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Greetings for the New Year of 2019: Prepare for a Political Volcano Eruption!

An Open Letter from the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 30.12.2018

Dear Comrades, Brothers and Sisters!
The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) sends its warmest New Year greetings to all fighters for liberation and justice!

We are sending these greetings in a historic moment. Everyone with open eyes can see that the capitalist world order is in severe turmoil. We are heading towards a political volcano eruption.

The stock markets are in panic, full of fear of another, imminent Great Recession which will be even worse this time than in 2008/09.

The decay of capitalism is reflected in the declining power of that Great Power which undisputedly dominated the imperialist camp since 1945. President Trump's declaration that the U.S. cannot continue to be "*the policeman of the world*" (one of his very few correct remarks!) reflects the official resignation of the former absolute dominant super-power.

At the same time, new Great Powers are rising – Russia and, in particular, China.

The looming Global Trade War between Washington and Beijing reflects that the future will be decisively shaped by the rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – the U.S., China, the EU, Russia and Japan.

At the same time we are at the beginning of a new global wave of liberation struggles of the workers and oppressed. The popular uprising in Sudan, the ongoing liberation struggle of the heroic Syrian people against the tyranny of Assad, the mass protests in Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan and Iran, the steadfast Palestinian people resisting the Zionist oppressor, the powerful Yellow Vests movement in France which is inspiring similar movements all over the world (as far as Taiwan!), the protesting low-income workers in Hungary, the popular insurrection in Nicaragua, ... all these are powerful signs that we are facing a massive upturn of the international class struggle!

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! The road to liberation is paved with many obstacles and traps! Beware of the treacherous corrupters and whisperers who talk about "socialism" but serve one of the imperialist Great Powers! Beware of those who talk about "liberation" but look for compromises with the capitalist rulers!

Judge leaders and their organizations not by their abstract credo but by their actual place in the struggles – in words and deeds! Are they intransigent fighters against *all* Great Powers ... or do they side, directly or indirectly, with the European Union, with Russia or China? Are they on the

side of the heroic Syrian people or are they glorifying Assad, the butcher, ... or do "neutrally" stand aside of this epic battle? Do they support the Yellow Vests in France or do they arrogantly sneer about the political inexperience of the masses?

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! In order to meet the great tasks ahead, we must overcome routine, national-centeredness and complacency! We must jointly build a *Revolutionary World Party* with sections in each country! Such a party should be based on a program of struggle for the period ahead, a program which combines each and every struggle with the strategic goal – for the socialist world revolution!

Without such a *Revolutionary World Party*, the workers and oppressed will be led into the political abyss by the "left-wing" friends of EU imperialism (like the *Party of the European Left*), by the numerous "Communist" Parties who act as Stalinist water carriers for Putin, Xi and Assad, or by those pseudo-Trotskyists who welcomed the reactionary military coup of Killer-General Sisi in Egypt (e.g. the Morenoite LIT or Alan Woods IMT) or who recognize the "right to exist" of the colonial settler state Israel (e.g. Peter Taaffe's CWI).

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! We have no time to lose! Prepare for a political volcano eruption! Let us jointly tackle the great tasks of the year 2019! Join forces with the RCIT and let us march forward!

Unity – Struggle – Victory!

Revolutionary Greetings,
International Secretariat of the RCIT

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters! The struggle for liberation must be based on dedication and knowledge! Read and study the analysis and program of the RCIT! You will find numerous statements, pamphlets and books on our website www.thecommunists.net. In particular we refer you to the RCIT's program – the "*Manifesto for Revolutionary Liberation*" (<https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit-program-2016/>) – as well as our *Six Points for a Platform of Revolutionary Unity Today* (<https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/6-points-for-a-platform-of-revolutionary-unity-today/>). We also draw your attention to our latest *World Perspectives*, (www.thecommunists.net/theory/world-perspectives-2018/)



Israel: Zionist Hysteria against Raja Za'atara in Haifa

A Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 12.12.2018

In the last municipal elections in Haifa the former right wing mayor, Yona Yahav, was defeated by Einat Kalisch-Rotem, backed by the Zionist Camp. She formed a coalition with the reformist Hadash, connected with the Communist party, and the Haredim. For the last few days she is under incredible pressure for the fact she formed her coalition with Raja Za'atara, the Hadash representative in the city council, who will become the deputy mayor in two and a half years. Over the past few years Raja participated in many demonstrations during which Palestinian flags were waved. In a recent demonstration three months ago, Za'atara told *Yedioth Ahronoth* that he is protesting "against the siege imposed on Gaza, the killings of unarmed Palestinian protesters, and the oppression and intimidation policy." Speaking on the panel at Bar-Ilan University three years ago, he sparked ire by comparing the Islamic State (ISIS) to the Zionist movement. "Where did they (ISIS) learn these crimes? Look up what the Zionist movement did in 1948. Rape, looting, murder and massacres were committed here," he said. When asked whether Hamas is a terror organization, the Hadash party member replied, "No. An occupied nation has the right to resist the occupation." He also refused to call Hezbollah a terrorist organization.

Under the pressure Einat Kalisch-Rotem asked Raja Za'atara to issue a statement in which he denies all the statements attributed to him.

According to a report in *Hahadashot*, Kalisch told Za'atara, "I am under pressure and you have to clarify things, in this situation our coalition will not last for a week." Za'atara replied, "I plan a press conference."

The right wing coalition chairman David Amsalem yesterday submitted a bill to prevent the appointment of Raja Za'atara as deputy mayor of Haifa. The bill says that a city council may not appoint a deputy mayor who expressed support for a terrorist organization. According to the bill, the interior minister may cancel such an appointment retrospectively, subject to a hearing.

Prime Minister Netanyahu said at a cabinet meeting on Monday that he asked Kalisch to "cancel the appointment of a deputy mayor who supports Hezbollah and Hamas," adding that he hoped Kalish would accept his request.

Za'atara himself refused to retract his remarks and claimed in an interview with Radio 103FM that "ISIS did ethnic cleansing and the Zionist movement did ethnic cleansing

in 1948. I am not a member of neither Hamas nor Hezbollah, but of the Israeli Communist Party and the Hadash movement that advocates peace, equality and the brotherhood of nations."

"Netanyahu and his corrupt government are trying to divert public opinion. The real danger to the people of Israel is not in the municipality of Haifa, but on 10 Balfour Street in Jerusalem. When I am a deputy, it is reasonable to assume that Netanyahu and Deri will already be in prison" he said.

The Zionist hysteria accusing Raja Za'atara of supporting terror against Israel is a simple lie. Was he in support of terror, he would have been long ago in jail.

The *Internationalist Socialist League* (ISL), the section of the RCIT in occupied Palestine, condemns the racist campaign against Raja Za'atara as an attack on the Palestinians citizens of Israel and the democratic rights of those who are not right-wingers. We call to defend the democratic rights of the Palestinians citizens of Israel under attack who constitute 20% of Israel's Population.

Raja Za'atara's statements are over all accurate regarding the *Nakaba*, where the Zionists armed gangs carried out more than 30 massacres in order to force the Palestinians to flee for their life, being a war crime much worse than the terrorist actions of ISIS against civilians in Syria – not to speak of the fact that ISIS fought against Assad the butcher and the imperialists (which the Communist party supported). Carrying the Palestinian flag is the right of every one who cares about the oppressed Palestinians. The blockade of Gaza and the killing of hundreds of Palestinians and injuring tens of thousands since March 30 is a war crime or a crime against humanity by international law. While Hamas has carried out terrorist actions, most actions are directed against settlers who steal Palestinian lands and they pale in comparison to the state terror of Israel. Hamas represent the oppressed occupied Palestinians and Hezbollah was formed in the struggle of the people of Lebanon against the 18 year long Zionist occupation.

These attacks on Raja Za'atara for having the courage to tell the truth and the mounting pressure on the new mayor are indications of the level Zionism has sank to. Once a time, Israel could have been characterized as an ethno-democracy only for the Jews, now it is a democracy only for the insane right-wingers that are part of the far right and their friends are the fascists of Europe and the irrational Trump.



Publications of the RCIT

The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

Chapter II: The Rise of Anti-Semitism

Chapter III: Anti-Semitism and Zionism

Chapter IV: The Russian Revolution:

Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

Commemorate the Palestinian Heroes who died during the Great March of Return!

Editorial Board of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 29 December 2018

The Palestinian workers and oppressed in Gaza have launched a heroic initiative on 30 March 2018. Since then, they are holding regular demonstrations at the border to demand their right to return to their homeland. At least 190 martyrs have already died by the bullets of the merciless Zionist enemy, tens of thousands injured. One of them was the 21-year old nurse Razan al-Najjar (See e.g. <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/remember-martyr-razan-al-najjar/>)

Their scarifies must not be futile! Their scarifies will not be futile! We will continue the struggle until the Palestinian people has achieved liberation and the oppressor state will have been put in the dust bin of history!

In this context we want to draw your attention to a beautiful homage to the numerous Palestinian martyrs which has been published by Ahmad Nafi and Chloé Benoist on the informative website *Middle East Eye*. (<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/how-many-killed-great-march-of-return-palestinian-death-toll-gaza-israel-1113421181>)

Another, well-informed website is the *Electronic Intifada* (<https://electronicintifada.net/tags/great-march-return>).

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* and its section in Israel / Occupied Palestine stand in unconditional solidarity with the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people. In any conflict between Palestinian forces and the Zionist state, we stand for the victory of the oppressed and for the defeat of the Israeli state. We fight for a single Palestinian state from the river to the sea – a free, red Palestine!

