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	Center for Political Innovation (CPI)
	United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC)
	Workers World Party
	Critical Theory Workshop
	Resist US-led War Movement
	Midwestern Marx
UK	Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist)
Belgium	Communist Party of Belgium
France	Pole of Communist Revival in France (PRCF)
Spain	Unión Proletaria
Ireland	Workers' Party of Ireland (Official)
Italy	CARC Party
Turkey	Communist Labour Party of Turkey/Leninist
Greece	Revolutionary Unification
Serbia	New Communist Party of Yugoslavia
Europe	Baltic Platform
Bulgaria	September 23 Movement
Russia	Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF)
	Donetsk Republican Committee of the CPRF
Quebec	Socialist Action for National Liberation of Quebec
Peru	Peruvian Communist Party
Bolivia	Communist Party of Bolivia
Ecuador	Communist Party of Ecuador
Mexico	Popular Socialist Party of Mexico
Kenya	Communist Party of Kenya
Guinea-Bissau	African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Capeverde (PAIGC)
Africa	All-African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APRP)
	Black Alliance for Peace
Georgia	Socialist Platform of Georgia
Kyrgyzstan	Communist Party of Kyrgyzstan
Nicaragua	Nicaraguan Ambassador to US
Korea	Korean American National Coordinating Council
	People's Democracy Party

# On the early and late socialist revolutions and on their subject. On the importance of the Revolutionary Theory Groups

Victor Alexeyevich Vaziulin

## Introduction

The brilliant Soviet philosopher Victor Alexeyevich Vaziulin (30-08-1932/08-01-2012) took the development of Marxist-Leninist science to a new level with his work, aiming to lay the theoretical foundations for the subject of the victorious socialist revolutions of the 21st century. Through the theoretical examination of the processes of development of Soviet society and of humanity, together with a critical re-examination and research on Marxism-Leninism, classical Soviet philosophy, and science of the 1950s and 1960s, Vaziulin created a unique direction in Revolutionary Theory, Dialectical Logic and the Methodology of Science.

The main scientific discoveries of V.A. Vaziulin are the following:

1. Revealing the logic of the theoretical part of Marx's "Capital" through the systematic study of logical categories in its political economic content, in parallel with a comparative/critical analysis of the rational acquis and the limitations of Hegel's "Science of Logic". In this way, he fulfilled the research programme set out by V.I. Lenin in the "Philosophical Notebooks", and he brought to the fore the dialectical logic and methodology of advanced scientific research, of advanced science as an organic whole.

2. The concrete/historical approach of Marxism as a scientific system that develops through the emergence and resolution of law-governed contradictions. A system consisting of components, internally unified in their difference, each of which refers to the study of a specific area of study (the

development of society as a whole, the political economy of capitalism and the future communist society) at a certain level of its becoming and development.

The above discoveries are intrinsically linked to the view of scientific knowledge as a natural/historical process governed by laws.

3. The creative development of Marx's method of scientific research in the study of the development of society as a whole led V.A. Vaziulin to the discovery of the Logic of History: the internal systematic interconnection of the laws and categories of social theory, which represents a mental reconstruction of the development of the structure of (mature) society and its history (theoretical periodisation of human history), the laws of its beginning, its primary emergence, formation and maturity) through the prism of the escalation of the interaction between natural and social factors.

The scientific discoveries of V.A. Vaziulin paved the way for the forthcoming creative development (not revision) of Marxism-Leninism through the dialectical "sublation" of historical materialism and the conception of history through stages (formations).

The theoretical approach of the Logic of History to fundamental questions of social development ("early" socialist revolutions, the law governed connection between extensive and intensive development of the productive forces under socialism, formal and actual socialisation of production, the connection between the necessity of planning and scientific planning, between

commodity and monetary relations undergoing socialist transformation according to planning, etc.) provides the key to understanding the objective causes of a number of key historical social phenomena and opens up a wide range of new research directions.

This also touches, for example the question of the law governed causes of the prevalence of the bourgeois counterrevolution and capitalist restoration in the USSR and in the European countries of early socialism (as opposed to the widespread attribution of these causes primarily and/or exclusively to subjective factors), the question of the inevitability of the socialist revolution and the achievement of Unified Humanity, of Communism, as the only scientifically grounded prospect for the survival of humanity & reversing the increasing probability of the decay and total destruction of humanity through “peaceful” means or through war.

The Soviet philosopher V.A. Vaziulin was almost completely blind when he gave this speech. His last handwritten text was published almost a year earlier, in 2006.

He had foreseen the rapid escalation of war (as a result of the war drive of the imperialist axis of aggression against the antiimperialist and socialist forces) in the third decade of the 21st century since the 1990s. He also foresaw the contradictory potential within the Third World War: an existential catastrophe for humanity, but also a new series of successful anti-imperialist uprisings and socialist revolutions. That is why he calls on us to be vigilant, to prepare the people and to develop our theory, because understanding the character of this war, setting our goals and carrying them out is crucial for the survival of humanity. V.A. Vaziulin stresses the necessity of the stage of early socialism according to dialectical law, a stage that cannot be skipped or ignored without grave consequences. This necessity is closely connected with the Leninist

concept of the “weak link” of the imperialist chain, according to which revolutionary situations erupt in dependent countries with a medium level of development through a network of internal and international contradictions.

Therefore, the antiimperialist struggle becomes a strategic imperative for the revolutionary movement, for the survival of the early socialist revolution, and for preparing the conditions for the late socialist revolutions. Vaziulin underlines the vital importance of supporting early socialism with all our strength, theoretically and practically, because it is linked with the anti-imperialist struggle. He believed that turning our back on antiimperialism and early socialism is a betrayal of the global revolutionary movement.

The following text is a speech given by Victor Alexeyevich Vaziulin to the Revolutionary Theory Groups during a teleconference held on 22 August 2007 with participants from Athens, Thessaloniki, Moscow, Chania, Heraklion, Rethymno, Nicosia. This text is a transcript of the interpretation of the teleconference by Dimitrios Patelis. Translated in English by Spiros Patelis.

### **On the early and late socialist revolutions and on their subject. On the importance of the Revolutionary Theory Groups**

I would like to say to the members of your groups that your groups have a special importance because they are precursors, heralds of the beginning of a new stage of the movement for socialism. We are talking about the fact that in our time the pre-conditions for the transition to the stage of late socialism are being formed.

I think that the movement for socialism has two main stages: there is the stage of early socialist revolutions, early socialism, and the stage of late socialist revolutions and late socialism, which is already beginning to emerge. The fundamental objective condition for the emergence of early

socialism was the transition to the development of global production, to mechanised production. The fundamental objective condition for late socialism is the transition to automated production. Mechanised production (i.e. mechanised production that has not yet been automated) was and is the material basis corresponding to the mature capitalist society. As an aside, I would like to point out that the maturation of capitalist society is a lengthy process, and at the present stage it is not yet fully complete. In principle, however, capitalism is in its mature phase, which began at the time of the victorious industrial revolutions. At the same time, the victory of these industrial revolutions also proved to be the material basis for the emergence of early socialism. Of course, early socialism did not emerge in all the capitalist countries where the industrial revolutions were victorious. In England, where we had the earliest victorious industrial revolution, there was no victorious early socialist revolution and, obviously, there was no early socialism. In other words, what I mentioned is one of the objective conditions, but it is not sufficient in itself, neither for the emergence of the socialist revolution and early socialism itself, nor for its victory. Other additional conditions are needed, and they are being formed. I may come back to this later. Without the appropriate material and technical basis, early socialism, which emerges after the victory of the industrial revolution, with the victory of pre-automated, mechanised production, cannot take shape. For late socialism, the objective condition is a sufficiently developed stage of automated production.

Similarly, if the main revolutionary force of the era of the early socialist revolutions could be the industrial working class, the industrial proletariat (the proletariat that worked in the conditions of pre-automated mechanised production), if we refer to the process in its pure form, taking into account only the objective conditions of the formation

of late socialism, then the workers of automated production can become such a revolutionary force.

However, since we are examining the process in its pure form here, we are referring to an objective condition that is decisive, but still remains one among the objective conditions for the existence and development of late socialism. However, at the current stage of global industrial production, with all the processes of automating production under way, the dominant role remains generally and overall, with production that is not yet automated. A process of automation has emerged, but has not yet reached maturity. We are living in an era in which the early socialist revolutions and early socialism have not yet exhausted their full potential. There are still processes in the modern phase that either lead to early socialist revolutions or can be described as the initial stages of these new early socialist revolutions. I have Latin America in mind, especially Venezuela and a number of other South American countries.

Although early socialism has a number of essential deficiencies compared with the later stages of its development, it has not yet exhausted its intrinsic potential. Such revolutions will continue to be waged and to prevail in some countries for some time to come. Although in this early socialism, as production develops, the limitations, the inadequacies of this early socialism will increasingly manifest themselves.

In the Soviet Union, it can be said that the early socialist revolution and early socialism triumphed in its classical form, just as in France the great French bourgeois revolution triumphed in its time. That is why, among other things, it was in the Soviet Union, more than anywhere else, that the limitations of early socialism became apparent. These limitations, we can say with some certainty, also manifested themselves in other countries of early socialism. However, in spite of this, and in parallel to these processes which now dominate



the socialist movement as a whole, conditions for more developed socialist revolutions and for a more developed socialist society exist and are being developed. As is clear from what has been said above, this is primarily the preparation for the formation of the material base in the form of automated production, although of course it is not limited to this. I am not going to analyse the entire framework of these conditions which are now emerging and which have already emerged in part. That is the subject of another discussion and I hope to write about it in the future. I will try, as far as possible, to examine this process in its entirety. For the moment, I will refer to only one factor, but it is an extremely important one. In order for this transition to take place, it is necessary to develop theory. The point is that the more advanced a society is on the road to socialism, the more advanced a society is on the road to communism, the greater the role of the conscious factor becomes. The importance of consciousness is constantly increasing.

If the bourgeois revolutions and the radical transformations that preceded capitalism, the transitions to feudalism, the transitions from a classless society to class societies, were carried out spontaneously, the transition to classless society must, in principle, to a greater extent, be carried out more consciously. And in order for this process to be carried out consciously, or more precisely, sufficiently consciously, theory is necessary, it is necessary to propagate this theory, it is necessary to persuade, it is necessary to convince large sections of the population. Today, of course, we are at the beginning of this journey. Much remains to be done, both at the theoretical level and, above all, at the practical level.

Except that the prospect of this movement already exists today. This prospect is, however, notoriously difficult to study, because we are in a transitional period. In addition, it is difficult for this to reach

the consciousness of certain sections of the population who are not theoretically prepared. This is even more complicated. So, I see the activities of your [revolutionary theory] groups as a step in this direction, as a step towards theoretical and practical preparation. Of course, these are the first steps of a movement towards this new stage of development on the road to socialism.

In order to prepare ourselves, in order to be theoretically prepared for this stage, we must understand that the previous level of development of Marxism, that the achievements contained in the works of Marx, Engels and Lenin are important and necessary, they have not yet been fully utilised, and yet theory of a new level which will correspond to the modern era is necessary. I could say, for example, that in Marx's legacy we did not have the concept of early and late socialism, there was no such differentiation, there was the differentiation of early and late bourgeois revolutions in his work, but there was no differentiation between early and late socialist revolutions. In "Capital", for example, he writes about mechanised production, production by means of machines, and describes the height of pre-automated production. But he does not see and cannot see at that time, because of the objective conditions, how long this stage will be, how long this whole process will be, until pre-automated production becomes fully automated production. That's why automation, to the extent that it existed in Marx's time, existed in an embryonic form. He could not distinguish the transition from mechanised to automated production. He could not distinguish two different stages, which are essential for the periodisation of this movement towards socialism.

Now, in our time, we can do this. I can give you an example, although I am not going to analyse it in its entirety, I am not going to analyse the differences that need to be identified, that need to be highlighted, the differences between the

theoretical level of today and the theoretical level that was characteristic of the time of Marx and Engels, of their work. I will give you just one more example. Now, in our time, we have some peculiar phenomena. In the time of Marx, Engels and Lenin, we did not face a situation in which humanity had the possibility of self-destruction, of suicide. What does the possibility of human suicide mean? It means that humanity has acquired the ability, on a negative level, negatively, apophatically, to manage the totality of all the conditions of its existence on earth. Only this, is manifested in a negative way—in terms of the possibility of humanity's self-destruction, the destruction of life on the planet, on Earth. But even in a negative way, humanity now has the possibility—it is obvious—of mastering the conditions of its existence. Although we still have a long way to go before we can positively master these possibilities. A lot of work is needed, a lot of hard work, a lot of time will pass, but humanity is not only beginning to master the objective conditions of its existence, it is also entering a completely different era, a space era, so to speak. From its terrestrial existence, humanity is moving into the space era. This was not and could not have been the case in the time of Marx, Engels and Lenin. It was impossible for Marx, Engels and Lenin to draw attention to this fact. Nevertheless, these features of humanity's transition into its space era, as I believe the research already available shows, have begun to manifest themselves in a series of fundamental theoretical concepts about humanity, society, the laws of nature and biological laws. In short, the conditions are emerging for a radically new conception of the whole world, for a transition to a fundamentally new theoretical paradigm. Here I would like to end this brief introduction. If you have any questions, I am at your disposal.

#### **V.A. Vaziulin's answers to questions from members of the Revolutionary Theory Groups**

Question: You mentioned this dialectical relationship between revolution and counter-revolution, even distinguishing between periods of early and late revolutions and early and late socialism. You even talked about Venezuela, which has characteristics of early...

V.A.V.: In response to your question, I must clarify that we do not yet have a socialist revolution in Venezuela. What I was suggesting is that if there is a revolution there under these conditions, it will be an early socialist revolution.

Question: Given that we have the possibility of globalising the revolutionary process more quickly than in the past, does this possibility of sharing the revolutionary activity and the activity of the working class in the developed capitalist countries make it possible to feed these efforts with the necessary theoretical weapons, but also with internationalist solidarity?

V.A.V.: Allow me to comment a little on what you have said so far. The point is that the preconditions of the late socialist revolutions are in what we could call an embryonic state, although this is a starting point in their development, where the main task, the major task, lies in the theoretical reflection of the new processes in a certain theoretical and ideological preparation. It would be rushed, a hastening of things if we were to think that we could now, on the basis of the concepts of late socialist revolutions and late socialism, take a dominant position in this movement towards socialism. We still need to work in this direction for a long time.

Question: I have touched mainly on two modes of interaction between countries and their respective working classes in mechanised capitalism and automated capitalism. On the one hand, there are possibilities of technological assistance and active solidarity, active internationalism, through the development of technologies in the countries of developed capitalism to help workers

where mechanised production is dominant. Ultimately, are these efforts—which are in the pre-revolutionary period and will probably have early characteristics—actually in the process of forming late revolutions, or should we expect late revolutions in the periphery?

V.A.V.: I think that it is already necessary to support the early socialist revolutions and the potential of early socialism that will re-emerge (if it does) in every way and with every available means (if available). With all our strength. Because only by going all the way through these revolutions, through early socialism, will we be able to move on to late socialism. We cannot bypass early socialism, we cannot bypass the early socialist revolutions and go straight to the new, more developed stage. From this point of view, the historical process is law governed, it is objective. And we have to go through this stage, which means that we have to contribute in every possible way so that this stage is overcome as soon as possible.

Question: Can we define the era in which we find ourselves today in time, characterised by the domination of the capitalist system and the defeat of the early socialist revolutions? And more specifically, can we determine, on the basis of the “Logic of History”, how long it will take humanity to analyse the data of the past and present and to chart the course of the future?

V.A.V.: The chronological approach is too complicated to go into. We can only say roughly that it will take at least decades. Qualitatively, however, it will happen on a sufficiently broad scale to exhaust the potential of early socialist revolutions and early socialism. To this extent and under these conditions, if of course we take into account the actual objective historical process, we have today come a long way forward. This forward momentum is absolutely necessary, because even today we should try, as far as possible, to exert the influence that we owe to this process of carrying

out the early socialist revolutions and early socialism, [I repeat] to the extent that is currently possible. But we should exercise this influence [through the development of revolutionary theory] now, because theory cannot be formed in a day or a year. The preparation of people does not happen in a year, not even in a decade. It is also a slow, lengthy process, and furthermore, it would of course be desirable, as far as possible, for people today to already consider the ultimate consequences, so that they do not only cling to the immediate perspective, but have in mind the ultimate perspective and in connection with it structure their own immediate activity, the activity which is directed towards the achievement of the short-term objectives, because this is precisely the difference between the person who sees the long term perspective and the person who does not see the long term perspective, and this distance between these two perspectives will increase with time.

Question: Today there are certain achievements of capitalism in the field of production and technology. Is it possible to use these achievements and this technology in the new society? And in what sense, in what context?

V.A.V: I would answer as follows: this is what Marx wrote in *Capital*. When capitalism advances to the extraction of relative surplus value, by perfecting the technology of production, which it transforms into a means of generating profit, i.e. when capitalism is oriented towards the development of the productive forces under certain social conditions, as a means of generating profit, it develops more and more rapidly and can accelerate its rates of development. But at the same time, it is being driven to its death, because this development is contradictory.

The development of the productive forces under capitalism is subject to the generation of profits and is therefore one-sided and contradictory, a fact which is manifested, among other things, in the

ecological situation, which is not far from being catastrophic. All these are facets, manifestations of the capitalist process of extracting profit through the development of the productive forces to the extent and in the direction necessary for capitalism.

The development of capitalism is contradictory, and the further we go, the more unstable this contradiction becomes. It manifests itself not only in ecology, with ecological disasters, but also, among other things, in the science that studies human beings.

It is a fact that in human biology, on the one hand, many aspects are being studied and, on the other hand, we have an increasing presence of destructive conditions for our existence as biological beings. This can be seen, among other things, in the field of genetic engineering and genetically modified (GM) products, where this process is being rapidly applied for profit without being fully understood, and without studying the effects of genetically modified organisms on human biology. They are therefore using these genetically modified products on a large scale, even though they do not know the effects [they may have]. From this point of view, on the one hand we have a process of development, a process in which humans become the master of their own biology, because they acquire the possibility of influencing their own genome, their overall human biology, but on the other hand it is a contradictory process, because it has by definition been subordinated to the generation of profits and nobody cares about people as human beings. Everyone is concerned with profit, with profitability.

The development of the productive forces, the development of science as a productive force is completely subordinated to profitability. And this development of the productive forces, ultimately, threatens the very biological existence of humanity. For example, if we were to have a socialist revolution and move into the more mature stages

of the new society, how would we deal with these genetically modified products? We should not put them on the market until scientific research has reached a sufficient level where scientists can fully, or at least substantially, take into account the ultimate effects of GM products on human beings. They should not be used.

But at the moment they are looking at individual genes, not the biological organism as a whole, the human organism from a biological point of view. Biology has studied this to a very inadequate level in terms of the dialectical method, in terms of dialectics. What biology is doing today consists of primitive steps, primitive approaches to the human organism as a whole, the most primitive steps, the first steps, using primarily not dialectics, which looks at the whole, but the metaphysical method, using strictly empirical methods of investigation.

This means that when people make this transition to the new society, first of all, they should not put into circulation, in productive practice, the results of insufficiently studied research, and secondly, they should use the dialectical method of thinking, which is not used today due to ideological factors, due to the fact that people still do not understand anything in this regard (ideological conditions play a colossal role).

In addition to the above, under capitalism it cannot be used appropriately, because the dialectical method offers the possibility of grasping the essence of processes. But if we use the dialectical method to study the processes that take place within our organism, whether in the organism of animals or in the world of living beings as a whole, then we will inevitably reach society, and the use of dialectics on society is something that is forbidden, it is inadmissible from the point of view of the ideologists of capitalism and capitalist practice, because it will reveal the essence of capitalism. And when the essence of capitalism is revealed, it means that capitalism is now seen in

terms of progress, in terms of how to overcome it.

Therefore, it is no coincidence that the whole of bourgeois political economy, from the moment the working class entered the political arena, has rejected the study of the essence of economic processes. All the processes of the capitalist economy and everything that is emphasised by the economists who serve capitalism is done in an instrumental way; we have an instrumental, superficial, empirical economic “theory”. The truth is that we can only conventionally call it a theory, because it is not really a theory. In the same way, bourgeois science has rejected dialectics. The wall it has erected against it, is the inability to overcome the obstacles associated with mastering the essence of processes. Bourgeois science as a whole, even natural science, cannot adopt the dialectical method, precisely because of the broader ideological climate, because of its relation to dialectics, because of its relation to socialism, Marxism, etc., because these are all universal approaches. Where does this lead? It leads to religion, to empiricism, and yet it avoids dialectics like the plague.

Engels had written in the “Dialectics of Nature” that science cannot jump from experience to theory immediately, and therefore we have a crisis that has to be overcome. This is what Engels was saying in his time, except that this crisis was not overcome either in Engels’ time or in Lenin’s time. Lenin identified a crisis in mathematics, physics and other sciences.

What do we have today? If we take Russia, for example, we have an invasion of religion into science, which has deepened the crisis a thousand times and contaminated all of science. With this attitude towards Marx and Engels, what kind of understanding of the dialectical method can we talk about? But if we do not master the dialectical method, if the productive forces are not developed dialectically, consciously and deliberately, then these processes can never succeed. From the

capitalist point of view and methodology, they cannot.

That is why they direct things towards the fragmentation of the sciences into ever narrower subjects. Each scientist deals with his own little problem, his own little thing. But that leads to a crisis. A crisis not only of science. It will also have consequences for industry itself, for industrial production. In fact, today, in the so-called Silicon Valley, there are many scientists, workers, who have a university education that they received in the Soviet Union. And not only in this field, but also in NASA, in biological research, and not only from the Soviet Union, but also from China, from India, because that is how they try to escape the crisis. They have been quite consistent in following the path that I mentioned methodologically, the path that they have been following for a long time and the path that the “Bologna process” is pushing us towards. This will lead to a deepening of the crisis of science, and not only of science. It will also lead to a delay in the development of the productive forces of capitalism itself. If nothing else happens, of course. It’s no coincidence that they have recruited so many scientists who have graduated from Soviet universities. It is no coincidence at all. In this way they are trying, to some extent, to mitigate these processes of degeneration of science. Look at what is happening with the Nobel Prizes. What do they give Nobel Prizes for, have you noticed? For trivialities. For the most fragmented subjects. I’m not talking about some Nobel laureates like Gorbachev or Reagan, I’m talking about people in science, in the natural sciences.

In this way, in the transition to socialism, especially in late socialism and communism, the relationship to the method of thinking changes, the very way of thinking about the productive forces and the use of the productive forces changes, and indeed, in principle, we will then be able to discover completely new possibilities, including in biology.



Then, for example, we will be able to study not only the genetic mechanism, but the whole organism in terms of dialectics, a thousand times more deeply than the global medical science of today. I think, and I have mentioned this in various seminars and elsewhere, that there are enormous possibilities in this field, in healing people, in prolonging human life, in extending the human lifespan. Truly enormous possibilities that capitalism cannot even remotely imagine and deliver. Of course, in general there will be something that we will take [from capitalism] and use in socialism, but fundamentally there will be radical changes.

I would like to add, in answer to your question, that the real conquest of space, since it has already begun in earnest, although we are only talking about the first steps of the new space era, can only be carried out by a unified humanity. Can capitalism, through its own globalisation, achieve the conquest of space? In principle it cannot, because it divides humanity, it divides people, it divides states, regions, people, religions. But again, we have a contradictory process here. At the same time, it is also a process of unification, of strengthening the unifying processes of production, the unification of production processes. This is happening simultaneously. But on a large scale, capitalism will not allow this kind of freedom. There are insurmountable obstacles, such as ecology, which we have already mentioned. As long as capitalism exists, the ecological problem cannot be solved in its entirety. In fact, the disastrous effects of human intervention on nature cannot be fully avoided under capitalism. That is why a sufficient degree of unification of humanity and enormous resources are needed to overcome these problems.

Question: Is it possible for late socialist revolutions to take place today?

