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# Down with Putin's Imperialist War against the Ukraine!

**Neither Russia nor NATO - against all imperialist powers! For an independent popular struggle to defend the Ukraine! For a workers government to defeat the Russian invaders! No to imperialist sanctions! For an independent socialist Ukraine!**

*Emergency Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 24 February 2022 [UTC 09.00]*

1. A few hours ago, Putin launched a wide-scale military operation against the Ukraine. While the concrete details are not clear yet, it is known that Russian Armed Forces are attacking cities all over the country. Bombs are falling, among others, in Odessa, Mariupol, Kharkiv, Dnipro and the capital Kyiv. At the same time, troops stationed in the so-called Donbas "Republics" are attacking the Ukrainian army. No doubt, this is a full-scale war against the Ukraine.

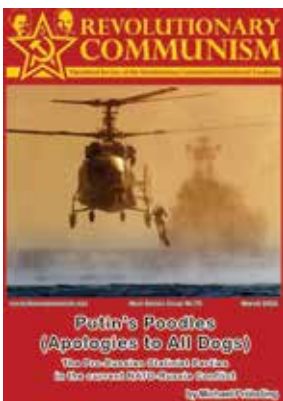
2. Putin announced that the goal of this war is to "demilitarise and denazify" the Ukraine. Naturally, this is a cynical lie! The real goal is to expand the sphere of influence of Russian imperialism and to push back its NATO rivals. So, contrary to the outrageous claims of social-imperialist "left-wing" parties which side with Russia (and China), this is not a "progressive" or "anti-fascist" war by any standards. This is an imperialist war!

3. While the exact response of the U.S. and European imperialist powers is not clear yet, it is obvious that they will impose a wide range of massive economic and financial sanctions against Russia. There cannot be the slightest doubt that this represents a further major escalation of the Great Power rivalry which will have dramatic consequences for the imperialist world order as well as for the capitalist world economy. The *Washington Post* aptly noted, already before the war started, in an editorial: "This is the way the post-war world ends, and the post-Cold War world, too." (22 February)

4. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) unreservedly condemns Putin's imperialist war against the Ukraine. We reaffirm our analysis of this conflict which we elaborated extensively in the past weeks: this war is the result of the massive acceleration of the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers. Since 2014, the Ukraine has been divided between the right-wing government which came to power via the EuroMaidan movement and the so-called Donbass "Republics". While the first has been effectively puppets of NATO imperialism, the latter were colonies of Russian imperialism. The deep crisis of capitalism provokes the ruling class of all Great Powers to intensify their aggressions at home as well as abroad.

5. The RCIT repeats that the workers and popular masses must not side with any of the imperialist camps. They must *intransigently oppose all Great Powers* – the U.S., Russia, China, the EU and Japan! Therefore, socialists must reject all forms of imperialist aggression – from chauvinist warmongering, sanctions to military attacks. Likewise, we denounce all "left-wing" parties which – openly or concealed – side with one or the other imperialist power. We therefore condemn the Putinista left, i.e. the pro-Russian Stalinist and Bolivarian parties; the "Party of the European Left" which supports EU imperialism; and Bernie Sanders and his allies who are supporters of the Biden Administration.

6. As we stated in past documents, socialists in Rus-



## PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

# Putin's Poodles (Apologies to All Dogs)

*The pro-Russian Stalinist parties and  
their arguments in the current NATO-Russia Conflict*

*by Michael Pröbsting, February 2022*

**Introduction \* 1. NATO is the sole aggressor! Really? \* Is it relevant for Marxists who is the aggressor? \* What is causing the escalation of tensions between Great Powers: the party of warmongers or the imperialist system? \* Can socialists defend "legitimate spheres of influence" of Great Powers? \* Putin and Great Russian Chauvinism claim that the Ukraine is not an independent nation \* Stalinism versus Bolshevism: The Ukraine and the right of national self-determination \* From Kazakhstan to Syria: Stalinism is siding with the counterrevolution \* Is Russian imperialism a "force of social progress"? Discussion of a remarkable Stalinist document \* Stalinism and social-imperialism: concluding remarks \* Footnotes**

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sia must staunchly oppose Putin's imperialist war. They should support all kinds of protest activities. It is an encouraging sign that numerous graffities have appeared on the streets saying "Нет войне" ("No War"). There is also circulating a hashtag #нетвойне in Russian social media. The policy of socialists in Russia centers around the slogans "The main enemy is at home!" and "Turn the guns around". Such a policy is a crucial part of the strategic goal to transform the imperialist war into a civil war. Socialists must denounce Stalinist traitors like the KPRF which fully supports Moscow's policy of aggression. The task is to assemble socialists on the basis of an internationalist and anti-imperialist program.

7. Naturally, socialists in the Ukraine face the most difficult task at the moment. The Ukrainian workers and popular masses experience devastating bombardment and invasion by the Russian army. The Zelensky government is a coward lackey of Western imperialism. Its "defense" policy has always been reduced to pathetic appeals for NATO aggression against Russia. The Ukraine can not and must not be defended with such a puppet regime!

8. The RCIT advocates the perspective of an *independent and socialist Ukraine*. We denounce Great Russian chauvinism and support the sovereignty of the Ukrainian nation as well as the existence of the Ukraine as an independent state. Such a state should recognize the rights of all minorities (including the Russian-speaking population), including the rights to secede.

9. We support the struggle for an independent Ukraine. We therefore support the Ukrainian people resisting the Russian invasion. Such a struggle must be independent from Western imperialism. It must be independent because Western imperialism is no better than Russian imperialism. It must be independent because domination by the U.S., NATO, or EU puts the Ukrainian people under foreign rule. And it must be independent because there can be no true victory against the Russian invasion if Western imperialists intervene. This is a lesson that many peoples learned in the past. Just remember the fate of the Bosnian people who were stopped by the NATO intervention in 1995 when they heroically attempted to liberate their country from Serbian nationalist troops. Until today, the Bosnian people are paying a high price – one that no true socialists want the people in Ukraine to pay! Let us be clear: We want an *independent Ukraine which is neither a Russian nor a NATO colony!*

10. Therefore, the Ukrainian masses should over-

throw the Zelensky regime and replace it with a workers government based on popular assemblies and militias. Such a government could wage an authentic national liberation war against Russian imperialism and, at the same time, oppose NATO imperialism. Under the current circumstances socialists should support all spontaneous efforts to build popular militias to defend the country against the Russian aggressors. Criminals and fascists must be excluded from such militias. Socialists also need to look for close collaboration with anti-war activists in Russia as well as with other peoples oppressed by Russian imperialism (e.g. the Chechens, the Syrian people). The enemy is not the Russian people but the Putin regime and its lackeys (including the Stalinist KPRF)!

11. Comrades, brothers and sisters! We are experiencing a historic turn in the world situation. The RCIT has emphasized since more than a decade that the rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers in East and West is a key feature of the world situation. One can not be a socialist without recognizing this fundamental fact! One can not be a socialist without opposing *all* imperialist powers! And one can not be a socialist without supporting the oppressed peoples fighting against imperialist aggression. We send our warmest greetings to the heroic socialists in the Ukraine fighting against the Russian invasion without lending any support to the NATO imperialists or their puppet Zelensky regime. Likewise, we greet the courageous socialists in Russia opposing Putin the butcher and his reactionary wars. We appeal to all socialists to unite on the basis of an internationalist and antiimperialist program. Join the RCIT in building a *Revolutionary World Party* fighting for international socialist revolution!  
*Down with Putin's imperialist war against the Ukraine!*  
*For an independent popular struggle to defend the Ukraine!*  
*Support the creation of popular militias!*  
*For a workers government to defeat the Russian invaders!*  
*An independent Ukraine is only possible against Moscow, Washington, and Brussels!*  
*For an independent and socialist Ukraine!*  
*No to imperialist sanctions!*  
*Solidarity with the Chechen and Syrian people fighting against Russian occupation!*  
*Workers and Oppressed: Fight all Great Powers in East and West!*

*Jointly adopted by the International Bureau of the RCIT as well as RCIT comrades in Russia*

# The Ukraine War and the NATO-Russia Conflict

**See all RCIT documents on our website:**

**[www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict](http://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict)**

# A new turning point in Russia's invasion of the Ukraine

by Medina Gunić, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 25 February 2022

With the beginning of Russia's invasion in the Ukraine approximately 30 hours ago, the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)*, denounced the invasion of imperialist Russia albeit keeping a defeatist position by clearly rejecting to defend the pro-NATO puppet government of Zelensky. We furthermore called for the overthrow of the Ukrainian government, which was and still is begging Western imperialism to come to its rescue. Interestingly enough, the calculation of the weak Ukrainian government seems to fail completely as neither NATO nor the European Union respectively the United States have intervened in any significant way.