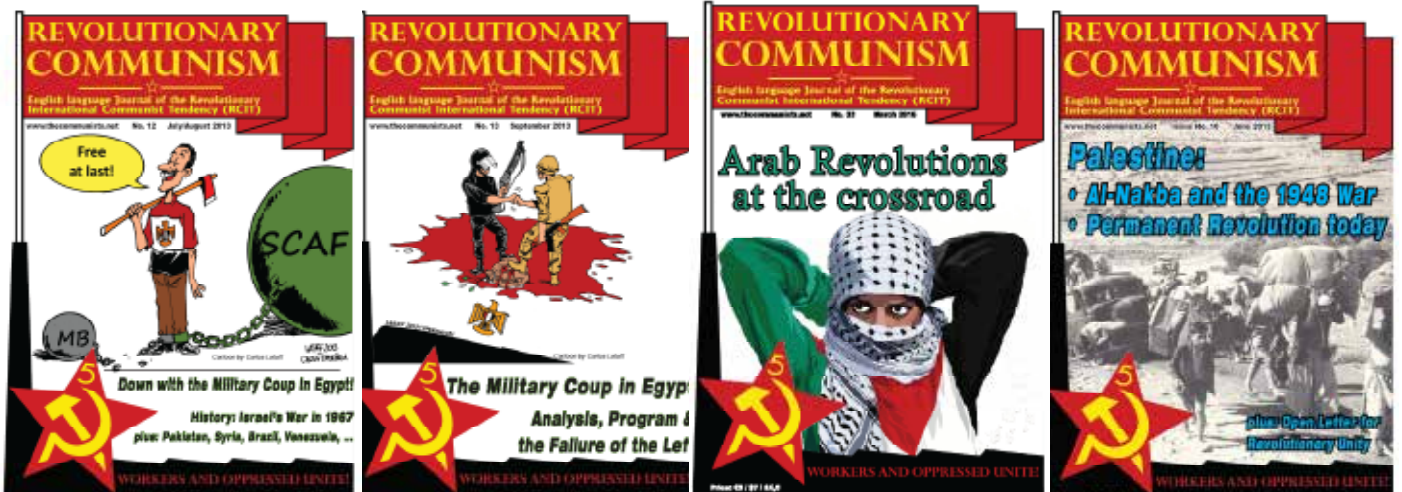
We refer readers to the numerous articles and statements of the RCIT and our section in Israel / Occupied Palestine (<https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/>).

Long live the Palestinian Intifada!



The Murder of the 21-year old nurse Razan al-Najjar (Cartoon by Carlos Latuff)

Publications of the RCIT on the Arab Revolution



Egypt: Rallies in Protest against the Visit of Killer-General Sisi in Vienna

Report (with Photos and Videos) from two Rallies in Vienna on 16 and 17 December 2018, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Several dozen Egyptian migrants assembled in the centre of Vienna to protest against the visit of General Sisi, the butcher of the Egypt people. In two rallies, on 16 and 17 December, we expressed our outrage about the presence of this Killer-General who has thrown 63.000 people in prison. Sisi also ordered his military to slaughter up to 2.600 demonstrators on a single day – the 14 August 2013! The “crime” of these people was to protest against the military coup which General Sisi had carried out a few weeks earlier on 3 July!

The strong presence of the police was remarkable and demonstrated that the authorities were determined to avoid any embarrassment for the Egyptian dictator.

The organizers of the Egyptian community invited the Austrian section of the RCIT to attend and speak at the rally. We participated with a delegation, and our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, addressed those gathered at both rallies. He emphasized the

solidarity of the RCIT with the resistance of the Egypt people against the military dictatorship. He also condemned the support of US and European imperialism for General Sisi.

Michael Pröbsting was also interviewed by a Syrian media team which supports the resistance against the dictatorship of Assad.

See photos and the video clip of one of Michael Pröbsting’s speeches here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/egypt-rallies-in-protest-against-the-visit-of-killer-general-sisi-in-vienna/>

A report from the Syrian media team, which includes the interview with Michael Pröbsting, can be viewed here: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=727064207651526&id=1023283437748454&anchor_composer=false (The interview with Michael Pröbsting starts at Minute 21.33)



Demonstrators against the Visit of General Sisi in Vienna (16.12.2018). In the foreground: Interview with Michael Pröbsting

Publications of the RCIT in Arab Language

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On Anti-Semitism and Zionist Racism

by Yossi Schwartz, Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 22.12.2018

The famous black author Alice Walker who wrote "The Color Purple" and is a supporter of the Palestinian people, has been accused of anti-Semitism because last weekend, the *New York Times* published an interview with her in which she recommended the book "And the Truth Shall Set You Free" by David Icke. It is possible that Icke is an anti-Semite though he denies it. Since I did not read his books I will not take a position on his books. One reason Alice Walker is accused of anti-Semitism is her denunciation of the Talmud. There is a reason why educated black people hate the Talmud. In 1994, a Lenni Brenner letter was published in the NYT. In this letter he wrote:

In "Jews Had Negligible Role in Slave Trade" (letter, Feb. 14), Harold Brackman denies the claim by Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, that Mr. Brackman's 1977 Ph.D. dissertation proved that the Talmud's compilers "invented" racism by concocting the so-called 'Ham myth'. "According to Mr. Brackman, "None of my conclusions correspond to this vicious libel."

But this is what the youthful Mr. Brackman actually wrote:

"The opening centuries of the Christian era constituted an interregnum in the native African record of historical achievement separating Cush's era of ancient prominence from the medieval accomplishments of the great Negro states of the Sudan. These same centuries formed the seedbed of rabbinic Judaism. And this fateful coincidence goes far toward explaining why they also formed such fertile soil for the growth of Jewish lore demeaning the Negro. The most famous of these anti-Negro legends cluster about Ham and Noah's cursing of Canaan . . . There is no denying that the Babylonian Talmud was the first source to read a Negrophobic content into the episode by stressing Canaan's fraternal connections with Cush . . . The Talmudic glosses of the episode added the stigma of blackness to the fate of enslavement that Noah predicted for Ham's progeny" ("The Ebb and Flow of Conflict: A History of Black-Jewish Relations Through 1900," pages 79-81).

Mr. Brackman cited what he called an "important" Talmudic "version of the myth":

"Ham is told by his outraged father that, because you have abused me in the darkness of the night, your children shall be born black and ugly; because you have twisted your head to cause me embarrassment, they shall have kinky hair and red eyes; because your lips jested at my expense, theirs shall swell; and because you neglected my nakedness, they shall go naked" (page 81).

I say nothing in defense of Mr. Farrakhan. But this episode demonstrates that his Jewish establishment opponents are no better scholars than he is". (1)

It is important to mention that not only the Talmud justified the slavery of the Afro Americans but the same 'Ham myth', "A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." So reads Noah's curse on his son Ham, and all his descendants, (Genesis 9:25) was used for centuries as biblical justification for American slavery and segregation not only by the slave owners but by the Protestant church in the U.S.A, the fathers of the right wing Evangelists of today, supporters of Trump and Israel.

However, the Talmud was written more than 1300 years ago, what does it have to do with Zionism? Should we not

see it an ancient book reflecting the early Middle Ages? In Israel there is no separation of the Rabbinate and the state. Religion is a central feature of the country and plays a major role in shaping Israeli culture and lifestyle. Most Israelis are not religious. According to a Gallup survey in 2015, 65 percent of Israelis say they are either "not religious" or "convinced atheists", while 30 percent say they are "religious". Yet the Talmud is not important only for these 30% but for Israel as a whole. For example some Israeli Supreme Court judges use Jewish law (Talmud) even when Israeli law requires the courts to fill lacunas in the law by referring to English common law.

Israel cannot separate religion from the state because the Jewish religion is used to justify the Zionist colonization of Palestine. Though the founders of Zionist movement were mostly secular, they used religious symbols. The Blue stripes of flag of Israel symbolize the stripes on a tallit (The Jewish prayer shawl).

Many of the Orthodox Rabbis of Israel are far right racists not very different from the American Evangelists.

In March this year, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel called black people "monkeys".

"The Sephardic chief rabbi of Israel called black people "monkeys" during his weekly sermon on Saturday evening. In footage aired by the Ynet news site, Yosef could be seen referring to black people by the word "kushi," which in Modern Hebrew has pejorative connotations, and then going on to term a black person a "monkey". His office told Ynet that the comparison was a quote from the Talmud.

In a sermon delivered in May last year, he appeared to suggest during his weekly sermon that secular woman behave like animals because they dress immodestly.

In March 2016, Yosef said non-Jews could live in Israel only if they observe the seven Noahide Laws, which are prohibitions against idolatry, blaspheming God, murder, forbidden sexual relations, stealing, and eating limbs off a live animal, and which prescribe the establishment of a legal system. Non-Jews, Yosef said, are in Israel only to serve Jews." (2)

In June 2016, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, David Lau, said he would like to see the Jewish temple rebuilt on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Hypocritically to cover up his important part... He added:

"To build it, there was no need to remove any of the Muslim shrines on the Temple Mount, where there was plenty of room for "Jews, Christians, Muslims, everyone," he told the Knesset Channel on Tuesday." (3)

The Talmud is a collection of old Jewish law and it is full of racist statements:

"If a Jew finds an object lost by a Goy (non-Jew) it does not have to be returned" (Baba Mazia 24 a)

A Goy Hits a Jew he must be killed. (Sanhedrin 58 b)

A Jew Murder a Goy there will be no death Penalty (Sanhedrin 57 a)

What a Jew steals from a Goy he may keep. (Sanhedrin 57a)

All children of Goyim are animals. (Yebamoth 98 a)

If you eat with a Goy it is the same as eating with a dog. (Tospath , Jebamoth 84 b)

These teaching are very dear to many of the Orthodox the Rabbis in Israel. They rely on it to justify their racism.