V.A.V.: At present, such a possibility is unlikely in the near future. The process of the early socialist

revolutions has not yet been completed. So, there are certain objective preconditions, objective factors, such as, for example, the automation of production, which, despite all its successes, is in an immature state, which means that the force that can carry out the late socialist revolutions, late socialism, is also in a transitional state. And only people who are sufficiently developed, who are few in number, unfortunately they are not created on a mass scale, only these people can become the force that will carry out these processes. At the moment, however, these forces are not sufficient. This is unfortunate, but we have to be realistic. However, I do not think that this is a reason for disappointment, because we are living in such an interesting era. It seems as if we are in an intermediate state, where we're out of time, where we cannot set goals. But this only seems this way, because we have such underlying processes, such underlying processes of radical, fundamental changes in the life of human society, which are being formed and which should be the subject of reflection. It is a complex and long process.

If we do not start thinking about these processes now, if we wait until the conditions for later socialist revolutions are supposedly fully ripe, what will happen? We will have a situation where nothing can be done consciously. This is what we need to work on now. Right now. And work hard, because these processes are complicated. There are a lot of problems that we have to start solving as of right now.

Question: Can we predict the possibility of coexistence between early and late socialist revolutions?

V.A.V.: It is possible that, if the first socialist revolutions prove to be so powerful, they will lead to a rupture, to the destruction of the “golden billion”, of this global system of which we speak. Then the conditions can be created in these countries for a more rapid progress of society. Then

we can have parallel coexistence. But that also depends on how long this process will take. What level of development will the countries of early socialism achieve, what level of development will they reach. So, if there is parallel coexistence, the following is most likely to happen: the destruction of the parasitic bases of the developed capitalist countries, of the imperialist countries, will happen quite rapidly, and this will be on the condition that there are early socialist revolutions erupting in the undeveloped capitalist countries. The destruction of capitalism today is already taking place before our eyes in Latin America and to some extent in Asia. This destruction is not coming from the countries of developed capitalism, but from the countries of the so-called Third World, from the less developed countries. Primarily from those countries where today we have either low or medium levels of capitalist development, but not from those countries which are at the level of clans and tribes as in some African countries, for example. There we will not have early socialist revolutions. Early socialist revolutions, I repeat, we have early socialist revolutions in those countries where there is an average or near average level of capitalist development. That's where the destruction comes from. That, for example, is the level of Latin America. That is to say, in Latin America today, for better or worse is a secondary question, we have a centre of revolutionary change in the world, but at the limits of these early socialist transformations, together with some primitive elements in the ways of conducting social transformations, more primitive, we would say, than [those of the known] early socialist ones.

Question: Given that the internationalisation of production will never mature under capitalist conditions, because of the existence of classes in society and inequalities between countries, how is it possible that it will form developed people, the workers of automation, who will be the subject of

the later socialist revolutions, and not instead a layer of highly skilled people, as we see happening now with the existing automation, something like a petty bourgeoisie, a workers' aristocracy, while at the same time there will exist the proletariat of mechanised production or even of manual labour? In short, is it possible to have a late socialist revolution without an early one having preceded it in some part of the planet, so that it has tightened the grip over imperialism?

V.A.V.: I have mentioned this briefly. According to dialectical law, late socialist revolutions, late socialism, can only arise on the basis of the early socialist revolutions, early socialism. This period must exist. Otherwise, there will be no other period. That is why I said that we must help this process in every possible way, because, of course, to the extent that we do not have early socialist revolutions, to the extent that early socialism has not prepared the ground, late socialist revolutions will not win, late socialism will not win. As far as the working class aristocracy is concerned, of course you are right. We know that the working class aristocracy arises, firstly, as a small layer of the population and, secondly and more importantly, the fact that the working class aristocracy arises when the capitalists, for example in England, were able to buy off some of the workers through their colonies, their semi-colonies. Even though there is no formal colonial system today, the old institutions have remained in the metropolises. The old division of labour still exists to a large extent, so the features of the colonial and semi-colonial system have not completely disappeared. They are therefore still able to buy off their working class.

In Sweden, for example, they feed the whole country precisely because the multinational corporations, the transnational monopolies, exploit different countries of the world from their headquarters in Sweden. And of course, the places where they have their headquarters are well fed

and well supplied. On this basis there is the so-called “Swedish socialism”. In reality it is not really socialism at all. It is people who live by exploiting other people and other countries. That is not socialism.

Furthermore, I would like to point out the following: when we have a sufficiently developed and mature stage of automation of production, the workers in automated production become mass workers and not some skilled craftsmen who are noticeably and statistically different from the rest and can be bought off. It is only when we reach mass scale in dealing with automation that we get such results, when a form of production reaches mass scale it starts to pay less.

Most importantly, late socialism is a law governed stage which follows early socialism, it does not precede it. It is impossible to jump to a higher historical stage, because this would also have many negative consequences. The attempt to speed up by such leaps leads to imposition. It is imposed on people that are not ready, on a society that is not ready, it is imposed through the use of violence on a large scale, certain measures are imposed, as happened in Cambodia and other countries. Socialism must move according to its own laws. We cannot abolish the laws of history. We can speed up their unfolding (if we can); we can slow down their pace, but we cannot replace the laws of history.

Some people speak of predetermination in history. There is no predetermination, but all of history is going in a certain direction, which is not predetermined by God or any predetermined plan. These would all be forms of religious belief. It is predetermined by the initial conditions in which the organism of our ancestors existed, and the initial conditions from which our ancestor emerged. It is these conditions that have essentially determined the whole course of prehistory. As far as actual history is concerned, there are in principle completely different laws of historical development,

the preconditions of which are already in existence to some extent today. However, only their preconditions, which can already be observed, can be perceived. These are, in principle, different laws of a fundamentally different history. However, the whole of prehistory was predetermined by the initial conditions in which our ancestor existed, the earthly conditions and the structure of that organism which entered into the mode of existence which required bipedal walking and standing, the freeing of the upper limbs, and so on. Human beings do not really become human, even from the point of view of the laws of history, until we move into this authentic history, until we free ourselves from dependence, until we begin to conquer the earthly conditions of our existence and become capable of satisfying our rational needs, until we become capable of doing so.

They say that people can do this even today. Unfortunately, in my opinion, we cannot fully do this today. That is why the struggle for human survival continues. The most progressive people are not involved in this struggle. These mature, progressive people are guided by other behavioural principles which are on a higher level than the conditions of their development. I would like to emphasise once again that the space era, the transition to the authentic history of humanity, means that essential changes will also take place in the laws of the development of history.

Question: You mentioned the need to develop theory and the need to engage in the development of that theory. In your brief introduction you focused mainly on the issues of labour, automated labour, automated production, early and late revolutions, etc. I wanted to ask you if you could identify some areas of research that are necessary, and indeed in relation to the development of the dialectical method in particular, taking into account your contribution to it, that could give new impetus to various research activities.



V.A.V.: I would say that this is a much more specific question, perhaps we should be patient on this question, postpone it a little bit for the future, perhaps we need to have a conference on it. If we raise this particular issue now, we will have to go from the general issues that we have raised to the specificity of each of them, if not all of them, to a number of issues that we have raised in the previous debate. Therefore, with your permission, I would prefer not to answer this question now.

Question: The question is about the disastrous effects on the development of science under capitalism and on the development of the productive forces in the technological applications of science, precisely because of the one sided nature of science. Specifically, what do you see in addition to the fragmentation of disciplines and the large scale application of insufficiently researched technologies in production?

V.A.V.: The first thing I want to point out again is the contradiction with dialectics. It is the opposite of dialectics, it is a metaphysical approach, and all the peculiarities of the metaphysical method dominate in our time, in the cognition of people, in the cognition of scientists. That is the first thing. Secondly, the metaphysical method, the non dialectical method, is necessarily connected with the religious approach, because as long as it moves on the level of metaphysics, science cannot be freed from religion. And as long as the capitalist state is inclined towards religion, and as long as the people of that society are inclined towards religion, they will fall into ever cruder forms of religiosity. I would say that we have a clericalisation of consciousness. Religious consciousness is not being eliminated in these cases, on the contrary, it is being strengthened. So, this has a negative effect on the development of science. As far as metaphysics is concerned, we are led to a pure creeping empiricism, which dominates practically all areas of science today.

The basic factor that leads science to destruction is the pursuit of profit, the pursuit of money. These are the fundamental destructive forces of science. Ultimately, these are the basic processes that lead to the destruction of science. Of course, it is impossible to destroy science completely under capitalism, because it is also impossible to make profit without science. To some extent, somehow, they will maintain a certain kind of science. Today, for example, in order to preserve science and technology, they are trying to solve some of their problems by employing scientists from the Soviet Union, and not only from the Soviet Union, but from everywhere where they see that there is a basic, fundamental approach to questions of science, to the study of knowledge as a whole, to the cognitive process.

The “Bologna process” is a case study of how the capitalist way leads to the undermining of science. It is very good that students in Greece are resisting these processes. And I have to say here that Greece is the only country in the world where we have a conscious struggle against the “Bologna process” in this way.

Closing words: It was a great pleasure and honour to have the opportunity to communicate with a part of the International School of the Logic of History from the former Soviet Union and especially with you. [...] Thank you, Viktor Alexeyevich.

V.A.V.: In this case, allow me to tell you [...] that your groups are a completely new phenomenon. And I hope that this phenomenon will not fade away, but on the contrary, it will be strengthened and developed, because it is very important. And because I deal with the logic of history, it is very important from a global historical point of view.

# “Humanity has a chance to break the back of the world imperialist system”

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Dear comrades, friends!

We greet you on behalf of the Ukrainian Marxist association “Borotba”.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Ukrainian separatists concentrated in their hands the entirety of state power. However, at that time, Ukrainian elite groups and society as a whole had hope that Ukraine would become an equal member of the world community, with a developed economy and social guarantees.

Believing the propaganda of imperialist forces, the country began a period of economic liberalization and integration into the world economic system.

However, this integration took place not on the rights of an equal member, but on the rights of a raw material appendage, which opened its unprotected markets to transnational corporations without receiving anything in return.

Mass privatization of the means of production led to a bloody redistribution of property and a wave of violence.

It is worth noting that the horrors of the nineties sobered up the majority of the population not only in Ukraine, but also in the entire post-Soviet space, but there was no turning back. The former Soviet republics became part of the global economy on the rights of a “little brother”.

At the same time, despite the fact that the new countries gained independence, they retained tens of thousands of economic chains that had been created decades earlier in the Soviet Union. The post-Soviet economic system was weakened, but still continued to exist as a single organism centered in Russia.

As the leading countries faced the consequences

of the trend of falling average rate of profit, just as 150 years ago, it was decided to “renew” the economies of the first world countries by extensive economic expansion. The essence of this process lies in the fact that with the accumulation of capital there is a change in its “organic structure”—the growth of labor productivity leads to the fact that more and more of the invested capital falls on machinery, equipment, production facilities, means of transport, and a smaller share—on the labor of workers. But it is this latter share that creates surplus value, and hence profit. Thus, more and more investment yields less and less profit, which ultimately causes capital overaccumulation crises and depression.

This is exactly the process of economic expansion that we saw at the beginning of the 21st century at home, on the territory that was the Soviet Union:

2003 - coup d'état in Georgia, dubbed the “Rose Revolution”.

2004 - coup d'état in Ukraine, called “Orange Revolution”.

2005 - coup in Kyrgyzstan.

2009-2010 - coup in Moldova.

2014 - second coup in Ukraine.

2018 - coup in Armenia.

2020 - unsuccessful for the imperialists coup attempt in Belarus.

That is, we see that the post-Soviet economic system, which had previously become part of the world as a periphery, was subjected to multiple attacks from the economic center—primarily the United States and the EU.

At the same time, we saw how the Russian leadership, in the two thousand years, began to

resist this process. The war launched by Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili against South Ossetia in August 2008 led to Russia standing up to defend its interests.

This move completely shocked the imperialist world. Western strategists realized that it was impossible to organize a color revolution in Russia, which means that it can only be weakened by military force.

This is the real reason for the coup d'état in Ukraine in 2014, the rise to power of the ultra-right and the transformation of Ukraine into a militarist state.

At the same time, the Russian leadership had before its eyes the example of Muammar Gaddafi and other politicians who challenged world imperialism and were brutally murdered by the imperialist system. This was a good impetus to create its own armed forces, and to gain financial sovereignty.

Thus, Imperialism's plans to create an enemy state out of Ukraine to attack Russia were thwarted. On February 24, 2022, the Special Military Operation to denazify and demilitarize Ukraine began.

Many cities and towns were liberated by the forces of the Russian Federation, thousands of neo-Nazis were liquidated. Tens of thousands of crimes that were committed by the Ukrainian ultra-right from 2014 to 2024 have been solved.

Today humanity has a chance to break the back of the world imperialist system based on US hegemony.

We are glad that millions of people all over the planet have begun to realize the importance of the SMO in Ukraine. We are glad that in their own countries they have also stepped up the offensive against Imperialism.

We are confident that if we can unite our efforts, speak with a more organized political front—we can fight against the tools of Imperialism more effectively. We will be able to achieve our goals

faster.

Comrades! We wish you strength and success in the struggle to build a new, more just world!

Red salute!

# Unite all possible forces against NATO and its imperialist war

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Western governments and hegemonic media constantly repeat NATO's big lie about Russia's unprovoked aggression against Ukraine and the danger it represents for Europe. By means of it, imperialism tries to make the peoples resign themselves to impoverishment, fascism and world nuclear war.

The truth is diametrically opposite: it is NATO that threatens the existence of Russia by expanding into the countries adjacent to it, militarizing them, raising anti-Russian revanchist Nazis to power, provoking proxy wars, deploying missiles and withdrawing from disarmament agreements, violating the Minsk agreements, imposing sanctions on it, etc. And all this, since long before the Special Military Operation and even before the reincorporation of Crimea into the Russian Federation. After that, NATO has not ceased to raise the stakes: 300 billion euros in arms for the Ukrainian army which is already 80% dependent on Western supplies, tanks, aircraft, long-range missiles, attacks on early warning radars of Russia's nuclear forces and declared intention to defeat it strategically.

The European Union has chosen to align itself with the United States, rather than develop mutually advantageous relations with Russia. Historically, eastward expansion has been a necessity for European imperialism, particularly German imperialism, when it is not allowed to exploit other continents. However, at present, it has been the US that has been driving the confrontation with Russia: the 2014 anti-constitutional coup in Kiev and the blowing up of the Nord Stream pipelines that directly supplied Russian gas to

Western European powers have made this clear.

The prevalence of U.S. interests in the countries of the European Union began after the Anglo-American victory on the Western front in World War II and was underpinned by the subsequent installation of military bases and submission to NATO and the European Union. The Report presented by A. Zhdanov to the Kominform in 1947 masterfully explains the origin of the present situation. The revisionist turn in the USSR and its Eastern European allies and the final implosion of these socialist states favored the Americanization of the continent. Only the Republic of Belarus and, later, the Russian Federation resisted.

In the first decades after the Soviet victory in World War II, the Western European capitalists had been forced to make extensive concessions to the working population.

However, the structural crisis that began in the 1970s forced capitalism into a growing process of neoliberal counter-reforms. Their implementation was facilitated by the degeneration of many communist parties following the revisionist line of Khrushchev. Each stage of this process increased the economic advantage of the United States over the European Union, triggering a flight of capital from the old continent. This is the current case, following the sanctions against Russia, the interruption of the direct supply of its gas, the increase in the prices of this and other raw materials and the growth of expenditure for the purchase of mostly Yankee armaments.

Within the European bourgeoisies, the financial oligarchies are highly dependent on the economic, monetary, political and military strength of

the United States. And they can relocate their investments to North America, improving their profitability. For this reason, they docilely submit to the interests of U.S. imperialism.

On the other hand, the business of the industrial and agrarian middle bourgeoisie is harmed. As a consequence, the employment and living conditions of the majority of wage earners worsen. Thus, the contradictions between the monopoly bourgeoisie and the other classes of society are sharpened. These tend towards protectionism and nationalism, as opposed to the globalism and cosmopolitanism of the elites of the USA and the European Union.

The oligarchic sectors try to divert this conflict abroad: against Russia, China and the other truly independent States, and also against the population that emigrates to Europe because of the imperialist exploitation of their countries of origin. They foment national hostility to weaken the working class and its struggle to win allies among the people.

The growth of the right-wing and ultra-right parties in the last elections held—in particular, those for the European Parliament on June 9—is due to this systematic campaign of the dominant ideological media to present these parties as “patriotic”. But, in most cases, they will further reinforce imperialist oppression as did the fascist general Franco who boasted of being “national” while selling Spain to the governments of Germany and Italy; and, later, to that of the United States.

However, the popular demand for sovereignty is not reactionary but democratic. And only by fighting for it, together with the other democratic demands, will we be able to contribute to the defeat of imperialism and the victory of socialism.

Comrade Stalin warned us that the feudalists and bourgeois oppressed by imperialism help the cause of socialism more than the “socialists” who collaborate with imperialism. And, at the end of his life, he advised communist parties to take the

lead in the struggle for democracy and national sovereignty:

“Now the bourgeoisie sell the rights and independence of their nation for dollars. The banner of national independence and national sovereignty has been thrown overboard. Without doubt, you, the representatives of the communist and democratic parties must raise this banner and carry it forward if you want to be patriots of your countries, if you want to be the leading powers of the nation. There is nobody else to raise it.”

It is the fulfillment of this recommendation that will enable us to defeat NATO and its insatiable imperialist war.

# UN Press Briefing on Factfinding Mission to Donbass and Moscow

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Thank you very much for this opportunity to speak to you all today. Dan Kovalik and I recently returned from a fact-finding mission to the Lugansk People's Republic hosted by the Union of Political Emigrants and Political Prisoners of Ukraine. After months of arduous planning and organizing, we felt this delegation was essential for us to see the situation on the ground for ourselves including interviewing locals and officials who have been party to this conflict since it started in 2014. That is a critical point. This war did not begin in 2022 with Russia's Special Military Operation. Rather, it began in 2014. I want to emphasize this point. The people of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics in the Donbass have endured a decade of bombardment, terrorism, and brutality, all of which have been severely underreported or even misreported in the West. We visited mass graves containing hundreds of dead civilians, some of whom remain unidentified to this day. They are a small fraction of the tens of thousands of civilians killed or injured during this siege on the Donbass. We saw shelled civilian infrastructure and other physical instances of war crimes committed by the Ukrainian military. What we discovered provided a completely different understanding that went beyond the myopic narratives proffered by the mainstream media here in the United States. On our delegation we were joined by two Georgians, a journalist and activist. The similarity between Georgia and Ukraine vis-à-vis Western involvement and NATO expansion is striking. Georgians fear that the next front for the United States and NATO will be in the Caucasuses.

First and foremost, the narrative that Russia "invaded" the Donbass in 2014 is completely false. It not only strips the local population of their agency but it further promotes an understanding of a population which is occupied against their will. The reality is that the people of the Donbass were citizens of Ukraine in 2014. Many still are. Some served in the Ukrainian government, in its military, and its police forces. However, the Maidan uprising in 2014 and the removal of President Viktor Yanukovich sent shockwaves throughout the country. The rise of extremist groups including prominent neo-Nazi militias and forces as well as the rampant historical revisionism and denial of the Russian language and identity were critical components of the eventual internal civil strife that quickly morphed into what can aptly be described as a Civil War. As Human Rights Ombudsman and former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Lugansk People's Republic Anna Soroka put it to me, "I was a Ukrainian officer—we were told to love our motherland and to be patriotic—I feel personally betrayed." It was Ukrainian police that provided security in the regions that voted in their referendums for independence. It was Ukrainian police and military personnel who felt that the new government in Kiev was not in the best interest of their people and decided to provide protection and support to the people in the Donbass. They simply changed their uniforms but they were still Ukrainian. Thus, it was Ukrainians who were struggling with one another over their past, present, and future.

We witnessed firsthand the crumbling infrastruc-



ture, closed factories, unpaved roads, and dilapidated tenements. Here it is critical to note that we heard from people throughout the Lugansk region that from 1991 to 2014, there was very little investment in Eastern Ukraine. Eastern Ukraine was left destitute with no program of reconstruction, rehabilitation, investment, and development. On the contrary, the bulk of the money was concentrated in Kiev and Western Ukraine. This led to Eastern Ukraine being considered by many as a backwards, uneducated, and primitive territory with “homeless, drunk, dirty, and anti-social people.” This division between Western and Eastern Ukraine has historical legacies that are important to analyze and understand. The demographic crisis in post-Soviet Ukraine reveals a deeper, terminal crisis, as millions left in search of better lives. However, since 2022 and the region’s incorporation into the Russian Federation, there has been a tremendous amount of investment and improvements in infrastructure in the Donbass. We witnessed the paving of new roads throughout the region as well as the construction of new apartment buildings, university housing, playgrounds, schools, as well as the rehabilitation of older facilities and factories. As one local resident put it, “when Russia intervenes it leaves roads, libraries, and schools; when NATO invades a country, all it leaves is rubble.” We had the opportunity to visit the Alchevsk Iron and Steel Works plant, a metallurgical complex that dates back to the 19th century. During the Soviet Union, the factory employed upwards of 60,000 people, one of the largest plants of its kind in Europe. Under the Ukrainian government, the factory was privatized, outsourcing its management and operations. By 2010, the plant had only 7,000 workers. This economic upheaval, we were told by local residents, led to the murder of two directors of the plant as a result of the privatization efforts and the resistance to them by the local population. Since 2014, the

plant has expanded its work and now employs around 14,000 workers. The siege on the region by Ukrainian forces led to the plant being shelled as well as the neighboring technical university which saw its dormitories attacked with precision munitions. We saw the scars on the buildings from missiles, mortars, artillery, and drone attacks which were being rehabilitated and repaired by local authorities.

The Donbass is a land of many wounds. Near historic landmarks from the Great Patriotic War where thousands of Jews, Communists, Soviet civilians of Russian ethnic origin, and other undesirables were massacred, locals recounted the brutal massacre of children during the Great Patriotic War. Plucked from the arms of their mothers, these children were executed by Nazis and their Ukrainian nationalist collaborators who put cyanide under the noses of children because bullets were too precious to be wasted on children. It was near this site where a nursing home for the elderly was commandeered in the early days of the war in 2014 by Ukrainian forces who used the elderly as human shields. In the coming days, an accident led to a catastrophic fire that killed many of the elderly nursing home residents, many who could not ambulate and thus were burned alive on the second floor. We were told of Ukrainian paramilitary forces, many of them ultra-nationalist and neo-Nazi, who in one instance beat an old man with the butts of their rifles and then shot him to death in front of his neighbors. In our discussions with locals and officials, we were made aware of a plethora of war crimes committed by Kiev backed forces since 2014. In the summer of 2014, Lugansk was under a full military, social, economic, and humanitarian blockade. Ukraine used water as a weapon of war, cutting off water supplies to numerous villages in Lugansk. Children were forced to travel via foot or public transit through active fire zones up to 20-30km to attend

school. We visited the site of a days old attack on a residential building by a precision US supplied HIMARS missile that killed four civilians in the city of Lugansk. The foul smell of the sulfur from the rocket's propellant was still prominent on the site. We visited other sites of destruction throughout the city and region. One apartment complex that had been targeted with US supplied munitions led to the shattering of over 1,600 windows. All around us, on every face of the buildings, we could see no windows, plastic sheets, or new windows being installed. This is terrorism.

Locals recounted the case of the Stanitsa Luhanska bridge which was destroyed by Ukrainian forces in 2015. The bridge, a critical piece of infrastructure in the region and the sole crossing point, had collapsed down into the river bank. A Ukrainian car we were told had also come onto the ruined bridge and exploded, leading to further destruction of the bridge. People were forced to navigate the extremely dangerous and treacherous rubble to cross back and forth to see family or for other needs. Pensioners were forced to go back and forth to the Ukrainian side to receive their state pensions. However, they could only do so with a bank card and needed to present themselves personally to the bank to collect their pensions. For elderly pensioners, this was a gross violation of their rights, especially for those who were not ambulatory. Thus, people were forced to climb this broken bridge for over four years. Traffic was usually around 12,000 people per day. The government in Kiev refused a temporary bridge proposed by the ICRC and later Germany sent millions of euros for the bridge's reconstruction which was done in a poor and haphazard way.