The verbal denunciations by the Western imperialists are business as usual. The economic sanctions are comparably mild and do not pose any severe threat to Russian imperialism. At the same time, Russia's army is advancing towards Kyiv in breathtaking fast pace.

We have stated clearly: *"We support the struggle for an independent Ukraine. We therefore support the Ukrainian people resisting the Russian invasion. Such a struggle must be independent from Western imperialism. (...) We send our warmest greetings to the heroic socialists in the Ukraine fighting against the Russian invasion without lending any support to the NATO imperialists or their puppet Zelensky regime. Likewise, we greet the courageous socialists in Russia opposing Putin the butcher and his reactionary wars."* (1)

Now, the following question arises: How much does this war continue keeping the character of an *inter-imperialist* conflict in which the Ukrainian government operates as a puppet respectively a proxy for Western imperialism? It becomes more and more evident that NATO doesn't utilize the Kyiv regime for any severe attacks against Russia. Zelensky and his cabinet of cowards are begging for it, but the Western imperialists refuse to deliver.

At the same time, one key factor remains in place: This is an invasion of the Ukraine – a semi-colonial country – by imperialist Russia. While the situation might change fast enough again, defending the Ukraine against the imperialist invasion becomes a crucial slogan now.

What does this mean in concrete? It means that authentic socialists are (still) warning against any interference by NATO, USA and EU in this conflict. We explicitly tell all Ukrainian fighters: The only way to organize defense against the invasion is to stay away from NATO, respectively the imperialist governments of the United States and the European Union.

However, it also means to clearly recognize that an interference of NATO in any significant way seems *not* to happen. This is changing the main characteristic of this war. It began as an imperialist invasion of a semi-colonial country with a puppet regime in order to accelerate the inter-imperialist conflict. However, the Western imperialists did not pick up the gauntlet but rather retreated and limited themselves to not very severe economic and financial sanctions. As a result, the war in the Ukraine is now not so much an inter-imperialist conflict anymore. Instead, it is more and more turning into an imperialist invasion of a semi-colonial country led by a cowardly bourgeois government that wants to be a puppet of Western imperialism

... but is left all alone.

It is utterly characteristic for the thorough bourgeois and coward character of the Zelensky government that it refused to the last moment refused to arm the popular masses. Only now, when the Russian army has already reached Kyiv, it starts doing so.

So, what does a true puppet like the Zelensky government does in such a situation? It cries for a new master. This led to the recently announced offer by Mykhaylo Podolyak (an adviser of Zelensky) towards Russia that the Ukraine will step back from trying to become a member of NATO and that it is willing to negotiate peace with Russia and to become a neutral country. Putin is clever enough to utilize this offer very soon by most likely turning larger parts of the Ukraine into Russian territory *without* keeping a full-scale invasion. Furthermore, the current government might get under the control of Russia respectively a new, pro-Russian government might be established. At the same time, imperialist Russia successfully embarrassed the imperialist European Union, the NATO and to a lesser degree the United States – all of it with modest effort and costs.

All this is happening on the back of the people in Ukraine who are opposed to the invasion by imperialist Russia and who are willing to defend the country.

Now authentic socialists apply the following strategy: We (still) call for the overthrow of the coward Zelensky government. We propose the formation of popular militias which must be not only the instrument to overthrow the government and to establish a worker's government. Those popular militias are also the only instrument for the Ukrainian people to avoid defeat in this war. However, as Western imperialists are ignoring their former puppet, we do not hold the overthrow of Zelensky and his apparatus as a precondition. We unconditionally defend the Ukraine against the Russian invasion. It is a particular important task for socialists in Russia to stand for the defeat of "their" imperialist army and government. At the same time, we oppose all sanctions of the Western imperialists – be they military, economic, or political. (2)

It does not seem likely but if the situation changes again in a way that Western imperialist interference becomes a central part of this war, authentic socialists will again change their assessment of the character of the war and call for a defeatist position on both sides.

## Footnotes

1) RCIT: Down with Putin's Imperialist War against the Ukraine! Neither Russia nor NATO - against all imperialist powers! For an independent popular struggle to defend the Ukraine! For a workers government to defeat the Russian invaders! No to imperialist sanctions! For an independent socialist Ukraine! 24 February 2022, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/down-with-putin-s-imperialist-war-against-the-ukraine/>

(2) We refer readers to a special page on our website where all RCIT documents on the current NATO-Russia conflict are compiled: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/pilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict/>.

# Defend Ukraine against Putin's Invasion! Defeat Russian and NATO Imperialism! War Platform for Socialists in Russia and the Ukraine

Issued by Russian and Ukrainian Activists of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 1 March 2022

The Russian invasion in the Ukraine is a turning point of world historic significance. We call all socialists in the Ukraine and in Russia to join the RCIT on the basis of the following principles.

1. Defend the Ukraine! Defeat Russian imperialism!
2. For popular militias to defeat the Russian invaders!
3. In Russia, we say: "The main enemy is at home!" Support the anti-war activities in Russia! Russian soldiers: Turn the guns around! For the transformation of the imperialist war into a revolutionary crisis of the Putin regime!
4. In the Ukraine, we say: Victory for the just war of the Ukrainian people! No political support for the Zelensky regime which is a lackey of NATO imperialism! For a Workers' Government! Join VTO and other militias to fight against the invasion by Russia! Fight for the trans-

- formation of the VTO into independent popular militias!
5. For an independent and socialist Ukraine which recognizes the rights of all minorities!
6. Neither NATO nor Russia! Down with imperialist warmongering by all Great Powers! No to the imperialist policy of sanctions!
7. For an international popular solidarity campaign with the Ukrainian national resistance – independent of any imperialist influence!
8. Support the formation of an independent workers party in the Ukraine as well as in Russia!
9. Forward in the struggle for international socialism!
10. If you agree with this, join the RCIT in building a *Revolutionary World Party!*

## Argentina: Rally in Protests against Russian Invasion

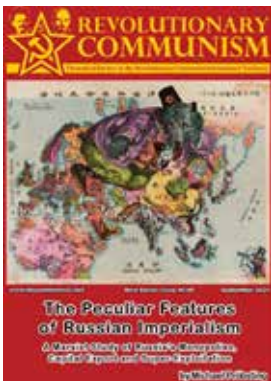
### Solidarity with the Ukrainian people – against NATO and Russia!

Report (with Video) by *Convergencia Socialista* (Argentinian Section of the RCIT), 26 February 2022

Commentary by the Editorial Board of the RCIT: An important activity in Solidarity with the Ukrainian resistance against the invasion by imperialist Russia was organized by our comrades in Argentina. In the video, our comrade Juan Carlos speaks about the just struggle against the invasion. We as RCIT fully condemn the Russian imperialist attack. We fully reject any interference by Western imperialism in this conflict, namely NATO, the European Union and the United States. For an independent, free and socialist Ukraine!

Today, together with other organizations - *Razón y Revolución* and *Comuna Socialista*- we carry out a rally in front of the Russian embassy, repudiating the invasion of the army commanded by "Tsar" Putin, calling for the broadest unity of action to stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, fighting the troops of Russian imperialism.

Watch the video of the speech by Juan Carlos here: [https://youtu.be/\\_pb3mfbA1oA](https://youtu.be/_pb3mfbA1oA)



## Publications of the RCIT

### The Peculiar Features of Russian Imperialism

A Study of Russia's Monopolies, Capital Export  
and Super-Exploitation in the Light of Marxist Theory

By Michael Pröbsting, August 2021

Introduction \* Another Denial of Russia's Imperialist Character \* The Methodological Failure of our Critics \* Russia's Economy: Dominated by Domestic, not Foreign, Monopolies \* Capital Export and the Problem of "Round-Tripping" Foreign Direct Investments \* "Phantom FDI": No Russian Peculiarity but a Global Phenomenon \* Russia's Leading Multinational Corporations and their Foreign Investments \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Capital Export \* Imperialist Super-Exploitation via Migration \* Conclusions \* Footnotes

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# Ukraine War: Join the International Solidarity Campaign – Support the Sunflower Convoy!

