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Picture on the Cover: Demonstration against police violence in Nairobi on 8 June 2020, organized by the Kenyan section of the RCIT and the Social Justice Centre.

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Mexico: Stop Racism, Stop Impunity!

Day of demonstrations against police brutality in the U.S. and Mexico

Report (with Pictures) by Agrupación de Lucha Socialista (Mexican Section of the RCIT), 6 June 2020

The arrival of the reactionary and provocative Donald Trump to the US presidency fueled the racist sentiments of the most conservative sectors. Thereafter, law enforcement agencies escalated abuses against the Afro-American and migrant population. In the midst of the volatile health, economic and political crisis, one more attack transmitted on social networks was enough. The murder of George Floyd, a black worker, in the hands of the police, triggered massive mobilizations by the population of all colors inside and outside the United States, overcoming confinement due to the pandemic.

To this day of anti-racist, anti-imperialist and internationalist struggle, we have joined in Mexico, on Friday 06/05/20 at 2:00 p.m. around 100 people attended, including political organizations and independent people, in front of the US embassy to demand justice for George Floyd and all the victims of police abuse in there. "They won't let us breathe!" said one of the slogans painted by young people on the metal fences placed by the CDMX government to "protect" the sacred private property of the gringos. Anarchist contingents surrounded the embassy trying to tear down the fences several times without success, others

wrote the names of people killed in the United States.

As a Socialist Struggle Group (ALS) we assist in solidarity with the mobilizations of the American people and we call to nurture and organize the internationalist struggle until the corrupt and murderous police and governments in the United States and throughout the American continent fall.

Hours later on the same Friday we met at the Jalisco State Representative House in the CDMX to demand "Justice for Giovanni". He was a young construction worker tortured and killed by municipal police in Ixtlahuacán, Jalisco by the absurd fact of not wearing a mask. This case represents many more cases of abuse by the State, which to date has amounted to 28 young people who have disappeared during the protests held in that State.

In Mexico, the USA, Ukraine, Central and South America, as well as, in every country where there is police abuse, we say "Enough!", "Without Justice, There is no peace!". We must organize locally and internationally to end the murderous lackeys of the capitalist states.

For the formation of popular self-defense groups!

For the internationalist struggle of peoples of all colors oppressed and exploited!



Rally in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in Mexico City on 5 June 2020

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Brazil: Football Fans Organize Anti-Fascist Demonstrations

Statement of Corrente Comunista Revolucionária (Brazilian section of the RCIT), May 31, 2020

Supporters from several football teams along with anti-fascist activists and various social movements took to the streets in defense of democracy this past Sunday, May 31. The militant acts took place in at least five capitals: São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro and Curitiba.

In São Paulo the act gathered around 2,000 people on Paulista Avenue. Prominent role had the anti-fascist sector of the popular club “*Corinthians Paulista*”, including supporters of other rival teams, as well as militants of social movements.

During the demonstration one can hear repeatedly the cries “*Democracy!*” and “*I’m not a sucker, where is the half dozen that defends Bolsonaro?!*” (see video below) driving away at first moment the *bolsonaristas* who until then had been occupying the avenue of São Paulo every Sunday asking for the return of the military dictatorship.

But as it always happens when military police controlled by the right-wing governor João Dória-PSDB arrive, anti-fascist demonstrators suffered a strong police crackdown, while they protected the neo-fascist provocateurs. This also drew attention to the presence of a flag of a Ukraine’s far-right and ultranationalist group named *Pravyy Sektor* among the Brazilian extreme-right militants. Days before

a well-known far-right activist, Sara Winter, gave a speech in which she stated that “*We must ucranize Brazil!*”

What is evident with these spontaneous anti-fascist popular manifestations is that they are not being convened by the main left-wing parties. They are rather organized by voluntary organizations of the popular sectors, of youth, especially from the peripheries saying enough!! to the Bolsonaro government and all that it represents, enough!! to police violence, to racism and the growing attacks on their living conditions. And the big “unanswered question” is: where are the leaderships of the progressive parties and social movements? What are they waiting for?

* *For the annulment of Article 142 of the Constitution!*

* *Build the general political general strike!*

* *Cancel all austerity measures such as pension reform and labor reform!*

* *Convoene popular assemblies in trade unions, workplaces and neighborhoods!*

* *For the immediate formation of a broad single united front of all mass organizations of the working and oppressed class (PT, PCdoB, PSOL, PCO, CUT, MST, MTST, etc.) to organize a mass resistance!*

* *For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!*

Mexico: Free Labor Rights Attorney Susana Prieto Terrazas!

Statement by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 12 June 2020, www.thecommunists.net

The Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) states its full solidarity with the Labor Rights Attorney Susana Prieto Terrazas! Suzana is the attorney for the *National Independent Syndicate of Industrial and Service Workers/Sindicato Nacional Independiente de Trabajadores de Industrias y Servicios 20/32 (SNITIS)*. The SNITIS union represents maquiladora workers in Mexico.

The maquiladora workers face super-exploitation by multinational corporations since many years. Their cheap labor is crucial for the gigantic profits of American and other monopoly capitalists.

Susana Prieto Terrazas has been arrested on bogus charges by the Governor Francisco Javier García Cabeza de Vaca, Governor of the State of Tamaulipas. In fact, her only “crime” is that she defended the rights of the maquiladora workers.

We demand the immediate and unconditional release of Susana Prieto Terrazas!

Long live international solidarity!

International Bureau of the RCIT



Rally for the release of Susana Prieto Terrazas in Mexico City, initiated by the Mexican Section of the RCIT and other organizations

Brazil: Militaries explicitly threaten with a new military Coup d'État

Statement of the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária-CCR (Brazilian section of the RCIT), 25 May 2020

On Friday, May 22, General Augusto Heleno, the Minister of the Brazilian Intelligence Service, released a note to the Brazilian nation in response to the Supreme Court judge Celso de Mello. In this note, he said that “the request for seizure of the cell phone of the President of the Republic is inconceivable and, to some extent, unbelievable.” His note concludes with a clear threat to the entire country. The general says that if this apprehension would take place, it “could have unpredictable consequences for national stability.” Soon after the speech of General Heleno, the ministry of defense, commanded by General Fernando Azevedo Silva, emphasized that there is no divergence within the military sectors installed inside the government. He said in an interview with CNN Brazil: “The Ministry of Defense was aware that General Heleno would drop the note and agreed to the issue, given that the president’s cell phone is a matter of institutional security.” The Ministry of Defense is the federal government body tasked with exercising the superior direction of the Armed Forces.

When he heard about the possibility of having his phone requested by the highest court, Bolsonaro stated in an interview on São Paulo Radio *Jovem Pan*: “Celso de Mello, cancel your order, that my phone will not be delivered, nobody will take my phone.”

Both the statement by General Heleno and by the President should not be underestimated. In reality, it can be said that it constitutes a kind of mini-coup d'état by refusing to comply with possible court orders.

The main bourgeois press, the center-right and the left-wing parties condemned these statements. The president

of the Federal Chamber of Deputies, Rodrigo Maia, said that “the threat is very bad, that is not the way”. The president of the Brazilian Bar Association, Felipe Santa Cruz, released a note saying: “General Heleno, democratic institutions reject the anachronism of your note. Get out of 1964 and try to contribute to 2020 if you can. On the contrary, stay at your home.” General Heleno’s note clearly demonstrates that the militaries are aligned with Jair Bolsonaro and obtained support among military ministers in general, as well as the high command of the Armed Forces.

In view of this, it cannot be ruled out that the government’s contradictions are resolved in the sense of a military coup d'état against the institutions.

This does not mean that the military itself considers this the best possible solution at the moment. However, in the face of a collapse of the economic and political situation and the COVID-19 pandemic, there exists a real possibility that the military will resort to a coup within the coup.

However, in addition to the military, a substantial sector of the bourgeoisie still supports the current government and, therefore, there are negotiations in the National Congress with the intention to create a force that blocks any impeachment request.