In 2010, Rabbi Dov Domb, the presiding judge in the rabbinical court in Tel Aviv, added his signature to list of rabbis calling on residents of south Tel Aviv not to rent their apartments to foreign workers.

They join the long list of rabbis who use their titles and status to incite racism. Safed Chief Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu issued a call not to rent apartments to Arabs saying that *"the ways of life of the Gentiles are different from those of the Jews, and there are those among them who hate us and harass us to the point of mortal danger"*. Kiryat Motzkin's chief rabbi issued a call not to employ Arabs as a response to terrorist attacks.

These rabbis and many others who preach in synagogues, write in journals and publish racist books are receiving a good salary and benefits paid for by the taxpayer. Yet these racist fanatics do not face any criminal charge but are highly respected in Israel.

The effect of religious teaching in schools contributes to the racism of the Zionists. In 2016, the state comptroller's upcoming report on coexistence education takes a dim view of the Education Ministry's efforts in that area. Covering a 20-year period but focusing mainly on the terms of the previous minister, Shay Piron, and the current minister, Naftali Bennett, the report describes more than ongoing failure; it states that the Education Ministry has consciously chosen to bury the issue of education toward coexistence and prevention of racism. (4)

In June this year hundreds of Israelis demonstrated against home sale to an Arab family in Afula. Its former mayor joined protest: *"the residents of Afula don't want a mixed city, but rather a Jewish city, and it's their right. This is not racism"* he said. (5)

On 17 September 2014, in a 5 to 4 decision, an expanded panel of the Israeli Supreme Court decided to dismiss a

petition brought by Adalah (an NGO of the Palestinians citizens of Israel) against the "Admissions Committees Law". The law allows for hundreds of Israeli Jewish communities in the south and in the Galilee in the north to reject applicants for housing based on the criteria of "social suitability" and the "social and cultural fabric" of the town.

As this was not enough, the government wants a new legislation. The proposed legislation would allow the state to *"authorize a community (with over 500 people) composed of people having the same faith and nationality to maintain the exclusive character of that community."* In its current state, the draft would also permit Jewish religious law to be implemented in certain cases and remove Arabic as an official language.

Anti-Semitism is a disgusting form of racism. However, the Israeli government and many of the Orthodox Rabbis who love to accuse the non-Jews of being anti-Semites are racists to the core, not only toward the Palestinians but toward the "Goyim" (non-Jews, most people on earth) in general.

Footnotes

(1) Lenni Brenner New York, Feb. 19, 1994

(2) <https://www.timesofisrael.com/chief-rabbi-compares-african-americans-to-monkeys/>

(3) <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-chief-rabbi-urges-rebuilding-jerusalem-temple/>

(4) <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/premium-watchdog-israel-failing-in-anti-racism-education-1.5436099>

(5) <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/premium-hundreds-demonstrate-against-home-sale-to-arab-family-1.6174662>

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: World Perspectives 2018 - A World Pregnant With Wars And Popular Uprisings

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – WORLD PERSPECTIVES 2018: A WORLD PREGNANT WITH WARS AND POPULAR UPRISINGS. The book's subtitle is: Theses on the World Situation, the Perspectives for Class Struggle and the Tasks of Revolutionaries.

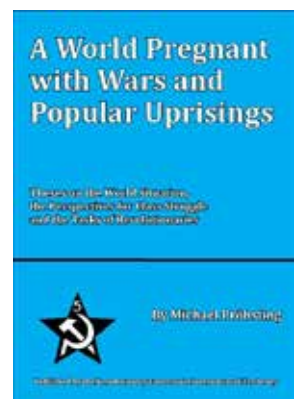
This book is a major contribution of our organization to keep the Marxists' analysis of the world situation and its accelerating contradictions updated. As we emphasize in the document, we consider it as crucial for revolutionaries to understand the nature and the inner dynamics of the current historic period. Without such an understanding it is impossible for socialists, indeed for all liberation fighters, to possess the necessary political compass on which they can base their program, strategy and tactics.

Since several years does the RCIT publish annual studies on the world situation in which it analysis its most important developments and changes. This book updates the Marxist analysis of the state of the world economy, of the relations between the Great Powers, of the struggle between the classes and the tactics of revolutionaries. We also deal in depth with new issues respectively extend our theoretical analysis on several questions. In particular we have deepened in this book,

among others, our understanding of the nature respectively the transitional character of the present world political phase, of the nature of different types of wars and the tactical conclusions arriving from this, of the complex nature of the conflicts in the Middle East, of the capitalist restoration in North Korea and, finally, we have elaborated a new proposal for an international platform for the unification of revolutionary forces in the present phase.

The book contains a preface, introduction and seven eight chapters plus an appendix (118 pages) and includes 23 figures , 9 tables and 2 maps. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/world-perspectives-2018/>



Sudan: Bring Down the Regime of Omar al-Bashir!

Organize Committees of Action! For a General Strike and Popular Insurrection to bring down the Regime! For a Workers and Poor Peasants Government!

Statement of the International Secretariat of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 28 December 2018

1. The Sudanese Revolution has begun. Since 19 December, thousands of people are marching every day. Starting in Atbara – the heart of the country's railway network and a traditional stronghold of the trade unions – the mass protests soon spread to at least 15 towns and cities, including the capital city Khartoum. Protesters have torched the ruling National Congress Party's offices in several cities. The doctors have already launched an indefinite strike and call the people to join them. The journalists have also gone on strike. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* sends its enthusiastic greetings to the heroic Sudanese people! We say: Victory to the Popular Insurrection! Forward to the second wave of the Arab Revolution!

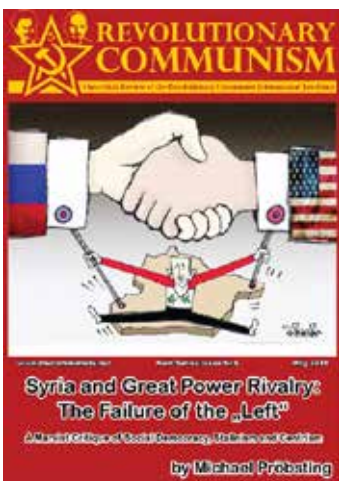
2. These spontaneous mass protests were triggered by the tripling in the price of bread as well as by the high inflation (68% in September, one of the world's highest rates!). There are shortages in bread and fuel in several cities, including Khartoum. However, the protests soon became political with people calling for the fall of the regime and the overthrow of Omar al-Bashir. It has become popular to quote a famous speech of the autocratic ruler Omar al-Bashir. When he took power in 1989 he said while addressing a rally in Khartoum: "Anyone who betrays the nation does not deserve the honour of the living." Today the Sudanese people say: "It is now Bashir who does not deserve the honour of serving as the leader of Sudan!"

3. The regime of al-Bashir desperately tries to suppress the popular insurrection by any means necessary. It promised to withdraw the price rises for bread. When

this didn't stop the protests, the regime turned to brutal repression. Until now, at least 37 protesters have been reportedly shot dead during protests according to Amnesty International. At the same time al-Bashir denounces the protests as instigated by "foreign agents, traitors, outlaws, and destructive persons". The regime also detained 14 leaders of an opposition coalition, among them Farouk Abu Issa, the 85-year-old head of the *National Consensus Forces*.

4. With daily mass protests and violent clashes with the repression apparatus, a revolutionary situation has opened in Sudan. This is also vindicated by first cracks inside the regime. Abdarouf Grnas, health minister in Northern State's provincial administration, resigned. There has been a livestream broadcast which seemed to show the commander of the government Rapid Support Forces paramilitary, Mohammed Hamdan Dagolo, criticising Bashir. The *Popular Congress Party*, a bourgeois Islamist party which is part of Bashir's government, condemned the killings of protesters in demonstrations and called for a probe.

5. The government of Omar al-Bashir is a reactionary capitalist authoritarian regime. In late October Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Muataz Musa announced a 15-month economic austerity programme in line with dictates of the *International Monetary Fund*, one of the world's leading imperialist financial institutions. The Sudanese regime has supported the Saudi-led aggression against Yemen and sent thousands of soldiers to participate in this reactionary invasion. It has reconciled with the Egypt military dictatorship of General Sisi. Likewise,



Publications of the RCIT

Syria and Great Power Rivalry: The Failure of the „Left“

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2018

The bleeding Syrian Revolution and the recent Escalation of Inter-Imperialist Rivalry between the US and Russia – A Marxist Critique of Social Democracy, Stalinism and Centrism

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Bashir visited Damascus to meet the Syrian dictator Assad on 16 December – a highly symbolic meeting of two tyrants which are despised by their people. In reaction, Sudanese opposition figures condemned Bashir's meeting with Assad and warned that the visit constitutes a "*new alliance between the regional dictators*". Likewise, Sudanese demonstrators marched with green-white-black flags of the Syrian Revolution, expressing their solidarity with the ongoing liberation struggle. Bashir is also looking for rapprochement with the imperialist Great Powers. After years of tensions the regime has sought to normalise its relations with US imperialism since Washington last year lifted US sanctions on Khartoum. At the same time, Bashir strives for closer relations with Russian imperialism, as he travelled to Moscow in July to meet President Vladimir Putin.