We had the opportunity for extensive talks with Vladislav Nikolaievich Deinego, former Foreign Minister of the Lugansk People's Republic. Minister Deinego provided us with extensive insider knowledge of the diplomatic and peace negotiations from 2014 through 2022. He even allowed us to look

at original signed protocol agreements that were part of the Minsk Accords. In our discussions, it became abundantly clear that the chaotic situation within the Ukrainian government post-2014 led to the further erosion of trust and cooperation between the people of the Donbass and the Kiev regime. Many agreements that were reached were not enacted, enforced, or positions were changed overnight. We were told of the United Nations involvement in the Lugansk People's Republic, which requested UN support by then Secretary General Ban Ki-moon who dispatched Stephen O'Brien, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordination to help with the situation in Lugansk. O'Brien came to Lugansk and helped with the repairs to civilian infrastructure and equipment. While a letter of thanks was received from Stephen O'Brien, there was no recognition of the referendum of independence overwhelmingly passed by the people of Lugansk. In fact, the United Nations itself continued to refer to the Lugansk People's Republic as "terrorists" until around 2016-2017 when the use of "terrorist" ceased. It is clear for everyone to see that the people of Lugansk are not terrorists.

The people of the Donbass have been at war for 10 years. 10 years of trauma. An entire generation has lived through this war. Yet, the resilience and tenacity of the people is remarkable. Under these dire conditions, life continues and people seek to enjoy their lives. Yet, the danger of an all-out war between the United States and its NATO allies and Russia remains. Many locals we met were resentful of Russia for not recognizing the LPR and DPR for eight years, leaving them in a state of limbo. The slogans of "Russia, Russia, Russia" in 2014 were not chanted with the aim of being part of Russia at that time but calling to be protected by Russia. To protect the civilians from a Western backed-regime that was outlawing their culture and traditions



inherited from the USSR and trying to change them by imposing historical revisionism and foreign cultural values. This war is one of survival for the people of the Donbass, not of separatism, expansion, nor Russian “imperialism.” Since early 2014, the people of the Donbass have called on the Ukrainian government to agree to protect, as one local put it, “our rights, our language, our history, and our heroes.” Our friend Alexei Albu, a Ukrainian activist from Odessa who was severely injured in the Trade Union building massacre in Odessa in 2014, revealed many crimes committed against friends, family, and comrades by the Ukrainian regime and the various fascist forces and militias. He showed one video where Ukrainian armored personnel carriers were running over unarmed people in the streets. These crimes must be answered for. The people of the Donbass knew a war was coming in 2014. Locals recounted their fear of a war that would split the society. People were disoriented. One thing they are not is separatists. They never indicated such a thing. The people of the Donbass want to live in peace and to have their rights respected. When asked if they would ever want to be part of Ukraine again, every single person I spoke to emphatically said “no.” It is clear that the people of Lugansk have spoken. Any future peace agreement must begin from that point. Thank you.

# “NATO is a political-industrial creation of the armaments conglomerate”

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Good afternoon comrades!

I have been asked to intervene here on the subject of NATO in Latin America and the world.

It is clear that it is an impossible mission to do in 10 minutes because NATO has so many charges of genocides that historians need many pages to describe them. In addition, some colleagues have already referred in their contributions on some topics here.

However, a few small reflections. NATO was not born as a peace body in the face of the threat of Soviet expansion. NATO is a political-industrial creation of the armaments conglomerate, where capital is combined to demand productivity for every dollar invested.

At the end of World War II, the victorious countries of Nazism agreed on the new European political map. The Red Army with Stalin at its head, partisans and democrats in Europe, freely formed their governments. With the creation of NATO in 1949, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries signed the Warsaw Pact six years later.

The Cold War had already begun and the Soviets were involved in an arms race. The era of transatlantic atomic missiles began.

Today, it is estimated that world military expenditures are on their way to record figures of a thousand billion billion or trillion trillion dollars. In the state of Israel alone, there are more than 150 active military companies with large revenues. But logically, the US leads among the producing countries. There is Lockheed Martin, RTX or Raytheon, Technologies Northon, Boeing, BAE systems (UK), etc., with enormous capital from Blackrock, CrowdStrike Holdings, Rothschild,

Soros, J.P. Morgan, etc.

It is a global military commercial business, which includes the Armed Forces of the countries, manufacturers, designers of technology and military equipment. The industry is dedicated to research and development, production and service of materials, and maintenance. Defense contractor companies or military industries. Corporations that produce special weapons designed for different countries. Governments are also involved in the arms, equipment, uniforms, ammunition, logistics, vehicles-aircraft-ships and electronic warfare systems industries. They run research, innovation and development projects including now artificial intelligence.

It is clear that they also provoke wars for the sales of their products! Because otherwise it's not business!

So we have Victoria Nuland during her stay in Ukraine from 2012-2020; she spent 5 billion dollars to support, organize, and arm the corrupt opposition against the democratically elected government of Victor Yanukovich and create the Euromaidan. This has led to the fact that we now have Zelenski, who at the end of his term stayed in power without calling for new elections. Getting richer, he and his government clique, with the money of the taxpayers of Europe and the USA.

But nothing happens! That's western democracy!

Thank you very much!

# US imperialism and NATO cannot avoid defeat in World War 3

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The move to form an “Asian version of NATO” is perilous, as it could be a decisive step towards war in East Asia, where military tensions are already rising sharply.

Russia’s special military operation in 2022 was launched in response to the Maidan coup in 2014 and the subsequent eight-year massacre in Donbas, as well as Ukraine’s push to join NATO. President of “the Republic of Korea (ROK),” Yoon Suk-yeol, and Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida, are attending three consecutive NATO summits in Madrid in 2022, Vilnius in 2023, and Washington in 2024.

This shows the imperialist camp’s new strategy to conquer the world in order to realize the “Indo-Pacificization of NATO,” i.e., to form an Asian version of NATO by promoting the “AUKUS” and “Quad” groupings. It confirms the essence of the Obama administration’s “Pivot to Asia” policy and the Biden administration’s “Indo-Pacific strategy.”

This also shows that the imperialist camp has established and is carrying out a new hegemonic strategy according to which it strengthens and expands NATO to use it as a tool for dominating the world, since Russia and China have resolutely opposed the diktat and hegemonic policies of the US and imperialist camp in the UN Security Council, such as the sanctions against the DPRK. It reflects imperialism’s weakness, not its strength.

The imperialist camp has long been planning for the “New Cold War” structure and the fundamental way to realize it is with the ongoing World War 3.

While the “Cold War” began after World War 2 when the socialist camp expanded globally and the imperialist camp, fearing this, declared

“Trumanism” and implemented the “Marshall Policy,” the “New Cold War” began with World War 3 and will enter full swing after the end of World War 3.

The “Cold War” and the “New Cold War” are all confrontational wars between anti-imperialist and imperialist camps. However the difference is that the leading and auxiliary forces in the former are the socialist and national liberation forces, respectively, while in the latter, the socialist DPRK and China, the former socialist Russia are leading forces and other world anti-imperialist forces, including the “Axis of Resistance,” like Iran, are auxiliary forces.

Also, in the “Cold War,” the imperialist camp locally waged “hot wars” against small socialist or national liberation countries, while in the “New Cold War,” the imperialist camp is trying to wage “hot wars” against socialist or former socialist powerful countries. However, for fear of mutually assured destruction (MAD), it strictly uses proxy warfare.

The most important feature of the “New Cold War” is that the DPRK, the most steadfast socialist country, has joined the ranks of the nuclear and missile superpowers, occupying a key position and playing an important role in the anti-imperialist camp. It is also important that China and Russia, which have traditionally had bad relations, are united in the anti-imperialist camp. It is also noteworthy that the “Axis of Resistance,” including Iran, has joined the anti-imperialist camp with 2 billion Muslims.

With these features in the forces, plus the noble cause of anti-fascism, liberation, and reunification,

the anti-imperialist camp is overwhelming the imperialist camp.

The imperialist camp's war-provocative strategies threatening with expeditionary, proxy, and mixed wars are also out of their element owing to the anti-imperialist camp's strategy and tactics of not getting involved in the war as much as possible to build up its pretexts for war but to confront it fiercely, directly, and all-out once the war breaks out. It is no coincidence that NATO and other imperialist forces are being pushed back in Ukraine and that zionism is being cornered in West Asia (Middle East).

The current world situation can be summarized in one sentence: "The flames of World War 3, instigated by imperialism, are spreading from Eastern Europe to West Asia and traveling toward Eastern Asia."

The war in Ukraine began with the Maidan coup d'état in 2014, intensified with the eight-year civil war in Donbas, and entered full swing with Russia's special military operation in 2022.

The war in Ukraine is an anti-imperialist, antifascist war in which Russia fights against NATO imperialism and Zelensky's fascist forces, a liberation war to liberate the Ukrainian people, including ethnic Russians, and a preventive war to prevent an invasion of Russia, which is the final objective of NATO's eastward policy.

The root of the war in West Asia is the emergence of zionist Israel in 1948. As a response to its blatant provocations, this war began with the Palestinian "Al-Aqsa Flood" operation in 2023, intensified with the joining of Hezbollah and Ansar Allah (Houthi) forces, and entered full swing with Iran's operation "True Promise" in 2024.

The war in West Asia is an anti-imperialist, anti-zionist war against imperialism and zionism, and a liberation war to liberate the Palestinian people.

It is true that the war in Ukraine influenced the outbreak of the war in West Asia, and the war in Ukraine and the war in West Asia are triggering the

outbreak of the war in East Asia.

The war in Taiwan, one of the two pillars of the war in East Asia, is an anti-imperialist war in which China and Taiwanese people confront imperialism, a national liberation war to liberate Taiwan, which is one nation with China, and a national reunification war in which China and Taiwan, which are the same nation, become one; the other pillar, the war in the "ROK", is an antifascist anti-imperialist war to liquidate the fascist and pro-US-Japanese factions in the "ROK" and to drive out US imperialism, a war of subjugation declared by the DPRK at its Supreme People's Assembly in January, and an internal war to eliminate "a group of outsiders' top-class stooges" in the one-nation state.

However, as the war intended and provoked by the imperialist camp in East Asia is being delayed by the "strategic patience" of the DPRK and China, the imperialist camp, impatient with the approach of the November US presidential election, is moving toward promoting and expanding the already ongoing wars in Ukraine and West Asia.

This trend has been particularly evident as the preparatory meetings are held in the run-up to the July NATO summit in Washington, with the Russian advance in Ukraine to Kharkov and the defeat of the warmongers of Western Europe in the European Parliament. As NATO has threatened Russia with the mobilization of its nuclear aircraft carrier groups and tactical nuclear exercises in the Arctic, Baltic, and Mediterranean, Russia has responded with military exercises to strengthen unity with its allies.

Since the USA and NATO seek to encircle Russia and China by expanding their reach beyond the Atlantic to the Pacific, Russia has responded with a new alliance strategy encompassing Eurasia alongside China.

This is why, after his victory in the March elections, Putin first visited China, Belarus,

Uzbekistan, and then the DPRK and Vietnam.

Among them, his visit to the DPRK to sign the “Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the DPRK and Russia” on June 19 was so important that it became a global issue for a while.

This treaty, signed on June 19, established the strongest alliance ever between the DPRK and Russia, including the former Soviet Union. Even the US treaties with the “ROK” and Japan are not stronger than this treaty, nor are those between NATO members.

Article 4 of this DPRK-Russia treaty on June 19, 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 Soviet Union, signed on July 6, 1961. But the former additionally includes Article 3: “In case a direct threat of armed invasion is created ... the two sides shall immediately operate the channel of bilateral negotiations”.

When we see the US treaties with its allies, the “ROK” and Japan, 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.” “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.” Both are feeble in alliance compared to the DPRK-Russia treaty of June 19. Article 4 of the Treaty between

the “ROK” and the USA of October 1, 1953, is a shameful clause between imperialist and colony that leaves all decisions to the USA.

The 2024 DPRK-Russia Treaty has a different background than the 1961 DPRK-Soviet Union Treaty. The latter was concluded just before the Caribbean crisis in 1962, and the former was just before the war in East Asia, but the war in Ukraine has already been going on for more than two years and the war in West Asia is underway. In addition, Russia, a capitalist country, is heading the same way as the Soviet Union, a socialist state and the guiding and leading force in the world antifascist war in World War 2.

The DPRK had experience defending itself in the war in 1950-1953, in which it fought against 16 allied countries, including the most powerful imperialist of the time, the USA. However, unlike then, the DPRK is now a nuclear and missile superpower with nuclear warheads and delivery systems.

In other words, the treaty that Russia and the DPRK, as nuclear and missile superpowers, signed during and facing the war, respectively, is the strongest in history and stronger than any of the imperialists’ alliance treaties.

The DPRK is preparing for an imminent war in the “ROK” by reaffirming the 1961 treaty with China when Chinese President Xi Jinping visited the DPRK in 2019 and by further strengthening the 1961 treaty with the Soviet Union via the treaty with Russia of June 19, 2024.

This shows that the DPRK is thoroughly adhering to the strategic tasks of strengthening unity with international revolutionary forces, one of the three revolutionary capabilities for the reunification of 1964, and preparing a favorable international environment for reunification, one of the five policies for reunification declared in May 1990.

Invasion and plunder are core characteristics of imperialists. Imperialism is the main culprit and

root of all the wars that have been fought over the centuries and beyond. We must not be fooled by all the cunning maneuvers that imperialism wages to deflect political and economic crises and to shift the blame for its wars onto the anti-imperialist camp, all for its own insatiable greed.

Both Trump and Biden are merely political agents of the US state monopoly capital, the head of contemporary imperialism. We recognize that both of their ways represent imperialist policies, just different methods of ruling.

However, we note that Trump has said, for any reason, that if he comes to power, he will withdraw from the war in Ukraine, hold talks with the DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Un, and even consider removing US troops from Korea. We also note that Biden's seemingly milder de-risking policy compared to Trump's decoupling of the USA and China, which is limited to the economic sector, is actually a decisive measure for the separation of Taiwan, which could bring about a war between China and Taiwan, leading to the war in the "ROK".

Therefore, we must keep a close eye on the imperialist camp's belligerent rhetoric and war provocations, which are becoming more frequent and intense, in the context of the November US presidential election, where Trump is likely to be elected, and the emergence of "Democrats nominee replacement claim" after the recent televised debate between Trump and Biden.

In order to start World War 3 in earnest, the war in East Asia is necessary, and it is inevitable that it will occur in some way, whether directly caused by waging war in the "ROK" and the war in Taiwan in East Asia or indirectly promoted through expansion of the war in Eastern Europe and escalation of the war in West Asia.

We certainly do not want war, and we will make every effort to prevent it, but if war breaks out inevitably, we cannot miss the strategic importance of channelling the momentum of this war into a

revolution.

In this sense, facing World War 3, we should refer to both the experience of World War 2, which was an antifascist war, in terms of anti-imperialist war, and the experience of World War 1, which turned the war into a decisive stage of revolution.

Imperialism won the "Cold War," but it will lose the "New Cold War" due to its inherent vulnerability. The overwhelming forces, justifiable pretext, and operational superiority of the anti-imperialist camp are potent guarantees for advancing the victory. In World War 3, US imperialism and NATO cannot avoid defeat. The final victory of the anti-imperialist camp is certain.



# One War, Seven Fronts: US-EU-NATO Imperialist Wars

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It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you all to this conference of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform. We are here in the very heart of the empire, just a few blocks away from the centers of power of the imperialist system. We are here because the Nuclear Armed Terrorist Organization (NATO) is meeting here in Washington from July 9-11. This criminal organization is “celebrating” 75 years of wars, coups, and unspeakable crimes.

As the platform, we met in South Korea in 2023 under the banner of “one war, two fronts”, in the midst of the brutal onslaught of the US-EU-NATO imperialist axis on the Russian Federation. We recognized that the imperialist war being fought by the United States, its Western allies, and regional proxies, was taking place on two main fronts.

The first front, the Eastern European front, is centered in Ukraine as the US-EU-NATO axis pours weapons and billions of dollars into its war against Russia.

The second front, the Pacific/East Asian front, is centered on South Korea and Taiwan, regional proxies of the US against China, Russia, and the DPRK. However, recent developments require us to further expand our understanding of the fronts in this imperialist war.

There are now seven major fronts we can identify in the ongoing and expanding US-EU-NATO imperialist war.

First, the Eastern European front centered in Ukraine is deepening and expanding. I have just returned from the Lugansk People’s Republic where I saw, heard, and experienced firsthand the brutality and barbarity of the US led war on the people of the Donbass. Destroyed apartment buildings, schools, factories, roads, and other

infrastructure shows how the Ukrainian fascist forces continue to commit egregious war crimes. As I stated at the United Nations last week, this war did not begin with the special military operation in 2022 but in 2014, with the fascist junta taking over in a western backed coup and unleashing war on the people of the Donbass.[1] This war is, as I have said, a struggle between the past, present, and future in the region.

The Russian Federation’s SMO has as its stated goal the denazification of Ukraine. That means, this is not merely a war like others around the world, but an anti-fascist war, a continuation of the Great Patriotic War.[2]

Second, the Pacific/East Asian front centered on South Korea and Taiwan, is slowly heating up. The DPRK and Russia have grown closer in recent months, deepening their bilateral political, economic, and military relations. They have now elevated their relations to the level of “comprehensive strategic” partnership. This is the highest and deepest the bilateral relations have ever been.

Third, the Southwest Asian and North African front, centered from Palestine, Syria, and Iran, to Western Sahara, reveal the ongoing genocidal and settler-colonial policies of the Zionist entity, an outpost of US-EU-NATO imperialism and colonialism in the region, and its regional lackeys including Morocco. The Palestinian people continue to wage a historic struggle against Zionism and their heroic resistance has been a beacon and a banner to unite all working and oppressed peoples. The axis of resistance from the Ansarallah movement in Yemen to Hezbollah to various groups in Iraq and elsewhere continue to

wage a historic struggle against the US-EU-NATO imperialists, Zionists, and their regional proxies. The Polisario Front in Western Sahara continues to struggle against the colonial state of Morocco which is backed by the U.S. and Israel.[3] Struggles continue in Libya over the future of the country and Egypt is experiencing a deepening crisis as the genocide in Gaza continues unabated on its border.

Fourth, the Subsaharan African front, centered on anti-imperialist countries like Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso, find themselves in the crosshairs of US-EU-NATO imperialism, notably AFRICOM, the U.S. military command that seeks to dominate the African continent. These three nations are prepared to cooperate at the highest levels in a rebuff to the imperialist instrument of ECOWAS. Wars and instability in the DR Congo, Sudan, and the burgeoning revolution in Kenya are critical to understand the situation in the region and its implications around the world.

Fifth, the Latin American front is centered on Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and other anti-imperialist countries like Bolivia. These countries find themselves directly confronting U.S. domination that justifies its ongoing destabilizing and interventionist role in Latin America via the Monroe Doctrine. The upcoming election at the end of July in Venezuela is critical and all eyes are watching as the U.S. and its proxies expand their hybrid war through misinformation and covert operations to overthrow the popular power of the PSUV and the Bolivarian Revolution.

Sixth, the caucuses front centered on Georgia as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, and the Russian regions of Chechnya, Ingushetia, and Dagestan are in the crosshairs of the US-EU-NATO axis. Using religion and ethnicity, the imperialists seek to replicate their success in Yugoslavia to create instability by fomenting separatism in the Russian Federation. We witnessed very quickly how the “Republic of Artsakh” or Nagarno-Karabakh

disappeared overnight with the Azeri military advance. Georgia’s EU and NATO membership have been a goal of the imperialists for many years and we recall the war in 2008 that led to Russian military intervention and the recognition of the Republic of Abkhazia and the Republic of South Ossetia-State of Alania. Today, Georgia finds itself once more in the crosshairs and many believe that it is the next front in the region for the U.S.-EU-NATO axis.

Seven, the Arctic front has become a key battlefield between the U.S.-EU-NATO axis and the Russian Federation and by extension China. At present, eight countries, Denmark; Finland; Iceland; Norway; Russia; Sweden; and the United States, exercise sovereignty over lands within the Arctic Circle. In October 2023, the Chair of the NATO Military Committee, Admiral Bauer attended the 10th edition of the Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland. There, Admiral Bauer shared NATO’s view on the current security environment in the Arctic. He said “The increased competition and militarisation in the Arctic region, especially by Russia and China, is concerning. The melting ice in the Arctic is creating new sea routes that would facilitate the movement of large vessels and shorten navigation times. We cannot be naïve and ignore the potentially nefarious intentions of some actors in the region. We must remain vigilant and prepare for the unexpected.”[4] Admiral Bauer stated “When Sweden joins, following in the footsteps of Finland, seven of the eight members of the Arctic Council will be NATO Allies. We are grateful to our Nordic Allies for their enhanced cooperation, investment and vigilance in the region. The Arctic has always had a strategic importance to NATO, and we must ensure it remains free and navigable”, he added.[5] “In the last decade, the growing importance of the Arctic has been undeniable, especially due to its natural resources, maritime potential and strategic location. However, it is



also a fragile ecosystem on the planet and has been suffering from the effects of climate change. Bringing experts from a variety of fields together to share ideas, studies and discuss the varying interests in the region, hopefully, helps leaders make better choices and builds understanding”, underscored the Admiral.[6] It is clear from the words of Admiral Bauer that the Arctic region is a NATO prize worth fighting Russia for.

In all of these fronts the US-EU-NATO imperialist axis uses a wide variety of tools including war, covert operations, sanctions, color revolutions, funding pro-Western NGOs, dissident academics, pro-Western media, and funding and supporting anarchic, “anti-authoritarian”, and nihilistic art and cultural programs to achieve its aims. The arsenal of the Euro-Atlantic imperialist axis uses liberalism, human rights, and democracy promotion as a guise for the ruthless and brutal regime change operations, the aim of which is the complete domination and exploitation of periphery countries. Sovereignty and independence are exchanged for a clientelist and rentier type state where control of their natural resources and economic development are in the hands of multinational corporations in the West. This only proves what V. I. Lenin rightly noted over a century ago, imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism.

The gangsters of empire have brought the world once more to the brink. The bipartisan commitment to full spectrum dominance is paving the way to nuclear confrontation. The U.S.-EU-NATO axis must be stopped. NATO must be abolished if the world is to have peace in our times.

Our historical duty is to unceasingly confront US-EU-NATO imperialism and all of its proxies around the world. This represents the greatest threat to humanity today. Given the terminal decline of the United States and the West, the possibility of war and nuclear confrontation grows day by day. Our collective existence under the sword of Damocles

is unsustainable. At some point the thread will give and we will be faced with annihilation. Given the various fronts and lines of demarcation facing the international communist and workers’ movement today, we must sharpen our ideological positions and prepare for a prolonged ideological war with those who choose revisionism, opportunism, and factionalism. Our strategy is to be united in confronting imperialism under the banner of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform. We must continue to provide solidarity to the peoples of the Donbass, of Palestine, Korea, China, Cuba, Venezuela, Zimbabwe, Iran, Syria, Western Sahara and all oppressed peoples and nations who struggle for their liberation from imperialism, fascism, and capitalism. We must heighten and deepen our struggle against the US-EU-NATO imperialist axis, the greatest threat to world peace. Only through the final confrontation with Euro-Atlantic imperialism can we open the possibility of constructing socialism-communism and building a lasting world peace for all.

