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### Fight the Crisis of Capitalism!

#### Capitalist Crisis Deepens but Left-Reformism fails to Provide a Solution

By Dave Tate

For many workers, immigrants, Muslims and vulnerable women 2017 will be another harsh year with continuing attacks on wages, job losses, civil liberties, Islamophobia and further reductions in social provision. Early signs of these attacks have already been seen in the 140 redundancies at AEI cables in Birtley, just outside of Gateshead in the North East of England, job losses were also announced at Axon Energy Products Group in Gateshead which is part of the oil component industry. Not only in the North East but there have also been reports from Kirklees where the Labour run council is threatening to take legal action against social workers who are involved in a dispute with the council over workloads, pay and management bullying.

As if these cases are not bad enough there is also a threat from Labour run Sunderland City council to cut funding to Wearside Women in Need of some £586,000 from June 2017. If these cuts take place, then it would make Sunderland the first major city not to provide any refuges to women fleeing domestic violence. At risk are four refuges accommodating 173 women and 107 children as well as projects which give support to homeless people, those women forced into arranged marriages and people with mental health

problems. The success of these schemes can be clearly seen in the drastic reduction of deaths related through domestic violence.

When Corbyn was elected Labour leader there was a huge up swell of support from young people, those who had been suffering years of austerity attacks that at least there was a political alternative that would somehow make workers lives better. Part of this alternative was the establishment of Momentum which was supposed to act as a bridge between those who wished to be active in supporting the Corbyn project but did not wish to be part of the Labour Party. Unfortunately, as the unremitting attacks against Corbyn continued, the mood from the leadership began to sour and that instead of being a plus Momentum was a handicap.

To tackle this perceived problem the leadership around Lansman, aided and abetted by journalists such as Owen Jones, decided to launch an electronic coup d'état and abolished at the click of a mouse all the democratic structures. Now all members of Momentum must be Labour Party members if not then they will be expelled. While there has been some opposition to these Stalinist purges as to



date, these have been ineffective and it looks like Lansman will succeed in making Momentum a Corbyn election tool.

Of course, simply blaming Corbyn and Macdonald for allowing this to happen do not get at the core reasons why they allow this to happen. The simple fact is that Corbyn is at heart a left reformist who sees fundamental change coming through parliament and that he will inevitably retreat if he sees the polls falling. Trotsky in the 1930's argued that revolutionaries cannot rely on left reformists to bring about fundamental change in times of economic crisis that the left reformists will inevitable become confused and paralysed. What is needed is patient arguing with all those who support Corbyn that a revolutionary struggle is needed which places working class self-activity informed by a Marxist perspective at the centre of all liberation struggles.

These cases are just the tip of an iceberg of human suffering brought on by the ongoing capitalist crisis and the related brutal strategy of austerity. In response to these attacks the Labour Party leadership under Corbyn instructs its councillors to remain within capitalist legality and not to set any illegal budgets. While Corbyn seems to be more concerned with keeping his right wing happy the trade union leaders are no better with job losses being greeted by sighs of regret but no organised resistance.

The RCIT Britain repeats that the crucial task in the coming period remains the construction of a revolutionary party as part of a new Workers International.  
Support us in contributing to this task!



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## Stop Prosecution for Solidarity with Palestine and for Opposition against the Military Dictatorship in Egypt!

### *Statement of Solidarity*

Protest against the Parliamentary Inquiry launched by the Right-Wing Opposition Party in Austria against the RCIT Section and the Egypt Migrant Community!

Stop Prosecution for Solidarity with Palestine and for Opposition against the Military Dictatorship in Egypt!

We, the undersigned, are aware that a group of deputies of the Freiheitliche Partei – an extreme right-wing racist party led by HC Strache – has initiated a parliamentary inquiry against the Austrian section of the RCIT as well as against the leading

organization of the Egypt migrants in that country. Referring to slogans in solidarity for Palestine as well for the resistance of the Egypt people against the military dictatorship which were chanted by their contingent at an anti-racist demonstration in Vienna at 26 November 2016, the parliamentary deputies call the Federal

Ministry of the Interior to officially investigate these two organizations with the view to take legal steps against them. Irrespective of our concrete perspectives about the future of the Palestinian as well as the Egyptian people's struggle for liberation, we protest against this parliamentary inquiry and we also oppose any state investigation and prosecution against these organizations.

