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The Coming Inter-Imperialist War on Taiwan

Revolutionary Defeatism against both Great Powers – the U.S. as well as China!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 10 October 2021

1. Military tensions are rising in the South China Sea and, in particular, in the Taiwan Strait. In their struggle for regional and global domination, both the U.S. as well as China are intensifying their military efforts in order to strengthen their position in the region. In the current period, the inter-imperialist Cold War between the two Great Powers finds its most explosive expression in the struggle for control of Taiwan. It seems that war between the U.S. and China is inevitable in the next years – if the international working class can not overthrow the dominant imperialist world order in time.

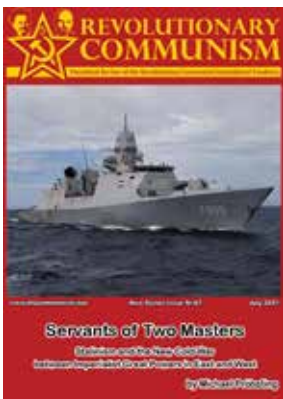
2. The U.S. and their allies regularly send their navy to the region for drills and patrols in order to demonstrate their military power. A few days ago, the *Wall Street Journal* revealed that the U.S. have secretly stationed a small number of special forces on the island for at least a year to train units of Taiwan's army. The recently created AUKUS pact of the U.S., UK and Australia is a military alliance directed against China. How easy these tensions could get out of control can be seen by the Pentagon's nebulous announcement that a US nuclear-powered submarine hit an unspecified "object" on 2 October, injuring 11 sailors on board.

3. Likewise, the Stalinist-capitalist regime of China has made clear, with increasing aggressiveness, that it is determined to conquer Taiwan. In a speech on 9 October, President Xi Jinping emphasized: "Reunification of the nation must be realized, and will definitely be realized." He added that "the Taiwan question is purely China's internal affair, which tolerates no external interference" and that "Taiwanese

separatism is the biggest obstacle to the motherland's reunification." To underline its position, China has intensified its military exercises along the coast opposite Taiwan. Last week, it sent a large number of warplanes into Taiwan's air defense identification zone, including a single-day record of 56 on 4 October, capping a total of 149 flights over a four-day period.

4. There can be no doubt that both sides are preparing for war. U.S. imperialism – a declining and overstretched hegemon – has withdrawn troops and navy from the Middle East as well as from Afghanistan in order to contain China, the rising imperialist power. Beijing is rapidly modernizing and expanding its armed forces (PLA) and has now the world's second largest defense budget behind the U.S., totaling about \$209 billion this year. Leading figures in the Pentagon estimate that a war between the two Great Powers could happen until 2024 or 2026.

5. The Xi regime has publicly committed itself to "reunify the nation" in the near future. *Global Times* – the English-language mouthpiece of the regime – published an editorial on 8 October with the telling title: "US' revelation of troops in Taiwan will only hasten cross-Straits war". It warned the U.S. and its Taiwanese allies: "We must let them know they are playing with fire to provoke a war and the consequences their acts will bring are unbearable to both the US and Taiwan island. The US and Taiwan island are most worried that the mainland is completing its military preparations for attacking Taiwan and is likely to resolve the Taiwan question by force or force Taiwan authorities to surrender in a few years or even a shorter period of time."



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between Imperialist Great Powers in East and West

by Michael Pröbsting

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6. The tensions between the U.S. and China on Taiwan are a result of the inevitable rivalry between the Great Power for regional and global domination in a period where the global capitalist system is in decay. There exist several reasons why this rivalry finds its most explosive expression on the island. First China can not afford to refrain from conquering Taiwan. The whole prestige of the regime is linked to the patriotic project. If the Xi regime fails to “reunify the nation” in the near future, it would dramatically lose legitimacy among the cadres in the state and party apparatus as well as among its nationalist supporters in the population. Retreat from a confrontation with the U.S. on this issue or a military defeat for the PLA would nearly inevitably result in the collapse of the Xi regime, open a period of power struggle between different factions of the ruling class and could provoke a revolutionary situation in the most populous country in the world.

7. Washington is equally determined to keep its local Taiwanese allies in power. If the U.S. loses Taiwan, it will not only massively weaken its grip in East Asia. It would be also a devastating political blow for its global prestige. It would destabilize its political and military alliances in Asia as well as globally since such a defeat would motivate many of its allies to turn away and to look for accommodation with Beijing.

8. Furthermore, control of Taiwan is essential for domination of the South China Sea as well as the East China Sea. The domination of these seas in turn is precondition to control the world as this region is the most important maritime route for world trade. 60% of global maritime trade and more than 22% of total global trade passes through the South China Sea. Hence, it is only logical that both Beijing as well as Washington are determined to control this region. And in order to achieve this, control of Taiwan is necessary.

9. There are also direct economic factors which make both sides determined to control the island. Taiwan is a global leader in several sectors of the high-technology industries. Taiwan’s leading chip producer (TSMC) alone accounts for 54% of the global semiconductor market share. Up to 90% of the semiconductors applied by US technological companies – including Apple, Nvidia, and Qualcomm – rely on Taiwanese manufacturing! Hence, any Chinese attack on the island would have devastating consequences not only for Taiwan itself but also, indirectly, for U.S. corporations. So, both camps have also very

good economic reasons to control the island!

10. Finally, and related to the above-mentioned factors, both imperialist powers might have important domestic reasons to wage war. Both Beijing as well as Washington experience a very difficult period. The Xi regime has legitimized its political monopoly by pointing to its economic success and the modernization of the country. However, the Great Depression since autumn 2019, the ongoing energy crisis resulting in regular power cuts, the dramatic debt crisis in the real estate sectors (e.g. Evergrande), all this undermines the prestige and popular support of the regime. Add to this its obvious failure to eradicate the COVID pandemic via its draconic Lockdown policy. Entering a global period which one could describe as *Dark Winter* (many capitalist countries in the world face similar problems), the regime will be pushed to base itself even more on chauvinist patriotism – its strongest ideological instrument.

11. Likewise, the Biden Administration also faces huge problems. After the disastrous defeat in Afghanistan, the White House can not afford to lose another war or to abandon another strategic ally. Add to this its fragile domestic situation with the Trumpian opposition waging a permanent parliamentary civil war against Biden.

12. The meaning of the conflict between the U.S. and China on Taiwan is different from that in the period after World War II and the Chinese Revolution in 1949. In that period, China was a Stalinist bureaucratic workers state while Taiwan was a reactionary capitalist dictatorship which acted as a bridgehead of U.S. imperialism. Under such conditions, revolutionaries supported China’s claim to reintegrate capitalist Taiwan. However, the situation has changed since the early 1990s. Based on the restoration of capitalism, China has emerged as an imperialist power. Taiwan’s KMT dictatorship has been replaced by a capitalist parliamentary democracy which remains closely aligned with Washington.

13. For these reasons, the RCIT considers the conflict about Taiwan as part of the rivalry between imperialist Great Powers. Taiwan can only act against China as a proxy of U.S. imperialism. In any confrontation – between the U.S. (and its allies) and China or between China and a proxy of the U.S. (like Taiwan) – revolutionaries refuse to support either camp. In other words, the RCIT advocates a *revolutionary defeatist* position on both sides. This means that socialists must equally oppose all imperialist Great Powers and their proxies. They need to fight against all



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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

forms of imperialist chauvinism and militarism, against all forms of sanctions, protectionism and imperialist armament. They must educate the workers vanguard to identify “their” imperialist state (as well as all others) as the main enemy. In case of a war between the Great Powers, revolutionaries are obligated to follow the principles of Lenin and Liebknecht expressed in the famous slogans “*The main enemy is at home*” and “*Transform the imperialist war into a civil war against the ruling class*”.