## Notes

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# “We will continue fighting until we finally see the disappearance of NATO”

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Hello, my name is Luis Flores, from Jovenes Por el Socialismo (Youth of the Popular Socialist Party of Mexico) in Mexico City and I share our analysis of NATO. In 1948, the organization of an Atlantic treaty known here in Latin America as NATO by its Spanish acronym OTAN was created North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Made up of Western European countries, mainly the United States and America, it has been dedicated since 1948 to the present to the general instability in countries that are not aligned with NATO. What you notice is that they have then dedicated themselves to planning coups d'état, to planning crises, political-economic crises and above all, the invasion of territories in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; NATO is involved in dealing blows against democratically constituted governments that have ensured the benefit of the peoples, that this NATO organization has dedicated itself to generating international terrorism with the purpose and has mentioned of disabling governments, which are not related to the interests of the group that makes up the elite countries of NATO and have also dedicated themselves for the puppet governments that they maintain in other countries to adhere to it. With the pretext that they are (countries) going integrate to be members of NATO but that in the end the only thing they are going to have is to become servants and cannon fodder, such as the United States, England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, among other countries that are believed to be symbols of NATO are governments that have carried out authoritarian conservative right-wing practices and that are reflected, for example, with the government of Iván Duque in Colombia and now with the government of Milei in Argentina, for example, the Ukraine war arose because the President Zelensky, wanted Ukraine to be integrated (into NATO). In the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization, as we have seen, the organization has dedicated itself to expanding terrorism to all countries in the world to continue maintaining hegemony and imperialist capitalist hegemony that oppresses the people and extracts their resources, natural energy, and also human resources, generating the great migrations that have been caused by these political-economic crises in countries that have been directly affected by NATO imperialism. Therefore also in different economic dissections that have been persecuted and judicial policies, such as, very characteristic within this one practice defeating that's why all the people of the world are gains this organization, because it terrorizes all families and all peoples of the world. We are against the North Atlantic Treaty Organization because it is only dedicated to making war and oppressing people; those interests are its objective, and that is why they have financed wars. That's why they provoke wars, that's why they maintain a merchandising arms market, and so on. Not only does it inject weapons into the countries' militaries, but also into groups from drug trafficking to organized crime groups. NATO countries have dedicated themselves to all this, and that is why we, the organized people, the people of the world, are against this organization and continue to get involved in our towns; that is why I send greetings from the Jovenes por el Socialismo in Mexico. We walk the same path against NATO.

Greetings to the Party of Communists USA, in anti-imperialist and anti-NATO solidarity. All of the people wish to be free. We want to have sovereignty and the decision of our own course, without the intervention of other countries and other powers. To this point, there are always comrades and we will continue fighting until we finally see the disappearance of NATO.

# CLOSER TO NUCLEAR ABYSS

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The recent advances of the Russian forces in Advinka, Chasov Yar and Chigari, call into question the defensive capabilities of Ukraine and the effectiveness of the Western armament to defend and counterattack, as well as the fragile fence of the thermonuclear war begins to weaken.

To this we can add the recent changes in NATO, which maintains the warmongering and provocative sense towards Russia, already in the statements of V. Putin in which he announced the asymmetric content of the Russian response to the use of long-range weapons on its territory, indicating that it could lead to “very serious problems” and added that Moscow could provide long-range weapons to others (to the Houthis, to the pro-Iranian militias in Syria and Iraq, etc.) to attack Western targets. This appears to be Russia’s asymmetric response to the Ukrainian attack on an S-300 system in Belgorod using the U.S.-made HIMARS system that would end the rhythmic back-and-forth over the nuclear abyss, which is the biggest risk of NATO countries’ involvement in the Ukrainian war. Russia has not confirmed the attack (as usual), neither has the United States, the only source is Volodymyr Oleksandrovich Zelensky.

## **Closer to nuclear war.**

Let us recall that some U.S. allies had already authorized the use of long-range weapons on Russian territory. The United Kingdom authorized Ukraine to use British long-range Storm Shadow missiles in attacks against any point in Russia. Recently, France and Germany took the same position in agreement with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, who stated: “Under

international law, Ukraine has the right to self-defense. And the right to self-defense also includes attacking military targets inside Russia.”

If indeed the attack occurred with Biden’s permission (in election mode), one expects the “asymmetric” response to say V. Putin or the ambiguous statement of Kremlin spokesman Peskov to “strike the countries where the attack came from” or the background of the repeated warning to Ukraine’s Western allies that allowing attacks inside Russia would carry serious consequences. “We would like to warn U.S. officials against miscalculations that can have fatal consequences,” Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Monday, according to Interfax news agency. “For some unclear reasons, they underestimate the severity of the response they may get.” The asymmetric response amounts to saying that they will not respond “tooth for tooth” and “hitting the countries where the attack came from” amounts to saying that they will hit territory or interests of the United States or European (UK, Germany, Poland) NATO countries that have authorized the use of Western weapons on Russian territory.

What is evident in the escalation of announcements of participation of NATO countries in the Ukrainian theater of war, are paid, first: by the desperation of the West to stop the Russian advance in Kharkov and prevent the fall of the second largest city of Ukraine, tactically to prevent a defeat in Volchansk, which would allow the Russian Army to move to the rear of the Ukrainian Group of Armies in Kupiansk and isolate the Ukrainian forces in the east of the Kharkov region. Likewise,

the loss of Chasov Yar in the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) will lead to the division of the Ukrainian group in the Donbas, which would allow Russia to develop an offensive both in the north and in the south. Second, the intimate object of these authorizations: to make it easier for Ukraine to attack strategic early warning radar systems in case of nuclear attack. Ukraine recently disclosed that "a Ukrainian drone targeted a second Russian military long-range radar". This is an early warning radar, designed to identify ballistic missiles, including hypersonic ones, and other flying objects even 10,000 kilometers away from the warning installation, but to have carried out this attack it has relied on the use of a network of NATO and US military satellites, which indicates that those directing this type of attack against Russia are in fact the US and NATO armed forces, the latter acting under the orders of the US Pentagon. Although by US and NATO calculations these attacks are "risk-controlled" in the belief that Russia will not resort to nuclear response when it considers that its existence as a nation is at risk (a situation that could arise from systematic attacks on its early warning radar systems and Kiev's attempts with NATO advice to hijack strategic bombers for bribes).

It should be clear to us that the rhythmic back-and-forth of threats and warning responses that have taken place between NATO and Russia since the beginning of the special military operation are coming to an end. Russia will not allow its strategic defenses to be breached (in the cover of the Ukraine war) to be liable to "preemptive" nuclear attack (a strategy that emerged in the 1950s and updated by the Rand Corporation) designed to neutralize Russia's strategic nuclear capability, combined with a missile shield with which the United States believed it could shoot down most Russian missiles that could survive such an attack,

might actually be viable. In October 2023 Sergei Karaganov, a Russian political scientist in an article entitled "A Difficult but Necessary Decision," published on June 13, 2023 in the journal *Russia in Global Affairs*, argued in favor of Russia moving away from a nuclear posture based on nuclear strike in response to one that favors preemption (preemptive strike). According to Karaganov, "if we correctly construct a strategy of intimidation and deterrence, and even the use of nuclear weapons, the risk of a 'retaliatory' or any other nuclear attack on our territory can be reduced to an absolute minimum." "Only a madman," Karaganov argued, "who, above all else, hates the United States, will have the guts to strike back in 'defense' of the Europeans, thus endangering his own country and sacrificing the Boston (USA) parole, for the Poznan (Poland) parole. If such a madman existed, then, Karaganov pointed out, "we would have to attack a lot of targets in various countries to bring those who have lost their minds to reason. From the moral point of view, this is a terrible choice (...) But if we don't do it, not only Russia may die, but most likely the whole human civilization will cease to exist." President Putin called Karaganov to ask him a question. The Russian political scientist did not disappoint, asking the Russian President if the time had not come for Russia to change its approach to nuclear weapons and restore its deterrent strength in the eyes of Western elites who endlessly repeat that Russia is weak. "I have read your article," Putin replied, "From the moment the missile launch is detected," no matter where it comes from - from any point of the world ocean or from any territory, such a number, so many hundreds of our missiles appear in the air in a retaliatory strike that there is no chance of survival, there will not be a single enemy left, and in several directions at once." in clear reference to the "Perimetr- PTS" system.

### **War as an investment.**

But behind the provocations, the drive to useless war, the destruction and risks that war in Ukraine means, lies the patient and costly waiting for the business of reconstruction of Ukraine, which allows the logical deduction “the more weapons, the more war, the more destruction, the more reconstruction” on which the BlackRock corporation is inspired who have bought 30% of the Ukrainian territory including agricultural lands in the area of operations, having as partners Dupont, Cargill and Monsanto, which in turn is the owner, to whom last December 2023 President Biden awarded the contract to rebuild Ukraine”, thus making it clear once again that war anywhere is a business opportunity for large American corporations, as Robert Kennedy Jr. wrote: “Ukraine’s vast agricultural lands, among the most fertile in the world, are at stake, and U.S. companies like BlackRock are at the head of the line.”

About the economic interest instigating the US to provide “support” to Kiev. Recall that Senate Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell was asked about whether the U.S. “can really afford to spend 113 billion in Ukraine?” In response, McConnell stated that the money “in reality, will not go to Ukraine, but to U.S. defense manufacturers” (such as “Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, General Dynamics, Boeing and Lockheed will have a captive market). “So,” said Robert Kennedy Jr, “he simply admitted that it’s a money laundering scheme” and added: “And who do you think owns each of those companies? It’s BlackRock.

In “direct” response to Karaganov, BlackRock and the US, Putin announced the restart of production of medium-range missiles with nuclear capabilities, which brings us closer to all-out nuclear war and forces us to deepen the struggle for world peace, agitate against NATO expansion and provocations,

advocating a new world order and a new global security pact.



# On the ongoing Third World War

Party of Committees to Support Resistance—for Communism (CARC Party)

## P. CARC—Contribution to the Washington Conference

We thank the group promoting the World Anti-Imperialist Platform for organizing this new international meeting and for having organized it right in Washington, the center of the US industrial-military-financial complex and the enforcer of the imperialist order. This center oppresses the people of much of the world and is the primary promoter of the Third World War. They must face not only the opposition that grows in many countries but also the rebellion of the popular masses and the rebirth of the communist movement developing in the USA. The overthrow of US imperialism is a task of the international communist movement, but the decisive role belongs to the popular masses, the working class, and communists in the USA. We therefore wish the conference good work and a fruitful debate, which will be conducive to the revival of the communist movement throughout the world, starting from the USA and other imperialist countries.

## General Crisis of Capitalism and Third World War

The war spreading throughout the world was not born from bad will, madness, or miscalculations of some members of the international community of US, Zionist, and European imperialist groups, and the criminals who are in charge of their governments. War is the ultimate solution to which the imperialist bourgeoisie resorts in order to deal with the general crisis of capitalism, a crisis that stems from the absolute overproduction of capital. On a global level and considering all productive sectors, the accumulated capital is so vast that if capitalists used all of it in their companies to produce commodities (goods and services), they

would extract a smaller mass of surplus value (therefore of profit) than what they do extract using only a part of it. Marx (*Capital*, Book III, Section 3, Chapter 15) had foreseen this phenomenon to a certain extent, since in his time it had not yet occurred empirically, being characteristic of the imperialist era. Today, in imperialist countries, only a small part of the total capital is still used to produce and circulate goods (in 2013, according to BIS, IMF, and WB estimates, it amounted to 7% of the entire world capital: \$75 trillion out of \$1,070 trillion), the rest is used in the form of financial or speculative capital. This situation generates crises that, despite originating from the economy, become general, affecting every area of associated life (politics, morality, culture, environment).

## External War and Internal War

In this context, every capitalist tries to valorize at all costs (i.e. tries to increase) the part of the total capital that he owns or controls also making use, as much as he can, of State competition. Hence the war:

- External war, the ongoing Third World War, with Zionist genocide in Palestine, the US-NATO hybrid war against the Russian Federation through the pro-Nazi regime in Kiev, the Aspides operation in the Red Sea, maneuvers in the Pacific against the People's Republic of China (PRC), military missions in Africa and Asia, and the dirty war against countries such as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba, Venezuela, and those states (Iran, Syria, etc.) that do not open their borders to the raids, trafficking, and affairs of imperialist groups;
- Internal war (undeclared war of extermination against the popular masses), which causes hundreds of deaths every year even in the wealthier countries, thousands of deaths at work, due to

medical malpractice, treatable diseases, victims of the environmental crisis and pollution, victims of drug and alcohol abuse, poverty, and the spreading material and moral degradation.

War is a necessary part of the general crisis of capitalism, and it is not possible to definitively put an end to it without overthrowing the capitalist system at least in some of the major imperialist countries.

### **The Characteristics of the Third World War**

The Third World War, like the other two world wars that preceded it, is the result of the general crisis of the capitalist system; however, it differs from them in five aspects:

1. In the world, no country plays a role similar to that of the USSR, but the PRC plays an important progressive international role.

2. The revival of the communist movement is a task that communists in imperialist countries still have to accomplish for the main part, but in these countries, the resistance of the popular masses is spreading and creating favorable ground.

3. US, Zionist, and European imperialist groups are not capable of halting the decline of the world hegemony of US imperialist groups in the political, economic, commercial, monetary, and financial fields.

4. Operations of financial and speculative capital are far more predominant over production of commodities (goods and services).

5. The type of weapons that imperialist groups employ (hybrid warfare): collapsing governments, subversion, intoxicating hearts and minds with lies through regime media and other digital tools, upheaval of economic systems, paralysis of financial systems, with dozens of local wars in which the imperialist powers have a significant impact (proxy wars). The current war reflects, even in its forms, the social character that economic activity has now in all countries thanks to the development of capitalism (basally there are no longer countries where families live on what they extracts from the natural environment they live in) and the role that

the popular masses have consequently assumed in the political sphere.

The First World War began as a clash between imperialist powers, which the bourgeoisie suddenly closed after the victory of the October Revolution and the risk of contagion of the “Soviet system” in the rest of Europe: however, it was unable to “strangle the Bolshevik baby in its crib,” that is, to prevent the start of the construction of socialism in the Soviet Union and the resulting upheaval of the colonial system.

The Second World War began as a war of imperialist groups and States against the USSR. But the communist movement, through the USSR’s diplomatic action (the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact of 1939) and the Communist International (promoting the anti-fascist mobilization, the struggle for socialism in imperialist countries, and the anti-colonial struggle of the oppressed peoples), made it become a war of the Reich & Co. against France and England, and then England and the USA allied with the USSR against the Reich (in 1945, the Reich tried to resume the imperialist front against the USSR, but without success). As a result, at the end of the Second World War the socialist camp included a third of humanity.

The Third World War is therefore taking place in a context in which, for more than a hundred years, two paths are colliding: one is the development of the proletarian revolution (socialist and new democracy) promoted by groups, organizations, and exponents of the conscious and organized communist movement; the other is the decadence of bourgeois society.

On the eve of the First World War, Lenin predicted that either the socialist revolution would prevent the war, or the communists would transform the war into revolution. So it was. However, despite having always managed to transform the war into a general advancement on a global scale, the communist movement did not succeed, neither after the First nor after the Second World War, in establishing socialism in any imperialist country. This was the main limitation of the action of the

communists during the first global wave of the world proletarian revolution (1917-1976): this is the limit that we have to overcome today.

### **The Task of the Italian Communists**

The task of the Italian communists is first of all to mobilize every sector of the population to end our country's participation in the US-NATO war against the Russian Federation, the Zionist genocide in Palestine, and maneuvers in the Pacific. This can be achieved by leveraging the fact that Italy's participation in the war is against the immediate interests of the great majority of the Italian popular masses and that ending it means freeing our country from the US protectorate established in 1948 (the most evident manifestation of the fact that we are a protectorate are the 116 US and NATO bases and agencies existing in Italy).

The bourgeoisie needs to promote war, but the great achievements in civilization and welfare extorted by the popular masses when the communist movement was strong are now to some extent sedimented in their common sense. They are hard to give up and the consequences of the war economy are felt. To prevent this resistance of the popular masses from consciously transforming into a struggle for socialism, the ruling class in our country resorts to militarization of society (starting from schools), war propaganda, and large-scale repression. However, the more the ruling class continues these measures of "internal war," the more it shows its true nature and contributes to liberating the masses from the illusions and "democratic" prejudices that the ruling class propagated and imposed. The more it proceeds with war and the war economy, the more the political regime in our country will be upset and subverted, and two real alternatives will become increasingly concrete:

1. A qualitative leap in the reactionary mobilization of the masses (attempts to introduce compulsory military service, legal ban on political organizations, suspension of elections and other constitutional guarantees, organization and

activities of the fascist squad, etc.);

2. A political rupture operated by grassroots movements, a front composed of a vast network of popular organizations, scattered throughout the country, which supports the formation of a sovereign and popular government (as in Italy happened to a certain extent with the governments of the National Liberation Committee from 1943 to 1947). This to break with the submission of our country to NATO and the EU, take emergency measures on the organization of work, production, and circulation of essential goods (starting from safeguarding the productive apparatus and monetary sovereignty), and establish relationships of solidarity, collaboration or exchange with any other country willing to reciprocate. This is the shortest and least painful route for the popular masses of our country to advance towards socialism. This is also the highest contribution that we Italian communists can give to the cause of proletarian internationalism.

The world revolution can only be a combination of proletarian revolutions in single countries. The first imperialist country to break the chains of the International Community of US, Zionist, and European imperialist groups will show the way and lead the popular masses of other countries and will have their help. Italy can be this country: it depends on us communists whether it will be! By winning the internal war, we will also stop the external war. The establishment of socialism in an imperialist country like Italy, even just a decisive leap in the level of the socialist revolution like the formation of an popular emergency government, would break the destructive spiral in which the domination of the imperialist bourgeoisie is dragging the popular masses of the entire world. Similarly, the Russian communists, with the revolution that culminated in the insurrection of October 1917, broke the course of events that had brought the large global imperialist groups to clash for world domination and began the first wave of the world proletarian revolution.



# The growth of world war and the tasks of anti-imperialists

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We are here today because we share a concern about what is going on in the world and want to make a contribution towards solving all the problems we see.

But where do we start? It can be very hard to tell. Especially when there seems to be so much conflicting information. How do we judge what is right? How do we work out where we can most usefully put our energies?

Our ruling classes want us to think we can understand the world just by looking around us. And they bombard our senses with information.

The news cycle and social media combine to create a huge and very effective distraction machine, which prevents us from asking whose priorities we are responding to.

Do the stories that make the headlines on mainstream media really reflect what's important in the world? If we stop and think about it, we can see that they do not.

But just realising we are being lied to and distracted is not enough. We can't make sense of surface phenomena unless we understand what's happening underneath.

## **Marxism is the tool we need**

Marxist science is the tool we need to make sense of the world and find our perspective. Marxism reveals the underlying laws that underpin the workings of capitalist economics—where profits come from, how value is created, what are the root causes of inequality and poverty, and more.

Marxism also shows us that there are laws underpinning the development of human history. How the state came into being and what its role is. How classes developed and why they clash. Marxism explains the positive and necessary role of revolutions in moving human history forwards and allowing us to develop our productive and social

forces.

Marxism is not a tool for detailed prediction as some would like it to be—just as physics can show us the laws governing the motion of matter, but it cannot predict the precise path of a single atom. That does not make the knowledge any less powerful, but it does require us to understand that it is a tool for understanding the big picture so we can make informed decisions about our day-to-day actions.

Our job is to master the understanding that Marxist science gives us so that we can take action to harness those laws and positively participate in the process of moving humanity from the capitalist phase to the socialist phase of its social and economic development.

Every day that the decaying, parasitic system of monopoly capitalism (imperialism) continues to exist, against the will and against the interests of the vast masses of humanity, more people die unnecessarily. They die from preventable hunger, preventable disease and preventable wars. They suffer preventable poverty and groan under the burden of economic superexploitation and draconian suppression.

We have reached a stage in human history where exploitation is not only unnecessary for producing wealth and developing technology, but it is actually holding us back. By impoverishing the masses of the people, the system of capitalist production for profit is unable to unleash the vast potential of the new productive forces it has conjured into being.

Instead of lightening our load and raising our standard of living, modern production methods make our working lives more miserable and force us into chronic overwork as the only alternative to unemployment and starvation.

Further developed by VI Lenin, Marxist science not only reveals the truth about the existing state

of things, but explicitly explains the highest and final stage of global capitalist development—imperialism. Lenin’s work on imperialism showed what effects this highest stage of capitalism has on the working-class movement in its home territories and around the world.

Lenin also developed the science of party building for the era of socialist revolution, showing us what type of organisation we need to create and how the working class must use such an organisation to set about liberating the working and oppressed masses and removing the system of capitalist and imperialist exploitation.

His insights were the drivers for the success of the Russian communists in 1917. And since the October Revolution, the proletarian revolutionary and national-liberation movements have been the twin currents driving the movement of history forward.

The ruling classes want to hide the existence of this valuable weapon of socialist theory and socialist experience. They want us to feel alienated not only from the idea of Marxism but even from the idea of studying anything.

And yet, they are not having things all their own way.

### **The truth will out**

One of the signs that we are living at the end of the era of imperialist domination is that, in spite of its huge machinery of mind control, the truth is harder and harder for the ruling class to hide.

Many important truths have been brought to us by the failure of all the plans made by the US-led imperialist bloc in recent years.

It’s built into their mindset that the imperialists consistently overlook the independent will and action of the oppressed masses. They consistently fail to understand that we are living in the era of national liberation, which took hold of the minds of people everywhere after the October Revolution of 1917. This means that, no matter how much death and devastation an aggressive imperialist army inflicts from the air, no matter how much

suffering its occupation forces inflict on the civilian populations of targeted countries, the colonisers are in the end unable to win their wars and hold onto occupied territories.

Forty years of war in Afghanistan showed this decisively in the 21st century. After the second world war, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Syria all showed the same thing. The constant resurgence of Palestinian resistance over 75 years despite apparently overwhelming odds is another example of this same phenomena.

When imperialist operations go wrong, instead of yielding the big bonanzas for resource and reconstruction contracts that were anticipated, these defeats lead to recriminations amongst the aggressors themselves. As their blame game escalates, the ruling-class media fill with information about the real motivations for launching wars, as well as with leaks about how their operations are really carried out. Workers are exposed to a steady stream of insights into the decision-making and criminal activities directed by the ruling class through its executive officers in government.

And as these truths emerge, people become increasingly cynical. A crisis of legitimacy develops as they lose faith in the media and politicians who uphold imperialist rule.

### **Communism is still what the imperialists fear most**

The history of the 20th century teaches us that the biggest enemy of the imperialist rulers of the world is communism.

When we look a little deeper into the so-called ‘cold war’ we see that it has been misnamed. There was nothing ‘cold’ about the wars of extermination waged against communists all over the world during this period.

To take just one example, our Korean comrades can tell you just how many millions of communists, communist sympathisers and potential communists were wiped out in the imperialist attempt to crush the national-liberation and socialist aspirations of

the Korean people.

From the USSR and China during WW2 to the postwar massacres of communists in Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, East Timor and the Philippines, in Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, in Iraq and Sudan. In every liberation movement in Asia and Africa, communist or socialist-leaning leaders were killed and the movements they led were met with huge and ruthless violence.

One of the most notorious and bloody of these events, which is almost unknown to most people in the west, is the massacre of one million communists and communist sympathisers in Indonesia in 1965. Yet we are told that it is communism that presents a ‘threat to humanity’!

The threat of communism is real. But the threat is not to workers but to the capitalists. The threat is to the exploiters’ continued existence as a parasitic and privileged caste receiving all the gains of society’s efforts while performing none of its work.

Meanwhile, the imperialists are constantly providing fresh proofs of what they showed us in World War One—that there is no level of human sacrifice they consider too great in pursuit of their aims of total domination and maximum profit. How many Ukrainians have died because Nato was determined to smash Russia? How many Palestinians have died because the USA is determined to hang onto its colonial outpost in the middle east?

We need our own socialist, anti-imperialist media. One that replaces pessimism with optimism. One that provides answers rather than satisfying itself with handwringing. One that helps us to organise and unify our forces to oppose and overthrow the present order.

And we need to train workers to take on the big lie: the one that is repeated to us every day from birth in the capitalist world: that communism, the USSR and Josef Stalin, people’s China and Mao Zedong, people’s Korea and Kim Il Sung, socialist Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh, socialist Cuba and

Fidel Castro etc represent the ‘ultimate evil’; that the revolutions they led and the societies they built were the worst kind of authoritarian, dystopian hell.