6. The RCIT says that the crucial task of the hour is that workers, students, doctors, and poor peasants organize themselves in *committees of action at work places, neighbourhoods, universities and villages*. Such committees need to discuss and decide on the next steps of struggle and on the demands of the movement. They should elect delegates which should meet for a *national congress*. The movement should follow the call of the doctors and launch a *nation-wide indefinite general strike*. It should appeal to the soldiers and police *not to shoot at the people* but rather to turn their weapons around against the generals. Furthermore, it is urgent to create self-defence committees in order to fight back against the brutal repression forces.

7. Such a nation-wide general strike and regular mass demonstration should result in a popular insurrection and the overthrow of the regime of Omar al-Bashir. The RCIT calls the Sudanese working people to create a *workers and poor peasants government* based on popular committees of action. Such a government should abandon any opportunist collaboration with the imperialist Great Powers like the U.S. or Russia. Such a popular government would also break with Assad, the butcher of Syrian people, with Egypt's military dictatorship of General Sisi and with the Saudi monarchy led by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, which is responsible for the death of tens of thousands of Yemeni civilians as well as of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi. It would rather support the popular liberation struggles in Syria, in Tunisia, in Jordan, in Iran, in Yemen and other countries and work towards spreading the revolution to the Arab world and to Africa.

8. A workers and poor peasants government would expropriate the rich and the multinational corporations like the *China National Petroleum Corporation* and others. It would take control over the countries' resources like oil, gold and copper and get rid of the imperialist sponger from China. It would stop any other imperialist power

like the US, Canada and the EU to re-enter and dominate its national economy. Therefore a workers and poor peasants government would nationalize the core sectors of the economy and control the prices of the popular consumer goods, jointly with popular committees. It would also implement full and equal rights for all national and ethnic minorities and would reach out for reconciliation with the peoples in South Sudan.

9. The RCIT urges activists to unite in a revolutionary party instead of relying to bourgeois opposition forces. Such a party would advocate a socialist program of liberation and would fight hand in hand with the workers and oppressed in other countries. Make no mistake: the fate of the Sudanese Revolution will be decided by *organized forces with a political plan*. It will be either the reactionary regime, or the bourgeois opposition forces or a revolutionary party. But without a plan, without a program, without a party of activists, the Sudanese workers and peasants will be robbed of their future! Without a party leading the insurrectional people to the creation of a workers and poor peasants government, the revolution will be suppressed or hijacked by pro-imperialist traitors!

10. The Sudanese Revolution is part of a global process of capitalist crisis and popular liberation struggles. First and foremost, it is part of the Arab Revolution which began in 2011. This revolutionary process of popular struggles succeeded in brining down Ben Ali, Gaddafi and Mubarak. It is still ongoing and it is directed against tyrants like Assad, General Sisi and Mohammed bin Salman as well as against corrupted neoliberal governments like those in Tunisia, Lebanon and Jordan. It is also related to the popular resistance against the reactionary regime in Iran. And, furthermore, the Sudanese Revolution is part of a global process of mass struggles against the governments of the rich and against all dictatorships. The mass protests in France, in Hungary, in Taiwan, in DR Congo, in Nicaragua – they are all products of the structural crisis of world capitalism. It is the responsibility of all revolutionary activists to unite on the basis of a joint program and to work towards the creation of a revolutionary world party. Join the RCIT in tackling this great task!

** Build committees of action at work places, neighbourhoods, universities and villages! Elect delegates for a national congress!*

** Create self-defence committees!*

** Organize a general strike! Victory to the popular insurrection!*

** For a workers and poor peasants government!*

** Forward to the second wave of the Arab Revolution! Long live the socialist world revolution!*

** For a revolutionary party as part of a revolutionary world party!*

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Nigeria: Daily Dose On Education (Day One)

By Soneye Abdul-Azeez Lekan LAS, Alliance of Nigerian Students Against Neo-liberal Attacks, 09 December 2018

COEASU only suspended its strike just because the government promised something (which won't be fulfilled). Today is the 36th day which ASUU has embarked on strike. ASUP will start their strike action on Wednesday.

In another news, association of Oil Marketers on the 2nd of December threatened the federal government to stop the distribution of petroleum products in the country if the government do not pay them their owed debt. And two days after these oil marketers issued this statement the government called them to a meeting and agreed to pay them.

ASUU has been asking the government to provide the facilities needed for easy teaching and learning in our universities including their End Academic Allowance since 2009. There was renegotiation in 2013 which ended with Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU). There was another strike action in 2017 for some weeks. Today, the demands in financial tune is #1.1trillion. The government has not even agreed to pay any dime. In fact, the government is proposing a tuition fee of #350,000 and #550,000 for art/Humanity and science students respectively from next session.

For the COEASU (college lecturers), their demands started in 2010. There was a renegotiation in 2014. They gave some weeks notice to the government before they embarked on strike. But the government didn't listen to them.

ASUP (polytechnic lecturers) also asked for their NEEDS as early as before 2014. They embarked on strike in 2017 but suspended it three weeks later when the government promised to provide these needs. Unfortunately till date, none of the needs have been provided.

Meanwhile, the demands of the Oil marketers is #800billion plus. Two days after threatening to stop oil distribution the government called them to a meeting and agreed

to pay them. Some hours ago, the government agreed to pay #236billion with the promise to balance up in some weeks to come.

The total number of all oil marketers is less than 200 persons.

The total number of Nigerian Students is more than 40million. Total number of lecturers is in hundreds of thousands.

Unfortunately, the government answered the oil marketers within four days while it disregarded the request of all the unions of lecturers for the past 9years.

One thing is evident, the government has its priority of interest in making much more profit than creating qualitative education for the young generation which is why it is investing more on education while it is extorting from Nigerian students.

(Another point, you should not be deceived by a government which it's Vice President as a professor is sharing #10, 000 up and down simply to buy people's vote ahead and nothing more. Tell oga thief to sum all these #10,000s together and put it on education.)

If you are sitting at home or anywhere thinking this government is about you, you are deceiving yourself. It is evident enough that both PDP and APC are parties to destroy the masses. We should not think all those parties like ADC, ADP, APM which are 'satellite parties' to PDP/APC are the alternative either.

Obviously 2019 will be a very critical year of struggle for Nigerian masses and they must start taking their future into their own hands from this moment. There is no more reasons for standing as onlookers, we must all fight our common enemies now!

One thing is needed at least for now; the Students and Nigerian masses must unite and revolt against all these old men in a physical manner and through electoral ballot.



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Nigeria: ANSA Solidarity Activity in Support of the ASUU/COEASU Strike

Report (with Pictures) from Femi Adeyeye, National Coordinator of ANSA, 30 November 2018

On Nov. 30th 2018, comrades of the Alliance of Nigerian Students Against Neo-liberal Attacks (ANSA) were at Sabo Market in Ikorodu, Lagos to sensitize market men/women and students on the basic reasons why these Education Worker Unions-ASUU/COEASU are on strike. One could observe that these members of the Public were properly enlightened at the end of the engagement. We sought for both moral

and financial support and a number of people made contributions.

On Dec 3rd 2018, comrades of ANSA began nation wide protest activities in Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria. They are fighting in solidarity with the strike of the Education Worker Unions ASUU/COEASU.

The people must own the struggle! It is the struggle to save Public Education from ruins caused by Commercialization.

Nigeria: ANSA Condemns the “No Work No Pay” Threat of the FGN to ASUU

Statement of the Alliance of Nigerian Students Against Neoliberal Attacks (ANSA), 30 November 2018

Once again, the attention of the ANSA has been drawn to the new threat of “No Work No Pay” by the FGN to the striking lecturers, the ASUU. We see this as an “empty threat” though but it is badly an indication that the FGN is seriously ready to destroy the public tertiary institutions. This is so bad a government is dealing with intellectuals in this draconian manner.

It is so uncivilized and absurd for the FGN to begin to use all manners of violent approaches to engage teachers who have been dedicated to their jobs and patriotic enough to call the attention of the government to the rotten state of the public tertiary institutions and they have been given unambiguous reasons why the public education needs proper funding. This is very clear in their Memorandum of Agreements with the Federal Government.

We vehemently condemn this “BOKO - HARAMIC” approach of the government of the day in trying to murder intellectual capacity of our dear nation and expose us to more economic and political tsunami instead of working

to make up this sector where it has massively failed.

It is important to know that education is the only way a serious minded government can build its intellectual property. That is reason why UNESCO sounds that Nigeria like other underdeveloped countries earmark at least 26% budgetary allocation to education sector.

Importantly, we also enjoin the ASUU, COEASU, and ASUP to immediately begin to unite these struggles with students movement and declare a national day of mass actions to ensure that we unitedly and collectively save the public education from these attacks of neo liberalism.

We hereby reiterate our positions that FGN immediately and unconditionally honour the agreements with ASUU, COEASU and other Unions.

We are fully in solidarity with the striking lecturers until the FGN meet the demands of the ASUU and Nigerian students.

For struggle for freedom!



Activists of ANSA at a demonstration in defense of free education (03.12.2018)

Nigeria: In Defense of Free Education

Press Release of the Alliance of Nigerian Students Against Neo-liberal Attacks, 29 November 2018

Good day ladies and gentlemen of the press. We are using this medium to intimate the public and the international communities the terrible state of our education sector and how it has been thwarting our academic activities.