14. We are aware that a significant sector of Taiwan’s population fears an abolition of all democratic rights in case of a takeover by China’s PLA. The devastating experience of Hong Kong in the past two years where the Stalinist-capitalist regime has brutally crushed the pro-democracy mass movement is a cautionary tale! However, the issues of democracy and the right of an independent state do not have a separate status in the case of Taiwan. The country’s long-standing role as a pawn in the conflict between Washington and Beijing and the fact that Taiwan can only act as a proxy for Washington in any military confrontation with China have only one meaning: the issues of Taiwan’s democracy and national self-determination are totally subordinated to the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers for regional and global domination.

15. The RCIT emphasizes that democracy and social justice can never be won if a country is a pawn for Great Powers. The liberation struggle of the workers and oppressed can only succeed if it is waged independent of any imperialist ruling class and if based on the principle of international solidarity and unity of all oppressed. We

call the politically most advanced sectors of the Taiwanese working class and youth to oppose Washington as well as Beijing, to reject Taiwan’s role as a proxy of U.S. imperialism, to fight for a revolutionary uprising against the ruling class in Taipei and to unite with the popular masses on the mainland against the Stalinist-capitalist regime in Beijing.

16. The RCIT considers it as a key task to wage an intransigent struggle against all “left-wing” supporters of any imperialist Great Power within the workers and popular movement. Examples for such social-imperialist forces are numerous Stalinist and Bolivarian parties – from Venezuela to Russia and South Korea – which support Chinese imperialism and whitewash its Stalinist-capitalist regime as “socialist”. Likewise, the Japanese JCP is a long-time advocate of territorial claims of Japanese imperialism against all neighboring countries, including against “*Chinese hegemonism*”. In Europe, various Stalinist and left-populist parties are acting as loyal servants of their ruling class – both in their role as opposition parties as well as participants of capitalist governments (e.g. the PCF in France, SYRIZA in Greece, PCE and PODEMOS in Spain).

17. A new Revolutionary World Party can only be built in consistent struggle against all imperialist Great Powers as well as against their social-imperialist lackeys within the workers and popular mass organizations. We call all socialists to join the RCIT in the struggle to build such a new Workers International fighting for socialist revolution on all continents!

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

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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.

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Colin Powell, a Top Imperialist Murder Has Died

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The Journalist Jean Daniel Bensaid was interviewing Fidel Castro in Havana as news came through of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He wrote:

"During this nocturnal discussion, Castro had delivered himself of a relentless indictment of U.S. policy, adding that in the recent past Washington had had ample opportunity to normalize its relations with Cuba, but that instead it had tolerated a CIA program of training, equipping and organizing a counter-revolution. He had told me that he wasn't in the least fearful of his life, since danger was his natural milieu, and if he were to become a victim of the United States this would simply enhance his radius of influence in Latin America as well as throughout the socialist world. He was speaking, he said, from the viewpoint of the interests of peace in both the American continents. To achieve this goal, a leader would have to arise in the United States capable of understanding the explosive realities of Latin America and of meeting them halfway. Then, suddenly, he had taken a less hostile tack: "Kennedy could still be this man. He still has the possibility of becoming, in the eyes of history, the greatest President of the United States, the leader who may at last understand that there can be coexistence between capitalists and socialists, even in the Americas. He would then be an even greater President than Lincoln... Then Fidel had added with a broad and boyish grin: "If you see him again, you can tell him that I'm willing to declare Goldwater my friend if that will guarantee Kennedy's re-election!" [1]

Thus, for the Cuban Stalinist Kennedy was a great man and his death was a lost chance for co-existence between imperialism and Stalinism rather than an enemy of the working class.

The American SWP that was a right-wing centrist by the time Kennedy was murdered on December 2 1963 issued a statement in which Farrell Dobbs the national secretary expressed political sympathy for Kennedy's wife and their children. [2]

In the real world in April 1961, Kennedy authorized an attempt to overthrow the Cuban government of Fidel Castro in the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion. During his presidency, Kennedy provided political, economic, and military support to the reactionary governments of South Korea and South Vietnam. In 1961, he was responsible for the Strategic Hamlet Program. It involved some forced relocation, village internment, and segregation of rural South Vietnamese into new communities where the peasantry would be isolated from Communist insurgents. He was responsible for the American war in Vietnam.

Thus, while we do not support political assassinations unlike the reformists and centrists, we do not have any tears for Kennedy or any other imperialist butchers.

It is not a widely known fact but during the slavery of black people in North America, there were a few black slave owners who supported the slavery of black people and some black people even participated in the genocide of the Indians.

Not all black people were great people who fought against slavery like Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. They were able to escape from southern plantations and live in freedom in the North and from there fought for the freedom of the black people. There were few oth-

ers, for example *"in Baton Rouge, St. Landry Parish, and the Natchitoches area, where some were plantation owners and slaveholders"*. [3]

There were some black people who joined the American army during the war against the Indians.

"Buffalo soldiers were African American soldiers who mainly served on the Western frontier following the American Civil War. In 1866, six all-Black cavalry and infantry regiments were created after Congress passed the Army Organization Act. Their main tasks were to help control the Native Americans of the Plains, capture cattle rustlers and thieves and protect settlers, stagecoaches, wagon trains and railroad crews along the Western front". [4] In simple words they killed many Native Americans, old people, women and children. They were instruments of the mainly white capitalist class.

Thus, not the color of the skin is the decisive factor in history but membership in a class and what class a person serves.

Colin Powell was a true servant of American imperialism. He was not a simple soldier serving in the army to find employment like the Buffalo soldiers. He was a four-star general responsible for many of the crimes of the American ruling class. *"Powell was instrumental in shaping the foreign policy of Republican presidential administrations for decades. He was in top posts during the fall of the Berlin Wall, the 1989 US invasion of Panama, the 1991 Gulf War, the September 11 attacks, and the US invasions of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003"*. [5]

In Vietnam: *"He was assigned to investigate a letter from a serving soldier that reinforced allegations of a massacre at My Lai in March 1968, in which US soldiers killed hundreds of civilians, including children. Powell's conclusion, that "in direct refutation of this portrayal, relations between American soldiers and the Vietnamese people are excellent", flew in the face of growing evidence of brutal treatment of civilians by US forces. He was later accused of "whitewashing" the news of the massacre, details of which did not finally become public until 1970."* [6]

Thus, we do not have a single tear for this mass murderer. We do not believe in hell in the sky but if there was hell he would be sent there as he was a person who helped to create hell on earth. Colin Powell went a long way from working in a demeaning shabbos goy position [7], and he should be treated for what he became and not where he started. Many politicians like to talk about their "working class origins" – but it is just that, their *origins*, not their present class position.

Footnotes:

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Nigeria: Keep OAU Open! Justice For Aishat!

Fight for increased funding of the national health sector and the revamping of the university health center!

Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), OAU Branch. 2nd October, 2021

The death of Adeshina Aishat gripped the student community of Obafemi Awolowo University with great dismay. Aishat a 400 level student of Department of Foreign Languages was declared dead at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, Mayfair, Ile Ife after being administered wrong medical prescriptions at the university health center where she returned due to further deterioration of her health but was again subject to medical procedures that improved in no way the condition of her health.

Students have since the report of her death, began protesting shutting down the Ife/Ibadan Express way and Ede road after locking the school gate to register grievances with the university authorities and Federal government. The school management led by the Ogunbodede administration has responded by shutting down the school.

The reason given for this is that the “management condemns in strong terms the continuous and uncontrolled protests by the students culminating in unbridled brigandage”. This is utter fabrication as the protests were only peaceful roadblocks and the closure of the campus main gate. In fact falsehood is becoming the new stock in trade of this university management. We have not forgotten how the Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof. Eytipe Ogunbodede went to media outlets telling the press that the university health center is in the best condition, better even than any health facility on any Nigerian campus.