## Socialists launch a political and practical solidarity campaign in support of the Ukrainian popular resistance against Putin's invasion and in opposition against Russian as well as NATO imperialism

*A Call from the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 18 March 2022*

The Russian invasion in the Ukraine is a dramatic event of global significance. The Ukrainian people face a brutal onslaught by the Putin regime which threatens to transform the country into a colony of Russian imperialism.

However, the Ukrainian people wage a heroic resistance struggle against this vicious attack. Among the fighters are many women who volunteer to defend their motherland.

Since the 24 February, many Russian activists have bravely protested on the streets against Putin's war. The regime tries to crush this anti-war movement and more than 14,000 people have been detained until now.

At the same time, the tensions between the imperialist powers of East and West – mainly the U.S., EU and Russia – are dramatically escalating. In fact, NATO is waging an economic and political war against Russia. At the same time, the European governments try to cynically exploit the Ukraine war in order to wipe up chauvinism and militarism. They hope to advance their project of building the EU as a military Great Power.

Since the beginning of the war, the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has called for support of the Ukrainian popular resistance against the Russian invasion. At the same time, we oppose the Zelensky government which wants to transform the Ukraine into a colony of NATO and EU. We denounce Russian as well as NATO imperialism and, therefore, reject all forms of political-economic warfare (sanctions, etc.).

On the basis on such an internationalist and anti-imperialist program, the RCIT is launching an international solidarity campaign – “*International Workers Aid for the Ukrainian People*”. This campaign continues the proud tradition of the “*International Workers Aid for Bosnia*” which delivered aid for the Bosnian people during the Balkan War 1992-95. As part of our campaign, we will put a particular emphasis on supporting the Ukrainian women.

In our solidarity work will collaborate with other socialist organizations with which we have issued a joint statement (<https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/joint-statement-on-ukraine-war-13-3-2022>).

An important practical project of our international solidarity campaign is the organizing of the *Sunflower Convoy*. (The sunflower has become a symbol of the Ukrainian people's resistance.) This is a convoy which will start from Vienna and which will bring humanitarian aid to the Ukraine in coordination with Ukrainian left-wing forces participating in the resistance struggle.

We call all socialists, feminists, and democrats to join our campaign resp. to coordinate similar activities with us.

The RCIT calls for joint international solidarity work on the basis of the following slogans:

- \* *Defeat Putin's Invasion!*
- \* *Defend the Ukrainian People! Support the Ukrainian Women!*
- \* *Neither Russian nor NATO imperialism!*

## Ukraine War: RCIT Leaders Speak at a Public Online Event

*Report by a Correspondent, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 20 March 2022*

The *Movimiento de Trabajadores y Campesinos* (MTC, Movement of Workers and Peasants) in Costa Rica organized a public online event on the war in the Ukraine. At this meeting two leaders of the RCIT – Medina Gunić (organizer of the *Sunflower Convoy* to the Ukraine) and Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT) – were interviewed about the Ukraine War and its global political background as well as about our international solidarity campaign.

The event was recorded and livestreamed on Facebook by the *Alianza Informativa Limonense* – an international network of public and private TV channel. It has 24 channels in 22 countries in Latin America, Spain, the United States United States and the Caribbean. ([https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alianza\\_Informativa\\_Latinoamericana](https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alianza_Informativa_Latinoamericana))

The event lasted for 1,5 hours and was held in Spanish and English language. You can watch the event here:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31v1Iw1o1ro>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlianzaInformativaLimonense/videos/261050762900775/>



Medina Gunić and Michael Pröbsting at the Online Event

## Interview with a Kharkiv Socialist about Ukraine

*Interview with Ingmar Vshtyrsky (Ukrainian socialist, who is currently in Kharkiv), organized by Russian RCIT comrades, 27.2.2022*

**Q**uestion: Good afternoon, thank you for taking the time to give an interview! What can you tell about the current situation? Do you think that the Ukrainian army will be able to defeat the Russian Forces? How intense is the offensive and defense actions on both sides? How do you assess the situation of the Russian Armed Forces and the UA forces as a whole?

Answer: I have no military expertise. Hence, I cannot answer the question about the capabilities of the UA forces at war. On the other hand, to reply it is necessary to clarify what exactly we can consider to be a «victory» at the current moment? Preventing Russia from destroying Ukraine's independence? Preventing the extension of the «borders of Donbass republics» to the boundaries of the two regions of Donbass?

Preventing Russia from overthrowing the current government and putting its puppets in power (while preserving a formally independent state)?

We can only say which of these options of a possible victory takes place if we understand what Putin's real goals are. However, one might say that victory is the expulsion of Russian troops not only from Kiev-controlled territories, but also the complete cleansing of these troops and their proxies from the non-controlled territories of Donbass as well. Well, the last two options seem the most unrealistic to me at the current moment. However, the outcome of the war depends not only on the Ukrainian army but also on the actions of the Ukrainian authorities, on diplomacy and the political will of Kiev's foreign partners among Western countries, as well as on the internal situation in Russia.

**Q:** What is the reaction of people to the invasion of the Russian army? How strong is the patriotic sentiment among the population? Can it be compared with the mood in 2014?

A: Most Ukrainian citizens are shocked and frightened, few believed in the possibility of a large-scale and open aggression by Russia. Moreover, I think that Ukrainians with all political currents (except Ukrainophobes) and ordinary apolitical citizens, will gradually accumulate indignation and irritation at Russia's actions.

As for the level of patriotism, I am sure that it will be higher than in 2014 because now Putin does not hide the fact that the aggression is being carried out by Russian troops. Thus, there is no room for uncertainties about what is happening. Russia has openly attacked Ukraine. It means that people blame the ruling regime in Russia for the destruction and deaths. The inconvenience, the fear and panic, and the economic level of destructions in this war – it is too early to calculate all of this. All this is not caused by the «NATO thugs,» and not even the mythical «rebellious people of Donbass,» but the troops of a particular state. Compared to 2014 all regions of Ukraine are suffering from damage, not just people in a limited area of two regions. Many of those whose position on the conflict with Russia was unclear and vague, people who liked to say «not everything is so clear,» have seen what is really happening. Their reserved attitude toward the Kremlin has been replaced by condemnation of the Putin

regime's actions. This is the psychology of the people inside a country under attack works. The enemy going after military goals endangers the lives of civilians, and they regard an attack on the country as an attack on themselves. It makes even previously apolitical people patriots quite certain.

**Q:** How much does the population trust the Zelensky government? Can we say that the government has mass support during the war?

A: In a couple of days the aversion and image of the current president going to Rostov following Yanukovich were replaced by respect among many, probably most of the haters of the Zelensky from patriotic spectrum. From being a «Moscow's agent» to a «clown» he has really become the President with a P letter. After all, he did not run away, he stayed in Kiev, and if the propaganda is believed, he is personally in charge of the defense of Kiev. This transformation is supported and promoted by online so-called bots in the eyes of patriotic citizens. Memes and posts have appeared with the following content: the former Comedian guy beats the former KGB guy [*Untranslated word play with KBH (since USSR comedian show) with КТБ!*]. The real «macho» is not Putin (meme with Putin's naked torso in at the left frame and Zelensky with the military in the right)

**Q:** Are there any attempts to create a militia not under government control? If yes, how many units among such militias are not under the control of right-wing and reactionary forces?

A: I am not personally aware of any such attempts. People are urged to join a legal militia - the Territorial Defense. It is units that operate at the place of residence. Moreover, even before the war blogger Yigal Levin warned against «partisanship»: armed people without insignia will be eliminated! So join the UA forces and the Tero-Defense Forces. The latter structure has existed for several years. People are trained and then sign a contract.

