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Sudan: Fight Back against the Generals with a General Strike!

International solidarity with the Sudanese people!

Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 04 June 2019

1. The bloody crackdown of the Sudanese army against the peaceful protesters on 3 June has resulted in at least 35 people killed and hundreds injured. The so-called *Transitional Military Council (TMC)* has cancelled a power-transfer agreement with protesters. While it promised elections within nine months it is clear that such elections would not take place under free and democratic conditions. No one should suffer any illusions concerning the present situation. This is an attempt of the army command to follow the road of General Sisi in Egypt! If the TMC succeeds in its plan, it would represent a devastating defeat for the Sudanese people!

2. This is a powerful lesson that any negotiations with the army command are a dangerous diversion. Authentic freedom and democracy cannot be achieved through a collaborative effort with the army command – but only by defeating and removing it!

3. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* states its full solidarity with the Sudanese work-

ers and poor fighting against the dictatorship! We support the call for a general strike as it has been recently made by the *Forces for Freedom and Change* (irrespective of our political reservations towards this alliance).

4. Such a general strike should last until the counter-revolutionary attack of the TMC has been defeated. At the same time it is crucial that the popular masses build self-defense committees in order to resist the attacks! Furthermore, the people must try to win over the ordinary soldiers so that they do not follow the orders of their generals but, rather, join the protests.

5. The strategic goal must be to overthrow the TMC via a popular insurrection! For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly! For a workers and poor peasants government! For a revolutionary party as part of a revolutionary world party! Join the RCIT in fighting for such a perspective!

International Bureau of the RCIT



Pictures from rallies in solidarity with the Sudan Uprising (Vienna, April and June 2019)

Sudan: Down with the Military Dictatorship!

By Yossi Schwartz, *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)*, 03.06.2019

On Saturday the Sudanese military killed one protester and injured at least 10 others in Khartoum. The protesters held a sit in demonstration outside the army head quarter. The army was shooting at thousands of demonstrators who have attempted to stop security forces from closing down the main street outside the military headquarters in Khartoum.

The military toppled Bashir on April 11 after months-long protests led by the *Alliance for Freedom and Change* against his dictatorial rule of three decades.

Those who already declared that the Arab Spring is dead and the different centrists who have turned their back on the Arab revolution have shown how little they understand of the period we live in. This is a period where the masses had enough of decaying capitalism and the capitalist ruling classes are in crisis in many countries. The masses are ready time and again to fight for a revolution, but they lack a revolutionary working class leadership.

The events in Sudan are going to influence the situation in Egypt. There is a strong historical link between Sudan and Egypt. The name Sudan is a short name for the Arabic full name: bilad as-sudan - "land of the blacks".

After the kingdoms of Egypt were united around 3100 BC, the pharaohs extend their rule as far as Aswan. By about 1500 BC the pharaohs extend their rule as far as modern Merowe. The country the pharaohs knew as Cush. Later on the land was known as Nubia.

In 1821, the region was occupied by the Ottoman viceroy of Egypt, Mohammed Ali, and Sudan became an Egyptian province. The Sudanese led by Mohammed Ahmed the Mahdi were able to defeat the British imperialists in 1885.

Between 1899 and 1956 Sudan was an Anglo-Egyptian Condominium. After WWI the Egyptian ruling class serving the British imperialists demanded the incorporation of Sudan within Egypt – but they were opposed by British masters. After Nasser and the other officers took power in Egypt in 1952, Sudan won its independence.

A coup in 1969 brought to power a colonel in the army, Gaafar Mohamed el-Nimeri, who establishes a one-party rule by the Sudanese Socialist Party, a kind of a Stalinist party. In 1983, worried of the pressures of the masses, Nimeri amends Sudanese law and imposed an Islamic legal code, the sharia. Two years later he was toppled by his chief of staff.

In 1989, the general in command of another coup was Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir who has ruled Sudan until last month. At first through what it was known as a *Revolutionary Command Council for National Salvation*, a body closely linked to the NIF (National Islamic Front), the political wing of the Muslim Brotherhood. In the 1996 elections, Bashir was confirmed as the president. The NIF, the only permitted party, own all 400 seats in the national assembly.

Last week the ruling military council that defend the capitalist system announced that it would disperse the sit-in outside the army headquarters.

Al Jazeera reporter Mohamed el-Shahed writes that "on Friday, spokesperson for the Transitional Military Council (TMC) said in a televised speech that legal action would be taken against what it called "unruly elements" at the encampment outside the defense ministry."

In the last few days a number of protesters, including a pregnant woman, were shot dead.

After the protest movement removed from power the dictator Omar al-Bashir the militants demand that the army generals who took power hand the political power to a civilian government. The question is, of course what kind of a civilian government? A government that will serve the workers, the poor peasants and other oppressed layers of society or the capitalist class and their imperialist masters?

"Last week a two days general strike took place in Khartoum. The National Umma Party the main party of the protest movement, the Alliance for Freedom and Change rejected the call for a general strike announced by some opposition groups. The

RCIT Africa Program

Manifesto for the Revolutionary Liberation of Black Africa

Adopted at the 2nd World Congress of the RCIT in November 2017

Introduction * Foreign Exploiters – Out of Africa! * The Wealth to Those Who Create It! Economic Freedom Now! * Down with the Capitalist Dictatorships and Corrupt Pseudo-Democracies! * Organize the Workers and Oppressed for the Mass Struggle! * For a Government of Workers and Poor Peasants! For a Socialist Revolution! * For Pan-African Unity! For the United Socialist States of Africa! * For a United Front of Struggle! Overcome the Crisis of Leadership – Build a Revolutionary Party Nationally and Internationally! * Appendix

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Umma is led by former prime minister Sadiq al-Mahdi, whose elected government was toppled in the 1989 coup. He is also an Imam of the Ansar, a sufi order that pledges allegiance to Muhammad Ahmad, the Mahdi. Sadiq Al-Mahdi said any such decision for a general strike should be taken by a council of leaders of the protest movement. Such a council was still not in place and "will be composed in a meeting on Monday", he said. But the generals who seized power have resisted calls from protesters and to handle the political power to a civilian rule. Thousands of demonstrators remain camped outside the army headquarters in central Khartoum demanding that the generals step down." (1) "The Freedom and Change alliance, the group that is leading the protest movement, has been negotiating with the generals regarding a political transition, but talks have stalled. Al Jazeera Media Network said Sudanese authorities had shut down its Khartoum bureau. The decision also included the withdrawal of the work permits for the correspondents and staff of Al Jazeera network with immediate effect." (2)

Clearly our Sudanese sisters and brothers have learned from their experience with different military coups not to trust the army. It is an important lesson but the question is how to develop the struggle in order to remove the generals without losing to civilians who will continue to exploit and abuse the masses.