The release also goes on to say that students engaged in acts “detrimental to their health and the safety of the generality of the people”. How did this overnight change of heart happen? When did the university authorities who have done nothing to ameliorate the life-threatening conditions of the campus become so caring all of a sudden?

The management promises to “unravel the circumstances leading to the remote cause(s) of the crises”. The problem here is what the management considers “crises”, the peaceful demonstrations of students or the hellish living conditions that has resulted in a high student mortality rate. In essence the school administration has not directly addressed the root cause of the matter which is the fact that the welfare infrastructure of the university has decayed to the point that the university health facilities have become slaughter houses producing death instead of health.

Rather we see the move by the management as punishing students for expressing genuine feelings of anguish

over the loss of a colleague. The vice chancellor did not even have the decency to address students at the protest ground.

While we acknowledge the apology of the school PRO, we remain resolute that those culpable in the deterioration of the university infrastructure especially the health center must face the music. The administration of university has been for years without accountability. Years of Federal government allocation, however meagre they may be, have been unaccounted for yet the health center continues to wallow in rot sending students to an early grave.

It is worth noting that the death of Aishat during exams is not coincidental as the exam period represent the height of mental and physical strain for students. This is the case because of the often slim fitted exam time tables and the rushed academic calendar. The current exams have made many a student sit for more than one exam on the same day.

WHAT MUST BE DONE

– The union must take position on the closure of the school. The Health Center must be closed down for revamping while students on treatment must be transferred to standard hospitals with the management footing the bill.

– We must fight for the rescinding of the decision to shut down the school. However students must be involved in the running of the rest of the activities for the semester especially reviewing factors bordering on the health and welfare of students including the exam time table.

– Today’s protest must begin a press campaign organised and led by the union to demand for the probe of the Ogunbodede led administration to avenge Aisha’s death. Students must campaign for increased funding of the education sector with the benchmark of at least 26% of the national budgetary allocation from the Buhari government.

– We must call for the revamping of the whole health sector sponsored by the Federal government. The Buhari government must immediately accede to the demands of the striking National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) including a monumental increase to the salary of health workers.

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The Ethnic Cleansing of the Palestinians: Zionist Lies and the Real History

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Imagine that in 1980 a pro South Africa apartheid rally took place in France. The participants shouted; "Long live white South Africa!" "Long live the white race!" "Support our white heroes killing the black terrorists!" "South Africa is the promise land that belongs to the white race!"

A counter demonstration also took place. The participants chanted: "Down with the apartheid!" "Boycott and divest South Africa!" "Free South Africa!" The police detained some people from both groups. The court found that the first group only expressed their right to freedom of expression while the second group are anti-whites racists. What would you think about this judge and his judgment? Just replace the name of the country to Israel. Imagine that the first group is the pro Zionists defending the war crimes of Israel and accusing everyone that oppose the racist state of Ant-Semitism and you will see the similarity.

These days the struggle between the open supporters of the Zionist apartheid and the anti-Zionists takes different forms, one of them is the Durban II conference and on the other side the racist Anti-Durban conference organized by the Zionists. The friends of the Zionist apartheid boycott the second Durban conference at a time when Bennett the far right Prime Minister of Israel has announced: "I oppose a Palestinian state — I think it would be a terrible mistake," he said. "I won't do that"(1). The UN recognizes that apartheid is a crime against humanity (The Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid) and the Durban's new conference is taking places days after the PM of Israel Bennett declared that he opposes a Palestinian state and thus he supports an apartheid state from the river to the sea. No amount of manipulation about what Israel and the Zionists call anti-Semitism can hide the nature of the Zionist apartheid. So what we have in Durban is a semi dual power situation. It is not a real dual power because the UN is a forum controlled by the imperialists and this forum will not imposed any sanctions against Israel the front line of the imperialists in the Middle East.

To defend their crimes the Zionists tell lies on many issues. One of them is the ethnic cleansing of 1947-8 aimed at creating a state with Jewish Zionist majority.

One of the oldest slogan of the Zionists is that Palestine was an empty land waiting for the people without a land to return to their promise land. Since that in reality Palestine was populated by the native Palestinians, the Zionists had to expel them from their land by carrying out over 30 massacres and then say that the Palestinians left of their own free will. No wonder the American ruling class love Israel as it does what the European settler colonialists in North America did to the native Indians and to the black slaves.

According to the Zionist ADL: "The Palestinian refugee issue originated in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, when five Arab armies invaded the State of Israel just hours after it was established. During the ensuing war, as many as 750,000 Palestinian Arabs fled their homes in the newly created state as a result of many factors. Some of the Palestinian Arabs who fled did so to avoid the ongoing war or at the urging of Arab leaders, and

expected to return after a quick and certain Arab victory over the new Jewish state. Other Palestinians were forced to flee by individuals or groups fighting for Israel."

This narrative is deceptions on three major points. The first one is that the Palestinian refugee issue originated in 1948. The second lie is that some of the Palestinian Arabs who fled at the urging of Arab leaders and the third lie is that Palestinians were forced to flee by individuals or groups fighting for Israel and not by an organized plan.

On the first lie: the idea of transferring the native Palestinians began already with Herzl and continued in the 1920s, 1930s and the 1940s before the 1948 war.

"According to conventional Zionist historiography, Herzl thought little about Arabs, but what he did have to say about them reflected benign and progressive, albeit paternalistic, liberal sentiment. Herzl, like most Zionists before World War I, believed that Ottoman imperial assent was the key to the success of the Zionist enterprise. The local Arabs constituted little more than an extension of the Palestinian landscape, and their hostility to the Zionists, like malaria, swampy soil and stony fields, would all be cleared away in due course through the appropriate combination of technology and humanitarian zeal" (2)

"Eliezer Be'eri, among other scholars, has refuted the myth that Herzl saw Palestine as a "land without a nation for a nation without a land." (Be'eri attributes that notorious phrase to Israel Zangwill.) Moreover, there were a few cases of Zionist leaders directly addressing the Arab question, such as Leo Motzkin's address at the Second Zionist Congress of 1898, at which he spoke of a Palestinian population of some 650,000, occupying Palestine's most fertile lands, or Max Nordau's speech at the 1905 Congress, when he proposed a Zionist alliance with the Ottoman Empire against what he saw as a destabilizing Arab nationalism".(3)

Herzl wrote: "We must expropriate gently the private property on the estates assigned to us. We shall try to spirit the penniless population across the border by procuring employment for it in the transit countries, while denying it employment in our own country. The property owners will come over to our side. Both the process of expropriation and the removal of the poor must be carried out discreetly and circumspectly. The property owners may believe that they are cheating us, selling to us at more than [the land is] worth. But nothing will be sold back to them". (4)

During Herzl's life when the Zionist movement was still in its infancy proposals for the transfer of the Palestinians were made by Zangwill and later on by Ruppin and Motzkin:

"It was in the early 1910s that two leading Zionists, Arthur Ruppin and Leo Motzkin put forward transfer proposals, the former in a private letter and the latter in the course of a lecture to a Conference of German Zionists which was subsequently published in a German Jewish newspaper. However, the main proposer of transfer at this period was Zangwill, who, after he had returned to the Zionist fold, wrote a number of articles and delivered a number of lectures on this subject" (5)

In the early 1930's Ben Gurion and Haim Weizmann came with proposals for the transfer of the Palestinians:

"A number of proposals being made to transfer Arabs, to Transjordan. These included proposals by bodies such as the Jewish

