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An Important Step Forward in Revolutionary Unity!

Joint Statement on the Fusion of the Socialist Tendency (Russia) and the RCIT, 6 August 2022

1. After a period of several months, the *Socialist Tendency* (Russia) and the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) have decided to merge their forces. From now on, the *Socialist Tendency* (CT) will be the Russian section of the RCIT with representatives in the international leadership structures.

2. The programmatic basis for our fusion is:

a) Agreement on the RCIT Manifesto ("*The Fire of Revolution Will Burn Down Catastrophic Capitalism!*", April 2021, <https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit-fire-manifesto-2021/>)

b) Programmatic agreement on the Ukrainian War, the character of Russian imperialism and the Putin regime as well as the nature of the inter-imperialist rivalry. All these are key issues of the current world situation. In fact, it is impossible to act as a revolutionary in the current historic period without taking a consistent internationalist and anti-imperialist position on these issues. Our far-reaching agreements in these areas have been expressed in three joint statements, two political reports from CT as well as the "*Donbass Theses*" of the RCIT. (All documents are compiled here: <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/compilation-of-documents-on-nato-russia-conflict/>)

c) Furthermore, the CT comrades have familiarized themselves with the RCIT's positions on a number of issues (Chechnya, Syrian Revolution and the issue of Turkish intervention, Venezuela, Bosnia War 1992-95, Soviet in-

tervention in Afghanistan in 1979-89) and express general agreement.

3. While Russian members of the RCIT were in loose contact with the comrades of the CT since several years, the latter were affiliated with the Cliffite IST (dominated by the British SWP) until spring 2022. However, the comrades of CT argued within the framework of the IST for their positions, i.e. identifying Russia as an imperialist state and taking an intransigent anti-imperialist position against the Kremlin. Hence, they defended the Ukraine from the first day of the war and tried to convince the SWP/IST to adopt a consistent revolutionary defeatist position. However, they could not get a hearing from the SWP leadership – which takes a reactionary abstentionist position in the Ukraine War – and, consequently, the comrades officially split with this organization in early June.

4. The fusion with the CT is an important step for the RCIT – not only because it expands our presence and activities to an additional country. It is also crucial because of Russia's role in world politics in general and, even more so, in the current world situation with the Ukraine War as its focus.

5. We call all socialists in Russia and internationally who share the principles of our perspective to join us in building a revolutionary party – nationally as well as internationally!

Website of "Socialist Tendency" (RCIT Section in Russia): www.socialisttendency.com

The Ukraine War and the Inter-Imperialist Rivalry

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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

A RCIT Pamphlet, 20 pages, A4 Format

Argentina: 25 Years of Building “Convergencia Socialista”

By the Executive Committee of Convergencia Socialista (RCIT Section in Argentina), July 23, 2022

At the beginning of 1997, a small group of militant workers who had been active in the old MAS founded the *Red Faction*, which shortly after would become *Convergencia Socialista* (Socialist Convergence). Our “baptism of fire” happened during the strike of the transport unions in August 1997, leading the picket of drivers that guaranteed the strike on line 32 “El Puente”, whose internal commission we influenced.

The CS militancy was, proudly, in the first line of the barricades of the *Argentinazo*, the self-defense groups that pushed back the UOCRA gangs in the SITRAIC, the “Counter-marcha” organized to embarrass the soldiers of the Process and in dozens of workers’ strikes, such as Cresta Roja, Ran Bat, Gaele, the coordinator of technical schools, Institute 103, etc.

From the beginning we have proposed joining with other groups or fractions, assuming that the Party of the Revolution will be built through the unity of the revolutionaries. Although in each of the mergers we faced we made many mistakes - some cost us dearly - they all paid off, because, thanks to them, we were able to put together a solid leadership team and to develop our [program](#).

In recent years we have made a great effort to build ourselves at an international level, sending brigade members to the Middle East (the Arab Spring has just begun) and to Chile, where we made contact with the most radicalized activism of the “Front Line”. In 2021, during the pandemic, we deepened ties with comrades from the [Revolutionary Communist International Tendency](#) (RCIT), of which we are now a part.

With the comrades of the RCIT we agree in characterizing the “health” policy of the WHO and the governments, as an attempt to stop the revolutionary global rise that took

place in 2019. At this time, we are dedicated to organizing solidarity activities with the Ukrainian people resisting the Russian invasion, independent and against NATO and the rest of Western imperialism.

We promote unity in action to fight for just causes, such as freedom or the cessation of the persecution of hundreds of fighters. Our comrades have been at the head of several of these campaigns, such as those carried out to win the freedom of the Las Heras oil workers or our comrade, Carlos Olivera, who was imprisoned for more than two years for confronting the UOCRA gangs.

With some victories and many setbacks, we are going through a new stage, as the Argentine section of the CCRI and with a very young leadership team, mostly made up of female colleagues. From that place we work towards the insertion of CS in some of the vanguard battalions of the industrial labor movement, especially in the southern area of Greater Buenos Aires.

With a lot of effort and inexperience, we set up a propaganda team, which allows us to reach hundreds of fighters with our ideas and proposals. We have a newspaper ([Palabra Obrera](#)), a [blog](#) with daily information, another international newspaper (*Comunismo Revolucionario*) and several programs that we broadcast regularly through the [YouTube channel Convergencia Socialista](#) de Argentina.

Comrades, we invite you to join our organization, to support all the workers’, popular, democratic, student and women’s movement and dissidence struggles, waving the flags of worker and internationalist socialism. Become part of *Convergencia Socialista* and *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency*, to work towards the unity of revolutionaries and the construction of the world party of revolution!



May Day Rally 2021 in Buenos Aires: Juan Giglio speaking for *Convergencia Socialista*

Egypt: Rally on the 9th Anniversary of the Rabaa Massacre

Report (with Photos and Videos) from a Rally in Vienna on 13 August 2022, Austrian Section of the RCIT

The Egyptian migrant community in Vienna organized a rally on 13th August to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the horrific Rabaa massacre. On 14 August 2013 the Egyptian army, under the command of General Sisi, smashed mass protests against the military coup which took place in early July. They murdered up to 2,600 demonstrators on a single day! Since then, the military dictatorship has dominated the country with an iron fist, receiving financial, military and diplomatic aid from all imperialist Great Powers.

Ibrahim Ali, the long-standing leader of the Egyptian migrant community, made two speeches in which he con-

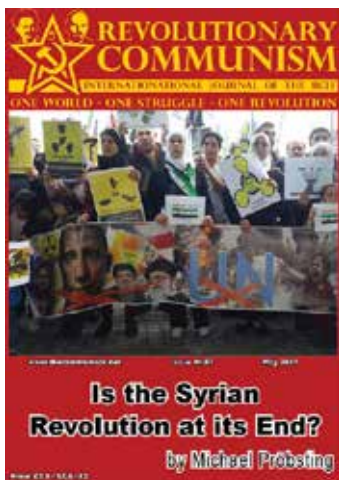
demned the brutal regime of General Sisi.

Activists of the Austrian section of the RCIT participated in the rally. Our comrade Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, addressed the rally three times – twice in German and once in English language. He denounced the military regime as well as the imperialist Great Powers in West and East – including the European Union.

See photos and a video clips of Michael Pröbsting's speeches here: https://www.thecommunists.net/rcit/ral-lies-in-solidarity-with-the-egypt-people-2022/#anker_4



Rally on the 9th Anniversary of the Rabaa Massacre in Egypt (Vienna, 13.8.2022); Michael Pröbsting speaks (r.)



Publications of the RCIT

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

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2017

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

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

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The Lies of the State about the War on Gaza

Yossi Schwartz, ISL the section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 09.08.2022

In the book 1984 by Orwell the ruling party invented a language called Newspeak, which attempts to prevent political rebellion by eliminating all words related to it. According to the Newspeak, *“War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength.”* Even thinking rebellious thoughts is illegal. Such thought crime is, in fact, the worst of all crimes.