The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) has repeatedly warned against the danger of a crackdown of the army. We said "No trust in the army command and the old elite! Continue the Revolution!" (3)

The army will continue to kill and injure unless the generals will be stopped. To stop them, it is necessary to form armed civilian militias and at the same time to develop close relations with the soldiers, the sons of the workers and the poor peasants, to bring them on the side of the masses.

There is an urgent need to focus on the demand for a Revolutionary Constitutional Assembly controlled by the workers, the poor peasants and other oppressed layers of society. In addition it is necessary to fight for a workers and poor peasant government committed to the expropriation under workers control the oil industry, mines and gum.

For this to happen it is necessary to build a revolutionary working class party.

Footnotes

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Sudan: Rally against the Massacre

Report (with Pictures and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 5 June 2019, Austrian Section of the RCIT

Three dozen people, nearly all them from the Sudanese migrant community, assembled for a spontaneous rally on 5 June in front of the embassy of the United Arab Emirates. They protested against the bloody massacre in Sudan which is currently taking place at the order of the army leadership and which has already resulted in at least 60 people dead.

Like the last times, the organizers of the Sudanese community invited the Austrian section of the RCIT to attend and speak at the rally. Our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, addressed the participants and warned against the consequences of this coup. He stressed that such a massacre could not have taken

place without the support of the dictatorships in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. He expressed the full support for a general strike to bring down the army command.

The RCIT has published a statement on the popular insurrection in Sudan which can be read at <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/sudan-fight-back-against-the-generals-with-a-general-strike/>.

See photos and the video clip of the speech of Michael Pröbsting here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/sudan-rally-against-massacre-5-6-2019/>



Picture from a rally in solidarity with the Sudan Uprising (Vienna, 5th June 2019)

Long live the African Day!

Report from the *Courant des Jeunes Penseurs Congolais (Democratic Republic of Congo)*, 25 May 2019

The *Courant des Jeunes Penseurs Congolais (COGITO RDC)* celebrated today Saturday, May 25 2019, the African day. In addition, we also celebrated the first year of existence of our young movement. During a meeting which we hold, there was talk about the genesis of the date of May 25 and the importance of celebrating it. Taking advantage of this opportunity, we made a summary of the activities carried out by our current during

the first year of its existence. We also discussed about the perspectives of the Congolese people to take power. COGITO RDC promises to continue its fight for the establishment of a just state and for the defense of the interest of the Congolese people. Long live the African people! Long live COGITO RDC! Despite the oppression, the people will win!

DRC: Down with High Prices in Public Transport!

Report from the *Courant des Jeunes Penseurs Congolais (Democratic Republic of Congo)*, 20 May 2019

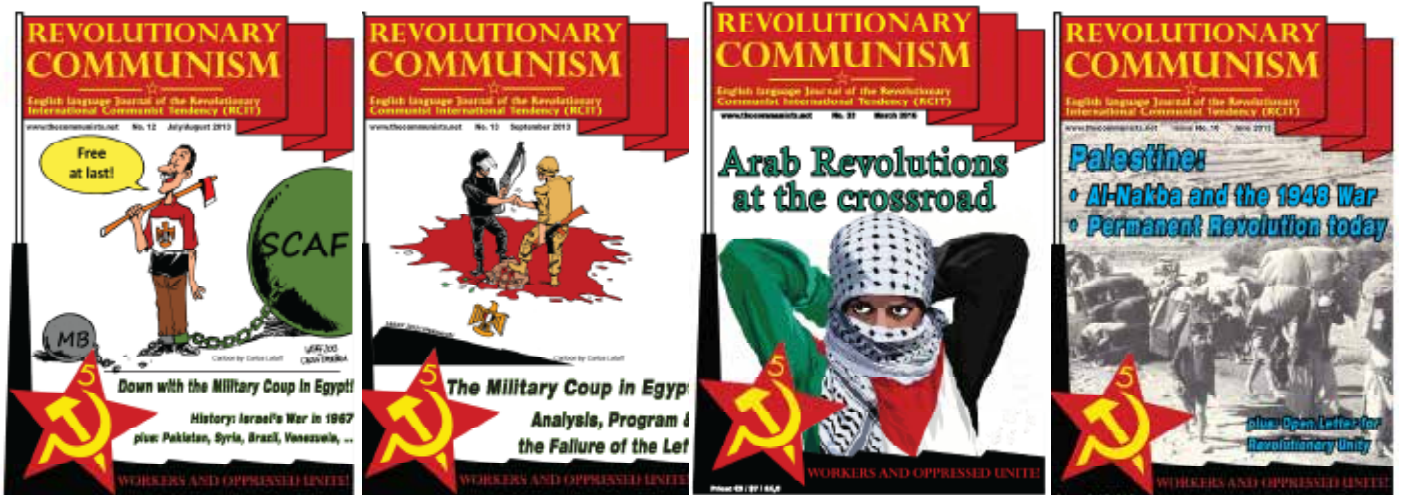
On Monday, the 8 May 2019, *Courant des Jeunes Penseurs Congolais (Democratic Republic of Congo)* hold a rally at the city hall in Kinshasa, the country's capital city. At the end we handed over to the urban authority of the city of Kinshasa a memorandum with a set of demands. The purpose of this memo was to demand from the city

governor to take urgent measures to regulate prices and routes in the public transport sector. Currently public transport suffers from high prices and badly repaired streets. Cogito RDC promises to continue this struggle until the situation has improved for public transport users.



Picture from a meeting of COGITO on Africa Day (Kinshasa, 25th May 2019)

Publications of the RCIT on the Arab Revolution



Save the Syrian Revolution!

A call for international solidarity with the Syrian people in Idlib suffering from the barbarous onslaught by Assad and Putin!

Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 04 June 2019

1. The Syrian people in the last liberated enclave in the northwest of Syria are facing a barbarous onslaught by the armed forces under the command of Assad and Putin! Since April 30th, this population has experienced a never-ending barrage of bombing and brutal assaults. Whole villages are being eradicated. Over one thousand people have died and at least 300,000 people have been displaced. The Russian Air Force is deliberately targeting hospitals with precision weapons and has already destroyed 24 of them within the last four weeks. The heroic Syrian liberation fighters have managed, at great sacrifice, to halt the advance of the Assadist killer forces despite the military superiority of the latter.

2. No one should suffer any illusions concerning the present conflict. The decisive battle is now engaged! The Syrian Revolution is fighting for its survival! It is forced to do this under the most difficult conditions.

* The Syrian Revolution faces an array of barbarous enemies: the murderous Assad regime that has already murdered in excess of 600,000 people since 2011 in an effort to safeguard its survival; Russian imperialism which possesses one of the world's most lethal military machines; and the Mullah regime of Teheran with a notorious record of killing tens of thousands of opponents since coming to power in 1979.