National Fund (J.N.F.), by individuals such as Weizmann and BenGurion, and by non-Jews, such as Drummond Shiels who was then British Assistant Colonial Secretary. Such transfer was particularly suggested for those Arabs in Western Palestine who were living on land being purchased by the Zionists. In fact, even before this time such Arabs were often transferred. Many Kibbutzim of "Hashomer Hazair", an extreme left-wing movement, who would publicly vehemently condemn Arab transfer, were established on land from which Arabs had been transferred". (6)

Following the report of the British Peel's commission for the partition of Palestine: "The Peel Commission recommendations were thoroughly debated in a number of forums both Jewish and non-Jewish. Some of the Zionist leaders also confided their secret thoughts on the subject to their private diaries and in confidential correspondence and closed meetings. Their comments on compulsory transfer were interesting. Ben-Gurion's observations in his private diary on compulsory transfer were extremely enthusiastic and he stressed the importance of Arab transfer from the Jewish State. Weizmann in his letters and meetings of that period displayed a similar enthusiasm on this subject. At the 20th Zionist Congress which took place about a month after the publication of this Report, many of the participants spoke in favour of "of transfer. The one who strongly opposed the Transfer was Zabolinsky" (7)

"Towards the end of 1939, the Second World War began, and already at the beginning of 1942, reports of the mass murder of European Jewry began to reach the West. Possibly due to this fact, many non-Jews began to speak out in public or publish articles in favour of the transfer of Arabs from Palestine. Prominent Jews also came out in favour, although generally they would only do so in closed forums! Even some members of "Brit Shalom" who outwardly advocated a Bi-National (Jewish-Arab) State in Palestine proposed voluntary Arab transfer from Palestine" (8)

In December 1940, Joseph Weitz, director of the Jewish National Fund's Lands Department, which was tasked with acquiring land for the Zionist enterprise in Palestine, wrote in his diary:

"There is no way besides transferring the Arabs from here to the neighboring countries, and to transfer all of them, save perhaps for [the Arabs of] Bethlehem, Nazareth and Old Jerusalem. Not one village must be left, not one [bedouin] tribe. And only after this transfer will the country be able to absorb millions of our brothers and the Jewish problem will cease to exist. There is no other solution".

"However, even the main-stream Revisionists, who until this time had followed Jabotinsky's strong opposition to transfer (although some historians now suggest that in private he supported transfer) began to change their views on this subject. A committee known as the "American Resettlement Committee" was established (at the same address as the American Revisionists Headquarters!) and in 1943 they placed a whole-page advertisement in the "New York Times" proposing the transfer of Arabs from Palestine. Furthermore, during the 1940s, the Revisionists endorsed the principle of Arab transfer, certainly on a voluntary basis" (9)

Thus the Zionist planned the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians long before the war of 1948 and they removed most of the Palestinians living in the part allocated to the Zionists, according to the partition plan of 1947, already before May 1948. The Zionists usually add to the first lie another supplementary lie that were the Palestinians to accept the 1947 partition plan there would be no refugees. This is also a lie because for the Zionists the aim was to form a Zionist state with a Jewish majority, and this was impossible without the transfer of the Palestinians from the part allocated to the Zionists according to the partition plan. At that time less than half a million Jews lived in the part allocated to the Zionist state and 410,000 Palestinians.

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Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People.

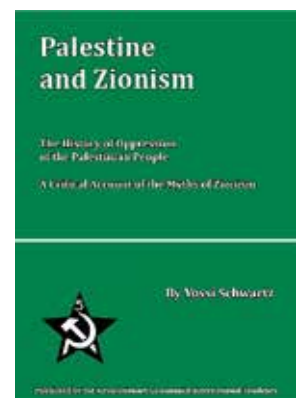
A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

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/>



The Zionists love to call the war of 1948 a war of liberation. This forms a false impression that it was a war against British imperialism. In this plot there were assisted by the Russian Stalinists who spread the lie that the war of 1948 was a war of national liberation. One of the symptoms of degeneration process of the Fourth International after the assassination of Trotsky was the inability to take the side of the Arabs in the war of 1948. At that time the FI was led by Michel Pablo whose political line was the subordination of the FI to the Stalinists and to their propaganda.

But anyone who is not politically blind knows that during what the Zionist call the "Jewish revolt", the rebellion of the Zionist terrorist organizations was not aimed at removing the British but to force them to change the white paper of 1939, which restricted Jewish immigration to Palestine and promised an independent state within 10 years, which meant a state with Palestinian majority. As a matter of fact Ben Gurion wanted the British to remain for further 10 to 20 years with the hope that in such a period the demographic balance would be tilted in favor of the Zionists. Thus the essence of the war of the Zionists was against the Palestinian people. It is not an historical accident that the Zionist state was established at the same time that South Africa's apartheid was formed.

The second lie is that some of the Palestinian Arabs who fled did so to avoid the ongoing war or at the urging of Arab leaders! "Benny Morris in his book *the birth of the Palestinian refugee's problem investigated this subject very carefully and did not find any evidence of Arab leaders issuing calls to the Palestinians' Arab to leave their homes and villages or any trace of radio or press campaign urging them to flee*" (10)

The third lie is that only some individuals and groups expelled the Palestinians.

In the real world On March 10, 1948, Zionist political and military leaders, including Ben-Gurion, met in Tel Aviv and formally adopted Plan Dalet (or Plan D). The operational military orders specified which Palestinian population centers should be targeted and laid out in detail a blueprint for their forcible depopulation and destruction. It called for:

"Mounting operations against enemy population centers located inside or near our defensive system in order to prevent them

from being used as bases by an active armed force. These operations can be divided into the following categories: Destruction of villages (setting fire to, blowing up, and planting mines in the debris), especially those population centers which are difficult to control continuously Mounting search and control operations according to the following guidelines: encirclement of the village and conducting a search inside it. In the event of resistance, the armed force must be destroyed and the population must be expelled outside the borders of the state". (11)

Thus it was impossible for the Zionists to form a state with Jewish majority without the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians and at the same time it is impossible for the Palestinian refugees to return as long as the Zionist apartheid state from the river to the sea exists. It is impossible to support the right of self-determination for the Palestinians and for the Zionist Jews in Palestine. One has to take side of the oppressed native people or of the settler colonialists.

We in the RCIT stand unconditionally with the Palestinians. A socialist democratic state from the river to the sea will enable the return of the Palestinian refugees, and at the same time give equal civil rights to the Israeli Jews who would like to live in this country but not as colonialists.

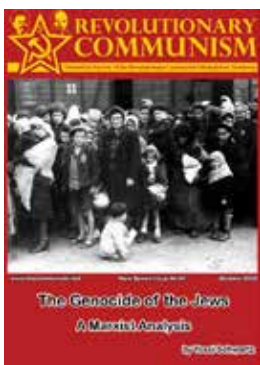
Down with the Zionist apartheid state!

For the right of return of the Palestinian refugees!

For a Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!

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Lebanon on the Verge of a New Civil War

By Yossi Schwartz, *International Socialist League (Section of the RCIT in Israel / Occupied Palestine)*, 15.10.2021

"At least six people have been killed and dozens of others wounded when gunfire erupted as Hezbollah supporters gathered to protest, and demand the removal of Tarek Bitar the Catholic judge from the north of Lebanon from the Beirut Port explosion probe, accusing him of bias. Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan accused the judge of "politically targeting" officials in his investigation." [1]

"On 4 August 2020 a massive explosion at Beirut's port killed at least 218 people, wounded 7,000 others and devastated swathes of the city. A fire led to the detonation of 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate, a combustible chemical, that had been stored unsafely in a warehouse for almost six years." [2]

Since then, the judicial investigation has not been able to discover who the officials responsible for the disaster are.