In article 142, the Constitution says that the “Armed Forces (...) are permanent and regular national institutions, organized on the basis of hierarchy and discipline, under the supreme authority of the President of the Republic, and are intended for the defense of the Fatherland, the guarantee of constitutional powers and, on the initiative of any of these, of law and order”.

In our article of 31 May 2019, we already warned about

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution

What It Is and How to Fight It. A Marxist analysis and strategy for the revolutionary struggle

In *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* Michael Pröbsting analyses the dramatic events in spring 2020 which have opened a new historic era. A triple crisis has shocked the world. The Third Depression has begun, characterized by a devastating economic slump of the capitalist world economy which is certainly no less dramatic than the crisis which started in 1929.

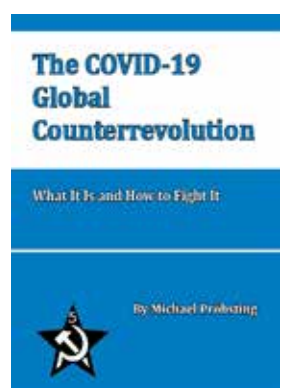
In addition, there is a wave of anti-democratic attacks of a scale which has not been seen in the imperialist countries since 1945. This has triggered a global turn towards Chauvinist State Bonapartism and the creation of a monstrous Leviathan-like state machinery.

And finally, the world faces COVID-19 – a pandemic which endangers many lives and which is exploited by the ruling classes in order to spread fear, to deflect attention from the capitalist causes of the economic crisis and to justify the turn towards chauvinist state bonapartism.

The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution also shows that large sectors of the reformist workers movement and the

so-called left fail to understand the meaning of this triple crisis. Similar to the situation in 1914 after the beginning of World War I we can observe a gigantic wave of opportunist capitulation by many self-proclaimed socialists as they support or at least do not denounce the global lockdown and the suppression of democratic rights which the ruling classes are imposing in the name of combat against the pandemic. *The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution* offers a Marxist analysis of this historic crisis and elaborates a revolutionary perspective for the struggles ahead.

The book contains an introduction and 6 chapters plus an appendix (176 pages) and includes 5 figures and a diagram.



the real power project of Bolsonaro and the Armed Forces when we said: *"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 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."* (1)

In the face of the explicit threat from the Armed Forces, from General Heleno and President Bolsonaro, we at CCRI reiterate our rejection of article 142 of the constitution. Likewise, we support the call for the cancellation of the fraudulent 2018 presidential elections.

In the face of this situation, it is essential that the left forces - workers' parties and organizations, as well as social movements - initiate a broad mobilization capable of breaking the military's initiative, which leads to the dan-

ger, albeit not imminent, of a military coup d'état.

* For the annulment of Article 142 of the Constitution!

* Out with Bolsonaro and his vice-president General Mourão!
For the annulment of the fraudulent elections of 2018!

* Build the general political general strike!

* Cancel all austerity measures such as pension reform and labor reform!

* Convene popular assemblies in trade unions, workplaces and neighborhoods!

* For the immediate formation of a broad single united front of all mass organizations of the working and oppressed class (PT, PCdoB, PSOL, PCO, CUT, MST, MTST, etc.) to organize a mass resistance!

* For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!

Footnotes

1) <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/latin-america/brazil-bolsonaro-s-auto-putsch-failed/>

The RCIT has published a number of documents on Brazil which can be read on the sub-section on Latin America on this website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/latin-america/>. See for example this statement: CCR: Brazil: Defeat the Pension Reforms of President Bolsonaro and Mayor Covas! Build the political general strike to overthrow these governments! 8 February 2019, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/latin-america/brazil-defeat-the-pension-reforms-of-president-bolsonaro-and-mayor-covas/>

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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By Michael Pröbsting

Published by the Revolutionary Communist International of Workers

Brazil: Popular Manifestations against Bolsonaro Government!

Report by the Corrente Comunista Revolucionária (Brazilian section of the RCIT), 7 June 2020

Mass organized movements and opposition parties occupied not only the capital Brasilia but also the main cities of the country on Sunday, June 7. They protested against Bolsonaro's government and the neo-fascist movements, in defense of democracy and the rights of the people. Organized and peaceful, the demonstrations disproved the president Bolsonaro's speech that accused protesters of "terrorists" in an interview with CNN during the week.

The demonstration brought together health professionals, organized supporters of the main football teams, black community movements, the LGBT community, students, women, teachers, representatives of indigenous communities, artists, social movements and political parties. Like the United States and other countries, the demonstration respected health protocols, with distancing, distribution of alcohol in gel and the use of masks. The walk was attended by people of all ages. The demonstrators also defended the public Unified Health System (SUS) and offered solidarity to those killed by Covid-19 across the country (more than 35.000).

"Black lives, women's lives, health professionals' lives matter," protesters chanted in chorus. The demonstrators remem-

bered the names of Councilwoman *Marielle Franco*, the boy *João Pedro*, a black boy murdered by the police, the American *George Floyd* and other blacks murdered by police violence.

But most importantly on Sunday was that these large demonstrations break with the *lockdown* imposed by state governments, with the tacit acceptance of the directions of the mass movements and left-wing parties, which prevented the struggles in the streets of the workers and oppressed, while the attacks on the rights of the working class are increasing.

Long live the struggle of the Brazilian Workers!

** For the annulment of Article 142 of the Constitution!*

** Build the general political general strike!*

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** For a Revolutionary Constituent Assembly!*



Rally against the Bolsonaro government in Sao Paolo, 7 June 2020

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Kenya: The Oppressed Masses demand "Stop Killing Us!"

Demonstration of the People of Kenya against Police Brutality

Report (with Pictures and Video) by the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Socialist League (Kenya), 9 June 2020

On Monday, 8th June 2020, the people of Kenya took to the streets of some of Nairobi's settlements to protest the outrageous and ever-increasing cases of police brutality. The protest was organised by the Revolutionary Socialist League in conjunction with the Mathare Social Justice Centre.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of police killings have actually superseded the number of deaths by the Corona virus. These extra judicial killings have been happening with impunity, with the security apparatus publicly unapologetic and constantly increasing the use of force upon the people. Cases of police brutality and extra judicial killings in Kenya are not new, and have been happening on a regular basis in this neocolonial state. Clearly, the current state of Kenya is merely a continuation of the colonial system as imposed by the British imperialists.

The demonstration demanded an end to police brutality and killings. It further demanded;

- 1) Immediate suspension of rent for all Kenyans.
- 2) Subsidisation of food items for all Kenyans to curb malnutrition.
- 3) Provision of free and Universal healthcare for all Kenyans to curb the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4) Immediate compensation for all Kenyans displaced by the state during the recent demolitions in Kariobangi, Korocho and Ruai.

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5) Immediate provision of clean water for all residents of Nairobi and other areas of the country.

The organisers of the demo outlined plans of conducting a nationwide campaign for the attainment of the said demands. This comes as the people of Kenya suffer the economic and social effects of the crisis presented by the corona virus pandemic as well as neoliberalism, with the overwhelming majority of the citizens lacking access to food, clean water and decent housing.

The Revolutionary Socialist League is certain that the people will emerge victorious.

Aluta Continua!

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Reports on the Demonstration in Global Media

Associated Press: <https://apnews.com/efda3c0eb82cf-175141694413522cb49>

Al Jazeera: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/06/protesters-march-kenyan-police-brutality-200608162743597.html>

Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2020/jun/09/they-have-killed-us-more-than-corona-kenyans-protest-against-police-brutality>

Report on TV in Kenya: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqyvD90TZYc>

Message of Solidarity from the RCIT

Dear comrades, brothers and sisters,
The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) sends the warmest greetings to your protest rally. We share your outrage about the police brutality which has claimed so many lives in Kenya in recent weeks when the government imposed a brutal Lockdown regime under the cover of COVID-19.

This Lockdown supposedly serves to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, it destroys the living conditions of many poor people. It serves only the rulers who face popular hatred. In order to fight the pandemic we need a serious public health program and not state repression!