On the other hand, I read that in Kiev they allegedly issue weapons to ordinary citizens, and near Kharkov common people shot down an enemy armed vehicle with a Molotov cocktail. I can neither confirm nor deny this, because I live not in Kiev, but in Kharkov. I am myself a noncombatant and I rarely go out. But one thing is certain: a lot of people volunteer to help the army, the authorities and ordinary citizens. I don't think the right-wing forces play much of a role in grassroots organizing of citizens right now. People of all sorts of political views go to the military and Territorial Defense. Some socialists are among them.

**Q:** What is the reaction of the Russian population in the eastern Ukraine to the invasion? How strong is the opposition or support for the occupants among them?

A: As far as conventionally pro-Russian citizens are concerned, I think the position of the majority is inclined to dislike this war. Surely, many of those who were pro-Russian are unpleasantly surprised by the attack on their cities. I think, that is why their attitude toward Zelensky has become more loyal, while keeping the desire that all sides agree and stop the war. So, perhaps, Zelensky's recent refusal to negotiate has angered this part of



Ukrainians. It is also understandable: many people believe that the function of the state is not only and not so much as protection of territorial integrity and «state interests», it is also about ensuring security of the population. That is why Zelensky's position will depend on duration of this war and also on the success of the authorities in ensuring the vital activity of the country during the war period. At the same time, we should not forget that there is a category of Ukrainians who secretly welcome the Russian offensive, despite the fact that they themselves may suffer. Now these people will try not to give themselves away. But if we disregard the latter group, in the eyes of pro-Ukrainian citizens Zelensky has every chance of going down in history as one of the most successful presidents of Ukraine. He would do as the president and commander-in-chief who repelled the attack of Russian neo-imperialism. By doing so, he will completely mend his reputation and definitely eclipse Poroshenko. Will he succeed? We can't look into the future, but so far we can see that he does not intend to miss this chance.

**Q: How deeply has the influence of the Russian Federation penetrated into Ukraine? How true is the assessment that the SBU, the UA Force has agents of Kremlin influence? How strong was the role of Moscow's agents in politics in the East before the current events and before, during 2014?**

A: It is safe to say that the Russian aggression of 2014 was prepared for many years before the invasion. For instance, an organization called the «Donetsk Republic» was created back in 2005! It was the flag of this organization that was taken by the so-called DNR as the state flag. The «Donetsk Republic» itself, as a mass public movement controlled by Donetsk, still exists to this day.

But apart from it, Donbass (like the rest of Ukraine) has been flooded with agents of the Kremlin's influence: political and cultural organizations (for example, the Russian Foundation), parties, pro-Russian oligarchs (for example, Vadim Novinsky), etc.

As for the SBU, unfortunately, we can admit that part of this structure also played a role in the organization of the occupation of Donetsk and Luhansk, because even according to official data, more than 1,500 (!) employees turned out to be traitors. In particular, one of the leaders of the DNR in 2014 turned out to be Alexander Khodakovsky, former commander of the SBU special unit Alfa in the Donetsk region. Unarmed people seized SBU offices in Donetsk and Luhansk during the spring of 2014. The seizure of security service facilities by an ordinary crowd was most likely a costume theater and, in essence, a «self-appropriation».

The same applied to the actions of the police. Already during this spring some acting members of the Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs in Donetsk were patrolling the roads together with militants wearing masks and carrying submachine guns! During one of the pro-Ukrainian rallies in Donetsk, the police, who were supposed to protect the protesters, actually let the «anti-Maidan» beat up the self-defense protesters and even killed one of them with a knife! The police kept them near the bus in which they were supposed to evacuate them, but would not let them go inside. They advised them to kneel down so as not to «provoke» the «anti-Maidan activists» who attacked them.

There were traitors in the ranks of the UA Forces as well. For example, Lieutenant Colonel Yuri Goluban was arrested on suspicion of organizing unrest in Ukrainian cities and participating in the war on the side of the DNR.

We may be told that these are just traitors, but 1,500 traitors in a special service engaged in state security is a lot. In Crimea, about 80 percent of the SBU staff went over to the side of Russia. It remains to be seen how many undetected agents remain in the ranks of the SBU and whether they will show themselves as traitors in the current war.

Nevertheless, we should already emphasize the fact that the SBU is sometimes surprisingly unanimous with its colleagues in dictatorial regimes. Just look at the detention of Kazakh political refugee and coordinator of the headquarters of the movement «Democratic Choice of Kazakhstan» in Ukraine, Zamanbek Tleuliev, during the popular uprising in Kazakhstan. As well as the attempt to kidnap and expel anarchist political refugee Bolenkov at the hands of Lukashenko!

**Q: What, in your opinion, should be the position of socialists on the war?**

A: I will answer very briefly this time: critical support for the country which is the victim of military aggression by the imperialist country. At the same time, it is necessary to maintain a certain critical distance, not to let emotions, neither negative nor positive, overshadow the ability to analyze the actual military, political and diplomatic events around the war. Seek contact with the organization and self-organization of the masses.

The left in Russia needs to engage in active agitation against the war, as well as to call for defeat of the regime, explain to the masses the need to dismantle it by any means. For this agitation we need to engage the resources to the maximum. Ideally, to organize a national strike against the military aggression of Russia. If possible to act underground, however, here I will not talk about specifics.

# The Rise of Russia as an Imperialist Great Power

*Three Pamphlets by Michael Pröbsting (International Secretary of the RCIT)*

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## Ukraine: the capture of Berdyansk or the true goals of the Kremlin's military company

*Ingmar Vshtyrsky, RCIT supporter in Ukraine, February 27, 2022*

Yesterday, February 27, the Russian army entered Berdyansk. It is a seaside resort town in the south of the Zaporozhye region in the South of Ukraine.

A video is published on the network of how soldiers with white armbands stand in front of a building, presumably the building of the City Council, and indignant local residents en masse come out to them, sing the anthem of Ukraine, cover up the invaders with their last words, i.e. in every possible way showing that they are not welcome.

The Ukrainian media post this out of patriotic motives, as an indicator of the patriotism of the city's inhabitants, but at the same time they do not focus on the fact that the city is most likely surrendered or will soon be under full control. Most of the attention in the media and social networks is given to the sorties of the enemy's DRG in the capital and Kharkov. Ukrainians savor burnt equipment, surrendering Russians and throwing funny hat-bearing memes. They say that 4 days have passed, but Kyiv has not been taken. At the same time, it is forgotten that in the Donbas direction, for example, Ukraine lost Stanytsia Luhanska and several other small settlements in the Lugansk region, and Mariupol in the south of the Donetsk region risks being surrounded. Volnovakha is already surrounded, there is a humanitarian catastrophe in the city.

This is all happening under the victorious reports, under the power of which many fall.

Before falling into optimism, it is worth asking the question: do we correctly understand the goals of the enemy? Even before this phase of the war, the Russians made no secret of the fact that they could use a land corridor to Crimea, cut off by annexation from "mainland" Ukraine.

This was no secret to the media and experts: back in 2015, the capture of part of the south of Ukraine, including Mariupol, was indicated among the scenarios for a future war. Why has everyone forgotten about this by 2022?

More surprising is the amnesia for the Donbass. Literally, on the eve of the war, when the Russian Federation recognized the LDNR, the goal was actually proclaimed: the borders of the DNR and LNR should be expanded to the territorial-administrative boundaries of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions. Thus, parts of the Donbas now controlled by Ukraine should also come under the control of the Kremlin proxies.

Therefore, it is worth understanding, admitting the thought: are these strange raids of small groups and selective shelling of Kyiv and Kharkov just a cover for a larger operation in southern Ukraine with offensives in the Donbass?

## 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.

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## Ukraine War: Dockworkers Boycott Imperialist Russia

### Workers at ports along the US west coast refuse to handle any Russian cargo in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine

By Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 9 March 2022

According to reports of news agencies, the *International Longshore and Warehouse Union* has decided to boycott Russian cargo. The ILWU represents about 20,000 American dockworkers at 29 ports at the US west coast. Willie Adams, the ILWU International president, said: "With this action in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, we send a strong message that we unequivocally condemn the Russian invasion".<sup>1</sup>

The ILWU is a union with a proud history of working-class internationalism. It organized protest activities against the Iraq War which U.S. imperialism began in March 2003. On May Day 2008, it organized a strike and rallies to protest the occupation of Iraq by American troops. In August 2014, during the barbarous Zionist war against the Palestinian people in Gaza, ILWU dockworkers refused to unload the cargo of the Israeli-owned ZIM Piraeus.<sup>2</sup> These courageous acts of solidarity show that the ILWU is an internationalist union which supports oppressed people facing attacks by imperialist powers.

