oeuvres being carried out by the United States in West Africa are part of Washington's "offensive" and are "a bit suspicious" because of the large number of military personnel taking part in them, Professor Francis Onditi, Associate Professor of Conflictology and Head of Department at the School of International Relations and Diplomacy at Riara University in Nairobi, Kenya, told Sputnik Africa. This tells us that the defeat of imperialism is far from being consolidated and that there will be tough battles against it.

[12] In spite of this history, it is commendable that the country has managed to convert its agricultural production from opium to food, that it is taking decisive steps to re-industrialize the country, that it has managed to expel US troops from the country and that it has taken steps to exercise national sovereignty over the sources of raw materials on its territory.

[13] Undoubtedly, it would have been in Israel's interest for Iran to attack its country in such a way that the United States would have been forced to intervene in its defense against Iran. The proof that Iran never intended to launch a full-scale military attack against Israel is the fact that if the US and Israeli intelligence services really had information about such an attack by Iran, they would have moved warships from the western to the eastern Mediterranean and many more aircraft to bases near Iran, if not in countries in the region, because Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and even Turkey have refused to provide the US with NATO bases for a confrontation with Iran, at least in countries like

[14] Iran's first real response to Israel's constant and vile provocations led to the flight of more than 300,000 Zionist settlers. This shows that large sections of the Israeli population have no confidence in the ability of their army or government to protect them from possible Iranian wrath. If more than 300,000 settlers left Israel because of a single attack, one can only imagine how many would have left if Iran had responded seriously.

[15] On Sunday 14 April, Hamas declared:

"We, the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), consider the military operation of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the Zionist occupation regime as a natural right and a deserved response to the crime of attacking the Iranian consulate in Damascus and assassinating a number of Revolutionary Guard leaders there".

[16] Reading between the lines, China's support and positioning on Iran's side is clear. The Global Times, for example, states:

"The main cause of the current conflict between Israel and Iran is the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. But the United States has turned a blind eye to the real causes of the Middle East crisis. Worse, since the beginning of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the United States has not done enough to stop Israel's actions. On the contrary, it has provided Israel with massive military aid and political support, making it an absolute accomplice and co-conspirator in the humanitarian catastrophe in

Gaza."

[17] Putin's words were:

"What the Islamic Republic of Iran did in response to this criminal act and in the face of the inaction of the UN Security Council was the best way to punish the aggressor and a proof of the tact and wisdom of the Iranian authorities."

[18] In Libya, Russia and China did not intervene after it was agreed with the NATO members that there would be no intervention from either side (i.e. NATO from one side and Russia and China from the other). But, as we know, the word of the imperialist countries is worthless. The NATO members made sure that China and Russia would not react in Libya and catapulted the country "back into slavery". Russia and China did not make the same mistake in Syria. And Syria could not be destroyed.

[19] Zbigniew Kazimierz Brzeziński was an American diplomat and political scientist. He was an advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1966 to 1968 and National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981.

[20] Brzeziński's words:

"Potentially, the most dangerous scenario would be a grand coalition of China, Russia, and perhaps Iran, an 'antihegemonic' coalition united not by ideology but by complementary grievances. It would be reminiscent in scale and scope of the challenge once posed by the Sino-Soviet bloc, though this time China would likely be the leader and Russia the follower. Averting this contingency, however remote it may be, will require a display of U.S. geostrategic skill on the western, eastern, and southern perimeters of Eurasia simultaneously."

[21] Marx wrote:

"The bourgeois relations of production are the last antagonistic form of the social process of production, antagonistic not in the sense of individual antagonism, but of an antagonism arising from the social conditions of life of the individuals, but the productive forces developing in the womb of bourgeois society create at the same time the material conditions for the solution of this antagonism. With this social formation, therefore, the prehistory of human society comes to an end."

On the essence of the Ukraine war

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What is the war in Ukraine really about, and what have we learned during the last two years of fighting?

The imperialist aggression that forced the people of the Donbass provinces to take up arms, and which led Russia to launch its SMO nearly a decade later, can be seen as the real starting point of the third world war. This was when the west decisively ramped up its regime-change efforts against Russia by attempting to turn the territory of what had once been the Soviet Socialist Republic of Ukraine into a Nato base capable of launching missiles that could hit Russia's major cities within a few minutes.

It must be repeated that the war did not begin in 2022. It began with the imperialist-directed fascist coup that ousted Ukraine's elected government in 2014, and the antifascist resistance launched by the people of the Donbass against the coup regime. But Moscow's launch of the special military operation in February 2022, which brought Russian military forces to the support of the Donbass resistance, made a qualitative change to a war that had by then been ongoing for eight years.

The launch of the SMO was the moment when Russia moved decisively against the imperialists' aggressive project, having exhausted all other avenues of diplomacy and dialogue. For this reason, the SMO's launch in February 2022 marked the opening of a new phase in the worldwide anti-imperialist struggle.

This is no accident. The entry of Russian forces into the Ukraine war, which was made unavoidable by imperialist escalations in the Donbass, took place at a moment when the already severe economic crisis of global capitalism was becoming acute. As the inflation crisis that had been exported

across the globe since 2008 span out of control; as corporate, national and personal indebtedness soared to unprecedented levels; as major banks teetered on the edge of ruin, the global system of capitalist- imperialism was staring into an abyss.

That is why the leading imperialist powers, principally the USA, have been driving ever more desperately to war. They hope by this means to save the global capitalist economic system and their place within it. With so many financial problems, only a really big bonanza can now save the parasitic economies of the west. Only the destruction, dismemberment and free looting of the resources of Russia or China, and preferably both, might be sufficient to inject profitability back into the system—for a while.

Only the removal of the fraternal aid that Russia and China offer to developing countries might enable the west to keep the other nations of the world enslaved for a few decades more—perpetually underdeveloped and mired in debt, and thus forced to continue providing cheap labour-power and cheap raw materials for the benefit of the monopoly financiers in Washington, London, Berlin and Paris. Of course, to many in the world who had not been paying attention to the signs of this gathering storm, Russia's SMO came entirely out of the blue. Imperialist propaganda which labelled it as an 'aggressive' and even 'imperialist' move made at the behest of the 'madman' and 'dictator' Vladimir Putin seemed plausible to those who had not been presented with any of the historical facts or wider context that would allow them to make sense of the situation.

This is where the Marxists come in—or ought to. Any really Marxist, really Leninist party should have been able to explain to the workers in its home country how and why they were being lied to by the overwhelming deluge of Hollywoodstyle propaganda that was launched by the west alongside their military and economic aggression.

Indeed, true anti-imperialists had had eight years to prepare workers under their influence by analysing the content of the antifascist liberation war being waged by the people's militias of Donetsk and Lugansk (the two provinces that make up the Donbass region). They had had several decades during which they could have brought attention to the way history was being rewritten and weaponised across eastern Europe under the direction of the CIA. They had ample opportunity to point out how Nato bases were spreading eastwards and russophobic proxy forces were being created by the CIA and co. There were clear signs that the west was planning a war for well over a decade, and Marxists everywhere should have been bringing this information to their people. The fact that so few calling themselves communist actually fulfilled this duty tells us much about the decay and disintegration of the communist movement a process that we have written about elsewhere and which has been ongoing since 1953.

Since the SMO was launched in 2022, the world at large, and the working class in particular, has been exposed to some very enlightening information. Let us examine some of the essential truths that the Ukraine war has brought to light.

Economic weakness exposed

First, the war has exposed the economic weakness of the imperialist camp. In February and March 2022, the west launched what can only be described as a sanctions blitzkrieg against Russia. It waged a no-hold-barred economic war that the imperialists expected would cause so much pain to the Russian people that they would be out on the streets demanding the removal of Vladimir Putin's

government, thus allowing the USA to install a puppet president and pursue its agenda without the need for further armed combat.

This economic war didn't just fail to succeed in its aims; it backfired spectacularly. What had been anticipated as a bit of very short-term pain (a few months' difficulty while the west temporarily lost its access to Russian oil and other raw materials) that would lead to longer-term results (in the form of a carnival of looting of the Russian people's resources for western monopoly corporations and banks, much like the bonanza they enjoyed in the period following the fall of the USSR) turned into long-term pain for the west, and for Europe in particular. Meanwhile, Russia's economy has not only withstood but was eventually strengthened by being cut off from western 'investment' (bloodsucking).

In the process, the economic crisis that the imperialist countries were trying to escape has been exacerbated, with energy prices and inflation rocketing, European industry becoming unviable, and the cost of living for ordinary workers climbing ever more steeply.

Another economic reality that has been highlighted by the war in Ukraine is the absolute superiority of planning over market mechanisms. For decades, the world was awed by the staggering dimensions of the USA's military budget, assuming that US armed forces must be overwhelmingly bigger, better equipped, better trained and more technically advanced than those of any other country.

But what the battlefield realities in Ukraine have laid bare is that a huge proportion of the US military budget is spent on generating profits for the arms manufacturers and bribes for their various acolytes, facilitators and hangers-on. In just the same way that the USA's enormous health spending doesn't deliver basic care to millions of US citizens and entails huge waste driven by corporate greed and corruption, US military spending turns out to

be just as wasteful and just as unable to produce the basic items needed (cheap and steady supplies of ammunition and small drones) for effective action in a peer-to-peer war.

We can see clearly now that in the post-cold war situation, the USA very quickly came to consider itself as being dominant and unassailable. Its military chiefs and arms companies therefore stopped planning for war against a really peer competitor, focusing instead on 'wars' in which maintenance stations and air bases were safe from attack and aerial power was entirely unchallenged. Wars in which only they had access to satellite communications and GPS systems and where this access could never be threatened. These assumptions, when combined with the desire of the arms companies to maximise their profits, has led to a situation in which the USA has ended up with a lot of very overpriced, very complex machines that are simply not up to the realities of a battle in which the other side has access to technology that is just as good and often better, and a vastly superior ability to replace what is lost and damaged. In a recent hearing in Washington, one embittered congressman described the USA's F-35 fighter planes as "hundred million dollar paperweights" after being informed just how little time each aircraft is able to spend in the air vs in the repair hangar, all while the cost of maintaining them continues to increase.

Russia, on the other hand, has continued the Soviet tradition of planning its military development by preparing to fight a defensive war against Nato weapons (since it has no other enemies and no interest in launching aggressive wars). It has studied the strengths and weaknesses of Nato armaments for decades and tasked its arms technicians with working out the simplest means to defeat them. Hence its focus on effective air defences and its development of hypersonic missiles—a technology that Russia, China and the

DPRK all now have but the imperialists have still not mastered, since the lack of complexity meant it was never a big focus for western arms companies (more complex + more time to produce = more astronomical price-tags).

Russian shells are cheap and quick to produce; US shells are expensive and slow. Russian tank production is ramping up fast and its tanks are tough, manoeuvrable and relatively simple to repair. Western tanks (and artillery, and planes) are extremely expensive, and are often too heavy and difficult to manoeuvre easily on a complex modern battlefield. They break down easily and often, and are extremely complex to repair.

That all worked very well for a military-industrial complex that was producing for armies that were not at war, when technological wizardry could wow the buyers and persuade them that American products would make them invincible. It was also advantageous in setting up a 'subscription model' that has tied every buyer of western arms into a permanent relationship with the seller, compelled to keep paying Lockheed, Raytheon et al for annual software updates and regular servicing. This is the model all the world's biggest corporations are turning to, whether they are producing cars, phones, tractors or planes, as their markets become saturated and demand for their products dries up.

While the junior imperialist powers had assumed they were safely sheltered under the USA's vast military umbrella, they now find that, even when taken all together, the military industries of the whole of the collective west are not able to match what Russia is producing, whether measured by battlefield resilience or by volume.

Britain is not alone in fretting that footage of destroyed Challenger tanks in Ukraine will have a bad impact on the British arms industry. Nor is its ruling class alone in fretting that its professional armed forces today are simply not up to the task of maintaining Britain's status as a world-dominating power. As the USA seeks to exit the Ukrainian quagmire and hand over responsibility for trying to keep the conflict against Russia going to its European 'partners', the demand for more military spending and the creation of conscription armies will continue to grow.

Meanwhile, Russia has been able to utilise the legacy of its Soviet past to the full. By renationalising all aspects of arms production and military activity, the country has been able to focus its resources in an efficient and targeted way, looking at the needs of the battlefield without having to worry about what will create profits for shareholders. Ramping up production in Russian arms factories has not been a problem because they were designed with just such ebbs and flows of demand in mind by the socialist planners of the USSR.

Something that the economic gurus of the west have been steadily wiping out has revealed once again its vital importance if supplies of necessary goods are to be guaranteed: contingency planning. Soviet factories of all kinds were designed to be able to ramp production up or down, with necessary space kept empty and workers kept trained during times of low production, to be brought online during times of high demand.

While the west has talked about the need to expand production, nothing meaningful has been done in that direction for the last two years simply because to do so without nationalisation simply presents too many obstacles. How to acquire enough space? How to make a profit while setting up costly new facilities? How to train enough new skilled labour? How to pay for the necessary warehousing? And so on and on and on. Just as we saw during the Covid-19 epidemic, the 'efficiency measures' of the last four decades might have boosted profits, but they have been revealed to be extremely short-sighted and very difficult to reverse.

Military weakness exposed

Second, the war in Ukraine has exposed the military weakness of the imperialist camp. For decades, the people of the world have been intimidated by the threat of military action by the all-powerful USA; cowed by the fate of resistant countries like Iraq and Libya, where all infrastructure was destroyed by the overwhelming firepower of western hi-tech bombers and where local militaries had little or no ability to inflict meaningful damage on the airborne terrorists. 'War' in these post-Soviet decades had become an extremely one-sided affair, more closely resembling the days of the colonial conquest of Africa and the Americas than a modern battlefield.

But the simple fact is that the west has lost its technological dominance, and with it the ability to enforce its will over the people of the planet. This process began with the building of the USSR and the growth of the socialist camp, and it is coming to clear fruition now, when advanced technology has been spread by the socialist pioneers to every corner of the oppressed world.

As a result, in Ukraine today, despite the fact that Nato had spent a decade creating huge and multiple lines of fortification in preparation for a confrontation with Russia, and despite having built up the Ukrainian army into what was essentially Nato's largest fighting force, the western alliance is being decisively beaten. And this is in spite of having thrown a huge proportion of its combined arsenal into the maelstrom; in spite of the active assistance of western specialists, western intelligence and Nato advisors; and in spite of having recreated the defeated and decimated Ukrainian army not once but twice since 2022.

And as the Ukrainians have served as cannon fodder in this imperialist attempt to weaken, destroy and dismember Russia, the true nature of the vanguard of the west's proxy force has been horrifyingly revealed. No one who is paying

any attention can now fail to see that Nato's most dependable, most dedicated shock troops in Ukraine are Nazis. Not 'neo-nazi' wannabes, but actual Nazis, claiming direct ideological and familial descendance from the Banderite savages who rampaged across Ukraine killing jews, Russians and communists during the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

It is now clear that the same fascists whom the west claimed to have been fighting during WW2 were rescued by MI6 and the CIA at the end of the war and transported to safe havens in the west, there to be nurtured and protected until the opportunity arose to bring them back to the territory of what had once been the Soviet Socialist Republic of Ukraine.

It is now clear that the west's plan to try to use Ukraine as a battering ram against the Soviet Union and then against Russia actually goes back more than a century. The only difference has been in which imperialist power has taken the lead in directing these efforts: Britain, Germany or the USA.

What is also clear is that the west's concerted campaign to destroy the antifascist traditions of the industrial workers of the Donbass region have totally failed. The Donbass was one of the centres of socialist revolutionary activity in the lead-up to 1917. It bore the brunt of the war against fascism and made tremendous sacrifices during the struggle to expel and defeat the Nazi occupation. Despite decades of lies and intimidation, this history and culture remains in the hearts and minds of local workers, who for generations have been thoroughly imbued with a deep revolutionary patriotism not just for 'Russia' but for the socialist Soviet Union.

Propaganda strategy exposed

Third, the war in Ukraine has exposed the propaganda focus of the imperialist camp. Unable to win outright military victories, the CIA et al try

to compensate by directing their proxies to create PR opportunities. Using their global dominance of corporate media and social media platforms, Ukraine's Nato advisors have time and again insisted on the war being fought in such a way as to generate headlines and spin with which they can craft a narrative about the war that is pure Hollywood.

The substantive details of each episode in this gripping drama vary, but the overarching theme is that the heroic and democratic Ukrainian David is standing valiantly against the evil and dictatorial Russian Goliath, inflicting blow after blow against overwhelming odds and acting as a bulwark for all of enlightened liberal Europe against the Asiatic despots who want (for some inscrutable reason best known to themselves) to destroy 'our' 'civilisation' and our 'way of life'.

By fighting the war as a PR exercise, spun so as to fool the gullible and the uninformed, Ukraine's Nato handlers have been extremely reckless with the lives of the Ukrainian soldiery. In their thousands, their tens of thousands and their hundreds of thousands, Ukraine's menfolk have been sacrificed on the altar of such narratives, thrown into the firing line to be sacrificed in ways that serve no military purpose whatsoever. Time and again, the west has insisted on prolonging the war for propaganda purposes, despite the obvious reality that it will never be able to win.

During this process, the absolute inhumanity of imperialism has been clearly highlighted. Nato's approach to waging war in Ukraine puts one forcibly in mind of the aristocratic European generals of WW1, who openly described the working-class soldiers under their command as "cannon fodder". These unrepentant butchers routinely threw wave after wave of working-class men into the line of automatic gunfire, only to watch them being mown down as the two sides fought—ostensibly over the gain of this or that patch of Flanders soil, but in reality over which group of imperialists would be free to take the lion's share of colonial loot when the fighting was over.

Diplomatic weakness exposed

Fourth, the war in Ukraine has exposed the diplomatic weakness of the imperialist camp. The hypocrisy and double-dealing of the imperialist powers has never been more evident than in the revelations about the Minsk process, which was supposed to be a path towards a just and peaceful settlement of the Donbass people's struggle, but which was instead used by all the western powers as a cover for continuing to build up Ukraine's military in preparation not for ending the war but for expanding it.

It has become crystal clear to independent-minded states the world over that the USA cannot be negotiated with. It lies as easily as breathing. Its word cannot be trusted. Its treaties are not worth the paper they are written on. US imperialism continues to be guided by the mindset of monopoly capitalism (and of all forms of empire from humanity's past) that 'might is right'. As Lenin said: The imperialists understand no other language than the language of force. In which case, the only way to answer them is by organising an oppositional force and using it with a determination they cannot ignore.

As Russian foreign secretary Sergey Lavrov said in a recent interview: "From our experience with the Americans, it is perfectly clear that US statements are not to be trusted ... The Americans continue to make declarations about their commitment to a just solution to the Palestine problem, while at the same time generously adding fuel to the armed confrontation." This is exactly what the Americans, French and Germans did during the Minsk process of 2015-21.

As a result of this recognition, and the accompanying realisation that there is simply no way to

remain safe from imperialist hostility while also remaining sovereign, the anti-imperialist countries have been strengthening their bilateral and multilateral relationships at an ever-accelerating rate. Despite all their differences in ideology and outlook, the anti-imperialist camp today is stronger than it has been since the death of Josef Stalin in 1953. In economic and technological terms, it is stronger than it has ever been, while imperialism is weaker than it has ever been. Truly the balance of forces are reaching a decisive tipping point in history.

Hypocrisy and double-dealing exposed

Fifth, the war in Ukraine has exposed the ideological weakness of the imperialist camp. As their lies, their double-dealing and their hypocrisy are exposed, the rulers of the west and the system they preside over are faced with a deep and deepening crisis of legitimacy, both at home and abroad.

With so many lies about their aggressive wars exposed before their own populations, the imperialist countries are unable to recruit enough professional soldiers to keep their armed forces going at the levels they would like, and unable to withstand the political fallout of dead soldiers coming home from wars that the wider population simply does not support. This is what lies behind the current strategy of using proxy forces in every theatre of war, whether in the middle east, east Asia, Africa, Latin America or eastern Europe.

Decades of work went into nurturing Ukraine's Banderite Nazi collaborators, rewriting Ukrainian history and brainwashing a new generation of Ukrainian people to transform them into willing cannon fodder for imperialism against Russia. At the same time, fascist street thugs were armed and empowered to forcibly suppress Russians, communists, trade unionists and anyone upholding the rights of workers or the simple truth in politics,

the media and social life.

Two years into its failed war, a huge number of those forces have been expended and exposed. Ukrainian men no longer believe that America is their friend and are no longer willing to be sent to the front lines. This is what lies behind the widespread talk about the need for conscription armies in the imperialist nations.

Two years ago, the governments and many of the people in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were all lining up to join Ukraine in the fight against Russia, their heads full of russophobic propaganda, and their media and politicians united in assuring them of Nato's eternal backing and of a speedy victory. Today this jingoistic fervour has subsided, and there is a marked lack of enthusiasm now that so many have seen just what Nato 'backing' ultimately amounts to: lots of words in support, an insufficient supply of weapons, and an exhortation to carry on "to the last Ukrainian" since we're right behind you "for as long as it takes" (oh, sorry, make that "for as long as we can").

The growing debate around conscription in the west is a sign of desperation. If the imperialists cannot find willing fodder for their professional forces at a time of deep economic crisis and growing poverty, what chance is there that conscripted men will fight willingly and well? Nevertheless, the moves towards conscription show us that the imperialists are not going to give up on their dreams of destroying Russia and China, and thus saving their global hegemonic position, without trying absolutely everything.

'Official' communist movement's rotten essence exposed

Sixth, the war in Ukraine has exposed the bankrupt and rotten state of much of what calls itself the 'communist' movement. The war has provided us with a perfect litmus with which to find out who is a genuine revolutionary and who has

become merely a tame 'oppositionist'; who retains fidelity to Marxist science in practise, as opposed to using Marxist terminology in a deceitful, sophistic manner aimed at providing a credible outer shell for a rotten, opportunist body.

Genuine anti-imperialists have a duty to do everything possible to bring home to workers all the lessons outlined above, and to use this understanding to mobilise them to take an active part in this, the most decisive struggle of our era – the struggle to destroy once and for all the imperialist global system. Today, the urgent task that faces us it to make sure that Russia's victory is completed in Ukraine and that the west is unable to marshal further proxy armies to throw into the battlefield that could allow it to extend the war at the cost of more hundreds of thousands and even millions more lives.

We must oppose the conscription drive in the west, which is aimed at providing further cannon fodder to hurl into the battlefield.

We must work to bring an understanding to the peace movement that concerted action by the working masses is needed to stop this war drive. That peace activists should be demanding the disbanding of the fascistic warmongering Nato alliance and doing everything in their power to disrupt every aspect of the war machine in all countries.

We must work to build a campaign of mass non-cooperation in every country, demanding that our trade unions and antiwar organisations take up this programme so that workers collectively refuse to make or move weapons and supplies, collectively refuse to fight in Nato armies and proxy forces, collectively refuse to assist in any way with the war machine's activities, and collectively refuse to write, broadcast or sell any of the media that contain Nato's propaganda lies.

We must help the masses understand that every working person on the planet, no matter where they live, should be actively working for a Russian victory and a Nato defeat, for through the defeat and disintegration of Nato lies the quickest path to the defeat and destruction of the entire imperialist edifice.

Many of us are familiar with Chairman Mao's description of imperialism as a paper tiger, and the war in Ukraine has certainly revealed that the imperialists are not nearly as strong as they seem. But a wounded beast is a dangerous beast, and in its death throes it can lash out to devastating effect. We must neither overestimate nor underestimate our enemy, but simply understand that a historic opportunity has arisen for humanity finally to remove the imperialist heel from its neck.

In the same speech, Mao reminded us that the imperialists have very weak connections with the masses. What was true in the 1950s is even more true today. If communists and anti-imperialists conduct themselves sincerely and with principle; if we wage the struggle with determination and promote the true interests of the masses at all times, unbowed either by propaganda lies or repressive measures, the mass of humanity will be increasingly attracted towards us.

When the people begin to identify themselves with our organisations and to throw their weight behind our shared cause, we will see again the truth of Mao's observation that "small forces linked with the people become strong, while big forces opposed to the people become weak".

Let the heroic example of the resistant workers of the Donbass remind us that the struggle that faces us today must be carried out neither recklessly nor timidly, but in the most tenacious, concerted way, with the maximum unity of all anti-imperialist forces, until total and final victory. This is the task of our times, and we must rise to the challenge, undaunted by considerations of size and unbowed by the threats of our enemies. No cooperation with the imperialist war machine! Death to the warmongering Nato alliance! Victory to the resistance!

The people, united, will undoubtedly achieve the final victory

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The Trump administration's decoupling policy is a policy to keep China in check only economically and has no intention of separating Taiwan. The Biden administration's de-risking policy, on the other hand, appears to be a lower level of economic restraint than the decoupling policy. However, in reality, it is premised on the idea of pushing for the separation of Taiwan and even a war between the USA and China, even if it is a proxy war. In other words, in the media, the Biden administration appears to be more peaceoriented in its foreign policy toward China than the Trump administration, but this is just cunning propaganda. The Biden administration's current National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, suddenly announced the New Washington Consensus in April 2023, whose core concept is the de-risking policy. De-risking seems to be a policy that inherits the neoliberal policy of the Washington Consensus and innovates it to suit the current conditions. It seems that it means not to drag the confrontation between the USA and China to war. However, in essence, it is using a peaceful gesture to make a propaganda campaign to make China an aggressor, saying that if the Cross Strait war breaks out, it is not the intention of the USA but China's belligerence.

If Trump comes to power, he will hand off Ukraine without delay and also withdraw US troops from the "Republic of Korea" (ROK) as promised. Recently, Trump has mentioned the removal of US troops from the "ROK" as a campaign pledge, and his nominee for National Security Advisor has given press interviews elaborating on it. The withdrawal of US troops from the "ROK" is believed to have been an internal promise made by Trump and Chairman Kim Jong Un during the Singapore Summit in 2018, the Hanoi Summit in 2019, and

their meeting at Panmunjom. Of course, this is not because Trump has a progressive ideology but because he has made a realistic calculation that it is unfavorable for the USA to drag the confrontation with Russia, the DPRK, and China into a war. On the other hand, there is a group representing neocons in the Republican Party who have a different line from Trump. One of its representative figures, Walker, a Republican member of the US Senate Armed Services Committee, made a belligerent statement at the end of May that tactical nuclear weapons should be deployed in the "ROK" and named China and the DPRK as a "new axis of aggressors" in addition to the countries currently fighting wars with Russia and Iran. This inherited Republican President Bush's designation of the DPRK and Iran as an "axis of evil" along with Iraq just before the Iraq War in 2003.

The current world situation can be summarized in one sentence: "The flames of World War 3, perpetrated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia (Middle East) and then to East Asia." The war in Ukraine triggered the war in West Asia. The wars in Ukraine and West Asia are triggering the war in East Asia, and then the war in East Asia again fuels the expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and West Asia.