"The evidence to date raises questions regarding whether the ammonium nitrate was intended for Mozambique, as the Rhesus's shipping documents stated, or whether Beirut was the intended destination. The evidence currently available also indicates that multiple Lebanese authorities were, at a minimum, criminally negligent under Lebanese law in their handling of the cargo, creating an unreasonable risk to life, Human Rights Watch said." [3]

"Officials within the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, which oversees the port, were warned about the danger, yet failed to correctly communicate it to the judiciary or to adequately investigate the potentially explosive and combustible nature of the ship's cargo, and the danger it posed. They then knowingly stored the ammonium nitrate alongside other flammable or explosive materials for nearly six years in a poorly secured and poorly ventilated hangar in the middle of a densely populated commercial and residential area, contravening international ammonium nitrate safe storage and handling guidance. They also reportedly failed to adequately supervise the repair work undertaken on hangar 12 that may have triggered the explosion on August 4, 2020." [4]

Between 21 January 2020 – 10 August 2020, Michel Najjar was a member of the Marada Movement and the Greek Orthodox was the Minister of Public Works and Transport. The Marada movement was one of the Maronite militias that participated in the 1975 civil war in Lebanon. The Maronite militias were right wing forces and allies of Israel. He obtained a PhD in civil engineering in the US, and after he returned to Lebanon, he worked at Balamand University as a lecturer and has been the vice president for academic and administrative affairs at the American University of Technology in Lebanon.

You don't have to be a genius to understand that the responsibility for the disaster was the government, the secu-

rity chiefs and the Minister for Public Works and Transport – Michel Najjar.

Yet the judge in charge of the investigation Tarek Bitar *"has for months tried to question ex-ministers Ali Hasan Khalil, Ghazi Zeiter, Nouhad Machnouk, Youssef Finianos, as well as former Prime Minister Hasan Diab. Khalil and Zeiter belong to the Amal Movement, a Shia party led by Speaker Nabih Berri and closely allied to Hezbollah. The former PM former Prime Minister Hasan Diab is a Sunni Muslim."*

The judge has also asked to summon General Security chief Major-General Abbas Ibrahim and State Security head, Major-General Tony Saliba. However, the interior ministry and Higher Defense Council did not grant him permission to do so".

The identities and affiliations of the shooters were not immediately clear. The army was deployed heavily to the area and sent troops to search for the gunmen. In a joint statement, Hezbollah and its ally Amal accused the Christian Lebanese Forces party of being behind the shooting. "Groups from the Lebanese Forces party dispersed on building rooftops and directly sniped with intent to kill," the statement read. They called on their supporters to remain calm and "not be drawn to malicious discord".

Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea said in a statement that he condemned Thursday's clashes, but he did not respond to accusations by Hezbollah and Amal. He simply said that "the main reason for these events are loose and widespread weapons that are a threat to citizens anywhere at any time."

The violence erupted amid soaring tensions over the probe into the devastating explosion at Beirut's port on August 4, 2020. The protesters gathered in the Lebanese capital two days after Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah's most scathing criticism of Bitar to date. Nasrallah accused the judge of "politically targeting" officials in his investigation." [5]

If it is true and the Christian Lebanese Forces are behind the shooting, in a civil war between Hezbollah and the right-wing Christian Lebanese Forces, the interest of the international working class is to side militarily with Hezbollah without giving it any political support.

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General Strike in Italy on 11 October: An Important Step Forward!

Militant unions of the workers vanguard initiate successful mass protests

by the International Editorial Board, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 12 October 2021

An important general strike took place in Italy on 11 October. It was initiated by an alliance of left-wing grassroots trade unions including CONFEDERAZIONE COBAS, COBAS SCUOLA SARDEGNA, COBAS SANITA', CUB, SGB, UNICOBAS, ORSA, USI CIT, USB, etc. These unions are smaller than the established reformist unions like CGIL, CISL or UIL. However, while the bureaucratic leadership of the CGIL and others regularly sell out the interests of the workers, these militant grassroots unions often wage intransigent struggles.

The organizers of the general strike demanded an end of the attacks of the neoliberal Draghi government and the bosses. They called, among others, for higher wages, an end of redundancies, more public investment in schools, health and transport, for the protection migrant workers and an end of gender discrimination.¹

According to USB, about one million workers participated in the general strike and 100,000 people joined the marches in various cities. Some 127 flights of Italy's airline *Alitalia* were cancelled, the Amazon warehouse in Castel San Giovanni (Piacenza) was blocked for hours, the metro in Rome was severely affected by the strike and many roads in Rome, Milan, Naples, Genova and other cities were blocked.²

The workers vanguard opposes the "Green Pass"

The issue of the notorious "Green Pass" also played an important role in the mobilizations. This is a pass which the capitalist Draghi government – enjoying the enthusiastic support from the monopoly capitalists organized in *Confindustria* – is imposing. It makes vaccination mandatory for all workers, allows the bosses to kick out unvaccinated workers and helps the ruling class to control people's health status.

The RCIT – like many workers – has strongly opposed the introduction of the Green Pass as well as the whole bonapartist policy of compulsory vaccination from the very beginning.³ This is an important part of the policy of the COVID Counterrevolution which the ruling class – in close collaboration with Big Pharma – has globally waged against the working class and the oppressed peoples.⁴

While the issue of "Green Pass" was not officially part of the platform (which had already been agreed some time ago), a number of the militant unions which organized the general strike have publicly opposed this attack. In Cagliari, the local demonstration was led by a banner saying: "no fascism, no Green Pass". Opposition against the Green Pass also played an important role at the demonstration in Turin. Likewise did the *Trieste Port Workers Coordination* (CLPT) emphasize their rejection of the "Green Pass". Its spokesman Stefano Puzzer has been quoted in media: "At the moment, out of 950 port workers, 40% do not have the Green pass. On October 15th, if the green pass is mandatory, we will block the port. No one will enter. We workers are standing together."

Some "Trotskyists" oppose not the "Green Pass" but protests against it!

Shamefully, various "Trotskyist" organizations condemn the mass opposition against the Green Pass. The leadership of the *Partito Comunista dei Lavoratori* (PCL) – a former associate of the Argentinean *Partido Obrero* (which itself is also a vocal defender of the Lockdown policy⁵) – even supports the Green Pass in principle. It writes in a statement: "The green pass is now an incentive measure for mass vaccination. It is an indisputable fact. The alternative is either opposition / indifference to mass vaccination or the obligation to vaccinate. Indifference to mass vaccination "so as not to give support to the bourgeoisie" is nonsense. (...) The green pass is today the most gradual and progressive form of vaccination extension."⁶ Unsurprisingly, the PCL leadership also denounced those militant unions among the organizers of the general strike who oppose the Green Pass!⁷

Sinistra Anticapitalista, which organizes one part of the deeply divided Italian supporters of the "Fourth International" in the tradition of Pablo and Mandel, are not much better. Franco Turigliatto, a former Senator and a leader of this group, attacks the Draghi government not for its Green Pass policy of mandatory vaccinations. He rather denounces it as a ... "No Vax" government because it does not organize an even harsher policy of mass vaccination! Unsurprisingly, similar to the PCL, he denounces the mass protests against the Green Pass as "reactionary"!⁸

These "left-wing" organization show that they are "social-bonapartist" – socialists in words but supporters of the bonapartist policy of the capitalist state in deeds.

However, the general strike on 11 October demonstrated that the workers vanguard is raising its voice more and more against the COVID Counterrevolution. This is all the more remarkable as it faces a seemingly gigantic enemy – an unholy alliance of capitalist government, nearly all parties in parliament, the bosses' federation *Confindustria* as well as all factions of the trade union bureaucracy!

The RCIT calls all socialists – in Italy and globally – to join the struggle against the Green Pass and against the COVID Counterrevolution!