* The Syrian Revolution has been sold out by the Western powers and the reactionary Arab dictatorships. While expressing words of sympathy for the Syrian people, the imperialist governments of Trump, Macron and Merkel care only about the pacification of the civil war via a counter-revolutionary settlement and stemming the tide of millions of refugees. Egypt's Killer-General Sisi, Saudi chain-saw Crown Prince MBS, the UAE's MBZ, and others are already working to reconcile with the tyrant Assad.

* For more than two years, various factions of Syrian rebels have been lead around by the nose via the false and treacherous "Astana process" in which Russia, Iran and Turkey promised a "political solution". In fact, this has always been a counter-revolutionary trap designed to push the rebels into capitulation (as happened in Ghouta and Daraa).

* Completing the process, the Syrian Revolution faces the

outright hostility of the Stalinist and Bolivarian forces that support Russian imperialism and its ally, Assad, under the cynical cover of "anti-imperialism" (in reality, anti-American, pro-Russian social-imperialism). At the same time, numerous petty-bourgeois, left-liberal, and left-wing forces ignore the ongoing liberation struggle of the Syrian people, concealing their Islamophobic contempt under pseudo-progressive phrases.

3. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly welcomes the active solidarity of various socialist, democratic, and Muslim organizations with the Syrian Revolution. The rallies around the world drawing the attention of global public opinion to the struggle of the heroic fighters, the humanitarian relief operations conducted by numerous Turkish and Muslim organizations, the reporting from the frontlines in Idlib by courageous journalists like Bilal Abdul Kareem ("*On the Ground News*") – all of these are important contributions of support to the Syrian liberation war.

4. The RCIT calls on workers and popular organizations everywhere to unite in organizing a global solidarity campaign in defense of the Syrian Revolution. We propose that such an international united front campaign should focus on the following:

* *Organization of global days of solidarity action.*

* *Obstruction of all efforts to support and legitimize the Assad regime.*

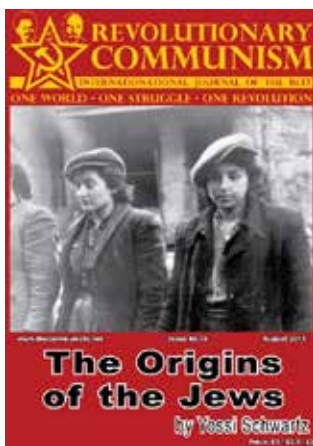
* *Stepped up pressure on governments, especially in Europe, to open borders for refugees.*

* *Support efforts for humanitarian aid for the civilian population in Idlib.*

* *Support for the legitimate right of Syrian liberation fighters to acquire material aid (including weapons and volunteers) to defend themselves against the barbarous onslaught by Assad and Putin.*

* *Organization of a political struggle against the pro-Assadist and Islamophobic criminal forces that are slandering the struggle of the Syrian people for their freedom.*

Brothers and sisters, we appeal to you not to abandon the Syrian people in this most difficult hour! Rally now to defend the Syrian Revolution!



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

Syria: Rally in Support of the Syrian People in Idlib

Report (with Pictures and Video) from a Rally in Vienna on 16 June 2019, Austrian Section of the RCIT

About 400 Syrian migrants hold a rally in the center of Vienna (Austria) to express their support for the four million people in Idlib. The Syrian people are terrorized by the butchers Assad and Putin. Hundreds of civilians have been killed, more than 300,000 people have been forced to flee with nowhere to go.

The rally was addressed by a Syrian speaker as well as by Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT.

Our comrade, whose speech was very well received, emphasized the necessity to continue the support for the Syrian Revolution and to build an international solidarity movement.

See pictures of the rally and a video clip of Michael Pröbsting's speech here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/syria-rally-in-solidarity-with-idlib-16-6-2019/>



Rally in solidarity with the Syrian Revolution (Vienna, 16.6.2019)



Publications of the RCIT

Is the Syrian Revolution at its End? Is Third Camp Abstentionism Justified?

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2017

An essay on the organs of popular power in the liberated area of Syria, on the character of the different sectors of the Syrian rebels, and on the failure of those leftists who deserted the Syrian Revolution

Introduction * The Nature of the Local Coordination Councils in Syria * The Contradictory Nature of the Petty-Bourgeois Rebel Factions * A note on the adjectival juxtaposition of “progressive” to liberal democrats versus “reactionary” to Islamists * Hayyat Tahrir al-Sham and Other Islamist Militias * The Role of Religion in Democratic and National Liberation Struggles * Some Arguments on the Ongoing Progressive Character of the Syrian Revolution * Have the Rebels Become Agents of US Imperialism and Regional Powers? * On Foreign Powers’ Support for Liberation Movements p* Lenin and Trotsky on Liberation Struggles and Imperialist Interference * What Did Lenin and Trotsky Say about Getting Support from Imperialists? * Imagining Two Different Scenarios of the Revolution’s Success & Failure * A Period of Defeats and Retreats: What Are the Reasons? * Some Thoughts on the Future Prospects of the Arab Revolution * The Urgent Need for a Revolutionary Party * Footnotes

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Egypt's Former President Morsi Dies during Brutal Incarceration

The dictatorship of General Sisi and its allies bear the full responsibility!

A Commentary by Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, 20.06.2019

Egypt's former President, Mohamed Morsi, has died on 17 June. His death came after appearing in the show trial conducted by the military dictatorship of General Sisi. Sisi's regime came to power six years ago. Contrary to the wishes of his family, as well as Egyptian tradition, Morsi was hastily buried in the middle of the night with only two of his sons present and without his wife.

We send our deepest condolences to his family and friends. There can be no doubt: this was cold-blood murder! Morsi had a history of health issues including diabetes and liver and kidney disease. He had suffered from medical neglect during his imprisonment compounded by the poor conditions in jail. There have been various reports over the years that Morsi suffered from mistreatment and torture while incarcerated. Throughout his six years of imprisonment Morsi was allowed only three visits from his family!

Without doubt, Morsi will be considered a martyr by hundreds of millions of Muslims and non-Muslims around the world.

Morsi was Egypt's President in 2012-13. He was elected at the first, and only, free election in the country's history. He was a leading figure of the *Freedom and Justice Party* which has been close to *al-Ikhwan* – the *Muslim Brotherhood*. Our movement has always made clear the profound political and ideological differences between revolutionary socialism and both Morsi and *al-Ikhwan*. We considered the man

and his party as bourgeois Islamist.

However, these differences have never stopped us from defending Morsi and *al-Ikhwan* against the military coup and the barbarous repression that they have faced since the 3 July 2013.

It is clear that the Great Powers, the Gulf tyrants and Israel were determined to get rid of the Morsi government because of its sympathies for the Syrian Revolution, for the Palestinian people and for its opposition to the dominant position of the army command in Egypt's politics.