In the war on Gaza the Zionist government of Yair Lapid with the full support of the Zionist mass media spread many lies, some lies to be used by the Western imperialists that support the Zionist war crimes, some lies are an attempt to turn the people of Gaza against the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and some lies are meant to provide the Israeli Jews with the feeling that the war was necessary and that the Israeli war is for pure reasons and only against barbarian terrorists.

The first lie is that the government did not know that the arrest of a senior Islamic Jihad member Bassam al-Saad in Jenin last week, would result in the type of escalation that would require a military operation in Gaza.

“Less than 24 hours after the ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad went into effect, Israeli officials are admitting that they did not expect the arrest of a senior Islamic Jihad member in West Bank last week,[1] would result in the type of escalation that would require a military operation in Gaza”

It is a lie as it is clear that the Zionist state attacked Gaza with pre meditated plan. *“Israeli warplanes struck numerous sites in the Gaza Strip on Friday in what Israel said was a preemptive strike against Palestinian factions allegedly planning rocket strikes at targets in Israel”* [2]

The reason Israel fabricated this lie is to claim that attacking Gaza was a forced act of self-defense. The Zionist leaders are well aware that in international bourgeois law aggressive wars are a crime. *“The International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg held that aggressive war is the supreme international crime”*. That was affirmed by the United Nations and upheld in many legal decisions. Nazi leaders argued that they acted only in self-defense against a presumed attack by the Soviet Union. Their justification for mass murder was rejected and responsible leaders were hanged after a trial. Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter defines that *“All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations”*. Unlike the Briand-Kellogg pact, the Charter bans not only war, but the use of force of any kind. The rule received universal acknowledgment and quickly became part of customary international law.

Thus, this lie has been fabricated for the benefit of the other Western imperialists that have taken the position that Israel had the right to defend itself.

Lie number two: The Palestinian Islamic Jihad is a proxy of Iran and this is justified to kill its fighters. *“On Friday, as he explained the airstrikes on Israeli television, Prime Minister Yair Lapid described the group as “an Iranian proxy that wants to destroy the state of Israel”* [3] The Palestinian Islamic Jihad is a Palestinian resistance that get military and finance support from Iran but this does not make it a proxy as Israel that has received military and finance support from

the USA is not a proxy of the USA but an ally.

These days some reformists and centrists claim that Ukraine is a proxy of the USA and EU because Ukraine is supported by Western imperialists and by this definition, it is justified to take the position of refusing to defend Ukraine against Russian imperialism.

Lie number three: Iran ordered the Palestinian Islamic Jihad to attack Israel *“Palestinian Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip receives its orders from Iran, charged Gilad Erdan, Israel’s ambassador to the UN, as he defended the IDF’s attack against PIJ’s military installations and leaders during the weekend’s military operation known as Breaking Dawn.”* *“The PIJ is a radical terrorist organization, armed, funded and trained by Iran,”* Erdan told reporters in advance of a UNSC meeting slated to be held on Monday afternoon in New York. *“While the [PIJ] was indiscriminately firing rockets at Israeli civilians, its leader, Ziad Nakhleh, was meeting with the Ayatollah puppet masters in Tehran and receiving orders from them. You can all see the photo of Ziad Nakhleh meeting together with [Ayatollah Ruhollah] Khomeini, the supreme leader of Iran”* [4]

Well, everyone could see that Lapid met with Biden and according to the logic of Erdan, Israel attacked Gaza by the order of Biden.

Lie number four: Israel did not kill civilians in Gaza and the PIJ killed the children in Jabalia.

“The IDF in what it says is video evidence showing that seven people killed in Jabaliya on Saturday night, including four children — in what Palestinian media claimed was an Israeli strike — were in fact killed by a failed PIJ rocket that landed inside the Strip.” [5]

“More innocent people in Gaza were killed by failed Islamic Jihad rockets than by Israeli airstrikes during Operation Breaking Dawn, according to a briefing by the commander of the IDF Spokesperson’s Unit Brig.-Gen. Ran Kochav. Operation Breaking Dawn lasted for 66 hours in which the IDF struck 170 targets, killing several high-ranking Islamic Jihad operatives and destroying much of the terrorist organization’s military capabilities, terrorist attack tunnels and weapon storage facilities. For its final action on Sunday night, the IDF destroyed three warehouses storing a variety of weapons.” [6]

The Palestinians in Gaza are telling a very different story. *“According to the Palestinian health ministry, 44 Palestinians, including 15 children, were killed and at least 350 civilians wounded during Israel’s three-day “pre-emptive strike”*.

“Hamed and his cousins - Jamil Najm al-Deen Najm, 4, Jamil Ihab Najim, 13, and Mohammad, 17 – were killed by a missile that hit them while they were in the Fallujah cemetery across the street from their home.

Hamed’s mother, Diana, was visibly shaken. She told Al Jazeera her son was very careful not to leave the house, fearing Israeli attacks. “Just two hours before the truce was announced, he told me he would go out for five minutes with his cousins,” she said. “Moments went by and then we heard a bombing. We ran out to find my son and his three cousins. They were all cut up into pieces.” Diana’s story is similar to many others in the besieged Gaza Strip, after Israel launched repeated air attacks in a three-day operation involving “surgical strikes” against the Palestinian Islamic Jihad group, according to Israeli Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan. “I was a mother of four children. Today

my children have become three in the blink of an eye. My son was very obedient, kind-hearted and excelled in his studies despite our difficult circumstances," she said. "Why are we in Gaza exposed to all this? We can lose our children at any moment and at any minute as if our lives are worthless." [7]

"On Monday, at the Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, large crowds gathered to mourn Yasser al-Nabaheen, 40, and his three children, who were killed the evening prior in an Israeli bombing of their family home.

The attack resulted in the death of the father and his two sons, Ahmed, 13, Mohamed, 9, and his daughter Dalia, 13. His oldest son was wounded and is recovering in hospital.

"I was sitting with my Uncle Yasser in the small plot of land across our house," Ahmad, a family member, told Al Jazeera. "He moved a little forward when a missile fell in the space between us and directly above him and his children. They all turned to pieces in a moment."

Ahmad said he could not believe what happened right before his eyes.

"I was screaming and calling for help and calling an ambulance. My uncle was a good person and loved by everyone. He had no political affiliations. We were sitting and his children were playing in front of him. Within minutes a massacre happened," he said.

The father and his children died half an hour before the truce was agreed upon." [8]

Why should we believe the Zionists whose lies were exposed many times or the Palestinian freedom fighters? Let us remember some of the lies of the last period.

Last year in May the Zionist air force bombed al-Jalaa tower, an 11-storey building in Gaza City housing some 60 residential apartments and a number of offices, including those of Al Jazeera Media Network and The Associated Press, al-Sayed made a dash for the stairs. Israel claimed that it bombed a terrorist center.

Israel claimed that six Palestinian human rights organizations are fronts to terrorist outfits and that Israel can provide the proofs that were never provided, and that

it was not Israeli soldier who killed the Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, a veteran Palestinian-American television correspondent.

The daily Jerusalem Post is complaining that the international press does not believe Israel but the PIJ.

"Where Palestinian claims are taken as fact, even when they come from terrorist organizations, Israeli claims – with evidence – are taken with skepticism.... In the immediate aftermath of the explosions near Jabaliya refugee camp, Palestinian sources and social media claimed that the IDF had bombed children, sharing disturbing photos of injured and bloodied children across social media channels. The news immediately was picked up by multiple sources in the international media.