From the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) we highly welcome the ILWU's decision! It reflects the international solidarity of workers with their brothers and sisters in the Ukraine who are suffering from constant bombardment by Putin's army!

Since the beginning of the war, our tendency has called the international workers movement to support the Ukrainian people and their resistance against the invasion of imperialist Russia. At the same time, we pointed to the ongoing inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers

and called to resolutely oppose both camps – Russia as well as NATO.<sup>3</sup> The RCIT's position can be summarized in the following slogans:

\* *Defend the Ukraine! Defeat Russian imperialism! International popular solidarity with the Ukrainian national resistance – independent of any imperialist influence!*

\* *Down with all imperialist powers – NATO and EU as well as Russia! In all conflicts between these powers, revolutionaries fight against both camps!*

#### Support workers' boycott – oppose imperialist sanctions

We welcome the boycott actions of the American dockworkers as they reflect the international solidarity with the oppressed people in Ukraine. Such actions have nothing to do with imperialist sanctions. As we explained somewhere else, the latter are an instrument of political and economic warfare in the context of inter-imperialist rivalry between Great Powers. They serve the ruling class of one Great Power to wipe up chauvinism and militarism against their rival.<sup>4</sup>

This is why the RCIT has stated from the beginning of the war that "socialists must reject all forms of imperialist aggression – from chauvinist warmongering, sanctions to military attacks."<sup>5</sup> We advocate the international unity of the workers and oppressed, and we oppose all forms of imperialist aggression.

It would be huge mistake to confuse imperialist sanctions and workers' boycott. One serves the ruling class, the other

## Mexico: Internationalist Action Against the War in Ukraine

Report by the *Agrupación de Lucha Socialista (ALS)*, Section of RCIT in Mexico, 28 February 2022

On Saturday, 26th February, various left organizations rallied in front of the Russian embassy in Mexico to oppose the military invasion orchestrated by the Russian oligarchy (represented by Vladimir Putin) against the Ukrainian people. Dozens of Mexican activists and militants join the massive protests that have spread throughout the world, particularly in Europe, against the war and in support of the working people of Ukraine. They are already suffering with thousands of victims due to the interests of the different imperialist powers that are disputing not only the Eurasian region but the entire world. All of this while we face the deepening of the current world economic crisis that is accelerating the decomposition of the capitalist system on a planetary scale. We as *Agrupación de Lucha Socialista (ALS)* will continue to act in rejection of the war and raise our voices against all aggressions and interventions (from every imperialist power) whether in Ukraine or in any other nation that is dragged into barbarism. We stand for the freedom and independence of the Ukrainian people and the need for gen-

eral armament to expel both the Russian military troops and to overthrow the current government of President Zelensky. Fascist gangs, puppets of NATO's imperialist interests in the region must be stopped. Only a workers' government, made up of workers' and popular militias, will be able to put an end to the violence perpetrated against oppressed nationalities. Only this can guarantee the sovereignty and independence of Ukraine against the imperialist aspirations of both Russia and all Western powers, coalesced in form of the NATO.

\* FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE!

\* RUSSIA AND NATO - OUT OF UKRAINE!

\* FOR THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE!

\* FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND SOCIALIST UKRAINE!

Videos of the rally: [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=628722298191123&id=100051584470134](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=628722298191123&id=100051584470134); <https://fb.watch/bsVgObcoD/>



serves international working-class unity. Leon Trotsky, organizer of the October Revolution in 1917 and leader of the Fourth International, stated in a discussion with British socialists in 1935 that imperialist sanctions and workers' boycott are very different things.

*"Most dangerous of all, however, is the Stalinist policy. The parties of the Communist International try to appeal especially to the more revolutionary workers by denouncing the League [League of Nations] (a denunciation that is an apology), by asking for 'workers' sanctions,' and then nevertheless saying: 'We must use the League when it is for sanctions.' They seek to hitch the revolutionary workers to the shafts so that they can draw the cart of the League. (...) The truth is that if the workers begin their own sanctions against Italy, their action inevitably strikes at their own capitalists, and the League would be compelled to drop all sanctions. It proposes them now just because the workers' voices are muted in every country. Workers' action can begin only by absolute opposition to the national bourgeoisie and its international combinations. Support of the League and support of workers' actions are fire and water; they cannot be united."*<sup>6</sup>

We consider it as political criminal that so-called "Trotskyists" like the Mandelites "Fourth International" support Western sanctions against Russia. Such a position equals social-imperialist support for the U.S. and the European Union which try to expand their sphere of influence at the cost of Russia.

The RCIT considers workers boycott action as important element of international solidarity with the legitimate war of defense of the Ukrainian people against Russian imperialism. At the same time, we denounce all Western sanctions against Russia.

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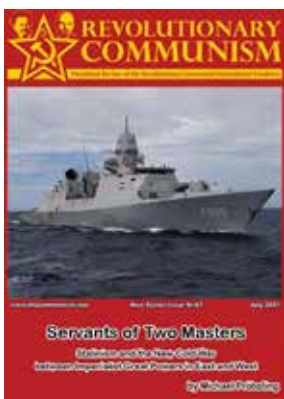
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# Dozens of Nazi Groups Support the Invasion of Ukraine

By Abu Laila, *Convergencia Socialista (Argentina)*

One of the arguments put forward by the Stalinist organizations -or those that accept their excuses- is that Putin's invasion would have a certain "anti-fascist" character, since he would be willing to destroy gangs of these type. What those characters hide is that Nazi groups are also swarming in Russia and that these organizations mostly support the policy of territorial extension and annexations carried out by "Tsar" Vladimir.

For this reason, dozens of far-right factions are located in the Russian trench, such as the *Nazbols* (National Socialist-Bolsheviks) that have orthodox ultras, Russian neo-Nazis and Serbian *Chetniks*, *LDPR*, *Russian National Unity*, *Russian Orthodox Army*, *Sputnik & Pogrom*, *Russian Imperial Movement*, *Rusich Battalion*, *Varyag Battalion*, *Wagner Group*, *The Other Russia* and various similar groupings.

The Stalinists allege that, in Ukraine, the extreme right has broad parliamentary representation. However, the

comparison leaves them in a very bad light, because, while the *Svoboda* group in that country has 1 deputy out of 450, that is, 2% votes, the Russian *LDPR* has 21 out of 450 legislators. To these we must add 2 more, belonging to *Rodina* and *Civic Platform*. The Russian fascists, who massively support Putin, won about 10% of the seats in the *Duma*!

Putin, who sympathizes with fascism, finances extreme right-wing sectors in Western Europe and maintains more than cordial relations with Orbán in Hungary, the *Le Pen National Front* in France and others. The Stalinists, who are liars and hypocrites, have what Lenin said of certain Bolsheviks of his time: "when you scratch them a little, a social chauvinist appears!" This has nothing to do with proletarian and socialist internationalism. This are people who capitulate to the "jingoistic" policies of the Great Russian bourgeoisie.

## Argentina: Rally in Support of the Ukrainian People

Report (with Pictures and Video) by *Convergencia Socialista (Argentinean Section of the RCIT)*, 16 March 2022

On 15 March, several socialist organizations organized a rally in front of the Russian embassy to show their solidarity with the Ukrainian people facing the barbaric invasion of Putin's army. The rally took place a few days after a joint statement was published which calls for an international solidarity campaign with the heroic Ukrainian people without lending any support to Western imperialism. This statement had

been issued by the *UIT-CI*, *LIT-CI* and the *RCIT*. (<https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/joint-statement-on-ukraine-war-13-3-2022>) Supporters from the Argentinean sections of these international organizations – *Izquierda Socialista* (*UIT-CI*), *PSTu* (*LIT-CI*), and *Convergencia Socialista* (*RCIT*) – as well as *Razón y Revolución* participated in the rally. Below you see pictures from the rally as well as the speech from a representative of our Argentinean section.