However, with the recent warmongering statements and aggressive anti-Russian policies of NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg, French President Macron, and US President Biden, Ukraine has been provided with new offensive weapons, which could be used to attack the Russian mainland, raising the possibility that an escalation in Eastern Europe could occur before, rather than after, the war in East Asia. If so, this escalation in Eastern Europe will be an objective trigger that could further trigger an already imminent war in

East Asia.

In fact, military tensions in East Asia have been rising in proportion to the rising military tensions in Eastern Europe. China staged a military exercise called "Joint Sword-2024A" that surrounded Taiwan to coincide with the separatist Lai Qingde's inauguration as Taiwan's president, and declared its intention to resume the exercise in a different version. On the Korean Peninsula, the US recently staged another nuclear war drill against the DPRK, mobilizing its "Death Swan" nuclear strategic bombers, while the September 2018 Pyongyang Joint Declaration signed by the DPRK and the "ROK" was negated by the "ROK's" provocations against the DPRK.

In particular, the impeachment crisis created by Yoon's defeat in the April general election and plunging approval ratings also forces the Yoon Suk-yeol fascist group to resort to extreme and belligerent war provocations to deflect the political crisis. The political crisis is also affecting the Kishida government in Japan. In Taiwan, the Lai Qingde government is already in a minority in parliament and has lost the recent local elections as well, and is in a similar state. The US imperialism is using Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines in the "first island chain" as "impenetrable aircraft carriers" to enforce its policy of blockading China and to escalate the "Cross-Strait war crisis" between China and Taiwan and the war crisis in the South China Sea.

In World War 3 between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps, in other words, a confrontation in the "New Cold War", the anti-imperialist camp has a clear advantage in terms of capabilities and pretext, which is different from the Cold War in the past. While the "Cold War" began with the end of World War 2, the "New Cold War" began with the outbreak of World War 3.

In the "Cold War," socialist and national liberation forces were the leading and auxiliary forces, respectively, in the anti-imperialist camp, but in the "New Cold War," the DPRK, China, and Russia form the leading force, and other world's anti-

imperialist forces, including Muslim forces, are the auxiliary forces, The anti-imperialist forces in the "New Cold War" are waging a just war as a force of justice that aims for anti-fascism, liberation, and reunification.

We are confident of the final victory of the antiimperialist forces, which are much stronger and have a clearer pretext than during the "Cold War." It is impossible for the imperialist camp, which is losing even in one battlefield, Ukraine, in Eastern Europe, to win in three battlefields simultaneously, including West Asia and East Asia. Moreover, Russia and the "Axis of Resistance,", China, and the DPRK are all desperately fighting wars at close range on the mainland with the great cause of antifascism, liberation, and reunification, while the imperialist powers have to wage expeditionary and proxy wars and have no vital needs.

As the military power of Russia, China's economic and diplomatic power also have significant meaning in overcoming the imperialist sanction. The thorough socialist principle of DPRK is also important in proposing the way to move forward after the anti-imperialist camp won World War 3 and the "New Cold War". First and foremost, the war in the "ROK" will be a decisive chance for the revolution in the "ROK". As the revolution succeeds in the "ROK", it will achieve federal reunification with the DPRK. And it will advance the process to a society where the workers and people become the real masters of national sovereignty and means of production.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform, struggling with the banners of 'Workers of the World, Unite!' and 'The People, united, will never be defeated!', will always be in the front line in struggle to advance the final victory of anti-imperialist camp. We are convinced that the justice and truth of our era, the great cause of anti-imperialism, antifascism, sovereignty and peace, liberation and reunification, will be achieved by the power of united people on uprising as the history proves.

IMPERIALISM ENDANGERS WORLD PEACE

Communist Party of Bolivia

I. Democratic, popular, anti-imperialist and anti-fascist position of the Communist Party of Bolivia. P.C.B.

The Communist Party of Bolivia ideologically and politically is based on Marxism-Leninism, the basis of our perception of the world, which allows us to penetrate into the knowledge of the economic, social, political, ethnocultural reality of societies in general and Bolivia in particular.

In this framework, the economic structure, the low level reached by the productive forces, the predominant economic relations, the subjugation and imperialist plundering place Bolivia as a capitalist, backward and dependent country. This makes it necessary to propose a revolutionary change of democratic, popular, anti-oligarchic and anti-imperialist character and content, in the perspective of achieving socialism and communism.

The political situation that began with the October Revolution of 1917 determined that humanity is going through the transition from capitalism to socialism that develops worldwide with various difficulties, but that are overcome with the struggle led by the working class and its parties in each of the states, for which reason the importance of proletarian internationalism and anti-imperialism is recognized.

Internationalism, shaped by the ideological basis of Marxism-Leninism, overcomes the barriers of international formalism. However, in order not to hinder its development and evolution, it is subject to the set of rules that "sovereignly set the States" in their mutual relations, in order to preserve their borders (security), establish lines and agreements of economic, ideological, political and social cooperation.

In this way, international relations are constituted by links established by States in the social, economic, legal, diplomatic and political fields. Moreover, they are based on the knowledge and methodical analysis of the rules of coexistence between the different countries, in order to develop their actions within a framework of respect for independence, sovereignty and self-determination. However, in these relations, States (to a large extent) seek to maximize their position and dominance in the world through the accumulation of economic, political and military power.

On the other hand, the problem of the inexistence of an institution capable of regulating correctly and effectively the relations of the States arises, therefore the "power relations" and the impositions of the developed countries linked to imperialist capitalism that act according to their interests without taking into account the interests of the less developed countries, of their population and in particular of the working class, become notorious.

This necessarily forces to situate itself in the midst of the specific type of international relations of production to glimpse the conflicts, the state perspective, and the struggle to achieve its objectives. For this reason the search for a better world (through international relations) should not be managed by the class that holds the power of an imperialist state like the United States of America.

At this moment the system of international relations is still the privileged field of action of the imperialist State, which prevents and obstructs the process of economic, social and information integration of other countries that seek to transform the world, overcoming the limits of the States through integrationist policies towards a global world, or ends up being constituted.

International relations are complex because

they seek to guarantee the sovereignty and selfdetermination of States, and recognize levels of interdependence and integration, but at the same time imperialist forces act by dominating and imposing their rules and forces on other countries.

Capitalism developed enormously until the twentieth century, however, that growth reached its limits, we would say in an initial vision of what imperialism is Karl Marx points out "the universality towards which capitalism tends unceasingly finds limits immanent to its nature, which at a certain degree of its development make it appear as the greatest obstacle to that tendency and push it to its self-destruction".

For his part V.I. Lenin, asserts that imperialism is the monopolistic phase of capitalism, being that capitalism in this phase of development, implements the dominance of monopolies and finance capital. The export of capital acquires great relevance, the international trusts seek to end the distribution of the planet among capitalist powers. He adds that these are very important features of the phenomenon to be defined. Therefore, without forgetting the value of definitions, it is convenient to give one on imperialism that includes five basic features: 1) the concentration of production and capital has reached such a high point of development that it has created monopolies, decisive in economic life; 2) the fusion of banking capital with industrial capital and the formation, on the basis of this "financial capital", of the financial oligarchy; 3) the export of capital, unlike the export of merchandise, acquires exceptional importance; 4) the formation of international monopolistic capitalist associations, which divide up the world; and 5) the culmination of the territorial distribution of the world among the great capitalist powers. These last two characterizations imply the establishment of organizations that guarantee the permanence and domination of the oligopolies direct exponents of imperialism, at the same time determining the use of armed means that utilize the structural bases of the States themselves that serve as support to create a greater warlike force, which represents the immanent use of institutionalized violence.

One such entity created under this criterion was the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) under the Treaty of Washington signed on April 4, 1949, whose objective was to guarantee the freedom and security of its members through political and military means. The latter is supported by the mutual defense clause set out in Article 5, which states "the parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them, occurring in Europe or North America, shall be considered as an attack directed against all of them (...)". Moreover, in the alleged support of Article 51 (Chapter VII) of the United Nations Charter, which recognizes the right of self-defense in case of armed attack by an external poweragainst any of its members.

A clear example of this way of acting of imperialism was the Madrid Summit of 2022 held in response to the emergency action or special military operation of the Russian Federation carried out against the fascist regime of Zelensky in Ukraine. NATO agreed on the increase of troops that member countries put at the disposal of the organization; it declared Russia as a direct threat to NATO, furthermore it put China under observation because they consider it a threat by using their right of abstention in the UN Security Council and by their support for Russia.

By virtue of this, formally, international relations constitute a scenario where the problems of the States are dealt with in relation to their sovereignty, their territories, their businesses, their investments, to seek solutions to the problems that the population and the workers are going through in their countries. But in reality today in international relations the interests of imperialism prevail, the agreements of the States and their dependent organizations such as the W.B., F.M.I., N.N.UU., O.I.T., etc. that show a unilateral and abusive management, as another way of the violence of imperialism that assumes determinations without the presence of the actors and victims and facilitates the imposition of measures and

resolutions contrary to the interests of the majority of humanity.

II. Current delicate international situation

The current developments in international relations once again show that the rapacious conduct of imperialism is placing the world in a critical situation. Its aggressive plans of irrational violence, of abuse against peoples and countries that seek to free themselves from the imperial yoke, threaten human beings and the planet in every possible way, in the economic, social, political, diplomatic, territorial and judicial fields. Their actions lead to a possible universal conflagration because they are attacking life itself. It is therefore the most critical and dangerous moment that living beings are going through.

The CP of Bolivia in its political thesis points out that imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism and the belligerent circles of NATO, have once again aggravated the international situation by unleashing a militaristic offensive, stimulating an unprecedented arms race and militarizing the cosmos. It applies the law of the jungle in international relations and acts irresponsibly as a terrorist state that blockades, attacks, bombs and occupies countries that are disaffected by it, in all the regions that it considers its zones of influence.

American imperialism is the main generator of the political and military tensions that threaten world peace. The use of the progress of the scientific-technical revolution, for war purposes, creating nuclear arsenals as means of mass destruction, bringing humanity to the brink of its total disappearance and the annihilation of all traces of life, omnicide, general and total death. Ok

This situation turns the struggle for peace, it has growing forces in the whole world; millions of people in Europe and in the USA are speaking out and organizing against the nuclear holocaust, against the destruction and poisoning of the environment.

Imperialism has declared a virtual general war, a really painful and humanity offending example

of which are the warlike events against Palestine whose martyrdom, growing occupation and expulsion of the population from its historical territories of origin. Meanwhile, independent Lebanon is invaded by Nazi-Zionism, a pawn of imperialism that uses the most varied and inhuman resources, chemical and bacteriological weapons, and implements terrorist attacks against the peoples.

Imperialism is not unaware of the magnitude of the destructive consequences of war, much more of a nuclear war and presupposes invulnerability in its territory and that its population will manage to survive showing the unassailability of its planetary civilization, it will not succeed. On the contrary, this perception shows how the warmongering of the Western powers that are part of the area controlled by imperialist capitalism is established.

The policy of coexistence among human beings is based on principles, normally accepted by the civilized, humane, understanding and respectful world, so that an order of respect for independence, sovereignty, self-determination and equality among states is established. That there be no hostility of any kind, so that the political-economic system adopted by each State may develop, and in this sense peace, as a universal objective, should be the central element of the unification of humanity, which is demanded in good faith by those who believe in the human being.

It is assumed that each State is capable of establishing, directing, developing and resolving the human and social problems of its sovereign jurisdiction, for which purpose even alliances are established with its peers, to achieve the welfare of partners without malicious purposes and practices that transgress coexistence, through procedures that reciprocally ensure respect for the dignity of persons and the sovereignty of States.

The policies of respectful and peaceful relations of the States must be based on anticolonial resources and procedures; ways and means to solve problems without warlike conflicts between States and less with the purpose of universal domination through systematic infiltration and generating internal destabilizations to the point of causing coups d'état.

These principles that should be fulfilled by the American empire are not, and on the contrary, imperialism develops and invests immense resources of penetration through a giant apparatus of open and covert "intelligence", starting with its diplomatic corps, police, military, agents and a number of systems to achieve the results determined in their plans, which are coldly premeditated, organized and carried out to oppress the people.

U.S. imperialism, which expresses the last phase of capitalism, when it realizes that its system is in permanent crisis, that it is exhausted and cannot find a rational and effective way out, irrationally seeks to retreat, to return to a world where it can ensure its existence. But not being able to do so, it pushes the world through radical character struggles, surpassing the borders through the force of penetration and war by means of its agents, its servile organisms and its military bases established throughout the five continents.

From our Marxist point of view, international relations pass to a final phase, they are no longer only classical and formal diplomatic relations, and there are more frequent changes generated to respond to technological advances, diffusion and globalization of information and communication. Moreover, the extension of world trade is breaking traditional canons, whose direction used to emerge from the imperialist oligopoly accustomed to exert pressure through blockades and unilateral sanctions that have a multiple effect.

III. This delicate international situation demands universal action

The world political and economic situation is going through a delicate context, not only because of the systemic crisis of neoliberal capitalism, but also because imperialism, seeing that "unipolarity" is being reversed and multipolarity is developing, brings out its violent character, repressive, disrespectful of the free and sovereign decisions of

the countries and seeks to maintain its oppressive domination through destabilization and war, for which purpose it generates conflicts at the regional level in the different continents and within countries.

The crisis is deepened by Israel, the undeniable arm of imperialism, which on April 1, 2024 bombed the Iranian Consulate in Damascus, reactivating an important escalation of the regional conflict in the Middle East that affects the fragile world economy, generating an enormous impact on the oil market that has caused the prices of crude oil to rise worldwide and to become scarce in other countries.

It is pointed out that Israel uses the confrontation with Iran to "weaken the pressure and divert attention from the genocide committed in Gaza" where the Nazi-Zionist aggression has already reached 40,000 dead, among them children, women and the elderly, and 90. The international pressure of the States, international organizations and human rights institutions on Israel, demands the cessation of the criminal aggression against the Gaza Strip against the Palestinian people, the truth is that despite the pressure, the nature of this aggressor State, the political and economic situation that blindly complies with the determinations of imperialism, does not change.

Iran, through operation True Promise, showed that "the time for unanswered bombing and strategic patience is over", as it waited for the reaction of the international organizations that showed with their silence, complicity and inability to solve crises, in such a way that they have indirectly contributed to the current escalation in the Middle East, for which it determines to assume its defense under the protection of Article 50 of the United Nations Charter.

The world community expected the G7 to ask for restraint from Israel after the Iranian defense action against Israel on April 13, however, the G7 Foreign Ministers' Summit of the United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, Germany, France, Japan, the United States and Ukraine, meeting to assess the situation in Europe, decided to support Israel and Ukraine. This

is immediately being fulfilled, by new economic support (translated into state-of-the-art armaments) from the USA to Ukraine and Israel, so that the war may continue, which is a palpable sign of warlike, economic and human aggression that for American imperialism and "Western democracy" the priority is to impose itself by force, regardless of the democratic and peaceful coexistence of the States.

Great Britain and the USA promoted the use of Russian assets sanctioned by imperialism amounting to some 300 billion euros, with which they allegedly support Ukraine. As the Group of Seven determined to support Zelensky, arranging the sale of seized Russian assets whose economic proceeds will be delivered to Zelensky, this situation generates the reaction of China, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, etc., which threaten to withdraw their investments from Europe, to which obviously the Russian Federation joins, with which they could further damage the European economy. Thus, the European Union is in a situation of internal conflict, and faced with the possibility of the boomerang effect, and some countries of the E.U. have expressed their rejection some and concern others, but in any case it is evident the aggressive policy of imperialism without any qualms to generate and maintain conflicts to not lose its power.

In this way we conclude that in the face of such an insult and threat it is up to all human beings, to the democratic and revolutionary governments, plus the socialist, communist and workers' parties, to deploy all their joint efforts and capabilities to structure actions in defense of humanity which is at this moment under imperialist threat.

IV. Review of the imperialist action against Latin America

Under the dictates of the Monroe Doctrine and the Santa Fe Consensus, imperialism imposed reactionary dictatorships in Latin America, with the political objective of destroying the emerging revolutions in our continent, such as that of Cuba, the target of immediate plans of aggression. Likewise, to prevent the adoption of internal policies free from U.S. influence, for which it employs direct actions or uses servile governments that lend their territory for the training and provisioning of mercenaries used to achieve its nefarious ends.

The world revolutionary torrent constituted by the international working class and the national liberation movement, counts on the contribution and progressive strength of the democratic and pacifist movements, and also other powers such as China, in fact the first in the world, displacing the United States. Its current situation in the political and economic fields reveals that the crisis is deepening, in the midst of the electoral process of its worn out bipartisanship, which does not allow any change to be foreseen with regard to its international policy, and regardless of who wins, the aggressive policy of the Pentagon will surely be maintained.

The bellicosity of imperialism does not change, but rather increases because in the face of the economic crisis, the loss of reliability of the dollar, the growth of its foreign debt, the increase of its inflation which reaches 40%, it resorts to war as its means of salvation, seriously endangering the security of the world. It also extends its "unilateral sanctions" to countries that do not accept its model, and uses its own regulations as a framework of legitimacy for its criminal acts, to appropriate the reserves of the countries through its agencies and banks. It also intends to increase its monopolistic activity in the face of a dynamic world market that, like the BRICS, is proposing alternatives to US unilateralism. In short, its degradation becomes uncontrollable and the "beast" can act uncontrollably and more aggressively.

But the destabilizing plans of imperialism and its lackeys do not cease. For example, the provocative presence of the commander of the US Southern Command, General Laura Richardson, who with absolute brazenness asserts that, in their backyard, particularly in the triangle formed by Argentina, Chile and Bolivia, what interests them is to defend

their interests, since they will carry out the actions they consider, to prevent third powers outside the continent, from working in the same. Moreover, their infiltrators in all parts of Latin America, promote destabilizations and conspiracies to achieve changes of governments that openly and underhandedly regain power to continue exploiting and subjugating our continent.

The Latin American peoples and the political-social organizations developed together with the workers, peasants and middle classes, great efforts and struggled to defeat the military dictatorships and the neoliberal governments that under a formal democracy and their policy of surrender in favor of the United States, The rise of the peoples who, within the framework of their democracies, succeeded in establishing popular governments through democratic means, which are the result of the accumulation of discontent over social and economic inequalities and seek to reduce the gap between rich and poor, with new social pacts through new constitutions, or with measures to reduce inequalities.

U.S. imperialism and its internal agents in our countries have designed an updated version of the Condor Plan and its strategies to once again seize power and displace the popular governments, with the purpose of continuing to enjoy the wealth and benefits of the exploitation and commercialization of their natural resources, so that the domination and oppression of imperialism can continue.

The new restoring currents of neoliberalism that show that the defeats with the support of imperialism are achieving their progressive rearticulation so that they once again dispute and assume political power and assume the direction of the institutions that make up the state superstructure are constituted as reproducing factors of bourgeois power.

The intensification of the inhuman and criminal U.S. blockade for more than six decades against the Cuban people, at the same time against Venezuela and Nicaragua, attacks the human rights of children, women, the elderly of the countryside

and the cities, promotes economic and political destabilization that threatens the institutionality of Latin America Cuba constitutes another interventionist tool of imperialism.

U.S. imperialism does not cease to conspire with terrorist methods against governments that are not submissive to them and that, on the contrary, follow an independent path. Therefore the Communist Party of Bolivia condemns the terrorism of U.S. imperialism which constitutes the application of the immoral, cruel and inhuman economic, financial and commercial blockade and unjust sanctions against the free peoples of America and the world.

In view of the above situation, the CP of Bolivia expresses:

- Its great concern for the world events that not only affect the States that at this moment appear immersed in conflicts, but that harm all the peoples of the world. Moreover, to this aggressive action is added the strategic policy of U.S. imperialism through NATO, which is increasing its bellicosity in all areas, in order not to lose its primacy in the world.
- The primacy of issues related to peace and war are coming to the forefront, because human life and the life of the planet are at stake, given the use of non-conventional weapons whose effects will be devastating for humanity.
- States are losing control over important areas of their international activities and have become protagonists penetrated by hegemonic agents who use their ties with the purpose of maintaining the unipolar dominance of U.S. imperialism.
- It is necessary to deploy the greatest solidarity with the Palestinian cause, and to generate meetings and spaces of analysis and permanent denunciation, where the States, peoples and parties not committed to US imperialism, can build multistate and multilateral organizations that elaborate strategies for the defense of our peoples and contribute to the growth of initiatives related to multipolarity.

"NATO threatens with a third world war"

Communist Party of Ecuador

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COMRADES

WORLD ANTI-IMPERIALIST PLATFORM SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM AS HOPE FOR THE PEOPLES AND HUMANITY.

The COMMUNIST PARTY OF ECUADOR, salutes the extraordinary initiative to gather in the city of Washington, USA, the anti-imperialist platform against the most retarded, criminal and fascist forces to lead humanity to its total collapse with the infamous decision to take us to a third world war, for which they have unleashed localized wars in the different continents where they offer their lives the peoples of the countries to which they offer and deliver the weapons manufactured by the imperialist countries with which these peoples are indebted forever.

The Second World War cost the countries invaded by the criminal and well-organized fascist governments of Europe that achieved with their economic offers the adhesion of the oligarchic groups in power of the European countries with political and social submission. The fascist Hitlerite hosts did not hesitate to make mass murder a very convincing way to take over European peoples, countries and governments, to advance towards Asia and Africa, plunging these territories into colonial regimes from which immense economic values were extracted on the basis of extraordinary natural products where metals and precious stones played the primacy. The invading and colonialist presence of the government of Japan that threatened China and more Asian countries completed the criminal fascist threat of the Hitlerian hordes. The invaded peoples under the complacent gaze of the capitalist countries that although they felt the hegemonic dispute saw the war that was spreading rapidly towards the nascent SOVIET UNION with the government of the working class and peasants that was building a new state, the socialist state as a firm base towards communism. The Soviet government with Joseph Stalin at the head, leader of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, did the impossible for the defense of its territory and its people, which it achieved at a human cost of more than 25 million

men, women and children who left a sample of courage and revolutionary consequence for world history.

The capitalist countries, headed by the United States of America, joined the great battle of the Second World War in order to preserve their colonial and economic interests and signed treaties and agreements in order to maintain themselves, recover their political influence and declare themselves in a hidden war, called the COLD WAR unleashed against the Soviet Union and the liberated countries that adopted the democratic system with a view to socialism and communism. The results and consequences of this war are well known especially by the traitors perched in the party leadership and the government who made a pact and surrendered to imperialism and its coideitaries with which they pretended to create what they ironically called THE END OF HISTORY.

The great majority of the Communist Parties in the world have recovered from this extreme political situation, the Communist Parties of Russia are alive and fighting with great popular acceptance, of the working class, of the peasants, of the native peoples who are fighting to return to the social state that socialism offered them to assure their social future. The presence of the ENCOUNTER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES AND OBREOS OF THE WORLD, as a superior revaluation of the Communist International means the hope of the peoples of the world under the different conditions and characteristics of the countries where they exist and fight with the programmatic determination of MARXISM-LENINISM to which no one has renounced and which is more alive and stronger than ever.

Today, we face a new social economic process, where the capitalist crisis confronts the new social forces that are organized in the former colonies that today are powerful countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America that seek to move away from the so-called

third world and develop in difficult conditions but that find support in countries like the People's Republic of China that reaches the highest levels in the world economy and exercises a trade policy of mutual benefits for the peoples and countries with which it applies a new trading system.

The imperialist style of war has not ceased and is unleashed in different forms, although already known, the aggression against the peoples of Dombass, Lugansk and Donetsk, initiated in 2014 and with it the threats of Ukraine with the military support of US imperialism and the reactionary European countries against the Russian border and the Russian people.

In this fascist game, NATO threatens with a third world war with the characteristic of being a nuclear war that would be devastating to humanity, that would return us to the stick and stone, if anyone survives.

Imperialism threatens China within its territory like Taiwan, develops a situation of war in the whole region, establishes restrictions, economic and commercial blockade against Russia, maintains more than sixty years of criminal blockade against Cuba, the same is done with Venezuela, Nicaragua, and threatens all the peoples and countries of the world to keep them submissive to the capitalist and neoliberal system from which the peoples want to free themselves and fight against it.

The aggression against the Palestinian people shows the criminal intensity of imperialism and its main agent, the Israeli Zionist government that reaches tens of thousands of children, women and civilian men killed under the indifference of the United Nations and international organizations. International solidarity with the Palestinian people is a moral obligation.

The military political interference of US imperialism has been manifest in the world, in Latin America has installed military bases with alleged support against drug trafficking mafias,

a country that is one of the largest consumers and where the mafias make the largest economic distribution and laundering of assets that no one sees. We cannot forget the military dictatorships throughout Latin America, an issue that they want to repeat with the support and presence of European fascist organizations such as VOX, which already organizes groups of young people linked to religious sects. Great interest motivates us the progressive governments in Latin America with popular political programs as in Chile, Brazil, Colombia, lately the triumph of the Morena Movement and the election of Claudia Sheinbaum in Mexico as hope for its people and Latin America.

The peoples of the world are dawning a dawn with the possibility of a new international order of a globalized world with multilateral economic relations with the BRICG at the head and for the termination of the tyranny of the dollar and the rejection of the imperial capitalist and neoliberal system.

In Ecuador, the Communist Party, together with the democratic, progressive and revolutionary forces, throughout the 98 years of its history has organized anti-imperialist, democratic fronts, which fought against the military forces that took over the government with the support of the reactionary oligarchies and U.S. imperialism and remains alongside these forces, in what today is called the NATIONAL ALFARIST PROJECT, PAN, which has called for the broadest political unity of the DEMOCRATIC, PROGRESSIVE AND REVOLUTIONARY FORCES for the next electoral process to elect President, Vice President. Assembly members, the Andean parliament to be held next February 2025 where a democratic revolution that maintains national sovereignty, a national social economic policy directed to the popular interests in health, education, defense of the rights of workers, an agrarian reform that gives the land to those who work it, the defense of the people in their physical integrity against national and foreign criminal mafias, in short, a state that provides the basis for a social socialist future.

STRUGGLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM / NATO ARE ACTS OF CULTURE

Imani Na Umoja | African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC)

INTRODUCTION

Revolutionary Greetings and salutes!

The African Party of Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC), the Mass Revolutionary Pan-Africanist socialist Party is honored to be together with you again during the year of the Centenary of the Birth of our Eternal Brother and Comrade Amilcar Cabral!

As we address the theme of our conference whose theme is

"The situation of World War 3, the New Cold War, and the tasks of communist and anti-imperialist forces".

World War 3 is not an event, but rather a process. The wars in the Congo, Yemen, Sudan, Occupied Palestine, NATO's expansion and its war against Russia, coupled with systematic sanctions against scores of countries and blockades against Cuba and provocations of "New Cold War" against PRC China, DPRK Korea have roots in capitalism manifested in the forms of zionism, hyperimperialism and its last stage of neo-colonialism.

Hyper-imperialism is loosing in the areas of production, finances and checkmated militarily. In short, the mono-polarism of dollar is loosing to multi-polarism.

Logically, the struggle against imperialism is not an event, but rather a process.

The anti-imperialist forces are gaining strength.