Please send this short letter by email to the Austrian Parliament ([medienservice@parlament.gv.at](mailto:medienservice@parlament.gv.at)) as well as to the Austrian ministry of interior ([pressestelle@bmi.gv.at](mailto:pressestelle@bmi.gv.at)). Please forward this email also to us: [rcit@thecomunists.net](mailto:rcit@thecomunists.net)

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# Austria: Right-Wing Party Inquiry against the RCIT Section

**Biggest Opposition Party smears the Trotskyists for alleged “Left-Wing Extremism”, “Antisemitism” and “Radical Islamism” and asks the Federal Ministry of the Interior to officially investigate them.**

*Report from the RKO BEFREIUNG (Austrian Section of the RCIT)*

A group of parliamentary deputies of the Freiheitliche Party (FPÖ) around MP David Lasar has put forward an official inquiry in the Austrian parliament. In this inquiry, the deputies of the FPÖ – an extreme right-wing party which got 20.5% at the last national election and is currently leading the polls – accuse the Austrian section of the RCIT as well as the leading organization of the Egypt migrants of “Left-Wing Extremism”, “Antisemitism” and “Radical Islamism”. As a consequence, they ask the Federal Ministry of the Interior to officially investigate the two organizations.

The right-wing FPÖ justify its inquiry by referring to the anti-racist demonstration on 26 November 2016 and the role which the contingent of the Austrian section – together with our allied migrant organizations – played there. As we reported at that time, Muslim migrants which participated in our contingent – which was the largest at the demonstration and had many migrants from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Iran and other countries in its ranks – were physically attacked by hard-core pro-Zionist people from the Black Bloc (so-called “Anti-Germans”).

As concrete evidence for their smear these right-wing deputies refer to our pro-Palestinian slogans at the demonstration (like “Freedom for Palestine” or “Israel and US are mocking human rights”), to Arabic slogans directed against the Egypt military dictatorship (concretely Lasar is referring to the slogans “Down with the military dictatorship” and “The people want to overthrow the regime”) as well as the use of the R4BIA symbol (in memory of the thousands who were killed demonstrating in Rabia square on the 14th August 2013).

The right-wing extremists of the FPÖ led by HC Strache are well known for their militant Islamophobic and anti-refugee hate campaign. They also call for an increase of monitoring and repression against revolutionary organizations as well

as Muslim migrant forces. They have close relations to the Russian Putin regime and are also fanatical supporters of Israel.

David Lasar, the initiator of the parliamentary inquiry, is a prominent member of the party. He is the official contact person to the Israeli state and has built many links to extreme right-wing parties who are dominating the Israeli government. He is also a prominent member of the Zionist federation in Austria and tries to help his party in overcoming its historic image as an anti-Semitic party. It is symbolic for the reactionary character of the party as well as Lasar himself that in summer 2011 Lasar personally went to Libya during the popular uprising to meet – in a show of solidarity with the reactionary dictatorship – Gaddafi’s son.

With the victory of Trump it is clear that extreme reactionary forces like the FPÖ in Austria feel encouraged to push for an increase in state repression against revolutionary organizations as well as Muslim migrant forces. This parliamentary inquiry is only the latest and most significant attack which the Austrian section of the RCIT has experienced during the past few years. We are not surprised by these attacks as we are raising our voice and are participating in many practical solidarity activities with various migrant organizations. It is a result of our unambiguous revolutionary opposition against imperialist wars and occupation as well as against racism and Islamophobia. These latest events will only strengthen our determination.

We call on all progressive forces to show their solidarity with us by protesting against the right wing parliamentary inquiry and to reject any legal measures by the Austrian state against the Austrian section of the RCIT as well as against the Egyptian migrant organization.