Rally against Putin's invasion in the Ukraine (Buenos Aires, 15.3.2022)

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# Defeat the Russian Invasion with Popular Militias independent from NATO

Article by *Damián Quevedo (Convergencia Socialista – Argentina)*

Despite the enormous Russian military superiority, the invasion of Ukraine does not seem to be a breeze, not because of the opposing forces, both the Ukrainian government and the Ukrainian army, but because of the emergence of a process of popular resistance that is spreading day by day.

No imperialist power, which Russia is, was able to sustain - in recent years - an occupation without a very high military and political cost. From Vietnam to today, going through the defeat of Israel in Lebanon or those of U.S. and Russia in Afghanistan, or even the Zionist occupation of Palestine, it is practically impossible for the rulers of the world to deploy troops in cities without suffering substantial casualties.

It is for this reason that, for years, imperialist invasions or attacks have limited themselves to bombing the civilian population, destroying everything possible (what is not of interest to the capitalists) before thinking about ground troops. The current invasion of Ukraine does not seem to be the exception, since Putin's army seems to be advancing steadily and at an accelerated pace, but has not yet been able to take major cities or to held Kiev.

In recent days, popular militias have begun to organize themselves, made up of workers, small businessmen, men and women with no military experience who are organizing themselves to stop the Russian invasion. These irregular formations, although they were promoted by the government and trained by the army, constitute a double-edged sword for the regime and a problem for the impe-

rialists.

The democratic characteristics of these threaten a basic principle of the bourgeois state, which is the control of weapons by uniformed men who respond with discipline to their commands, the officers educated in the schools of capitalism. Beyond the intentions of the government, by putting guns in the hands of the working class and the people, it is creating conditions for the masses to experience the exercise of power, self-organized resistance and, in fact, taking away the monopoly of the force from the state.

This situation can open a process with a dynamic that lead objectively to the formation of organizations of workers' and popular power, a reality that not only pushes the war, but also the development of a situation, which tends to become revolutionary, something similar to what happened during World War II. This, despite its inter-imperialist character, gave rise to the creation of national guerrillas, such as in Yugoslavia, Greece, France or Italy, which fought against the Nazis out of their own interests.

We revolutionaries must decisively support the people in the struggle against the invasion and, within this framework, encourage the formation of militias to resist the invasion, but fighting so that they are independent of the government and of any of the imperialist factions. For that, they will have to be endowed with a socialist leadership and program, this being the only guarantee to achieve true self-determination in Ukraine and for all peoples.

## Debate between PTS/FT and RCIT/CS on China (Video)

Report by *Convergencia Socialista (Argentinean Section of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency)*, 12.3.2022

Yesterday, a highly interesting debate about the class character of China took place in Buenos Aires in the center of *Convergencia Socialista*. The two participants of this debate were Esteban Mercatante and Michael Pröbsting.

Comrade Esteban Mercatante is a member of the Editorial Board of "*Ideas de Izquierda*", the theoretical publication of the PTS (a Trotskyist party in Argentina with representatives in the parliament). Michael Pröbsting is the author of several books and the International Secretary of the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (of which *Convergencia Socialista* is the Argentinean section). The two comrades discussed, in a fraternal way, the question if China is an imperialist power or not yet. The debate took place in Spanish and English.

You can watch the speech of Michael Pröbsting (with translation) here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1f7FZNXfdU&ab\\_channel=ConvergenciaSocialistadeArgentina](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1f7FZNXfdU&ab_channel=ConvergenciaSocialistadeArgentina)

You can watch the video of the whole debate (without translations) here: <https://youtu.be/bMN2EzB8CCM>

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As a background to this debate we refer readers to an exchange between the two comrades as well as a pamphlet by Michael Pröbsting.

Marxists Debate: Is China an Imperialist Power? <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/debate-on-capitalism-in-china/>

Michael Pröbsting: China: An Imperialist Power ... Or Not Yet? A Theoretical Question with Very Practical Consequences! <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/china-imperialist-power-or-not-yet/>





## Racist Zionism and the Ukrainian refugees

Yossi Schwartz, ISL – RCIT Section in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 13.03.2022

In her first decision, Interior Minister Shaked announced that only ‘halachic’ Jewish Ukrainians – those who are born to Jewish mothers – would be accepted into the country. Under Israel’s Law of Return, every child or grandchild of a Jew is eligible to immigrate to Israel with their family and be granted citizenship.

Under pressure she announced on Tuesday that “Israel is willing to accept 5,000 non-Jewish refugees fleeing the fighting in Ukraine, adding that about 20,000 Ukrainians who had been in the country before the war began will not be deported for now. According to the latest figures by the Population and Immigration Authority, 2,519 Ukrainians who aren’t eligible for aliyah arrived in Israel so far since February 24, when the Russian invasion began. That means that less than 2,500 Ukrainian refugees will be allowed in the country as of Shaked’s announcement”. [1]

For those who have believed that Israel was established because of the holocaust and the suffering of the Jewish refugees this policy came as shock. There are more than 2 million Ukrainian refugees which means that Israel will accept 0.00125% of the refugees.

Was it only the government it would be only one aspect of nature of the Zionist colonialist settler’s state, however the nature of Israel is reflected by the position held by a large part of Israel’s population.

“Most Israelis support the imposition of quotas on the absorption of refugees from Ukraine – that is the conclusion of a poll among Israelis, obtained by the Jerusalem Post the survey was conducted by the Direct Polls Institute for the Israeli Immigration Policy Center – a conservative Israeli non-profit organization. The poll found that about 67% of Israelis oppose granting status to Ukrainian refugees In addition, there is a clear majority of 69% who believe that a clear quota should be set for the number of refugees to be absorbed in Israel, while a quarter of

the public believe that all should be absorbed 47% oppose their absorption in Israel. their absorption in Israel is the least preferred step – only 6% of Israelis support it, while 56% of Israelis believe that field hospitals and the transfer of humanitarian equipment to areas outside of Ukraine should be preferred and 35% prefer that Israel assist only Jews in Ukraine.” [2]

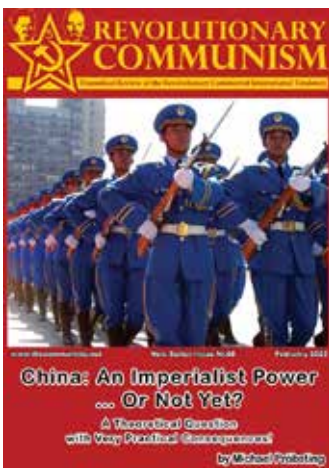
Needless to say, when it comes to the Palestinian refugees that were removed in the ethnic cleansing of 1947-8 even less than 6% of the Israelis will agree to their right of return.

A few days ago, the Minister of Health of Israel announced that Israel will open a field hospital in the Ukraine. Very nice of Israel except for a very small problem.

“The Finance Ministry has not approved funding for a planned Israeli field hospital for war-torn Ukraine and has no intention to foot the bill, which is expected to run into the hundreds of millions of shekels, according to a Wednesday report. A Finance Ministry source told Channel 12 that ministry officials first heard about plans for the hospital from media reports. The Health Ministry announced its intention to set up the field hospital on Saturday, with Health Minister Nitzan Horowitz saying it was Israel’s “moral duty” to assist the people of Ukraine” [3]

It will be a mistake to think that only Israel admires Ukraine and does not care about the Ukrainians except for the Ukrainians Jews that will arrive in Israel. We have not heard that US imperialists have offered to take in Ukrainian refugees. At the same time these imperialists inflame the hate against all Russians, even those who oppose Russian invasion.

In an article in the Boston Globe we read, “Under the shadows of war, shopkeepers whose businesses bore the name of the enemy nation quickly changed them. They adorned their windows with flags and slogans affirming their fealty. People who had been considered upstanding members of their communities



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Continuing the Debate with Esteban Mercatante and the PTS/FT  
on China’s class character and consequences for the revolutionary strategy

By Michael Pröbsting, January 2022

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*felt as if they had to prove their worth — and even protect their safety — with displays of allegiance. That's what German immigrants faced in America when their adopted home entered World War I against Germany. More than a century later, it's now happening to Russians here who fear being punished because of Russian President Vladimir Putin's unprovoked war against Ukraine."* [4]

The same thing happened to American Japanese: *"At the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, about 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry lived on the US mainland, mostly along the Pacific Coast. About two thirds were full citizens, born and raised in the United States. Following the Pearl Harbor attack, however, a wave of anti-Japanese suspicion and fear led the Roosevelt administration to adopt a drastic policy toward these residents, alien and citizen alike. Virtually all Japanese Americans were forced to leave their homes and property and live in camps for most of the war"* [5]

What a poor explanation for chauvinistic policy.