The RCIT has supported the mass protests against the military dictatorship of General Sisi since the very first day. This regime has thrown at least 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!

It is telling that General Sisi is considered a reliable ally by the ultra-reactionary monarchies of Saudi Arabia and the UAE, as well as by the U.S., the European Union and Russia. Hence, these states have continued to support the dictatorship with huge financial and military aid packages.

Socialists and democrats, righteous Muslims and non-Muslims, will mourn the death of Morsi. No doubt, the sycophants of the tyrants and the accomplices of the Great Powers are cheering the death of Morsi. However, their time will come. When it does, the oppressed peoples will rise up and smash their rule!

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry between the U.S., China, Russia, EU and Japan.

A Critique of the Left's Analysis and an Outline of the Marxist Perspective

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting analyses the accelerating rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – the U.S., China, EU, Russia, and Japan. He shows that the diplomatic rows, sanctions, trade wars, and military tensions between these Great Powers are not accidental or caused by a mad man in the White House. They are rather rooted in the fundamental contradictions of the capitalist system. This rivalry is a key feature of the current historic period and could, ultimately, result in major wars between these Great Powers.

Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry demonstrates the validity of the Marxist analysis of modern imperialism. Using comprehensive material (including 61 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that a correct understanding of the rise of China and Russia as new Great Powers is crucial for assessing the character of the current inter-imperialist rivalry.

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting critically discusses the analysis of modern imperialism by a number of left-wing parties (left social democrats, Stalinists, Trotskyists and others). He demon-

strates that most of these organizations fail to understand the nature of the Great Power rivalry and, consequently, are not able to take an internationalist and revolutionary stance.

The author elaborates the approach of leading Marxist figures like Lenin, Trotsky and Luxemburg to the problems of Great Power rivalry and imperialist aggression against oppressed peoples. He outlines a Marxist program for the current period which is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future.

The book contains an introduction and 29 chapters plus an appendix (412 pages) and includes 61 figures and tables. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry
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A Critique of the Left's Analysis and
an Outline of the Marxist Perspective



By Michael Pröbsting

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Egypt: Rally in Commemoration of Mohamed Morsi

Report (with Photos and Video) from a Rally in Vienna on 20 June 2019, Austrian Section of the RCIT

The Egyptian migrant community organized a rally in the centre of Vienna on 20 June to commemorate the death of Mohamed Morsi. The former President of Egypt died three days before under mysterious circumstances after appearing in the show trial conducted by the military dictatorship of General Sisi. Despite heavy rain, about 300 people joined the rally, among also Syrian, Turkish, Bosnian, Pakistani, Afghan, Bangladeshi and other nationals.

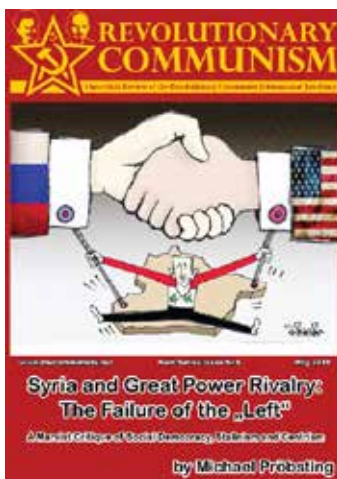
The rally was addressed by Ibrahim Ali, leader of the

Egyptian community in Austria, a representative of the Syrian community as well as by our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT. In his speech, comrade Pröbsting condemned the arch-reactionary military dictatorship of General Sisi and expressed our support for the popular resistance.

See photos and a video clip of Michael Pröbsting's speech here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/egypt-rally-in-commemoration-of-mohamed-morsi/>



Rally in Commemoration of Mohamed Morsi (Vienna, 20.6.2019)



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*

Introduction * The liberation struggle of the Syrian people against Assad retains its just character * Against all imperialist aggressors! * Old and new Great Powers * The Ex-Stalinist turned social democrats: “God save the United Nations” * The Stalinists (and some caricatures in Trotskyist camouflage): social-imperialist servants of Assad and Putin * The Morenoite LIT, UIT and FLTI: the heart on the right place but not their brains * CWI and FT: failure to understand the imperialist nature of China and Russia * CWI / SWP(UK) / FT: refusing to support the Syrian Revolution * Conclusion * Footnotes

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Jerusalem Day in Israel: Down with the Chauvinist Orgy!

By Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine)*, 03.06.2019

Today is so called Jerusalem Day. A day of chauvinist orgy, when thousands of right wing Jewish nationalists march with the Zionist flags in the Muslims Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem chanting slogans like "Death to the Arabs".

Instead of preventing this ugly racist march aimed at terrorizing the Palestinians of occupied Jerusalem, the police not only protect the racists but gave permission to hundreds of fanatic right wingers to enter Al Aqsa complex during the high days of the Ramadan. The Mosques were defended by Palestinian youth that the police attacked.

Were the leaders of the center right Blue and White party concerned with democracy instead of holding a rally in defense of ethnocracy in Tel-Aviv, they would have mobilized their supporters to block the march of the right wingers. This of course is a wishful thinking because basically the Blue White party led by generals supports the Jerusalem day as a day of the Israeli victory in 1967.

The fact that the leader of Hadash, Ayman Odeh, was invited to the rally in the last minute to deliver a speech and he agreed to it as a good obedient servant is reflection of the motion of the Israeli Stalinist Party CPI to liquidate itself into the Zionist reactionary camp. When the British ruled India, Kipling, the author of many books and stories in support of British imperialism, created characters like Gunga Din who were the archetype of Odeh.

The only road leading to a solution that will end this racism is the road to one red democratic state in all of Palestine from the river to the sea.



Rally in solidarity with the Syrian Revolution (Vienna, 16.6.2019)

Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People.
A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis.

Palestine and Zionism shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the "Nakba" in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland.

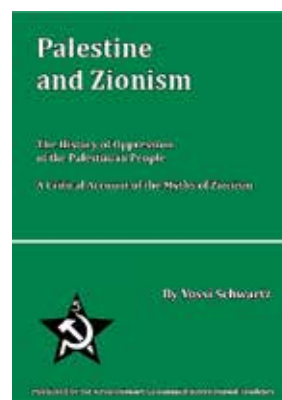
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993.

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and

outlines a socialist perspective. He emphasizes that the only solution is the right of millions of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland and to replace the Zionist entity with one democratic state from the river to the sea – a *Free Red Palestine* with equal civil rights to the Arabs and the Israeli Jews.

The book contains an introduction and 7 chapters (112 pages) and includes 7 Tables and 3 Maps. The author of the book is Yossi Schwartz, a leading member of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency and its section in Israel / Occupied Palestine..