For example, The New York Times didn't initially report on the story, and while both CNN and BBC mentioned the Jabaliya attack within larger articles about the entire operation, both of them reported it as a claim of Israel that's disputed. The BBC article stated that Israel accused PIJ militants of accidentally causing at least some of those deaths, adding that the BBC has not been able to independently verify this claim." [9]

Thus, if we believe the Zionists, all the Gentiles (non-Jews) are Anti-Semites.

Down with the Zionist imperialist apartheid state!

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

Endnotes:

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[7] <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/8/8/after-truce-battered-palestinians-recall-israeli-atrocities>

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Books of the RCIT

Yossi Schwartz: Palestine and Zionism

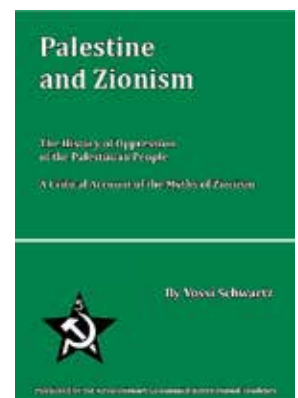
The History of Oppression of the Palestinian People. A Critical Account of the Myths of Zionism

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz provides a critical analysis of numerous Zionist myths about the Jews as well as about the Palestinians. He demonstrates that the Zionist claim that Palestine is the historic homeland of the Jews lacks any serious basis. *Palestine and Zionism* shows that the history of Zionism in the 20th century is a history of colonialism in the service of the Great Powers and directed against the native population – the Arabs. In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz deals with key events – the "Nakba" in 1948, the wars in 1956, 1967 and 1973, more recent events like the Lebanon War, etc. – which were decisive for the expulsion of most Palestinians from their homeland. Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analyzes 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/>



Taiwan: Pelosi Visit Might Provoke War between U.S. and China

Down with both imperialist Great Powers, for a policy of Revolutionary Defeatism!

Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 1 August 2022

1. US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi – formally the third-highest official in the U.S. Administration after the President and Vice-President – has started a tour of visits to several Asian countries. As part of this, she plans to visit Taiwan together with other members of the U.S. Congress. Since Beijing has always considered Taiwan as part of China, Pelosi's visit reflects a kind of semi-official recognition of Taiwan's independence by Washington.

2. China has violently denounced this visit. It considers Pelosi's visit as a blatant provocation since official patriotism is at the core of the Xi regime's ideology. It has repeatedly announced that it works towards the "*reunification of the motherland by any mean necessary*," i.e. the annexation of the island. Furthermore, control of Taiwan is essential both for geostrategic as well as economic reasons. Hence, both Washington as well as Beijing are determined to control the island.

3. It is therefore not surprising that Beijing has demanded from the U.S. to cancel Pelosi's visit with unprecedented threats. It already started to conduct drills with live ammunition in the waters off south-eastern Fujian Province, about 80 miles from Taiwan. State media announce that China could send fighter jets to intercept Pelosi's plane or declare air and maritime zones around the island of Taiwan as restriction zones for military exercises. Well-known media representatives go even further. Chen Feng (editor of *Guancha.cn*) mentioned, among others, the possibility that China might occupy, in response, the Dongyin Island, Dongsha Islands or Taiping Island. And Hu Xijin, a prominent commentator and former editor of *Global Times* – the regime's English-language mouthpiece – warned in a tweet: "*Our fighter jets should deploy all obstructive tactics. If those are still ineffective, I think it is okay too to shoot down Pelosi's plane.*"

4. It is very difficult for both sides to back down in the current situation. Both governments face massive domestic problems as well as global challenges. Their economies have again entered recession. Biden and his Democratic Party (of which Pelosi is a key leader) face difficult mid-term elections in November which could result in a serious defeat, making Biden a "lame duck" for the rest of his term. Add to this the danger of a massive loss of face for the U.S. which is already seen as a declining power in large parts of the world.

5. Xi faces also huge challenges at home as unem-

ployment is rising, people are suffering from a draconic lockdown regime under the pretext of the pandemic and the crisis of the banking sectors as well as the real estate industry hits middle-class families. Most importantly for the regime, Xi is determined to secure a record third term in power and for this he needs to gather sufficient support at the incoming 20th National Congress of the ruling "Communist" Party. Looking weak in face of such a provocation like Pelosi's visit could seriously hurt his goals.

6. For all these reasons, a military confrontation between China and the U.S. within the next weeks is a realistic possibility. There can be no doubt that such a clash would have dramatic consequences for the world situation. It could provoke a series of massive economic sanctions with massive global consequences given the fact that both countries represent the largest resp. the second-largest economy. It would also likely result in a dramatic militarization of the whole region making more clashes or even a full-scale war in the near future likely. In addition, such a confrontation would also consolidate and deepen the already-close alliance of China and Russia – again, a development with huge global consequences (e.g. for Putin's war against the Ukraine). In short, it would open a new phase of inter-imperialist rivalry, a kind of *pre-World War III period*.

7. The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) considers both the U.S. as well as China as *imperialist Great Powers*. Consequently, we stand for the program of *revolutionary defeatism* in a military confrontation between these. Socialists must not support either side in any conflict. They need to fight against all 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*".

8. One can take it for granted that such military escalation will push large sectors of the reformist, Stalinist and Bolivarian left to adopt a social-imperialist policy. Most Stalinists and Latin-American Bolivarians would most likely side with Chinese imperialism. Bernie Sand-

China's Transformation into an Imperialist Power

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

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ers, AOC and like-minded social democrats in Europe will rally to the banner of pro-U.S. “liberal democracy”. The Japanese Stalinists will probably do the same since the JCP has been a long-time advocate of territorial claims of Japanese imperialism against all neighboring countries, including against “Chinese hegemonism”.

9. It is also likely that a war between the U.S. and China will throw various organizations that claim to be Trotskyist into crisis and confusion. Stalinophile forces, which absurdly claim that capitalist restoration in China has still not been completed (!) – like the Lambertists, the Argentinean PO, and like-minded groups like EEK (Greece) and DIP (Turkey), or various sects of the “Spartacist family” – will be pushed to openly side with Beijing if they want to remain consist with their previous policy.

10. We are particularly concerned about the position of parties like PTS/FT, Peter Taaffe’s CWI, LIT-CI and others. While they do not share the wrong definitions of those above-mentioned, they nevertheless deny the imperialist character of China, saying that this country would be a minor, non-imperialist power. Such a wrong analysis could push them to side with the military struggle of China which would be a political catastrophe for Trotskyists. We call on these organizations not to fall into such a trap and to take – together with the RCIT and other forces – a revolutionary defeatist stance against both Great Powers as part of a worldwide campaign directed towards the mass movement to stop the war.

11. The RCIT calls all consistent socialists to join us in the struggle against all imperialist powers on the basis of the program of revolutionary defeatism. Socialists need to break with any form of adaption to social-imperialism. It is urgent to build a new *Revolutionary World Party* which combats the reactionary influence of social-chauvinist supporters of one or another Great Power within the workers and popular mass organizations. Down with all imperialist war-mongers and their lackeys among the so-called “left”!

International Bureau of the RCIT

We refer readers to our latest statement on this issue is: The Coming Inter-Imperialist War on Taiwan. Revolutionary Defeatism against both Great Powers – the U.S. as well as China! 10 October 2021, <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/the-coming-inter-imperialist-war-on-taiwan/>. See also numerous other documents of the RCIT on the inter-imperialist rivalry between the Great Powers on two special sub-pages on our website: <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/china-russia-as-imperialist-powers/> and <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/global/collection-of-articles-on-the-global-trade-war/>.

Argentina: Rally in Solidarity with the Ukrainian People

Report (with Videos) by a RCIT Correspondent, 4 August 2022

On 2 August, several hundred people assembled in the center of Buenos Aires to show their protest against Putin’s invasion in the Ukraine.