Your protest is part of global wave of mass mobilizations against racism and police violence. It is urgent to build an international movement which annihilates the roots of racism, of imperialist exploitation of the African people and of global social injustice. In other words, we need a global movement to overthrow capitalism and to replace by a socialist society. This is what the RCIT is fighting for together with our comrades from the *Revolutionary Socialist League*!

Long live international solidarity!

Aluta continua!



Publications of the RCIT

The Meaning, Consequences and Lessons of Trump's Victory

By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016

Introduction * I. The Election Outcome * II. Where is the Trump Administration Heading? * III. Global Consequences: The Beginning of a New Era * IV. Lessons and Perspectives for the Struggle * V. Summary Theses * Footnotes

A RCIT Pamphlet, 40 pages, A4 Format

YES to Jobs, Food and Health! NO to Lockdown, State Repression and Poverty!

Joint Platform of Progressive Organizations, June 2020

People in Africa and around the world are experiencing a gigantic wave of attacks. The crisis of global capitalism throws many millions of people into poverty, the lockdown and expansion of state repression threatens the limited democratic rights which have existed in parts of the world and the COVID-19 pandemic endangers the health and lives of many people.

As a matter of fact, the ruling classes all over the world utilize the COVID-19 pandemic in order to cover their economic and political attacks against the popular masses.

We say:

*** No capitalist way out of the economic crisis at the expense of the working people!**

- No sackings, no wage cuts, no undermining of labour rights, etc!

- Food for those in need!

- No to the continual enslavement of our people with loans from Western and Eastern imperialism like the Brenton Woods institutions (World Bank and IMF) and China respectively. These loans will serve as leverages for the governments to hike tariffs for public services such as power, increase tuition fees and oil prices etc.

- Cancellation of all public and household debts!

- Immediate and unconditional economic aid from the rich for the poor countries!

*** No to chauvinism and authoritarianism!**

- Against mass lockdown and suppression of democratic rights (like public assemblies and demonstrations), against the expansion of the police and surveillance state, no army on the streets!

- No to racism and xenophobic nationalism against migrants and refugees!

- Against the Great Power rivalry between the U.S. and China!

*** No to the incompetent and pro-elite handling of COVID-19 pandemic!**

- For free mass testing! Quarantine of those infected with adequate and free supply of medical products! Free treatment for all and free hospitalization of serious cases!

- Upgrade and expansion of the public health sector!

- Afrika must not become a testing ground for the Western COVID-19 vaccines! For international cooperation of experts and scientific institutions, with strong African representation, to develop reliable vaccine as soon as possible. Such a project must not be dictated by profit interest but must serve solely the interests of public health!

None of these demands will be given to us! In order to achieve them, the workers and poor people have to unite and fight! We need to build Solidarity Action Committees in workplaces, neighbourhoods and villages with the view of building regional and national coordination between them.

Divided we fall – united we win!

List of Signatories:

Revolutionary Socialist League (Kenya)

Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (Nigeria)

United Textile Employees Lesotho (UNITE)

Social Justice Centres Working Group (Kenya)

Socialist Youth League (Zambia)

Pan-Afrikan Consciousness Renaissance (Nigeria)

Alliance of Nigerian Students Against Neo-liberal Attacks, Obafemi Awolowo University (Nigeria)

Nyayo ya Mwaafrika / African Footprints (Tanzania)

Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (Brazil, Mexico, Pakistan, Kashmir, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Israel/ Occupied Palestine, Yemen, Nigeria, Kenya, Russia, Britain, Germany and Austria)



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

A RCIT Pamphlet, 24 pages, A5 Format

Nigeria: RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE #JusticeForUwa CAMPAIGN

A Report of Oladipupo Jimoh from the the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigeria. 3rd June, 2020

The Concerned Great Ife Students is a loose platform consisting of various radical currents in Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, which has for generations taken progressive positions on national issues even with its education centered orientation, that is, it demands mainly for increased funding of education respectively free education. This time since a 22 year old undergraduate student of Microbiology in the University of Benin (UNIBEN) by the name of Vera Uwaila Omozuwa, was raped and murdered the demonstration was made around it. This incident took place in a church where the victim was said to have been studying and this event takes place amidst several other reports of rape, gender based violence and police brutality in Nigeria, the most popular of which is the cold blood murder of Tina Ezekwe, a 16 year old female, by the Nigerian Police Force.

The following report was drafted by Yusuf Adetola one of our student comrades in Obafemi Awolowo University.

The protest against Rape and sexual violence that took place on the 2nd of June in Ile-Ife was an initiative birthed from a students coalition 'Concerned Great Ife Students'. This initiative featured students from the nooks and crannies of Obafemi Awolowo University, while comrades of different ideological groups were at the helms of guiding the march towards productivity.

Part of what really facilitated the protest and concerns from the students body is the watery investigations peculiar to the Nigeria Police Force on issues concerning Rape, Insecurities and brutalities among other misdeeds from the force.

The protest waves was directed towards the petitioning of quarters like the Moore Police Station, The Ooni of Ife and Media outfits in Ile-Ife. The protest also established the campaign and also educated the public on the dangers of insecurities, sexual violence and brutality!

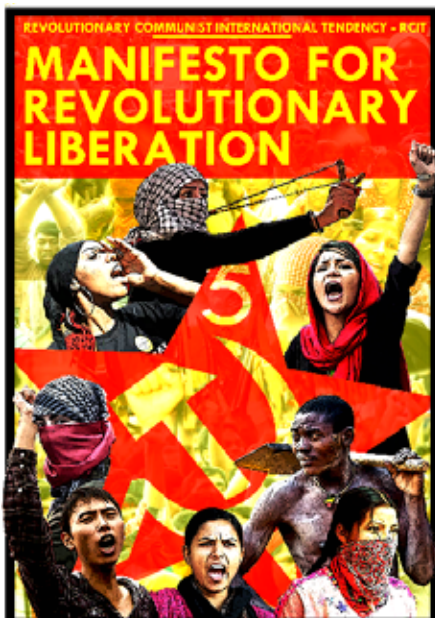
We have emphasized that, consistent with the position of the RCIT, rape, gender based violence and police brutality

has been increased by the lock downs and curfew imposed throughout Nigeria. This is clearly due to the worsening of the adverse living conditions by the devastating economic recession, the effects of which has been further aggravated by the lock downs. This can clearly be seen in the collapse of internal security which plays out through police brutality on the hand and alarming increase in crime rates on the other.

However, there has also flowed a spirit of rising resistance amidst the mass and quite frankly most of this cases have seen widespread reportage in the news media but none of this have yet evolved into defined demonstrations as this. This protest and the one that took place in the city of Benin, Edo state where the victim was killed were spawned by the pro-Black uprising in the US as there have been spontaneous rallies in Lagos in solidarity with the Justice For George Floyd protests in US. The wave of protests is bound to continue in the coming days as other groups are now calling for demonstrations against police brutality and gender based violence.

We call for expansion of these demands to the systemic roots of these vices. The popular masses must oppose all economic attacks such as austerity schemes, wage cuts, mass retrenchments. We call for massive mobilization of aid to the poor, unemployed, homeless and proper funding of the education sector. Expansion of the health sector with general free mass testing for COVID-19. All of this must be funded with taxes from the rich. We call for a unification of all progressive groups for a fusion of the struggle into an anti-government uprising as a step towards a general strike! We say that all uprisings at this time are one struggle against the global capitalist onslaught thus links must be formed between the popular masses from the US to Iraq; from Lebanon to Hong-Kong and from Nigeria to London for a unitary campaign to defeat capitalism and all its vices!

Onward in the fight for socialism!



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

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Nigeria: Support the NARD strike!