This is the number one big lie because it is hiding the number one most important truth that workers need to understand: that socialism—a planned economy run by and for the working masses—is the answer to all the contradictions that have been produced by the capitalist system and which that system is powerless to resolve.

Only a planned economy can take the huge means of production that the capitalist system has produced and use them to satisfy the needs of all the workers. Only a planned economy can create the conditions for a decent life for every person on this planet, can provide us with rising material and cultural conditions, with meaning and purpose, with community and cooperation, and can do all this without the exploitation or oppression of one person or one nation by another.

### **Global capitalism means global war**

As time passes, the contradictions of capitalism only get worse. Because the longer capitalism exists, the more wealth accumulates into bigger fortunes in fewer hands, and the more obscene and inescapable the inequalities of our society become.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, the only ‘relief’ from crisis has been provided by war—by carnage and destruction on an industrial scale. And this respite has only been temporary and has inevitably led on to another, even deeper crisis.

Right now, the system is teetering on the brink of a further catastrophic downturn—a crash whose effects are likely to make 2008 look like a walk in the park. The imperialists have created a global inflation crisis by endless money-printing, which has been devaluing their currencies in a major and sustained way since 2008.

Meanwhile, not only are workers saddled with huge debt that will turn bad as inflation continues to rise, but corporations all over the globe have been borrowing to fund dividends to hide the fact

that their companies are not really making profits.

All this debt will soon become unserviceable.

Moreover, the money jugglers of the corporate casinos have taken to ‘insuring’ their gambles (betting on future prices of commodities) in various commodity markets, imagining this makes their bets unlosable. But insiders are pointing out that it will only take one shock to one of these markets to reveal that the ‘insurance’ instruments being used are not backed by real assets and will be unable to pay out. They tell us that a big event in any one of the world’s main commodity markets (oil, gas, various metals and grains etc) could set off a chain reaction that will spread across the global market economy.

And all this is just a side effect of the global capitalist crisis—of the difficulty in finding real, productive ways to make a profit!

One thing is for sure. As long as this system remains in place, it will be the workers who are expected to pay the price for the failures of capitalist economics. We will pay through inflation (which is theft of our wages and savings). We will pay through austerity (which is the theft of our social wage). We will pay through the loss of our pensions, the extension of our working hours, the destruction of our infrastructure and social services, of our children’s education and our access to healthcare. We will pay through unemployment, homelessness, hunger, disease and poverty. And we will pay through war.

And all this suffering comes about because the huge wealth that the working class has produced is held in the hands of a tiny monopolist class that is unable to use that wealth constructively. Not because they are bad people (although the system does have a tendency to turn its ruling elites into sociopathic monsters), but because that is the nature of the capitalist system.

### **Imperialism creates its own gravediggers**

It is vital that we understand that the imperialists are not all powerful; that their system is not eternal. It is the masses who make history, and the time

in which the world’s masses will inflict a decisive defeat on the forces of imperialism is approaching very fast.

The urge to silence debate in the west and in west-aligned or west-controlled states; the pressing need to criminalise all dissent comes from a position of weakness not strength. We must take heart from these facts and refuse to be intimidated by the apparent power of our enemy, which Chairman Mao Zedong rightly characterised as a “paper tiger”. The imperialists may be strong and powerful, but they are not nearly as strong and powerful as they look.

We formed the World Anti-imperialist Platform because as humanity heads into this period of deepening crisis and accelerating war drive there is a growing need for the workers to play their role in opposing and defeating the capitalist-imperialist economic system.

The deepening of the global capitalist economic crisis is driving the imperialists to push down ever harder on the world’s masses, and it is pushing them to provoke more and more war. But that also means that the imperialists themselves are creating a rising tide of revolutionary sentiment and activity among the masses of the world.

As Karl Marx long ago pointed out: the system creates nothing so much as its own gravediggers.

The present conditions of global economic crisis and imperialist war drive are creating the foundation for the maturation and success of national-liberation struggles and socialist revolutions in the coming period.

As the imperialists drive us deeper into economic catastrophe and a third world war, and as conditions simultaneously develop for a new revolutionary wave, it is vital that anti-imperialists and communists all around the world work together. The objective conditions may be developing for decisive successes against imperialism, but the subjective forces need to be working to ensure that this is indeed the outcome.

We cannot allow imperialism to restabilise itself at the expense of the masses, condemning them to

another two, three or four more decades of poverty, exploitation, misery and war.

Although we work in separate countries, our movement is one and our victories are connected. Every defeat for the imperialists weakens their system as a whole. Every defeat weakens their ability to control and bribe the masses in their home countries. Every defeat deepens their economic crisis and political instability, thus helping the working masses in their efforts to organise defeat for the imperialist powers at home.

### **Unity around a common goal**

Of course, we can only work together internationally if there is general agreement around the key principles of who we should be fighting and how. Understanding what we are unifying for helps us determine who we should be unifying with.

The founding motivation for the formation of the Platform was the disarray that has overtaken the communist camp in the last 75 years. Theoretical confusion and organisational disunity have left our movement weak, divided and disconnected from the masses. It is no longer able to bring together a meaningful force or to clearly define who the class enemy is.

It is shameful to have to admit that many of the parties that descended from the revolutionary Third International are simply unable to make sense of the today's world. Those who have led them over recent decades have steadily given in to bourgeois propaganda about the impossibility of successful revolutionary struggle, and even about the nature of imperialism. Instead of studying Marxism and spreading its key tenets amongst the workers, they repeat all kinds of bourgeois prejudices, spreading defeatism and even pro-imperialist jingoism.

That is what brought us to a situation in which the formerly revolutionary but now utterly degenerate Communist Party of France (PCF) voted for war credits for Ukraine in the French parliament in 2022. Today's PCF focuses its 'activism' not on opposing imperialist war and capitalist exploitation, not on preparing the French working

class to overthrow French imperialist rule, but on reinforcing imperialist lies through such 'popular' campaigns as the 'defence of Iranian women'—not from the terrible effects on Iranian families of imperialist sanctions but from the anti-imperialist Iranian government!

This is just one example of many we could give to illustrate the rottenness that has destroyed much of the old communist movement. Many of today's communist parties are 'communist' in name only.

And yet Marxism and Marxist parties remain essential to the struggles faced by workers and oppressed peoples. Without the participation and knowledge of steeled and scientifically guided socialists, we will not be successful in liberating ourselves from capitalist-imperialist exploitation, no matter how revolutionary the sentiments of the masses become.

The situation we face today is very similar to the one workers found themselves in at the beginning of the first world war. With the honourable exception of the Bolsheviks in Russia, most parties of the Second International had been quietly deteriorating during the period of so-called 'peaceful development' leading up to the war (of course, it wasn't that peaceful if you were living in Africa or Asia or Latin America, but things were relatively calmer in Europe).

Europe's socialist parties had become steadily institutionalised during these decades; they had become professional. With members elected to national parliaments and local councils, they had achieved a recognised status within the existing political order as an 'official' opposition. When the first world war broke out, the degenerating effect of all this was revealed when their leaderships sided with their aggressive ruling classes on the outbreak of war. Socialist ministers joined national governments, supported the bourgeoisie's nationalistic 'defence of the fatherland' slogans, and mobilised the workers to fight and die in the very war that only two years earlier they had sworn to oppose by any and every means.

It was left to the Bolsheviks to carry out the policy



of turning the imperialist war into a civil war against the ruling class; of helping to turn a world war for imperialist profit into a social revolution to remove the imperialists from power and abolish capitalist and imperialist exploitation.

Out of that period of crisis and war, and the great revolutionary upheavals that it provoked, a new international was born, the communist Third International. Most of its constituent parties were small. Some were formed from the revolutionary wings of Europe's old rotten parties. Most were formed from scratch in country after country as the influence of Marxism and socialism spread around the world on the wings of the October Revolution.

One important lesson we can learn from this period is that during a revolutionary crisis, success is not determined by the size of an organisation when the crisis begins. Success and growth during this period are ultimately decided by the correctness of the organisation's line and by the content of its activity; its success in connecting a correct line to the movement as the masses begin to move.

In a time of rising class-consciousness and activity, when developments are much faster than they have been during the preceding peaceful period, those organisations that have a correct line have the opportunity of growing rapidly, while many big organisations that fail to rise to the challenges of the new period of intensified class struggle can be expected to wither and die.

We in the Platform are determined to rise to the challenge of this period. We have identified that the main contradiction today is between the imperialist countries and the forces of national liberation and independence. We wish to do everything possible to strengthen the camp of anti-imperialism by making sure that there is the maximum possible unity of the forces within it, and that there is a core of Marxists, with their strong theoretical understanding of the essence of capitalist and imperialist exploitation, giving the movement steel and clarity of purpose.

The Platform has understood that the ultimate essence of World War Three is that it is being

waged between two great camps: the decaying US-led Nato imperialist bloc on the one hand and all the rising forces of independence and resistance on the other. Socialist China, anti-imperialist Russia and the socialist DPRK form the backbone of the second group, but it is made up of every country that is striving to forge its own destiny and run its own society and economic system without outside interference.

A crucial question we have to answer in our quest to unify the forces of anti-imperialism is: what is imperialism? If we can't agree on that, we certainly won't be able to organise ourselves to resist it, and we won't be able to act together with others around the world.

Imperialism is not a 'policy' of this or that powerful state. Modern imperialism is a global system of highly developed capitalist production, in which capitalism has concentrated wealth to the extent that free competition has been replaced by the domination of huge monopolies and has conquered all the markets of the world. In this system, the export of capital for investment (reaping huge superprofits from cheap raw materials and labour in less developed countries) has become the main activity of the major imperialist powers.

The contradictions which this stage of development brings, with its blatant parasitism, its ruthless suppression of the superexploited peoples of the world and its immense inequalities, are so unbearable and so unsustainable that revolution has become inevitable.

We live in the era of the end of capitalism and the birth of socialism. This era began in 1917 and will continue until socialism is the dominant system in the world—until the time when socialist countries can develop freely without living under the permanent threat of strangulation and invasion by the capitalist world.

Lenin described the features of this global economic system in 1916:

(1) the concentration of production and capital in the advanced countries has developed to such a high stage that it has created monopolies that play



a decisive role in economic life;

(2) the merging of bank capital with industrial capital, and the creation, on the basis of this 'finance capital', of a financial oligarchy;

(3) the export of capital as distinguished from the export of commodities acquires exceptional importance in these western economies;

(4) the formation of international monopolist capitalist associations (trusts, syndicates, cartels) which share the world among themselves; and

(5) the territorial division of the whole world among the biggest capitalist powers is completed.

Lenin's definition of imperialism should be studied by every conscious worker. His book on the topic remains the defining work of our epoch. At its core, imperialism is a global economic system, not a foreign policy 'choice'. All the political and military paraphernalia that grow up alongside monopoly capitalism are there to protect the financial rule of the monopolists.

There is no way for the advanced capitalist countries to abandon imperialism without social revolution. That is why to be truly anti-imperialist in an imperialist country, you must also be a socialist.

So why do so many people in the west fall for the idea that Russia and China are 'imperialist' powers?

Essentially it is because our rulers, seeing how the masses everywhere (even in their home territories) developed a hatred for imperialism, have found a way to manipulate this sentiment and our lack of theoretical understanding. They abuse the language of 'anti-imperialism' and manipulate our disgust of their own abuses, and they say to us: 'Russia and China are big; they have big militaries. They are imperialists!' They repeat (endlessly and without evidence): 'They are aggressive. They are imperialists!'

Many supposedly communist forces repeat these lies instead of exposing them, with the result that many people assume it must be the truth.

Yet when we look at the financial literature of today, we find that the biggest centres of finance capital remain the ones Lenin identified over a

century ago. This underlines the historical process of capital accumulation and its increasingly gravitational effect.

The bigger a mass of accumulated capital grows over time, the greater the quantity of the world's wealth it can attract to itself. The mass of capital in ever few hands grows exponentially, simultaneously exacerbating the already enormous level of inequality and heightening all the other contradictions in society as it does so. (As the broad masses are impoverished, the capitalists are destroying the markets for their goods, for example. And in building up ever larger sums, they have created a growing problem of how to keep reinvesting all their capital at a profit when the opportunities for making profits are diminishing.)

Meanwhile, the world changed forever just one year after Lenin wrote his work on imperialism following the October Revolution in Russia. The main obstacles to the imperialist domination of the globe came into being as a result of the mass action of the working and oppressed peoples, and of socialist economic construction.

The strong armies we see today in Russia (which it inherited from the USSR), in China and in the DPRK were built in response to the people's need to defend their socialist gains. They were created for defensive not aggressive purposes, and their advanced technologies were developed through socialist planning and not through the drive to conquer territories and gain profits from superexploitation.

That is why the armed forces of these countries have focused on cheap weapons that will be effective in defence: supersonic missiles, small drones, air defence systems. The logic of their defence development has been the quest for what is effective, not for what is profitable. And the goal of self-defence and sovereignty has enabled them to build big, ideologically motivated armies that are ready to fight for the freedom and independence of their homelands.

There is no justification, either economic or military, for branding Russia and China as

‘imperialist’. There is no country in the world where Russian or Chinese military operate without an invitation. The Chinese and Russian armies are not filled with demoralised, suicidal soldiers who don’t know what they’re fighting for and are appalled and traumatised by the crimes they have taken part in.

There are no Russian or Chinese monopoly corporations that are taking over our lives and dictating to our governments.

There are no Russian or Chinese investments abroad bringing superprofits with which the Russian and Chinese ruling classes can bribe their own workers into accepting such pillaging abroad.

On the contrary, Russia has incensed the west by offering military protection to countries in Africa and Latin America that have requested this partnership and assistance, thus helping to keep imperialist domination at bay.

And China has incensed the west by offering infrastructure and developmental help, by making loans on easy terms and by sharing technologies instead of monopolising them.

This undercutting of the imperialists’ technological domination of the globe is the key reason why China has been targeted by the USA. ‘Made in China 2025’ was a clear policy of the Chinese government to attain technological sovereignty in a decade. The Belt and Road initiative was a clear aim at building a trade network that would be characterised by development and mutual benefits. These pro-people policies have been opposed by hysterical rhetoric in the west, where politicians and policymakers regularly howl: ‘We have until 2025 to stop China.’

Without technological dominance, imperialist financial dominance is impossible to maintain, since having a monopoly on the most advanced technologies is what used to guarantee the imperialists’ military dominance—a dominance that the current conflicts, from Ukraine to the middle east and beyond, are revealing to have been decisively broken. And military dominance has been the key to the west’s economic dominance,

since the financiers always had the ability to back up their economic muscle with military muscle anywhere where the natives proved difficult to bribe or coerce in other ways.

We must understand all this in order to understand what position to take in regard to today’s wars. Without a clear orientation, there is no way for us to maximise the forces of revolutionary anti-imperialism.

The same people who want us to believe that the war in Ukraine is a dispute between ‘rival imperialist groupings’ in which workers have no side, are also busy peddling the myth that Hamas and Israel are ‘as bad as each other’. They want workers to believe that both sides of the war in Palestine are in some way manipulated by the imperialists for their own ends; that Hamas is not a legitimate national-liberation resistance movement but a pawn in some great game of interimperialist rivalries and is ‘islamofascist’ to boot. They want us to think that Hamas is like Isis.

This is simply not the case.

The Al-Aqsa Flood operation was not a terrorist crime. It was a brilliant military operation by the united forces of Palestinian resistance (not only Hamas) against the zionist occupiers. And it has launched a new era of anti-imperialist struggle that shows every sign of continuing until not only zionism but also its western backers are defeated. We can expect this war to continue until US, British and French imperialism are out of the region for good.

Western media demand that every politician and commentator who speaks on air about Palestine must first denounce ‘Hamas’ and agree that its fighters are terrorists.

This lie is aimed at justifying imperialist crimes and criminalising those who resist and those who stand with the resistance. The imperialists are trying to brand everyone who sides with the just cause of Palestinian liberation as a supporter of terrorism and an antisemite.

The imperialist media always presented the Palestinian question, as they do every other

question of importance (the Russian special military operation in 2022, for example) as if history started on the day the most recent operation began. They go out of their way to ignore all the context that would allow their readers and viewers to make sense of the situation.

The imperialists want to stop us from understanding what is really going on; who is really fighting whom and why. They want to stop us working out that we have a side in these wars.

They don't want us to understand that humanity's cause will be advanced by a victory for Russia in Ukraine. They don't want us to understand that humanity's cause will be advanced by the liberation of Palestine. They don't want us to see that in both these cases, the victory of their opponents will be an enormous blow to the dominance and profit-taking of the imperialists, and that this is something that is in the interest of workers in the west.

These victories, which are surely coming, will be a great advance for the peoples of eastern Europe and the middle east, whose development has been artificially held back and whose wealth has been stolen.

And this weakening of the imperialist camp will be of great benefit to the working-class movement in the imperialist countries themselves.

That is why the World Anti-imperialist Platform has unequivocally taken the side of Russia and the Donbass against the Ukrainian fascists and their imperialist backers. It is why we have unhesitatingly taken the side of the Palestinian and wider middle-eastern resistance forces against the zionist fascists and their imperialist backers.

For the same reason we will take the side of the DPRK if war breaks out on the Korean peninsula, as the USA is ceaselessly working towards. And we will take the side of China if the USA succeeds in its relentless provocations towards war over Taiwan.

We will work tirelessly to educate the masses about the real nature of the imperialist system. And we will do everything possible to bring our message to the peace movement that real peace will come

only through the complete defeat of imperialism.

Our network is growing and becoming more meaningful, more truly global with every month that passes. At our conference in Athens last November, we had participation from parties across Africa, Asia and Latin America, bringing a real energy to our gathering and a real commitment to translate our shared line into real, coordinated action.

We are committed to popularising our slogans around the world and helping workers put them into practice:

No cooperation with the imperialist war machine!  
Defeat for imperialism's fascist proxies in Ukraine and in Israel!

We must work actively for the defeat of all the forces of imperialism wherever they are; for the disruption and disbanding of Nato. We must work actively to combine and strengthen the forces of anti-imperialism all over the world.

And that means that we must continue to expose and oppose all those who pretend to be on the side of the workers while repeating imperialist propaganda.

The objective conditions are ripening fast for a new revolutionary upsurge. There is the real possibility of a wave of critical defeats for the imperialists that could shift the balance of forces decisively in favour of the working masses.

The subjective force—working-class organisation—will be decisive in this coming period.

Now is the time to study and to organise as never before!

# “It is our duty to help in the recomposition of an anti-imperialist, anti-NATO Latin America”

Luis Aravena | Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action)

The Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action); P.C.(A.P.), we greet those attending this meeting of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, which takes place in Washington, USA, for all a big fraternal, Communist, Revolutionary embrace.

## General Crisis of Capitalism:

Capitalism enters into a permanent decline in relation to the forms of production that permanently clash with the advanced forms of labor, which are largely collective, in chain, from the extraction of raw materials to the manufacture of goods in factories and large industries. The form of collective production, increasingly clashes with the exaggerated form of individual appropriation, today, there are already nations, which using the general laws of capitalism, are building the foundations to advance to a multipolar world, that is, new economic rules and relations between countries, where the possibility of mutual support, allow the development of countries and end the subjugation and overexploitation of the capitalist system.

The decline of US supremacy is clearly manifested in the development of other major economic alliances such as BRIC, which allows attacking the heart of the US imperialist economy, which is the use of the dollar in economic transactions of international trade, this increases the pressure on US imperialism, which not only sees the danger of losing the privilege of forcing the rest of the world to use the dollar, but also its impossibility of keeping up with the speed of scientific, industrial and technological advances and progress of the People's Republic of China, which is moving towards becoming the first economic power in the world.

The impulse that US imperialism received after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, has already

lost all its temporary effect, today even the vestiges of some of the republics that were part of the USSR, are returning to the path of openly confronting the plans of US imperialism, NATO and the puppet governments that are trying to stop the rise of patriotic ideas, of profound changes, of self-determination, sovereignty and socialist perspective.

Today the US is focused on trying to save its privileges, that is, to save its economic system and its international domination and to confront all those who endanger it, using hybrid warfare, economic and commercial sanctions, the use of terrorist groups, mercenaries, drug mafias, and even the delivery of technology, weapons and economic resources, to stop the advance of those who are growing in influence and determination to produce structural changes that are beginning to overcome the influence and power of the US.

The People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, are the main targets of US Imperialism.

Lenin wrote: Imperialism is, in general, a tendency to violence and reaction.

The USA using NATO, i.e. more than 34 countries directly and the various puppet governments, confronts the Russian Federation in Ukraine; Zionism, which is imposed in Israel and with the support of the USA, tries to annihilate the Palestinian people, to seize their territory and wealth; On the Korean peninsula, there are increasing provocations by South Korea, which maintains the military support and ideological influence of the USA and seeks to escalate the provocations towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; the People's Republic of China, permanently faces the attempt to split its territory, this happens with Taiwan, which is permanently

encouraged and financed by the USA, so as to create internal conflicts and justify new economic sanctions against the People's Republic of China.

### **Latin America:**

According to how the US understands Latin America, it is for the US what Asia and Africa is, for the Europeans (Westerners), the Monroe Doctrine, 1823, indicates: America for the Americans; that is, the U.S. understands that Latin America is its backyard, so they understand it from its development as an economic power, where they were given the task of imposing their policies of domination, it is not strange the financing of coups in every country where there is the possibility of development of patriotic and sovereign governments or seeking to move away from the influence of the U.S., for the same reason, it is not strange the establishment of various far-right military dictatorships, as what happened in countries such as Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, etc., This allowed reinforcing the dependence of the different Latin American countries on the USA, using among other measures the signing of commercial treaties, free trade agreements, military treaties, etc.

It is necessary today to reinforce the task of patriotic, popular, sovereignist, anti-imperialist organizations with socialist ideas in Latin America, to strengthen the knowledge of the different experiences that are taking place in the world, to confront US Imperialism, NATO and the different puppet governments. It is important to know the attitude and experience of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to counteract the permanent disinformation that is made from the various media and rrs managed by the U.S. and allied governments.

We all know the reality of occupied Palestine, which from Israeli Zionism, and the sponsorship of the U.S., seeks to deny its responsibility in provoking the just resistance of the Palestinian people, which is why we must deploy today a broader solidarity and support to the people of Palestine, and the repudiation of the Genocide that

implements the Zionism of Israel.

Today in Latin America the right-wing of different governments is taking place, which gives a basis of support to U.S. imperialism and neoliberal policies, there are examples of countries like Ecuador, El Salvador, Argentina and Chile, which despite pretending to be a center-left government, permanently shows its servility to the interests of the US, an example of this is the support to Ukraine, its permanent criticism to Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, as well as to any country that fights for its sovereignty and therefore, that comes into conflict with the US and the other lackey governments of Imperialism.

That is to say, not only the governments that openly define themselves as right-wing, but even some that disguise themselves as progressive are puppets of the interests of the hegemonic groups of the USA.

The opportunist theories on imperialism in Latin America can become dangerous if we do not dedicate a special effort to work among the oppressed popular masses.

The application of the neoliberal policy in Latin America from the Washington Consensus, 1989, where the destruction of the national industry of the dependent countries is implemented and where only the countries of Latin America are exporters of raw materials. This is recalled and deepened by Laura Richarson, who says that Latin American countries, our raw materials, are of strategic interest for the internal security of the USA.

Today, drug trafficking and the international networks that support it are growing and are skillfully used by US imperialism, they are an important instrument that allows the justification for the rise of right-wing governments, such as the governments of Ecuador, Peru, El Salvador and Argentina.

The American continent is made up of 35 countries with a population of close to one billion inhabitants. We are the third most inhabited continent and we have a surface of 43 million square kilometers, the second largest continent, only surpassed by the Asian continent.

The gross domestic product of all the countries



of the American continent is important, but this is only a small reflection of the immense wealth that the continent has and that are important reserves at the time of great world confrontations that can be extended in time, these immense wealth can ensure advantages that allow autonomy, being much more complex to attack the reserves that are close to those who use them and allows surveillance and control, in this case to the U.S. and NATO.