# France: Nique la Police, avenge Theo!

**Throw the racist police out of the Banlieues, build self-defense committees and organize mass protests of the workers and oppressed!**

By Johannes Moraga

## The Terror of the French Police

A few weeks ago, French police officers, who have a long history of killing and harassment, in particular migrant working class youth of the suburbs of Paris and other cities, raped 22-year-old Theo, a black brother with no criminal record. While Theo was in police custody, officers beat, tear-gassed and anally raped him with a police-baton. The terrorist pigs who so violently abused Theo also shouted racist insults at him during his ordeal. After the story went viral, the lying police even went so far as to call the crime an "accident." Theo suffered from serious injuries and had to be rushed to hospital. This horrible, brutal incident is not an isolated one, as the capitalist press and the social-democrats would want us to believe. Rather it is a manifestation of systemic police oppression against the poor masses in great cities.

This particular incident is yet another in the long brutal war that imperialist France is conducting against the French working class, as well as against migrant youth and the oppressed peoples of Africa and the Arab world; but no less so, the ongoing systematic oppression of Muslims in France by the police and the vile racist bourgeois state. In the France of today, a black brother is six times more likely to be stopped by the police than a white one is; and an Arab brother is eight times more likely.

Systemic Islamophobia, the oppression of the migrant youth, the brutal violence against workers' strikes and the military aggression overseas (in Mali, Central Africa, Syria, Iraq, etc.) are merely different weapons in the arsenal of the French ruling class, all of which are directed against the oppressed. They are waging war against us; and we, the working class, the poor, the migrants, the black and Muslim people as well as the peoples of Africa and the Middle East, need to unite and fight a joint battle to defend ourselves and our future.

It is encouraging to see the massive spread of the protests in solidarity with Theo – starting from demonstrations

in suburbs to regular marches in cities all over France, including Paris. Most recently the protests reached a new level with many schools being barricaded. The RCIT wholeheartedly welcomes this uprising!

## How to organize resistance?

Naturally the suffering of Theo and the constant provocative and racist behavior of the police which is behaving no differently than a force of occupation in the Banlieus (suburbs) sparked protests and small, locally isolated uprisings. It is very clear that the French state sees the police as an occupation force against the working class and migrant districts themselves – that's why they call them field brigades and use mostly white officers who are from far away cities and regions. The first instinct of the poor and migrant youth was to throw the police out of their districts. This is what happened in 2005 in Paris after the murder of Zyed Benna and Bouna Traoré; in London 2011

after the murder of Mark Duggan; in 2014 in Ferguson after the murder of Michael Brown; and in 2015 in Baltimore after the murder of Freddie Gray.

This reflex in response to long-term oppression, which explodes after a single, particularly outrageous police-crime, is natural and deeply justified. But if we want to succeed in stopping the racist police and



Solidarity with the rebelling migrant youth of France!

their terrorization of the masses of our black and migrant brothers and sisters we need to be organized! It is not enough to attack the police and to try to drive them out of the districts at the night. As long as we don't have organized self-defense units in our communities to drive the police out and keep them out, and to start to organize order that is in the interest of the community, we will have more Theos, Bounas, Zyeds and Adamas in the future!

It is also important to spread the movement, as we already have seen in the demonstrations outside of the Banlieus and in solidarity movements in other cities and in the schools. However, it is crucial to extend the movement to the workers! A crucial link to this should be the Arab and black workers who suffer the same violence and who

are particularly over-exploited! Thousands of workers have had their own (bad) experiences with the violent, terrorist police during the strikes against the labor reform last year. So now it is doubly important to fight together for justice, against racist oppression and for more rights for the workers and poor! We call upon the trade unions, the PCF, NPA and LO to organize strikes in solidarity with the migrant youth and organize joint protests! It is vital that the workers' movement actively supports the migrant youth in their struggle, so they don't stay isolated like in 2005!

**No to pacifism and illusions in the state – for a revolutionary way forward!**

The revolutionary answer to the ongoing racist crimes of the police must be clear and offer a perspective of struggle for the militant migrant youth! It must go beyond condemning the crimes and pointing out their systemic nature (even the reformists and liberals can do this). The revolutionary answer must say clearly what to do, how to defend our class, and how to achieve justice. The two central things to fight for must be, first, to build self-defense units, that don't rely solely on the bravery of the youth, but which are organized; and second, to spread the movement throughout France and especially to the working class in the factories.