The tasks of anti-imperialist forces in each country should be to have a road map that intensifies political-ideological and military coordination with emphasis on the Bases "grass roots" AMONG the People and beyond conference halls and internet activism.

While there are still more and more communists and anti-imperialist forces who are analyzing and

acting correctly, unfortunately there are still some that are unable to scientifically analyze the nature of the current international situation.

Fortunately, thanks to universal culture there are forces who go beyond rhetoric, who live among the People, learn from the People and are working and learning to bring ourselves to higher levels of anti-imperialist production, and use science to develop more efficient military instruments, health and learning instruments while developing culture and economies in local currencies without dollarism.

Thanks to committed revolutionary forces, like some of you in this conference, NATO is not almighty. The military components that constitute NATO are clearly defeatable. The political military capabilities of the Global South are collectly stronger than NATO!

Even during the Glorious Armed Struggle for National Liberation in Guinea-Bissau in the 1960s and early 1980s, the PAIGC defeated NATO.

It is relevant to quote Amilcar Cabral presentation the Conference of Nationalist Organizations of Portuguese Colonies (CONCP—composed of FRELIMO, MPLA, PAIGC and MLSTP) Plenary Session October 1965.

"...Everybody knows today that Portugal, the Portuguese government, if it could not count on the assistance of its NATO allies, would not be able to carry on fighting against us..

"In any struggle it is of fundamental importance to define clearly who we are, and who is the enemy. We, the peoples of the Portuguese colonies, are African peoples, of this Africa ensnared by imperialism and colonialism for decades and even in some cases for centuries...

...Everybody knows today that Portugal, the Portuguese government, if it could not count on

the assistance of its NATO allies, would not be able to carry on fighting against us. But we must state clearly what NATO means. Yes, we know: NATO is a military bloc which defends the interests of the West, etc. . . . That is not what we wish to discuss... ...NATO is concrete countries, concrete governments and states. NATO is the USA. We have captured in our country many US weapons. NATO is the Federal Republic of Germany. We have a lot of Mauser rifles taken from Portuguese soldiers. NATO, for the time being at least, is France. In our country there are Alouette helicopters. NATO is, too, to a certain extent, the government of that heroic people which has given so many examples of love of freedom, the Italian people. Yes, we have captured from the Portuguese machine-guns and grenades made in Italy.."

This was in 1965, two (2) years after the beginning of the armed phase of the Glorious Liberation Struggle. By 1973, the African People of Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde with Allies via our politically organized cultural manifestation (PAIGC), had already defeated the Portuguese military and their NATO allies!

A little more than one year later, thanks to the contribution of the same PAIGC, a "Carnation Revolution" took place in Portugal in 1974 and overthrew the fascist regime liberating the Portuguese People (the former colonizer).

This is significant for our challenges today. The organized People of a small country defeated NATO. Guinea-Bissau doesn't manufacture weapons such as war planes, missiles, submarines or any other types. Its main weapons are the culture of the masses of People organized politically.

The majority of the People in the Homeland of Amilcar Cabral, and all faithful Militants, Responsibles and leaders of his Party PAIGC continue to struggle against imperialism in all its rotten manifestations. Our Party is the politically organized manifestation of our People's culture.

Anti-imperialist struggle and Culture

"...The liberation movement, as representative

and defender of the culture of the people, must be conscious of the fact that, whatever may be the material conditions of the society it represents, the society is the bearer and creator of culture. The liberation movement must furthermore embody the mass character, the popular character of the culture—which is not and never could be the privilege of one or of some sectors of the society...

...In the thorough analysis of social structure which every liberation movement should be capable of making in relation to the imperatives of the struggle, the cultural characteristics of each group in society have a place of prime importance. For, while the culture has a mass character, it is not uniform, it is not equally developed in all sectors of society. The attitude of each social group toward the liberation struggle is dictated by its economic interests, but it is also influenced profoundly by its culture. It may even be admitted that these differences in cultural levels explain differences in behaviour toward the liberation movement on the part of individuals who belong to the same socio-economic group. It is at this point that culture reaches its full significance for each individual: understanding and integration into their environment, identification with fundamental problems and aspirations of the society, acceptance of the possibility of change in the direction of progress...

...In the specific conditions of our country—and we would say, of Africa—the horizontal and vertical distribution of levels of culture is somewhat complex. In fact, from villages to towns, from one ethnic group to another, from one age group to another, from the peasant to the workman or to the indigenous intellectual who is more or less assimilated, and, as we have said, even from individual to individual within the same social group, the quantitative and qualitative level of culture varies significantly. It is of prime importance for the liberation movement to take these facts into consideration...

...Whatever may be the ideological or idealistic characteristics of cultural expression, culture is an

essential element of the history of a people. Culture is, perhaps, the product of this history just as the flower is the product of a plant. Like history, or because it is history, culture has as its material base the level of the productive forces and the mode of production. Culture plunges its roots into the physical reality of the environmental humus in which it develops, and it reflects the organic nature of the society, which may be more or less influenced by external factors. History allows us to know the nature and extent of the imbalances and conflicts (economic, political and social) which characterize the evolution of a society; culture allows us to know the dynamic synthesis which have been developed and established by social conscience to resolve these conflicts at each stage of its evolution, in the search for survival and progress..."

Current Anti-imperialist Struggles in Guinea- Bissau

There aren't any foreign military bases in Guinea-Bissau and there have never been. The revolutionary Constitution that was approved by the National People's Assembly on 23 September 1973, the day before it unilaterally Proclaimed Independence on 24 September 1973, prohibits foreign military bases. But since 2022 we do have an imposed armed contingent of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Their presence wasn't approved by the National People's Assembly.

As we speak, the neo-colonialists puppets in the person of Umaro Sissoco Embalo, better known as Si-coco (his poop), has unconstitutionally blocked the National People's Assembly, violently invaded the Supreme Court of Justice and forced its president to resign under duress; maintained an expired incomplete National Electoral Council, an illegal unconstitutional so-called "government of presidential initiative", with a corrupted Attorney General and is attempting to unconstitutionally extend the presidential mandate from five (5) to six (6) years.

The democratic forces who oppose these measures

are attacked by armed mercenaries sent like attack dogs from the Presidential Palace. These same attack dogs abuse democratic patriotic peaceful manifestations, arrest and torture unarmed protestors.

The National Union of Guinean Workers headquarters has been seized.

Guinea-Bissau is an integral part of West Africa, Africa and Humanity. The culture of our People is rising as is the revolutionary consciousness. We still lack the coordination with worldwide anti-imperiaist forces and integration of our revolutionary and progressive forces to bring our inevitable defeat of imperialism in all its ugly forms.

We shall defeat them, via our culture, just like we defeated Portuguese colonialism supported by NATO!

The PAIGC has been involved with various international and regional coordinating organizations and serves as a co-founder of the Organization of Solidarity with the People of Africa, Asia and Latin America (OSPAAAL) that emanated from the First Tricontinental Conference of 1966 in Cuba. Through political military coordination of OSPAAAL, many victories have been won against imperialism. Likewise, we remain enthusiastic to intimately coordinate with all serious anti-imperialist platforms.

We invite comrades to participate in the PAIGC Commemoration of the Amilcar Cabral Centenary in September this year.

Comrades, let us go forward onward to victory as complete human beings!

Everywhere there is an agent of imperialism, zionism or neo-colonialism, let us go forward with tidal waves to crush them!

Death to imperialism!

Death to capitalism!

Death to NATO!

A luta..continua!

Victoria é Certa

Onward to Final Victory!

READY FOR THE REVOLUTION1

"We must smash the US/NATO/EU Axis of domination"

Rafiki Morris | All-African People's Revolutionary Party

The All-African People's Revolutionary Party is honored to have an opportunity to address this important meeting of anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist and anti-fascist forces from around the world. We meet at a time when the people of the world are standing up and asserting their right to sovereignty, self determination and development.

We come together because of the NATO Summit and to state our opposition. NATO is the criminal organization that led the invasion of Libya, brutally assassinated our comrade leader Muamar Gaddafi, destroyed Tripoli and unleashed mercenary militias into African States on a murderous rampage that continues to this day. This alone is reason enough to despise NATO and work for its elimination. SMASH NATO!

But it is our firm belief that it would be a serious error to assemble these anti-imperialist forces and confine our discussion to NATO. Yes NATO must be condemned and in time, removed from the political military landscape. More importantly we must examine NATO in context and discuss it in relation to the overall struggle against imperialism and its armed agents around the world.

Currently war is being fought in Europe. Western powers have employed fascists in Ukraine to encircle Russia and bring Ukraine into NATO. This war is entirely orchestrated from Washington and while many of the NATO countries are providing arms and funds to the Ukrainian fascists, the war is not technically a NATO operation. Up to now NATO has not fought in Europe, even though NATO is projected as a pact to defend Europe from foreign attacks. The facts are that since the founding of NATO in 1949, Europe has not been attacked and NATO has never had to defend it.

On the contrary NATO has served as the point of the imperialist spear, used to attack governments, people's and insurgents in the global south. While some are consumed with assessing the role NATO plays in Europe, we must assess it with our own eyes and judge it based on our experience.

For us Imperialism presents as a single hegemonic economic/political/military apparatus. The USA Military Command Structure includes the Southern Command, Pacific Command, Central Command, Asia Command, African Command and Space Command. It also includes a massive worldwide intelligence network that links the CIA, Mossad, MI5 and all capitalist internal and external national intelligence agencies. Police forces and a multitude of private mercenary militias and private armies and 800 military bases are also part of the imperialist war machine. NATO is but one aspect of these US strategic alliances with proxy states in every geopolitical Zone. This network seeks political, military, economic and social domination of our planet and its people. It is our task to use this meeting to unite so that we can coordinate our effort to defeat the entirety of Imperialism's USA/NATO/EU political military apparatus. The imperialist are one, the anti-imperialist forces must also be as one.

Again, the context of this focus on NATO is the current effort to revive the cold war and push the world towards WW3. War with Russia, arming Taiwan, bolstering Hongkong intransigence, imperialist sanctions on progressive and revolutionary governments and the military pivot to the Asia-Pacific theater of operations, raise the specter of a world war. This pending WW3, potentially between the world's major nuclear

powers, raises global fear of nuclear annihilation. It is part of a new cold war that pits the USA and its allies against Russia and China. Since nuclear war threatens the entire planet, its possibility is incorrectly presented as the only meaningful conflict on the planet, The town crier (western Media) warns that WW3 is coming while the jesters diminish the importance of imperialist wars currently being waged around the globe.

The People of the Global South are not waiting on WW3, or the outcome of the real or imagined tension between the east and the west. Instead we are actively fighting a World War of a different type. This is the war being waged by the USA, NATO, EU against the people living in the lands of the Global South. From 2020 to present there have been 32 wars, 15 of which are ongoing. The 33 NATO nations seek to dominate and control the remaining 162 countries on the planet in service to capital. Genocide proceeding unchecked in Palestine, police attacking unarmed students in New York, sanctioning Cuba, Nicaragua, Eritrea, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Korea, Myanmar, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, and Belarus are all manifestation of war. The world is already at war.

For Africa and African people worldwide the term World War also has an entirely different meaning. Since the landing of the first Portuguese ships arriving in Africa to capture humans to enslave, our continent and her people have not known a single moment without war. The European slave raids were in fact a continental war with global implications. More than 100,000,000 Africans were captured or killed over a period of 300 years. The criminal assault on our continent continued through the colonial period and has only intensified with the rise of neo-colonialism which dominates our continent presently. Our masses, scattered and suffering worldwide, stand among the most oppressed, exploited and victimized sector of humanity.

Imperialism dominates Africa because 40% of global gold, nearly 90% of chromium and platinum and about a third of the world's known critical minerals supply are in Africa. This coupled with vast arable land for cash crops, are the reasons millions die in the resource war in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Currently war between generals in Sudan displaces 6,000,000 people and kills thousands more. Kenyan police prepare to play soldier in a USA invasion of Haiti. Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso eject the French and US military presence without a shot fired, and form an Alliance of Sahel States. Senegalese mass mobilizations elect a new president in a campaign managed from a jail cell. POLISARIO wages its struggle for the liberation of the Western Sahara from refugee camps in Algeria. Eritrea stands strong following 60 years of war, AFRICOM occupies countries throughout the continent (part of the 800 global US military bases) and Guinea Bissau wages a democratic revolution to seat the democratically elected PAI Tera Ranka (PAIGC) government. Meanwhile, Police in Europe and America continue their armed assault on the African populations with shootings, mass incarceration, community occupations by armed agents of the state, criminal militias (gangs) and the active suppression of our movements for liberation, unity and socialism. Viewing the world with our own eyes, we conclude that we have been subjected to a world war that has gone on unabated for more than 500 years.

African people are weighed down by the legacy of slavery, colonialism and neo-colonial plunder. For Africans, WW3 is happening. It is both multi form and global, it is a war that we must fight by every available means. If you look closely you will see us politically educating, striking, rallying, occupying, demonstrating, voting, mobilizing, organizing, and when we must fight, we fight.

The A-APRP is a Pan-Africanist Party. Our

objective is the total liberation and unification of Africa under a scientific socialist government. We do not define this war as military conflict alone. Our view is that every act taken to achieve our objective, as well as every act by imperialism to continue its hegemonic control of our continent are acts of war. Like our enemies, we fight on every plane: ideological, social, political, economic and military. We are divided, besieged, poor and disorganized. But what is most important is that we are resisting.

To a certain extent our Pan-African victory is dependent on:

- Africa's ability to coordinate the political/military actions of her revolutionary forces and
- The solidarity and support of the global antiimperialist movement.

Because we are in a permanent state of war, we must have a proper assessment of ourselves, the forces we align with and the forces we oppose. In our assessment, what concerns us most in all of this is the low level of ideological development and/ or lack of ideological understanding among Pan-Africanist, Communist, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist forces. This is our greatest weakness. We do not collectively know the material and immaterial conditions we seek to transform. Conditions in each zone of operation have a specific history and culture which must be the material basis from which to pursue the objectives, strategies and tactics employed in the struggle. Revolutions can not be duplicated or exported. There is no cookie cutter model for revolutionary transformation.

What is required is a general line of thought, which we agree upon and can apply to the material and immaterial conditions we face. Our general line of thought then gives meaningful guidance to the struggle to be waged by each People in each location with differing circumstances. The general line of thought also defines the nature of the relationships between the revolutionary forces

who are engaged in this fight against imperialism. Solidarity can then be built on a foundation of knowledge, understanding and coordinated interaction. How can one be in solidarity with something they know nothing about?

Among socialist, communist, Pan Africanist and anti-imperialist forces there is a continuing tendency to view Marxism as the only viable ideology of revolution. The archaic tendency to take the ideas of Europe and universalize them without critique or alteration must be exposed. That these ideas persist is evidence of the failure to understand the nature and extent of the revolutionary process outside of Europe. Clearly the ideological framework of the twenty-first century struggle against imperialism cannot be confined to the thoughts and teaching of the supreme 19th revolutionary philosopher, Karl Marx. Revolutionary thought finds its weapons (material and immaterial) in the living culture of the people it serves. This is not to deny the universal aspects of Marxism or the contribution of others. It is the application of the scientific principle of dialectical materialism (A Marxian contribution) to the material and immaterial conditions that prevail in each Zone of struggle. Revolution is an act of culture and as such must be fully wedded to the culture of the people who seek to transform any given society. This is why we have Juche in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Maoism in China, Leninism in Russia and Nkrumahism/ Toureism/Cabalism in Africa.

Communists who really understand the nature and material manifestation of this conflict must support this fight by bringing human and material resources to the struggle we wage. For us the struggle for peace, freedom and dignity is the primary responsibility of those organized sectors committed to the communist ideal.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform (WAP) has asked us to detail the needs of this movement in

the country we operate in. This question assumes that the field of struggle is with nation states as currently constituted. But this construct does not consider the fact that the struggle being waged by African people is both continental and global by its very nature. The existing nation/states of Africa are precisely the divide and conquer tool employed by imperialism to gain control of our land, resources and labor. There is no need to recount the Berlin Conference. Of necessity we must engage in this struggle on a continental level. This means that we must bring to this table general observations drawn from the compiled reports of the specific countries we work in and the conditions we face on a global basis, both inside and outside of Africa. Our field of struggle is the entire continent of Africa and we seek to organize the masses of African people existing in some 115 countries. The specific territories are but front lines on a global battle field. In all places we seek a concrete understanding of the material and immaterial conditions we seek to transform. In all places the weapons employed are directly related to the culture which is the basis upon which each zone draws its political perspective.

We strengthen the communist movements in each country by coordinating the political, military and social activities of our fighting forces both at home in Africa, and abroad. We must find ways and means to politically educate and organize and train revolutionary cadre as well as the broad masses of our people. We must stand in uncompromising solidarity with our comrades in Palestine and link this struggle to the struggle of indigenous people and oppressed nations world wide. We must stand in uncompromising solidarity with the communist, socialist and revolutionary states of the world. Finally, we must coordinate our work as builders of a communist world, understanding that the growth and establishment of socialist states and communism are totally dependent on our collective

ability to defeat capitalism, imperialism, zionism and to SMASH THE US/NATO/EU Axis of domination.

We thank you for this opportunity to express our humble perspective at this historic gathering.

As Always we stand,

READY FOR REVOLUTION!

"NATO is the biggest terrorist organization in the world"

Michael Tzimis | Socialist Platform of Georgia

Dear Comrades and fellow fighters, we greet the International Conference of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform which is being held ahead of the NATO summit and whose goal is to mobilize all progressive anti-fascist forces against NATO. NATO has been an aggressive organization since its inception in 1949. After 1991, with its new military doctrine, it turned into a "global sentinel" of imperialist interests. It was often associated with bloody regimes and dictatorships, reactionary forces and Juntas. He actively participated in the dissolution of Yugoslavia, in the barbaric bombings against Serbia for 78 days, in the overthrow of regimes with "orange revolutions" which we saw and experienced in Georgia and Ukraine. NATO implements in practice the role of the international organization for the settlement of global issues, but it has also adopted a new doctrine so that it can operate within the member states in the name of "security", i.e. dealing with popular movements. The enemy is the people.

But let's get back to NATO's involvement in Ukraine. Stoltenberg had openly told the authorities of the special military operation at the NATO Defense Ministers Summit: "The war did not start last February. The war started in 2014" (that is, when a pro-Western government emerged in Kiev after a coup with open Euro-Atlantic imperialist intervention and support), the NATO chief said, adding that "since 2014, NATO allies have provided support to Ukraine, with training, with equipment". We remind you that the invasion was preceded by the bombings and the military operation of the fascist regime of Kiev in the heroic regions of Donetsk and Lugansk.

Lenin analyzed the essence and legal defects

of imperialism in his work "Imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism", which is an important theoretical basis and methodological tool for the study and interpretation of the phenomena and developments of modern capitalism. Let's look a little at the actions of imperialism. Imperialism uses US and NATO bases to attack all the oppressed peoples of the world. They use the bases to attack the Middle East and also to send weapons to the fascist Zelensky.

Our duty is to stand in solidarity with all the competitors.

NATO, as a military apparatus, is the gatekeeper of the imperialist world. However, it is not just a military structure. NATO means occupation, repression, war crimes, torture, murder, poverty, extermination, injustices, coups, enemies of the peoples of the world!

NATO is the biggest terrorist organization in the world. It is the greatest threat to all the peoples of the world.

To unite and fight against imperialism and the collaborating states.

ALL THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD LET US UNITE AND FIGHT AGAINST NATO!

SOCIALISM IS THE NATURAL, ONLY WAY OUT OF THE MODERN GLOBAL CRISIS OF IMPERIALISM.

Klara Azhybekova | Communist Party of Kyrgyzstan

DEAR COMRADES!

Our event takes place in the conditions of global, all-encompassing actual CRISIS. At this very moment we are in the country of the most developed capitalism, in the USA! The Kyrgyz Communists warmly welcome the Communists, the working people of the United States and its working class, the people of the USA and its working class, who are also concerned about what is happening in the world! We wish the International Anti-Imperialist Platform Conference productive work and adoption of the most important decisions!

Dear participants of the conference! I would like to draw your attention to the fact that modern imperialism is at the peak of its ANTAGONISTIC contradictions in all spheres:

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, MILITARY AND POLITICAL! MARXISM'S CLASSIC POSITION THAT THE EPOCH OF SOCIAL REVOLUTIONS COMES PRECISELY WHEN THE ADVANCED PRODUCTIVE FORCES CEASE TO CORRESPOND TO THE LAGGING PRODUCTION RELATIONS! Agree that the scientific, technical and informational potential of the most advanced countries of the world is increasing! Science becomes a direct productive force of society! Artificial intelligence practically begins to replace man, all science and scientists work for the interests of monopolies, all the natural resources of the world work for transnational corporations, the working class, the working masses of the world are subject to exploitation! In what does this manifest itself?

First of all, all material wealth and natural

resources, although it is written in many constitutions of different countries that they belong to the people, but in the process of their extraction and transformation into a product for its use, they are already in the hands of private owners! Workers buy from them at high prices to satisfy their needs!

Secondly, for their titanic labor they get a rather low wage! The profit goes into the pockets of the private owners! The workers of the whole world do not want to continue to live in such a humiliated state! The bourgeoisie get everything, but the workers get crumbs? This contradiction is growing with cosmic speed and the class struggle is growing! These irreconcilable contradictions are growing not only within capitalist states, but also between states.

The more developed states exploit the less developed states!

Unfortunately, Western civilization ruthlessly exploits Eastern civilization! After all, they practically turned Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Palestine, earlier Vietnam into ashes! And for what? They were very rich in oil, gas, other minerals and land wealth! The world of imperialism does not want to take energy resources for their price! They want to seize them for free! The predatory appetites of the West are simply limitless! This makes them degenerate very quickly in legal and moral aspects! The faster and larger the appetites of the criminal bourgeoisie of the West grow, the more intolerant the workers of the whole world become to their invasive practices! The consciousness of the working class is growing, they are working

with very sophisticated technologies of modern production, they are learning a lot, improving their professionalism, they have the opportunity to learn and online! Therefore, the knowledge and awareness of their unjust situation raises the workers to the class and above all economic struggle! By the way, in recent years it is the working class of the West that is increasingly rising to the struggle! For example, Great Britain, France, Germany and others! The workers of Palestine, organized in Hamaz, went to war against Israel in general because of their expansionist policies, their systematic seizure of their territory and their refusal to create a state of Palestine! Always at some point the quantity of injustice is transformed into a new quality of just class struggle!

Of necessity, economic injustice leads to SOCIAL INJURY! First of all, it is the inaccessibility of medicine for the workers, for the working class as a whole in the IMPERIALIST WORLD!

Especially surgical operations have simply exorbitant prices! Then you conclude that professional medical care is the property of only the rich, only the bourgeoisie! That's why you open Facebook and see women with children asking for money for treatment or surgery for their children! Was it possible to see such lawlessness in the Soviet Union! No! Never! Treatment was free! Or the question of education? It is becoming almost inaccessible even in secondary schools! Why!

This also applies to post-Soviet republics, because in public schools the quality of education has noticeably dropped due to low salaries for teachers, lack of schools, lack of textbooks. Think what kind of quality education can a student get when there are 3 people sitting at a desk, 50-60 students in a class, it is unclear what textbooks to study with? Some places are going to teach schoolchildren on British textbooks in electronic version? It is all voluntarism and subjectivism. How could school education not collapse at all! Each republic has

started to initiate its own ideology, its own history! Most importantly, low salaries in schools and universities have washed out highly qualified teachers and teachers on the market, trade, abroad to Europe as nannies for elderly Europeans, kitchen workers, etc. in the sphere of everyday life! Engaging in Russophobia, many went to work in Russia to feed their families! Mother Russia accepted and accepts migrants for work! These migrants fill a considerable part of the budget of the republics.

Moreover, the post-Soviet republics began to copy the educational processes in universities and schools Western models of education are far from perfect! AFTER ALL, EDUCATION IN THE SOVIET UNION WAS CONSIDERED THE BEST IN THE WORLD! They introduced the BOLON SYSTEM, where our higher education institutions were turned into specialized secondary schools! Many people think that after graduating from bachelor's degree they have a higher education, for this it is still necessary to complete a master's program! Note that not all departments have a master's program! What does that tell you? That the majority of graduates simply will not come to study in a master's program anymore! Still paying, still pretending to study! In the Soviet Union higher and specialized secondary education existed successfully separately! Blind copying of Western educational institutions did not lead to anything good! The Bologna system is 100 steps backwards for the Soviet Union republics! Then 12 years of schooling was introduced! For what purpose? To feed, teach, and pay for two more years of greataged children! For capitalism to extort money from parents to educate their adult children, apparently this is the only motivation! In the Soviet Union, a 10th grade education was enough to prepare them for universities, technical colleges and other professions! Now we are repeating like parrots the 12-year education that is unsuitable for us! I

am surprised at those countries that follow such a path, which have an acute shortage of labor resources and those republics that lack schools, teachers, especially in physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics! Repeating the West is not the best way and not the best experience!

Soviet education was and is the best in the world! It is time to move forward on the basis of proven teaching methods! In medicine, too, there's a lot of illogic! Highly specialized medicine to turn into zemstvo doctors, they existed in times of illiteracy and lack of highly professional doctors! Kyrgyzstan is only trying to correct this nonsense, the birth rate in Kyrgyzstan is there, fortunately children are still being born, so adjustments are being made, overcoming the past voluntarism in this matter: they opened pediatric faculties in medical schools, opened children's polyclinics anew! Both were closed under IMF proposals!

The Soviet Union gave free apartments on a first-come, first-served basis! Under colonial imperialism, you can live as you like! But there are already some attempts to provide people with apartments! For example, in Belarus they still give free apartments from the state! In Russia, they also get them through cooperatives! In Kyrgyzstan, the new government, which came from 2020, sets the task to provide, especially young people with apartments through state mortgage lending for 20-25 years! The initial payment is made, and then they will pay, as now they pay for rented housing, but it will be their own housing! After payment wait 1-2 years! This is a good way out! And no one will be able to cheat, because the state is the guarantor and takes everything into its own hands!

THE NEW AUTHORITIES OF KYRGYZSTAN AS IF THEY UNDERSTAND THE TREND OF DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND OF THE 21ST CENTURY TOWARDS A JUST SOCIETY! PRESIDENT SADYR JAPAROV has already repeatedly voiced his action program -

KYRGYZSTAN WILL FIGHT FOR MATERIAL AND SOCIAL EQUALITY! Kamchybek Tashiev, Chairman of the SCNB, also says that it is intolerable that only a few people are rich! We will strive to make everyone rich! We will return illegally privatized property to the people, to the state!

In these plans and tasks, the Kyrgyz government can be a flagship for other republics! There has already been a precedent! We nationalized the Kumtor gold mine, which now works only for the people! Constitutionally the People's Kurultai was introduced, a kind of People's Control! There is a systematic increase in salaries of border guards, pensioners, doctors, teachers, monetary assistance to the most socially vulnerable segments of the population! Last year they gave 100 thousand soms to 10 thousand families, this year 2024 they gave 100 thousand soms to 20 thousand families! Kyrgyz som and Russian ruble are almost equalized!