Argentina 641,102; Bolivia 46097; Brazil 2,081,235; Canada 2,130,672; Chile 358557; Colombia 334689; Costa Rica 77,777; Cuba; Ecuador 121291; USA 26,854599 El Salvador 33752; Mexico 1,663,164; Panama 77257; Paraguay 42820; Peru 268235; Dominican Republic 121289; Guatemala 102309; Uruguay 77313; Venezuela. Honduras: 32.860 billion, Trinidad and Tobago 28.223 billion, Haiti: 26.580 billion, Jamaica:17254 billion, Nicaragua: 17. 287 billion, Guyana 16309 billion, Bahamas 14114 billion; Barbados 6117; Suriname: 3470 billion, Aruba: 3633 billion, Belize: 3162 billion, St. Lucia: 2262 billion, Antigua and Barbuda 1,864 billion, Grenada: 1274 billion, St. Kitts and Nevis 970 million, St. Vincent and the Grenadines 1039 million, Dominica: 681 million.

This gives a total of \$35,209,257,000,000,000 dollars adding up the different GDPs of the countries of the Americas.

Let us add to this information that the number of military troops in America and in conditions to join as reserve to the different interventions and openly armed conflicts, are increasing all over the world and therefore the reserve army of the USA is objectively Latin America, which can mobilize more than 1,300,000,000 troops.

Latin America continues to be the backyard of the United States, where it has assured huge reserves in a future large-scale world war, it has assured the extraction of minerals, food, human capacity for the military industry and vassal armies of Latin American puppet countries.

Comrades, not all is darkness, Latin America is plagued with processes of struggle, resistance and new attempts at reorganization, the popular anti-imperialist uprisings that have taken place are historical.

Today, it is necessary to work for the reconstruction, development and overcome the defeats that have occurred, we know of the hidden hand of Imperialism in the destruction of various revolutionary, anti-imperialist organizations seeking independence and sovereignty in Latin America and the world, this practice has given results, With greater degrees of coordination we will be able to confront and destroy the false ideas that disguise as progressive the old liberal thoughts, as the KKE does today, that disguising its discourse of anti-imperialism, fervently attacks, well financed, any possibility of confronting the old unipolar order. Comrades, we are convinced, if we work with strength and sacrifice, we will succeed in helping the rebirth of a healthy and powerful anti-imperialist force, and therefore a powerful anti-fascist force in all of Latin America and the continent, from the embers that have been left we must blow them to start the fire that will burn the prairies of oppression and domination over the peoples.

Today the healthy forces that we fight: The Communists; the immense patriotic forces, even the nationalist ones, we can and must unify them to face with force the attempts to destroy humanity through a third World War, it is our duty to help in the recomposition of an anti-imperialist, anti-NATO Latin America, in struggle against all the puppet governments that prevent through new laws to stop any sign of rebellion and revolt, but they forget, a law of dialectics that will destroy them and it is that sooner rather than later, the new will overcome the old, however it is not enough to know it, it is necessary and urgent to join our peoples, to understand their demands, their aspirations and needs, to organize them and put them in motion, only healthy forces , will be able to stop the destruction of humanity.

Dear comrades:

**THE WHEEL OF HISTORY CANNOT BE STOPPED.**

We are moving towards the liberation and independence of countries and peoples, towards independence, sovereignty and socialism.



# Let us rally our forces in the struggle against imperialism and war

**Dmitry Novikov** | Communist Party of the Russian Federation

Dear comrades!

On behalf of my fellow Russian Communists, I welcome all participants in the anti-imperialist solidarity action, who are speaking out these days against the growing military threat. Your active actions in opposition to the summit of the aggressive NATO bloc in Washington are important for uniting progressive forces in the struggle against imperialism and war.

The bitter truth of our time is that humanity has entered a period of upheaval. The crisis of capitalism is once again worsening. It is happening right before our eyes—rapidly and steadily. In the first half of the twentieth century, two phases of the worsening crisis of capitalism led to two world wars and millions of human casualties. In the second half of the century, the successes of socialism protected our planet from a third world war. However, at the end of the last century, the temporary defeats of the communist movement strengthened and emboldened a decrepit capitalism. There was a strengthening of imperialist circles. This naturally ensured the growth of political reaction and the threat of a new world war.

All 30 years after the destruction of the USSR, the policy of the imperialists of the West became more and more cynical and immoral. Capital responded to the profound socio-economic crisis by curtailing democratic norms. There is a widespread attack on the rights of the working class. Far-right movements are gaining strength. The ideology and practice of neo-Nazism once again receives the patronage of oligarchic circles. In a number of countries the justification and even glorification of Nazism has reached the level of state policy. The

history of the Second World War is being rewritten. Monuments to anti-fascists are being dismantled. The results of the Nuremberg trials of Nazi criminals are ignored.

We cannot regard all this as an accident. Back in March 1918, at the VII Congress of the RCP(b), Vladimir Lenin spoke of the advent of a whole era of “the most diverse wars”. The Bolshevik leader emphasized: “This era—the era of gigantic collapses, massive military violent decisions, crises—it has begun, we see it clearly”.

Yes! Lenin was certainly right. This epoch of crises, wars and violence continues today. We see it clearly.

The governments of the imperialist states are actively using the NATO military-police machine as their main cudgel. The actions of the NATO members are more and more dangerous, frankly bandit and criminal in nature. The question of unity of all progressive, anti-war, anti-imperialist, anti-imperialist, anti-fascist forces is becoming more and more acute.

The political line of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation is based on the struggle against imperialist reaction and for the socialist transformation of society. In May of this year our party held a fundamentally important plenum of the CPRF Central Committee. Chairman of the Central Committee Gennady Zyuganov made a report at it: “On the tasks of uniting anti-fascist forces in the struggle against imperialism, reaction and the military threat”. One of Zyuganov’s conclusions is as follows: in the twenties of this century capitalism is as “pregnant” with fascism as it was in the twenties of the last century.

Dear comrades! The right-wing threat in today's world is growing rapidly. To defeat Nazism, we must see clearly where it sprouts from. Fascism grew directly out of the thirst of big capital to retain power in the face of the advent of socialism. The price of those historical events is known. Hitler and Mussolini were transformed from marginalized to the leaders of the destinies of hundreds of millions of people. The gates of Buchenwald, Dachau, Sobibor, Majdanek, Auschwitz were opened. Inhuman extermination of Russians, Belarusians, Ukrainians with the prospect of extermination and enslavement of all peoples of the Soviet Union, peoples of the whole world began.

For almost a hundred years the apologists of capitalism have been trying to confuse the issue of fascism. They declare Nazism to be merely a temporary anomaly. They talk about a certain kinship of "totalitarian regimes", equate fascism and socialism, Hitler's Germany and Stalin's USSR. In response, we, the Communists, carry our own truth. And we insist: Fascism is the natural generation of big capital. This is a key fact. Georgi Dimitrov was right: "Fascism is the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, the most chauvinistic and the most imperialist elements of finance capital".

Historical experience has proven that only the masses of workers, led by communists, can block the path of fascism and defeat it. The most important direction of the CPRF's efforts today is to unite the anti-fascist forces in the struggle against imperialism, reaction and the military threat.

We thank the representatives of all communist and workers' parties who responded to our call and took part in the First Anti-Fascist Forum in Minsk last year, on April 22, the birthday of Vladimir Lenin. At present the CPRF together with the Communist Party of Belarus is starting to prepare the second Anti-Fascist Forum. We will be glad to see our like-minded people in September in Minsk

to stand together against imperialism, incitement of a new world war, for socialism.

Dear friends! Comrades! We are all united by our hatred of fascism and war, which capitalism inevitably breeds. The readiness to devote our lives to the cause of socialist reorganization of society is what distinguishes the supporters of honest labor and social progress.

In these days we—Russian communists—are together with you in our common anti-imperialist struggle, in the struggle against the threat of a new world war, against the evil adventurism of the NATO leaders.

Peoples have the right to justice!

Peoples have the right to socialism!

Together let us do everything to unite people of good will!

Let us be united in the struggle for the interests of the working people!

No to war!

iNo pasar'an!

Socialism will win!

# “There is some groundwork laid for the future development of a militant working class”

Jack Mallgrave | Workers' Party of Ireland

The international situation continues to revolve around the power of the United States and its ongoing attempts to preserve its global hegemony in the face of the rising economic power of China in particular, but also that of a wide range of countries who chafe under the restrictions imposed by American domination.

The US has retreated from the strategy of attempting large scale invasions and occupations, such as attempted with Iraq and, to a lesser extent, Afghanistan due to the heavy costs inflicted by the local populations. It focuses instead on identifying groups within countries whose interests either align with the US or who can be bought or intimidated into working to a US agenda.

Of course, such actors have their own agenda and they attempt to draw in the US as a heavyweight on their side in their particular struggle, e.g. the Kurds in Syria and Iraq. Likewise, while Ukrainian nationalism or Sunni fundamentalism are pre-existing factors in Ukraine or Syria irrespective of the involvement of the United States the fact that the US does get involved tends to escalate political differences into severe conflict and sometimes even outright war. Such wars can go on for a very long time because the US and its regional allies can, even where their proxies on the ground are incapable of winning, still calibrate their intervention to prevent their utter defeat. Thus, the Syrian State, while successful in beating back the Jihadi assault has been unable to close out its victory and focus on rebuilding the country.

The lengthy war between Russia and Ukraine is an example of where the US will extend every effort to prop up its proxy, leading to a very drawn

out conflict. Further, 100s of billions of dollars were spent in the 30 years before the current war escalated in 2022, with the US funding extreme nationalist NGOs, politicians, and media in Ukraine, culminating in the 2014 putsch whose vanguard were neo-Nazis. It is through such invisible interventions that the US can exert such great influence. This funding, coupled with unparalleled surveillance and intelligence capabilities, and domination of the international financial system ensures the US has vastly greater power than any other state even before military capabilities are considered.

The fundamental dynamic behind American imperialism is its decline in productive power especially relative to China. Hegemony can no longer be assured by its economic prowess but rather relies on a system of lop-sided alliances, cultural and financial influence, and hard military capacity. The strategy first developed in the aftermath of the fall of the USSR that no great power rival ever be allowed to rise to challenge the USA remains in force. It is an extremely dangerous one as it aggressively seeks to confront developing nations.

A similar scenario in the early 20th century with the rise of German economic and cultural power precipitated two massive wars that cost tens of millions of lives. The present posturing by the USA against China and Russia is similarly dangerous and, with the advent of nuclear weapons, possibly terminal.

Nevertheless the Chinese state takes a cautious approach to engaging with international issues and its support for socialists in other countries does

not amount to very much. Its main contribution is in showing that there is an alternative to the American model of capitalism; that public control of major economic and financial institutions can yield superior results in the long-term. Thus, major projects such as public transport, nuclear power generation, and computer development continue to make great strides in China at the same time as the west is tending to stagnate. However, it is the very threat of being a good example that leads it to incur the wrath of the USA as the latter does not want there to be any alternative at all dangled in front of their own populations.

This wrath has so far not amounted to very much; too much American capital is tied up in China just yet. But the increasingly bellicose American rhetoric around Taiwan and the constantly growing set of economic sanctions directed against restricting China's technological advancement point in the direction of future conflict.

Despite the USA's tremendous cultural, economic, and military power many countries are attempting to emerge from its domination. Latin America has traditionally been the site of intense popular struggles which have sometimes won state power. Currently, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela maintain their independence despite intense pressure from Washington while in many other countries popular movements remain in significant strength. In the Middle East, where American intervention in the 21st century has been most overt and brutal, their hegemony is consistently under threat, with Iran and Syria providing the locus of opposition.

Opposition to the USA does not, of course mean that a country is socialist or pro-socialist in nature. The clerical nature of the Iranian state or the nationalist positioning of the present Russian government, replete with its anti-communist critiques, illustrate that anti-imperialist does not automatically entail being socialist. Nevertheless,

there is a world of difference between powers that seek to impose their will on other countries even if they share a common mode of production. Moreover, opposing the imperialist predations, whether they be overt invasion or clever proxy war, often entails mobilising popular support and resorting to higher order economic planning in order to cope with crushing sanctions. Thus, there is some groundwork laid for the future development of a militant working class in such societies, just as revolutionary republicanism in Ireland laid the foundations for a socialist movement to emerge here.

We therefore do not subscribe to the position that both sides in the present war in Europe comprise imperialist states. This neglects the recent history of the fall of the USSR and the massive levels of funding to break apart Russia and Ukraine. Russia is ultimately fighting a war to preserve its existence in the face of NATO aggression and while their escalation in February 2022 was a tragic development, the constant rejection by the USA of any attempt to agree a *modus vivendi* with Moscow coupled with ongoing attacks on Russian populated areas, rendered the invasion likely. The survival of Russia as an actually sovereign state provides, along with Chinese independence, some space for non-American approved societies to exist. Their defeat will close the chapter on viable opposition to capitalism or a century at least.

The opposite is not the case. An American defeat in Ukraine will weaken but not destroy American power. Its ability to avail of unlimited spending through its control of the reserve currency and consequent economic and cultural power would be curtailed but not broken. And whereas American victory would advance the pervasiveness of their radical liberal ideology a defeat would promote more sovereignist ideologies as viable alternatives.

The political situation in sub-Saharan countries has, after many years of stagnation, erupted

over the last 18 months with coups and changes of government that seek to remove western, particularly French, domination from their countries. The emergence of states in this region that can begin to chart a sovereign course for their own nations is a welcome development despite the many challenges that lie ahead, not least counter-revolutionary movements and inter-ethnic strife that will be fuelled by funds from Paris or Washington.

While the USA continues to assert its interests in crass aggressive form, the EU has taken on the role of its abject, subservient sidekick. Be it wrecking its own economic core in Germany due to sanctioning Russia and shutting its nuclear power plants or creating the basis for a future Nazi presence within its own borders through its funding Ukrainian Nazism on a vast scale while preaching human rights, the EU has shown almost zero capacity to act independently of Washington. The EU constituent states are at this point vassals of the USA and will remain so until the US is weakened. European nations themselves can only exert sovereignty together in the face of international capital and the USA, thus our aim of a European Republic remains a necessary step in the building of a socialist society here.

# The struggle against imperialism in Europe

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On the European continent, NATO is escalating its indirect aggression against the Russian Federation along the road leading to direct war. The European Union has chosen to align itself with the United States, rather than develop mutually advantageous relations with Russia.

Historically, eastward expansion has been a necessity for European imperialism, particularly German imperialism, when the conquest of other continents becomes difficult. However, at present, it has been the US that has pushed for confrontation with Russia, installing neo-colonial anti-Russian regimes in East Central Europe and blowing up the Nord Stream pipelines that transported Russian gas directly to the Western European powers.

The prevalence of U.S. interests in the countries of the European Union originated with the Anglo-American victory on the Western front in World War II and was underpinned by the subsequent installation of military bases and submission to NATO and the European Union. This was masterfully analyzed in the Report presented by A. Zhdanov to the Kominform in 1947.

The revisionist turn in the USSR and its Eastern European allies and the final implosion of these socialist states reinforced the Americanization of the continent, which was resisted only by the Republic of Belarus and, later, by the Russian Federation.

On the other hand, at the end of World War II, the capitalists of Western Europe were forced to make broad concessions to the working population in order to counteract the strength of the workers' movement and the sympathy it felt for the socialism being built on the other side of the "Iron Curtain".

But the structural crisis that began in the 1970s

forced capitalism to undertake a growing process of neoliberal counter-reforms whose implementation was facilitated by the revisionist degeneration of many communist parties, encouraged by Khrushchev's "New Course". Each stage of this process increased the economic advantage of the United States over the European Union, triggering a flight of capital from the old continent. This is the current case, following the sanctions against Russia, the interruption of the direct supply of its gas, the increase in the prices of this and other raw materials and the growth of expenditure for the purchase of armaments.

Within the European bourgeoisies, the financial oligarchies are the ones who most willingly accept these impositions of Washington, because the type of investments they make—largely in money-capital—allows them to relocate them to North America, improving their profitability; and, in general, they are highly dependent on the economic, monetary, political and military strength of the United States.

On the other hand, the middle industrial and agrarian bourgeoisie see their profit expectations harmed, which ends up having negative repercussions on the employment and living conditions of the majority of wage earners. Therefore, contradictions grow within the bourgeoisies of the old continent between its monopolist and non-monopolist sectors, strengthening in the latter the tendency towards protectionism and nationalism in the face of the globalism and cosmopolitanism of the USA and the European communitarian bureaucracy.

The oligarchic sectors seek to defuse this objective conflict by channeling popular discontent against



apparent external enemies: Russia, China and the other truly independent States, and also the population emigrating to Europe because of the imperialist exploitation of their countries of origin. In this way they foment national hostility among the workers in order to weaken their trade union resistance and revolutionary action as a class.

The growth of the right-wing and ultra-right parties in the last elections held—in particular, those for the European Parliament on June 9—is not really due to the objective need of the peoples to defend their sovereignty, but to their systematic manipulation by the dominant ideological media. The nationalism of those political parties is pure demagoguery so that the masses will bring them to power, from where they will reinforce even more the imperialist oppression of them. Such was the case of the fascist General Franco who imposed himself in the Spanish Civil War boasting of being “national”, while he sold our country to Germany and Italy; and, when these powers were defeated, he handed it over to the government of the United States.

However, the demand for sovereignty in the face of imperialism is not reactionary but democratic. There can be no democracy where the people lack sovereignty. And only by fighting for it, together with the other democratic demands, will we be able to advance towards socialism.

In conclusion, also in today’s Europe, we communists—who are the most consistent anti-imperialists—must remember the last advice addressed to us by comrade Stalin:

*“Now the bourgeoisie sell the rights and independence of their nation for dollars. The banner of national independence and national sovereignty has been thrown overboard. Without doubt, you, the representatives of the communist and democratic parties must raise this banner and carry it forward if you want to be patriots of your countries, if you want to be the leading powers of*

*the nation. There is nobody else to raise it.”*

Let us learn to execute this recommendation, without giving an inch in the struggle for the political independence of the proletariat and for the reconstruction of its Communist Party and its mass class movement. Only in this way will the peoples of Europe be able to contribute to the defeat of imperialism and the victory of peace, democracy and socialism.

# “This 75th anniversary NATO Summit is a grand plan to showcase U.S. and Western imperialist dominance”

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World War 3 is beginning. This week here in Washington DC is a NATO War Summit.

The lines are being brutally drawn by US Imperialism. The demand is that every country must comply. If not, they face coups, assassinations, strangling sanctions, economic destabilization. Both U.S. imperialist political parties—Democrats and Republican are in full agreement on this fundamental point.

The G7 has fallen into line, against their own economic interests. More and more of their budgets will be spent on buying US/NATO weapons, while drastically cutting social budgets. For survival this will arouse the workers movements and also as protection from the workers anger the capitalists in every country will finance and promote an extreme fascist threat.

The European Union was forced, by US pressure, to impose sanctions on Russia, cutting off their own access to cheap oil, gas, fertilizers, wheat and other raw materials.

All of the EU countries were forced to abandon their profitable investments in Russia.

Their economies are sinking.

China, now a powerhouse, with socially planned production, has long refused to bow down to these U.S. sanctions. This is why NATO has declared China to be its greatest threat, the target of new bases in the Asia Pacific—in the Philippines, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan and new military alliances interwoven with NATO.

The lines are being drawn.

China's Belt and Road Initiative has 155 countries signed up, representing 75 per cent of the globe's populations. China is the top trading partner for

120 countries. It trades more with the Global South than the US, Japan and the EU combined.

Across Asia there is expanding cooperation, trade and exchanges. Consider the SCO—the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, with 11 states and 14 dialogue partners including Türkiye. and the ECO—the Economic Cooperation Organization of 10 Central Asian countries. The economies and trading potential of the BRICS+ exceeds the U.S. and soon the G7.

The European Union is being pressured to impose tariffs of 30 and 50% on Chinese electric cars and other equipment, while severing purchases of far cheaper and superior equipment, from electronics and microprocessors to solar panels for cheap energy. They are dutifully slashing scientific exchanges that could liberate the world and boast their own economies.

However, many other countries, Formerly colonized countries of the Global South, desperate to preserve some hard-fought sovereignty, are searching for options, new alliances

Previously the West has projected its economic power and military dominance across the globe. The imperialist countries, with the U.S. in the lead, intellectually dominated the atomic and computer knowledge and dominated the media and culture. For more than 75 years—there was the ever-expanding NATO military alliance, the G7 countries, the European Union, the World Bank, the IMF and even the United Nations, its many agencies and arms. This was arrogantly taken for granted.

Now on the Military Front even NATO is unraveling.

Front lines are collapsing for the Ukrainian army,

whole units surrendering. Top commanders are fired. Faced with complete disarray of the U.S.-NATO instigated war in Ukraine, U.S. militarists are doubling down.

According to the Ukrainian constitution, President Volodymyr Zelensky's term in office is over. But he remains in power by martial law. This has led Ukrainian workers to hold strikes and work stoppages. But this news, even of a national truckers' work slowdown and halted grain exports inside Ukraine are ignored in the Western media.

Ukraine's combat units are so severely understaffed that the government would have to triple its mobilization in order to continue the current level of fighting, The expanded draft mobilization can't fill the current gap, nor can even kidnapping men off the streets.

U.S. imperialism is publicly failing on two fronts

U.S. efforts to dismember Russia have utterly failed.

Economic sanctions, price caps, the protracted war on Russia's border and tens of billions of dollars, along with hundreds of U.S. and other NATO member troops sent as trainers, plus mercenary contractors can't hold the corrupt Ukrainian military machine together.

At the same time, on the world stage, the one strategic ally of U.S. imperialism in Western Asia, the Zionist state of Israel, has utterly failed in its genocidal war on Gaza.

The cost to the Palestinian people is horrific. But overwhelming force has failed, failed to crush the resistance or even find its unified leadership.

The Zionist and their imperialist backers and collaborators couldn't imagine that they couldn't overwhelm and totally destroy the Palestinian movement.

How is it possible to hold out?

2 million people vs monstrous Zionist war machine, backed by the U.S. colossus?

In Israel total demoralization is setting in.

Thousands of Israelis are fleeing this Zionist horror show, over 900 reservists have filed conscientious resister status. Hundreds of thousands are in the streets demanding Netanyahu resignation.

The ports are closed by Ansarallah in Yemen's determined blockade.

The north is in flames from Hezbollah rockets resistance. Tens of thousands of settlers are evacuated and angry.

Using the most creative science and low tech engineering the resistance in Gaza, also in Yemen and in Lebanon and now in Iraq are fashioning their own weapons out of an endless supply of Israeli duds.

Their drones and missiles are no match for the monstrosities the U.S. provides.

But they have opened new resistance fronts.

Will there be an expanded war into Lebanon? Hezbollah sent to the Israeli military command and then publicized it to the world video images, taken by a small drone. It including the exact coordinates, pinpointing Israel's Iron Dome Batteries and strategic facilities that can paralyze entire cities.

The setbacks against their effort to unravel Russia and against small occupied Palestine mean that U.S. political dominance is being challenged in fundamental ways.

U.S. strategy toward Russia aimed to partition and dismember the country, destabilize the border and block China's Belt and Road development plans in Central Asia.

U.S. strategists considered all these steps crucial in preventing People's China from surpassing the U.S. economically. The opposite has happened. What imperialist strategists have warned about for decades and sought to prevent is now the reality.

China and Russia's relations of intense cooperation and a merge of common interests is unfolding steadily. This was further cemented during the very warm state meeting between China's President Xi Jin-Ping and Russia's President Vladimir Putin on

May 16. President Putin's state visit with North Korean President of Kim Jong Un formed a military alliance for protection and a new level of exchange for both.

That means U.S.-NATO plans are in total disarray. Rather than reconsider their strategy, which has brought setbacks and defeats in Ukraine and for Israel in Gaza, and hatred on a world scale there is an ominous escalation in U.S. military threats.

The war in Ukraine is escalating. US Supplied high-speed missiles allow strikes deep inside Russia.