The same thing happened to Germans who lived in Britain: *"Until May 1940, British authorities saw no reason to intern the large numbers of enemy aliens in categories B and C. However, after the fall of Low Countries and France in quick succession, fears of the existence of a fifth column of German saboteurs grew. Encouraged by the tabloid press, which published unsubstantiated scaremongering articles about foreigners, the public started to call for something to be done about the aliens in their midst. The threat of invasion of the British mainland by the Axis forces remained very real, and consequently the government thought it prudent to intern all male enemy aliens, regardless of classification, between 16 and 60 years of age and all women in category B, sometimes with their children. The idea was not to intern all enemy aliens long term but to remove the immediate threat using mass internment and then release 'friendly' aliens only once their loyalty could be guaranteed.*

*These arrests were made from mid-May until early July 1940.*

*By July 1940, approximately 80,000 Germans and Austrians had found refuge in Britain, even if briefly before migrating onwards. Around 29,000 enemy aliens were interned, comprising approximately 24,000 Germans and Austrian refugees, while the remainder were predominately Italians who were interned once Mussolini declared war on Great Britain in June 1940. In 1939 and early 1940, the relatively few A category internees were housed in prisons and three holiday camps in Clacton, Seaton and Paighton. Their occupants were a diverse mixture of committed fascists and left-wing adherents including communists (some of them Jews), which led to conflicts between these ideologically opposed groups."* [6]

This chauvinism has been an essential feature of all class societies but is worse under capitalism especially in the age of imperialism.

*Down with all the imperialists!*

*For the right of self-determination of the Ukraine!*

*For independent worker militias in the Ukraine!*

*For workers governments in Russia and in Ukraine!*

*Open the gates for the refugees!*

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## Ukraine: No Changes of the Labor Laws during the War!

By Ingmar Vshtyrsky, RCIT Supporter in the Ukraine, 20 March 2022

Unfortunately, war often poses a danger to the working class not only from the enemy army, not only because of the direct destruction and deaths caused by combat operations - the danger, albeit far less obvious, also lurks on the home front.

As the invader advances on towns and villages, the "home" authorities can be (and are) tempted, under the guise of patriotic rhetoric, to stab their own citizens in the back, tightening the screws and tightening the belts. Wartime requires the country and its people to be united, austerity and a kind of solidarity. The only question is, at whose expense will the transition of life and the economy to the war rails take place, will all classes pay the same price for it?

Recently *Sotsialnyi Rukh* called the public to pay attention to the bill #7160 *"About the organization of labor relations under martial law"*. [1] The bill was approved by the Parliament of Ukraine on March 15 this year in the midst of hostilities. It makes a blatant attack on the labor rights of Ukrainians. Its authors, trying to solve the economic problems of the country under conditions of war with Russia, intend to do it at the expense of employees and their trade unions.

Specifically, the draft stipulates:

- The possibility of substantial worsening of working conditions without giving workers two months' notice before the changes are made;
- The possibility of dismissing an employee during a period of temporary incapacity for work and vacations;
- Suspension of the employment contract due to military aggression against Ukraine;
- Increasing the length of the working day to 60 hours and reducing the time of uninterrupted rest in wartime.

The draft contradicts a number of articles of the Constitution of Ukraine.

One gets the impression that these emergency measures are intended not so much to strengthen the country's defense capacity in the face of Russian aggression, as, "on the sly," to improve the position of the bourgeoisie and increase the impotence of the proletariat, justifying everything by the war. The very name of the bill itself kind of suggests that these measures are temporary, but first of all, no one knows how long this war will last. Secondly, no one can guarantee that the capitalist class will not attempt to "leave it as it is" even after the war. It is better to counteract this now.

[1] <https://rev.org.ua/vetujte-projekt-7160-zaxistit-lyudej-praci/>

# We call for a major international campaign of support and solidarity with the Ukrainian resistance!

## For the defeat of the Russian army invasion! No to NATO!

*Joint Statement by Socialist Organizations (see the Note at the End of the Text), 13 March 2022*

Vladimir Putin's government unleashed a Russian army invasion of Ukraine. With methods of extreme cruelty, it attacks and destroys cities, including "targets" such as hospitals and maternity hospitals, with the ultimate goal of taking Kiev (the Ukrainian capital) and thus dominating the whole of the country. Despite the immense Russian military superiority, the invader faces, on the part of the Ukrainian people, a greater than expected resistance, often of a heroic nature.

Beyond the different considerations that we have about the world context in which this war takes place, the signatory organizations fully agree in defining its origin as the aggression of a much stronger nation (Russia, one of the main military powers in the world) against another weaker, with the aim of subjugating it. This occurs in a framework in which, except for a short period at the beginning of the Soviet Union (when the policy proposed by Lenin was applied, now highly criticized by Putin), both Stalinism and the Russian capitalist governments always considered Ukraine as "our backyard."

Therefore, we support the resistance of the Ukrainian workers and people against the invasion, and we are for the defeat of the Russian troops in this war, without giving any support or political confidence in the Zelensky government or in the Ukrainian bourgeoisie that calls to resist the invasion.

We denounce the role of NATO as a military arm of imperialism and we fight for its dissolution. But this is not a NATO military invasion against Russian territory, nor against the Ukrainian people. At the same time, there are no NATO soldiers fighting Russian troops in Ukraine (or anywhere else that we know of). The one attacking Ukraine today is the Russian army. On the other hand, we reject any imperialist interference in Ukraine, be it Russian, Yankee, European or NATO. We demand the dismantling of all nuclear weapons of Russia and NATO.

### Our proposals

Based on these coincidences, we intend to develop and promote common activities with the objective that is synthesized in the title of this declaration. There are several possible levels.

First of all, spread this declaration in the vanguard and among the workers, hold talks and debates to help clarify the confusion that exists about the nature of the war.

Second, promote mobilizations to publicly demonstrate: Putin's troops out of Ukraine, support for the Ukrainian resistance, No to NATO, as has been happening in Europe and in other parts of the world. In this framework, it is possible and necessary to set up solidarity committees in order to achieve it. We also support the mobilizations against the invasion that confront the Putin government and that he represses harshly.

Thirdly, together with union, student and popular organizations, promote the collection of all kinds of aid to the Ukrainian people, which can be sent through convoys of worker and popular aid.

Finally, but as one of the most important issues, we promote and support the actions that workers decide to take through their organizations. For example, port workers at the Ellesmere refinery in Cheshire, England, refused to unload oil from Russia, replicating what workers at the Kent gas terminal and at ports in the Netherlands had done. According to the information, "a wave of protests of this type is spreading through European ports in response to the invasion of Ukraine."

In the face of the war in Ukraine and the common position that we have exposed, these are the tasks that we propose to put before the workers and the masses of the world.

*Out with the troops of Putin and Russia from the Ukraine!*

*Support for the popular resistance of the Ukrainian people!*

*No to NATO!*

*For the breaking of diplomatic relations with Russia of all governments!*

### Signatories:

*International League of Workers. Fourth International (LIT-CI)  
International Unity of Workers - Fourth International (ITU-CI)  
Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) [See the Note below]*

P.S. We invite organizations that agree with it to join this declaration and campaign.

### Note from the RCIT

The statement above has been initiated by the UIT-CU and LIT-CI. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) has signed this joint statement because it takes a principled stance against Putin's reactionary invasion in the Ukraine. As we explained in our documents, the RCIT supports the national resistance struggle of the Ukrainian people against the attack by Russian imperialism. At the same time, we call for a defeatist position against all imperialist Great Powers in face of the ongoing escalation of tensions between Russia, the U.S. as well as the EU and UK. (For a more detailed presentation of the RCIT position on the Ukraine War and the current NATO-Russia conflict we refer to our documents which are compiled on our website here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/world-wide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict/>)

There are two formulations in the joint statement with which we disagree. At one point, it says: "We demand the dismantling of all nuclear weapons of Russia and NATO." We think this is an illusionary demand since there is no capitalism without militarism and there is no modern imperi-



alism without nuclear arms. Essentially, this is a version of the pacifist policy calling for “disarmament” which Lenin and Trotsky strongly rejected.