The demonstration was organized by five organizations: PSTu (section of LIT-CI), *Izquierda Socialista* (Section of UIT-CI), MST (section of LIS), *Opinión Socialista* and *Convergencia Socialista* (the Argentinean Section of the RCIT). The rally called for a major international campaign of sup-

port and solidarity with the Ukrainian resistance. It also called for the defeat of the Russian invasion and against NATO intervention.

Among the speakers at the rally was Juan Giglio, a leader of *Convergencia Socialista*.

Below you see a video (in Spanish language with English sub-titles) from the rally with the speech from our comrade Juan Giglio.



Rally in Solidarity with the Ukraine (Buenos Aires, 2.8.2022)

“Socialism” a la Putin and Zyuganov

On a telling dialogue between the Stalinist party leader and the Russian President

By Michael Pröbsting, *International Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)*, 13 July 2022

Last week, the Russian President Vladimir Putin met with the leaders of the State Duma and the heads of party factions in the State Duma. Unsurprisingly, he used this opportunity to defend his policy and, in particular, the barbarous attack against the Ukraine. The meeting also heard shorter speeches from the invited political leaders to which Putin answered briefly.¹

As it is always the case with Putin’s meetings, the speeches serve to express support for the Bonaparte. In addition, in the current situation, each speaker tries to outdo the other in Great Russian patriotism. All this would not be particularly noteworthy ... except some statements of Gennady Zyuganov, the Stalinist leader of the misnamed “Communist” Party of the Russian Federation (KPRF), and an interesting reply by the Russian president.

A loyal servant

In his speech, Zyuganov demonstrated wordily his support for Great Russian imperialism and the defence of the chauvinist concept of the “*Ruskij Mir*”.² All this was combined with never-ending sermons of praise for the boss.

Here are a few excerpts of Zyuganov’s servile address to Putin: “[W]e have had to live with a military-political operation, which is crucial from every point of view. We fully support your decision to this effect, because what is at stake is the survival of the Russian world.”

“I made it a point to visit the economic forum in St Petersburg, where I followed closely your remarks and jotted down 26 statements. I felt, perhaps for the first time, that we are on the same page for every issue you identified.”

“But above all else, we need to provide maximum support for the special military operation.”

“The consolidation of society and support is the main issue today. We will support your address and your policy to strengthen national security and unity in a joint fight against Nazism, the supporters of Bandera and American globalism. This is a matter of principle and our historical survival.”

Furthermore, Zyuganov praised Putin’s shift in foreign policy to increase Russia’s cooperation with China – nowadays the most important imperialist power besides the U.S.³ “In fact, I have talked with you many times, and I am very glad that you have strengthened our eastern wing: your trip to Beijing and India, as well as constant consultations within BRICS and efforts to expand this organisation. This very powerful counterweight to the Anglo-Saxon idea of crushing us and then dealing away with China is gaining more and more support.”

We could go on with similar statements, but we think this small selection is sufficient to demonstrate that the KPRF leader is such a loyal social-patriot that he makes Ebert and Scheidemann – when they called for the defence of the German fatherland in 1914 – look like ultra-leftist adventurers! Clearly, the only thing which stopped Zyuganov kissing Putin’s feet was the gigantic table which the Russian President did put between himself and his visitors!

Putin and Macron – critiques of “capitalism”?

However, there is an even more interesting and telling dialogue. Zyuganov informs the public about his discovery that Putin and Macron – in the real world, the French President is a well-known advocate of neoliberalism – have become critiques of capitalism!

“I noticed even earlier, when you were addressing the Valdai Club, that you said: Yes, capitalism is at a dead-end. Macron used even tougher language, saying that it [capitalism] has gone mad. We see it run mad in the citadel of capitalism, England, and we must do our utmost to prevent the people, who have not only gone mad but have also decided to continue dictating their terms, from igniting a great war.”

“Capitalists are not only deadlocked. They are going mad. There is only one antidote because capitalism only creates Nazism, fascism and Bandera movements. Nothing but socialism can defeat it. That is why I expect that in your next speech you will set socialist goals. I think even United Russia will support it. Vyacheslav Volodin is smiling, I can see he likes the idea. He chairs major hearings on the main issues at the State Duma.”

We do not doubt that Vyacheslav Volodin – the State Duma Speaker from the ruling party and part of Putin’s inner circle since many years – did smile when he heard Zyuganov’s words about “socialism”. But we are pretty sure that Volodin’s smile did not express approval but rather ridicule about the performance of the imbecile!

Anyway, it is astonishing to hear a “communist” leader claiming that Putin and his “United Russia” party would support the concept of “socialism”. As a matter of fact, these forces are leading the Russian capitalist state and an economy which has been dominated by a small group of oligarchs since more than two decades. As a result, social inequality and concentration of capital has become dramatically high.

According to the latest issue of the *World Inequality Report* – published by a group of progressive economists around Thomas Piketty and Gabriel Zucman – the top 10% in Russia control 46.4% of its income and 74.1% of its wealth.⁴ This is a similar concentration of wealth like in Brazil and much higher than it exists in the old imperialist countries in North America and Western Europe!⁵ All this praise for Putin, his war and even his “socialism” just demonstrates how thoroughly reactionary this Stalinist party is!

“War socialism” and state capitalism

The total shallowness of Zyuganov’s “socialism” was demasked by Putin’s answer. “I have no doubts that members of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation are sticking precisely to this position. Regarding the socialist idea, there is nothing bad about it. We should flesh out this idea, especially in the economic sphere. Some countries have given it substance, and this is linked with market regulation forms, etc. This idea is working quite effectively. We need to look into this.”

Putin’s reply certainly had a diplomatic element – Volodin was less diplomatic – but it contained also an element of

truth. Since many years – in fact since more than a century – the category of “socialism” has been used by bourgeois and reformist ideologists to characterize an economic regime which, in fact, is *state-capitalist*. This began during World War I when the social-chauvinist Lensch-Cunow-Haenisch group in German Social Democracy spoke about “*War Socialism*” by which it characterized the war-related state regulations of the Kaiserreich. We refer readers for a more thorough analysis of to other works where we have dealt with this issue.⁶

It is therefore quite possible that Zyuganov and Putin share not only the patriotic praise for the expansion of the “*Ruskij Mir*” built on the bodies of the butchered Ukrainians. They also seem to jointly act as flagbearer of “socialism”, i.e. state-capitalist regulation in the service of the imperialist state and its monopolies.

This is no rhetorical phrase. In fact, in these days, the State Duma is about to adopt two laws which shall enable more state-capitalist regulation at the cost of the working class. These laws shall aid the Putin regime to achieve victory in its reactionary against the Ukraine.⁷

A federal law “*On Defence*” will allow the Russian government to “*introduce special measures in the realm of economics.*” Those “*measures*” are heavily pivoted toward securing maximum capabilities of the defence-industrial complex and satisfying all the needs of the Russian Armed Forces. In addition, the State Duma is amending Russia’s “*Labour Code*” regulate implementation of special measures pertaining to worktime in general (e.g., overtime or night-time work), as well as employment during holidays and vacations.⁸ In fact, this law represents a severe attack on the labour rights as our Russian comrades have pointed out.⁹

It is a particular shame that Zyuganov “*Communists*” while expressing reservations and amendments, failed to oppose these laws. In fact, a single deputy voted “*No*”!¹⁰ In summary, the latest events demonstrate once again that the Stalinist KPRF is a social-imperialist party and a loyal servant of the Putin regime!

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Sierra Leone: Bio Must Go!

Statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 15th August, 2022

Freetown is locked in tensions from pockets of protests following last Wednesday's clash between protesters and police and other state forces in what can be described as the deadliest civil unrest since the end of the civil war in 2002 Sierra Leone.[1] The Maada Bio government despite the loss of 21 civilians has cast aspersions on the protests calling it a "well-machinated act to remove a legitimate government", "failed coup", etc.