**Fight wage-cuts, mass sackings and cuts in public funding!
Cancel all foreign and domestic debt!**

Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV) [RCIT Nigeria] 15th June, 2020

The continual easing of the lock downs, travel bans and other restrictions come as a spectacle to many Nigerians especially as the number of COVID-19 infected cases have seen a steady rise, and even though many are beginning to lose trust in the official figures there is still a mixture of confusion and anger in the atmosphere. The debate on how to go about easing restrictions is almost taking center place in the bourgeois media with the focus being on religious gatherings. This amongst other developments show that the whole travesty of the lock downs and other measures taken by the governments was never in the interest of public health or preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The most decisive proof of this is the move by the Buhari led APC regime to cut spending on public health by 40% while simultaneously planning to spend 27 billion naira on renovating the national assembly complex.[1] For a nation with one of the most precarious doctor to patient ratio a blanket lock down in any state of the federation should be taken with a grain of salt but to decide to defund the health sector shows that the lock downs was originally a death sentence for the poor and homeless. The lock downs wreaked acute starvation in its wake, this served a lever

for increased crime rates, food riots and consequently heightened police aggression which claimed the lives of many Nigerians.

Apart from these, several other deaths occurred due to the inaccessibility to medical facilities because of the restrictions and the panic spread by the bourgeois media and establishment. Many patients on routine health appointments could not keep up causing their condition to worsen, sometimes leading to death. Emergency cases like that of pregnant women was also very poorly managed due to the restrictions.

Instead of a serious campaign to rejuvenate the public health facilities and infrastructure, focus on the lock downs and ban on democratic rights have left the national health sector without any improvement rather it is in a state of regression.

The RCIT has reiterated severally that the solution to the COVID-19 pandemic was not lock down, travel ban and other measures of state repression but a health program that seeks to expand and upgrade the health sector; mass testing with quarantine of infected cases; provision of food for the poor masses etc. We have noted in the past that without these measures it becomes impossible for the



Rally in protest against the murder of Vera Uwaila Omozuwa, initiated by the Nigerian Section of the RCIT and other organizations

world governments to find leverage to blame the pandemic for the economic slump which was visible before any popular trace of the disease. At the same, time we emphasized that such measures was to prepare grounds for the harshest economic attacks on the workers and oppressed people through a state bonapartist agenda.

The Nigerian governments at all levels have not strayed from this correct assessment but confirmed it. That is why it is hardly surprising that the Buhari government along with the National Assembly aim to cut funding for health and education by 42.7% and 54.2% respectively.[2] Despite claims to reduce funds on parts of the budget like the National Assembly and the renovation of the National Assembly complex, we find that only a 10% reduction has been made for the two expenditure that has taken the lion share of the national budget for decades, while more than half of the initially insufficient funds (5% percent budgetary allocation each for health and education) for the health and educational sector must be slashed.[3] It is important to point out that this decision comes amidst large wage-cuts, mass retrenchment of workers and massive discontent amongst workers from backlogs of outstanding pay by the government.

It is on such backgrounds that the strike of the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) is predicated. [4] Unions of medical workers have often complained about the pittance called hazard allowance; the backlogs of allowances and other grants owed them by the government coupled with the failure to provide personal protective equipment for medical personnel and other health workers in this pandemic. We might not be able to give full details of the demands of the NARD here but we see this as an example which all revolutionary and progressive organizations must follow and support.

In the light of the foregoing, it is criminal for the Buhari government to continue to acquire loans as Nigeria's total debt now stands at 33 trillion naira [5] even in the face of gross incompetence regarding all sectors of national living but mostly reflected in the insecurity, poverty and hunger bedeviling the masses. These loans are only a paid exchange between the imperialist institutions in the East and West and the Nigerian bourgeoisie for defunding public services and the crippling of the local industries for erosion by their foreign multinational corporations.

The outbreak of uprisings in Iraq, Lebanon, Hong-Kong and finally in the US following the murder of George Floyd is sufficient confirmation of our position in the RCIT, that in order for the masses to fight for a better living and overcome the onslaught of the global trend in state bonapartist attacks, we must break all restrictions to our right to freely assembly and gather publicly. World governments can already see the explosive potential of the lock downs on mass uprisings so they seek a means to fast track ease of the restrictions.

The same goes for a rejuvenation of the health sector, without a mass struggle of the united workers and peasants movement it is impossible to save the public health. It is on this bases that we call on all authentic revolutionaries, progressives, workers' unions, civil society groups to support the on-going strike of the NARD. We say that all unions must call for a general strike as a step towards a unitary anti-government uprising.

We warn against any attempt to return to the lock downs

under the pretext of preventing the second wave of the pandemic, for this will only further worsen the health and living conditions of the poor masses. A return to or any form of support against public gatherings and mass actions will at this time only raise the already heightened contradictions to barbaric levels.

It is crucial to note that at any point in time the stopping the spread of corona virus cannot be given a central position when compared to other health hazards and equally, if not more life-threatening diseases like cardiovascular diseases, tuberculosis, hypertension, AIDS, malaria etc. All of this diseases must be dealt with at the bases of the system that subjects many to precarious, unhygienic living conditions, abject poverty and many other unfavourable underlying conditions.

Again we say that all restrictions must be confounded on the basis of mass remonstrance for the terms of easing such restrictions by the government cannot align with the interest of the workers and oppressed.

For this cause, we call for a unification of all demonstrations against rape, police brutality, economic attacks, insecurity and underfunding of public services into one anti-government uprising.

For payment of all outstanding salaries, allowances and grants to public workers both in the health and educational sectors. Increase hazard allowance for all medical personnel!

For immediate revitalization and expansion of the health infrastructure with recruitment of additional health workers. This expansion must be funded with taxes from the rich!

Fight wage-cuts, mass layoffs, casualization of workers and other austerity measures such as cuts in public funding and IPPIS!

Cancel all domestic and foreign debts!

For a general strike now!

Onward to a socialist future!

Signed:

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Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RCIT Nigeria).

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Egypt's Dictator Sisi Threatens to Invade Libya

Defeat the counterrevolutionary bandit Haftar and the powers behind him!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 24 June 2020

1. General Sisi, the bloody tyrant of Egypt, is beating the drums of war. In a televised address during his visit at an airbase in Matrouh near the Libyan border on 20 June Sisi threatened to invade Libya in order to overthrow the legitimate government in Tripoli. He claimed that “*any direct intervention by Egypt has become internationally legitimate. (...) If the Libyan people asked us to intervene, it is a signal to the world that Egypt and Libya share ... common interests, security and stability.*” He called his army “*to be prepared to carry out any mission here within our borders, or if necessary outside our borders*”.

2. Egypt's military dictatorship has supported General Haftar – a former colonel in Gaddafi's army and later a CIA operative – since the beginning of his mutiny against the *Government of National Accord* (GNA) government in 2015. However, until now Sisi's support was mainly limited to some air strikes, massive arms delivery, military advisors, and financial as well as diplomatic support. A full-scale invasion by the powerful Egyptian army – it is the 9th strongest in the world and has historically been the second-largest recipient of U.S. military aid (after Israel) – could drastically alter the balance of forces in the Libyan civil war.

3. There are several factors why Cairo is now considering such an invasion.

a) First, General Haftar's forces have suffered serious setbacks in the past weeks. 14 months ago, he launched an offensive in order to conquer the capital city Tripoli and to overthrow the GNA government. However, despite massive support by several powers, his offensive ended now in an embarrassing defeat. The GNA forces are currently close to liberate Sirte and Al-Jufra. Sisi has called the loss of these two towns “*a red line*” because of their significance. Sirte is a strategic access point to Libya's key oil fields and Al-Jufra has a crucial military base for the Russian forces backing Haftar (there are at least 14 MiG-29 fighter and Su-24 attack aircraft, about 2.000 Wagner mercenaries, etc.).

b) Furthermore, every leader of the axis of counterrevolution in the Arab world – Egypt's General Sisi, Saudi Arabia's Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) and UAE's Mohamed bin Zayed (MbZ) – is in serious crisis. Sisi, who took power in a bloody military coup in July 2013, has always been despised by the majority of the Egypt people. His credentials as a “strong man” have also suffered by the regime's inability to crush the insurgency on the Sinai as well as its failure to manage the COVID-19 crisis. Bin Salman and his ally in the United Arab Emirates suffer an embarrassing debacle in Yemen where they still fail to defeat the Houthis five years after they launched their reactionary invasion. Worse, their Yemeni allies are now turning against other. Add to this the series of political and diplomatic setbacks – e.g. the global outcry about the horrific murder of the dissident journalist Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi, the successful drones and missiles attacks against Saudi's oil industry, their failure to crush Qatar, the global price collapse of the oil market (the main source of income of the Gulf States),

etc.