We already issue internal and external passports and other documents in our republic and save millions of dollars! Internal passports are even free until September 2024! Slowly but surely we are moving towards transformations for the interests of the working masses in Kyrgyzstan! Unfortunately, 12-year school education is also being introduced in our country! We believe that it is simply imposed on us from the outside! There is another positive moment—it is the construction of the railroad China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan and other positive transformations have begun in the country! But there are still enough problems!

IN THE POLITICAL-LEGAL-MILITARY SPHERE THE WORLD IS PRACTICALLY ON THE VERGE OF AN OPEN DECLARATION OF WAR WITH RUSSIA BY THE WEST! THE CRISIS OF IMPERIALISM HAS REACHED ITS APOGEE AND IS READY FOR SELF-DESTRUCTION! By what means? By using both tactical and strategic nuclear weapons!

In an interview with Tucker Carlson. Jeffrey Sachs, a professor at Columbia University, frankly says that the U.S. just bought Ukraine to fight Russia. The West not only announced thousands of sanctions against Russia, but decided to take it over through Ukraine! Today, almost 55 Western countries are helping Ukraine with weapons, airplanes, missiles, intelligence to weaken it or even split it into pieces like Libya! After the destruction of the Soviet Union came the era of a monopolar world under the dictatorship of the U.S. and its satellites Europe! It is funny to look and listen to young Europeans: Baltic republics, Poland and others! So brave! So shouty! So anti-communist and anti-Soviet! I understand, if these poor people had prosperity at home, everything is blooming and smelling there! In fact, everything is just hanging on by a thread, mass unemployment, everything stands still, industry stands still! Only the upper classes are screaming! Those who moved to Europe are not doctors, engineers, directors of enterprises! And who are they there? Poor bastards! European nannies for elderly grandparents, governesses and so on. Nothing remarkable! But the voice is loud! The weaker they are, the more obedient they must be to their masters!

The time of US monopoly without the Soviet Union led the world to total degradation of almost all spheres! An unprecedented polarization of exploiters and exploited, of bourgeoisie and proletariat! THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF MORALS OF THE CRIMINAL BOURGEOISIE OF IMPERIALISM! WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE USA AND EUROPE?! THE FASHION FOR HOMOSEXUALS, TRANSGENDERS, ADRENOCHROMIA, DRUG TRAFFICKING, DRUG ADDICTION, GAMBLING ADDICTION! Lying, falsification, manipulation, sabotage, terrorism and extremism, black transplantology, organ trafficking, biological weapons! With truths and untruths, bribes and promises the introduction

of NATO biolaboratories in the post-Soviet republics around Russia!

THE FAVORITE TECHNOLOGY OF THE USA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION IS SANCTIONS AGAINST UNWANTED STATES, FIRST OF ALL SOCIALIST AND DISOBEDIENT STATES BY FASCIST DICTATES OF THE WESTERN STATES! CUBA, NORTH KOREA, RUSSIA, VENEZUELA AND OTHERS! Why does the US think it is so allpowerful? At the expense of the Federal Reserve? But these are the assets of the Soviet Union, formerly the Russian Empire!? On whose gold the Rothschilds and Rockefellers got so rich and the USA is going crazy! Gentlemen imperialists! With your greed and hyperconventional psychology, individualism and egoism, you have all led our Planet - Earth to ecological disaster! Natural scientists believe that mankind has only 10 years to live! Soon there will be an external impact from other Planets and we will not survive! Earlier such impacts were neutralized by our clean water resources: oceans, seas, rivers and lakes! The current state of polluted water resources is not able to protect us! For that, it is necessary for all humanity to start cleaning our water resources together! But under capitalism, the dictatorship of private property interests, it turns out to be impossible to do this!

ONLY SOCIALISM, ONLY ALTRUISTIC PSYCHOLOGY, THE PRIORITY OF PUBLIC INTERESTS CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS HEROIC ACTION! SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOR 10 YEARS, BUT EVERYWHERE THERE IS SILENCE! (See Scientist's emergency address: The planet is on the verge of self-destruction! Egon Cholakian.Creation Society youtube)

A looming ecological catastrophe, prepared by the predatory use of natural resources, our oceans and seas, the earth, under the earth, above the earth, and is still tearing out the Magma of the Earth!

And the US and Europe are so eager to use nuclear weapons! Gentlemen! Why are you so greedy!? It's the result of hyper-private ownership, which gives the illusion of omnipotence! It turns out that nature is more powerful when the laws of its development are not considered!

Dear gentlemen members of the deep state! Gentlemen of NATO! Wake up! What is dearer to you than LIFE or MILLION TONS OF DOLLARS, but already in the arms of death! Only socialism can save all mankind! Only forward!

For communists, the big problem is to work with the working people! To unite the labor movement with the theory of socialism and communism! The practical unification of the Special Military Operation with socialism, the restoration of the Soviet Union and the accelerated establishment of socialism on the entire Planet Earth! Time is of the essence!

The natural impetus for the urgent transition to socialism is thus ECOLOGICAL factors:

- 1. The release of the Earth's magma
- 2. Periodic pressure on Planet Earth of external alien forces, which is carried out with a certain periodicity in some millions of years and this time is coming! Urgent cleaning of seas, oceans, rivers, lakes! To ensure the survival of every living thing on Earth! Scientists think there's about 10 years left! So far, no response!
- 3. There's another volcano coming out in the U.S. and the U.S. is supposed to be flooded!

Sometimes you think, maybe by pushing Ukraine to fight to the last Ukrainian, the U.S. frees its territory?! After all, US scientists also know about future natural cataclysms?

The factor of the natural transition to socialism is the CRISIS of socio-political, military and military factors! THIS CRISIS MUST BE SOLVED! HOW?

1. THE PROCESS OF THE LAW OF UNITY AND STRUGGLE OF OPPOSITES IN SOCIETY IS UNDERWAY! There is a struggle between the

colonizers—imperialists and the countries that rose up to fight against neocolonialism, against racism, genocide and neo-fascism! The West is the side of evil and colonizers: USA, Europe! The other side is the side of good and justice, the side that establishes the NEW WORLD ORDER under the leadership of Russia, Belarus, China, the countries of the socialist camp and socialist orientation! How beautifully the President of Bolivia Luis Arce spoke at the St. Petersburg Economic Forum! He told how they are working to reduce inequality and poverty! It should be noted that they are achieving remarkable results! Since 2006, GDP per capita has risen from 37 dollars to 336 dollars! Since 2006, they have reduced poverty from 70% to 30%, including other Latin American countries: Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Africa, Asia and others!

The USA, Europe together with Ukraine held their so-called peace summit or coven on June 17, 2024 in Switzerland! But before this summit the PRESIDENT of RUSSIA V.V.PUTIN sent his Draft Peace Treaty to the West!

THEY WERE SHOCKED! THEY WERE EVEN MORE SHOCKED BY V.V.PUTIN'S STATE VISIT TO KNDR! The meeting was simply massive, very warm and friendly! The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is a brave, courageous country! Its leaders deserve the highest respect, because they stood up, did not give up in the most difficult times of the destruction of the Soviet Union! We have seen on television how it has blossomed, how it has moved forward over the years! Because of socialism, order! Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Kim Jong-un sat together in the car and took turns driving! Everything was very grand and warm and beautiful! They signed the AGREEMENT OF GENERAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, which implies military-technical cooperation, bilateral defense treaty! Then V.V.Putin arrived in Vietnam! The people of the world, of course, have not forgotten how the U.S. simply irradiated Vietnam with its bombs, but with the support of the Soviet Union, the Vietnamese expelled the U.S. from their territory! Now Vietnam is developing very dynamically, cooperating with Russia in various fields! V.V.Putin met with the President of Vietnam, with the Prime Minister of Vietnam and the General Secretary of the Socialist Party of Vietnam! There was a laying of flowers to Ho Chi Minh, a very interesting meeting with graduates of Russian universities at the Grand Theater in Hanoi!

All this, of course, stirred up the minds of the West They are confused, furious, furious! As revenge, they attacked Sevastopol on June 23, 2024, and it was the vacationers, children! Typical terrorists of the AFU with their bosses from the USA! Unfortunately, were they created only to kill others and get pleasure from it!?

To get out of the global crisis of imperialism, the side of progress, the side of justice, equality, goodness and honor must win! What is the scientific term for it? This is SOCIALISM! This is the victory of the COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY! THERE'S NO OTHER WAY! SINCE THE 20TH CENTURY, MANKIND HAS BEEN GRADUALLY MOVING TOWARDS THE TRANSITION TO THE COMMUNIST FORMATION, TO THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT—SOCIALISM! ALL THE FIRST PERSONS, ALL THE POWER STRUCTURES OF THE STATES OF OUR PLANET MUST ACCEPT THIS REGULARITY, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF ALL LIFE ON EARTH! Against the objective laws of the development of nature and social development simply cannot be defeated, the more the peoples of the world, the workers of the world, the working class of Planet Earth led by the communist and socialist parties will bring their class struggle to the political struggle with the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the workers of the world! The core of this struggle will be the SOVIET UNION, SOCIALISM, which will lead to SOCIALISM ON ALL OUR PLANET!

GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS DEAR

COMRADES!

With deep respect and sincere appreciation for the Great Work in which all are engaged!

"Our struggle for a just and safe world will undoubtedly succeed"

Baltic Platform

Dear participants of the international conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, comrades!

The events currently unfolding, in which most countries of the world are involved to some extent, are steadily leading to the dismantling of the order that exists in the interests of the USA and the Anglo-Saxons. Countries and peoples, whose resources have been exploited by the Anglo-Saxons for their prosperity for centuries and at minimal cost, are increasingly organized and united in resisting this order. A powerful core of countries has formed in this resistance, represented by Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea. Their example has become an inspiration for the peoples of countries on all continents, who make up the majority of the Earth's population.

The hostile imperialist coalition led by the USA uses any methods and means, including the instigation of regional wars and conflicts, epidemiological attacks, sanctioning rebellious countries to death, and the physical elimination of their leaders. There are no moral or legal constraints for Washington and its satellites, as they fight to maintain their control over the world and its resources.

To this end, the imperialists have unleashed a bloody conflict between two parts of one people, Russians and Ukrainians, on the territory of Ukraine. The conflict has already become a true "black hole," consuming human and material resources from many countries, including those serving Washington's interests. The US military-industrial complex is making enormous profits from supplying arms to the Zelensky regime and replenishing NATO countries' arsenals. Ukraine

and Russia are drawn into combat operations aimed at mutual exhaustion. The European allies of the USA, who support this confrontation, are rapidly losing their industrial potential, and their populations are becoming poorer.

According to the Polish Institute of Economics in the summer of 2023, 20 percent of the Ukrainian population has left the country, unemployment has exceeded 25 percent, 50 percent of the energy infrastructure has been destroyed, 40 percent of enterprises have reduced production, arable land has decreased by 30 percent, inflation is at 27 percent, and the budget deficit in 2022 was 17.5 percent (in 2023 it reached \$33.4 billion, 46 percent more than the previous year). The state survives solely on external infusions. According to Washington, continuing the war in Ukraine is a good business that saves American lives.

To maintain their dominance in the world, the USA needs more than just the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. They need to spread their favorite practice of creating "controlled chaos" in key regions of the world and forming operational-tactical coalitions there to ensure their control over local resources.

Following the proxy conflict in Ukraine, Washington is preparing to extend it to neighboring territories in the Baltic Sea region, Moldova, and Romania. The USA is persistently stirring up the situation in the Arab world, deliberately condoning Israel's genocide of the Palestinian population, and forming a coalition to initiate a confrontation around Taiwan. The destabilizing efforts of the Anglo-Saxons are evident in the regions of the North Caucasus and Central Asia.

The USA is developing aggressive plans regarding the Northern Sea Route and the Arctic zone of Russian territory. They have effectively paralyzed the thirty-year activity of the Arctic Council (which includes eight countries with territory in the region: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the USA), which had been a successful example of post-Cold War cooperation. Washington does not hide its desire to take control of the transit routes and resources of the Arctic region, where, according to the BBC, there may be 160 billion barrels of oil and 30% of the world's undiscovered natural gas reserves.

At the behest of the USA, NATO has already expanded its presence in the region by establishing a new operational command based in Norfolk, Virginia. According to the American press in June 2023, a \$600 million project is underway to expand port facilities in Nome, Alaska. As a result, Nome will become the country's first deep-water Arctic port.

Commenting on the developments and the USA's interests in the Arctic region, analyst Matti Pesu from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs notes: "The war in Ukraine plus climate change is a 'perfect storm.' A new atmosphere of the Cold War is emerging, mixed with melting ice, affecting military planning and opening new economic opportunities and access to natural resources."

At the same time, it is impossible to overlook the fact that the emergence of a multipolar world is already a reality. Events that recently seemed unreal are happening before our eyes: the normalization of relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran, their entry into BRICS along with Egypt and the UAE, Syria's return to the "Arab family," and the expulsion of French and American military contingents from several African countries—these are now practical confirmations of the profound undermining of imperialist hegemony.

The new world order is taking shape through the

creation and expansion of BRICS, the increased role of the African Union as a global institution capable of resolving crises within its continent without external intervention. The next step for the African community could be recognizing itself as a capable actor in global international relations.

Latin American countries are also decisively moving out of Washington's "backyard." New integration structures free from US influence are being created there as well. An example of this is CELAC—the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

In Europe, signs of growing dissent against the crude dictates of the USA are also evident. This process cannot be stopped even by measures such as the physical elimination of leaders who defend the true sovereignty of their countries. The societal reaction to the thwarted assassination attempt on the leader of Serbia and the terrorist attack on the Prime Minister of Slovakia only strengthens European resistance to hegemonic pressure and promotes the consolidation of antiimperialist forces.

The elections to the European Parliament held in early June demonstrated a fierce confrontation between supporters of globalism and advocates of national interests and traditional values. The dismantling of imperialist globalism is a pressing task for the international communist movement as well. However, we have no illusions about the nature of the confrontation between the so-called factions of bourgeois "globalists" and "nationalists." Both are deeply invested in maintaining capitalist exploitation of the working class and will equally avoid any constraints in doing so. Communist and workers' parties need to strengthen their forces, solidarity, and ideological unity in the struggle for socialism.

A real threat emerging from the endangered state of capitalism is the resurgence of fascism. Ultraright forces in Europe are rising on this wave,

rooted in the lingering ideologies of Nazism. This is particularly evident in the Baltic states, where aggressive nationalism is openly preached. In these countries, totalitarian control over society has essentially been established, with dissenting media banned, and individuals subjected to repression for the slightest expression of opinions differing from the authorities' positions. Social networks have become a hunting ground for special services targeting dissenters. Hypocritical bourgeois democracy has been completely discarded, giving way to terror disguised as demagogy.

Under such conditions, workers in the Baltic states place particular hope in the struggle of international anti-imperialist forces. Their success on the world stage directly affects the ability to resist repressive bourgeois-nationalist regimes in their own countries. The ruling bourgeois parties are in a panic, fearing the loss of power without the support of NATO and the US-led united West. Simultaneously, sensing the high likelihood of this outcome, the anti-people authorities are rapidly plundering national resources and funds allocated from European budgets. Meanwhile, the population is rapidly impoverishing and declining. To suppress protests and dissatisfaction with the authorities, fears of an imminent war with Russia and the urgent need to build up military potential for both the country and NATO are being instilled. Under this distracting noise, theft and corruption in the corridors of power thrive. However, the governments are already prepared for their "Hour X." This is evidenced by leaks to the press about well-developed scenarios and measures for the emergency escape of the ruling "elite" abroad.

The goal of the July "anniversary" NATO summit in Washington will undoubtedly be the development and adoption of extraordinary measures to save the collapsing "world order." The imperialists are in a panic, witnessing the growing unity of countries and peoples seeking to free

themselves from the dictates of parasites thriving on others' resources. This movement in the world is growing and strengthening. Participants of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, representing the interests of the working majority in their countries, have become the active core of global antiimperialist forces. Our struggle for a just and safe world in every country and globally will undoubtedly succeed.

Peace to the people of Palestine! Hold the Israeli authorities accountable for the genocide in Palestine!

Peace to the people of Ukraine and Russia! Hold the US authorities accountable for imperialist robbery!

Peace to labor, not capital!

The peoples of the world want peace, NATO-EU wants war!

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Emmanuel Macron, in the vanguard of NATO and the USA, announced and implemented the deployment of French soldiers on Ukrainian soil, then recently claimed to be targeting and bombing the whole of Russia with French bombs and missiles. Pushing the nuclear escalation even further, he adds that he wants to deploy modernized Mirage 2000 fighter-bombers in Ukrainian skies. With these declarations, the chancelleries of the European Union, and later Washington, have officially recognized what observers have been witnessing on the ground for weeks and months. In recent days, the White House has made it official that it has no objection to US weapons striking the Russian population directly. In fact, the targeting, arming and deployment of long-range missiles, tanks and their weapon systems, and precision artillery cannot be carried out without the presence of trained NATO troops and specialists from the military-industrial complex in close proximity to the fighting. While German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius trumpets the inevitability of world war before 2029 and calls for the remilitarization of Germany, he could soon be proven wrong. After all, we are at midnight on the nuclear apocalypse clock of a third world war. Unless popular mobilization defends peace by reminding us that our money is for our wages and pensions, not for war.

Charged with commemorating the 80th anniversary of June 6, 1944, Olaf Scholz's vice-chancellor, Emmanuel Macron, distinguished himself by his increasingly SUICIDAROUS choice in favor of the EU-NATO Axis, WHICH MAKES FRANCE A POTENTIALLY NUCLEAR TARGET. And IN BONUS, an accomplice to the ongoing genocide in the Gaza Strip!

When it comes to the dramatic plight of the

Palestinian people, Macron has de facto refused to condemn the ongoing genocide or exert the slightest pressure on his "dear friend" Netanyahu to stop his criminal madness. Refusing to recognize the Palestinian state out of "indignation" (which hasn't prevented him from unconditionally supporting the pronazi regime in Kiev), Macron feigns "emotion" at the butchery in Gaza and "understanding" for the demonstrators supporting the Palestinian people. How can we believe this when the infamous Dupont-Moretti circular is still in force, criminalizing activists, especially trade unionists, who denounce the ongoing genocide?

De facto unconditional support for Israel... and a headlong rush towards nuclear apocalypse.

It's true that the aforementioned Macron can rely on the infamous vote for war credits including the social-imperialist and liberal-imperialist bloc from the PCF, alongside the PS and EELV, to the extreme right on November 30, 2022, and on the renewed declarations of the established "left" which, with Roussel, proclaims military support for the Kiev regime, this regime installed by NATO and backed by Ukrainian neo-Nazis, which persecutes communists. On May 30, 2024, Fabien Roussel declared: "There is an aggressor, Russia, and an aggressed, Ukraine. We must support Ukraine so that it can defend itself. There's no ambiguity!" For her part, Manon Aubry stated on May 23, 2024: "Yes, support must be unfailing in financial, military and logistical terms".

A warmongering vanguard of the EU-NATO alliance, Macron claims that his escalation of the war against Russia in Ukraine is in defense of "democratic values". The depth and nature of these "values" can be judged by his support for the massacres of Palestinians in Gaza by his ally, the

"fascist theocracy" of Israel (according to Tel Aviv mayor Ron Huldai). At the same time as Macron was announcing the delivery of more weapons and even planes to Ukraine to "strike on Russian soil", and claiming that French soldiers were risking their lives in Ukraine to fight Russia, he was refusing simple recognition of the Palestinian state and continuing to support the delivery of weapons to Israel, the occupying power in violation of UN resolutions and the International Court of Justice, which is concerned about the genocide under way in Gaza and has ordered a ceasefire to stop it.

In fact, it's not democratic values that are at stake here. Otherwise, Macron wouldn't be ordering the French army to train on French soil soldiers so obviously Nazi that it's tattooed on their foreheads, these soldiers from the fascist battalions that were the shock troops of the bloody Maidan coup in 2014 that plunged Ukraine into fascist repression and then civil war. On the contrary, it is the imperialist extension of the EU-NATO Axis, integrating Ukraine into its "market", that is the cause and aim of the war.

In fact, there is now an absolute need for a broad popular front to defend peace. This need has been recognized, given the success of the call for peace initiated by the PRCF, now supported by over 1,600 signatories.

And an echo that is beginning to take root in the world of work. A glimmer of hope in this gloomy news is the recent Force Ouvrière national confederal committee resolution denouncing the direct link between warlike escalation abroad and escalation against workers' rights and wages at home. As for the CGT's Unité Action, it has just published a leaflet proclaiming that "The EU is misery and war!" and calling for "an exit from the EU" and "a break with capitalism".

The CCN of Force Ouvrière condemns the remarks made by the President of the Republic concerning his willingness to commit the French army to the Ukraine, and his desire to implement a war economy policy impacting all ministries and the civil service. At the same time, the government

is not increasing the salaries of civil servants and public employees, causing them to lose purchasing power for several years.

Let's hope that this kind of stance will soon be widely adopted by all the unions, especially the largest of them all, the CGT, and by every single worker.

Germany, Slovakia, Hungary, France... demonstrations for peace

In the European countries bordering Ukraine, directly affected by the escalation of the imperialist war waged in Ukraine against Russia by the EUNATO axis, popular reactions in defense of peace are massive.

In Slovakia—where the counter-revolution following the fall of the Berlin Wall made the political panorama extremely difficult to understand—voters overwhelmingly voted for the return of a government with a peace-loving outlook.

In Hungary, this was also the mainspring of the populist (and violently reactionary and anticommunist) Orban's successful campaign.

In fact, those in France who claim to be of the "left" but are the radical opposite of the legacy of Jean Jaurès, who, in order to kneel and sanctify themselves in the Sacred Union with the EUNATO, refuse to defend peace in order to celebrate the war in Ukraine and its integration into the EUNATO, and thus turn their backs on popular aspirations for peace, are opening up a boulevard to the extreme right, which is surfing on the growing popular anger in the hope of seizing power.

And yet, the far right from Ciotti to Zemmour, despite the rantings of Le Pen/Bardella posing as opponents of Macron, is in fact supporting the war. With its clear refusal to leave the EU-NATO Axis and its support for the pro-Nazi regime in Kiev, Le Pen—Bardella's RN is ultimately supporting Macron and the EU-NATO Axis. Marine Le Pen recently declared: "We supported Ukraine right away, we offered to provide defensive weapons to Ukraine, but we also drew red lines in the

interests of France: we don't want Ukraine to join the EU and NATO, we don't want to share our nuclear deterrent, we don't want to send troops to a war that is not France's war". On May 29, she was careful to reiterate her demand that NATO support Ukraine militarily, thereby signifying the total alignment of the Rassemblement "National" with the strategy of weakening post-Soviet Russia through the intermediary of a banded Ukraine, a strategy developed with barely concealed words by American hegemonism (and even though this strategy also includes, explicitly and deliberately, the industrial weakening of Europe. What patriots this Le Pen/Bardella clique is!)

The example of Meloni, now in power in Italy, is a reminder that the far right supports capital's EU and is 100% committed to NATO. Far from defending the nation's interest in peace, the extreme right of Le Pen/Zemmour serves the imperialist war of its capitalist constituents.

MACRON, THE ALMOST ENLIGHTENED EMBODIMENT OF THE DESTRUCTIVE EURO-ATLANTIC ORDER, IS CLEARLY A MAJOR DANGER FOR FRANCE AND THE WORLD. AT A TIME WHEN THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF FRENCH PEOPLE REFUSE TO SEND FRENCH SOLDIERS TO UKRAINE, PATRIOTIC, PEACEFUL AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES ARE CALLED UPON TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEMAND THE RESIGNATION, OR EVEN THE DISMISSAL BY THE PEOPLE, OF THIS MINORITY, IRRATIONAL AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS PRESIDENT.

On the contrary, to defend peace, workers must turn to and organize themselves around an organization like the Pôle de Renaissance Communiste in France, whose ideas are gradually gaining ground among workers and trade unionists. Communists, in France as in Germany, are thus in the vanguard of the peace movement.

In the context of the early parliamentary elections following despot Macron's decision to dissolve the National Assembly, the PRCF, through its National Secretary Fadi Kassem, is calling for resistance against fascism, for peace, wages and national

independence, to put an end to Macron-Le Pen and the EU-NATO—and thus rebuild workers' France. That's why the PRCF is putting forward thirty urgent measures, including those devoted to peace, national independence and international cooperation: these include leaving NATO at all levels (military and political), globalized capitalist bodies (IMF, WTO, World Bank, "free trade agreements"), but also breaking with Françafrique—which France's imperialist forces are trying to save as far as possible—and with the neo-colonialism still reigning in overseas territories such as New Caledonia or Mayotte. All these factors prevent socialist-style, sovereign development for all populations.

That's why the PRCF is fielding workers' candidates in the 2024 parliamentary elections, and leading a national campaign to block the Lepenist rally of the RN, LR and their Macronist bloc comparses, while rejecting the Euro-bellicists of Hollande's PS, Glucksmann's Place publique and EELV. The fundamental challenge is to open up a red and tricolored Alternative to rebuild the France of the workers, and thus defend peace, wages, democratic freedoms and the independence of the Nation.

The peoples of the world want peace, NATO and the European Union want war! ATLANTIC EUROPE OR A PEACEFUL WORLD—IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE!

A new phase in this NATO-USA led 3rd world war

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PALESTINE, ARAB COUNTRIES, UKRAINE, KOREA, CHINA: 5 ANTI-NATO WAR FRONTS

World War III has begun. It was planned, launched, organized, financed, coordinated and armed by NATO, the main instrument of US imperialism. The NATO war is one (1) war, which is taking place on 5 fronts: Ukraine-Donbas, Palestine, Arab Countries, Korea, China-Taiwan.

In response to the genocidal attack by the fascist state Israel in October 2023, a new—fifth—front is opened from Arab countries as Yemen.

Officially, Israel, Ukraine, South Korea and Taiwan are not part of NATO.

In fact, however, these regimes are implementing NATO's unified policy.

But, NATO is losing allies and losing the war.

Even it is losing the support of the people within the USA themselves.

The students of US (even elite) universities, revolt against the Gaza genocide of Israel and demand from president Biden to stop his support of Israel and US capital to stop to invest in enterprises linked with the Israeli occupation policy. They refer to the mass struggle in 1968 in Vietnam, that forced the US to withdraw their occupation troops and leave the country.

The example was followed in the whole world. In Belgium the students of the university of Ghent occupied during 40 days the University Forum. They only left the building, on June 13th, after the rector of the university promised to end to all collaborations with Israeli universities, companies and governments that support the genocide. They left a slogan in the building "We will be back! You can't stop the revolution".

Against this NATO war offensive, the antiimperialist coalition, built around countries as China, the DPR of Korea and Russia is gaining allies over the world. Countries as Vietnam, Laos, Cuba, and Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Eritrea, South Africa, Venezuela, Nicaragua joined this antiimperialist front.