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China: Mass Protests against “Extradition Law” in Hong Kong

For an indefinite general strike! Kill the bill! Bring down the Lam Administration!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 18 June 2019

1. Hong Kong is currently being rocked by a wave of mass protests. The people are demanding the withdrawal of the so-called extradition law. This bill would allow people in Hong Kong to be extradited to China to stand trial. Given the fact that far more democratic rights exist in Hong Kong than in the rest of China – given the despotic rule of the regime in Beijing – this bill represents a serious attack against oppositional forces in Hong Kong. The brutal oppression of the Uyghur people in East Turkestan with up to one million people held in concentration camps underscores the dictatorial nature of the central Chinese government.

2. In response, a number of civil rights organizations have conducted a sustained campaign against this bill. The recent high point of these protests has been the largest demonstrations in the history of Hong Kong. Over one million marched on 9 June and two million on 16 June. Given the fact that the city has a total population of 7.4 million, this means that many of the residents between the ages of 15 and 54 have been on the streets! The police – following the orders of the pro-Beijing Administration of Carrie Lam – brutally attacked the demonstrators with pepper spray, beanbag rounds, tear gas and rubber bullets. As a result at least 81 people were hospitalized with injuries. One demonstrator – a man who had attached a banner reading “*No extradition to China, total withdrawal of the extradition bill, we are not rioters, release the students and injured, Carrie Lam step down, help Hong Kong*” – fell to his death and has become a martyr of the movement.

3. Carrie Lam is now under massive pressure and hopes to ride out the protests. She had to postpone the enactment of the bill. However, the brutal repression has radicalized the movement that is now demanding, in addition to the withdrawal of the bill, her resignation. At the same time, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman stressed that, “*the Chinese government, the central government, has always fully affirmed the work of chief executive Carrie Lam and the Hong Kong government.*”

4. The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) unconditionally supports the mass protests

in Hong Kong. The struggle against both the extradition law and the Carrie Lam government is an essential democratic struggle. We welcome the fact that an international solidarity movement has emerged that held rallies in at least 39 cities around the globe. If the demonstrators enforce their demands, this would represent a serious blow against the Stalinist-capitalist dictatorship in Beijing.

5. We are fully aware of the political and ideological limitations of the protests. Many of the organizers adhere to bourgeois liberal ideas and have illusions in Western “democracy”. There is also a tendency by parts of the movement to call for the “independence” of Hong Kong. The city had previously been subjugated by the British Empire as recently as 1997. This was a legacy of the barbarous imperialist aggression against China in the 19th and 20th centuries.

6. The RCIT warns against any illusion in U.S. or European imperialism. These governments do not care at all about democracy – just look at the bloody dictatorships in Egypt and Saudi Arabia which are their close allies. Washington and London will only seek to exploit the unrest in Hong Kong in order to advance their position in the accelerating rivalry with China for global hegemony.

7. The RCIT calls for an indefinite general strike to kill the extradition law and to bring down the Lam Administration. It is crucial for the workers and youth in Hong Kong to hold democratic mass assemblies to discuss the demands and tactics of their movement. Such assemblies should elect delegates in order to build a movement led by a democratically-controlled coordinating body.

8. In our opinion, it is urgent that the democratic movement in Hong Kong does not permit itself to be isolated from the oppressed masses in the rest of China. Quite the opposite, it should express its support for the rights of workers suffering super-exploitation, the peasants who are harassed by the bureaucrats, as well as the oppressed Muslim Uyghur people.

9. The RCIT views the democratic struggle in Hong Kong as part of the international struggle for liberation. We call on activists to organize on the basis of an interna-

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tional and socialist perspective. Achieving this goal will require the construction of a revolutionary party in China and globally!

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Brazil: Bolsonaro's Auto-Putsch Failed!

Workers on the move to the general strike on June 14!

Statement of the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária-CCR (Brazilian section of the RCIT), 31 May 2019

The demonstrations of radical right-wing forces on 26 May have been a failure. These demonstrations had been organized by social networks close to President Bolsonaro and his sons. They called for a regime change with fascist characteristic, for closing of the Congress, closing of the National Supreme Court and for centralizing powers in Bolsonaro's hands. It was an ill-fated attempt of ultra-reactionary and fascist forces to impose their plans to build a Bonapartist system.

The bourgeois sectors that struck the coup in 2016 are in the midst of a power struggle but their ultimate aims were the push through radical neoliberal reforms. However, in this process fascist forces could massively grow which became very visible during the demonstrations on 26 May. Characteristically, the demonstrators were mostly white middle class, conservative, racist and slave-minded.

The mobilizations in favor of the president were much smaller than the march of 1.5 million on May 15. This was a protest against the cuts in education, but also against the reform of Social Security (a fact hidden by the media) that were led by educators and students. The fact that the monopolized press has hidden that the demonstrations of May 15 were also against the reform of Social Security meant that even some sites of leftist organizations in Latin America (included Trotskyist organizations) also could not elaborate a more accurate analysis of the events.

This risky attitude of Bolsonaro occurred shortly after the Public Prosecutor's Office have requested the bank and fiscal secrecy breach of his son *Flávio Bolsonaro* and of another 94 people and some companies, on April 15, when they affirmed to have gathered information of that he would have invested 2 million dollars in the purchase of 19 properties. "The sales declared between 2010 and 2017 would represent a profit of 750 thousand dollars," said the Prosecutors. It then listed a total of 37 properties in a request for information to Rio de Janeiro's registry offices. Such movements are considered as a form of money laundering by the prosecutors. Flávio is also being investigated for alleged links with the militias that killed councilwoman Marielle from the party PSOL. The breach of bank secrecy may directly hit the wife of President, *Michelle Bolsonaro*, because of a poorly explained deposit of about 10,000 dollars made by a former employee of Flávio, *Fabício Queiroz*.

The day after his son's bank secrecy was broken, during an official trip to Dallas in the United States, Bolsonaro angrily declared, "Do you want to hit me? Come to me. You want to break my secrecy, I know you have to have a fact, but I'll open

my bank breach. You will not get me!!". Soon after, Bolsonaro made the "convocation" of the population in support of his government for May 26.

The monopolized bourgeois press (*Folha de São Paulo* newspaper, *Organizações Globo*, *Rede Bandeirantes* television, etc.) controlled by the financial system criminally has hidden the fascist characteristic of these demonstrations preferring to show the few photos in which some supporters of Bolsonaro defended the reform of Social Security and others in favor of the liberation of weapons to the richer population (the cost of registering and buying weapons amounts to almost a thousand dollars). Much more important for sectors of bourgeois press is to defend neoliberal reforms, even if an openly fascist regime is needed.