It should be noted that our higher institutions of learning are under locks and keys again. The wave at which these institutions are being disrupted, or better put, shut down, as a result of industrial actions of aggrieved labour unions, that is, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), is terribly appalling and this consequently spells doom for our academic success and future careers. In fact, it is now a popular saying that industrial actions in Nigeria Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of education are compared to a season of the year as they have become annual experience or event in the Christmas sense.

We want to clearly state here that the industrial actions of these labour unions particularly, and currently, ASUU is always ignited by the ineptitude of the government to show serious responsibilities for the proper funding of the higher institutions of learning.

Hence, the Alliance of Nigerian Students Against Neo liberal Attacks (ANSA) seizes this critical period to intimate the public, the press media and the international communities on the myriad of the neo liberal policies being thrust on the public education in Nigeria whereby the academic and non academic staff as well as the students, are subjected to poor teaching and learning conditions.

First and foremost, it has come to our notice that the administrations of the various higher institutions of learning in Nigeria now autonomously, forcefully and illegally charge students for "acceptance fee" and other obnoxious fees. And these fees are incessantly increased. Students are illegally charged to pay to accept their admissions when they are already offered. We see this as a capital extortion or in a more clear term, a criminal practice. We find this very ridiculous and unfounded. We strongly reject this and we are fully ready to fight it out both legally and politically until this absurd charge/fee is withdrawn and the

students whose monies have been collected through this unfathomable channel are refunded. We are of course fully aware of this robbery at Olabisi Onabanjo University, Obafemi Awolowo University, University of Benin, University of Lagos, Federal College, Akoka, Ladoko Akintila University, Ogbomosho, and many others. We see this as a deliberate attempt by these administrators/administrations to shift and force the funding of the public education on students when the governments are displaying flagrant irresponsibility for the proper funding of this critical sector. This is not acceptable by all standards.

Again, ANSA has been noticing that the Federal Government of Nigeria is notorious for dishonouring/flouting agreements entered into with labour unions particularly and popularly the ASUU. The demands of this striking union are very genuine because as we speak, the higher institutions of learning are on the verge of total collapse due to lack of full and proper funding or the poor budgetary allocation to these institutions.

Of course, we are fully aware of a number of agreements reached between the ASUU and the FGN, starting from 2009. It is so disappointing and disheartening that the FGN has been failing to fulfil and implement the agreements in the MEMO. It is upon this disobedience of the constitutional responsibility of the FGN and its wanton and culpable acts of dishonouring agreements and starving this critical sector, that the ANSA openly and clearly declares its strong support for the strike action of the ASUU and thus protest that all the demands of ASUU are met and the contents of the MOA signed by the FGN since 2009 till date are fully implemented.

For us in ANSA, we seriously find it appalling to note that the FGN has been poorly funding and starving the higher institutions of the funds needed to revitalize these institutions as it is incontestable fact that these institutions are in the state of dilapidation/near ruins despite the warning and recommendation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, that developing countries should pump to their education



Activists of ANSA at a demonstration in defense of free education (03.12.2018)

sectors at least 26% budgetary allocation so that they can catch up and compete with the standards of their foreign counterparts.

It must be stated that between 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, the budgetary allocations have been embarrassingly and downwardly dragged by 8.43%, 7.46%, 10.78%, 7.93%, 7.4%, and 7.14% respectively. It can be seen from this statistics that FGN has been starving the education sector with ill-funds. This further shows that the FGN has never been sincere with these agreements it signed with the ASUU for upward funding of the universities system. It will interest the public to know that as we are speaking, these institutions are in dilapidated crisis; infrastructural decay, laboratory deficiency, overcrowded lecture theatres and congested student hostels.

Moreover, in a calculated attempt to commercialize the public education and price it out of the reach of the students from poor backgrounds, FGN came up with a new policy of outrageous tuition fee in 2014 that students should pay between 450,000 naira and 525,000 naira in a Committee led by Steve Orosanye. This policy was widely vehemently protested and rejected by mass movement of students and the ASUU.

But despite many calls, letters by the ASUU to the FGN to honour these agreements it entered since 2009 to pump enough funds for the revitalization of the already rotten education sector, the FGN came up in 2018 with the same policy of tuition fee amounting to 350 000 naira and 500 000 naira that was condemned and rejected in 2014. We find this awkward and also funny the idea of Bank loans to students to enable them pay the tuition fee. Because this is the same government that finds it difficult to increase

minimum wage from 18 000 naira to 30 000 naira as demanded by labour unions but asking students to undergo the rigor of inaccessible loans. It is clear to us that the FGN only wants to mortgage the future of students from poor backgrounds.

At this juncture, We want to make clear that ANSA rejects the proposition of the Wale Babalakin--led committee that Nigerian Students in public tertiary institutions should pay between 350, 000 naira and 500, 000 naira as new tuition fee.

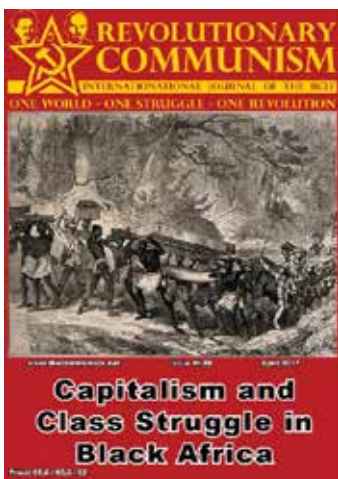
We therefore reaffirm our commitment to fighting all these neo liberal policies of underfunding and commercialization of the public tertiary education. We shall resist and reject all these both legally and politically.

We are sounding it here again that we are starting a mass protest by next week to ensure that the FGN heed to the yearnings and demands of students and the striking lecturers.

We immediately demand the followings:

- Proper and full funding of the education sector.
- 26% budgetary allocation to education sector as recommended by the UNESCO
- FGN should immediately and unconditionally honour the agreements with the ASUU and other Unions and fully implement the MOA to the letter.
- Abolition of any acceptance fees and other charges extorted by administrations of all schools.
- Immediate reversal of hiked school fees across all public tertiary institutions

Signed: Obafemi Sodunola, National Secretary Adeyeye Olorunfemi, National Coordinator



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Brazil: The Generals Place Bolsonaro as a Disposable President, if Necessary!

Statement of the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária-CCR (Brazilian section of the RCIT), 15 December 2018

The media of Brazil have published details of a report from COAF (in English: *Federal Board Control of Financial Activities*) which showed atypical movement of R \$1.2 million of reais (300,000 dollars) in the bank current account of *Fabrizio José Carlos de Queiroz*. Queiroz is a former employee of the newly elected Senator *Flávio Bolsonaro*, who is the son of elected president *Jair Bolsonaro*. During the time *Queiroz* was working with the son of the president he received a monthly salary of 25 thousand reais, which is totally incompatible with such a huge amount of money on his bank account. One of the persons, to whom *Queiroz* sent money, was *Michele Bolsonaro*, who happens to be the wife of the President. In summary, the family of the new president is receiving money of unknown origin through an ex-employee whose wage income is not compatible with bank transactions of more than 1 million reais. Under the laws of Brazil, any bank transaction that exceeds 30 thousand reais in cash must be declared the origin.

The media has already called the case as *Bolsogate*, a clear reference to the *Watergate* case that brought down President Nixon in 1974. In short, the Federal Police just have to do the traditional "Follow the money!", i.e. to discover the

origin of these more than 1 million reais and investigate the reasons why a simple parliamentary employee was donating money to his former bosses. All indicates that the Bolsonaro family had the habit of hiring parliamentary assistants and required them to deposit a portion of their wages back into *Queiroz's* banking account for him to pass back on to the president's own family.

The intervention of the elected general vice-president

The main voices demanding explanations are not only coming from opposition parties and the media, but also from General *Hamilton Mourão*, the elected vice-President. *Mourão* did not disguise the words: "The former driver, which I know as *Queiroz*, needs to say where this money came from. The COAF tracks everything, it is necessary to explain these banking movements, otherwise it looks like his hiding something". That is, in being *Mourão* not only the Vice-President, but the maximum representative of the generals in power, it becomes evident who actually will give the orders in the future govern.

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Brazil: Organizing the Resistance from Below

Report from the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária (Section of the RCIT in Brazil), 3 December 2018

The victory of right-wing extremist *Jair Bolsonaro* at the recent Presidential elections has massively shifted the relation of forces towards the counter-revolutionary putschists. It makes the creation of a united front of struggle – involving the PT, CUT, MST, MTST as well as the radical left – extremely urgent.

It is encouraging to see that there is also a spontaneous process of creation of local committees of action in order to build the resistance against the extremely right-wing government.

One example of such a local action committee is the one recently constituted in *Heliópolis*. This is the largest favela in *Sao Paulo* with about 100,000 inhabitants.

Last week, about 50 delegates came together in order to discuss the political situation as well as practical steps. Traditionally, the reformist PT is very strong in this community. However, the majority of the delegates were not organized activists of this party.

The meeting was initiated by two women who work as

educators in the favela. There were also many women among the delegates.

A leading comrade of the CCR was invited to the meeting and asked to make a brief speech.

The meeting discussed about the necessity to organize resistance against the ultra-right project "Escola Sem Partido" (School Without Party) which shall encourage students to denounce leftist teachers. It resolved to create alliances with other similar committees in the country and to mobilize for future strikes and mass demonstrations. It also called the organizations of the workers movement to support the committee. Finally, it agreed on a date for the next meeting.