On the level of organizations the World Antiimperialist Platform was created two years ago, with the aim of uniting the anti-imperialist organizations all over the world against the US-NATO led war. More than 40 organizations, present in all continents, signed the Platform Manifest held conferences in Paris, Belgrade, Athens, Caracas and Seoul, and organize common demonstrations and actions against the war. See www.wapnews.org

PALESTINE

In the aftermath of 2023, October 7, NATO defense ministers invited Israeli Defense Minister Yoaf Galant to a video conference. The terrorist and genocidal state of Israel is not officially a member of NATO. But Israel has the status of an "individual partnership" with NATO and even has an office at NATO headquarters in Brussels. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told the conference that "NATO condemns the terrorist attack (by Hamas), that Israel has the right to defend itself". Several NATO countries have made it clear that they will support Israel in a practical way. This support consists mainly of the supply of American weapons to Israel. Planes operated by the Israeli airline El Al commute between the United States and Israel and stop in Belgium. The trade unions CNE, UBT, Setca and Transco have called for no arms shipments to

be allowed at Belgian airports. We see the same thing in the port of Antwerp. Ships belonging to the Israeli company ZIM, which has a military logistics contract with the Israeli government, pass through it weekly.

ARAB COUNTRIES

Since the start of the Israel genocide campaign against Gaza in October 2023, more and more the Arab countries have taken position against US-imperialism and joined actively the anti-imperialist anti-NATO war alliance. This is a new phase in the anti-Nato war struggle.

YEMEN

In protest against Israel's genocide, Yemen's army has been blockading ships delivering equipment to Israel in the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait since December. This strait separates Djibouti and Eritrea, and ends in the Red Sea, towards the Suez Canal. This route is strategic for the transport of oil and gas. Ships have been captured and attacked by ships and drones, backed in technology by Iran. The government of Yemen (north) is called Ansar Allah (Supporters of God). It brings together several peoples, including the Houthi people.

This front has expanded through Yemen, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon.

The U.S. military has 57,000 troops in the region, but is losing one by one its allies there.

IRAQ

In protest of Israel's genocide in Gaza, a drone in Iraq wounded three U.S. servicemen at the U.S. military airbase in the city of Erbil on Dec. 25. A few hours later, the U.S. military attacked various cities in Iraq. The Iraqi government called the U.S. attacks "a hostile act that damages bilateral relations" and in which civilians were also injured.

JORDAN

On the weekend of January 27-28, a drone strike killed three U.S. service members in Jordan. President Joe Biden vowed to "respond to this attack."

LEBANON

Israeli airstrikes hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon on February 26, 2024.

The quiet conflict between Hezbollah on Lebanese territory and the Israeli army on the other side of the border since the aftermath of October 7 has gone beyond the border area.

On Tuesday, February 27, northern Israel was hit by the largest number of rockets ever fired from Lebanon since the start of the war—102 in the space of a day.

Since 7 October, 3,000 rockets have been fired into Israeli territory, as well as 620 anti-tank missiles.

Hezbollah has conditioned the cessation of its operations against Israel, in support of Hamas, on the cessation of hostilities in the Palestinian enclave.

UKRAINE

After the overthrow of the Soviet Union in 1991, the United States encouraged conflicts and wars between former Soviet republics, such as Russia and Ukraine. The United States moved to keep the nascent Russian capitalist state weak. In November 2013, the United States financed and organized the pro-fascist Maidan uprising in Kiev against Yanukovych's pro-Russian government. The United States therefore mobilized the most reactionary nationalist forces, supporters of the Nazi collaborator of World War II, Stepan Bandera. In February 2014, these gangs destroyed government buildings, offices of communist and labor organizations, monuments to Lenin and commemorating the Soviet Union, and overthrew the government. The newly installed regime was

essentially fascist, Ukrainian in its forms, and American in its aims and policies. Especially in eastern Ukraine (Донбасс, Мариуполь, Одесса) the resistance grew. Порошенко, президент of Ukraine since May 25, violently suppressed that growing resistance. On May 2, 2014, fascist gangs burned 40 people alive in the trade union building in Odessa. In the Donbass, a popular uprising ousted the fascist representatives. The working class, especially miners and metalworkers, confiscated the weapons of police stations and army barracks, and erected barricades around the government buildings. In May 2014 in Donbass (east of Ukraine) in a referendum (with 95% and 89%) the people of the people of the district of Lugansk and of Donetsk decided no longer to be part of Ukraine and founded the Peoples' Republic of Lugansk and the Peoples' Republic of Donetsk. Порошенко launched a military campaign against Donbass, bombing schools, hospitals, homes and power plants there, killing 14,000 people between 2014 and 2022. But neither he nor future President Zelinskyy were able to take the capitals of Donetsk and Lugansk from the people of Donbass, who were fighting in a just, defensive, legitimate war of liberation. The intervention of Russia in 2022 positive insofar as Russia supports this war of liberation on the territory of Donbass.

The NATO-Ukraine Council met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. NATO allies had already provided Ukraine with a wide range of weapon systems, and on January 10, they reaffirmed their determination to further strengthen Ukraine's army. In January 2024, Ukrainian drone strikes began targeting oil and gas terminals in Russia. April 2024. 2 April: Ukrainian drones struck industrial facilities in the Russian republic of Tatarstan, more than 1,300km (807 miles) from the Ukrainian border.

On May 31th president Biden announced that the Ukrainian army is allowed to fire with American missiles to military targets in Russia.

On the nights of 29/30 and 30/31 May, the Ukrainian army carried out a series of combined attacks on Crimea and Krasnodar krai using ATACMS ballistic missiles.

A missile attack on residential buildings in Kharkov on the night of 30–31 May killed at least nine civilians.

On June 12th Nato general-secretary Jens Stoltenberg announced that Nato from now on will coordinate all support, from all Nato-members, to Ukraine. June 13th the G7 decided to give a loan to Ukraine of 50 billion dollars, mostly paid by the US. On that day Joe Biden signed an agreement with Zelenski that in the coming 10 years the US will help Ukraine to build a military industry, will instruct the Ukrainian soldiers, and exchange information.

The War Conference in Switserland June 2024

In November 2022, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced a 10-point "peace" plan, including his proposal of a "peace" conference, to discuss his plan. Four such conferences were held. On 24 June 2023, the first meeting was held in Copenhagen, The fourth in Swiss on June 2024.

Point 5 of Zelensky's proposal: Restoration of the Russia–Ukraine border to that prior to the 2014. Point 6: Full withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine and cessation of hostilities.

Zelensky's proposal is not a peace proposal. Restoration of the Russia-Ukraine border means that Ukraine conquers the territory of Crimea and Donbass, though the population there has voted in referenda in 2014 to quit the fascist state of Ukraine, on the basis of the right of the peoples for self-determination. Zelenskyy sought international support for his actual military aggression against Crimea, Donbas, Russia.

On the conference of June 2024 Russia was not invited. China decided not to come, as

China has launched his own peace plan, already approved by 45 countries. 92 countries were represented at the conference, 78 voted in favor of the final declaration, 14 refused, under which India, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Indonesia, as they considered the conference not to be an equal and just peace dialogue. This reflects the growing opposition to the NATO-Ukrainian aggressive war.

One day before the "peace" conference, the Russian President Vladimir Putin promised on Friday to order an immediate cease-fire in Ukraine and begin peace negotiations if Kiev and its Western allies agree to a series of conditions. These include Ukraine withdrawing all of its troops from Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia; the West lifting all sanctions imposed on Moscow; and Kyiv dropping its NATO membership bid. This proposal is quite justified as people of these regions have expressed, for Lugansk and Donbass already in 2014, in referenda that they want no longer be a part of Ukraine.

From 10 to 15 May a delegation of the World Anti-imperialist Platform visited the Republic of Lugansk, and they sent us their report with videos and photos. Their conclusion is that the Ukrainian army acts in this war in the same way the Israel army acts in Gaza, bombing, killing the civilian population, destroying schools, hospitals, apartments, the same cruelty of a genocide.

May 15th they had an interview with Anna Borisovna Soroka, who is the counselor of the managing director of the People's Republic of Lugansk, declaring:

"On June 2nd 2014, the Ukrainian army bombed the building of the Central Administration of Lugansk, which contains at the backside a children's garden. Children were walking in the park around the building. Rockets from an Ukrainian airplane bombed the building and the park. 8 people were killed and 28 wounded. For us

that was the day of no return, we started the armed struggle against the Ukrainian army. In this park we built a monument to commemorate the victims of that bombing. Two of them were journalists and we commemorate also all the journalists that were killed since 2014. Until 2022 in Lugansk around 5500 people were killed. We also built in Lugansk a monument on the place where from November 1942 the Nazis systematically killed the Jewish People, and another monument where the inhabitants of the city of Lugansk were killed. In 2014 our city was not occupied by the Ukrainian army, but surrounded and besieged. The surroundings were occupied, also the airport, to stop Russia sending humanitarian help. May 11th we held a referendum, and created the People's Republic of Lugansk. Kiev accused us of separatism. But we have the right of selfdetermination, that is recognized by the United Nations, and applied for instance when Ireland split from Great Britain and became independent. We created a government, state bodies and our courts of justice. In 2022, as the Ukrainian army approached to the Russian frontier, we decide in a new referendum to become a part of Russia. As we knew that USA and NATO would fear to start an open war on Russian territory.

In March 2022, forced by the military intervention of Russia, the Ukrainian army had to withdraw from most territory of Lugansk. Before leaving, the Ukrainian army decided to destroy everything in a second vague of the genocide. They bombed houses, hospitals, schools, industrial plants in order "to leave nothing to the enemy". Dead bodies were left on the streets or thrown one upon another in deep pits.

The first thing we did in the liberated territory was to contact the parents of the missing killed children and adults. A DNA-test was applied to every corpse we found or exhumed from mass graves, and collected in one list. All parents who missed their

children or family members gave a DNA sample and the list of these was compared with the list of corpses found. Then we had to inform the parents and to organize a new funeral, this time in dignity. The names and ages were written on the graves. For instance, Takozika Kristina Alekseeva was born on 16/09/2011 and died on 22/03/2022. Besides that, the parents gave a photo of the child, and it was printed on cups as a souvenir and given to the family members. One cup with photo was placed on the grave.

The WAP-delegation visited many such cemeteries and many villages in the region. In the village of Rubezn they saw a sport-school, that was destroyed but now being reconstructed. A grain storage was bombed in 2023. In Severodonetsk they saw a plant of fertilizers, destroyed when the Ukrainian army withdraw, and a destroyed apartment bloc. The Ukrainian army had also inundated the biggest coalmine of Lugansk, in Lisitsansk, that until now cannot function. In Toshkovka, which is close to the actual war front, the delegation spoke to Andjel:

"We still have no gas or electricity in our apartment. Many cities have been rebuilt by the authorities, but ours not yet. It takes time to reconstruct a whole country. We have helped to build the graveyards and now are helping to build our village again. We receive food packets and medicine. Once a month the doctor comes. We have suffered 8 years from the Ukrainian army." When they left, they demanded that all people would come with them to Kiev. My mother refused: "Never I will come to Kiev, you are fascists. I will stay here." They said: "then we will kill you". The next day they bombed her apartment. She lived on the third floor. The bomb destroyed the 5th and 4th floor, that fell on the 3th floor, and my mother was buried under the big stones. Until now her body is still there, as in our village we have not the heavy materials necessary to repair the building and exhume her."

KOREA

NATO was founded on April 4, 1949. Since its inception, NATO has never been Nordic or Atlantic, but an instrument for the perpetual consolidation of the world colonial system and the global hegemony of US imperialism. NATO's first war began a year after its founding, in Korea. In 1950, seven NATO countries (including Belgium) invaded Korea under the flag of the United Nations. In that war, they killed 4 million Koreans. This war is still going on. There was an armistice in 1953, but never a peace agreement, the U.S. refused to sign one.

The NATO Summit 12 July 2023. In Vilnius, Lithuania, in Europe! From left to right: Albanian (Australia), Kishida (Japan), Jens Stoltenberg (NATO), Hipkins (New Zealand), Yoon Suk-yeol (President of South Korea).

NATO and the Republic of Korea (South) have been formally cooperating since 2005. Since 2012, cooperation between NATO and the Republic of Korea has continued under an individual partnership and cooperation programme. Currently, the cooperation is led by a tailor-made partnership programme agreed between NATO and the Republic of Korea in July 2023. In November 2022, the Republic of Korea established a diplomatic mission to NATO. Since 2021, the Republic of Korea has participated in NATO's annual cyber defense exercise, Locked Shields. It also cooperates with the Alliance at NATO's Centre of Excellence for Cooperative Cyber Defence in Tallinn, Estonia.

At the 2021 NATO Summit in Brussels, NATO Allies reaffirmed NATO-Korea's practical cooperation. This is confirmed in NATO's 2022 Strategic Concept, the Alliance's bottom-up policy document, which states that it wants to confront China and Russia. From 2010 to 2013, the Republic of Korea, as part of the NATO-led International Force in Afghanistan, led 470 military personnel in Parwan Province, to strengthen the provincial government's capacity in health, education, rural

development, and governance. The Republic of Korea has also contributed \$319 million to the NATO-managed Afghan National Army (ANA) Trust Fund. In 2020, the Republic of Korea cochaired the ANA Trust Fund.

Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has participated in the last two NATO summits. On August 18, 2023, the JAROKUS Pact between the U.S., Japan, and South Korea was announced at Camp David, USA. The pact provides for annual joint military exercises by the U.S., Japan and Korea.

CHINA

In China, the National Liberation War, led by Mao Zedong, liberated mainland China from the occupation of Japanese imperialism on October 1, 1949, and began the socialist revolution and the transformation of the country into a socialist country. Chiang Kai Shek's Kuomintang, which has been backed by the U.S. since 1945, retreated to the island of Taiwan, along with the country's gold and dollar reserves and tens of thousands of troops. From 1950 to 1979, U.S. armies (in 1958 there were more than 9,000 U.S. troops) occupied Taiwan as a base for attacks on the Chinese mainland. In 2017, the "U.S. National Strategy" defined China as a "long-term strategic adversary". In 2019, the NATO summit in London declared that "the alliance must respond to the challenge of China as an alliance". The NATO 2030 report then formulated "the need to tackle the Chinese challenge". Those who follow football know that "tackles" often result in the opponent being carried off the field and eliminated from the game.

In practice, this was reflected in the visit of Nancy Pelosi, leader of the US House of Representatives, to Taiwan, where she expressed US support against China. This manifests itself in the supply of American weapons to Taiwan, a country that the US does not even officially recognize, and that no one recognizes. On Oct. 28, Taiwanese President

Tsai Ing-wen confirmed that U.S. military personnel are present in Taiwan and train Taiwanese military personnel there.

To achieve peace in the world, the Communist Party of Belgium appeals:

Dissolution of NATO! NATO out from Belgium! Belgium out from NATO!

The struggle against imperialism in a changing world

Stefan Petrov | September 23 movement (Bulgaria)

Dear comrades,

Unfortunately we are not able to be physically with you at this important event. However, we would like to take this opportunity to convey our warmest greetings from Bulgaria.

In the present age in which we live, the main contradiction in the world is that between the imperialist camp, led by the United States, and the peoples of the world who are fighting for the right to their dignified and independent existence. This took shape after the end of the Second World War, when the other capitalist contender for world hegemony, Nazi Germany, was defeated, mainly thanks to the efforts of the Soviet Union and the anti-fascist movements in the various countries. in which the Communist Parties usually played a leading role. Then came the period of the so-called Cold War, when a whole bloc of socialist countries existed in the world, which appeared as a serious obstacle to the imperialist plans for new plunders in the world. The capitalist countries were forced to carry out a number of social reforms in favour of the working class, fearing (not without reason) the outbreak of a socialist revolution in these countries. The socialist states that existed in this period provided a revealing lesson of the achievements that could be made in a society in which power belonged to the workers. In these countries there was an unprecedented leap forward scientifically, technologically, educationally and socially. The most striking example of this is our homeland, Bulgaria. In 45 years of socialist development, it has transformed itself from a backward agrarian country with a predominantly poor and illiterate population into a modern developed country with production in almost all spheres of the economy, with nuclear energy and with an educated and settled population that even has the ability to send people into space.

This period ended in 1989-1991 with the restoration of capitalism in the USSR and the socialist countries of Eastern Europe. For a period of about 20 years, the world saw the almost unbridled domination of aggressive US imperialism. A number of countries defending even the smallest remnants of their independence, such as Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, etc., became the object of military aggressions. The imperialists began to actively use their newest weaponthe so-called "color revolutions"—revolutions only in form, but in content representing coups d'état, granting power to the most reactionary forces convenient to the United States. The former socialist countries of Eastern Europe have also become the object of expansion. Their resources were drained, and the most valuable scientific and technical cadres (trained and prepared with the resources of the socialist governments) were brought in huge numbers to the countries of the capitalist centre. Even Russia in this period seemed to be on the edge of collapse, led there by the new pro-Western anti-communist regime.

The bourgeois ideologists were quick to speak of the coming of the "American century", of the "end of history" and of the, almost, eternal domination in the future of US imperialism. Communism was actively "buried", alternatives to capitalism were easily ridiculed and ignored.

It was in this atmosphere that the destruction of our state, almost ironically called the process of "transition to democracy," took place. Key parts of the economy were privatised or destroyed. The most extreme neoliberal reforms were introduced into the economy. Socialist and anti-fascist monuments were demonstratively demolished and vandalised. Textbooks for schoolchildren were rewritten in an anti-communist spirit. The country was completely stripped of its independence, with NATO membership in 2004, EU membership in 2007 and the deployment of US bases on our territory in 2006. Despite public scepticism about these changes, this was accomplished relatively easily because of the general global period of imperialist expansion and the lack of alternative in the eyes of many.

However, this was not the case globally after the onset of the global economic crisis in 2008. It then became obvious to everyone that the temporary victory of capitalism did not represent the 'end of history', but only a temporary step backwards in it.

Imperialist plans for aggression and 'regime change' also began to fail. Russia has made visible attempts for emancipation and a break with the disastrous course started for the country by the administration of President Boris Yeltsin. Until a few decades ago, the People's Republic of China, led by the Communist Party of China, was considered a field for the expansion of Western corporations. Today, however, the PRC is the world's economic and technological leader and, in many indicators, stands even higher than the US. The people of Syria have heroically managed to fight off the reactionary hordes sent, armed and trained by the Western imperialists who wanted to impose their will on that country and lay their hands on its vast natural resources. This, of course, came at a particularly high cost to the Syrian people. A high price was also paid by the people of Venezuela, who were forced to confront more than one attempt to restore the imperialist regime there. And what can we say about the people of Cuba, who have been struggling for their survival for decades, experiencing one of the cruelest forms of imperialist aggression—that of the blockade and economic sanctions. Attempts to carry out a 'colour revolution' in Cuba have also failed.

The most sharp point of world confrontation today is in Ukraine. Several coups have taken place in that country, despite the will of the majority of the Ukrainian people. The last of these led to the establishment of a cruel fascist regime that does not recognise the rights of its people in the Eastern part of the country. They wanted the right to determine their own destiny, to which the fascist Kiev authorities responded with a so-called 'anti-terrorist operation'—essentially a military intervention by the central government against its own rebellious population. In 2022. The Russian Federation started a Special Military Operation to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine. To this day, this country is the point of most serious military confrontation in the world.

The most tragic today, without doubt, is the fate of the Palestinian people. After decades of systematic extermination, several uprisings and brutal repression, the Palestinians threw themselves into a desperate attempt to defend their existence on 7 October 2023. The Israeli occupation authorities have responded with unprecedented cruelty, threatening to physically liquidate the entire population of the Gaza Strip, led by its most militant representatives. Demonstrations in support of the struggle of the Palestinian people have taken place in almost every country in the world. In some of them, even in the centre of the imperialist system, huge numbers of people have taken part, in some places millions of participants.

All these events prove that the world is in a period of change. It is the duty of all communists around the world to oppose imperialist aggression everywhere, and to stand in solidarity with anti-imperialist movements, whether they are a matter of state policy or popular movements from below. This necessarily goes hand in hand with the

ideological struggle against those political groups belonging nominally and only in word to the communist tradition, but in practice advocating submission to or passivity with imperialism. All the ideological trends that speak of a "struggle between imperialism" condemn to a passivity the working class of the world, which faces a number of important tasks connected with its liberation. These interpretations must be denounced and rejected.

The charm of the world is in its diversity, its richness is in the cultures of different peoples. What unites them, however, is more than what divides them. And today, the conditions are in place for the unification of humanity against its greatest enemy, world imperialism, led by the United States.

"We need to gather all progressive forces in the world and continue to fight against imperialism"

Aleksandar Đenić | New Communist Party of Yugoslavia (Serbia)

Dear comrades,

First, I would like to salute you on behalf of the Central Committee of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia. We especially want to send greetings to our fraternal organization from the Party of Communist USA. Also, we would like to thank the efforts of comrades from the People's Democracy Party for a significant ideological and practical job in the World Anti-imperialist Platform. Also, thank you to the PDP and trade unions in South Korea that support Serbian workers in the South Korean company Jura. This company provided many apparent examples of violations of working rights, the most extreme of which was when workers needed workwear diapers during their working hours and didn't have the right to go to the toilet.

Unfortunately, we could not participate in this most important conference this year, because it was impossible for our members. The US embassy in Serbia wanted to avoid giving us a visa. The reason was pure anti-communism.

Also, we would like to inform you that comrade Aleksandar Đenić, the Executive Secretary of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia (NKPJ), made great results in the local elections on June 2. He was elected and secured one mandate in the Assembly of the Municipality of Zemun. Zemun, the third largest municipality in Belgrade with a population of 200,000, played a pivotal role in the historic success of the NKPJ. For the first time, the Party will have a member in the local parliament of the City of Belgrade and the first in Serbia since 1996. Comrade Đenić's election also marks the return of a communist member to the parliament in Zemun

after a 34-year break since the end of the Socialist Republic of Serbia.

Dear comrades,

This historical event is significant for the Antiimperialist struggle. We must send a powerful antiimperialist message at the exact moment when the United States will host a NATO Summit in Washington DC on 9-10-11 July 2024. The NATO Secretary General will chair the meetings.

We are a country from the Balkan Peninsula. The Balkan region is of great strategic importance. The Balkan is attracting the imperialist powers like a magnet and making our area an essential arena for manifesting NATO strategic goals. NATO occupied our Peninsula. Practice showed that NATO is the most significant security risk in the World, and the people of Serbia felt that on their skin during the bombing in 1999.

The Serbs directly opposed the interests of Western imperialism and NATO and no doubt suffered significant damage and were victims of it. Starting with the fact that the most crucial number of displaced persons from their homes in the territory of Yugoslavia were among the Serbian people, that NATO bombed us with weapons prohibited by international conventions and thus committed a severe war crime for which no one has been accused and convicted yet, with depleted uranium, from which tens of thousands of people die every year in Serbia.

Undoubtedly, however, all the peoples of the former Yugoslavia, without any exception, have been and are victims of Western imperialism and the violent dismantling of Yugoslavia. Political and

economic dependence and conditioning are crystal clear everywhere in former Yugoslavia. We have become easy prey for sharks that have entered our waters.

The necessary and urgent duty for the people is to reject and oppose the "divide and conquer" policy, which aims at the emergence of new and weak states, in fact, protectorates, as is the case in the face of the situation emerging in Kosovo. Today, the imperialist plans and rivalry may again cause bloodshed in the region. The policy promoted by the imperialist powers aims not only to intensify foreign interventions but also to establish governments that are servile to the imperialist dictates of regimes that will further deepen the capitalist exploitation and bind their countries to the imperialist organizations of NATO and EU.

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For a long time, and with clear political intentions, the international public has been presented with an untruthful, distorted picture of what happened in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. Everything has been presented crookedly to protect those genuinely responsible and draw the wrong conclusions about what happened and the background of the war against Yugoslavia.

There is a fundamental historical fact that one should proceed from when seeking to understand what happened and which led to everything that happened in the territory of Yugoslavia from 1991 until the present day, and that is the violent destruction of a European state, Yugoslavia, which was derived from the statehood of Serbia. There is no doubt that this fundamental historical fact will

leave an imprint on European history in the times to come. A multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multiconfessional state was destroyed, a condition that had its historical and international legal legitimacy.

Since June 9, 1999, and the signing of the "Kuman Agreement," the southern Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija has been under the occupation of the striking military fist of Western imperialism, NATO, and the Serbs living in that area have since become second-class citizens. The NKPJ demands that the puppet pro-imperialist government in Kosovo immediately stop the pressure on the Serbian people living in that territory and provide all refugees the opportunity to return to their homes.

The Serbian and Albanian people in Kosovo and Metohija should live in peace and togetherness and follow the tradition of fraternal relations between Albanians and Serbs who fought side by side against the Nazi-fascist occupier in the Second World War.

We also strongly condemn the new military exercise between the Serbian Army and NATO, which took place from 10 June to 21 June along the administrative line between Serbia and the southern province of Kosovo and Metohija.

Russia and China support Serbian sovereignty in the United Nations Security Council, and Serbia depends on Russian energy. The Serbian government does not want to bring sanctions on Russia. This is because the EU, US, and NATO put much pressure on Serbia. One of the last pressures for the Serbia government was in the United Nations when Western imperialists decided to bring a Resolution on the Srebrenica Demonization of The Serbian People with a simple majority. The fact that on the occasion of adopting such a decision, more countries were against its adoption or abstained than those that voted for it clearly shows that many countries in the world reject the hypocrisy of Western countries. By pushing for this

resolution, Western imperialism tends to quarrel the fraternal Yugoslav peoples further, in this case, Bosniak and Serbian, incite them against each other, create instability, and encourage nationalchauvinism to be able to justify the continued presence of NATO in the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

The fact is that objectively speaking, there was no genocide in Srebrenica and that Western imperialism practices double standards to try, ineptly and unsuccessfully, to justify its criminal role in all the massacres on the territory of SFR Yugoslavia, including the one committed in that city in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Nevertheless, the intrigues of the imperialist power centers in Washington, London, Berlin, and Brussels and their objective guilt for the bloodshed in our region cannot in any way be an excuse for the monstrous crime in Srebrenica. Those who committed it are bastards and a shame for the Serbian people, and the only thing they deserve is the most profound contempt and disgust.

The vote in the General Assembly of the United Nations clearly shows that Serbia's real friends are socialist countries like China, Cuba, and the DPR of Korea, as well as anti-imperialist countries like Belarus, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Syria. On the other hand, it was clear that the Western imperialist countries were not Serbia's friends, no matter how much the bourgeois government was assuring us otherwise. Also, Iran supported Western imperialist resolution, but we are not surprised because Iran volunteers during the civil war in Bosnia fought together with separatists against Yugoslavia and Serbs.

Dear comrades.

We are so sad because we are not with you. We realize that we live in a contradictory world and must recognize dialectical moments. We will continue to fight together with you. We need to gather all progressive forces in the world and continue to fight against imperialism. Long live the anti-imperialist struggle!

The escalation of WWIII and the duties of the communist and anti-imperialist forces.