c) In addition, tensions between Egypt and Ethiopia have substantially increased over the latter's construction of a giant hydroelectric dam on the Blue Nile. If Ethiopia starts with filling the so-called *Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam* by next month (as it has announced), this would be a major blow to Egypt which completely depends on the Nile as a lifeline for supplying fresh water and electricity. As a result, there is also a danger of war between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia.

d) More generally, this axis of tyrants has failed to decisively defeat the Arab Revolution which began in January 2011. In fact, despite all reactionary efforts of these regimes, the Arab Revolution has experienced a new massive upswing since early 2019 with popular uprisings in Algeria, Sudan, Lebanon, Iraq and other countries. In addition, Assad – an ally of this counterrevolutionary axis – has still not succeeded, despite massive military support by Russian imperialism and Iran, to defeat the heroic Syrian people who continue defending Idlib. And General Haftar, as mentioned above, has also suffered important setbacks.

e) Furthermore, this axis of counterrevolution has reason to fear that time is running out. Its most important backer – U.S. President Trump – faces a tremendous crisis at home because of a popular uprising against racism and police violence. In fact, the orange clown has become a “lame duck” and could be out of office in a few months. Hence, Sisi, MbS and MbZ have to hurry up to utilize the remaining time before the global relations of forces might change massively. For the same reason, by the way, is Netanyahu accelerating Israel's annexation plans of the West Bank.

4. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) strongly denounces General Sisi's threats. An invasion of Egypt's army would constitute a major threat for the Libyan people. We have made clear since the beginning of General Haftar's mutiny that we lend no *political* support to the GNA which we consider as a bourgeois government. However, it is a government which has resulted from the 2011 revolution and which presides over some remaining gains of the unfinished democratic revolution in 2011 (e.g. elements of popular armament, some democratic rights, etc.). While this government has been formally recognized by the United Nations some years ago, it has received support only from Turkey and Qatar.

5. In contrast, General Haftar represents the full-blown counterrevolution which strives to subdue the Libyan people to bloody dictatorship. This is why he receives massive support from the arch-reactionary regimes of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates as well as from imperialist Great Powers like Russia and France. Without their massive financial and military support, Haftar would have already lost long ago. Unsurprisingly, the rulers of Saudi Arabia, the UAE as well as French President Macron have already publicly stated their support for Sisi's threat to send his army against the Libyan people.

Faced with the alternative between the GNA government and the counterrevolutionary Haftar forces, revolutionaries have no difficulty in recognizing the lesser evil. The immediate task now must be to defeat the Libyan version of General Sisi!

6. In case of an invasion by the Egyptian army, revolutionaries will defend Libya. We say: *Defeat the counterrevolutionary bandit Haftar! Drive out Sisi's invaders!* It is important to emphasize that the struggle is not directed against the Egypt people but only against its tyrannical regime. Revolutionaries must undertake efforts to agitate among the Egypt soldiers so that they refuse fighting against their Libyan brothers and sisters and turn their weapons against

the Sisi regime.

7. The RCIT reiterates that the struggle in Libya is part of the ongoing Arab Revolution. We call on revolutionaries to intensify their support for the liberation struggles against the capitalist dictatorships and Great Powers aggression in the Middle East. We call for uniting the popular struggles in Algeria, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Palestine, and Iran into a single Intifada in order to liberate the whole region from reactionary dictatorships, super-exploitation by imperialist monopolies, and Great Power domination. For a socialist federation of workers and peasant republics in the Middle East!

RCIT's International Secretary Michael Pröbsting Speaks on Morsi's Death on famous Arab Channel WATAN TV

Report by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 20 June 2020

Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, was invited to speak at a TV-Show on the Arab-language channel Watan TV. The show was dedicated to the 1st anniversary of the death of Mohamed Morsi. Morsi was Egypt's former President who has murdered in jail by the military dictatorship of General Sisi. Watan TV is a prominent satellite TV channel which airs its shows in many countries.

The show had a number of high-profile speakers. Among them were Mahathir bin Mohamad (the long-time Prime Minister of Malaysia), Moncef Marzouki (Tunisian President 2011-2014), Jeremy Corbyn (leader of the British Labour Party until early 2020) and a number of other prominent political and religious officials. The show was aired on 17 June 2020. It can be currently viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MHLrO0FqRg>. Pröbsting's statement (translated into Arab language) starts at 1:11:00 and lasts about 3.5 minutes.

The statement in English-language can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2OiSK5T2a8>.

Here is the link to a short video published on Facebook

which advertises the TV Show and several speakers (including Michael Pröbsting): https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1160930247592440&id=101715501571812&refsrc=https%3A%2F%2Fm.facebook.com%2Fstory.php&ref=104&rdr#_https://video.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t42.9040-2/104455641_307528750245854_6144112190844754787_n.mp4?_nc_cat=110&_nc_sid=985c63&efg=eyJ2ZW-5jb2RlX3RhZyI6ImxlZ2FjeV9zZCJ9&_nc_ohc=VSi-j2slX90YAX8as4de&_nc_ht=video-vie1-1.xx&oh=56908e-025f05e1691382e021987158be&oe=5EEDCA33

Here is an article by Michael Pröbsting on this issue: Egypt's Former President Morsi Dies during Brutal Incarceration. The barbarous military dictatorship of General Sisi and its allies in West and East bear the full responsibility! 20.06.2019, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/egypt-s-former-president-morsi-dies-during-brutal-incarceration/>

Below is also the picture advertising the TV Show with the pictures of a few speakers (including Michael Pröbsting).



Occupied Palestine: Is a New Intifada in the Making?

Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 26 May 2020

Last week, "Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announced that the Palestinian Authority will end all agreements and understandings signed with Israel and the United States, including security agreements, in light of Israel's intent to annex parts of the West Bank." (1)

27 years have passed since the Oslo agreements that were designed to end the second Intifada came into force. Since then Israel has expanded the Zionists settlements and the new government has plans to annex a large part of the West Bank and the Jordanian valley that is a major source of water for the settlers. Even worse is the fact that these agreements have been an obstacle to the Palestinian resistance to the oppression of the Palestinians by Israel.

Needless to say, Israel's plans to annex parts of the West bank and the Jordanian valley are backed by Trump who claims hypocritically that he supports the human rights of the people of Tibet. In reality his position on Tibet is part of the new cold war against China.

The annexation of parts of the West Banks will be the last nail in the illusions of Hadash, Mertz and Maavak Socialsiti (part of the ISA that split from the CWI) and other supporters of the illusion that the solution to the conflict between imperialist Israel, a state of settler colonialists, and the oppressed Palestinian people, is a mini Palestinian state alongside Israel.

In February this year the ISA criticized Trump for his support for the Israeli annexation "that reduced the two state solution to absurdity", and yet due to their right wing centrist political nature they could not point out to a real solution to the oppression of the Palestinians. In Israel they

simply ignored the question. Their program has remained: "Enough with the denial of the right of self-determination - Yes for an independent democratic and socialist Palestinian state with equal rights where its capital is East Jerusalem alongside democratic socialist Israel with equal rights to all." (2)

What these centrists ignore is that Marxists do not advocate the rights of self-determination to imperialist nations nor to a state of settler colonialists, but only to oppressed nations. This was the position of Lenin and of Trotsky, who opposed putting the oppressed and the oppressor nations on the same level.

Lenin in "The Socialist Revolution and the Rights of Nations to Self-Determination" (1916) wrote that there are 3 types of nations.

"First, the advanced capitalist countries of Western Europe and the United States. The tasks of the proletariat of these ruling nations are the same as those of the proletariat in England in the nineteenth century in relation to Ireland." (i.e., the support for the right of self determination of Ireland)

Reads carefully and you will not find a word about the right of self-determination of British imperialism.