However not all the bourgeoisie agrees to Bolsonaro's plans. The powerful *Federation of Industry of the State of São Paulo-FIESP* refused to give its support, as well as the traditional right-wing parties PSDB, DEM, PP, etc., as well as the powerful agribusiness sector that has a strong lobby in the national congress and bugged off, including the far-right organization *Movimento Brasil Livre-MBL*. One of the leaders of MBL, *Kim Kataguiri*, said: "We did not join because we do not agree with protesters, government supporters who desire that the president can freely do what he wants. The president needs to be complimented when he is right and criticized when he makes mistakes, like any healthy democracy. And, secondly, because we do not agree with guidelines such as the closing of the Federal Supreme Court and the National Congress."

The day after the relative failure of the Bolsonaroists demonstrations, the president makes a strategic withdrawal and met with the presidents of the federal and Senate Chambers along with the president of the Supreme Court to establish a pact of governability in the name of economic reforms. One question remains in the air, what is the Supreme Court president doing in a meeting between the executive and the legislature to establish economic measures that explicitly go against the constitution? Brazil has reached the point when the traditional disguise that there is independence between the executive, the legislature and the judiciary is being openly abandoned.

What is Bolsonaro's true power project?

There is only one project that unifies all those sectors of the bourgeoisie that are in an open struggle for power: the neoliberal reforms. The bourgeoisie, in choosing Jair Bolsonaro in the 2018 elections, hoped that *Jair Bolsonaro*

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would be the right man for this project. They were already aware of his lack of preparation, his political incapacity and his truculence, but everyone hoped to be able to control himself when he took power, including the generals who prevented *Lula da Silva* from the *Workers Party* from being a candidate. What they did not expect is that Bolsonaro and his family clan, guided by their guru, the US-based astrologer *Olavo de Carvalho*, had their own power project that they do not want to be submissive to either the congress or the Federal Supreme Court and even refuse to be submissive to generals, for example Vice President *Hamilton Mourão*. Bolsonaro and his clan desire a Bonapartist regime with strong fascist tonalities to make not only ultraliberal reforms but to crush all resistance from the mass movement, all workers' and peasants organizations.

Bolsonaro's Bonapartist project has the support of a small sector of businessmen, also the low-ranking officers of the Armed Forces, the military police in the federal states, the raging, fascist Bolsonarists middle class whose numbers in demonstration on May 26 were far below the demonstration of educators and students in the latter May 15. The Workers' Party, the main opposition party, remains at the same level of 30% electoral support. Such indices clearly demonstrate that the traditional rightist party which organized the institutional coup against President Rouseff in practice has paved the way for the radicalized extreme neo-fascist movement leaded by the president Jair Bolsonaro.

Brazil on the verge of a recession

In a long article published on May 27 on the Spanish website *El País* the prestigious Keynesian economist *Jose Luis Oreiro* points out that the chance of Brazil entering into a technical recession in 2019 is at 70%. The economist argues that the moment is not cutting off but increasing public investment, and calls Paulo Guedes à "poker player" by linking the solution to the economic disaster scenario to the approval of the Pension Reform. Oreiro also says that the current austerity policy of the economy minister's team is misguided and will not help put the country back on the path of growth. On the contrary, Oreiro evaluates that the Brazilian economy is already showing signs of contraction and Brazil is in danger of plunging back into recession.

The economist's opinion contradicts liberal economists, since, in his evaluation, the moment is not of cuts, but of increase of the public investment. (1)

According to José Luis Oreiro, the unemployment rate in Brazil was 12.4% in the quarter, reaching 13.1 million people, according to the *Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)*. According to data released by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) "The result shows the return of the economy to the negative terrain after eight quarters of growth. This scenario is disheartening when it turns out that the previous eight quarters were not enough to stimulate a significant resumption of the economy after the recession of 2014-2016. These figures reflect the political and economic uncertainty that has a direct effect on investments and impact the evolution of economic activity, especially the industrial sector, which has jeopardized the resumption of employment affecting the consumption of families."

It is within this chaotic context of economic, political and social crisis implanted since the institutional coup d'état in 2016, after the electoral fraud built with the arrest and impediment of *Lula da Silva-PT*, after the series of attacks on social and labor rights, the successive privatizations of national wealth, that all the trade union centrals and the main parties on the left were forced to mobilize the masses. What is at stake is the struggle against ultra-neo-liberal barbarism, the struggle for democratic rights coupled with the struggle for socialism for the liberation of the working class of the city and the peasants. (2)

The website of the *Unified Workers' Central-CUT* announces that "The general strike of 14 June against pension reform and more jobs, which is being organized by the CUT and other union centers - CTB, Força Sindical, CGTB, CSB, Nova Central, CSP-Conlutas and Intersindical - won the adhesion of students and teachers after the Jair Bolsonaro (PSL) government announced cuts that made public education impossible, from elementary to post-graduate education in the country." Also joining the mobilization of the general strike are the MST, the MTST, the PCO, the PSOL, PCdoB, etc.

The Brazilian section of the RCIT will be present in the demonstrations.

1) https://brasil.elpais.com/brasil/2019/05/23/economia/1558624603_216267.html

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Brazil: 1.5 Million Demonstrators in the Streets!

Report (with Pictures) of the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária-CCR (Brazilian section of the RCIT), May 20, 2019

On April 30 of this year, the Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro through the Ministry of Education announced a cut of 30% of the federal public universities budget. The government declared that money removed from federal universities would be invested in basic education. To justify the cut Bolsonaro stated that “education in Brazil is like a house with an excellent roof and rotten walls”.

Obviously, with the exception of Bolsonaro’s fanatic followers, no one believed that there would be any advantage in withdrawing money from public universities, much less believe that these funds would be sent to basic education. In fact, it is a profound attack on education as a whole. The resistance movement did not take much time to organize. The convocation of the student movements of May 15 for a general education strike against the 30% cut was added to the general strike of educators against the pension reform previously called by the National Confederation of Workers in Education (CNTE).

May 15, which due to his success received the nickname of *15M*, was marked by great mass demonstrations throughout the country. Media have reported that protests on this day of strike have occurred in at least 220 cities in 26 states and in the Federal Capital (Brasilia). These demonstrations brought together not only students, but teachers, other education professionals, parents of students, and several

other working class sectors. More than 1.5 million people took to the streets that day!

The mobilization was joined not only by people from the public sector, but also by a significant sector of students and teachers of private schools. No doubt, an important sector of the middle class not only supported but joined the movement. This mobilization also gained enormous sympathy from the working class and the population. The movement also had representatives of other sectors of workers, who partially stopped the work in support for the struggle and participated in acts such as metallurgics, oil tankers and subway workers in São Paulo.