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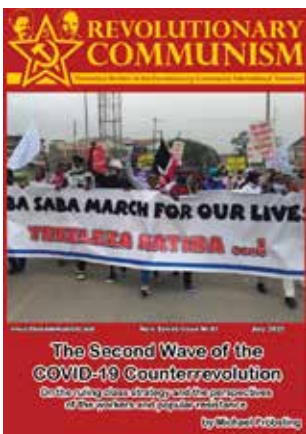
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On the ruling class strategy in the current conjuncture, its inner contradictions and the perspectives of the workers and popular resistance

By Michael Pröbsting, July 2020

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Italy: Dockers Prepare for Strike against the Green Pass!

Solidarity with this important struggle against the COVID Counterrevolution!

by the International Editorial Board, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 13 October 2021

Italy's dockers prepare for a strike against the reactionary Green Pass. Stefano Puzzer, a spokesperson for the Trieste port workers, announced that the port in his city will be blockaded by Friday if the neoliberal Draghi government does not withdraw its plan to make the Green Pass mandatory for all workers.

Puzzer also said that the strike will not be limited to Trieste but will also include Genoa and "almost all of Italy's ports will stop".¹

The dockers play a vanguard role in the struggle against the Green Pass. Italian media show pictures from dockers at demonstrations reading – in English and in Italian language – "No Green Pass – No Apartheid". This is a highly accurate characterization of the Green Pass policy!

This strike follows the impressive general strike on 11 October which was organized by an alliance of militant grassroots trade unions. While the platform of this strike was focused on economic demands, a number of unions also included slogans against the Green Pass.²

The RCIT and all authentic socialists fully support this strike! The Green Pass is a state-bonapartist instrument to force the whole population to get vaccinated and to control their health status. It only serves the expansion of the capitalist state apparatus as well as the profit interests of Big Pharma.³

The Green Pass is an important part of the policy of the COVID Counterrevolution which the ruling class has globally waged against the working class and the oppressed peoples.⁴

Shamefully, many so-called leftists – in Italy as well as globally – have failed to oppose the COVID Counterrevolution and even fail to oppose the Green Pass policy.

The RCIT calls all authentic socialists to join forces in the struggle against this reactionary offensive of the ruling class!

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By Michael Pröbsting, March 2021

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Green Pass in Italy: International Dockworkers Council Supports the Struggle of the Port Workers!

by the International Editorial Board, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 20 October 2021

The mass struggle against the *Green Pass* in Italy continues and receives important international support. As we did report, the Green Pass is a key project of the reactionary Draghi government which represents the whole monopoly bourgeoisie of Italy and the support of nearly all parties in parliament.

The Green Pass is a state-bonapartist instrument to force the whole population to get vaccinated, to control their health status and to make it easier for the bosses to sack the workers. It serves the expansion of the capitalist state apparatus as well as the profit interests of Big Pharma.¹

This is why the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has opposed the Green Pass from the very beginning as we have denounced the whole project of the COVID Counterrevolution since February 2020.²

There have been already numerous mass protests against the Green Pass including a number of strike actions. These protests are continuing. The most important sector of this struggle are the port workers which have initiated various strike and blockade activities since 15 October.³

Unsurprisingly, the capitalist state reacts with violence against the class struggle. In the last days, the police attacked the port in Trieste in order to end the blockade.

The workers face a gigantic enemy. It is not only the whole ruling class, nearly all parties, and the media which support the Green Pass. The bureaucracy of the mainstream trade unions has also jumped the wagon and denounces all those who oppose the Green Pass. Even most of the so-called left-wing parties – including various pseu-

do-Trotskyists – effectively support the Green Pass and slander the rebelling workers as “reactionaries” or even “fascists”. In reality, these forces demask themselves as a pathetic “Regime Left” or, as we could also say, a “Green Pass Left”.⁴

In contrast, various militant grassroots trade unions – like *SI COBAS* – support the struggle against the Green Pass.⁵

In this context it is particularly important that the *International Dockworkers Council* (IDC) has publicly expressed their support for their brothers and sister. This is an association comprised of 92 port workers organizations from 41 countries and which represents 120,000 affiliated members. Its Secretariat is located in Barcelona (Spain).⁶ It is a union with a proud political and internationalist record like the support of the Palestinian people’s struggle for liberation.⁷

Two days ago, the IDC issued a powerful statement in solidarity with the struggle of the Italian dock workers against the Green Pass. “The International Dockworkers’ Council would like to express its support to the dockworkers in Trieste, who have started strike action in protest the government’s decision to force all workers to show the compulsory “covid-19 green pass” in order to work, requiring either vaccination, having recently overcome the disease or having tested negative in a test within the previous 48 hours.”⁸

The statement, signed by Anthony Tetard, the IDC European Coordinator, and Dennis A Daggett, the IDC General Coordinator, continues: “We do believe that, although vaccination is a key element in the fight against the pandemic,

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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.

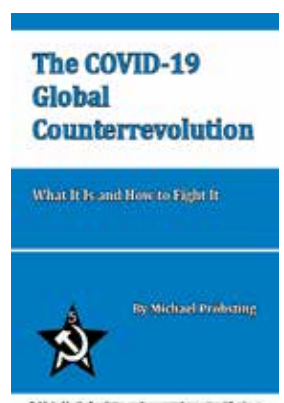
In addition, there is a wave of anti-democratic attacks of a scale which has not been seen in the imperialist countries since 1945. This has triggered a global turn towards Chauvinist State Bonapartism and the creation of a monstrous Leviathan-like state machinery.

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.



making it compulsory undermines the freedom of workers to decide about their health. We can only these reject these dictatorial policies that go against the rights and freedom of choice of the people that have cost us so much time and effort to achieve. Such a decision can seriously affect the livelihood of many families, including school children."

This statement of solidarity demonstrates that the class-conscious workers know which side to take. We repeat: the workers struggle against the Green Pass is a fundamentally democratic and progressive struggle against a key attack of the whole ruling class (with the support of the labor bureaucracy and the so-called left).

Comrades, brothers and sisters – make your choice: on one side there are the organizations of the bosses, the government, nearly all parties and the reformist trade union bureaucracy. On the other side are the ordinary workers with mass popular support, plus the support of some grassroots trade unions as well as the *International Dockworkers Council*. Which side are you on? The RCIT and all authentic socialists join the camp of the militant workers and against the bosses and the government! And you?

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Britain: Starmer Defeated at Labour Party Conference over Palestine

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 15 August 2021

On Monday 27th September a motion on Palestine proposed and supported by young Labour supporters denouncing Israel as an apartheid state and advocating sanctions was passed to great acclaim. Keir Starmer, leader of the Labour Party and an avowed Zionist suffered a huge defeat. Starmer has been responsible for witch-hunting members from the Labour Party for taking Anti-Zionist positions and accusing them of purported Anti-Semitism.

“Keir Starmer faced a calamitous day at his party conference on Monday as delegates pushed through a defiant motion on Palestine and a shadow cabinet member resigned with a furious statement denouncing Starmer’s leadership. Labour conference backed a motion urging the party to back sanctions against Israel for its illegal actions under international law, to stop the UK’s arms trade with Israel and end trade with illegal settlements on occupied Palestinian territory. The vote is an embarrassment for Starmer who has downplayed the issue of Palestine since replacing Jeremy Corbyn, a longtime supporter of Palestinian calls for an end to Israeli abuses and military occupation. The Palestine motion points to recent human rights reports showing “unequivocally” that Israel has committed the UN-recognised crime of apartheid as evidenced by Israeli rights organisation B’tselem and Human Rights Watch. The motion supports Palestinian civil society calls for “effective measures” against the building of settlements, demands the end to the occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza, and supports the right of Palestinians to return to their homes.” [1]

There is no doubt that Starmer and other Zionists who now hold office in his Shadow Cabinet will not carry out this Policy. Zionism is ingrained in the Labour Party, a racist creed has existed since the Labour Government rec-

ognised the state of Israel in 1948. But there exists a very significant support amongst the Young Labour supporters who campaigned with the Palestine solidarity campaign to rally big support amongst the delegates at the conference. After all the witch hunts and expulsions of members who have been accused of Anti-Semitism there is a large groundswell of support for Palestinian rights.