"Secondly, Eastern Europe: Austria, the Balkans and particularly Russia. Here it was the 20th century that particularly developed the bourgeois-democratic national movements and intensified the national struggle. The most difficult and most important task in this is to unite the class struggle of the workers of the oppressor nations with that of the workers of the oppressed nations."

Again, not a single word of support for the right of self-determination for the oppressor nations.

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.

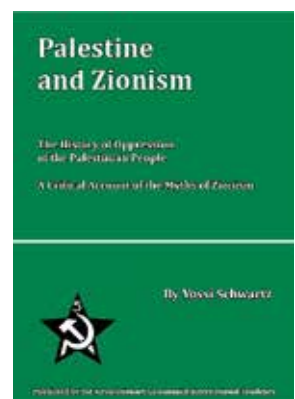
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership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

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



“Thirdly, the semi-colonial countries, such as China, Persia and Turkey, and all the colonies which have a combined population of 1,000 million people. Socialists must not only demand the unconditional and immediate liberation of the colonies without compensation ... they must also render determined support to the more revolutionary elements in the bourgeois-democratic movements for national liberation in these countries and assist their uprising—or revolutionary war, in the event of one—against the imperialist powers that oppressed them.” (3)

Once again, not one word of support for self-determination of the oppressor nations.

Trotsky wrote in a letter to the Trotskyists in South Africa: *“When the thesis says that the slogan of a “Black Republic” is equally harmful for the revolutionary cause as is the slogan of a “South Africa for the Whites,” then we cannot agree with the form of the statement. Whereas in the latter there is the case of supporting complete oppression, in the former there is the case of taking the first steps toward liberation. We must accept decisively and without any reservations the complete and unconditional right of the blacks to independence. Only on the basis of a mutual struggle against the domination of the white exploiters can the solidarity of black and white toilers be cultivated and strengthened. To push aside or to weaken the national slogans with the object of not antagonizing the white chauvinists in the ranks of the working class would be, of course, criminal opportunism.”* (4)

The joint List Chairman, MK Ayman Odeh (Hadash) that keeps believing in the illusion of the two states said on, May 21, that if Israel goes through with its plan to annex parts of West Bank, a massive Palestinian uprising would only be “a matter of time.” *“Every person who wants peace and believes in the rights of all peoples – both Palestinians and Israelis – says that every nation has the right to self-determination,”* Odeh told Ynet in an interview. *“The Jews exercised this right in 1948, but there is nation fighting for its independence,”* Odeh added. *“The Palestinians deserve a place under the sun.”* (5)

There are three major problems with his position. The first one is the claim that in 1948 the Jews exercised the right of self-determination. This implies that the war of 1948 was a war of national liberation of the Zionists rather than a war of occupation and ethnic cleansing-the Nakaba. Secondly in spite of his understanding that Israel annexation of parts of the West Bank and the Jordanian valley that will

turn Israel to an openly an Apartheid state he refused to conclude that the solution to the struggle against an Apartheid state is one red democratic state from the river to the sea. His position is appreciated by the liberal Zionists but it is worse than useless for the struggle of the Palestinians struggle for freedom. Thirdly he acts as an adviser to the Israeli state rather than a revolutionary Palestinian leader.

If indeed Mahmoud Abbas will end the so called “security agreements” with Israel, it will open the road for the struggle for one red democratic state from the river to the sea in opposition to the one apartheid state.

However, this is not the first time Abbas announce the end of the agreements with Israel and has not kept his promise. The reason is very simple he and his supporters are not less afraid from a new Intifada than Israel. Yet it seems that the pressure on the PA is so strong that this time he may keep his promise.

Whether a new Intifada will break out depends on the struggles of the Arab masses in the region – the renewal of the Arab revolution.

So far we see demonstrations of those who oppose Netanyahu and those who support him. Those who oppose him are mainly middle class Europeans among them former heads of the Secret Service and those who support him are mainly Jews from Arab countries - Arab Jews, it is mostly a struggle over ethnic domination. The issue of the repression of the Palestinians is ignored.

Time will tell whether there will be real opposition in the streets of the working class and the poor as a combination of unemployment and the Arab and Iranian revolutionary struggle in the region.

Footnotes

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China's transformation into an imperialist power

A study of the economic, political and military aspects of China as a Great Power

By Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)

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China-India Border Conflict: Down with Chauvinist Warmongering on Both Sides! Support the national rights of the Kashmiri and the Nepalese people!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 28 May 2020

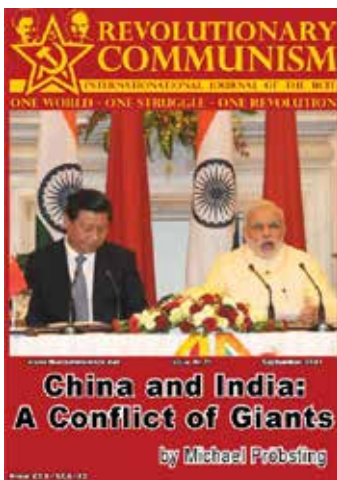
1. A dangerous confrontation is looming at the border between China and India – the world’s two most populous countries. Since 5 May, troops have clashed on the banks of Pangong Tso – a 135 kilometer-long, 5-7 kilometer-wide glacial lake in Ladakh, which is a de facto extension of the Tibetan plateau in the Kashmir region. The conflict began when large contingents of Chinese soldiers entered deep inside Indian-controlled territory at three places, erecting tents and posts. It is said that both sides have mobilized about 5,000 soldiers and armoured vehicles each which are camped just a few hundred meters from each other. In addition, Chinese and Indian soldiers also faced off along a frontier in India’s northeastern Sikkim state (located in the small border region between Nepal and Bhutan). Negotiations between Indian and Chinese diplomats have brought no results until now.

2. The current tensions are only the latest chapter in the longstanding conflict between the nuclear-armed rivals which share a 3,488km undemarcated border (called “Line of Actual Control”). China claims about 90,000 square kilometers of territory in India’s northeast – particularly the state of Arunachal Pradesh. India, on the other hand,

says China occupies 38,000 square kilometers of its territory in the Aksai Chin plateau in the Himalayas, a contiguous part of the Ladakh region. This conflict resulted in a war in 1962. There was also a serious two-month conflict in the Doklam/Donglang region in summer 2017 which however was ended by diplomatic negotiations.

3. The conflict exacerbated recently. India unilaterally declared Ladakh region a federal territory in August 2019, separating it from Indian-occupied Kashmir. China strongly condemned this move. India has also intensified its efforts of building border infrastructure. Under the Modi government, it has completed 74 strategic roads along the eastern border, with plans afoot to finish 20 more by next year. Most recently, the government announced the completion of a road and bridge through the Galway Valley in Ladakh connecting the region to an airstrip.

4. At the same time, imperialist China has expanded significantly its influence in the region via its central geopolitical project – the *Belt and Road Initiative*. Major infrastructure investments, loans and political initiative has ensured that China has become a key player in Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives – all



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The China-India Conflict: Its Causes and Consequences

What are the background and the nature of the tensions between China and India in the Sikkim border region? What should be the tactical conclusions for Socialists and Activists of the Liberation Movements?

A Pamphlet by Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)

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countries which have been traditionally in India's sphere of influence. Add to this Pakistan which is also a nuclear power, an arch-enemy of India and, for the same reason, a longstanding strategic ally of China.

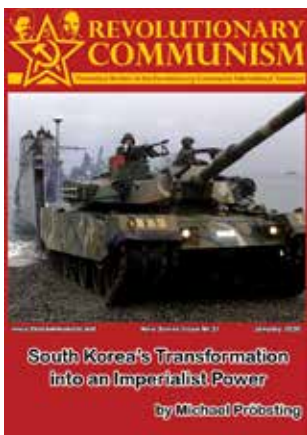
5. There are two additional conflicts relevant for the current developments. First, India has recently opened a new road to Lipulekh for the Kailash-Mansarovar pilgrimage to Tibet. The territories encompassing Limpiyadhura, Kalapani and Lipulekh which are historically considered by Nepal to be its land. These areas have been occupied by Indian forces since the Sino-Indian War of 1962. Nepal has been forced to accept this situation as it is a much smaller country dominated by India since decades. Nepalese patriots accuse India of occupying about 630 square kilometers of its territory. However, the latest move by India has provoked a series of popular protests in Nepal. There are regular demonstrations with people chanting "Go Back India" and burning the effigies of Modi as well as of the Nepalese Prime Minister. Various Maoist parties – which are traditionally strong in Nepal – have issued public statements rejecting "Indian expansionism". Against this background, the Nepalese government has been forced to issue a strong diplomatic statement calling India to retreat – a noticeable change to its passive stance in the past. The RCIT states that it supports the sovereign national rights of Nepal against the Indian hegemon.