The British government has now supplied its long-range Storm Shadow missile systems for attacks anywhere in Russia. Now France and Germany are matching the escalation.

This month Ukrainian drones targeted a second long-range military radar site deep inside Russia, Internationally, many voices are sounded the alarm. Such attacks are of the most extreme danger, because the slightest targeting slip up, a misinterpretation of instructions, a rogue operator on the ground, could lead to a global conflagration. These attacks require a satellite-based military network that only U.S. and NATO forces under U.S. command are capable of conducting.

Russian General Ivan Timofeev warned: "NATO is spending ten times as much as Russia—if not more—on defense. It's certainly a dangerous scenario."

However enormous expenditures are not sufficient to save the Ukrainian government, built on a U.S. orchestrated coup in 2014, from total collapse.

Nor is the largest amount of weapons and funds, \$26 billion, ever provided to Israel capable of changing the unraveling of Zionism.

This 75th anniversary NATO Summit is a grand plan to showcase U.S. and Western imperialist dominance.

NATO planned to unveil a "Security Package" for Ukraine involving 32 countries' bilateral

agreements with Ukraine. These bilateral agreements would serve as a bridge for Ukraine's entry into NATO.

Divisions appear inside NATO

Divisions within the U.S. commanded and dominated NATO military alliance are appearing. Frustration and failure are intensifying the infighting even among members of the G7 and major NATO participants.

Many NATO countries' leaders, reacting to mass workers pressure from below, have already sharply expressed opposition to U.S. support of Israel's genocidal campaign against Palestine.

Rather than reassess their deteriorating global position, U.S. strategists seem determined to put the fate of the world at risk.

Is our situation Hopeless? Are we just spectators of this potential conflagration?

As Palestine has shown the world: determined, conscious political resistance and unity are powerful weapons

For almost all past human history great majority of human population, except for the rulers, had no concept of the world past their own village, or across the river.

The world NOW is intensely connected. That has changed consciousness. There is a Global earthquake in potential of the formerly colonized world to develop, with new allies, especially China.

There is hope in the 40 sanctioned countries that they can break out of their strangling U.S. imposed isolation.

These changes impact the class struggle. Millions of people, including here in the West, are able to grasp: "It does not have to be this way."

This is why millions of people around the world are mobilizing in mass actions, shut down, strikes to defend Palestine.

The combative spirit in Gaza is changing morale, impacting the political mood.

The port gates in Genoa, Italy's most important

port, were SHUT by mass demonstrations this week.

Thousands succeeded in causing real damage to the bosses directly responsible for supporting Israel's genocidal apparatus, to the owners of the ships that transport death between Genoa and the ports of Haifa and Ashdod, to the terminal owners who called for and supported Italian military intervention in the Red Sea.

Their message was 'the enemy is at home', 'the war starts here'

Imperialism today survives, as have every ruling class in history, only so long as it can demoralize and divide its opponents. It uses sheer terror, horrific examples of their power and dominance, to convince millions that there is NO alternative.

Our voice must be a combative voice. A bold voice that asserts we side with the oppressed. We side with and defend their resistance.

The U.S. plan is for WAR, not development.

This is a deadly threat. The great majority of humanity stands against them and is refusing to back down.

We should be confident. Weapons alone are not decisive. The working class globally is entering the stage and in many different ways.

We should continue to defend every form of RESISTANCE that revolutionary forces around the world are developing.

UNITY and RESISTANCE changes everything—  
mass organized RESISTANCE

It is a NEW DAY!

Embrace the CHANGES—The old World is Dying!

# “This 75th NATO Summit is an act of desperation”

Cody Urban | Resist US-Led War Movement

Warm and militant greetings of solidarity, comrades. My name is Cody Urban and I am a member of the secretariat of the Resist US-Led War Movement. Resist US-Led War is a global network of anti-war and peace organizations and individuals in many countries of the world united on two primary points of unity: “Resist US-Led War” and “Build Just Peace.” Our perspective is that every aspect of wars of aggression and militarism cannot be seen as separate from one another: military intervention, invasions, occupations, counterinsurgencies, sanctions, food blockades, land grabs, these must all be seen as elements of the same essential militarization that stems from the imperialist system attempting to maintain its parasitic existence. Given the primary nature of US imperialism as still the strongest and most vicious imperialist power, it is US-led war that remains the most significant threat to humanity and the planet today.

We would like to thank the World Anti-Imperialist Platform for inviting us to speak at this forum today, as the 75th NATO summit prepares to get underway tomorrow in Washington, DC. We would like to give a brief overview of the current state of US-led war today, the specifics of how NATO is still used as the primary tool of US-Led War, and how an anti-NATO front of the people must be formed to prevent the worst kind of destruction that modern technology is capable of in the hands of the imperialists and war profiteers.

Let us reflect on the current status of US-led war, and how NATO plays a significant role. The US is currently waging war on three main fronts:

In Europe, the US uses the NATO alliance to cement its strategy with fellow imperialist and

reactionary states in the European Union and around the continent in general. This includes the most powerful Western imperialist countries making up the G7, and the so-called Eastern Flank of countries acting as a shield between the G7 powers and the borders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, NATO’s self-perceived frontier. On this front of US-led war, the G7 is the brain, NATO is the brawn and Russia is the chief rival. This has altered the face of Europe, with military spending skyrocketing and new bases being built from the Mediterranean islands, to the Carpathian basin, to the Baltic Sea. This year’s military exercise Steadfast Defender mobilized over 90,000 troops in the largest European military drills since the Cold War. With Sweden and Finland’s ascension to NATO, the US-led camp gains access to the vital Swedish airbase of Gotland and thus secures the entire Baltic for NATO and cuts off Russia’s Baltic Fleet at Kaliningrad, while the recent allowing of US troops to station at dozens of new outposts along Finland’s eastern border puts combined NATO troops within miles of being able to invade Russia’s only highway on the Kola Peninsula and cut off its Northern Fleet port at Murmansk. Sweden and Finland push Russia further into a corner by NATO, and this makes Ukraine that much more of a flashpoint where over 320,000 Ukrainians and Russians are suspected to have lost their lives. Should NATO’s summit this week bring Ukraine closer to NATO membership, this iron-hot tension will explode to levels we cannot even imagine.

In West Asia, Israel and the Gulf Monarchies make up the US’s preferred alliances in its war drive against Iran. The US relies on Israel’s ideology of Zionism to push its expansionist agenda and



wage attacks against Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and the Horn of Africa to keep these

countries weakened. Palestine pays the harshest price with over 75 years of occupation, ethnic cleansing and genocide to keep Israel, the US's favored war dog, forever combat ready. The Gulf Monarchies of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait form a backbone of military bases crucial for US positioning. The ultimate dream of wedding Israel and the Gulf Monarchies diplomatically has met lukewarm response, with the Abraham Accords of a few years ago tying UAE and Bahrain to the Zionist entity but failing to secure the gargantuan Saudi kingdom, and the genocide against Palestine has dashed these hopes further. Nevertheless, the US continues to wield these two alliances against its primary rival in the region, Iran, which it has subjected to assassinations, cyber warfare and a massive sanctions regime. NATO remains a key player in this region too, with NATO members sending warships to protect Israel as it wages its genocide and positioning of NATO technology to fortify the US's allies that surround key oil and gas fields.

The US's most active front of war is the Indo-Pacific where it actively prepares for open conflict with China and the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea. Japan, the Pacific member of the G7, has volunteered as the clear imperialist partner of US-led war, rearmed its military to exponential proportions and solidified trilateral military agreements between the US on the one hand, and South Korea and the Philippines on the other hand. The so-called QUAD alliance with Japan, Australia, the US and India seeks to win India away from economic and military partnerships with China and Russia, which it has failed to do. The Hiroshima Accord of 2023 stations British aircraft carriers, from a NATO country, in Japan for regular use. The Washington Declaration stations US nuclear armed submarines in South Korea for the first time in 40

years. New US bases and missile systems placed in the Philippines solidify the country and its people as a shield and launching pad in the so-called First Island Chain. Australia becomes a storage site for NATO technology, with nuclear submarines from the US and UK placed under the AUKUS deal while surveillance technology from the US, UK and Canada is utilized as part of the Five Eyes alliance. This combined front, this "Pacific NATO" as this iron web of military alliances has been called, enacts some of the most intense military exercises such as the Rim of the Pacific happening as we speak on US occupied Hawaii, mock "decapitation" exercises over the Korean Peninsula simulating invasions of the DPRK, and even urban warfare training in Taiwan, the US's most sought-after resources for control of semiconductor markets and military positioning just miles from China. NATO's upcoming Indo-Pacific forum this week exposes just how intertwined these alliances are to US-led war strategy.

This is the chess board the US has set with its allies and puppet states to wage all-out war against the up and coming states it sees as its most existential rivals. One only has to look geographically at the three most dedicated trade and infrastructure deals the Biden administration has worked to bring into place to see the economic incentive in breaking the rise of these rivals: the European Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, the India-Middle East-Corridor, and the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Prosperity.

To maintain its reserve of resources for war preparations against these three fronts, the US wages constant counterinsurgency wars against people and nations all over the world, and NATO ensures its ability to do so. In Africa, the Americas, South Asia and Oceania, the US and its allies continue their resources wars by destabilizing nations like Haiti, the Congo, Sudan, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Kashmir, New Caledonia, and many

others. Whispers of Argentina and possibly even Kenya joining NATO should warn us of how far the US is willing to go to hold onto its dying and desperate empire. NATO goes far beyond the North Atlantic. NATO is everywhere, and NATO is first and foremost a tool for counterrevolution.

This preparation for all-out war that NATO is laying the plans for this week in Washington, DC, is of course not just all-out war on China, Russia, Iran or the DPRK. It will be all-out war on all of humanity. In fact, the people of the colonies and semi-colonies and the poor and working class people of all capitalist and imperialist countries are experiencing the impacts of rural bombings, paramilitary violence and abductions, disappearances, police violence, forced migration and border militarization, and more surveillance than ever before. Especially impacted are rural and peasant communities in the countryside and working class people whose entire livelihood is uprooted by war. Women and children make up 75% of displaced people in conflict areas where they face increased gender based violence, experience food insecurity, human trafficking and displacement. Preparations for war therefore amount to a state of war for the masses, even if some are experiencing it more than others based on which part of the US's global military chessboard they happen to live.

But this, essentially, is the basis for building our broad, international united front against war and militarism. The conditions of crisis and desires for a just peace are the biggest driver that push people to struggle against the system that oppresses them. And if no country is untouched, then we can find unity with the people in each country in the fight for a just and lasting peace, a peace beyond the imperialist system that unendingly keeps US-led war alive.

The people must be awakened to see their conditions of war and militarism as not individual experiences, but collective experiences. Only

then can we raise their consciousness to see that collective suffering can be solved with collective, systemic change. We must raise the militancy of the people, in each of our respective countries, to fight and win their rights and achieve economic, social, political and environmental justice. As we gather in fora like this one hosted by the World Anti-Imperialist Platform, we are able to share the experiences of our mass organizing against war and militarism in our countries and how we are coming closer to breaking the hold imperialism has via our own countries' ruling classes. It is even possible to collaborate on long-term and globally-reaching campaigns together, such as this one against the 75th NATO Summit, of which Resist US-Led War was a proud member of the Resist NATO Coalition with other organizations, putting our efforts together to unite and organize the people against the root cause of NATO and US-Led War itself, the imperialist system.

Resist US-Led War is a network of peoples' organizations and so puts the biggest emphasis on organizing a mass movement of the people as the key solution that will change this war-ridden society. While people's organizations can and should form a united front with whatever institutions and states that make sense at a given time and circumstance in the anti-imperialist struggle, we still assert that it is the people themselves that are the true makers of history and the most important factor of the movement for just peace.

The people may seem devastatingly desperate today, but it is US imperialism that is desperate. This 75th NATO Summit is an act of desperation. Unlike the war profiteers, the people have a world to win. The people have something that's worth fighting for.

# “A broad anti-imperialist united front is being built across the globe”

**David Savard** | Socialist Action for National Liberation of Quebec (ASLN)

First, I would like to point out that today marks the 30th anniversary of the death of comrade Kim Il Sung, the liberator of Korea, and a great marxist-leninist. He remains an inspiration to revolutionaries who struggle for national liberation and socialism around the world, including us of the ASLN in Québec.

Despite the great sacrifices made in many places, starting with those still being made by the Palestinian people in Gaza and all the other territories occupied by the State of Israel, it's clear that the forces of imperialism—first and foremost American imperialism—seem to be in increasing difficulty in all four corners of the globe.

People are rising up and refusing to accept the same old diktats, as we have seen in Africa. Attempted coups d'état driven by Yankee imperialism, most recently in Bolivia, are being thwarted.

In Ukraine, NATO has sent billions of dollars in aid to the corrupt, fascist Zelensky regime, but to no avail. On the battlefield, the Ukrainian regime continues to accumulate defeat after defeat, while the front line is constantly being pushed back deeper and deeper into the territories that the Ukrainian army was previously able to control, increasingly to the advantage of Russian forces.

What we note are the many initiatives to strengthen collaboration and coordination between the various forces currently engaged in the fight for the entire future of mankind.

This collaboration is becoming ever closer between the resistance movements themselves, as in Palestine. In this respect, we can only welcome all the efforts made in this direction, including the

meetings held first in Moscow, then in Beijing.

This strengthened cooperation and collaboration can also be seen in the growing number of meetings between the Chinese and North Korean authorities, and more recently between Russia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

All this deeply shocks the imperialist forces grouped within NATO. It also shows the extent to which they themselves are beginning to feel the situation heating up for them.

This ever-increasing cooperation is also manifesting itself in various initiatives, at the level of communist and workers' parties and movements, such as the World Anti-Imperialist Platform, which is growing in size and presence.

It is also evident at state level, between governments that would have been separated 10 or 20 years ago. And despite this, certain rapprochements are beginning to occur, via vehicles such as the BRICS.

Speaking of the BRICS, they are certainly not a panacea that will solve all problems. Nevertheless, by stepping up the pressure for the establishment of a multipolar world, the BRICS are obviously playing a positive role.

The fact that Cuba, Bolivia and Venezuela are talking about joining this grouping in their turn, would at the same time encourage a more left-wing refocusing of the BRICS and could also, in time, help to counterbalance the recent addition of various countries positioned to the right on a political level.

What we at ASLN see as equally positive is the growing recognition, even within another grouping, the Sao Paulo Social Forum, of the importance

of national liberation struggles, for the effective recognition of the right to self-determination, and for the application of this right, until the achievement of their independence for peoples still subject to the diktat of great powers such as the United States or France. We refer in particular to the struggle still being waged by the people of Puerto Rico for their own independence.

Of course, we in Quebec see our own struggle to free ourselves from the shackles of Canada and the domination of American imperialism as an integral part of these struggles.

Some might think that recent developments in the international situation, notably on the battlefields of Ukraine, but also around Taiwan, as well as the rising tensions on the Korean peninsula, would make the situation increasingly dangerous.

To a large extent, this is true. Except that those who say this, and they often say it to imply that Russia, China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea should not act as they do, because that would only add fuel to the fire, are overlooking several crucial elements in their own analytical scheme.

The same kind of comments could just as easily apply to Iran, the Middle East, Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia or Honduras.

The first of these elements is the fact that if the same countries at the heart of the present movement against imperialism, along with the Palestinian, African and Latin American peoples, were to decide instead to multiply their compromises with these same forces of imperialism, there would be no real reduction in tensions.

On the contrary, the United States, in concert with all its strongest allies, will step up its attacks and provocations even further.

Because the forces of imperialism have no use for peace, justice and respect for peoples. When they finally accept peace, it's usually because they've

been forced to do so, because they no longer have a choice.

Standing up to imperialist forces, and at the same time working to build a broad anti-imperialist united front, is not a self-destructive strategy. On the contrary, it's the only realistic approach suited to the situation we now find ourselves in. It's the only approach that can save us from total destruction, just as the international communist movement once advocated a worldwide anti-fascist coalition, which in the Second World War helped not only to crush fascist vermin, but to save humanity in the process.

Some will retort: but what about a possible spillover of all current conflicts, towards a possible all-out nuclear war that could wipe us all out?

What those who talk like this forget is that the current united front includes in its core 3 countries which do indeed have nuclear weapons, but that it is at the same time the fact that they are more united than ever that will make American imperialism think twice before taking the risk of using its nuclear weapons.

If these 3 countries, namely Russia, China and the DPRK, weren't so united, if they didn't demonstrate an increasingly remarkable ability to stand their ground, then perhaps the U.S. would think it had more room to manoeuvre than it does at present.

But the United States knows that any frontal attack against one or other of these 3 countries will automatically provoke a response from the other 2.

We all still remember what Donald Trump was quick to say, namely that we could simply wipe the entire Korean peninsula off the map with a few atomic bombs.

In the early 50s, American General McArthur had also made similar remarks against the Korean people. But the American authorities never implemented these measures. Why not? Precisely because of the presence of the USSR and China, who were then united behind the DPRK, just as

Russia and China may be again today.

Yes, the danger of a possible world war is always there, in front of us. In some respects, it has already begun. Not in the form of a so-called war between imperialists, but rather a war between, on the one hand, the peoples of the world, who increasingly wish to rid themselves of oppression and injustice, and, on the other, those who would like to maintain this same system of oppression by force.

A broad anti-imperialist united front is being built across the globe, and this is in line with what the World Anti-Imperialist Platform aims to promote. This can only help us in the longer term in the face of all the current tensions, which are bound to grow, not diminish.

The more the already broad global support movement for the Palestinian people continues to grow, the more it will help strengthen the anti-imperialist united front.

A major awareness-raising and propaganda campaign to better explain what's at stake in the Ukraine and Russia, as well as the Taiwan question and what's happening on the Korean peninsula, would be just as important. The confusion that still exists in many people's minds on these issues can only hinder efforts to further consolidate this great anti-imperialist united front.

A better understanding of the potential of the various struggles being waged by different peoples, in all 4 corners of the globe, to gain recognition of their own right to self-determination, would help just as much, because this is also an essential aspect of the current upsurge in struggles around the world.



# NATO's Nazi Roots

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The birth of NATO is often described, by bourgeois historians, as the result of the recognition that a north Atlantic defense organization was necessary in order to contain the so-called Soviet threat. What the bourgeois historians fail to mention is that the idea that an anticommunist military alliance between Western Europe and the US was so strongly supported by a major figure in German politics that NATO has sometimes been described as his brainchild. This man was Heinrich Himmler, renowned for his role as the leader of the SS and one of the main architects of the Nazi Holocaust.

The heart of the Second World War was in the East, where Hitler, with the financial backing of major Western capitalists, vowed to destroy what fourteen capitalist states had failed to eradicate in the wake of 1917: actually existing socialism. Once it became clear to Himmler that this war had failed, beginning around the time of the battle of Stalingrad in 1943, he started making secret overtures to the West in order to form an alliance that would allow them, collectively, to do what the Nazis—as well as the Japanese fascists—were incapable of doing on their own. This was appealing to sectors of the Western elite, and powerful figures in the leading imperialist countries shared Himmler's opinion. Allen Dulles, the future head of the CIA, complained that his country was fighting the wrong enemy because the Nazis were pro-capitalist Aryan Christians, whereas the real opponent was godless communism.

Dulles, working at the time for the CIA's wartime predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services, was one of Himmler's interlocutors for the planned anticommunist north Atlantic alliance. General Karl Wolff, formerly Himmler's right-hand man,

offered Dulles, in return for postwar amnesty, to develop, with his Nazi allies, an intelligence network against Stalin. This is exactly what happened, and Dulles integrated many other Nazis and fascists into the ranks of an anticommunist international. This included the head of the Nazi intelligence service focused on the USSR, Reinhard Gehlen, who was appointed by the CIA to head West German intelligence after the war, where he proceeded to hire many of his Nazi collaborators. It also comprised, as part of Operation Sunrise in Italy, Valerio Borghese, the man known as the Black Prince and one of the major leaders of postwar fascism, who was saved from the communists by the OSS and then worked for the CIA. The Japanese official who signed the declaration of war against the US, Nobusuke Kishi, who was known as the "Devil of Shōwa" for his brutal rule of a Japanese colony in Northeast China, was also rehabilitated by the infamous Agency, which financed his rise to become the Prime Minister of Japan. These examples are only the tip of the iceberg, however, since an incalculable number of fascists were rehabilitated after the Second World War, at least 10,000 of which were brought directly to the US.

When NATO was officially established in 1949, Portugal was one of its founding members. It was a fascist dictatorship at the time, which demonstrates that NATO was, from its very founding, a military alliance of the imperialist powers—be they bourgeois democracies or fascist states—against communism, which is precisely what Himmler had had in mind. Greece joined NATO in 1953, after the communists, who had played a leading role in liberating the country from the Nazis, had lost a brutal war against their

new anticommunist occupiers: the UK and the US. Having first reinstated the profascist King and then established a rightwing puppet government, the Western imperialist powers welcomed Greece into NATO once it had been remade into a reliable anticommunist client state. These patterns are visible throughout NATO's long history, and the Ukraine is but one of the latest versions of a fascistic anticommunist client state.

West Germany joined NATO in 1955, the same year that the rearmament of the Federal Republic of Germany was authorized through the Paris Accords. The West German government screened volunteers and admitted 61 generals and admirals from the Nazi Wehrmacht into its new military, as well as many more at lower ranks. Among the most senior Nazi officers integrated into the West German military were Hans Speidel and Adolf Heusinger, who were sworn in as its first two lieutenant generals. Speidel became "chief of the Combined Forces Department at the Ministry of Defense" and served as one of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's key military advisers (a position later occupied by Heusinger). Heusinger, whom Hitler had referred to as "my true and loyal collaborator," became West Germany's senior serving military officer, the equivalent of the U.S. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served as chief of evaluation for the CIA's Gehlen Organization, performing his task so well that the Agency "seriously considered" him for Gehlen's position, according to internal documents. He served as a CIA agent, who "continued to consult with and confide in CIA representatives," who reported that they "found Heusinger's political views clearly in the interest of the U.S." These two Nazi leaders were both promoted and became West Germany's first four-star generals.

Both of these major Nazi officers played key roles in NATO. In 1954, Speidel was appointed as the principal "negotiator on the question of German

entry into NATO." He oversaw the integration of West Germany's armed forces into NATO and was appointed chief of Allied Land Forces in Central Europe. This meant that Speidel was "the senior operational commander of all German, American, French and British divisions assigned to NATO's Central Region." A high-ranking Nazi official, directly involved in the genocidal war of elimination against the USSR, would thus have been the senior NATO ground commander if war broke out with the Warsaw Pact countries. Heusinger became NATO's "senior military officer and chief military adviser to the secretary general," serving as the Chair of the NATO Military Committee, "the highest rank in the organization's non-civilian branch."

Speidel and Heusinger, like many others who were integrated into NATO, had not been low-ranking Nazis. Speidel was promoted to Lieutenant general in January 1944, and he received the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross for his service in the anti-Soviet war of elimination. Heusinger, according to US Senator Wayne Morse's 1961 fact sheet, had become the "chief of operations on Hitler's general staff" in 1941 and was "responsible for the military planning of all Nazi invasions from then on." He commanded the special extermination squads (Einsatzgruppen) that were tasked with liquidating "all Jews and other groups." Heusinger explained his view on these matters with remarkable candor: "It had always been my personal opinion that the treatment of the civilian population and the methods of anti-partisan warfare (extermination) presented the highest political and military leaders with a welcomed opportunity for carrying out their plans, namely, the systematic extermination of Slavism and Jewry."

Speidel and Heusinger were far from the only Germans to follow the Nazi to NATO pipeline, but their leadership positions reveal how brazen NATO has been regarding its fascist ties. They were also

both involved in setting up stay behind armies, imperialism. which were secret fascist militias whose purported objective was originally to serve as military forces that would stay behind enemy lines to carry out acts of sabotage, espionage, exfiltration, etc. in the case of a Soviet invasion. In Germany, the Nazi colonel Albert Schnez set up a network of some 2,000 Nazi officers and 10,000 soldiers, claiming to be able to mobilize 40,000 fighters in the event of a war. They had financial backing from the business world and regularly shared intelligence with the Gehlen Organization. Gehlen himself was “the spiritual father of Stay Behind in Germany.” Schnez’s organization also had contacts with two other stay-behind Nazi networks, both of which were secretly funded by the U.S.: the Technischer Dienst (Technical Service) and the League of German Youth.