It is crucial to spread the creation of similar local action committees all over the country in order to build a strong mass resistance from below against the reactionary government. Such a movement must push the reformist leadership to organize a general strike against the Bolosaro government!

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According to the Constitution any President-elect is hierarchically the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. However, since the illegal imprisonment of politicians and businessmen by the *Operation Lava Jato* passing over the constitution, commanded by former judge *Sergio Moro* (now indicated as next minister of Justice of Bolsonaro, as reward for having prevented Lula da Silva from running presidential elections) the so-called rule of law and democracy does not exist in Brazil. So, General Vice-President Mourão demonstrated clearly that the captain President Bolsonaro from now on is a president under the supervision of the armed forces. Therefore, he is easily disposable if necessary.

The great contradiction of a President who was elected on the basis of "against corruption!"

The situation is in such complicated for the future president that, besides the problem of the Bolsonaro family having to explain what the origin of this money is, he obviously deceived his supporters who voted for him with the slogan "*against corruption*". Furthermore, his future minister, *Onyx Lorenzoni*, who will have the responsibility to enter in a dialogue with the National Congress for approval of neoliberal reforms, has also being accused last week by operation Lava Jato of having received dirty money from

the meat exporting company JBS.

In short, the future Bolsonaro government, even before taking office, despite all its semi-fascist, authoritarian and ultra reactionary rhetoric, it is already clear that it will be unstable from a political and economic standpoint. For a president who was elected under the banner against corruption and against the "corrupt traditional politicians", of which the main target was the Workers Party and the left-wing organizations, ironically this same Bolsonaro and his family is now being accused of the same supposed wrongdoings of his opponents!

The position of CCR

For us from the CCR, it is becoming increasingly clear that the country already has an ultra-reactionary militarized regime. In this context it is necessary to build our independent struggle and organization. What is needed is the immediate formation of a broad united front of all working-class and oppressed mass organizations (CUT, PT, MST, MTST, etc.) to organize a mass resistance against the future government that takes office on January 1st. Such resistance must be much broader and more permanent than a simple electoral project. We can not wait for 4 years and rely on winning elections that will likely be a fraud again. Such resistance should include mass demonstrations and strikes. Ultimately, it is urgent to prepare a political general strike!

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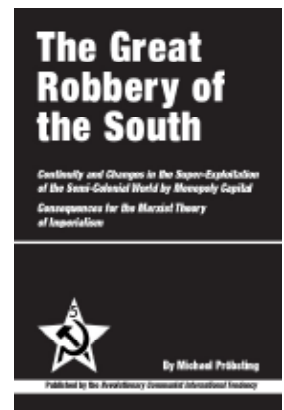
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a book called *THE GREAT ROBBERY OF THE SOUTH*. The book's subtitle is: *Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism*. The book is in English-language. It has 15 chapters, 448 pages and includes 139 Tables and Figures. The author of the book is *Michael Pröbsting* who is the International Secretary of the RCIT.

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France: Defend the “Yellow Vests” Movement!

Build local Action Committees! Organize an Indefinite General Strike!

Statement of the European Bureau of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 03.12.2018

1. France is rocked since weeks by a series of mass protests which are increasingly turning into violent riots. A spontaneous mass rebellion – called the “Yellow Vests” movement because of their high-visibility vests which all motorists are required by law have in their vehicles – erupted on 17 November protesting against higher diesel taxes. Denouncing rising living costs and declining incomes, the movement increasingly also calls for the resignation of the country’s President, Emmanuel Macron.

2. While Macron claims to raise the tax for ecological reasons, it is in fact part of the government neoliberal austerity policy attacking the working class and lower strata of the middle class. It is therefore not surprising that the movement has a focus on rural and peri-urban areas where people strongly depend on their cars as public transport is poorly developed.

3. The “Yellow Vests” have become a massive movement mobilizing hundreds of thousands of people every week. According to polls, between 72% and 86% of the population supports its demands while Macron’s popularity has been driven to record lows. Protesters are blocking roads across France and impeding access to some shopping malls, fuel depots and airports. While making empty offers to hold talks, the neoliberal government is increasingly turning towards brutal repression against the movement. On Saturday 1 December police reported to have arrested more than 400 people in Paris and that 133 were

injured. Some 10,000 tear gas canisters and stun grenades were fired as well as water canon were deployed. After these clashes, government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux indicated the Macron administration was considering imposing a state of emergency.

4. The “Yellow Vests” movement represents a spontaneous mass rebellion of workers and the lower strata of the middle class. It mobilizes via social media and lacks organized local structures. Its leaders are not party functionaries, mostly not even long-standing political activists, but rather people who seem to have been pushed accidentally to the forefront. Reflecting a widespread mistrust against established parties and trade unions, the movement rejects the presence of their banners at the demonstrations (this resembles similar phenomena like the libertarian sectors of the anti-globalization movement in the early 2000 or the protest movement against the price increases of public transport tickets in Brazil in 2013). On Réunion, a French colony in the Indian Ocean with a majority population of groups of African, Indian, Malagasy, and Chinese descent as well as a white minority, the protests have already transformed into a semi-insurrection so that the government has imposed a curfew. While the movement is clearly a popular movement dominated by workers and lower middle class, its political confused character, its lack of local and national democratic structures and its rejection of the participation of trade unions and left-wing parties give

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Michael Pröbsting: Building the Revolutionary Party in Theory and Practice

Looking Back and Ahead after 25 Years of Organized Struggle for Bolshevism

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a book called *BUILDING THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE*. The book’s subtitle is: *Looking Back and Ahead after 25 Years of organized Struggle for Bolshevism*. The book is in English-language. It contains four chapters on 148 pages and includes 42 pictures. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

The following paragraphs are the back cover text of the book which give an overview of its content.

A few months ago, our movement commemorated its 25th anniversary. In the summer of 1989 our predecessor organization, the League for a Revolutionary Communist International (LRCI) was founded as a democratic-centralist international tendency based on an elaborated program. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) continues the revolutionary tradition of the LRCI. Below we give an overview of our history, an evaluation of its achievements as well as mistakes, and a summary of the lessons for the struggles ahead. This book summarizes our theoretical and practical experience of the past

25 years.

In Chapter I we outline a summary of the Bolshevik- Communists’ theoretical conception of the role of the revolutionary party and its relation to the working class. In Chapter II we elaborate on the essential characteristics of revolutionary party respective of the pre-party organization. In Chapter III we deal with the history of our movement – the RCIT and its predecessor organization. Finally, in Chapter IV we outline the main lessons of our 25 years of organized struggle for building a Bolshevik party and their meaning for our future work.

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <http://www.thecommunists.net/theory/rcit-party-building/> ■

**Building the
Revolutionary Party
in Theory
and Practice**

Looking Back and Ahead after
25 Years of organized Struggle for Bolshevism



By Michael Pröbsting

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it a rather raw, petty-bourgeois populist character. However, it is a petty-bourgeois populist mass movement driven by opposition to the neoliberal austerity policy of the government (“*Macron is a President of the Rich*” is a popular slogan) and with legitimate, progressive goals like the opposition against higher diesel taxes or for the resignation of Macron.

5. Shamefully, the reformist leaderships of the trade unions CGT (close to the “Communist” Party”) as well as the CFDT (close to the “Socialist” Party) refuse to support the movement or even its demands! However, many local CGT branches as well as another important trade union federation, (FO) support the protests. Important left-wing parties like *La France insoumise* led by Jean-Luc Mélenchon (who received nearly 20% at the last Presidential elections), the NPA, LO as well as others also support the movement.

6. However, right-wing opposition parties like the conservative *Les Républicains* but also racist parties like Le Pen’s *Rassemblement National* as well as fascists also try to infiltrate and exploit the widely popular mass movement. Many activists of the movement are disgusted by the infiltration attempts of these reactionary forces and there have been a number of cases where people attacked such racists and threw them out. Nevertheless these attempts are ongoing and they represent a big danger for the movement! It shows how important it is to build democratic local and national structures and to lift the ban for open participation of trade unions and parties (such lifting would make it more difficult for right-wingers to secretly infiltrate the movement.)

7. The liberal pro-government media try to present the movement as a bunch of backward blockheads who are manipulated by “right-wing and left-wing extremists and hooligans”. Sectors of the academic left in Paris (as well as of the European “left”) share this sentiment. They denounce this popular movement as “reactionary” and refuse to support it. Clearly, such academic “leftists” are useless fools who treat the politically raw masses with

contempt. They are no less criminal than the reformist CGT leadership. Instead of supporting the legitimate protest of the people against neoliberal austerity and fighting *inside* the raw and confused mass movement against right-wing forces, these reformist and centrist idiots prefer to arrogantly glance down at the ordinary people and leave the field to reactionary forces! Can it be excluded that this movement degenerates and that right-wing forces could succeed in bringing it under their control? No. But this is a negative possibility of the future and not the present situation! And if such a degeneration would take place in the future, it would be the fault not of the people but of the reformist leadership of the trade unions and the left who failed to energetically intervene in such an impressive spontaneous mass popular movement!

8. The RCIT proposes the following perspective for a revolutionary intervention into the “*yellow vests*” movement:

Stop the state repression!

Build democratic committees of action on a local level and a national conference of delegates of these local committees!

Drop the ban for the participation of trade unions and parties!