New York Times reports rather that "Female street vendors who last month staged peaceful gatherings against the soaring cost of living were joined on Wednesday by hundreds of political protesters, who clashed with the police and demanded the president's resignation over the government's perceived failure to confront rising fuel and food prices. At least four police officers were killed, according to a police statement, and an unknown number of protesters also died in clashes, according to Sierra Leone's information minister and multiple news reports.

After a day of calm on Thursday, protesters demonstrated again on Friday in Freetown, the capital city, with police firing live ammunition at the crowds, according to videos shared on social media. The extent of injuries was unclear. The protests in this West African nation of eight million people underscored how rising inflation, the impact of the war in Ukraine and the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic have had cascading effects on social stability across the world.

In Sri Lanka, months of protests fomented by economic hardship and fuel and food shortages forced President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to step down last month. Countries like Ghana, where the country's inflation rate reached its highest level in nearly two decades last month, and Ecuador, among many others, have also been roiled by protests.

In some of the world's poorest countries, like Sierra Leone, the effects of the latest food crisis have been piled onto older challenges — particularly the aftermath of Ebola outbreaks and the coronavirus pandemic, among others. But beyond economic hardship, a growing crackdown on freedom of expression and the right to protest has fueled discontent in Sierra Leone, aggravating this week's tensions, said Alhaji U. N'jai, a Sierra Leonean social and political analyst.

"Wednesday was the tipping point of something that had been brewing for months," said Mr. N'jai, a professor of environmental science at the University of Sierra Leone's Fourah Bay College. "That brought together groups that are completely different, but they were unified by economic difficulties." [2]

Therefore, the unrest in Sierra Leone is a recurring decimal in many countries arising from the costs of living crises which is a stubborn feature of the collapse in the world capitalist economy. Furthermore, the fact that Putin's invasion of the Ukraine is a major factor in this new stage of capitalist crises shows that these protests have roots in the national oppression of the semi-colonies by imperialists from both East and West. The effects of imperialist plunder in Sierra Leone has been far-reaching:

"Sierra Leone had enjoyed relative stability since it emerged from a civil war between 1991 and 2002 that, according to the United Nations, left at least 70,000 people dead and 2.6 million displaced. But it remains among the world's poorest countries despite its extensive mineral resources. Nearly 30 percent of Sierra Leone's population suffers from chronic hunger, according

to the World Food Program, and more than half its population lives below the poverty line.

Food inflation had already increased because of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, but it reached new highs this year. The cost of fertilizers has more than doubled over the past year, according to Sierra Leonean farmers consulted by the nongovernmental humanitarian agency Care. Last month, Sierra Leone's central bank removed three zeros from its bank notes, hoping to restore confidence in the currency and reduce the amount of paper money in circulation while keeping its value unchanged. Sierra Leone is one of 60 countries identified by the United Nations as struggling to afford food imports, according to a leaked email seen by Politico. Food accounts for about a third of merchandise imports in Sierra Leone." [3]

Little wonder Nana Akufo Addo, the Ghanaian president after he was done in by the mass protests in Ghana had to demand for reparations from his colonial masters.[4] But reparations can never be complete without dismantling the system of imperialism and neo-colonialism as one might be forced to ask what the reparations are for — the atrocities of the past or that of the present. This is not to say that the call for reparations is incorrect, for one thing such calls coming from Akufo Addo are merely, performative, albeit, calls for reparations form part of the body of anti-imperialist bourgeois democratic demands like the cancellation of debts.

All reparations from imperialist countries are welcome at any minute so long as anti-imperialists recognise that the main goal is to totally destroy the system of imperialism which is impossible without ending capitalism at home.

Given the contagious nature of the protests, Nigeria, other West African countries and semi-colonial countries are bound to be next. Revolutionaries, progressive and oppressed nationalists must support these uprisings as they are harbinger of the undoing of the imperialist world order. Authentic socialists must combine bourgeois democratic demands with the Socialist program.

Down With the Maada Bio Government in Sierra Leone! End Child Labour and the Imperialist Exploration of Africa's Mineral Resources!

Cancel All Foreign and Domestic Debts! For International Food and Medicine Aid for the Poor in Sierra Leone and throughout Africa!

For an Indefinite General Strike to Unseat Capitalism in Sierra Leone! For A Public Employment Program Planned by the Workers and Poor Peasants! Expropriate The Multinationals and Local Bourgeoisie Without Compensation! Nationalise Mineral Industry Under Workers Control!

Out with all imperialist troops in West Africa! Down With AMISOM! Defeat the Wagner Group in Mali! Freedom and Self Determination for all Oppressed African Nationalities!

For A Workers' and Poor Peasant Government in Sierra Leone! For A Confederation of West African Socialist Republics!

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Nigeria: Down with Buhari!

For Popular Armament of Oppressed Ethnic Nationalities!

Emergency statement of the Revolutionary Socialist Vanguard (RSV), Nigerian Section of the RCIT, 28th July, 2022

Amidst protests in Imo State to #EndEbubeAgu terrorists have threatened to launch massive attacks in Lagos, Abuja and other major cities. This comes after the ambush of the Presidential Guard Corps intervening to forestall a terror attack on a Law school leaving 2 soldiers dead and 14 others including a captain abducted. The combined effect of the threat and the ambush within a time span of 48hrs from each other has led to the shut-down of schools throughout the length and breadth of the federal capital territory. There are now heightened fears that a terrorist takeover may be imminent especially since a contingent of senators have moved the motion for the impeachment of president Muhammad Buhari but was blocked by the senate president Ahmed Lawan. Helpless and confused the Federal government vacillates over imposing a nationwide ban on motorbikes.

An Imminent Coup by Salafist Groups?

It has been revealed that over 44 reports were presented to the president warning him that an attack on Kuje prisons by terrorist cells was in the offing, but no measures were taken to avert it. This bears striking resemblance with the terrorist attack on Capitol Hill on January 6th 2021 wherein president Trump was totally complicit.

Following the release of about 64 members of the Wahhabi-Salafist groups including some leading members from Kuje Prisons, hostages from the Abuja-Kaduna train attack of March 28 were freed by their abductors, the ISWAP terrorists. ISWAP has released a video of them torturing the remaining hostages and threatening to kill president Buhari and the Kaduna state governor, Nasir El Rufai.

The National Assembly can sense the danger of an overrun of whatever state forces will try to repel the takeover

of the Salafist militias. They therefore stage performative actions suggestive of them impeaching the president and storming out of their chamber of lies after. Moreso, these politicians are literally ditching the government. The Senate is planning for a 7-week break. The president himself is off to Liberia in an ironic twist to speak at a summit on insecurity. The vice president is tucked away down south in Lagos where he is convalescing after a surgery. All these are pretext to abandon the capital for the purpose of a more seamless or bloodless transfer of power to broad forces of the Wahhabi-Salafist reaction including ISWAP, Boko Haram and the Fulani militia known as Bandits.

Peter Obi: The West's Desperate Attempt to Save Nigeria

For months now, we have explained how Nigeria is a project of British imperialism founded on Northern supremacy and managed by the Fulani hegemon. Now with the onset of the worst capitalist crises which includes the climate catastrophe tensions have become heightened and the neo-colonial contraption becomes more impracticable. The settler colonialist Fulani headed northern hegemon must expand to survive. In the same way, conditions have taught the Middle Belt and Southern ethnic nationalities that their lands have always been mapped out for conquest in service of Western imperialism.

Before now it was possible for Northern politicians to promise their extremist base an advancement of their Salafist conquest of Nigeria hence the fulcrum upon which ruling class factions vie for political power and through which the Buhari administration emerged victorious in 2015. But with the heightened rivalry between Northern and Southern factions of the ruling class which played out in the two jumbo parties having powerful southern con-



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tenders, the likes of Tinubu and Wike. The official arm of the northern hegemon is at its weakest and so it has lost control and support of its base who will rather take power themselves than use the usual functionaries.