Dimitrios Patelis | Revolutionary Unification (Greece)

The World Anti-imperialist Platform (WAP) was born out of the historical necessity, of the practical, theoretical and organisational needs of the global communist and anti-imperialist movement.

The conscious realisation of the movement's urgent objectives in the conditions of World War III (WWIII) is impossible without the creative use and the dialectical development of the revolutionary theory and methodology of Marxism.

According to Marxist science, the law-governed character of history is characterised by the irreversible direction of the development of society, by a dialectical relationship between continuity and discontinuity, by the unrepeatable flow of history through stages that differ in their quality, substance and contradictory nature, in the correlation between their objective and subjective conditions.

It is precisely for this reason that it is impossible to develop a correct strategy and tactics on the basis of eclectic judgments (aphorisms) and arbitrary historical analogies, e.g. by broadly equating the conditions of the current WWIII with those of WWI or WWII. It is no coincidence that every major military conflict of the imperialist stage has led to splits and turmoil in the labour, communist and more broad progressive movement. It is solely through these events that the only truly revolutionary theoretical and practical tendency emerges, the only one capable of leading the coming victorious revolutions.

Throughout its existence and development, the WAP has promoted a collective effort to scientifically substantiate its objectives, its practical and organisational composition and development, based on the study and determination of the character of the era and the situation, the contradictions, the competing interests of the forces involved in the war, the forces of progress and regression on a global scale.

In the WAP we therefore consider that this war, on the side of the axis of aggression led by the USA, is unmistakably imperialist, neocolonialist, predatory, counter-revolutionary and blatantly unjust. The revival, instrumentalisation, sanctification and strengthening of nazism/fascism (in Ukraine and elsewhere) by this axis by any means and in any way to achieve its murderous and destructive objectives also shows the abominable character of this war.

In fact, the opposite is true of the other side, the pole that consists of the countries that are forced to unite in order to defend themselves and fight back against the US-NATO-EU axis, the forces of antiimperialism and socialism: it is a war of resistance, an anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist and a clearly just war. For this reason, even the bourgeoisie of some capitalist countries that are part of this camp are forced to produce increasingly more radical, emancipatory, anti-imperialist statements about equity and justice in international relations, values, 'multipolarity', etc. (see The Three Component Parts and Three driving forces of the global revolutionary movement. D. Patelis, Platform №6, Nov. 2023, pp. 5-12 and 'Multipolarity' or internationalist antiimperialism? D. Patelis. Platform', №4, September 2023, pp 43-55).

This war is being fought on several levels: economic, ideological, political, diplomatic and

military. At the military level, there are already some active fronts (Ukraine, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and the Middle East in general, Africa, the Red Sea, the Caucasus) and several others that could erupt (the Korean peninsula, Taiwan, the Balkans, the Indo-Pacific, Latin America, etc.).

For the first time in the history of capitalism, the economic parasitic mechanism of the financial oligarchy of imperialism is being undermined on such a scale. This system of surplus value extraction on a regional and global scale works by siphoning off monopoly super-profits from all other peoples, i.e. by imposing of a peculiar 'tribute' on them.

The US dollar as well as other currencies of powerful imperialist centres (the EUR, the GBP, Japanese yen, etc.) are being ousted from their functions as global and reserve currencies. This undermines the mechanisms of parasitism and super-exploitation through this sphere of global relations of production and the dominance of the financial oligarchy of imperialism in the global economic system. This is also evident by the formal decision of the Saudi leadership not to renew their agreement with the USA for the exclusive use of the dollar for oil sales (The US-Saudi Arabia petrodollar deal, signed on 8 June, 1974), following similar decisions for transactions in other national currencies by many countries, promoted and implemented to an increasing extent in recent years by the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), the Russian Federation (RF), the BRICS, etc.

These changes brought about by the escalation of the war are also linked to rapid political and diplomatic shifts. With the decisive contribution of, for example, the PRC and Russia, peace treaties are being reached between countries with long-standing conflicts. These conflicts have been orchestrated by colonialism and imperialism using the principle of 'divide and rule', through violent incitement to ethnic, racial, religious and cultural hatred. This can be seen in the peace agreement

between Saudi Arabia and Iran (and therefore also Yemen), in the recognition of the legitimate government of Syria and its reintegration into the Arab and Islamic community, in the rapprochement between Iraq and Iran, but also between India, Pakistan and China, and so on.

These developments foresee the rapid expulsion of the USA from the region and the reduction and elimination of the position and role of the racist terrorist state of Israel. Such developments are also heralded by the new wave of decolonisation that is escalating in Africa, with the expulsion of the imperialist colonialist occupation armies and monopoly corporations (France, USA, etc.) and the development of alternative forms and types of inter-state economic, political, etc. relations based on equity and mutual benefit.

The recent strategically significant strengthening of the RF's relations with the PRC, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, etc. at all levels (including mutual military assistance with the DPRK in the event of an attack), illustrates fundamental changes in the global balance of power, which the US-led imperialist pole has failed to prevent through blackmail and violent interventions (see e.g. their insistence on extending NATO action in the Indo-Pacific, AUKUS, attempts to control Argentina and other Latin American countries, etc.). The involvement of the RF (by no means unrelated to the legacies of the October Revolution, the USSR and its internationalist relations) and other capitalist countries in such commitments, combined with the strength of the growing global movement of revolutionary anti-imperialist and socialist/communist forces, can reduce the room for wavering and opportunistic back-pedaling and bargaining that the Russian ruling class has been evidently prone to, forcing them into more consistent positions.

In the wake of these changes, tensions are also rising sharply, especially on the Korean and Taiwan fronts. These two fronts are organically linked to each other and to that of Eastern Europe, not only geographically but also historically. It is worth pointing out that the tectonic shifts of power mentioned above reveal disputes stemming from the outcome of WWII, the 'Cold War' and the processes of counterrevolution and disintegration of the USSR and the camp of early socialism in Europe.

The conflict in Ukraine marks the end of the growing subjugation and further fragmentation of the post-Soviet space by imperialism, with the RF as the main target, i.e. the only entity that can play the role of reunification and reintegration in this space.

The conflict on the Korean peninsula, the hot phase of which is being reignited with particular intensity due to the strategic alliance between the DPRK, the PRC and the RF, will be a war of popular and national liberation, a war of reunification of the heroic Korean nation, a war of liberation of the Korean people from the invading imperialist occupation of the USA which has replaced the brutal imperialist occupation of the imperialist Japanese militarist monarchy. There, the national liberation stage, which will also include the antifascist duties of the democratisation of society and the restructuring of the economy under the conditions of popular sovereignty, will be rather short, organically linked to the socialist stage as part of a single revolutionary process.

The conflict on the Taiwanese front also shares great revolutionary potential and similar characteristics—adjusted for scale—(national liberation, national reunification, anti-imperialism, etc.).

The struggle against the imperialist zionist occupation and genocide against the heroic people of Palestine, the people of Lebanon, Syria and

the people of Yemen, the unparalleled struggle of which is becoming more and more strategic in the context of WWIII, must be fully supported.

The mass movement in solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people is very encouraging, a movement that has spread to many universities and has rallied the youth.

However, especially in North America and in the developed imperialist countries of Europe, there is a tendency to deal with the Palestinian problem in a non-dialectical and unscientific fragmentary way, as if it were detached from the global confrontation with the US-NATO-EU axis, based on an abstract humanitarian solidarity. Thus, there are young people of a progressive disposition who may be pro-Palestine in the conflict with the zionist regime of Israel, but who also support the Ukrainian regime 'against the invasion of the RF', who are against the PRC, the DPRK, etc. This confusion is aggravated by the propaganda of the enemy.

Therefore, it is an imperative duty of the WAP to, scientifically and ideologically explain that there is A SINGLE WAR, WITH DIFFERENT FRONTS: Ukraine, Palestine, the Indo-Pacific, Africa, Latin America, etc., in which there is only one enemy: the imperialist axis with the USA at its head and its instruments spread as tentacles over the planet.

Especially in the USA and in the other imperialist countries, it is necessary to convince the youth that a people whose ruling class oppresses, exploits and exterminates other peoples by means of super-exploitation, wars and genocide, cannot be free.

International anti-imperialist support, internationalist solidarity by all means and ways and at all levels will be of utmost importance for the victorious outcome of every new front of national liberation struggle and socialist revolution on the planet. The anti-imperialist forces should be alert in order to anticipate and recognise the 'weak link' that will be connected to the new fronts of the war, to contribute to the weakening and prevention

of every invasion, intervention, regime change operation, every criminal counter-revolutionary project of imperialism and to the greatest possible strengthening of the popular, anti-imperialist, liberation and revolutionary struggles everywhere.

In this context, the objectives of the WAP gain strategic importance for the revolutionary movement of our time. Today, it is more necessary than ever to create, develop, coordinate and organise the global anti-imperialist forces in a victorious frontal struggle at all levels, in all countries, on all continents. Especially where the heart of the revolutionary movement beats the strongest. The defeat of the US axis of aggression is a condition for the survival of humanity and therefore for the upcoming victories of the revolutionary movement.

As we have shown (On the relationship between imperialism and fascism during WWIII. D. Patelis. Platform №90, Febr. 2024, pp 36-43), war and fascism reproduce each other in a distinct way in different times and circumstances. A necessary condition for the rise of the working people is the smashing of both fascism and the imperialism that spawns and instrumentalises it when needed. Imperialism is the matrix that breeds and reproduces fascism at every historical stage and era.

A duty of strategic importance during WWII was the formation of an anti-fascist front on a national and global level to smash the fascist, anti-communist, anti-Comintern axis. It was on this duty that the USSR, the Third International and the world communist movement rightly concentrated their efforts. Soviet foreign policy and diplomacy exploited the inter-imperialist contradictions with great skill in order to divide the imperialist sphere of the time, to inactivate a significant part of the then imperialist powers (Great Britain, USA, France, etc.) and finally to integrate them into the anti-fascist alliance against the Axis.

Thus, during WWII, the anti-imperialist and

socialist objectives of the communists could be pursued and promoted only through anti-fascism/ anti-nazism, as dictated by the strategically invaluable frontal policy, the victorious policy of alliances.

The character of the present WWIII shares some similarities, but it is qualitatively and essentially different from the two previous ones because of the time, the context and the character of the forces that are de facto involved in it. Therefore, the attitude of the progressive, anti-imperialist and communist forces cannot be determined mechanistically, through metaphysical proportional analogies, as if nothing has changed since 1914 or 1940...

Due to the tectonic rearrangements in the global capitalist system and in the balance of economic, political and military forces, inter-imperialist antitheses cannot play an important role in WWIII. The continuation of the parasitic imperialist function of the Euro-Atlantic axis, any prolongation of its declining existence, requires the unification of all former colonialist and currently neo-colonialist imperialist powers into a single, coherent axis of aggression led by the USA.

This is evident in the imposition of ultimatums, the undermining of the EU and Germany, with new forms of cannibalism, economic and military strangulation and coercion by US imperialism:

- destruction of underwater pipelines carrying cheap Russian gas, forcing the purchase of compressed gas from the USA at more than twice the price,
- de-industrialisation/transfer of productive processes from European monopoly groups to the USA,
- subordination of the military-industrial complex to US objectives,
- increasing direct involvement and transfer of the costs of supporting the nazi regime in Ukraine to the EU and NATO countries.

- forcing the armament of Ukraine with European fighter jets, missiles and bases in Europe in order to quickly regain air superiority (announcement of the delivery of 60 fighter jets and preparation of infrastructure for at least 600!)
- operational readiness of large numbers of personnel and infrastructure for the immediate deployment of all European NATO forces (including ground forces) in the event of the collapse of the armed forces of the Kiev regime,
- transfer and operational activation of tactical nuclear warheads and more, aimed at the RF, etc.

These conditions also radically change the character of today's fascism/nazism, transforming it into an instrument of war, intervention and coups d'état, into an 'exportable' model of transnational monopoly imposition of puppet states, outposts, battering rams and strike forces of the unified US-NATO-EU deadly axis of aggression against the pole of the forces of anti-imperialism and socialism.

Hence, in contrast to WWII, today, during WWIII, the strategically important frontal policy, the victorious policy of alliances, must prioritise the consistent and militant anti-imperialism, the prioritisation of the unified US-NATO-EU axis of aggression as the number one enemy of humanity, the instrument of which is the current forms of fascism. Therefore, it is only through the consistent frontal anti-imperialist struggle that anti-fascism/ anti-nazism today gains meaning and is organically linked to the socialist objectives of the communists. Those who do not put forward a consistent antiimperialist position in today's struggle and appeal to the pre-eminence of an abstract 'anti-fascism' (as if nothing had changed since the inter-war period of the 20th century) are objectively acting in a disorientating and undermining way.

However, the objectives of the WAP and the movement, which are derived from the scientific research of the time, the conjuncture and the character of WWIII, are not understood to the same extent and level by the parties, organisations and components of the movement today. The theoretical inability to diagnose the current era, the conjuncture and the de facto bipolar character of the war does not allow some forces to prioritise the objectives of the movement in a rational and effective way, making their – most likely pure – anti-fascist intentions rather unproductive. Behind this weakness lie versions of modern opportunism and the ensuing revisionism that equate the monopoly stage of capitalism with the status of the imperialist state.

The most consistent version of this deception is linked to the irrational metaphysical dogma of the 'imperialist pyramid', which the current leadership of the KKE brazenly promotes. According to this anti-Marxist/anti-Leninist self-delusion, all the contemporary states of the planet are portrayed as fully 'imperialist' and/or 'in the process of becoming imperialist'. Therefore, according to similar dogmas, instead of a single WWIII with many battlefields on the planet, today we have a multitude of conflicts of undefined character, 'bourgeois clashes between imperialists/thieves', so that both anti-fascism and anti-imperialism are irrelevant and meaningless...

As we have shown (10 commandments of the most volatile opportunism and revisionism. Patelis D. Platform N_2 2, July 2023, pp 44-50), this ideology constitutes a 'coherent' scheme of deception and manipulation that provides an extremely valuable service to the imperialist Euro-Atlantic axis of aggression.

The revolutionary movement of our time is called to face the challenges of WWIII in which the main enemy of the movement is the US-led imperialist axis. In order for the revolutionary anti-imperialist movement to be victorious in this life-and-death confrontation with a still powerful enemy, it must achieve the formation of a united and effective front at the national and international levels.

This is unattainable as long as the most dangerous opportunist-revisionist dipole in history continues to subvert and divide the movement, as long as it sows division and defeatism, as long as it distracts and diverts forces away from a consistent position. It is unattainable as long as it contributes actively and from within to the manipulative work of the mechanisms of the superstructure of the bourgeois deep state, in de facto (conscious and/or unconscious) synergy with the tentacles of the deep state and transnational instruments of imperialism. It is unattainable as long as it contributes destructively to the undermining and cancelling of the constitution of the revolutionary subject of the era, through takeovers, deception, vilification of militants and parties/organisations, splits (with the principle of 'divide and rule'), with machiavellian machinations and their deadly consequences for the movement.

A relentless struggle is therefore necessary for the unmasking of its true role, for the theoretical, ideological, moral/political and organisational dismantling of this toxic and divisive apostasy.

The united global communist movement, theoretically, practically and organisationally reconstituted, must play a catalytic role in this struggle.

There is an urgent need for a great front in which the unity of the people, the youth and the working class against imperialism is forged, for the defeat of NATO and the unpopular/antiworking class policies of the governments that are the instruments of imperialism. For the defeat of fascism, state, deep state and transnational terrorism, with the prospect of socialist revolution and the unification of humanity, of communism (see also Anti-imperialism, and the transition from early to late socialist revolutions. D. Patelis. Platform № 5, Oct. 2023, pp. 53-67).

A theoretical, ideological and practical struggle against the forces of opportunism and revisionism is also necessary, as they sow confusion and discord, as they deny the necessity of a frontal anti-imperialist and anti-fascist struggle, as they separate fascism from imperialism.

This struggle becomes more urgent the more imperialism intensifies the war and raises the possibility of a generalised conflagration with the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).

In this context, the early warning radar stations at Armavir and Orsk regions (long-range phased array radars capable of detecting up to 500 targets at a distance of up to 6,000 km at very high altitudes beyond the Earth's atmosphere), targets of high strategic importance to the RF and its allies, were targeted by Ukrainian drones. These radars are a key component of the second-strike capability of the 'strategic triad' (airborne, land-based fixed and mobile, naval and submarine ICBM platforms) in the event of a nuclear attack. This system, a legacy of the USSR, is the technological basis for guaranteed mutually assured total destruction of the attacker and the defender, the existence of which acts as a tangible deterrent. Even its partial deactivation creates very tempting comparative advantage for the political leadership of the imperialist axis to exploit, in order to launch a sudden asymmetric first strike.

The escalation of the conflict in WWIII cannot be a linear quantitative process in the sense of an expansion and prolongation of a 'proxy war' or of limited 'special military operations' involving state, inter-state and mercenary private military units fully controlled by the political leaders. At a certain point, the dynamics of the armed conflict subordinate any further escalation to the logic of total war, reducing or even eliminating the range of political choices and manoeuvres available to the political leaderships. In this case, inertial escalation is completely subordinated to the operational military and technological conditions of the confrontation within the balance of power.

Precisely then, given the available means, logic itself as a rational conscious human capacity can be completely set aside...

This irreversible turning point seems to be rapidly and inexorably approaching.

During WWII, despite the existence of huge stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, their large-scale use was prevented. US imperialism is the only world power to have used the atomic bomb, having dropped two of them against Japanese civilians (Hiroshima and Nagasaki) at a time when the war was practically over and the Soviet army, together with the People's Armies of China and Korea, was crushing the remnants of Japanese militarism. Imperialism committed this crime against humanity in order to intimidate the USSR and the global progressive movement by demonstrating its monopoly on the possession of the then new atomic weapon.

There is no guarantee that the powers of the imperialist axis of aggression, with their evidently socially irresponsible, uneducated, ruthless and short-sighted political personnel, will not, in their paranoia, try to use the infinitely more destructive weapons of mass destruction available today, capable of wiping out all life on our planet.

Only a powerful global frontal movement of all anti-imperialist and socialist forces can act as a deterrent!

The embodiment of this law-governed necessity is the World Anti-Imperialist Platform, whose actions and impact are constantly being developed.

They organise 'summits' to promote their predatory and destructive agenda of the imperialist axis of aggression; we place the highest priority on the struggle of the peoples against imperialism, for the salvation of humanity, the victorious struggle for its revolutionary unification, for socialism and communism.

THERE IS ONLY ONE ENEMY: IMPERIALISM!

DEATH TO FASCISM AND IMPERIALISM!

DEFEAT TO THE IMPERIALIST AXIS OF USANATO-EU!

VICTORY TO THE FORCES OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND SOCIALISM!

Imperialism and Its Armed Wing, NATO Will Be Defeated!

Black Alliance for Peace Africa Team | US Out of Africa Network

Across seven continents and seven seas, the US-EU-NATO criminals, this capitalist and imperialist system has ripped open the veins of the world, hemorrhaging millions of lives and destroying the planet with staggering consequences to climate disasters that disproportionately impact the global south, bringing humanity closer to the brink of extinction. The waters from the Nile to the Congo Basin run red with blood as imperialist wars slaughter our siblings from Sudan to Congo, from Somalia to Haiti.

As fascism spreads across the global ruling class and rears its head on the continent of Africa and across the working peoples of the African diaspora, the Black Alliance for Peace recognized this era as a series of pivotal and urgent opportunities to build up progressive forces and revolutionary consciousness among the masses in order to rise up in mobilization and organization here and abroad to smash this existential threat.

OUR MISSION

As structural extensions of The Black Alliance for Peace (BAP), the US Out of Africa Network (USOAN) and Africa Team seek to recapture and redevelop the historic anti-war, anti-imperialist, and pro-peace positions of the radical Black movement as this applies to Africa. Through educational activities, organizing and movement support, organizations and individuals in BAP work to oppose both militarized domestic state repression and the policies of de-stabilization, subversion and the permanent war agenda of the US state globally.

Guided by our unifying principles and our mission to recapture and redevelop the historic anti-war, anti-imperialist, and pro-peace positions of the radical Black movement, the BAP USOAN / Africa Team organizes an annual International Month of Action Against AFRICOM to raise the public's

awareness about the violent instability caused by U.S. military's presence in Africa and to build the formidable popular movement needed to shut down AFRICOM and get the U.S. out of Africa. BAP developed the USOAN as the organizational arm of our U.S Out of Africa, Shutdown AFRICOM campaign. The USOAN is designed to forge mass popular opposition to the destructive US hybrid war and imperialist policies perpetrated by AFRICOM. BAP's resolute anti-colonial, anti-imperialist positions link the relentless, war mongering role of US imperialism globally to the domestic war it wages against poor and working class Black people within its borders.

We must understand the world's wars did not start with a singular event but with a multitude of triggers that have sharpened the contradictions. Every decision made by the imperialist rulers of the United States and their junior partners in Western Europe leads the African masses toward two options, to enlist themselves as cannon fodder for empire, genocide, famine, climate disaster, or the moral path of resistance through revolutionary anti-imperialist movement and party building. The only progress for our people as outlined by our principles of unity, rests in the rising consciousness of the masses needed for mass revolutionary organization. There is no question that as conditions intensify and consciousness rises, that the only path left is towards revolution or the annihilation of the human race and the planet.

We conclude this message with a sharp belief and faith in the organized masses of the people, as everything depends on us. While we are living in a time of monsters, this also presents us with the opportunity to join together and fight back because we have a world to win!

No compromise! No retreat!

"We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War" Rejecting Trotskyism & Building A Real Anti-Imperialist Movement

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The degeneration of the Communist movement, especially in the western world, forces old questions and debates to be re-examined. In our current moment, we cannot escape the utter bankruptcy and opportunism of the bulk of those who speak in the name of Marxism-Leninism.

Central to the Marxist-Leninist worldview is opposition to imperialism.

Imperialism is defined as capitalism in its monopolistic stage, an "international financial oligarchy" of "trusts, cartels, and syndicates" that dominate the world, utilizing the "export of capital" to partition the world, extract super profits, and hold back the development of the people.

Imperialism is not a policy. It is not an unfair relationship in some kind of economic partnership between countries. Imperialism specifically refers to the rule of the world by western bankers and corporations, and the manner in which they rule and impoverish the planet.

Central to the Marxist-Leninist worldview is opposition to the imperialists and support for all who oppose them. Lenin's understanding was that the global imperialist financial system is the main impediment to social progress, the driving force behind wars, and the main factor in keeping the bulk of humanity impoverished. All efforts must be made to defeat imperialism. All other questions are secondary.

Almost immediately after it was created, the Soviet Union convened the Congress of the Peoples of the East to rally various forces to resist imperialism. The Bolsheviks offered military support to the feudal monarchist Emir of Afghanistan, to various bourgeois nationalists, and other forces, understanding that because they opposed the imperialists, they were on the right side of history. As Stalin explained in his lectures entitled "The Foundations of Leninism": "The struggle that the Emir of Afghanistan is waging for the independence of Afghanistan is objectively a revolutionary struggle, despite the monarchist views of the Emir and his associates, for it weakens, disintegrates, and undermines imperialism."

The Marxist-Leninist orientation for revolutionaries in western countries has always been one of "revolutionary defeatism." The working class is to welcome the defeat of their own bourgeoisie, work to undermine the war effort, and transform imperialist war into civil war. The message of the revolutionaries in Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and the United States to the working class of the imperialist homelands is: "Your real enemy is at home!"

We are forced to recall Marx's support for the Irish national liberation movement in Britain: "All industrial and commercial centres in England now have a working class divided into two hostile camps, English proletarians and Irish proletarians. The ordinary English worker hates the Irish worker as a competitor who forces down the standard of life. In relation to the Irish worker, he feels himself to be a member of the ruling nation and, therefore, makes himself a tool of his aristocrats and capitalists against Ireland, thus strengthening their domination over himself.... England, as

the metropolis of capital, as the power that has hitherto ruled the world market, is for the present the most important country for the workers' revolution and, in addition, the only country where the material conditions for this revolution have developed to a certain state of maturity. Thus, to hasten the social revolution in England is the most important object of the International Working Men's Association. The sole means of doing so is to make Ireland independent. It is, therefore, the task of the "International" to bring the conflict between England and Ireland to the forefront everywhere, and to side with Ireland publicly everywhere. The special task of the Central Council in London is to awaken the consciousness of the English working class that, for them, the national emancipation of Ireland is not a question of abstract justice or humanitarian sentiment, but the first condition of their own social emancipation." ("Letter to Sigfrid Meyer and August Vogt" April 1870)

Yet, we hear anything but these kinds of politics from the "Communists" of our time, especially in the western world. One of the greatest examples of opportunism is the Greek Communist Party (KKE) with its "imperialist pyramid" theory. This opportunistic mishmash theory has been sloppily cobbled together by the various academics who dominate what was once a solid, revolutionary organization. With a redefinition of imperialism, the leaders of the Greek Communist Party have defined Russia and China, and according to some, even People's Korea and Venezuela to be "imperialist" countries. On that basis, they are neutral in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, not rallying to support the anti-fascists of Donbass but echoing the propaganda of NATO and Kiev that they are merely Russian proxies. At a time when the western imperialists are rallying the world into anti-Russian hysteria, they have embraced the narrative of the Pentagon about a "Russian threat" and "Putin's expansionism."

Echoing the opportunism of the Greeks, with even more blatant and less Communistic-sounding language, is the Communist Party USA, which published a shameful article on its website declaring that Russia was a "greater threat" to Europe than the imperialist NATO alliance. (...)

The utter bankruptcy of the various Marxist-Leninist sects that dominate the marginal "left" in the United States cannot be more obvious. The weakness of the US left in particular, and the western left in general, regarding Ukraine would not be so blatant if it did not accompany a bigger problem.

As Donald Trump hijacks anti-establishment sentiments with demagogy amid the economic crisis, the various socialist groups have decided that their duty is to defend imperialist "democracy" and join its hysterical anti-Trump mobilizations. The anti-Trump hysteria of liberals accompanies an anti-Russian hysteria. The anti-Russian hysteria walks hand in hand with hysteria and opposition to all the allies of Russia, the global anti-imperialist camp.

These mobilizations are filled with denunciations of Trump for not being loyal to imperialism. (...)

There can be no illusions about the fact that the anti-Trump movement is a pro-imperialist movement, that sees Trump as harming the overall interests of US imperialism. Trump did many awful things as president, and if re-elected, he may be even worse. But that does not change the fact that the prevailing narrative of the anti-Trump movement is one that equates him with the anti-imperialist camp.

One of the clearest expressions of the anti-Trump sentiments of the ruling class came in Foreign Affairs magazine, which published a special issue in 2016 shortly after Trump's electoral victory. The front cover of the magazine featured Grant Wood's beloved painting American Gothic with the headline "The Power of Populism." The lead essay

was written by Anne-Marie Slaughter, the founder of the New America Institute and a top ideologue of the State Department during Clinton's term as Secretary of State.