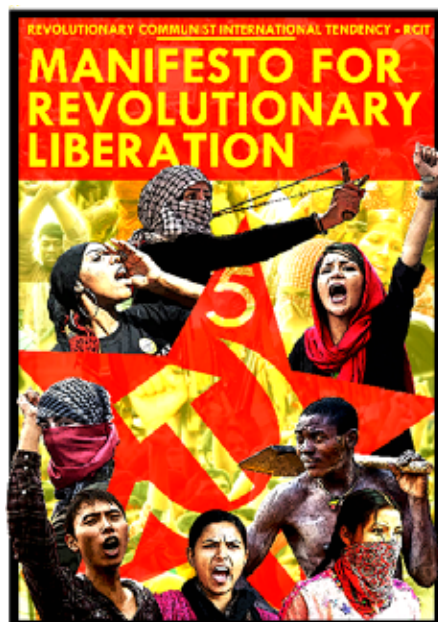
Push the CGT and other trade unions to actively participate in the movement!

For a united front of all workers and migrants organizations (trade unions, LFI, NPA, LO etc.) in order to marginalize and drive out the right-wing provocateurs from the movement!

Any negotiations between leaders of the movement and the government must be broadcasted live in internet so that they are transparent!

For an indefinite general strike – organized by the mass movement and the trade unions! For the creation of self-defense committees to defend the movement against the police and provocateurs!

9. The RCIT looks forward to collaborate with revolutionary activists in France on the basis of such a perspective.



Program of the RCIT

Manifesto for Revolutionary Liberation

Adopted at the 1st World Congress of the RCIT in October 2016

Introduction * I. Decaying Capitalism * II. Today’s Worldwide Historic Revolutionary Period * III. The Reactionary Offensive of the Ruling Class * IV. A Program for Socialist Revolution to Halt Humanity’s Collapse into Barbarism * V. The Crisis of Leadership and the Construction of a Revolutionary World Party * VI. Work in Mass Organizations and the United Front Tactic * VII. The Semi-Colonial South * VIII. The Emerging Imperialist Great Powers of the East: China and Russia * IX. The Old Imperialist Great Powers: The EU, North America and Japan * X. Conclusion

A RCIT Pamphlet, 36 pages, A5 Format

Russia/Ukraine: Military Escalation at the Kerch Strait

Down with the Reactionary Warmongering on Both Sides!

Emergency Statement of the RCIT and Marxist Group "Class Politics" (Russia), 28 November 2018

1. Tensions between Russia and the Ukraine have substantially escalated after clashes in the Kerch Strait on 25 November. Russian forces fired on three Ukrainian warships, wounding three crew members before seizing the vessels along with a Ukrainian Navy tugboat. 24 Ukrainian sailors were taken captive after the gunfight. Russian navy had previously blocked the Kerch Strait to stop ships from passing from the Black Sea into the Sea of Azov.

2. Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko has already declared the general mobilization of the country's armed forces on 26 November. On his request, the Ukrainian parliament approved on the same day the declaration of martial law for 30 days on territories bounded with Russian borders. This measure will restrict civil liberties and give state institutions greater power. This could help Poroshenko ahead of a presidential election in four months time which polls indicate he would lose.

3. The Sea of Azov is bounded in the west by Ukraine and in the east by Russia. The Kerch Strait is a strait connecting the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. Russian authorities have been asserting greater control over the area since its annexation of the Crimean Peninsula – particularly since May 2018 when it opened a new 19-kilometer bridge that links the Crimea region to Russian territory to the east of the Kerch Strait.

4. This latest escalation has to be understood in the context of accelerating rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers in West and East. Russia as well as the U.S. and the EU wrestle for control over the Black Sea as it is

crucial area for access not only to Russia and the Ukraine, but also to Southeast Europe, the Middle East as well as the Mediterranean Sea. Furthermore Russia just completed the 930 kilometer-long offshore section of the Turk-Stream gas pipeline across the bottom of the Black Sea. In order to strengthen their position, both Russia as well as the U.S. resp. NATO have ramped up their naval presence in the Black Sea in recent times.

5. The Ukraine government of President Poroshenko is a regime which came to power as a result of the Euro-Maidan movement in spring 2014. This has been a reactionary movement which included fascist forces and which was instigated and controlled by U.S. and European imperialism in order to weaken Russia's regional hegemony. The subsequent civil war in the Donbass region of Ukraine has been a reactionary conflict between the Ukrainian government (acting as proxy for Western imperialism) and the Donbass insurgents (acting as proxies for Russian imperialism).

6. The latest provocations in the Kerch Strait could result in a military conflict between the Ukraine and Russia. The rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – U.S., Russia, China, EU and Japan – has significantly accelerated in the recent period. Furthermore, the Poroshenko government could look for a pretext to wipe up domestic chauvinism so that it could increase its chances to win the coming elections.

7. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and *Marxist Group "Class Politics"* (MGKP) calls the organizations of the workers and popular movement



Map: Black Sea, Sea of Azov and Kerch Strait (Source: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/52/Black_Sea_map.png)

not to support any side in this conflict. Both authorities of Russia and Ukraine pursue reactionary goals. Russia is an imperialist Great Power which strives for domination of the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea. While the Ukraine is a semi-colonial country, its government acts as a proxy for U.S. and European imperialism. It is unthinkable that it could enter a military conflict with Russia without close coordination with EU and USA imperialists but at the same time it has some autonomy to do some things without approvals from the patrons. The increasing presence of NATO navy vessels in the Black Sea underlines the aggressive goals of Western imperialists. The RCIT and the MGKP therefore advocates a defeatist position on both sides in this conflict. None is the lesser evil for the working class and the oppressed people.

8. We are aware that many activists of workers organizations and liberation movements around the world tend to sympathize with one or the other side. As they are in direct conflict with either Western or Eastern imperialist forces (respectively their local proxies) they might see their respective direct opponent as the main enemy. However, it is crucial that the struggle of the working class and the oppressed people is based on an international program of unity and solidarity across the borders. Hence, such a struggle must remain completely independent of all Great Powers. Liberation can not be achieved if domination by one Great Power is replaced with domination by another Great Power. It can result only from defeating all imperialist powers by successful socialist revolutions around the world.

9 We call revolutionaries to join forces in the struggle against all Great Powers, in solidarity with the liberation struggles of the working class and the oppressed people and for international socialism. Such a struggle requires the creation of a new Revolutionary World Party. Join us in building such a party!

- * *Down with the Warmongering in Russia and Ukraine!*
- * *In Case of Military Conflicts: No Support for Any Imperialist Camp – Neither Russia nor Ukraine/NATO!*
- * *No to any Imperialist Sanctions!*
- * *Workers and Oppressed – Unite against the Great Powers in East and West!*
- * *No Martial Law in the Ukraine!*

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RCIT PUBLICATIONS ON RUSSIA AND IMPERIALISM



UK: Witch-Hunt by Metropolitan Police against Anti-Zionists!

Freedom of Speech for All Socialists and Palestinian Supporters in the Labour Party!

By Joseph Adams, RCIT Britain, 08 December 2018

On the 2nd November Cressida Dick, the Assistant Police Commissioner in the Metropolitan Police told LBC in an interview that she has started an investigation into hate crime in the Labour party over Anti-Semitism. These 45 cases of purported Anti-Semitism are secret and have not being revealed to any official in the Labour Party

"Scotland Yard has opened a criminal investigation into allegations of anti-Semitic hate crimes linked to Labour party members, according to the commissioner of the Metropolitan police. Cressida Dick said officers had reviewed a leaked party dossier detailing 45 cases of alleged antisemitism that was passed to her in September by the radio station LBC. The UK's most senior police officer told the BBC she believed there could be a case to answer and, as a result, the force was consulting with prosecutors on the next steps." [1]

"LBC handed the dossier to Ms Dick in an interview in September. Before it did so, it showed the material to former Met police officer Mark Chishty, whose view was that 17 instances should have been reported to the police for investigation, and another four were potential race hate crimes".

Labour against the Witch-Hunt (LAW), a campaigning organisation in the Labour party, has shown that party members who support the Palestinian cause or attack the State of Israel are being disciplined, dismissed or suspended from employment in Labour controlled authorities, although it has no bearing on the jobs they do for the local authorities.

"Defend trade unionists' right to free speech! Defend employment rights! Paul, a community safety Officer in Dudley and a member of Unison has been suspended by his employer, Dudley Council. According to a report in the local press, Paul was suspended by Dudley Council for a Facebook post Stating "Stand up for Palestine – Israel is a racist endeavor". Paul is a long-standing anti-racist activist and campaigner against anti-semitism and all forms of racism. He is also an active campaigner for Palestinian rights. Whatever one's views on Israel or the nature of the Israeli state and its founding, there is nothing Anti-Semitic about this statement. Paul's suspension is an attack

on every trade unionist's right to engage in political and human rights' campaigns outside work; it is an attack on employees' right to freedom speech and specifically an attack on the right to campaign over Palestinian rights". [2]

This campaign of purported anti-Semitism has been launched by the Blairites and Zionists in the Labour party against Corbyn and his supporters. They have used the International Holocaust Remembrance Silliance definition of anti-Semitism which in some respects is flawed. Having failed to remove Corbyn in two coups after he was elected, both the Blairites and the Zionists have started a campaign to accuse any Labour party member who accuses the state of Israel as racist, criminalize them with the police actively investigating anti-Zionism as a hate crime. The bourgeoisie which is in a terminal crisis over Brexit is using any method to denigrate and stop the election of a Corbyn government. The Blairites are still strong as evidenced by the dropping of charges against the two Zionist MP's Ian Austin and Margaret Hodge. Hodge referred to Corbyn in parliament as a racist and anti-Semite which was a clear lie but these MP's have parliamentary privilege and can say what they like.