At the same time, to maintain their power, wealth and position the northern elite cannot be seen to oppose their erstwhile auxiliaries so they beat a tactical retreat with covert support for their base. At this juncture is where Peter Obi comes in as the ultimate attempt to rescue the Nigerian conclave. To be sure, many political analysts and experts have expressed astonishment that Nigeria still exists. In fact, there are speculations that the British only intended for the amalgamation to last for one hundred years, that is till 2014. So Western attempts to keep Nigeria together have serious limitations and has such may not prevent the Salafist coup.

Obi's departure from PDP immediately after a visit to 10 Downing Street; the UN's resolution mandating the release and compensation of Nnamdi Kanu and the leeway for the NLC to hold a two-day warning strike in solidarity with striking university staff; show desperate attempts by Western imperialism to hold the Nigerian forte together. Furthermore, they demonstrate the loss of ability of the northern elite to call the shots for the time being.

It is true that even upon disintegration the UK and Western imperialism in generally can carry on imperialist exploitation, but it becomes more difficult and creates greater avenue for imperialist rivals from the East like China and Russia to plunge their talons into West Africa.

With the virtual desertion of Abuja, a coup by broad Salafist forces may be around the corner. Any other course of events will be predicted with much difficulty. What is sure, however, is that the asymmetric war of ethnic cleansing by these groups will accentuate in the coming periods. Even a Peter Obi victory will only make things worse as his trump card would be imperialist intervention in the conflict which could lead to a stalemate.

While we support the *Buhari Must Go* campaign gradually gaining momentum on social media we oppose all po-

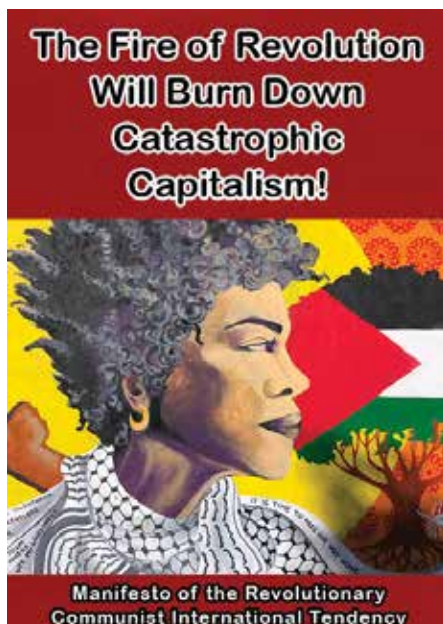
litical support for the opposition politicians in the PDP. They must not be trusted or allowed to hold brief when the movement enters the streets.

We call for *Popular Armament* for the people of Middle Belt and South as well as Christians, Shi'ites, and other sections of the oppressed facing the ethnic cleansing and genocide. The Ondo state governor has vowed that should attacks like the Owo Massacre persist his government will arm civilians. This is an indirect way of telling the people to defend themselves. We call for the formation of armed self-defence militias in schools, villages, churches, communities, workplaces and major roads to repel these attacks. These self-defence militias shall organise self-defence classes and weapons training for the people. Searches combing surrounding forests must begin to flush out the terrorist cells in the woods.

In case of a successful Salafist coup the southern governments will most likely rely on the intervention of imperialist armies, albeit, they will be forced to exert some form of autonomy in order to resist the putschists. Revolutionaries must maintain an independent profile as they participate in any form this resistance may take and work for the total dissolution of Nigeria and the defeat of the Salafist forces.

No illusion should be had, Nigeria will not dissolve itself. Revolutionaries must work within the movements for national self-determination in the South to cast off the yoke of the southern ruling class and for democratic decision making in such movements. For us, the organs that can lead to the victorious emergence of the masses over the Salafist forces and freedom for oppressed ethnic nationalities are workers and community councils formed through democratic elections of its members which must be subject to recall.

No trust in the intervention of UN, EU, NATO and other imperialist organisations or their lackeys in ECOWAS. No trust in Russian nor Chinese imperialism too! Only through the collective might of the oppressed masses shall we be victorious! We shall overcome!



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Climate Catastrophe Fires in Europe

For a Revolutionary Answer to the Climate Crisis!

By Laurence Humphries, RCIT Britain, 20th August 2022

The planet is warming at a terrific rate, and it is shown with the consequences of the recent heatwaves in Europe which has dried the ground causing forest fires in Bordeaux and in Valencia. Fire fighters have had to battle to keep these fires under control. As well as these forest fires, flooding is taking place in many parts of Europe. The ice cap is melting, and nature is finding it difficult to replace the natural habitat to what it should be. This has immense consequences for the species besides humans who inhabit the planet. Many roads and runways have turned into warped sticky hot tar.

"About 600 firefighters, supported by six water-bomber aircraft, were on Wednesday battling to bring under control two wildfires in southwestern France, which have already burnt more than 1,700 hectares and prompted the evacuation of thousands of tourists. "Important human and material resources are being deployed to master the fires (...) local and national reinforcements are expected," said the local authority for the Gironde department, where the blazes are raging. The biggest of the two Gironde fires is around the town of Landiras, south of Bordeaux, where roads have been closed and 500 residents evacuated, with the blaze having already burnt more than 1,000 hectares." [1]

"Many European countries, including Spain, Germany, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, are enduring droughts this summer that have hurt farmers and shippers and prompted authorities to restrict water use. Andrea Toreti, a senior researcher at the European Drought Observatory, said a drought in 2018 was so extreme that there were no similar events in the last 500 years, "but this year, I think, it is really worse". For the next three months, "we see still a very high risk of dry conditions over Western and Central Europe, as well as the UK", Toreti said. Current conditions result from long periods of dry weather caused by changes in world weather systems, said meteorologist Peter Hoffmann of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research near Berlin." [2].

There is no doubt that Europe and the world are experiencing severe climate change. Coupled with the continuing slump and inter imperialist rivalry it is driving capitalist nation states into extreme crisis. This is directly linked to the huge energy crisis which could pauperise thousands of workers and the oppressed. A social explosion is expected from the masses which will drive the crisis of capitalism further into an interminable crisis. Energy bills are being driven sky high with many people unable to pay for their energy. This will create anger amongst sections of workers and the urban poor.

Drought in Britain

The drought in Britain and parts of Europe has shown that water companies are facing reservoirs that are dry and with a lack of water. Hosepipe bans by many water companies and a restriction on the use of water will be in force. Many residents are facing outages water leaks which means Households are without water.

"The high temperatures follow the driest July in England since 1935, with parts of central southern England and the south-east

experiencing the driest July since records began. February is the only month this year in England when there has been above average rainfall. The Environment Agency has declared drought conditions in eight regions across the south and east, with the West Midlands and Yorkshire expected to be included in the coming weeks. In central, southern and eastern England, river flows are forecast to remain exceptionally low until at least October, with a number of long-range seasonal weather models indicating drier than normal conditions prevailing across much of the south and east through the autumn." [3]

Campaign against fossil fuels

Many climate change protesters have seen that it is the greed and avarice of large capitalist oil companies who are using excessive amounts of fossil fuel damaging the ozone layer and creating massive profits of more than £650 billion. Shell and BP are the worst culprits forcing energy companies to raise energy costs pauperising thousands of poor workers and their families. The leading protesters against the avarice of these oil companies have been the anarchist-based *Extinction Rebellion*, *Insulate Now* campaign and the *Just Stop Oil* campaign. *Extinction Rebellion* has used direct action to stop the use of fossil fuels and seek alternative forms of energy. They have used nonviolent direct action on motorways confronted Shell and other companies. Climbing their buildings, attempting invasions, and also broadening their campaign with *Black Lives Matter* to oppose through demonstrations pickets and sit-down demonstrations in opposition to the new Police Bill by the Tory government which is a fundamental attack on democratic rights and the right to protest and demonstrate.