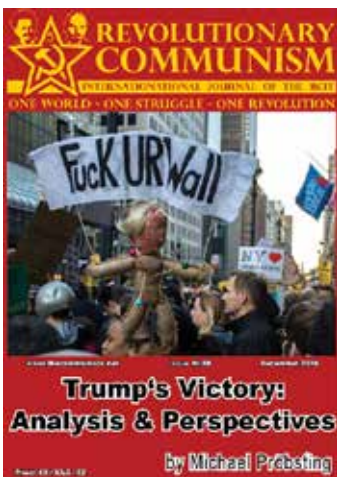
When in the USA Bolsonaro was asked about the strike his response was to call the demonstrators of “*imbeciles*” and “*useful idiots*.” But that only served to make many more thousands of people attended the act.

Continue the resistance and build the General Strike

This May 15 showed that the mass movement can and should defeat the government’s attacks. This great mobilization of 1.5 million demonstrators should serve as a preparation of the general strike already previously called for next June 14. However, what should be a fight against social security reform must be added to the defense of education and the cancellation of *all* ultraliberal economic measures of former president Temer and current Bolsonaro governments. *15M* proved that our fight is possible.



Demonstration against cuts in education (Sao Paolo, 15.5.2019)



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Stop right-wing totalitarianism!

Together defend democracy and human rights in Poland!

Władza Rad 29/05/2019 www.1917.net.pl

Note of the Editorial Board: The RCIT sharply condemns the ultra-reactionary law. We stand in full solidarity with this call of the Władza Rad comrades!

The authoritarian PiS regime wants to ban communist ideology in our country i send people to jail for “wrong” views. This could be the end of democratic liberties and freedom of speech. We cannot sit idly by.

The anti-democratic PiS regime is going to adopt a law penalizing the propagation of communist ideology. A person publicly presenting communist views will serve three years in jail. While only the „propaganda for a totalitarian state system” have been punished so far, hereafter the communist ideology itself is penalized.

This is another assault on democratic freedoms in our country. After removal of the names of the streets and monuments connected with the left, last year mass campaign of repressions against communists (trial of the Communist Party of Poland – ultimately acquitted, police intervention in the flat of the owner of the “Władza Rad” web domain on 30th April 2018, police intervention during the scientific conference on Karl Marx in Pobierowo) the regime of Jarosław Kaczyński decided on an amendment of the Polish penal code, which effectively abolishes freedom of speech and political pluralism in Poland – i.e. freedom to organize in political parties and to propagate ones views by people with a communist worldview. This is the first step on the road to ban the Communist Party of Poland, to which so far – despite intimidation, repressions and court trials lasting years – not a single crime or violation of Polish law was proven.

Can one imagine a similar situation in Western Europe? Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, Spain or Portugal without communist parties and communists’ rights to present their views? Meanwhile in Poland under the rule of authoritarian and semi-fascist PiS regime, communist propaganda would be punished by a three year jail sentence.

Communism – a victim of Catholic Church pedophilia

The law, which have been prepared for several months in the Ministry of Justice under Zbigniew Ziobro’s supervision, has been passed in the immediate mode in Sejm (lower chamber of parliament) among immense media noise surrounding pedophilia in the Catholic Church. The law have been forwarded to the Senate (upper chamber of Parliament), which have send it back to Sejm. The next vote is sheduled on the 12th of June.

Current Polish constitution contains articles, which guarantee recognition of human rights (Article 5) and international law (Article 9). Ziobro, who increases penalties for rape, violates the civil liberties himself. The adoption of the act can have much wider consequences than next wave of anti-communist repressions. PiS accuses social-demo-

cratic Together party („Razem”) of communism and tried to ban it, which shows, that the anti-communist legislation can be ultimately a tool used for mass repression against any kind of political opposition, even one ideologically far from communism.

Ziobro is a coward, who passes the radical changes in law through the back door. The reactionary politicians like Ziobro are full of terrible anxiety about the haunting spectre of communism although in Poland (unlike for example in Greece or Czechia), the communist party is neither a mass party or a major political force. The necessity of the legal changes shows, that the previous repressions against the Communist Party of Poland and Władza Rad were unlawful and political in nature.

Every previous attempt to “de-communize” Polish public life by the anti-democratic right-wing ended in its devastating defeat. The attempt to remove left-connected street names, which was initiated by the law of 1st April 2016, resulted in social protests. Ultimately the courts struck down most of the proposed changes. After three years of trial, despite strong political pressure, on 18th January 2019 court in Dąbrowa Górnicza acquitted the editors of “Brzask” magazine published by the Communist Party of Poland.

“Władza Rad” editors call on all leftists and all those who value human rights and civil liberties, including freedom of speech and the right to organize in political parties, to put pressure on Poland’s anti-democratic regime in order to prevent legal changes, that would abolish democratic liberties in Poland.

As a result of this amendment new anticommunist provisions are introduced in the infamous Article 256 of the Penal Code:

a) § 1 shall read: „§ 1. Who publicly propagates Nazi, communist, fascist or other totalitarian state system or encourages hatred on the basis of national, ethnic, racial or religious differences or lack of religious beliefs, is subject to penalty of jail up to 3 years.”, b) after § 1 there will be added § 1a reading: „§ 1a. Subject to same penalty is anyone who publicly propagates Nazi, communist, fascist ideology or an ideology encouraging the use of violence to influence political or social life.”, c) § 2 shall read: „§ 2. Subject to same penalty is anyone who, for the purpose of dissemination, produces, secures or imports, buys, sells, offers, stores, holds, presents, transports or transmits a print, recording or other object containing the content specified in § 1 or 1a or which is a carrier of Nazi, communist, fascist or other totalitarian symbolism, used in a way that propagates the content specified in § 1 or 1a.”

Britain after the European Elections and May's Resignation

by Joseph Adams, RCIT Britain, 02.06.2019

Theresa May resigned as Prime Minister on the 24th May when she realised that her withdrawal motion for Brexit was again to be defeated. Her support in the Tory Party was nil and she faced open revolt from the Brexiteers in her own party. It was a crisis that could only be resolved with her leaving Downing Street. She has agreed to stay on as Prime Minister until June 7th when the election of her successor starts in earnest.

The leadership contest is likely to tear the Tory party apart. It faces election where pollsters have forecast the worst result for the Tories since 1838. May will hand the broken chalice onto other prospective leaders with left and right vying for the leadership contest. The result should be known by July.

"Theresa May has bowed to intense pressure from her own party and named 7 June as the day she will step aside as Conservative leader, drawing her turbulent three-year premiership to a close. May's announcement came after a meeting with Graham Brady, the chair of the backbench Tory 1922 Committee, which was prepared to trigger a second vote of no confidence in her leadership if she refused to resign. Her fate was sealed after a 10-point "new Brexit deal" announced in a speech on Tuesday, infuriated Tory backbenchers and many of her own cabinet – while falling flat with the Labour MPs it was meant to persuade. The leader of the House of Commons, Andrea Leadsom, resigned on Wednesday rather than present the Brexit bill to parliament." [1]

May will go down in history as one of the most incompetent leaders in recent times. The hallmark of her tenure of office has been austerity, extreme chauvinism racism and Islamophobia with pure hatred from her government against Muslims, the oppressed and migrants in Britain. As Home secretary and later as Prime Minister she has been responsible for the erosion of democratic rights and liberties leading to secret trials deportations and incarcerations in detention centers like Belmarsh and Yarlswood in Bedfordshire. These are no more than quasi concentration camps.