Starmer Overturns all of Jeremy Corbyn’s Reforms in the Labour Party

The Socialist – a centrist publication and weekly organ of the *Socialist Party* (British section of the CWI) – has written an editorial about the changes that Keir Starmer has made since he assumed leadership of the Labour Party. He has removed registered supporters which enabled Corbyn to win the leadership by a big majority and Starmer has continued to reduce the rights to carry out trigger ballots to remove right-wing Blairite MP’s or make them whatsoever accountable.

“Among the measures Starmer sprang on the conference was the removal of the registered supporter’s category, with six months of membership now required to vote in a leadership election? Starmer’s measures reduce even further the opportunity for constituency parties to remove right-wing MPs. He has increased the threshold for trigger ballots to a majority of local party branches and affiliate branches combined, rather than just one or the other. Starmer’s changes will also mean that the number of motions debated at the annual party conference will be cut from 20 to 12, while a revamped national policy forum process will shape what goes in the manifesto. These measures constitute some of the finishing touches of Starmer’s project to return the

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Yossi Schwartz: The Zionist Wars

A History of the Zionist Movement and Imperialist Wars

In *The Zionist Wars* Yossi Schwartz gives an overview about the process of Zionist colonialization of Palestine as well as the resistance of the indigenous Arab population. He deals in detail with the popular struggles of the Palestinians against their expulsion by the Zionists. *The Zionist Wars* elaborates in detail the character of Israel’s military campaigns in 1948 and the following decades which resulted in the expulsion of large parts of the Palestinian population. These wars were also crucial to implement the imperialist subjugation of the Arab countries.

However, as Yossi Schwartz elaborates, the Zionist state has passed its peak already some time ago which has been demonstrated by its failed military campaigns in Lebanon as well as in Gaza.

In *The Zionist Wars* the author also discusses in much detail the program of the communist movement on the Palestinian question. He shows the adaptation and finally capitulation of Stalinism to the Zionist project – culminating in massive arms shipments for the Israeli forces during the War of 1948.

In this book Yossi Schwartz elaborates the analyses and conclusions of Leon Trotsky and the Fourth International for the libera-

tion of Palestine. He also discusses the strength and weakness of his successors in dealing with the Zionist state and the Arab liberation struggle against it.

In *The Zionist Wars* Yossi Schwartz defends the national liberation struggle of the Palestinian people and outlines a socialist perspective.

The book contains an introduction and 20 chapters (136 pages) and includes 2 Tables and 4 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/the-zionist-wars/>



Labour Party to Blairism: that is a party that acts in the interests of the capitalist class” [2]

The centrists of course make no reference to the Palestinian motion successfully carried at the Labour Party conference. (This is no accident as the CWI adapts to Zionism by supporting a two-state solution, i.e. giving equal rights to the oppressor nation as well as the oppressed nation.) Nevertheless, the general description of the right-wing shift of the Labour Party under Starmer is quiet correct.

The *Socialist Party* is one of the few centrist groups that advocates the formation of a New Workers Party. Unfortunately, they are reducing this correct slogan to advocate their alliance called *Trade Union and Socialist Coalition* which limits itself to stand candidates either at a general election or in local elections. Other than that, they have no perspective. The centrists have come full circle and end up as out and out reformists in a political period of slump, inter-imperialist rivalry and the threat of war and revolutions.

Form a New Workers Party!

When Keir Starmer was elected Leader of the Labour Party, the RCIT called on all socialists and Anti-Zionist forces to split from the Labour Party and form a genuine Workers Party. We called on Jeremy Corbyn’s supporters to join us in the construction of a new Workers Party. It is very encouraging that amongst Young Labour supporters at the Labour Party Conference there is a layer of people who take up a principled position on Palestine and do not accept the lies and provocations of Zionism.

“The RCIT in BRITAIN calls on all principled socialists and activists in the Labour Party to join with and support our call to split the Labour Party and build a New Workers Party on a genuine socialist base. This rapid lurch to the right with the election of Starmer as leader means that it becomes ever more necessary to split the party and to break with the rotten comprise done for so long with the pro-capitalist, pro-imperialist wing of Blairites and their lackeys.

The New Workers Party could and should be the platform for all socialists and militants to hammer out a programme for Socialism. Various centrist forces like Socialist Appeal continue to

peddle the old illusion that somehow Labour can be transformed into a Socialist party only if Marxists stay long enough inside Labour. That is a pipe dream by people who orientate themselves blindly and uncritically towards (left) reformists. As the former comrades of Militant, the members of Socialist Appeal must know that Starmer and the Blairites will most likely do exactly what Kinnock and Blair did in the 1980’s - to expel and purge any opposition to them. While it made sense to (also) fight inside Labour under the era of Corbyn when the party turned to the left and many new members entered it, the situation changes now. The RCIT calls revolutionaries to not orientate towards a membership in the Labour Party which obviously entered the old Blairite way head over heels. All forces must be dedicated in the creation of a new workers party!” [3]

That still remains our perspective and the RCIT in Britain puts forward the following demands to those socialists and Young Labour supporters who are still members of the Labour Party.

** Split from the Labour Party - help to build a New Workers Party! All authentic Marxists have to fight for a revolutionary program of such a new party!*

** Fight for open borders, full equality for all migrants and equal wages! Full citizenship rights should be given to all people living in Britain as well as the unlimited right to speak in their mother tongue and to live their cultural and religious believes! Stop the “War on Terror” that is only an excuse to discriminate Muslim people!*

** For self-defence guards and action committees to protect workers, the oppressed and migrants from the police, racist or fascist attacks!*

** For a Workers Government based on Popular Councils and Militias!*

** For one Red Palestine from the River to the Sea!*

** Join the RCIT*

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Written by Michael Pröbsting
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For a Red Striketober!

Adam Smith, ISL, RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 17.10.2021

After a long time, it appears that labor militancy is on the rise in the US.

"Thursday morning, more than 10,000 John Deere & Co. workers went on strike, the first major walkout for the agricultural equipment maker in 30 years. Nationwide, unions representing as many as 100,000 workers have walked out or are threatening to do so this month, amid rising corporate profits, a severe labor shortage, and a widening income gap." [1]

"More than 10,000 John Deere workers went on strike Thursday, and more than 24,000 health care workers at Kaiser Permanente and about 60,000 Hollywood workers, members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, are preparing to strike. They join thousands of other workers who have recently faced a similar decision, including Kellogg plant workers who are on strike and Nabisco employees who recently ended a weekslong strike ...

The simultaneous worker activism is known as a "strike wave," said Kate Bronfenbrenner, the director of labor education research at the ILR.

"Strikes can be contagious for unions and workers," she said. "There are shared issues that are pushing workers to go on strike — and workers are looking at each other and getting inspired." [2]

It is also worth noting the demands for democratization:

"Why so many strikes at once? Let's explore the meaning of the season. Strikes don't happen overnight. A successful strike requires years of groundwork by organizers and activist workers alike. That's because strikes demand much of workers: Although a union's strike fund is there to help workers keep their lights on while they're off the job, it typically doesn't replace their full pay. On the picket line, workers often have to endure hostile conditions, such as rain or snow, or confrontations with scabs. Workers strike because they have exhausted all other options and when the hardships of striking are overshadowed by the hardships of working....