Just Stop Oil, a new group with experienced organisers from *Extinction rebellion* has recently started protesting in Art Galleries by gluing themselves to some Old Master Paintings.

"Supporters of Just Stop Oil have once again glued themselves to a significant artwork in a major UK gallery, a day after invading the track at Silverstone and disrupting the British Grand Prix. Just before 2.30pm, two young supporters of the campaign stepped over a rope barrier keeping the public at the National Gallery in London a safe distance from The Hay Wain, by John Constable. They covered the 1821 oil painting with a dystopian reimagining of its bucolic scene, before supergluing themselves to its ornate gilt frame, prompting staff to evacuate the room of the assembled art lovers, tourists and schoolchildren." [4]

The *Just Oil Group* has produced a Manifesto extolling how we must seek alternative energy consumption. They make clear their opposition to the extraction of new oil and gas and have said they will continue in any way possible to protest and demonstrate their opposition to further exploration of fossil fuels.

"Allowing the extraction of new oil and gas resources in the UK is an obscene and genocidal policy that will kill our children and condemn humanity to oblivion. It just has to stop. If we continue down our current path it will destroy families and communities. We will face the starvation and the slaughter of billions of the poor – and the utter betrayal of our children and their future."

Does our government get this? They are actively enabling the fossil fuel industry through obscene subsidies and tax breaks for new fossil fuel extraction. They are wasting billions supporting unicorn technologies such as carbon capture and storage projects which provide a fig leaf for business as usual to continue. There has been no rapid and sweeping social change, no widespread adoption of low carbon technology, no war-style mobilisation. In eight years we need to end our reliance on fossil fuels completely". [5]

No response from Starmer's Labour Party

The pro-capitalist Labour Party under Keir Starmer has registered complete opposition to the campaign against fossil fuels. He has made it clear that he opposes the actions of Extinction Rebellion and the Just Oil Group. Individual figures like Jeremy Corbyn, the former leader of the Labour Party, support the campaign but the dominating influence has been the pro-capitalist leadership of the Labour Party. Starmer has recently suggested a tax on oil companies similar to a Windfall Tax but that is all he has said.

The RCIT in Britain puts forward the following transitional demands for unifying the campaign against fossil fuels as a first step in fighting for a socialist Europe and a workers revolutionary government in every country.

"The RCIT in its manifesto puts forward a programme of action against climate change. We show that without the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism it is impossible to secure the future of humanity.

Step by step, the big monopolies – mostly based in the imperialist states – destroy the climate and, with it, the natural living conditions for increasingly larger sectors of humanity. If we do not stop them, they will make the planet as a whole inhabitable. According to the latest data, 2020 ended of the warmest decade on record. It is likely the oceans are now at their hottest for 1,000 years and heating faster than any time in the last 2,000 years. Only a radical reversal of the energy and environmental policy can save our planet and our future. The RCIT warns against any illu-

sions in capitalist governments and their "climate summits". The only way to combat climate change is the formation of a global mass movement fighting for an international emergency plan. The struggle for necessary environmental reforms must be combined with the aim of overthrowing capitalism, because only then can such an emergency plan be implemented fully and permanently". [6]

** Support the campaign against fossil fuels. Oppose all construction of new oil and gas fired power stations. Put an end to nuclear power.*

** For a united front with all forces fighting climate change including Extinction Rebellion and the Insulate Now groups and Just Oil Groups.*

** Convert the energy and transport system - global phasing out of fossil fuels and nuclear energy production!*

** Massive research into the use of alternative forms of energy such as wind, tidal and solar power! For a program for global reforestation!*

** Nationalization under workers' control of all energy companies and all companies that are responsible for basic supplies such as water and agricultural products as well as the airlines, shipping and rail facilities!*

** For a workers revolutionary government in Britain as part of a Socialist Europe.*

** Join the RCIT as part of a Revolutionary International 5th International!*

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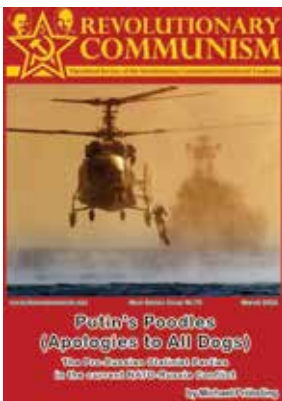
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Putin's Poodles (Apologies to All Dogs)

*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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Britain: Rail Unions Announce Further Strike Action

By Laurence Humphries, 22 July 2022

The RMT, ASLEF and the TSSA announced further dates for strikes on the British Rail Network. The RMT is going to strike for 24 hours on the 18th and 20th August. ASLEF will strike on the 23rd July and the 30th July.

“RMT will take a further 2 days strike action this summer in a row over job security, pay and working conditions. The strikes on August 18 and 20 will bring out over 40,000 workers across Network Rail and 14 train operating companies. RMT is also taking 24 hours strike action on 27 July. RMT general secretary Mick Lynch said: “The rail industry and the government need to understand that this dispute will not simply vanish. “They need to get serious about providing an offer on pay which helps deal with the cost-of-living crisis, job security for our members and provides good conditions at work”.[1]

“ASLEF members at eight train companies have voted overwhelmingly for strike action in a dispute over pay. ‘Strikes are always the last resort,’ said Mick Whelan, general secretary of ASLEF, the train drivers’ union. ‘We don’t want to inconvenience passengers – our friends and families use public transport, too – and we don’t want to lose money by going on strike but we’ve been forced into this position by the companies driven by the government. ‘Many of our members – who were, you will remember, the men and women who moved key workers and goods around the country during the pandemic – have not had a pay rise since 2019. ‘With inflation running at north of 10% that means those drivers have had a real terms pay cut over the last three years. We want an increase in line with the cost of living – we want to be able to buy, in 2022, what we could buy in 2021” [2].

Other trade unions in the public sector have also been offered wage increases well below the rate of inflation. Firefighters in the FBU have been offered 2% when inflation is raging at 11-13%. Most of these Rail companies have made enormous profits and continue to refuse to offer decent salaries coupled with cost-of-living increases. Many other unions in the public sector like teachers, health workers, nurses and doctors are likely to strike and reject the 5% pay increase which is well below the inflation rate.

Unite at Heathrow as well as its members in the post office are also likely to strike during the summer. The new Prime Minister whoever they are will face a summer of social and political unrest.

“The result of this is that the Executive Council has voted unanimously to reject the 2% pay offer. The employers will now be informed of this. Furthermore, the Executive Council has agreed that plans should be urgently prepared to develop our campaign for decent pay, including the need to prepare for strike action. All FBU members are asked to fully participate in such discussions; all voices need to be heard. Firefighters have never taken industrial action lightly but nor can we allow this pay insult to pass without challenge. The employers’ proposal would mean a further cut to our real wages and further hardship for our members and their families. That is unacceptable in the face of the cost of living crisis”. [3]

Crisis of capitalism

The fall of the Boris Johnson government, as has been argued before, is the result of the worldwide crisis of capitalism. In many parts of the world the masses are on the streets fighting for their rights. In Sri Lanka, the workers and popular masses have driven out a reactionary government, opening up a revolutionary situation. In Ecuador, people launched a general strike which transformed into an uprisings. This is the result of the capitalist system in its death throes.

Grant Schapps, the Transport Secretary, has alleged workers are making excessive wage demands which are the cause of inflation. Many bosses in energy companies are being paid big bonuses but Schapps doesn’t mention that and for good reason. His assertion about excessive wage demands being the result of runaway inflation is false.