The stay behind armies that these Nazi leaders established across West Germany were part of a Western European network of sub rosa fascist militias set up by the CIA, MI6, and NATO. These organizations recruited Nazis, fascists, and other extreme rightwing anticommunists, provided them with weapons and ammunition, and fully equipped them for waging war. They were activated to commit false flag terrorist attacks, targeting the civilian population, which were blamed on communists in order to justify crackdowns and drum up support for so-called law and order governments. This anticommunist strategy of tension was extremely deadly, killing hundreds of people and injuring thousands. NATO was behind these false flag terrorist attacks, and NATO’s Nazis were—at a minimum—involved in setting up the organizations that committed them.

The well-known joke that NATO is really NAFO, the North Atlantic Fascist Organization, is no joke at all. It is a deadly serious reality, and it needs to be changed. The fight against NAFO is an essential part of the broader struggle against fascism and

# Beginning Demise of Western Imperialism

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## Opening Remarks:

The Maritime force of the North Atlantic nations began to colonize the continents of Africa, Asia, North and South America beginning 16th Century. Some of us used to hear a story that the sun never set in the British Empire.

When some socio-economic and political hardship in the European Continent and British Isles, some of the Anglo-Saxon Christians migrated to the North American continent with the belief that they were directed by Manifest Destiny to civilize the colored people following the Sun toward the west. These people became the Settlers conquering the indigenous people in the North American Continent. This Settlers-colony waged war against British rule and claimed their independence as the USA. This new nation expanded their territory by the US-Mexico War and completed occupation of the entire continent.<sup>[1]</sup>

In 1823 President Monroe declared the Monroe Doctrine which the European nations should not occupy the nations in the South American continent. Then US began to exploit and oppress the indigenous people to increase wealth by extracting the natural resources and the cheap labors.

In 1885 the Commodore Perry led fleet to Tokyo Bay and Japan began to accept the western sciences and modernize the military industry. Japanese began their self-identity as Westerners with the policy of motto “Leaving Asia and Entering Europe”.

In early 20th Century the US facing the Pacific Ocean, this new nation was again motivated to fulfill the Manifest Destiny to civilize the colored people in the Pacific Rims and Asia. In the summer

of 1905 President Theodore Roosevelt dispatched a large diplomatic delegate to Pacific Rim and Asian countries. The Secretary of War William Howard Taft was the head of the group. This venture is the first step of the US to dominate the Pacific and Northeastern Asia.

In this tour the US and Japan made a secret agreement, the Taft-Katsura Agreed Memorandum which made Japan to begin as an imperial nation to colonize Cho-Seon (Korea) and parts of Manchuria/China.

## The US Imperial Dominance in 20th Century:

The Marshall Plan rebuilt the devastated Europe. Then in 1949 US formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a military coalition of the western European nations against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics after WWII.

Toward the end of the WWII President Franklin Roosevelt suggested to Churchill and Stalin to put the Korea under the Trust of the alliance since the Koreans were not ready to form a government and rule the nation. But the other leaders did not agree with such an idea.

As the Japan surrendered on August 15, 1945, the USA occupied the entire Japanese Island and proposed to divide the Korean peninsula along the 38th parallel and asked USSR to disarm the Japanese in the North of the dividing line and the US Military in the South.

It was possible strategy of the US to use the Korean peninsula as a military outpost to deter the rising communist revolution in China under the Mao's leadership.

Then the US began to rule the Southern part by the Military Rule for three years.

When the US Military Government organized the ruling machinery such as police force, military, and all other officers in all levels of systems, the US governor general hired all the Korean collaborators who served the Imperial Japanese oppressive colonial ruling mechanism. Those cruel Korean agents of the Japanese colonial rulings pursued, arrested, imprisoned and killed Korean patriots who worked to defeat the Japanese occupants and to achieve their National Liberation. All of those Korean collaborators were rehired by the US Military governing as the ruling gangsters of the newly established government of southern part of Division.

Then the US Military ruling's poll in the South revealed that 79% of Koreans in the South wanted to have an independent Korea in Socialism. Then the US Military government considered those were communists influenced by the USSR and ordered to clean up those Koreans. Hundreds of thousands of Koreans were massacred.

In sharp contrast in the North of the dividing line, the government was established by the Korean leaders who had waged guerilla warfare against Japanese invading forces in the Manchuria to defeat imperial Japanese forced occupation of Korea, in cooperation with Chinese people.

Such differences were the sufficient causes of conflict between the two sides of Korea.

The US military withdrew from Korea even though there were ongoing skirmishes along the dividing lines between the two sides. But a group of military advisors remained to train and direct their serfs, all the ruling elites in the newly established Korean government.

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On January 12, 1950, the Secretary of the US State Department Dean Acheson in his address at the

National Press Club said that in the Far East Korean peninsula is not in our defense perimeter. Our defense line would be the Japanese Isles to Taiwan. The war in Korea was induced by the US to destroy the Northern government and occupy the entire peninsula?<sup>[2]</sup>

Michael Pembroke in his book, Korea, Where the American Century Began, said after the WWII by the war in Korea the Cold War began to control the entire world and developing the military industries.<sup>[3]</sup>

### **The US Policy of the Full Spectrum Dominance and Imperialism has driven millions of people to flee their homes across the world:**

James Lucas in his research article published by the Global Research on November 17, 2015, pointed that the US after the WWII raised 37 wars and killed over 20 million people. It has been well acknowledged facts that the US has penetrated other countries with overt and covert tactics to divide the people, instigate changes by mass protests and Coup D'état, assassinations and regime changes.

Especially when the USSR was dissolved in 1991, the Bipolar world was over, and the US became the Unipolar in the global village. In these three decades, the US has invaded Iraq and Afghanistan to retaliate the 9.11 attacks with certain manufactured intelligences that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and to defeat the terrorists.

The US Imperialism has flexed muscles of war machines rather than engaging with others in diplomatic engagement for mutual understanding and respect.

Stephanie Weatherbee Brito in the Peoples Dispatch published her research on June 20, 2024, stated real pictures of such tragic reality, "The intensification of existing violent conflicts and



emergence of new ones have caused a significant increase in the number of forcibly displaced people.”

Sudanese refugees in Chad. Over 10 million people have been forcibly displaced in over a year of war in Sudan. On this year’s World Refugee Day—June 20—we must collectively reckon with the fact that more than 117 million people are victims of forced displacement. From Palestine to Sudan, Yemen to Ukraine, and the Democratic Republic of Congo to Myanmar---”<sup>[4]</sup>

## **People in the Global South Have been**

### **Awaken:**

#### **Africa’s Case:**

There was a Military Coup in Niger west Africa. Civilian president elected by the democratic process was driven out. Military leaders thought even though their country was liberated from the French colonial rule, and president was elected by the indigenous people in democratic process, yet his policy and styles were still very much French. I assume these military leaders wanted to make Niger based on its indigenous cultural mores as a wholly de-westernized Niger.

The neighboring countries even tried to prevent this coup by military action. But people stood up to oppose such action.

Coup leaders request the French Military to go home and, they requested the US withdraw small attachment of military by September this year! Chad also requested the US military to be withdrawn.

Gen. CQ Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon arrived in Botswana as the U.S. faces a critical inflection point in Africa. (AP News, June 24, 2024)

The U.S. needs to have a dialogue with those nations to see what type and size U.S. military presence they would want, he said, adding, “That’s why this conference is important.”

Brown and other defense officials say the conference is a chance to show African leaders that the U.S. can listen and accept local solutions. The U.S., said one defense official, must adjust to the solutions that Africans have identified and not impose external Western ideals.

Now is the US going to respect the what the Africans want to be and do for themselves?

#### **South America’s Case:**

Some of the Central and South American nations have come to restore their sovereignty.

In 2023 Mexico President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador declared,

“Now the countries in Central and South America must be released from the Grip of the US. And the new hope of Mexico must come out of the corruption, violence and the walls which Trump erect on the border.”

The Summit of the Americas, the Conference of 9th Summit of the Americas in June 6-10, 2022, in Los Angeles, CA, three presidents of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua were not invited. So many presidents of the south American nations did not attend and sent ministers of foreign affairs or assistant ministers. As such some of the South American nations have come to restore their independence from the US dominance.

An Uneasy Relations between the US and European Nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization: Why Does the US Policy Makers Need Adversarial Nations?

The USSR and Eastern European Countries formed Warsaw Pacts in 1955 as the Counter measure of NATO.

Since 1991 when the USSR was dissolved the Warsaw Pact was also dismissed.

But the NATO continued its role to deter the Russian “threats”. And those former members of the Warsaw Pact were pulled into NATO. But Ukraine remained as a neutral state between the

West and Russia.

NATO held its summit in Bucharest, Romania in 2008 and issued <the Bucharest Summit Declaration> to bring Ukraine in the bosom of NATO. It could be an open declaration of war against Russia. The Director of Eastern Europe at the US State Department with other agents infiltrated Ukraine and operated to plant “democracy” in stirring up the people to oust the neutral president. Among those newly formed NGOs existed New Nazi militia group. Finally on February 22-24, 2014, the all-out protest to dethrone the neutral president as Maidan Coup. As the Russian Speaking People in the Eastern part of the country opposed the coup, the Nazi militia attacked killing and terrorizing such groups.

To stop such conflicts there was <Minsk Agreement> to end conflict between the Coup groups and the Russian speaking people. But it was not implemented.

As the peaceful co-existence between the Russian speaking region and the newly established Ukraine became impossible, Russia began the war February 2022. It could be considered as a war of self-defense from the threats of NATO led by the US. Even there was a proposal to cease fire in April. But the US and UK ignore the proposal and pushed Ukraine to continue the war. Now there was Fifth proposal for peace. Again, the US ignored it.<sup>[5]</sup>

### **Boomerang of the Sanctioning Russian Crude Oil and Gas:**

The US sanctioned Russia by freezing the US dollar in Russia's Accounts.

The Russian petroleum and gas were cut and the industries in Germany and European countries were hit hard. The US pushed members of NATO to provide arms to Ukraine. NATO members were requested to raise the defense budget.

Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg came

to Washington, DC in June to prepare for the NATO Summit in July 2024. He said that many of the 32 member countries raised their defense budgets. Now two third of the budget come to the US to produce more arms for Ukraine!

As the war in Ukraine was going on, French President Macron said “Is Europe subjected vassals to the US. Now the European nations must restore sovereign rights for the strategic matter.” Then former Greek's Minister of Finance Yanis Varoufakis responded, “Vassals had some sovereignty. We are worse than vassal, we are serfs!”<sup>[6]</sup>

### **China's Revolution as Victory in Defeating Western Imperialist Powers and Becoming an Independent Nation with economic development as Challenge to the US:**

China as an agricultural society and governed by monarchical dynasties had been painfully humiliated over a century by the western European nations, which occupied some parts of the continent and ruled them by the Extraterritorial rules. Among those foreign colonial occupants, the British War of Opium put Chinese society into the worst devastation. The era of the Republic of China (1912-1949) was over by the revolutionary war led by Mao Zedong.

The core of this Revolution was for China to defeat the western imperial colonizers and to restore national independence! People's Republic of China was announced on October 1, 1949, as an independent Socialist nation including Taiwan. At the leadership of Deng Xiaoping (1978-1989) China began planned economy with industrialization.

China and the US opened diplomatic relations in January of 1979. Since then, China has built a large productive capitalistic economy as the US has become financial capitalism relying on the Chinese supplies of produced goods.

Also, in recent decade China expanded maritime

territory with China South Sea and the US also began Pivot to Pacific Rim (now Indo-Pacific) to bring countries in the region to have trades among them as a block of a competing force against China. Chinese economy has grown to the level of the US.

The US raised 25% in tariff in 2018 and approached Taiwan violating the One China Policy selling US Arms instigating Taiwan's independence away from China.

The US formed Quad—Australia, India, Japan; AUKUS—Australia, United Kingdom and US; and in August 2023 Trilateral Cooperation with South Korea, Japan and US. Also, the US invited Japanese Prime Minister and S. Korean President to NATO Conference since 2022. And the US requested S. Korea decoupling with China.

Such US Actions seem to be a desperate tactics facing the Russian and Chinese challenges against her delusionary policy of Full Spectrum Dominance of the world.

The US in the last three decades as the Unipolar power in the world has tried to subjugate most of the countries to be under the US politico-economic dominance.

### **The US Imperial Strategies and Tactics Are Exposed widely:**

Mr. Chris Hedges featured a critical article, <The Impending Collapse of US Empire> on the Consortium News on June 20, 2024. "The military machine commits fiascos abroad. At home, by diverting funds and resources to endless war, it disembowels and impoverishes the nation."<sup>[7]</sup>

The BRICS and plus have come to the Global South, which had been exploited and extracted so long by the Western powers such US and NATO, with an alternative hope to support all the countries to keep their sovereignty with dignity and to develop their socio-economic and political structures based on their historical and cultural mores and foundation!

The American Century of Imperial attempts is now diminishing. Isn't it time for the US policy makers to be awakened in this time of epochal transition to learn to live with other nations in the spirit of good will of mutual understanding and respect to live peacefully with others?

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# **Statement of World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Washington DC: Let us bring an end to imperialism with the global anti-imperialist struggle and achieve independence and peace!**

July 7, 2024

NATO summit will be held in Washington, DC, from July 9 to 11. The main agendas will be the war in Ukraine, “deterrence” and “defense” of NATO, and intensifying cooperation between AP4 (Asia-Pacific partners) countries, which include Japan, “The Republic of Korea (ROK),” Australia, and New Zealand. The US State Department, addressing the agenda on the war in Ukraine, blatantly expressed its plot to prolong the war by saying, “Ukraine should be in a position to continue this fight into 2025.” Meanwhile, the Biden administration mobilized all US allies in West Asia (Middle East), including not only Israel but also Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates, for this meeting. Experts have mentioned that creating a Middle East version of NATO has been a long-held ambition of successive US administrations. A series of facts demonstrates that this NATO summit is a plotting meeting for World War 3.

NATO is expanding its reach to the Indo-Pacific region. The NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg spouted sophistry regarding China-Russia cooperation, stating, “China is inciting the largest military conflict in Europe since World War II.”, and regarding NATO-AP4 collusion, he said, “Our security is not regional, it is global.” The US State Department recklessly remarked that both Japan and the “ROK” have been very good partners in addressing the threat posed by Russia, and that the security concerns faced in the Indo-Pacific are very similar to those that are faced in NATO’s Article 5 territory. The USA, Japan, and the “ROK” agreed on the content corresponding to Article 5

of the NATO treaty’s concept of collective security at the Camp David summit in August 2023 and decided to conduct regular multi-domain joint military exercises, which are similar to NATO military exercises. As NATO’s expansion to the East provoked the Ukraine War, the “Indo-Pacificization of NATO” is causing the opening of the war in East Asia.

The war is imminent in East Asia, and the fronts are expanding in both Eastern Europe and West Asia. The US imperialist aggressive forces are utilizing pro-US fascist power in the “ROK” as their proxy for the war in the “ROK”, and conducting war exercises against DPRK day after day, while manipulating pro-US warmongering forces in the Philippines and separatist forces in Taiwan to carry out aggressive military exercises against China, and moving Japanese militarism forces as a strike group for the war in East Asia. From January to May, the USA and NATO conducted large-scale invasion exercises near Russia and recently allowed their homeland-supplied weapons to strike Russia. The Ukrainian neo-Nazi military fired US-made ATACMS missiles with prohibited cluster bombs at Sevastopol and massacred civilians, instigating the war in Eastern Europe. Zionist Israel, which slaughtered over 40,000 Palestinians, is fanatically expanding the war in West Asia by bombing the Iranian consulate in Syria in April and precipitating an all-out war with Hezbollah of Lebanon in June.

We must crush the imperialist aggressive war drive with the worldwide anti-imperialist joint struggle. As anti-imperialist camp and imperialist

camp clash, the truth and justice become clearer whose side they are on. The anti-imperialist camp firmly holds the justification of anti-fascism, liberation, and reunification, which the imperialist camp can never deny. The nuclear missile superpowers of the anti-imperialist camp—DPRK, China, and Russia—are growing stronger; at the same time, they firmly unite with Iran and other ‘Axis of Resistance’ countries, along with world anti-imperialist movements. In contrast, the USA, European imperialism, and pro-US fascist countries are pushing World War 3 in full swing and manipulating the “New Cold War” framework as internal overall crises deepen. It is common sense that the side with both justification and strength wins the war. Awakened and united people of the world will bring an end to imperialism with vigorous anti-imperialist joint struggle and put forward a new era of global independence and peace.

At the McPherson Square, Washington DC.

On July 7th, 2024

World Anti-imperialist Platform



# Washington declaration: The Nato imperialist alliance can be defeated if we build the worldwide Axis of Resistance!

July 8, 2024

Recognising that the ultimate cause of all the wars currently raging around the globe is imperialist monopoly-capitalism, the global economic system of domination and superexploitation, we, the parties and organisations of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, note the following:

- That during the last two years of Nato's war against Russia via fascist proxies in Ukraine, many weaknesses have been exposed in the imperialist camp.

- That nine months of imperialist war (a Nato war in all but name) against the people of the middle east via zionist proxies in Palestine have only served to exacerbate these weaknesses and expose them further.

- That the war in Ukraine first exposed the economic weakness of the Nato imperialists, who tried to destroy Russia's economy with a sanctions war and ended up by strengthening Russia's economy and further damaging their own.

- That as a result, the economic crisis that the imperialist countries were trying to escape, has only been exacerbated, with energy prices and inflation rocketing, European industry becoming unviable, and the cost of living for ordinary workers climbing steeply.

- That the war in Palestine has further exposed this weakness, revealing that despite almost unlimited subsidies to the settler-colonial entity, its backers in the west are no longer able to keep the zionist economy afloat.

- That the war in Ukraine has also exposed the military weakness of the imperialist countries, which have for so long held out the threat of overwhelming force to compel the submission of

those in the oppressed and developing world. In Ukraine today, despite Nato having 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.

- That the war in Palestine has further exposed this weakness. Despite its backing by Nato bombers and aircraft carriers, and despite being re-equipped daily with arms supplies from the west, the zionists are being decisively beaten on every front of the war: in Gaza by the Palestinian resistance, in northern Palestine and the Golan Heights by Hezbollah, in the Red Sea by Ansarullah and across occupied Palestine by a combination of regional resistance forces, including those based in heroic Yemen and in occupied Iraq.

- That the death and destruction that the zionists have wrought so mercilessly on innocent Palestinian civilians, on their homes, schools, workplaces and hospitals, have achieved nothing militarily—today there is no area of the Gaza Strip that is safe for Israeli or US soldiers.

- That both these wars have highlighted an extremely significant shift: that the west has lost its technological dominance, and with it the ability to enforce its will over the people of the planet.

- That the war in Ukraine has also exposed the systematic dishonesty of the imperialist camp. Unable to win outright military victories, the imperialists have been using their global dominance of corporate and social media to spin headlines and build narratives about the war that are pure Hollywood, with no real basis in reality.

- That during this process, the imperialists have been extremely careless with Ukrainian lives, unconcerned with the hundreds of thousands of men who have been sent to their deaths for no military purpose whatsoever. Thus, the absolute inhumanity of imperialism has been highlighted once again.

- That this duplicity and inhumanity has been most glaringly laid bare in Palestine, where real-time footage of the ongoing Gaza genocide has been giving the lie to the assertions of western journalists and politicians almost as soon as they are uttered.

- That while making statements about the need for peace and negotiations, western leaders have been shown to be sending unlimited supplies of arms and finance to the zionist genocidaires. Meanwhile regular massacres of civilians and the systematic targeting of schools, universities and hospitals hardly get a mention in western media, or are blatantly misrepresented. The genocide perpetrators are routinely sympathised with and presented as ‘democratic’ forces engaged in ‘self-defence’, while those resisting oppression continue to be dehumanised and described as ‘terrorists’.

- That this duplicity extends to the diplomatic sphere, and that countries in the oppressed world are increasingly coming to the conclusion that the imperialists cannot be negotiated with; that their treaties are not worth the paper they are written on. That neither the Sunshine protocols signed up to by the DPRK, nor the Oslo process signed up to by the Palestinians, nor the Minsk process signed up to by the Russians were ever sincerely aimed at finding genuine or peaceful solutions but were simply a mechanism for tying the hands of one side while the imperialists themselves created ‘facts on the ground’ and prepared for a renewal of military aggression.

- That as a result, many countries are coming to the realisation that there is simply no way to

remain safe from imperialist hostility while also remaining sovereign. This is the reason for the ever-accelerating rate at which the anti-imperialist countries are now strengthening their bilateral and multilateral relationships—a most welcome development for the oppressed people everywhere.

- That 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.

- That the wars in Ukraine and Palestine have also exposed the bankrupt and rotten state of much of what still 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 anti-imperialism in practise and who merely hides behind plausible phrases as a cover for their rotten, opportunist actions in support of imperialism.

- That genuine anti-imperialists have a duty to do everything possible to bring home to workers all the lessons outlined above. We must help workers see that just as they have been lied to about Palestine and zionism, so they have been lied to about Russia and Ukrainian fascism, about China, the DPRK and Iran. And we must use this understanding to mobilise the masses everywhere 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.

- That failure in its wars in Europe and west Asia will not hold the imperialists back from their war drive, but rather impel them on, desperate to save themselves and their system by any means necessary. It is in this light that we must understand the spread of Nato across the globe, the attempt to

create an east Asian wing of Nato with which to confront China and the DPRK, and the building up of proxy armies by Nato on the continent of Latin America.

We therefore commit to the following:

1. That we will do everything in our power to help workers and oppressed peoples understand that we have a side in this war; that it is in every working person's interest for Russia to defeat Nato, and for Palestine and the wider middle-eastern resistance to defeat zionism and kick imperialism out of the middle east; that these huge blows at our common enemy can only help accelerate the shifting of class forces in the world and create better conditions for the struggle against imperialist domination and exploitation everywhere else.

2. That we will do everything in our power to popularise the demand for a campaign of active non-cooperation with every aspect of the imperialist war machines, including proxy forces. We will work to help workers realise that they have the power to compel their governments to withdraw support for the illegal, aggressive warmongering of the zionist and Nato extermination machines, and to help them organise to use that power.

3. That we will do everything in our power to debunk the propaganda and expose the war preparations of the imperialists in relation to China and the DPRK; to help working people understand that no matter who fires the first shot, any war that breaks out in east Asia will have been provoked by imperialist aggression; that therefore the masses must be on the side of China and the DPRK and must work actively for their victory just as in every other theatre of war where imperialism and its proxies are fighting to maintain or impose their hegemony.

4. That we will do everything in our power to bring to the attention of the masses the essential inability of the imperialist system to live in peace,

highlighting the rapid and aggressive expansion of Nato across the world—in particular into east Asia and Latin America—and explaining that the imperialists hope to recover from their economic crisis through means of warfare and are desperately searching for fresh troops to throw into the battlefield.

5. That we will work to spread awareness of the historical opportunity that is opening up to humanity, and the duty we have of rising to the times; that we will inject the working masses with optimism about their prospects for success and the bright future awaiting them on the other side of victory.

Imperialism is in a deep crisis, and its combined forces are weaker than at any time in their history. Meanwhile, the combined forces of anti-imperialist resistance are stronger than they have ever been.

People everywhere are crying out for the chance to break the chains of imperialist enslavement, impoverishment and perpetual war; they are crying out for the chance to develop along a human-centred and ultimately socialist path, free from exploitation of all kinds.

The times are changing. All over the world, the balance of forces is shifting and a revolutionary current is building.

Now is the time to redouble our efforts in building up the Axis of Resistance in every corner of the earth.

Disband Nato!

Death to imperialism!

No cooperation with imperialist war!

Victory to the resistance!

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