Slaughter's essay presented a narrative of global revolutions brought about by "freedom of information." The target of this global revolution was "populists" such as Xi Jinping, Kim Jong Un, and Nicolás Maduro. These "populists," who were equated with the Nazis, were to be defeated by the "open international system."

Anti-Populism is not Marxism

This worldview certainly matches the perspective of Theodor Adorno in his text The Authoritarian Personality. It also matches the perspective of Hannah Arendt's Eichmann in Jerusalem and Susan Sontag's Fascinating Fascism. The liberal New Left has always seen itself as a defender of intellectual non-conformists, and equated mass movements and populism with Nazism. Contempt for the bulk of the population, and the equivocation of the Soviet Union with Nazi Germany is a central plank of New Leftist thought. But it has nothing to do with Marxism.

Marxism has always been a populist ideology. The Communist Manifesto proclaims: "All previous historical movements were movements of minorities, or in the interest of minorities. The proletarian movement is the self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in the interest of the immense majority."

The struggle for the exploited majority to seize control of the major commanding heights of economic power and organize them in the interest of all society is inherently populist.

Even the original name of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the "Bolsheviks," has a populist connotation. The word means "Majoritarians" or "Majority Group" and while it referred to the majority of those who met with Lenin in 1903 to form a national committee in London, to the bulk of the Russian population who embraced the Bolsheviks amid the turmoil of 1917, it meant that they represented the working class, the peasants, and soldiers, the "majority" of Russian society.

During the early 1930s, following the Sixth World Congress, the Communist International organized the desperately unemployed and hungry in mass hunger marches. Across the western world, the Communists became the champion of the working class whose living standards were declining amid the Great Depression.

After the Seventh World Congress, the Communist International mobilized the People's Front against Fascism. In the name of defending democratic liberties and the right of workers to organize labor unions, Communists built amazing anti-fascist coalitions and united fronts. The Battle of Cable Street in Britain, the Sit Down Strike Wave of 1937 in the United States, and the global mobilization to defend the Spanish republic all stand as great achievements of the Communist movement. All of them were done, not in the name of suppressing the vulgar mob, but in a populistic manner. The target was an elite, the imperialist monopolists who would save their system with impoverishment, fascism, and war.

The fight for bread, housing, and basic economic rights for the people, as well as the struggle against fascism, was done in the interests of the global majority, of which the proletariat, the class with nothing to lose but their chains and a whole world to win, was central. The working class led by Communists was happy to align with peasants, small business owners, and even the democratic bourgeoisie who opposed fascism. After the Second World War, new governments called "People's Democracies," based on these broad, popular, antifascist coalitions, came into existence. It was a mass popular movement that not only defeated Hitler, liberated Auschwitz concentration camp,

and drove Japan out of China, but also created the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Socialist Federation of Yugoslavia, the People's Republic of Albania, and the many other socialist revolutionary governments that emerged in the post-war years.

Trotsky Held on to Social-Democracy

Where did this new form of leftist politics that views the masses of people as dangerous and echoes imperialist narratives about Russia and China come from? We must acknowledge that while Marxism is inherently populist, there has always been an anti-populist strand within the movement, and the developments of the 20th century resulted in making this strand more visible and independent.

When Lenin called to form the "party of a new type" in 1903, among those who rejected his call was Leon Trotsky. Lenin's call for a "party of a new type" was a solid break with Social-Democracy. Instead of forming a faction among the wider European workers' movement that was becoming more and more pro-imperialist in the lead-up to the First World War, Lenin called for forming an entirely new organization. The new organization would organize in a new manner, and eventually, the Bolsheviks adopted a new orientation on the National Question and a new understanding of capitalism in its monopolistic stage of imperialism.

Bolshevism was not a faction within European social-democracy; it was a new movement with new principles. When Lenin returned from exile in April of 1917, he urged the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party (Bolshevik) to change its name to the Communist Party. This was done so that no workers would confuse them with sell-out pro-imperialist reformist parties from which they had solidly broken. After the Russian Revolution, Bolshevism laid the basis for an entirely new international, the Communist International, that was formed in opposition to remnants of the Second "socialist"

International.

While under certain circumstances it may have been correct to align with the Social-Democrats, this was never an alliance based on seeing ourselves as some variant of their movement. This alliance was done strategically for our own ends, which were understood to be very much opposite and different from theirs. Lenin referred to the British Communists' support for the Labour Party as being the kind of support that a noose gives a hanged man. While it may be strategic, the intent behind supporting the Labour Party was to destroy it.

Leon Trotsky never embraced this view. This was clear in 1903 and for the rest of his life. Trotsky, who spent his life in exile, identified with European Social-Democracy and saw himself as merely a more radical, and perhaps even a more sincere adherent of its tenets than those who led the movement.

Rather than embracing the Bolshevik project in 1903, Trotsky proposed the "August Bloc," an attempt to form a more revolutionary current within Social-Democracy. The August Bloc failed, and Trotsky maintained a small independent following that viewed the Bolsheviks as dangerously sectarian and sought to function as a kind of opposition within Menshevik circles. Trotsky and his followers did not join the Bolsheviks until July of 1917, and the desire to be part of the reformist, social-democratic movement centered around western European labor unions and parties was an intrinsic part of Trotsky's worldview.

After Trotsky broke with the Communist International, he oriented his followers for the "French Turn" where they joined the social-democratic and reformist parties. Even today, Trotskyites continue to orient their followers to join the British Labour Party, the Democratic Socialists of America, or other imperialist "left" entities. Trotsky was loyal to the imperialist "left," and the idea of breaking with it to form an entirely new

movement abhorred him.

The bizarre loyalty that many 'communists' in America have to the left is an echo of Trotsky's opportunism. Many American Marxist-Leninists who do not even claim Trotsky's legacy maintain this irrational loyalty to "the left" and phobia of "the right-wing."

The Permanent Revolution: A Euro-Centric Theory

Not surprisingly, Trotsky devoted much of his time prior to the Russian Revolution to advocating for the creation of a United States of Europe. The idea was to create a "European Union" and break down national divisions between workers of the imperialist west. Lenin denounced the project, arguing that it would enhance the ability of the imperialist countries to exploit the third world: "From the standpoint of the economic conditions of imperialism—i.e., the export of capital and the division of the world by the 'advanced' and 'civilized' colonial powers—a United States of Europe, under capitalism, is either impossible or reactionary. Capital has become international and monopolist. The world has been carved up by a handful of Great Powers, i.e., powers successful in the great plunder and oppression of nations... A United States of Europe under capitalism is tantamount to an agreement on the partition of colonies. Under capitalism, however, no other basis and no other principle of division are possible except force."

We see Trotsky's opportunism echoed in the opposition to Brexit that was universal among western Communist groups. Because the working-class people who supported Brexit were islamophobic or merely anxious about the flow of mass migration spawned by the imperialist system and its crisis, it was thundered from the heavens that any opposition to the European Union was "racist." Like Trotsky, the various "Marxist-Leninists" of

America and Europe lined up to support the United States of Europe in ways that Trotsky himself never would have dreamed of.

Much of Trotsky's worldview centered around contempt for the peasantry. Trotsky viewed the peasants as an inherently reactionary class, and he opposed Lenin's call for a "revolutionary dictatorship of the workers and peasants" on this basis. Trotsky's theory of Permanent Revolution argues that countries with a peasant majority can only exist as a temporary holdout in the struggle to seize the west.

As Mao Zedong and the Eighth Route Army were impressing the world with their heroic struggle, Trotsky denounced the Chinese revolutionaries for their peasant roots writing: "It is one thing when a Communist party, firmly resting on the flower of the urban proletariat, strives through the workers to lead a peasant war. It is an altogether different thing when a few thousand or even tens of thousands of revolutionists, who are truly Communists or only take the name, assume the leadership of a peasant war without having serious support from the proletariat. This is precisely the situation in China... The worker approaches questions from the socialist standpoint; the peasant's viewpoint is petty bourgeois. The worker strives to socialize the property that is taken away from the exploiters; the peasant seeks to divide it up. The worker desires to put palaces and parks to common use; the peasant, insofar as he cannot divide them, inclines to burning the palaces and cutting down the parks. The worker strives to solve problems on a national scale and in accordance with a plan; the peasant, on the other hand, approaches all problems on a local scale and takes a hostile attitude to centralized planning, etc... Naturally the peasant poor, and in China they constitute the overwhelming majority, to the extent they think politically, and these comprise a small minority, sincerely and passionately desire alliance and friendship with the

workers. But the peasantry, even when armed, is incapable of conducting an independent policy... In old China every victorious peasant revolution was concluded by the creation of a new dynasty, and subsequently also by a new group of large proprietors; the movement was caught in a vicious circle. Under present conditions the peasant war by itself, without the direct leadership of the proletarian vanguard, can only pass on the power to a new bourgeois clique..." (The Peasant War in China and the Proletariat, September 22, 1932).

Trotsky presented the Soviet Union as a hopeless project that could only be rescued by a working-class revolution within the western imperialist centers. He maintained the classical Marxist understanding that socialism could only come about in the aftermath of full capitalist development, and that the western industrial workers would be the basis for the creation of a socialist society. He wrote: "If, in spite of the united sabotage of reformists and 'Communist' leaders, the proletariat of western Europe finds the road to power, a new chapter will open in the history of the Soviet Union. The first victory of a revolution in Europe would pass like an electric shock through the Soviet masses, straighten them up, raise their spirit of independence, awaken the traditions of 1905 and 1917, undermine the position of the Bonapartist bureaucracy, and acquire for the Fourth International no less significance than the October revolution possessed for the Third. Only in that way can the first Workers' State be saved for the socialist future." (The Revolution Betrayed, 1936).

The Marcyite-Weatherman Alliance with US Imperialism

This belief that socialist countries are doomed, hopeless projects, unless the imperialist west cracks from within was reiterated by Sam Marcy before his death. After the fall of the Soviet Union, Marcy wrote: "Of course, the overthrow of the

Soviet Union enormously strengthened the power of capital all over the world, if only by virtue of the fact that it removed an enormous source of revolutionary energy, encouragement, and material aid to the proletariat, oppressed peoples, and all socialist countries... What the collapse of the USSR confirms is that the world center of economic activity is and has remained in the imperialist countries—the 'West'—whereas the revolutionary center of gravity has been in the 'East'—the oppressed nations of the world, the bulk of humanity."

Sam Marcy is the ideological founder of the Global Class War Tendency which gave birth to his own Workers World Party, and from which the "Party for Socialism and Liberation" emerged in 2004. The premise of Marcyite thought, rooted in a particular interpretation of Trotsky's Theory of Permanent Revolution, is that the economy of the world will always be centered around the western capitalist imperialist centers. Revolutionaries in the third world are stuck "waiting for the workers here to start moving."

While Marcy interpreted this in a way that meant aspiring, at least on some level, to build a mass working-class movement, his allies had even more crude ideas. Workers World Party was the only Marxist-Leninist tendency to join the left-adventurist Weathermen in their "Days of Rage" in October of 1969. Workers World Party joined with the above-ground wing of the Weatherman, the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, to organize a "bicentennial without colonies" to counter the 1976 celebrations of the US Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

The Weatherman left-adventurist terrorists, almost all of them the children of millionaires, held the belief that white workers were inherently reactionary. They attacked the notion of building a working-class movement for economic justice among white workers, as they said this could only

come at the expense of Black workers and workers in the third world.

This belief that the bulk of the US working class are racist, backward bigots who can only ever function as a barrier to social progress, and that a mass movement of impoverished people of color is needed to beat them back, is not only the view of Party for Socialism and Liberation, the Workers World Party, the Weatherman, but it is also the view of the bulk of the US ruling class.

Chesa Boudin, the adopted son of Weatherman leaders Bernadine Dohrn and Bill Ayers, served as the District Attorney of San Francisco from 2020 to 2022. Bill Ayers was a personal friend of Barack Obama who lived in the same apartment building. On the campaign trail, Barack Obama referred to Red State voters as a "bitter" people "clinging to guns and religion." Hillary Clinton referred to the alienated, working-class people who increasingly oppose wars, call for the abolition of the FBI, and see the US as not a democracy but rather a dictatorship of the ultra-rich as a "basket of deplorables."

Native American scholar Ward Churchill, who also echoes this view, holds the position of the top Native American scholar. He was the main speech writer for Russel Means, the Native American activist, when he rallied indigenous people to support the US-contra war in Nicaragua.

The hatred of the bulk of the US working class by the so-called "left" echoes Trotsky's contempt for the peasantry, the bulk of his country. It flows much deeper than simply a mistaken political line; it is rooted in a mindset.

Within the Russian revolutionary movement, there was a current called "The Bundists" that argued that Jews were so oppressed and different from the bulk of Russian society that they needed to form a separate revolutionary organization. Lenin vehemently opposed this idea and linked it to Zionism: "That is precisely what the Jewish

problem amounts to: assimilation or isolation?—and the idea of a Jewish 'nationality' is definitely reactionary not only when expounded by its consistent advocates (the Zionists), but likewise on the lips of those who try to combine it with the ideas of Social-Democracy (the Bundists). The idea of a Jewish nationality runs counter to the interests of the Jewish proletariat, for it fosters among them, directly or indirectly, a spirit hostile to assimilation, the spirit of the ghetto."

Lenin echoed Marx's essay "On The Jewish Question" where he condemned the celebration of a separate Jewish identity. What Lenin dubbed "The Spirit of the Ghetto" is very prevalent within the US Communist movement. While these groups oppose Israel, they still take with them one of the inherent themes of Zionism: the notion that the bulk of European workers are inherently racist, inferior pogromists, and that any progressive movement must be focused on restraining, rather than empowering them. The endless search for an oppressed minority identity to champion, be it racial, ethnic, or sexual, and the instinct to see the bulk of the population as racist, backward, and dangerous is rooted in what Lenin described as "the spirit of the ghetto."

Trotsky held this perspective and it led him to take a reactionary position on the peasant question in his time. The bulk of American communists hold this perspective, and it lays the basis for their anti-populism and their willingness to protect imperialism from Trump.

With millions of Americans opposed to foreign wars, opposed to the FBI and the policing agencies, demanding a government that works to improve their lives rather than serving an international system they label "globalism," one must ask why the Communist groups are not emboldened and excited to recruit them. Among the confusion of many workers who are angry about the emerging low-wage police state, one finds the seeds of class

consciousness.

(...)

The truth is that Communist groups and left-wing activism in America function almost like a "family business" with the grandparents having been working-class immigrants who joined CPUSA in the 1920s and 30s, the next generation being anti-war and pro-civil rights organizers who joined Students for a Democratic Society, and the third generation being middle-class, pink-haired staffers for liberal foundations. Like any smart business owner, they defend their monopoly. They have cornered the market on "Communism" in America, and the last thing they would ever want is for it to expand beyond the small, elitist circles.

Their greatest fear would be a genuine, workingclass anti-imperialist movement that took hold among the bulk of the population. Not only would it mean they'd lose their monopoly, but it would also mean empowering and emboldening the bulk of the American people, who they see as frightening and dangerous. For them, a mass working-class movement outside their invisible 21st-century ghetto walls could be nothing more than Nazism, no matter what its stated goals, ideology, or principles. Notice how even as anti-Israel activism becomes a focus in leftist circles, one still comes across the hysterical claim that "banker" is an anti-semitic code word. Whenever anyone challenges the monopoly of those who dominate socialist politics, the word "Nazi" and accusation of anti-semitism arises almost immediately. To quote Shakespeare, "Methinks the lady doth protest too much."

If we refuse to acknowledge what Marx, Lenin, and many Marxist theoreticians (including many of Jewish heritage themselves) have described, we are merely doing a favor to Nick Fuentes and Richard Spencer, those who seize upon and distort facts to push genuine bigotry and hatred. It cannot be denied that leftist politics in America has been

overtaken by "The Spirit of the Ghetto," the antipopulist mindset from which Zionism emerged, the same mindset that laid the basis for Trotsky's contempt for the peasantry. Building a real antiimperialist movement means breaking with this worldview and refusing to accommodate or pander to it any longer. We must build a movement where Jews and Non-Jews can work together as brothers and sisters with the same class interests. The enemy is imperialism, not the US working class or "whiteness." Socialism has always been a populist movement, waged on behalf of the immense majority of humanity of all races and all religious and ethnic backgrounds.

The New Communist Movement of the 1970s was heroic and is worth studying because it was made up of anti-imperialists who rejected the Weatherman's anti-working-class and left-adventurist approach. The various Marxist-Leninist organizations that sprung from the Revolutionary Youth Movement 2 faction of SDS rejected hippie counterculture, sexual promiscuity, drugs, and instead worked in factories and lived their lives as disciplined revolutionary cadre. Their efforts were largely unsuccessful because the economic crisis had not yet set in, and the labor aristocracy was well intact.

The period of their work was filled with painful setbacks. A few moments stand out as negative turning points. In 1974, racist anti-bus riots broke out in Boston. The Revolutionary Union, precursor to the Revolutionary Communist Party, had the correct instinct of not joining the left and wanting to organize among workers who were in motion. They made the mistake of supporting the busing riots. They then became the "bad example" and pariah among leftists for "supporting racism."

Amid taking their mistaken position, the RU justified itself writing: "Those who think the way to stand with Black people and other oppressed nationalities is to attack white workers as simply

a bunch of racists, who think the ruling class is a friend of the oppressed, can at best only drag the tail of the struggle, and, if they continue in this path, can only end up falling over backwards completely into the camp of the ruling class."

Their prediction has become correct because, in the name of seeing the bulk of white workers as a "bunch of racists" and embracing the woke wing of US imperialism as a "friend of the oppressed," the US Communist movement has fallen over backwards "into the camp of the ruling class."

A Movement of Winners, Not Virtuous Losers

We must acknowledge the role of trauma in the weakness of the US left. Amid the great setbacks of the 1970s, 80s, and 90s, a lot of physical violence from white conservatives was imposed on Communist activists. In all these instances, the Communists were taking correct anti-racist and anti-war stances, and white middle-class conservative Christians were mobilized to defend imperialism and racism against them. People were killed, injured, and psychologically scarred for life. The result has been a gut-level hatred of certain demographics and a triggered emotional response to certain phrases and symbols.

Crosses and flags make many lifelong, sincere dedicated anti-imperialists sick to their stomachs, and this isn't because they are bad people or merely not serious. This is a tragedy and a result of operating in a period of reaction when imperialism was in ascendancy. But times have changed. We may not be able to change them, but we cannot adopt their trauma and their failed tactics in our own time.

We must also acknowledge the psychological toll of decades of defeat. The fall of the Soviet Union, the deterioration of the New Communist Movement of the 70s, and the ideological confusion and demoralization that result from all of this have gotten much of the Communist establishment into

a victim mindset. Like a person who goes through life seeking out abusive relationships, the last several decades have primed the older generation of Communists to expect losing, expect defeat, and anticipate failure.

Furthermore, the younger generation has never experienced real victories on the class battlefield. "Virtue Signaling" has become trendy because it is the ability to feel righteous and present oneself as virtuous without actually changing the world.

The correct response to this tragic state of affairs is reaffirming that the possibility and likelihood of our victory are quite real. The long-term capitalist economic crisis, spawned by the built-in problem of overproduction, can only be resolved with rational planning and centralization of the economy. The imperialist system is collapsing, and the Russia-China-led global axis of resistance is rising.

The rise of an anti-monopoly coalition that seeks to break the power of imperialist monopolies and rebuild the United States with a new economy that operates on the basis of win-win cooperation with countries around the world and works to improve and empower working families is a very realistic goal. Conditions are indeed very ripe, and we can win.

However, winning requires breaking with the trauma and mindset of decades of defeat. It requires aiming not just to feel righteous and superior but to become the champions of the real desire of millions of Americans for a new society; a society where the painful realities of daily life at the center of a dying empire are abolished, and the country is rebuilt on new foundations of solidarity.

How can we approach the US working class?

At the World Economic Forum, endless discussions revolve around the notion that in the new, high-tech global economy, industrial workers are increasingly deemed unnecessary. The "labor aristocracy" in the higher-paid sectors

of imperialist centers is being phased out. Amid a crisis of overproduction, the ruling class is compelled to enforce degrowth i.e. austerity. This includes reducing the standard of living, the rate of consumption, and the population itself. This strategy is aimed at stabilizing the capitalist system amid a long term crisis, rooted in the built-in problems of production organized for profit. Workers cannot buy back the products they produce. The role of workers in production has significantly diminished, paralleled by a dramatic decline in the rate of profit. Marx's understanding of overproduction and the falling rate of profits are more revenant than ever before.

Various proposals from the World Economic Forum suggest that we should "own nothing and be happy about it," and that workers should live in pods and subsist on insects. These ideas are touted as solutions to the economic challenges posed by the digital revolution and are perceived as stabilizing measures for the capitalist system. Working people rightfully reject these schemes. However, much of the left has chosen to become foot soldiers for the imperialists by implementing these ideas.

Despite the fact that the higher stage of communism envisions vast abundance and that the essence of socialism is to remove artificial constraints on growth and technological advancement, the current "socialist" movement embraces "degrowth socialism." They mobilize as mobs that support the Biden-Harris faction in quelling resistance from workers to their "open international system."

So, what should be our approach in these circumstances? The answer lies in Lenin's wisdom: "Neither we nor anyone else can calculate precisely what portion of the proletariat is following and will follow the social-chauvinists and opportunists... This will only be revealed through struggle, and definitively decided by the socialist revolution. But

we do know for certain that the 'defenders of the fatherland' in the imperialist war represent only a minority." It is therefore our duty, if we wish to remain socialists, to delve deeper and connect with the real masses. This is the essence of the struggle against opportunism—to expose how opportunists and social-chauvinists betray the interests of the masses, defend the temporary privileges of a minority of workers, and act as vehicles for bourgeois ideas and influences. They are ultimately allies and agents of the bourgeoisie. Our task is to help the masses understand their true political interests and galvanize them to fight for socialism and revolution, despite the long and painful vicissitudes of imperialist wars and armistices (Lenin, "Imperialism and the Split in Socialism,"

The solution lies in breaking away from "the left" and instead reaching out to workers of all nationalities who are suffering, providing them with ideological education. This is why the Center for Political Innovation champions the slogan "Out of the Movement, to the masses!"

This is why we co-sponsored the Rage Against the War Machine rally in Washington DC with the Libertarian Party on February 19, 2023. This is why we hosted a reception for Scott Ritter following the event. This is why we persist in engaging with non-leftist spaces among religiously inclined, conservative Americans who are disillusioned with the ruling class.

"There Are No Shortcuts"

Critics often admonish us, claiming our alliance with emerging anti-war and anti-police state sentiments among the masses is opportunism—accusing us of "pandering to reaction." They fail to grasp that joining the liberal woke mobs is the most futile shortcut imaginable. Aligning with a pro-FBI, anti-Russia, anti-working class, degrowth "movement" simply because they seem superficially

receptive to socialism epitomizes opportunism at its worst. Associating with today's woke movement would be akin to joining a lynch mob or a gang of strike-breakers simply because they were willing to carry a few red flags along with their pitch forks and baseball bats as they marched off to commit reactionary working class crimes.

Engaging with anti-communist workers who oppose the state and prevailing imperialist narratives is challenging but essential. Many of these workers desire jobs, education, civil liberties protection, and an end to wars. Some mistakenly view Joe Biden as a communist or equate the global imperialist system with socialism. Untangling their confusion is arduous but necessary, given their material interest in opposing imperialism—unlike middle-class liberals mobilized against them.

Lenin recounted in "Left-Wing Communism" how the Bolsheviks were even able to infiltrate the Black Hundreds movement and win over workers: "when Zubatov, agent of the secret police, organized Black-Hundred workers' assemblies and workingmen's societies for the purpose of trapping revolutionaries and combating them, we sent members of our Party to these assemblies and into these societies (I personally remember one of them, Comrade Babushkin, a leading St. Petersburg factory worker, shot by order of the Tsar's generals in 1906). They established contacts with the masses, were able to carry on their agitation, and succeeded in wresting workers from the influence of Zubatov's agents." (Left-Wing Communism: An Infantile Disorder, 1920)

Ridiculously, critics label us "National Socialists" because we carry American flags. Some young theorists trained under Brian Becker and Joe Sims ignorantly make statements like "remember what happened the last time someone combined patriotism with socialism!" Every existing socialist country promotes patriotism and loyalty to the homeland as part of the project of breaking out of

imperialism and building a new society. The height of the Communist Party's influence in the United States was the Popular Front years of the late 1930s, when it waved more American flags than ever. The shallow understanding of PSL and CPUSA shows how badly the existing left groups educate their members, and how keeping them ignorant of our movement, its real victories and the reality of what socialism around the world is really like is an essential part of the scam.

If the Center for Political Innovation, supportive of the Uhuru Movement, with its multiracial leadership and educational focus on communist anti-racism, faces accusations of being "cryptowhite nationalists" and violent threats simply for carrying US Flags—imagine the backlash these young activists must have against non-socialist, non-anti-imperialist American white workers.

These sentiments show these organizations's complete disconnect from the working class and American society. The notion that the US flag equals a Nazi swastika or that terms like "globalism" covertly endorse anti-Semitism is a fringe view. Pandering to such sensitivities only weakens our ability to mobilize the real masses. CPI has drawn a line in the sand and declared "zero tolerance" for this kind of silliness. We want to win over the masses, not the woke-fringe.

Our organization constantly faces threats of violence, making leftist spaces unsafe. As a reporter, covering Palestine rallies, I endure PSL members and others inciting crowds against me, branding me a fascist or white supremacist. My personal life and character are maliciously attacked online, with ex-CPI members paid to denounce us—in an operation orchestrated by Taryn Fivek of the CPUSA and supported by the PSL. The response to CPI is never a principled critique of our positions or tactics. It is always personal attacks, rumors, gossip, and outrageous accusations of racism and covert Nazism. The reality is that we are not dealing with

political opponents but with cynical gangsters and grifters, defending the tiny Communist movement as their own little corner where they get to rule and feel important.

This desperation from bankrupt socialist leaders is telling. Despite our organization's modest size less than 200 members and a small budget—we instill fear in established communist groups, just as the World Anti-Imperialist Platform unsettles the International Communist Seminar and reduces it to desperate smears.

The hostile reaction to our anti-imperialism and pro-working class stance reveals how fragile these organizations really are. Our serious work shines a spotlight on their criminal opportunism and failure. The vicious response to CPI is the panic of thieves caught in the act.

"We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War"

Our recently published textbook highlights a crucial moment from US post-war communist history.

On July 4th, 1976, as much of the Communist movement gathered at the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee's "Bicentennial Without Colonies" rally to protest the celebrations, the Revolutionary Communist Party staged its own event under the banner "We've Carried The Rich for 200 Years, Now Let's Get them Off Our Backs!"

Though smaller in size, this rally made a profound impact. Images of Communist veterans marching in uniform behind the slogan "We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War" have become iconic symbols, carrying a message that remains relevant not only in 1976 but also in 2024.