The second problematic formulation is the final demand: “For the rupture of diplomatic relations with Russia by all governments!” We consider such a demand as correct for semi-colonial countries (like e.g. Latin America). But it is wrong to raise it in imperialist states. Socialists operating in imperialist countries should not raise demands which

are part of the imperialist sanctions policy. Likewise, we do not support the policy of the U.S. and the EU to impose economic sanctions against Russia. This is particularly relevant in the current world situation which is not only characterized by the Ukraine War but also by the escalation of tensions between the Great Powers.

However, such criticism does not invalidate the principled and correct approach taken in this joint statement which is why the RCIT has signed it.

## ISL: Statement on the Russia-Ukraine War

*The ISL League, Israel/Occupied Palestine, 08.03.2022*

Russia has announced the establishment of safe corridors to allow civilian refugees to leave, but the evacuation routes lead mostly to Russia and its ally Belarus, a route opposed by Zelensky, while Russia continues to pound some cities with rockets even after the announcement of corridors. From Putin’s perspective, Ukrainian refugees escaping to states that are members of NATO is to allow the refugees to join his enemies while for Zelensky escaping to Belarus is to be controlled by his enemy. Short of socialist revolution in both states it will be very difficult to find a solution.

In any case we support the Ukrainian refugees’ right to find asylum in the Baltic states, Poland, Georgia, Armenia, Turkey and other countries like the Russians escaping persecution for voicing their opposition to the war flock to these states as refugees.

Ironically enough Putin has accused Ukraine of preventing Israelis, along with other foreign nationals, from evacuating the country as the invasion continues. According to him Ukrainian men aged 18-60 are barred from leaving the country even if they are dual citizens.

This argument contradicts his basic argument that the refugees escaping to the Baltic states will strengthen his enemies as the men who can fight are not allowed to leave the Ukraine.

The Ukrainian refugees bring to mind the issue of the Jewish refugees in WWII. During WWII the gates of the Western imperialist states that love to speak about human rights were closed to Jewish refugees. On this topic we find in the Encyclopedia of the holocaust:

*“In July 1938, a conference of nations met at Evian, France to discuss the issue of Jewish refugees fleeing persecuting in Nazi Germany and trying to enter other countries. The Conference had very little impact on the plight of the refugees. The United States convened the Evian Conference, but, like the other participating countries, refused to change its immigration policies to help more refugees. Although the majority of German and Austrian Jews managed to flee Nazi Germany, many of those who went to other European countries died in the Holocaust after Germany occupied those countries. In July 1938, delegates from 32 countries met in Evian, France for a conference on the refugee crisis. The delegates expressed sympathy for the Jews who were seeking to flee Nazi persecution. Most countries, however, refused to admit more refugees...During the nine-day meeting, delegate after delegate rose to express sympathy for the refugees. But most countries, including the United States and Great Britain, offered excuses for not letting in more refugees. Only the Dominican Republic agreed to accept additional refugees. This*

*offer came as President Rafael Trujillo sought both to rehabilitate his reputation following his government’s massacre of Black Haitians in 1937 and to bring white wealth into his country. Commenting on the Evian Conference, the German government gleefully noted how “astounding” it was that foreign countries criticized Germany for its treatment of the Jews, yet none of them opened their doors” [i]*

The Zionists have used this inhuman policy to justify the establishment of Israel and to cover up for their crimes against the Palestinians that most of whom are refugees due to the ethnic cleansing of 1947-8.

*“The late Israeli historian Jacob Talmon referred to interpretations which were proposed by ‘extremely nationalistic and certain religious persons . . . who state that the Holocaust was a necessary stage in the Jewish historical drama, as a type of suffering before redemption. . . the price of redemption’. A more ideologically structured viewpoint conceived the destruction of European Jewry as a final apocalyptic vindication of Zionism; an indictment of assimilation, autonomism, territorialism, and other solutions which were to solve the trials and tribulations of the Jewish people. There is no lack of views for which view the Holocaust is an unshakable justification of the Zionist alternative” [ii]*

What the Zionists love to hide is their support for closing the gates of the western imperialist states. *“The Zionist leadership now began to fear that the future and destiny of Palestine and the plight of European Jewry would be considered as two separate problems. As a result, efforts would be made to solve the problem of European Jewry without using Palestine as a refuge. On 2 December 1938 at a meeting held at the initiative of the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council in Palestine, Ben-Gurion analyzed the events of Kristallnacht. He spoke of the ‘Nazi pogrom’ and stated that he was aware that the Jewish people and the nations of the world were facing a serious problem involving hundreds of thousands – possibly millions – of refugees. He concluded that ‘ideological and territorialist plans would formulate both among the Jews and the Gent that he did not believe in solving the problem by transfer of refugees to various countries: the only possible so Palestine” [iii]*

Israel wants Ukrainian Jews to immigrate to Israel to be used against the Palestinians. It does not want to accept non-Jewish refugees.

*“You are a Jew and you deserve to live. But if you are not, do not look for life here in the ‘state of the Jews’. Go and die elsewhere.” This is what the Ukrainian ambassador to Tel Aviv, Yevgeny Kornichuk, said at a press conference during which he broke into tears when Israel expelled dozens of refugees who fled the war. [iv]*

In a press conference, Kornichuk said: *“The last six days Israel turned away dozens of refugees that came from different countries in the world, and in the airport, they were sent back to the places where they came from, instead of granting them asylum”* [v]

Under international pressure, *“Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked said Monday that Israel will place a cap on the number of Ukrainian refugees allowed in who are not eligible to immigrate to the Jewish state — but did not indicate what that figure would be. “We will approve some sort of humanitarian cap on people who are not eligible under the Law of Return,” Shaked said to Kan public radio on Monday morning. “In the coming days, I will formulate an organized policy because we have to get this situation in order.”* [vi]

For the Zionists, this war is a gift as they expect to gain at least 10,000 new Jewish immigrants to be used against the Palestinians.

*“On Sunday, the World Zionist Organization’s Settlement Division – which is funded by the Israeli government and falls under its direct control – announced the building of 1,000 housing structures for Ukrainian Jewish families in both Israel and settlements in the illegally occupied Palestinian territories...”*

Lana Tatour, professor of settler-colonialism and human rights at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia says very correctly: *“This is not a humanitarian act that Israel is carrying out. Israel is a settler-colonial state. It is a state that is obsessed with demography and ensuring demographic superiority by Jewish people over Palestinians”* [vii]

*“According to the emergency plan, the buildings will be located on the northern border, in the Golan Heights, the Negev, Arava, the Valley of Springs, and the Jordan Valley. A government decision is required to implement the plan.”* [viii]

The Golan Heights, Valley of Springs, and the Jordan Valley were occupied in 1967.

*“To Palestinians, the prospect of a new wave of Jewish immigrants raises the possibility that some will settle in the occupied*

*West Bank... Thousands of Russian speakers from earlier waves of immigration now live in the West Bank, including the current finance minister Israel is welcoming Ukrainians “at the expense of the Palestinians and their land,” said Nihad Abu Ghosh, a Palestinian political analyst and independent member of the Palestinian National Council.”* [ix]

While we of the ISL denounce the state of Israel for its racist policy toward the non-Jewish Ukrainian refugees we oppose the (state-sponsored) recruiting of more Jewish Ukrainian refugees as they will be part of the oppression of the Palestinians. They should be accepted in the western imperialist states that closed their gates to the Jewish refugees in WWII.

*Down with all the imperialists!*

*For workers’ states in Russia and Ukraine!*

*Down with Zionist racism of the apartheid state!*

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

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Yechiam Weitz is the grandson of Yosef Weitz, director of the Land and Afforestation Department of the Jewish National Fund [iii] A.Y. Kochavi, ‘The Zionist Executive and the Distress of the Jews in Germany and Austria, up to the Outbreak of World War II’, Studies of the Holocaust Period III (1984), p.106 (in Hebrew)

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# Books of the RCIT

## 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/>

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