6. In addition, one should not forget that the current stand-off between Chinese and Indian troops takes place in Ladakh which is part of historic Kashmir. In other words, neither India nor China has any legitimate right to occupy this territory as it belongs rightfully to the Kashmiri people. The RCIT reiterates its unconditional support

for the national liberation struggle of the Kashmiri people which have been brutally oppressed by the Indian state since decades. This oppression has become even worse by Modi's brutal assault in August 2019 which aims at the Hinduization of the Muslim-majority region.

7. It is possible that the current stand-off between China and India can be resolved diplomatically as it was the case in 2017. However, there exist several important factors which increase the danger of an open military confrontation. First, we are in the midst of the devastating depression of the capitalist world economy, resulting in the worst economic crisis since many decades both in China as well as in India. This has also provoked major political crisis in many countries. All over the world, ruling classes have utilized the COVID-19 pandemic as a cover to launch state bonapartist attacks on democratic rights. Both the Chinese as well as the Indian government – whose combined population currently account for about 37% of the entire global population – have imposed draconic lockdown rules resulting in vast expansion of surveillance programs as well as the expulsion of hundreds of millions of rural migrants from major cities. In short, both governments are currently faced with explosive political developments at home. In such a situation, the ruling classes in both countries are interested in wiping up chauvinism and patriotic sable-rattling against traditional rivals in order to deflect the attention of the people to an external enemy.

8. Add to this the acceleration of the Cold War between the world's largest imperialist powers – the U.S. and China. This Cold War has provoked a Global Trade War as well as in military tensions in the South China Sea in the recent past. The current threat of U.S. sanctions



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South Korea's Transformation into an Imperialist Power

*On the nature of South Korean monopoly capital
and the ensuing programmatic tasks of the workers vanguard*

By Michael Pröbsting, December 2019

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against Huawei, the conflicts about Taiwan and Hong Kong and the looming bloody crackdown of Beijing against the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong are just the latest features of the escalating Cold War.

9. Over the past years, the right-wing Modi government has deepened India's alliance with U.S. imperialism resulting in the creation of the so-called *Quad* – the *Quadri-lateral Security Dialogue*. This is a loose alliance of the U.S., Japan, Australia and India aimed against China. Under the current conditions, the Trump Administration is certainly interested in lending support to any opponent of its imperialist rival.

10. The RCIT has published several works with dealt extensively with the class nature of China and India. We characterize China as an *imperialist Great Power*. Its monopoly capital is a major player on the world market. Likewise it has become a key factor in world politics as the current COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates. India is not an imperialist power but rather a *semi-colonial regional power or intermediate power*. While its population has nearly the same size as China's its economy and social structure are much more backward. Its small monopoly capital plays a far less significant role on the world market and its political influence is largely confined to the South Asian region. However, it is a regional power of strategic significance. This is both due its sheer size as well as its geographic location. South Asia is home to a quarter of the world's population. It is also neighbor to East Asia, the most important region of the capitalist world economy. Furthermore, in any significant confrontation with China, India would act as an ally of U.S. imperialism. In other words, while India's ruling class definitely has its own, independent interests, it would objectively act in any conflict with Beijing as part of the U.S. camp.

11. Under such circumstances, revolutionaries are obligated to refuse supporting either camp. Hence the RCIT

calls socialists in both countries to oppose both the ruling class of China and of India. *Chinese and Indian workers and oppressed: Your main enemy is at home!* The task is to denounce the chauvinist and militaristic agitation of both governments which is diametral opposed to the fundamental interests of the popular masses. Socialists in both countries must oppose any chauvinist campaign directed against the rival (e.g. economic sanctions, "patriotic" consumer boycott campaigns, etc.). The Chinese workers and poor peasants have no interests in war at its border for the control of a Himalayan plateau. The same is true for their Indian brothers and sisters. In case of a war, socialists should refuse any support for "their" ruling class and act on the basis of the Leninist program of *revolutionary defeatism*. This means, they should work towards transforming such a reactionary war into a civil war against the ruling class.

** Workers and oppressed: Do not support the ruling class in China or India! Your main enemy is at home!*

** Down with chauvinism and war-mongering! No to sanctions and "patriotic" consumer boycott campaigns directed against the rival!*

** No to the Cold War between the U.S. and China!*

** Workers and Oppressed: Fight all Great Powers in East and West!*

** Support the national liberation struggle of the Kashmiri people!*

** Defend the sovereign rights of Nepal against India and China!*

** Down with the Stalinist-capitalist dictatorship in Beijing! Down with the reactionary Hindu-chauvinist Modi government!*

** Long live the international solidarity of the working class!*

** Organize for the socialist revolution! For workers and poor peasant republics in China and India! For a socialist federation of Asia!*

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“Big Brother” in China: The “Personal Health Index” App

by Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 27 May 2020

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis the RCIT has repeatedly explained that the ruling class utilizes the pandemic as a cover to dramatically expand the police and surveillance state. In our recently published essay as well as in our new book *“The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution”* we have shown a number of concrete examples how the ruling class all over the world is rapidly deploying new technologies in order to suppress democratic rights.¹

At this point we will not repeat our extensive analysis. Here we will limit ourselves to report about another, particularly drastic example of the current global shift towards state bonapartism. According to various media reports from yesterday, the authorities of Hangzhou, a Chinese city with a population of 10 million, announced their plan to turn a coronavirus app into a permanent health tracker by the end of June.²

According to an official social media account this app will create a “personal health index” for every citizen. The users’ status would be colour-coded on the basis of a 0-to-100 score based on how much they sleep, how many steps they take, how much they smoke and drink and other unspecified metrics. The city’s health commission said the proposed system would be a “firewall to enhance people’s health and immunity” after the pandemic.

Unsurprisingly, this plan has provoked outrage among citizens reflected in numerous negative social media comments, despite the sophisticated censorship by the state authorities. Hence, it remains to be seen if the authorities of Hangzhou can introduce their “personal health index” app.

However, this is not an isolated example how China’s ruling class utilizes the pandemic to massively develop their surveillance methods. Guangzhou, another city of 11 million people, has expanded its health code platform so that citizens can make online consultations with local hospitals and buy face masks. Fujian province has said it wants to expand its QR codes to encompass medical treatment and drug purchases. Shanghai, China’s second largest city with more than 24 million people, wants its app to become a digital assistant for accessing local services of all kinds, not just medical ones.

Another possibility to apply such apps can be seen in Tiantai, a county in Zhejiang Province. Local Communist Party officers developed a tool which they called the

“honesty health code”. The code represents party members’ degree of uprightness and diligence in carrying out party work. *“It’s about whether your party spirit is healthy, not whether your body is healthy,”* said Xu Yicou, the party secretary of the village of Shitangxu. Like the original health codes, the honesty codes come in green, yellow or red. Naturally, such apps can be applied not only to party members but to all other people. China’s notorious “social credit system”, introduced in 2018, was already such a step in this direction.³

It does not need explanation that such apps drastically expand the surveillance system which is already substantial in China. It allows the state machinery to know day-for-day not only the actual location of all its citizens but also their medical data, what they are consuming etc. Likewise, such “health apps” allow capitalists to better select their workers and to control their current status (and sack them if they are not sufficiently fit).