Many bourgeois commentators have commented on her weaknesses and incompetence while in office: *"Theresa May will ultimately be remembered as the prime minister who was defeated by Brexit. Her task was to reconcile a nation split by the surprise referendum result. But if it was possible to achieve a graceful exit from the European Union, or indeed any exit, May utterly failed to negotiate it. In reality, May delivered only limited social reforms. Ultimately, Brexit dominated her premiership and, in the end, little else could be achieved. It was clear there was no majority in parliament for her deal in December, so May pulled the vote, after admitting that she would have been defeated "by a significant margin". It was the first in a succession of humiliations. By now enough letters – 48 – had been handed to Sir Graham Brady, the chairman of the Conservative party's backbench 1922 Committee, to force an ill-timed vote of confidence in her leadership"*. [2]

Euro Election Result in Britain

The European election result in Britain and the reflection in all of the 27 European states have seen electoral success of right wing, racist populist parties in most European countries. The two main political blocs in the European parliament, the Conservative EEP and the social democratic alliance S&D still remain the two largest groups but without a majority. It will be a fractured parliament.

In Britain Nigel Farage's Brexit party won 35% of the vote totally eclipsing his former party UKIP who are now a spent force. The Liberal democrats came second with 20%, Labour came in with 14% and the Greens on 12%. The Tories were destroyed and just have 4 MEP's in the new European parliament. The large rejection of support for the two main parties, especially the Tory party, demonstrates that they are so out of touch with the working class and the exploited masses. The bourgeoisie is split itself between Brexit/remain political positions. The Blairite traitors of Umuna and Hodge had no effect on the election

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and like the SDP before them they are likely to join the Liberal Democrats.

"The Brexit Party was the clear winner in the UK's European elections, while the pro-EU Lib Dems came second. The Conservatives and Labour suffered heavy losses, with the former getting less than 10% of the vote. Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage said he was ready to "take on" the main parties in a general election. Mr Farage's party won 29 seats, the Lib Dems 16, Labour 10, the Greens seven, the Tories four, the SNP three, and Plaid Cymru and the DUP one each." [3]

The Blairites Role in the Labour Party

A section of the Blairites in the Labour Party led by the deputy leader Tom Watson have decided to remain in the party and complete their pro-capitalist moves to support European capital. They remain determined to destroy the left reformist leadership of Jeremy Corbyn who threatens the goal of a key sector of British imperialism which is to remain with the European bloc. The Labour Party under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership has tried to steer a path between Brexit and a Customs Union with some ties with Europe. But the fifth columnists of Watson and Co has been to constantly disrupt the leadership of Corbyn and prevent a general election with Corbyn winning. The Blairites will do anything to prevent a Labour Government under Corbyn and would prefer the Tories to remain in office.

The result of the EU elections is that the Tory party is now a rump with the majority of Tory supporters voting for Farage's Brexit party with its racist and chauvinist diatribe against migrants and Muslims. The support for the Brexit party and for the remain Parties proves that this Tory government has lost the mandate to rule and should call a General Election now. The Brexit party won in England with the exception of London with its multi-ethnic composition voted for the remain position. It is clear that Labour party supporters split between Remain/Brexit votes.

In Scotland the Labour party failed to return an MEP and did badly. The SNP, advocating a remain position as First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has always supported European capitalism, became the largest party. The Brexit party came second. The same results were repeated in Wales and Northern Ireland.

No Support to either EU Imperialism or Nation State Imperialism

The RCIT has already shown that the European elections took place under enormous crisis. The 2019 European elections were in many ways a repeat of the 2016 referendum detailing the extreme divisions between the two camps of imperialism Remain/Brexit. As we stated in our article on the European elections:

"A focus of this strategic antagonism with European imperialism is the agony of Britain's Brexit. This tragical-comical process demonstrating the utter impotence of the country's bourgeois leadership reflects the dead end the ruling class finds itself in. The workers and oppressed of Europe must defend their political independence. They must not be used as servants for the interests of either the pro-EU or pro-nation state capitalists. Neither the imperialist European Union nor an "independent" imperialist nation state serves the interests of the working class. The only way forward for workers and the oppressed is to fight

against the capitalist governments (both within and outside of the EU) and to unite in struggle across national borders". [4]

The attack of the Blairites and pro-Zionist forces in the Labour party continues with vengeance. Their aim is to destroy and remove the left reformist Jeremy Corbyn as leader in a planned coup and replace him with a more pliable leader more suited to the dictates of European capitalism. This latest report of the misnamed Equality Commission (a quasi-state organization) has declared that the Labour party is awash with anti-Semitism. This is yet another declared witch-hunt against Corbyn and his supporters providing no real evidence.

"In Britain the Labour Party experienced the aggressive campaign of the Blair-ite and pro-Zionist wing that resulted in the expulsion of pro-Palestine activists under the false pretext of "Anti-Semitism". This shameful assault, however, faced no real resistance by the Corbyn leadership". [5]

The RCIT in Britain puts forward the following transitional demands to unite the working class and the exploited masses in a struggle to overthrow imperialism and establish socialism.

** Critical support for the Corbyn wing of the Labour Party. Expel and purge the Blairite and Zionists in the Labour Party. The expulsion of the Arch Blairite Alistair Campbell is a first step in this process. Now other Blairites like Watson and Kinnock must also face the same fate.*

** Defend Corbyn against the Blairite and Pro-Zionist coup being organized using the tool of anti-Semitism as a weapon to expel and purge the Labour party of socialists and pro-Palestinian supporters. Its aim to destroy and remove Corbyn as leader.*

** Oppose austerity - for demonstrations, strikes leading to a general strike. Action committees must be formed in every region in the country. Defend these action committees with armed defense guards against fascist and police provocateurs.*

** Open all Borders - free movement for migrants, refugees and Muslims irrespective of culture, religion or nationality! No to Islamophobia, chauvinism and racism. Migrants and Muslims must be allowed to practice their religion, speak their own language and wear their own dress.*

** Full equality for migrants and refugees - equal wages, decent housing and full citizenship. Scrap visas and allow migrants and refugees indefinite stay in the country of their choice.*

** Neither Brexit nor Remain! No support for any imperialist state - no to the EU or nation state. For a United Socialist States of Europe! Build the Revolutionary World Party! Join the RCIT in Britain!*

Footnotes

1) <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/may/24/theresa-may-steps-down-resigns-tory-leader-conservative-brexit>

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5) *ibid*