Karl Marx in his pamphlet *“Prices, Wages and Profit”* showed that what the capitalists refer to as profit is nothing more than surplus value. Surplus value is the difference between the value of what living labour produces,

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the worker in production and value paid by the capitalist in the form of wages. But only a proportion is paid, the rest is retained by the capitalist and that is referred in bourgeois circles as profit but it is the worker who produces the value and under socialism the capitalist would be redundant and not be needed.

“Value created by the unpaid labour of wage workers, over and above the value of their labour power, and appropriated without compensation by the capitalist. Surplus value is a specific expression of the capitalist form of exploitation, in which the surplus product takes the form of surplus value. The production and appropriation of surplus value constitute the essence of the fundamental economic law of capitalism. K. Marx pointed out that “production of surplus value is the absolute law” of the capitalist mode of production. This law reflects not only the economic relations between capitalists and wage workers but also the economic relations between various groups of the bourgeoisie — industrialists, merchants, and bankers — and between them and the landowners. The pursuit of surplus value plays the chief role in the development of the productive forces under capitalism and determines and channels the development of production relations in capitalist society. The doctrine of surplus value, which Lenin called “the cornerstone of Marx’ economic theory”. [4].

This shows that in the period of the crisis the capitalist has to continue to peddle the lie about wages causing inflation. This is done because the system has outlived its usefulness, cannot provide any sort of existence for workers and the masses. The alternative is to sweep the system away and struggle to establish Socialism

The Response of the TUC and Keir Starmer

The TUC, which is the umbrella organisation of all Trade Unions in Britain, has not uttered anything about the dispute. It remains a gutless bureaucratic machine and carrying out the wishes of the Government. As Lenin said they are ‘Labour Lieutenants of Capital’. Keir Starmer, the pro-capitalist leader of the Labour Party, has uttered nothing on the Rail Dispute except to denounce left-wing Labour MP’s who attempt to join a picket line. He has in fact

threatened expulsion from the Labour Party to any Labour MP who does this. This is similar position he has taken on the Ukraine War threatening any Labour MP who does not support NATO, the pro-imperialist alliance. Starmer has crossed the Rubicon and now the Labour Party under his leadership is undermining massively the historic links that bound them to the trade unions, thereby working towards losing its status as a ‘bourgeois workers party’.

For a program of struggle!

The RCIT in Britain puts forward the following transitional demands in the current situation.

* For a sliding scale of wage increases for workers, the poor and oppressed in line with the rate of inflation.

* Cancel all energy increases. Immediate increases for the unemployed. Increase all benefits in line with inflation.

* Nationalise all capitalist corporations under workers control with no compensation. For a public works program under control of the labour movement.

* For continuous strike action in all sectors including the railways, firefighters, education and the NHS. Unite the struggles toward a general strike! Down with the Anti-Union Laws.

* Rank and file committees must be formed in the trade unions to organise the fightback. They must aim at involving not just members in trade unions but all the oppressed and poor. Pressure must be put on the TUC to organise the struggles.

* The Johnson government has fallen, and this must give a great impetus to the masses and the oppressed to bring down the corrupt Tory government by a general strike.

* For a Workers Government based on councils of action and armed self-defence guards.

* Create armed self-defence guards to protect communities from police and fascist provocation.

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The Inter-Imperialist Cold War between the US and China

By Michael Pröbsting, March 2021

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Introduction * A symbolic public row * Two thieves as upholders of moral standards * Escalating the conflict between China and Japan * The Quad Summit * Inter-Imperialist tensions in the Taiwan Strait * Unavoidable continuation and acceleration of inter-imperialist rivalry * Continuing doing business * Towards escalation on the Korean Peninsula? * “Fuck the EU” and Russia, again? * Confirmation of the Marxist analysis * Footnotes

On the Midterm Elections in the USA and Zionism

Yossi Schwartz, ISL the RCIT section of the RCIT in Israel/Occupied Palestine, 23.07.2022

In 2019 Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar of the Democratic Party came under attack even by the established leadership of the Democratic party for saying that the Zionist Jews are buying political support. She tweeted about "it is all about the Benjamins baby" a reference to a song about \$100 bills. She referred to AIPAC a pro-Israeli lobbying group. In response the Jewish Committee Relations Council of Minnesota said:

"To resort to age-old stereotypes about Jews using money to buy influence is terrible, particularly in the year 2019 we should all know better," said Steve Hunegs, the executive director of the JCRC. AIPAC issued a statement saying, "We will not be deterred in any way by ill-informed and illegitimate attacks on this important work." [1]

"Jennifer Carnahan, the chair of the Republican Party of Minnesota, said that Omar's tweets showed that she has "deep-seated anti-Semitic views." Speaker Nancy Pelosi of the Democratic Party and other House Leaders denounced Omar's statements saying, "We condemn these remarks and call upon Congresswoman Omar to immediately apologize" [2]

But what if Omar is right and the Zionist lobby in the USA pours money in support of pro Zionist candidates in order to silence the critical voices who oppose the USA full support of the crimes Israel is committing? What if the establishment of the Democratic Party is Zionist?

Today we are informed that due to heavy pro-Israel spending, former congresswoman Donna Edwards critical of Israel, lost in Maryland primary. *"Former prosecutor Glenn Ivey – backed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), which spent millions of dollars to help his campaign – won against ex-congresswoman Donna Edwards in Maryland on Tuesday."* [3]

"Former prosecutor Glenn Ivey – backed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), which spent millions of dollars to help his campaign – won against ex-congresswoman Donna Edwards in Maryland on Tuesday. The race mirrored other Democratic primaries in this election cycle, where the AIPAC-aligned super PAC, the United Democracy Project (UDP), has been sponsoring ads attacking Israel's critics on issues unrelated to the Middle East to prop up its favored candidates." [4]

"UDP spent almost \$6m to help defeat Edwards, according to Open Secrets, a website that tracks election spending. The Democratic Majority for Israel (DMFI), another pro-Israel group, also spent \$426,000 in support of Ivey" [5]

Edwards enjoyed some outside backing but nowhere near the level of resources UDP and its allies put into the race. Street – a liberal Jewish group that opposes the occupation, spent \$413,000 to back her.

When the USA's president Biden visited Israel he said that he is a Zionist and that you do not have to be a Jew to be a Zionist. [6]

Omar is wrong it is not about the "Benjamins" but about millions of dollars for each pro Zionist's candidates. Furthermore, money is not the main reason for American imperialists backing of the Zionist apartheid state. It is about Israel being the front line of imperialism in the region. This was also the case of the South African apartheid that the USA supported for years as part of the cold war with Stalinist Russia.

Because the Israelis are aware of the fact that no matter what they do the U.S will stand behind them they treat the Muslims as the Untermensch (subhuman). This was revealed lately when Israeli reporter sneaked into Mecca. *"Israel's Channel 13 aired a report on Monday featuring its world news editor Gil Tamari driving around the holy city and pointing out significant sights and landmarks. Tamari drove past the arched Mecca Gate, which marks the entrance to the city and the point at which non-Muslims are prohibited from entering, and the Grand Mosque, the most important site in Islam"* [7]

"Tamary's video from Mecca was quickly picked up and spread on social media by anti-government Saudi dissidents condemning it, and stirred anger among other Saudis" [8]

This was revealed when thousands of right-wing settlers established six new illegal outposts (on private land owned by the Palestinians) in the West Bank as soon as Biden left the Middle East. The Zionist army and the police pretended to stop them by road blockades but let them pass.

At the same time Israeli security forces arrested 12 Palestinian suspects of resisting the occupation throughout the West Bank overnight Thursday, with violent confrontations reported in some areas. As part of the arrest operation, the Zionist troops entered the towns of Huwara, Salem, Bir Zayt, Al-Yamun and Einabus among others to arrest individuals suspected of involvement in opposition activity. [9]

*Down with the Zionist apartheid from the river to the sea!
For a Palestine red and free from the river to the sea!*

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