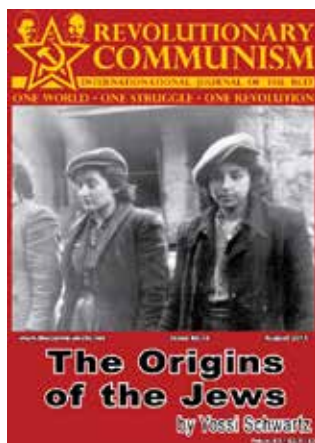
In addition, as we did already report in past works, such apps allow the state apparatus nearly complete control as citizens can enter a train, a park, a restaurant or a shopping mall only if they have such a “health app” showing a “green code”.

To give an example: Earlier this month, the Hangzhou police announced that they had apprehended a man who had been on the run after committing a murder 24 years ago. *“Without a health code, he couldn’t work or find a place to stay, the police said. After wandering the streets for days, he turned himself in.”*⁴ Needless to say, such methods can be turned against any oppositional activist.

In this context, we refer to the importance of defending the pro-democracy mass movement in Hong Kong which has already faced massive repression in the past 12 months and which is actually threatened by a new draconic National Security Law.⁵

No doubt, China is in a highly advantageous position to implement such a massively expanded bonapartist state apparatus with widespread surveillance of all their citizens. As an emerging imperialist Great Power ruled by a Stalinist-Capitalist dictatorship, it possesses both vast material means as well as an experienced bureaucratic state apparatus.⁶

However, it would be naive to imagine that it is solely China’s bourgeoisie which is working hard to expand the police and surveillance state under the cover of the COV-



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The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

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Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

ID-19 crisis. As we have shown in our works, many other ruling classes all over the world are also deploying new technologies aimed at controlling and monitoring their population. In short, we are experiencing a global shift of the capitalist rulers towards state bonapartism.

Marxists have repeatedly warned against this development in the new era which began in February/March. In the RCIT Manifesto on the COVID-19 Counterrevolution, published in late March, we warned: “*With one stroke, “Big Brother” is here, openly and without any attempt by the capitalist state to conceal it. The massive surveillance techniques will soon be the new normal worldwide.*” In our book “*The COVID-19 Global Counterrevolution*” we predicted such a development: “*Anyway, it is clear that important elements of such state of emergency and control measures over the population will remain in place for a long period – all of this under the cover of containing and preventing a pandemic. In fact, we see already the ruling classes preparing the population for the “necessity” to continue the surveillance of the population indefinitely. (...) In other words, the ruling class can and will use the threat of pandemic as justification for an indefinite period of expansion of the*

repression apparatus, surveillance of the population and state of emergency. In summary, we currently see the formation of chauvinist state-bonapartist regimes – of an “all-powerful state”, to put it in the words of a Bloomberg commentator.” ⁷ And in our recently published survey we demonstrated that these were not “alarmist” statements but rather a pretty accurate assessment of the current development.

Marxists should not be surprising to see that the ruling capitalist class tries to keep power and wealth by any means necessary. Their system is in a midst of historic crisis characterized by a gigantic depression of the world economy, a dramatic acceleration of the rivalry between the Great Powers and an explosive political instability which resulted in late 2019 in the emergence of a global pre-revolutionary situation with class struggles and popular uprisings from Hong Kong to Chile, from Iraq to France and from India to Catalunya.

The current global counterrevolutionary offensive is a desperate attempt of the ruling class to confuse and pre-emptively strike against the rebellious popular masses. Such policy is in the nature of the monopoly bourgeoisie. De-

Black Lives Matter Protests in Germany and Austria

Report (with video and photos) by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 10 June 2020

More than 100,000 people have demonstrated in Germany and nearly 60,000 in Austria to show solidarity with the *Black Lives Matter* Movement.

17,000 rallied in Leipzig on Sunday, in Berlin there were 18,000 and in Munich even 19,000. Protest spread in over 26 German cities like Hesse, where ten thousand have demonstrated. In addition thousands took the street in Fulda, Wiesbaden, Marburg, Kassel and many more.

Before these major protests in Germany started to spread over the whole country, various rallies have already taken place in the capital Berlin. Likewise the biggest demonstration in Austria took place in the capital Vienna on the 4th June with more than 50,000 participants. Until the rest of the week another protest with nearly 10,000 took place in Vienna and likewise in other cities of Austria like Graz, Innsbruck and Salzburg.

In both countries, Germany and Austria solidarity was shown for the family and friends of George Floyd, Bre-

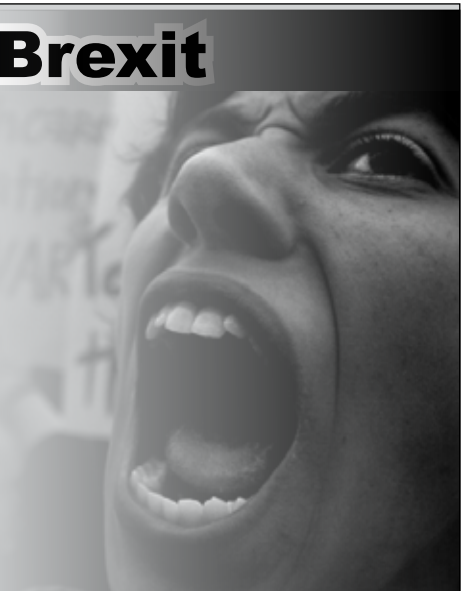
onna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and some many other black brother and sisters all around the world who suffer from racism and brutal police force. Activists also draw the attention to the murder of the Palestinian Iyad Halaq, an autistic 32-year-old man who was murdered by the Israeli police as he walked to his special needs school. The fight for the freedom of the Palestinian people must indeed be linked to the fight of the liberation of black people and all oppressed worldwide!

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)* and its militants in Germany and Austria participated in the rallies, distributed leaflets and newspapers of the RCIT and raised important slogans like the necessity to smash (instead to reform) the police, to build armed self defense units, to fight for a general strike in solidarity with current movement and to resist any demobilization of the movement.

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spite all this, most opportunist leftists preach trust in the capitalist state and support its lockdown policy. So, while this Lockdown Left claims to be democratic, progressive or even socialist, they fall in the trap of the ruling class and support the expansion of chauvinist state bonapartism. Clearly, such leftists have become social-bonapartists who have crossed the Rubicon and serve the enemy, not the workers and oppressed!

It is crucial that all authentic revolutionaries unite in order to purge the workers and popular movement from all supports of social-bonapartism, social-imperialism and social-chauvinism!

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Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: Marxism and the United Front Tactic Today The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today.

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – MARXISM AND THE UNITED FRONT TACTIC TODAY. The book's subtitle is: The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today. On the Application of the Marxist United Front Tactic in Semi-Colonial and Imperialist Countries in the Present Period. It contains eight chapters plus an appendix (172 pages) and includes 9 tables and 5 figures. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

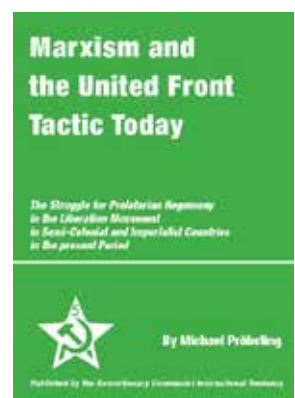
The following paragraphs are the back cover text of the book which give an overview of its content.

The united front tactic is a crucial instrument for revolutionaries under today's circumstances in which the mass organizations of the working class and the oppressed are dominated by social democratic, Stalinist and petty-bourgeois-populist forces.

The purpose of this document is both to summarize the main ideas of the Marxist united front tactic while at the same time explaining its development and modification which have become necessary due to political changes which have transpired in the

working class liberation movement since the tactic's original formulation.

In this book we initially summarize the main characteristics of the united front tactic and elaborate the approach of the Marxist classics to this issue. We then outline important social developments in the working class and the popular masses as well as in their political formations in recent decades. From there we will discuss how the united front tactic should be applied in light of a number of new developments (the rise of petty-bourgeois populist parties, the decline of the classic reformist parties, the role of national minorities and migrants in imperialist countries, etc.). The eight chapters of the book are accompanied by nine tables and five figures.



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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