In recent studies by *Middle Eastern Eye* many black and Asian organizations have questioned the IHRA definition and criticized how anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are conflated.

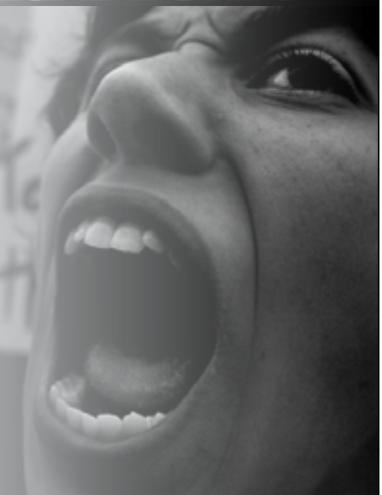
"More than 80 prominent organizations from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities in Britain published a letter on Friday slamming attempts to silence the discourse on Palestine and suppress information on human rights abuses "here and abroad". The letter criticizes the working definition of anti-Semitism adopted in 2016 by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which critics say conflates anti-Semitism with legitimate criticism of Israel The BAME groups' statement comes amid signals that the Labour Party is prepared to adopt the full IHRA definition, including examples relating to Israel, amid accusations of anti-Semitism against its leader Jeremy Corbyn. We are deeply worried about current attempts to silence a public discussion of what happened in Pal-

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estine and to the Palestinians in 1948, when the majority of its people were forcibly expelled," the BAME letter says" [3].

When it comes to a real discussion of racism in British society many Blairites and Zionist Labour MP's show no interest. Their sole concern is to act as agents of the Israeli state. There is evidence of collusion between the racist state of Israel and a number of Zionist Labour MP's. The recent prevent legislation is an example of hatred against Asian and black students studying in our schools colleges and Universities. Prevent is a policy used by the government to instruct teachers and academics to find out who could be possible extremists or terrorists in our society.

"Muslims from across the UK - the people who are actually affected by Prevent - base their feelings on facts rather than "perceptions". These facts include statistics published by the Home Office last year, which showed Muslims are disproportionately targeted by the scheme, resulting in 65 percent (4,997 people) of Prevent referrals being for 'Islamist' extremism. By comparison, right-wing extremism makes up 10 percent of referrals (759 people). In 2018, the latest Prevent statistics showed that 95 percent of referrals were unnecessary and Muslims remained 50 times more likely to be referred. Reports by organizations such as the Open Society Justice Initiative (Eroding Trust), a report by Rights Watch UK and also commentary by United Nations agencies including the Human Rights Council clearly highlight human rights and discrimination violations by Prevent that have taken place but remain ignored" [4].

The RCIT has written extensively against Zionism and this latest campaign by the Zionists and Blairites in the Labour Party has a political purpose. It is drive out any opposition to the pro capitalist, racist and imperialist views prominent amongst the right wing in the Labour Party. They have conflated the issue of anti-Zionism as anti-Semitism and will not countenance any opposition to the racist and imperialist state of Israel. The most recent act of Anti-Semitism was in Pittsburg where horrific crimes against Jews united both Jews and Arabs to defend themselves against the right wing fascists who perpetrated the crime.

"In action, Anti-Semitism takes the form of damage and desecration of property and grave sites, beating up Jews, Holocaust denial, swastikas smeared on Jewish homes, slogans against Jews like in the case of Charlottesville Virginia, where the racists shouted "Jews will not replace us" and even cases of killing Jews The latest tragic result of Anti-Semitic hatred has been the mas-

sacre in Pittsburgh on 27 October 2018. A right-wing fanatic supporter of Trump, who hates Jews as well as Muslims, opened fire inside a synagogue, killing 11 congregants. Not too many British are aware of how the Israeli state was formed. They do not know how, in 1948, three-quarters of a million Palestinian Arabs were forcibly evicted, with British backing, off their own land. To recognize this as racist, in the words of the IHRA code, would be "Anti-Semitic

The mainstream media has won and the Labour party has to re-formulate its definition of anti-Semitism to fit the one currently used by the conservative government. This development is dangerous for the working class, the pro-Palestinian groups and for democratic Jews. It is dangerous for all Jews as it push them to ally themselves with their real enemies - the far right and the ruling class - instead of allying themselves with the working class and the struggle against racism." [5]

Many Zionists protesting against Corbyn and the pro-Palestine supporters in the Labour party have at the same time allied themselves with right-wing fascist supporters like Tommy Robinson and Britain First, a fascist organization praised and supported by Donald Trump.

The RCIT in BRITAIN puts forward the following demands to unite all Anti-Zionist and Palestinian supporters in the Labour party against the witch-hunt and the attempt to criminalize legitimate political support for Palestine as a hate crime.

* Oppose the Metropolitan Police investigation inside the Labour Party! For a proper workers inquiry inside the Labour Party into the activities of the Zionists!

*Anti-Zionism is not a hate crime! Jeremy Corbyn and the leadership must drive out the Blairites and Zionists inside the Labour Party. They are the real Racists!

* No to state interference inside the Labour party! Defend democratic rights.

* For a Free Red Palestine from the River to the Sea!

Footnotes

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNISM - The RCIT's Theoretical Review

The collage displays five covers of the journal 'Revolutionary Communism' from the 'New Series'. Each cover has a red header with the journal title and a yellow star logo. The covers feature various images and text:

- Cover 1 (December 2017):** Shows a crowd of people. Title: "Perspectives of Catalunya's Struggle for Independence".
- Cover 2 (January 2018):** Shows a factory with a sign. Title: "Issue: Documents Congress of the RCIT".
- Cover 3 (February 2018):** A cartoon of a man with a dollar sign. Title: "Id Pregnant with Wars pular Uprisings (Part 1)".
- Cover 4 (March 2018):** A cartoon of Donald Trump. Title: "Id Pregnant with Wars pular Uprisings (Part 2)".
- Cover 5 (September 2018):** Shows a globe. Title: "atives of the Arab Revolution".

Additional text on the covers includes "Workers Struggle in Pakistan" and "What We Stand For". The bottom of the collage lists authors like Michael Pröbsting and various international organizations like the Communist Party of Bangladesh and the Communist Party of the Netherlands.

What the RCIT Stands for

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) is a fighting organisation for the liberation of the working class and all oppressed. It has national sections in various countries. The working class is the class of all those (and their families) who are forced to sell their labour power as wage earners to the capitalists. The RCIT stands on the theory and practice of the revolutionary workers' movement associated with the names of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

Capitalism endangers our lives and the future of humanity. Unemployment, war, environmental disasters, hunger, exploitation, are part of everyday life under capitalism as are the national oppression of migrants and nations and the oppression of women, young people and homosexuals. Therefore, we want to eliminate capitalism.

The liberation of the working class and all oppressed is possible only in a classless society without exploitation and oppression. Such a society can only be established internationally.

Therefore, the RCIT is fighting for a socialist revolution at home and around the world.

This revolution must be carried out and led by the working class, for she is the only class that has nothing to lose but their chains.

The revolution can not proceed peacefully because never before has a ruling class voluntarily surrendered their power. The road to liberation includes necessarily the armed rebellion and civil war against the capitalists.

The RCIT is fighting for the establishment of workers' and peasant republics, where the oppressed organize themselves in rank and file meetings in factories, neighbourhoods and schools – in councils. These councils elect and control the government and all other authorities and can always replace them.

Real socialism and communism has nothing to do with the so-called "real existing socialism" in the Soviet Union, China, Cuba or Eastern Europe. In these countries, a bureaucracy dominated and oppressed the proletariat.

The RCIT supports all efforts to improve the living conditions of workers and the oppressed. We combine this with a perspective of the overthrow of capitalism.

We work inside the trade unions and advocate class struggle, socialism and workers' democracy. But trade unions and social democracy are controlled by a bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a layer which is connected with the state and capital via jobs and privileges. It is far from the interests and

living circumstances of the members. This bureaucracy's basis rests mainly on the top, privileged layers of the working class - the workers' aristocracy. The struggle for the liberation of the working class must be based on the broad mass of the proletariat rather than their upper strata.

The RCIT strives for unity in action with other organizations. However, we are aware that the policy of social democracy and the pseudo-revolutionary groups is dangerous and they ultimately represent an obstacle to the emancipation of the working class.

We fight for the expropriation of the big land owners as well as for the nationalisation of the land and its distribution to the poor and landless peasants. We fight for the independent organisation of the rural workers.

We support national liberation movements against oppression. We also support the anti-imperialist struggles of oppressed peoples against the great powers. Within these movements we advocate a revolutionary leadership as an alternative to nationalist or reformist forces.

In a war between imperialist states (e.g. U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan) we take a revolutionary defeatist position, i.e. we don't support neither side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

The struggle against national and social oppression (women, youth, sexual minorities etc.) must be led by the working class. We fight for revolutionary movements of the oppressed (women, youth, migrants etc.) based on the working class. We oppose the leadership of petty-bourgeois forces (feminism, nationalism, Islamism etc.) and strive to replace them by a revolutionary communist leadership.

Only with a revolutionary party fighting as its leadership can the working class win. The construction of such a party and the conduct of a successful revolution as it was demonstrated by the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky in Russia are a model for the revolutionary parties and revolutions also in the 21 Century.

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