Union members are feeling bold. The John Deere strike, for example, occurs within a larger context; UAW members are getting ready to vote in a referendum to allow the direct election of union officers by individual members, rather than by delegates. Supporters say this would democratize the union, which has been plagued by recent high-profile corruption cases. "I don't

think direct elections are a panacea," the labor historian Nelson Lichtenstein told *The Guardian* in May. "But given the actual nature of the beast — the endemic corruption, the collaboration with management, the lethargy of some UAW leaders — given that, direct elections is something that would shake things up. It would release new social forces and energy." The result could be a more militant union and fewer contracts rejected by members." [3]

Even the sleepy IATSE is waking up:

"The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), which represents some 43,000 Hollywood workers, is not known for rocking the boat.

In fact, the last time Hollywood crews staged a major walkout was during World War II.

Then, the Conference of Studio Unions was in a bitter turf war with rival IATSE, which was controlled by the Chicago Mafia, which suppressed wages and strikes in exchange for payouts from studios.

When CSU went on strike in March 1945, some IATSE members walked out in support, and violent clashes with strike breakers ensued outside the Warner Bros. Burbank studio — a day known as [Hollywood's Bloody Friday](#) (also known as the War for Warner Bros.)" [4]

For a unionization drive of the lower sections of the working class!

For the democratization of the trade unions!

For better working conditions and pay!

For a working class and trade-union led boycott of Israel!

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By Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)

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Inspiring International Meeting of Socialist Teacher Trade Union Activists

Trade union leaders and activists from five countries participate
in an international meeting organized by the RCIT

By the International Editorial Board of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 4 October 2021

A dozen socialist trade union leaders and activists from five countries – Sri Lanka, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Israel / Occupied Palestine – participated in an inspiring meeting on 3 October. The RCIT had called this meeting mainly for two reasons. First, we want to raise solidarity with the important ongoing struggle of the teachers in Sri Lanka. (See e.g. the report here <https://www.thecomunists.net/worldwide/asia/sri-lanka-important-struggle-of-the-teachers/>) And secondly, we want to encourage the international collaboration of members and supporters of the RCIT who are active in teachers trade unions.

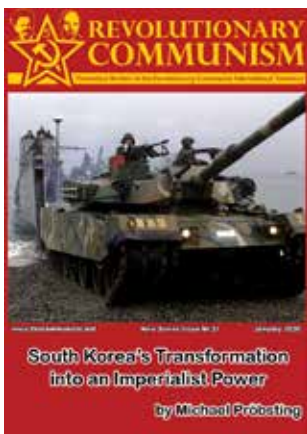
Despite several practical challenges (e.g. the speeches had to be translated into Sinhala and Spanish language and vice versa; problems with internet access in countries impoverished by imperialism), the meeting was a full success!

At the beginning, comrade Upul Siriwardena (President of the *Ceylon Independence Teacher Service Union [CITSU]*) made a highly informative introduction about the struggle of the Sri Lankan teachers. (See also his Power Point presentation in the file below.) His report was complemented by contributions of comrade Chandimal Wijetane (Gen-

eral Secretary of *CITSU*), comrade Prasad Nawarathna (Deputy Chairman of *CITSU*) and comrade Lilani Dayananda (a female activist of the *CITSU*). Another important participant was comrade Nelson Mohanraj, the Secretary of the *People's Teachers Union* (another union which is based among teachers at Tamil schools).

These presentations were followed by interesting introductions from comrade Hernán Centeno (the press secretary of *SUTEBA*, Sectional Escobar Buenos Aires, in Argentina), comrade Joao Evangelista (a leader of *SINDEMA* - Sindicato dos Funcionários Públicos de Diadema, Brazil), comrade Xochitl Guerrero (a leading member of a local branch of the *CNTE* in Mexico City) as well as comrade Boris Hammerschlag, a teacher activist in Israel / Occupied Palestine). The meeting was chaired by Michael Pröbsting, the RCIT's International Secretary.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided to launch an international solidarity campaign for the struggle of the Sri Lankan teachers (see the statement below). There existed also a consensus among the participants to continue such kind of meetings which was seen useful and inspiring by all comrades!



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*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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Statement of the RCIT's International Teachers Trade Union Meeting on 3 October 2021

This meeting states its unconditional solidarity with the struggle of the Sri Lankan teachers for wage increases and for the defense of democratic rights of trade unionists against attacks by the right-wing Rajapaksa government.

We call progressive activists in the teachers trade unions all over the world to raise the issue of this struggle. We

suggest introducing at trade union meetings resolutions around the following lines:

The teachers in Sri Lanka are fighting for higher wages since several months.

They are doing so under very difficult circumstances as the right-wing Rajapaksa government persecutes trade union activists and utilizes the Lockdown policy in order to suppress protest activities.

We send our warmest greetings to the Sri Lankan teachers and call for international solidarity with their struggle!



Maruthei Thangavel (the late founder of the RCIT Section in Sri Lanka), Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT) and Chandimal Wijetatne (General Secretary of CITSU) (from left to right)

RCIT Publications on Kashmir & India

- * **“Azadi Kashmir”: Marxists and the independence of Kashmir**
- * **The Kashmir Question and the Indian Left Today**
- * **India: A Prison House of Nations and Lower Castes**
- * **India: A Peculiar Semi-Colony in the Role of a Regional Power**

*Written by Michael Pröbsting
(International Secretary of the RCIT)*

Order them via our contact addresses



Changes in RCIT Publication Policy

Announcement by the Editorial Board of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 25 August 2021

Dear readers,
The substantial growth of the RCIT in the past period has resulted in a massive increase of the documents which we publish every day. Most importantly, we could extremely increase the number of Spanish-language articles as the comrades of *Convergencia Socialista* (our new section in Argentina) publishes about two articles every day. However, we could also substantially increase the number of English-language articles.

Naturally, this is a very good thing in itself and we are glad to see such growth. It enables us to follow all important world political events and to respond to them with serious analysis and revolutionary programmatic answers. In addition, we are able to produce deeper studies on key issues of world politics and Marxist theory.

However, it also makes certain changes necessary in our

policy concerning the RCIT's printed journals. If we would continue to print all material which we publish in English language, we would have to publish four or more journals (with 20-24 pages) every month! Obviously, this is too much for an organization which is still relatively small, and which has only modest resources.

We will therefore no longer put all documents which we publish on our website also in the journals. Instead, we will print only a selection of this material in "*Revolutionary Liberation*" resp. "*Revolutionary Communism*" (our theoretical magazine). Naturally, all statements and articles remain accessible as they will continue to be published on our website.

As always, we appreciate comments, criticism and feedback from our readers!

Brazil: Debate on the International and National Conjuncture

Comrade Joao Evangelista, member of the CCR, the Brazilian section of the RCIT, recently participated in two debates on the international and national conjuncture on the *Emancipação do Trabalho* channel. The themes discussed were the world economic crisis, the rivalry of the great powers and its effects on the national context under the ultra-right regime of Jair Bolsonaro.

The videos can be watched either on youtube or facebook
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udbOO9pO9Qw&t=32s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvXbVzOOZ0M>
<https://www.facebook.com/emancipacaodotrabalho/videos/1150661082009891>
<https://www.facebook.com/emancipacaodotrabalho/videos/560123758606005>

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: Building the Revolutionary Party in Theory and Practice

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

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

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

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

25 years.

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

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

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By Michael Pröbsting

Published by the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency

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.

For new, revolutionary workers' parties in all countries! For a 5th Workers International on a revolutionary program! Join the RCIT!

No future without socialism!

No socialism without a revolution!

No revolution without a revolutionary party!