While the majority of the left then, as now, focusing on denouncing America as an irredeemably racist, sexist, homophobic nation with a tone of self-righteousness that holds the masses in contempt, the correct political line is different. The message the American working class needs to hear

is that their enemy is not Russia, China, Iran, or Venezuela, but the big monopolies and oppressive state here at home. The American working class must to be told that the road to a prosperous future for their families and communities lies in joining with the people of the world to defeat the imperialist system.

Our goal today is to achieve what the Revolutionary Communist Party aimed for in 1976 but could not fully accomplish due to unripe conditions. We aim to rally broad swathes of Americans to an anti-imperialist, anti-monopoly coalition against the burgeoning low-wage police state and the looming threat of a global conflict. We seek to engage workers who might not naturally seek out this political ideology, building a robust, dependable community capable of effective antiimperialist action.

In doing so, we demonstrate ourselves as among the few genuinely committed anti-imperialists in America. Despite being a small organization, our successes underscore the urgency and necessity of promoting such politics in today's world.

"The revolutionary situation has emerged worldwide!"

Communist Labour Party of Turkey/Leninist

Dear comrades.

We gathered here, right under the nose of the ogre! NATO, the war organisation of imperialism, is holding a meeting right next to us to plan the new stage of the 3rd World War. We salute our comrades challenging that war machine and its imperialist masters.

Comrades,

As you know NATO was established 75 years ago, on April 4, 1949. Its "founding member countries were: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom [Britain] and the United States."

They said they founded it "to defend the free world against communism"! What was this so-called "free world"? What they called the "free world" was and is nothing but the exploitive and reactionary capitalist world.

At that time, this "free world" had colonised at least half of the world's landmass and more than half of the world's population. They have occupied and colonised the whole African continent, most of Latin America, Indochina, Indonesia, Australia, the Middle East, the South China Sea, the Philippines, South Asia etc. In brief, they plundered and pillaged "their" colonies, i.e. at least half of the world.

However, at the end of World War II the imperialist powers, especially US imperialism, faced a major challenge because socialism had become a world system. Following successful popular revolutions, China, Korea, Vietnam and Eastern Europe, liberated from fascism by the Red Army, turned to socialism. On the other hand, in Western Europe, especially France and Italy, communist parties had led the partisans fighting against Nazi occupation during 2nd World War. That means

these parties were very popular among the society. Moreover, in some cases, these communist parties had armed workers' units. This was especially a problem for the capitalists in Italy and France. A Workers' revolution was wandering over the heads of both capitalist states.

Furthermore, national liberation movements, revolts and revolutions erupted in India, Indonesia, Africa and the Middle East against colonial powers weakened due to World War II.

Under these circumstances, the imperialist powers moved on and attacked the revolutionary forces. They massacred the communists, unionists, leftists, and even democrats in all countries they occupied at the end of the 2nd World War, especially in Italy, Greece and South Korea. The survivors were arrested.

To protect the imperialist-capitalist system, this notorious "free world", the powers led by the US founded NATO as a counter-revolution organisation against communism. Gladio-like organisations were created. The Communist Party in Italy (PCI), the third biggest party in the country, was oppressed and criminalised. In Greece, the NATO-led powers organised a military fascist coup ("colonels coup") in 1967. The military-fascist dictatorship was in power until 1974. In Turkey, the army took power via a military fascist coup twice, in 1971 and 1980. Military-fascist dictatorship ruled the country for decades. In Portugal, during the "carnation revolution" that overthrew the fascist Salazar regime (1974-75), NATO warships anchored the harbour in the capital Lisbon to prevent the Portuguese working class from attempting to overthrow capitalism.

Not only in European countries, the US-led forces acted around the world. They occupied the countries; started bloody wars; destroyed forests,

lakes, rivers; killed millions of people etc. After this point, the history of the capitalist world is the history of fascist coups, kidnaps, political murderers, tortures, massacres and so on.

At the beginning of the 90's, when the socialist camp dissolved, they dreamed of endless heaven! They declared the "end of the history"! They hoped it, they wished that. They thought there was no obstacle from now on after all. However, in a decade, they realised they were wrong. Since the middle of the '90s, from Europe to Australia, from Canada to Japan, from Africa to Latin America, there were huge protests, demonstrations, strikes, barricades on the streets and so on. All NATO summits, IMF meetings, Davos-like economy forums etc. caused protests. Workers, farmers, labourers, youth and women were in the streets chanting "Another world is possible". The old world faced huge demonstrations and marches. Seattle, Canberra, Ottawa, London, Rome... The "masters of the world" had to organise their meeting on top of the mountains behind barbed wire.

That's not all. The capitalist mode of production had reached a stage which required the complete annexation of the economies of the dependent countries. Any relative autonomy had to be abolished and these economies transformed into simple extensions of a single economic organisation. If any ruling elites of dependent countries resisted this process, the imperialist powers were prepared to overthrow them even through armed conflicts.

On the one hand, there were huge protests, demonstrations, unrest and uprisings against the capitalist mode of production worldwide. On the other hand, the world capitalist economy needed to transform at a new level. Then, the role of NATO was defined again.

At the end of the last century, they described the role of NATO as an "anti-uprising force" because the upcoming century will be an "century of uprising" according to them.

It was at this point that they decided to launch a global war against the working class, the oppressed and exploited labouring peoples of the world. This was a worldwide civil war.

Of course, it is so hard to determine a precise date for social trends and social processes. However, we would not be mistaken if we say that the beginning of this global civil war—one could also call it the 3rd world war—was the provocation of 11 September 2001. The US ruling class organised the destruction of the Twin Towers. We know the outcome.

Over the last 25 years, NATO has killed, injured or displaced more than 10 million people in the destruction of Yugoslavia and Libya, the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan and the devastation of Syria.

Dear comrades,

The 3rd world war is not an imperialist war of division in the classical sense. It started as a war against the world peoples, workers and labourers, aiming to suppress the anti-capitalist upheaval, insurgence and revolution. This is its main distinguishing feature. At the same time, it was aimed at the elimination of all forces resisting the process of "complete economic annexation". And finally, it included the control of the world's resources and the gaining of an advantage over competitors.

Shortly, this war is a battle between labour and capital, between the world proletariat and the world bourgeoisie, and between socialism and capitalism. This essence of the war is the basis of all conflicts, actions, demonstrations, revolutions and counterrevolutions, and wars in the world. Humanity is experiencing the pains of passing into a new stage in historical evolution.

NATO, which is essentially anti-communist in its founding purpose, stands before us as the main war organisation on which the imperialist states rely in this war.

What is driving the US imperialist ruling class and its servile allies into a war frenzy is that reality is shattering their dream of endless heaven, and is in crisis of capitalist mode of production. Imperialism, above all British and US imperialism, required a destructive war, and they still do.

They need it because the imperialist-capitalist system is in a state of collapse, and a revolutionary situation has emerged in the world. The fact is that the working class and oppressed peoples are in a state of revolt and attack against the bourgeois class in every corner of the world.

The main factor leading to the collapse of the capitalist mode of production is the laws of motion of the capitalist mode of production itself. According to these laws, while capital accumulates in dwindling hands the majority of the world's population is condemned to the abyss of misery. The material causes of the uprisings and revolts of the working classes are thus prepared by capitalist production itself.

The capitalist mode of production has reached the point where it is unsustainable at the level it has reached. The main reason for this is the enormous accumulation of capital in very few hands of the bourgeois class, while the same enormous accumulation results in misery for the workers on the opposite end of the equation. So much so that the monopoly of accumulated, centralized capital has become an insurmountable obstacle to the capitalist mode of production. The obstacle to capitalist production is the large amount of monopoly capital.

Therefore, they are in desperation. The main reason for the desperate aggression of the global imperialist finance capital is the need to maintain and sustain the capitalist mode of production. That is why they need a war of destruction that will wipe off the face of the earth everything that belongs to the working class and socialism.

And that's why the US-NATO provoked the war in Ukraine against Russia. Under the pretext of the Ukraine war is the outbreak of a process of military encirclement of Russia. This process has not started new. Its roots lasted until the year of establishment of NATO, in 1949 and have accelerated since the dissolving of the USSR.

Moreover, it's being linked to growing fascism in the imperialist centres. The global capital needs fascist gangs and fascist dictatorships against the proletarian revolutionary wave. And NATO is the most powerful apparatus of this politics. In Libya, Syria and Ukraine fascist forces were directly financed, organised, trained and armed by NATO, and these fascists have taken power in Ukraine.

NATO is the police force of the world bourgeoisie against the working peoples of the world. It is the war organisation of imperialism against communism. The ever-eroding global capitalist class supremacy needs NATO and military bases around the world to continue to hold on to power and suppress the workers and poor peoples.

But they are losing everywhere. Despite the bloody massacres in Palestine and the genocide in Gaza, they have not achieved their goals. They fled Afghanistan. They failed to overthrow Bashar al-Assad in Syria. On the African continent, imperialist colonialist military forces are being expelled step by step. Front lines are collapsing for the Ukrainian army, her units are surrendering. NATO-backed fascist Kiev regime is falling apart.

The imperialist states are getting hit from all sides. This is the reason why they are trying to turn the war they waged against the world proletariat and working people, against socialism, into a war of mass destruction between states, a total world war. This is the reason why they act with rabid aggression that brings humanity to the brink of a nuclear war.

Dear comrades.

As can be seen, two poles, two different worlds on the earth are at war. The imperialists, the collaborating capitalists and the fascists they feed are on one side; the world working class, the toiling peoples, the oppressed poor masses and revolutionary democratic forces are on the other. This is the war between labour and capital, between the imperialist-capitalist system and socialism. This is a global civil war.

All the wars, conflicts and tensions of today, Ukraine, Palestine, Korea, Taiwan, Syria, Africa, etc. are reflections of this phenomenon.

Dear comrades,

These conditions tell us one thing: The revolutionary situation has emerged worldwide!

The bourgeois class in the global sphere, cannot rule the capitalist society, but fighting against all labourers. They resort to fascist terror and oppression, war and occupation to last power and protect their sovereignty. As we saw in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine and African countries, they are organising and arming the fascist gangs, and unleashing them on the masses of the people.

On the other hand, the international proletariat, labourers, oppressed peoples, revolutionary democratic forces, socialist states, and socialistleaning states of the world are responding to this tendency of the imperialists with revolutionary mass actions, revolutionary wars, uprisings and revolts. While the world bourgeoisie can no longer rule with the old methods, the world working class, labouring masses, oppressed peoples, and poor masses do not want to be ruled as before.

What is the main task, the first goal of the communists under these conditions? In one word: to seize political power! This is the task which must be placed first and foremost.

In the vast majority of imperialist-capitalist countries, the conditions for social revolutions have emerged. This is the basic line of the new phase we are entering.

There are now two opposing forces on the stage of history. On the one side the bourgeois forces and on the other side the world working class, labourers and revolutionary democratic forces...

Not only the bourgeois forces that unite and consolidate their forces but also the world working class, labourers and revolutionary democratic forces are emerging on the stage of history as a united revolutionary force. Here is the Palestinian revolution! Tens of millions of people are marching in the streets, and dozens of universities are occupied by students!

Here are the anti-fascist and anti-capitalist protests, riots and uprisings! Workers' strikes are spreading. Farmers' protests are expanding. Thousands are chanting slogans against the

oppressive laws, demonstrations in solidarity with migrants, protesting the monopoly's enemy of nature and so on. The world-working men in all countries are moving in a spirit of international solidarity against the capitalist class.

The imperialists, who have brought humanity to the brink of a devastating war, are in reality no longer comfortable and sovereign anywhere. A growing section of the imperialist ruling class has begun to fear losing their privileges and riches. And this fear makes the capitalists more dangerous.

They are now trying to provoke a total world war that will lead to the destruction of humanity. Today in Ukraine, that's what they try to do. And tomorrow in Taiwan and Korea it will be the same.

Nevertheless, an all-out inter-state war that could lead to nuclear war is not a fate for humanity. The proletariat, the working, oppressed and exploited peoples of the world are forcing the imperialists to act cautiously with revolutionary mass actions, protests, rebellions, uprisings and attempts at revolution. The internationalist proletariat, the labouring peoples, the military forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Russia and China, and the existence of socialist or socialist-leaning countries such as Cuba, Vietnam, Nicaragua, and Venezuela are obstacles to the imperialists' desire for destructive war.

The struggle between labour and capital, between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism will determine the outcome. No power will be able to prevent the flow of history towards communism.

Fight Against Imperialism, Capitalism And Fascism!

Break Up NATO!

Now Is The Time For Revolution!

The world anti-imperialist camp will certainly win

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The flames of World War 3, instigated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia (the Middle East) and traveling toward East Asia. The main culprit in provoking war in the modern world is imperialism. Imperialism is provoking World War 3 to form the "New Cold War" confrontation. The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup in 2014 and entered full swing with the launch of Russia's special military operation in 2022. The war in Palestine began with Hamas' operation "Al-Aqsa Flood" as a response to zionist occupation and endless provocations. The war in Ukraine didn't immediately expand into a wider war across Eastern Europe, but the war in Palestine immediately expanded into a wider war across West Asia. The war in West Asia began with the "Al-Aqsa Flood" operation and entered full swing with Irans operation "True Promise". It is a war between Israeli zionism and the "Axis of Resistance," including Iran. While the war in Ukraine was a trigger for the war in West Asia, the wars in Ukraine and West Asia are now acting as triggers for war in East Asia. We can expect the war in East Asia to promote the expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and the further escalation of war in West Asia.

Imperialism is driving World War 3 to the point of no return in the run-up to November's US presidential election. The imperialists are trying to prevent Donald Trump from coming to power, fearing that he may try to pull the USA out of the war in Ukraine, and even withdraw the country from NATO. While the DPRK and China are enduring constant imperialist provocations with patience, and are refraining from precipitously launching a war in East Asia, the imperialists are

frantically trying to expand their ongoing wars in Ukraine and West Asia. They have given explicit permission to Ukrainian forces for direct attacks on Russian territory with NATO-provided longrange weapons. France has sent its own troops to Ukraine, and its nuclear aircraft carrier Charles De Gaulle has conducted military exercises in the Mediterranean, threatening Russia's military port in Syria, while French Rafale fighters flew to Kaliningrad as part of this tactical nuclear drill. In the same vein, the US army rehearsed the deployment of its containerized missile launcher, capable of firing tactical nukes, in Bornholm, Denmark. The Baltic Sea has been transformed into the "NATO Sea", and Poland is requesting the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, Israel has launched a brutal attack on 1.5 million civilians camped out in Rafah, continuing to massacre civilians and to push for an escalation of the war against Hezbollah in Lebanon. Like Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky, whose presidency is over, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has no other option but to expand the war, beleaguered by plunging approval ratings, protests demanding his resignation, and cabinet resignations.

A world war is a major war between camps on a global scale. World War 1 was an interimperialist war, World War 2 was an antifascist war, and World War 3 is an anti-imperialist war. Unlike World War 1, World War 2 and World War 3 were just wars waged under the banner of antifascism and anti-imperialism for one of the sides. The anti-imperialist camp does not want war; it actively pursues peace. It has always been imperialism that wants and provokes wars. Imperialism plots,

instigates and provokes wars to maintain and expand its colonies, to militarize the economy and earn monopolistic superprofits through special demand for war. Through means of war it aims to strengthen the imperialist camp and crush the antiimperialist camp. The Korean war, the Vietnam war and the Iraq war were not world wars, which are large wars between camps on a global scale, but local wars limited to one country. The war in Ukraine, the war in West Asia, and the impending war in East Asia are World War 3 in which Russia, the "Axis of Resistance" such as Iran, the DPRK and China form the anti-imperialist camp while the USA and Europe form the imperialist camp. In the present situation, we have one war against imperialism, an anti-imperialist war, and one front against imperialism, an anti-imperialist front. There is only one war and one front, but several battlefields. The three main battlefields are in Eastern Europe, West Asia, and East Asia. Although fighting is taking place in many parts of west Asia, these essentially form a single battlefield against Israeli zionism and its imperialist masters waged by the "Axis of Resistance".

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist and antifascist war, a war of liberation, a preventive war. The war in West Asia is an anti-imperialist, anti-zionist liberation war. The war in Taiwan will be an anti-imperialist liberation war and a war of reunification. The war in the "Republic of Korea (ROK)" will be an antifascist, anti-imperialist war of subjugation and an internal war. Although each of these three battlefields has different specific characters, all have the essential commonality of being anti-imperialist wars. The opposition to imperialism is a banner of justice that represents our era. Even if the imperialist camp denies it, it cannot deny the just nature of antifascism, liberation and national reunification. The war of the anti-imperialist camp is not only a just war waged against imperialism but also a just war waged under the banner of antifascism, liberation and reunification. In World War 3, justice is entirely on the side of the anti-imperialist camp.

Monopoly capital is the domestic expression, while imperialism is the external expression. Monopoly capital conceals the contradiction of polarization between lower and upper with the two-party system of "left" and "right". It also dominates the people, combining social-democratic reform policies with openly fascist repression policies. Social democracy in the USA and Britain and fascism in Germany and Italy before World War 2 are essentially the same, rooted in monopoly capitalism; the only difference is the outward form of political control. In developed capitalist countries, monopoly capital changes its ruling method sometimes to social democracy and sometimes to fascism in order to overcome its political crisis and carry its economic purpose. On the other hand, the fascism that has emerged in the oppressed countries since the 1960s was exported and planted by imperialism. The mainstream of domestic capital in these countries is either foreign monopoly capital or comprador capital, and the military fascists are mostly puppets trained by imperialism.

We can see these pro-imperialist puppets today in Ukraine, Israel, the "ROK", and Taiwan. Zelensky, Netanyahu and the "ROK"s Yoon Suk-yeol are all outright imperialist puppets and fascists. There is no doubt that Lai Ching-te in Taiwan is also an imperialist puppet. Imperialism manipulates them in various ways. One of its common tactics is to force them to resort to war as a nuclear option, since the more profound the political and economic crisis grows, the more dependent they become on imperialism. In East Asia alone, the Japanese and Taiwanese governments, on the so-called "first island chain" and the "ROK" government, which threatens the DPRK, are all in this situation. Taiwan's Lai Ching-te is a fierce separatist, while the "ROK"s Yoon Suk-yeol has declared the

DPRK to be the "primary enemy" and has been conducting nuclear war exercises to invade the North with the USA, claiming the right to make a "pre-emptive strike".

In Japan, Fumio Kishida, who took office after the leading pro-Russian politician Shinzo Abe was mysteriously shot and killed in July 2022, is keen on forming the Asian version of NATO with the "ROK" as forced by the USA. Kishida of Japan and Yoon Suk-yeol of the "ROK" are actively working on completing the "Indo-Pacificisation of NATO" having participated in successive NATO summits in Madrid, Spain (June 2022), Vilnius, Lithuania (July 2023) and Washington, USA (July 2024). The fact that NATO, an imperialist warmongering alliance that has been initiating and perpetuating World War 3, is extending its war scheme beyond West Asia to East Asia is raising great concern not only among Asians but among all the peoples of the world who long for peace. Already, imperialism has been thoroughly implementing a strategy to expand NATO, the supposedly "North Atlantic" military alliance, into to the Indo-Pacific via the "Aukus" and "Quad" groupings.

Imperialism is worried about the possibility of a Trump victory in the upcoming US presidential election. This is because if elected, Trump will likely try to immediately withdraw from the war in Ukraine and eventually from NATO. Trump met with the DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Un in Singapore in 2018, in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2019, and in Panmunjom, Korea in 2020, and has remained in contact with him since leaving office. While Trump's "decoupling" policy is limited to the economic sector, President Joe Biden's "de-risking" policy, under the guise of the "New Washington Consensus", while appearing to be milder than the "decoupling" policy is in fact merely a disguise for pushing for Taiwan's separation and independence and driving cross-Strait relations toward war. Of course, we thoroughly oppose all imperialist

policies that represent the interests of US monopoly capital, whether they come from Trump or Biden. However, we take note of political conflicts that have erupted because of the deepening inner contradiction in the USA owing to its political and economic crisis, and we do not overlook the importance of the antiwar peace movement, which is amplifying these conflicts. We naturally oppose racism and fascism, which execrate Jews in general, and agree that the fundamental solution to the Palestinian issue lies in the eradication of zionism. We support a peaceful coexistence based on the eradication of zionism, not on the "two-state solution" of the Oslo accords, which is practically bankrupt—another "Minsk agreement". We note that historically, it was Christian Western Europe that persecuted Jews, not Islamic West Asia.

Imperialist New Cold War schemes are a reflection of the system's weakness, not its strength. World War 3 is an extreme option for attempting to escape the political, military and economic crises that arise from the realistic recognition that the unipolar world domination system cannot be maintained. Roger F Wicker, the Republican ranking member of the US Senate Committee on Armed Services, himself let slip in late May that it is an intentional provocation to define Russia, Iran, China and the DPRK as a "new axis of aggressors". Grouping Russia and the "Axis of Resistance", including Iran, which are presently at war, and China and the DPRK, which are not presently at war, into one "axis" or camp clearly confirms the fact that the war in East Asia is imminent and who is the driver and provocateur of World War 3. Imperialism is no longer hiding its strategy of demonizing Russia, China and the DPRK as "aggressors" through World War 3, exhausting them as much as possible through proxy wars, and creating a "New Cold War" system to eventually win the final victory as it did in the "Cold War".

The "Cold War" and the "New Cold War" have big

differences. Both have in common that they reflect the political and economic crisis and vulnerability of imperialism. But, unlike the Cold War, which emerged after World War 2, the New Cold War began with World War 3 and will enter full swing after World War 3. Both the "Cold War" and the "New Cold War" are confrontations between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. However, during the "Cold War", the anti-imperialist camp was formed by socialist forces as the leading force with the forces of national liberation as the auxiliary force. On the other hand, in the New Cold War, the DPRK, China and Russia are the leading forces, and the other world anti-imperialist forces, including Iran and the "Axis of Resistance" are the auxiliary forces.

The DPRK, China and Russia are all nuclear and missile powers with all types of nuclear weapons and delivery systems, with the DPRK being the most steadfast socialist country, China being a socialist country with Chinese characteristics, and Russia being a country with a strong socialist heritage. The current socialist states of the DPRK and China, along with the former socialist state of Russia, have been more united than ever in the same anti-imperialist camp. It is no coincidence that after being re-elected recently, President Putin first visited China and then the DPRK in June to sign the "Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty", elevating the DPRK-Russia relations to the highest level, the alliance level.

Today, understanding how we define the character of Russian and Chinese societies has become a touchstone between revolutionaries and opportunists. Those who mistakenly describe Russia and China as imperialist are basing their analysis on a totally unscientific understanding of imperialism. It is just as problematic to fail to analyze imperialism in its economic aspects as it is to define imperialism only in economic terms. In this context, the Communist Party of Greece's

theory of the "imperialist pyramid", which views all capitalist countries as imperialist, has emerged. This most absurd revisionist and opportunist, reactionary theory is practically contributing to imperialism's policy of dividing the communist movement. This is why it is unsurprising that the Communist Party of Greece has taken the lead in dividing the international communist movement.

The most significant feature of the "New Cold War", in particular, the situation of World War 3, is that, first, the DPRK, the most thoroughly socialist country and the one most severely blockaded by imperialism, has become a nuclear and missile superpower, occupying a key position and playing an important role in the anti-imperialist camp. Second, the former Soviet Union and, currently, Russia, which had been at odds with China since the mid-1950s, are uniting firmly with China in the anti-imperialist camp. Third, the "Axis of Resistance", including Iran, is waging a robust armed struggle on an anti-imperialist, anti-zionist front. In addition, the world anti-imperialist camp is increasingly raising the level of anti-imperialist armed struggle and popular struggle in Latin America and the Sahel region of Africa. The antiimperialist camp is overwhelming the imperialist camp by its superiority in capabilities, combining strong leading forces with a wide range of auxiliary forces, and its wisdom in methods, combining antiimperialist armed struggles with anti-imperialist popular struggles.

Moreover, by holding the banner of not only anti-imperialism but also undeniable justice in the present era—antifascism, liberation and national reunification, the anti-imperialist camp holds the moral high ground in every battlefield of the present war. To make matters worse for imperialism, it has lost even a petty semblance of at least formal logic owing to the glaring logical contradiction between its anti-Russian and its pro-Israeli propaganda.

Imperialist weakness is equally evident in its military operations. In World War 3, the imperialists have used inducing warfare, where it has provoked war; expeditionary warfare, where it fights far away from its own territory and close to its enemies; proxy warfare, where it uses puppet armies; and hybrid warfare, so far excluding tactical nuclear weapons. In the anti-imperialist camp, Russia, China and the DPRK are all fighting or faced with fighting wars close to their present national boundaries, directly and vigorously, avoiding being entangled in war provocations, and none have ruled out the use of tactical nuclear weapons if that becomes necessary to end the war quickly. The imperialist powers are very afraid that if they directly attack the main territories of Russia, China and the DPRK with tactical nuclear weapons, their retaliatory nuclear strikes will eventually result in mutually assured destruction (MAD). It is unquestionable who will be the ultimate winner of the confrontation between the USA and European NATO, countries which are fighting a proxy war and a war of attrition for the superprofits of monopoly capital on the one side, and Russia, China and the DPRK, which are directly and fiercely engaged in wars for the great cause of antifascism, liberation and national reunification. Just as the just antifascist camp won World War 2, the just anti-imperialist camp will win World War 3. Unlike the Cold War, imperialism will suffer a disastrous defeat in its New Cold War.

Since its foundation in Paris, France, in October 2022, with the three major goals of expanding the world anti-imperialist struggle, waging anti-opportunist ideological warfare and strengthening the communist movement, the World Anti-imperialist Platform has held international conferences and organized mass rallies and demonstrations under the banner of anti-imperialism in Belgrade, Serbia (December 2022), Caracas, Venezuela (March 2023), Gwangju

and Seoul, the 'ROK' (May 2023), and Athens, Greece (November 2023), each time issuing joint declarations and trying to unite the anti-imperialist forces. In March-April 2024, the Platform arranged a European tour for revolutionary musical troupe from the "ROK". In May 2024, a Platform delegation visited the Donbass region of Russia and stood in active solidarity with local communist and anti-imperialist forces. In June 2024, the Platform held an international conference in Madrid, Spain. All this has been aimed at strengthening the world anti-imperialist struggle.

The most important ideological and theoretical task in the world anti-imperialist struggle today is to wage an unwavering and sharp ideological war against pseudo-communist forces—whether revisionist, opportunist or sectarian—which oppose "Axis of Resistance" countries like Russia and Iran, which are at the forefront of the anti-imperialist struggle, and which are accusing Russia, China and even the DPRK of "imperialism". And the most important practical task in the world antiimperialist struggle is for the communist forces to strengthen the anti-imperialist movement's capacity by wisely leading the pro-Russian and pro-Palestinian forces to join into a single antiimperialist front with a scientific analysis and revolutionary line.

We will continue our indomitable struggle for the final victory of the world anti-imperialist camp, promoting our slogans "Workers of the world, unite!" and "The people, united, will never be defeated!" Along the way, we will advance and realize a world without imperialism and fascism—a world where the people become the masters of politics and economy. The world anti-imperialist camp's great cause of justice must win.