The French left, which is mostly quite blind and economicistic in its perspective to the needs of the masses of black and Arab peoples, has displayed serious weaknesses in this matter. Sadly, the NPA, the Lutte Ouvrière and L'Étincelle (The Spark) do not call for the formation of self-defense units of the oppressed, nor do they even mention the word self-defense. And this is in a situation in which thousands of young migrants are fighting against the police to defend themselves and their districts! These forces of the left defend the movement, but don't cross the line from centrism to revolutionary communism. Thus, they go no farther than defending the oppressed and explaining the reasons why they are oppressed, but without demonstrating



**End the occupation of Mali!**



the militant path towards liberation. A very positive exception to this error among the French left is Révolution Permanente (the French Section of the Fracción Trotskista) which calls for throwing the police out of the Banlieus.

Much worse of course is the so called "Communist" Party – the reformist PCF – which has supported the imperialist French state a number of times in its fight against militant resistance, what they call "terrorism" (e.g., supporting the "state of emergency"; supporting imperialist wars in Afghanistan or Iraq, Mali, etc.) The PCF not only doesn't give any perspective for the mass movement, but they even appeal to the capitalist "justice" system, and – insanely – call to recruit 20,000 more cops! (2) Naturally, this is not surprising given the fact that the PCF slandered the militant youth in the 2005 uprising.



**Stop racial profiling!**

What we need is a militant revolutionary party which is rooted in the lower layers of the working class and in particular among the migrants! It is urgent that revolutionaries in France and throughout Europe stop directing their political work towards white university students and start working in the suburbs, Banlieus and factories! We call upon all genuine revolutionaries to unite under a revolutionary program and to dedicate themselves to building such genuine revolutionary parties and a new World Party which will break with the tradition of white social-chauvinist reformism and the passivity of centrism! We in the RCIT commits all our force to this aim!

**Victory to the Banlieus – throw the police out, build self-defense committees!**

**Extend the movement to the masses of the working class and to the youth!**

**For a revolutionary migrant movement to combat police violence and racism!**

**Down with French imperialism – defeat it at home and abroad!**

# Adaptation to the trade union bureaucracy

## The role of centrism in Britain and with path revolutionary workers should take

By Joseph Adams

The RMT and ASLEF the two main transport unions on Southern Rail have been in dispute over whether there should be a guard on the train. Southern rail management are ignoring safety precautions and as usual are attempting to cut costs in a period of recession and slump.

There have been a series of strikes by both the RMT and ASLEF in opposition to the proposal of Southern train's management to remove the guard on the train. Both trade unions have won support and respect for standing up to the bullying tactics of Southern Rail management.

On the 18th January Francis O'Grady General secretary of the TUC and Mick Whelan of ASLEF brokered a deal with Southern rail management to reach agreement and end the dispute. This has all the hallmarks of betrayal and a sell-out of the dispute by jeopardising safety and capitulating to the demands of management that there shouldn't be a guard on the train.

"Following two weeks of intensive talks, the parties have now reached agreement about the long-running dispute between ASLEF and GTR Southern. This resolves the current dispute, subject to securing the support of ASLEF members, and no further Industrial action is planned".

The centrists of the Socialist Party firstly denied there were any deal between ASLEF and Southern Rail and had nothing to say about the role of the Trade Union Bureaucracy. On 25th January it changed its mind admitted that there was a deal but gave no criticism of the TUC or ASLEF Bureaucracy.

*"The RMT deserves its reputation as one of the most militant unions in Britain. Although drivers' union Aslef unfortunately suspend its three planned strike days on Southern Rail for talks with management, the RMT continued its action alone on 24-26 January despite only a minority of drivers being RMT members. Scandalously, despite the negotiations involving Aslef being hosted by the TUC, the RMT, whose guards alone have taken 25 days of strike action, wasn't invited to the talks! The RMT pickets were successful in persuading many Aslef drivers not to cross picket lines, sending a defiant message to Southern Rail and their Tory government backers in a high-stakes battle for the union".*

On the London underground the RMT, the main transport union has been involved in a series of strikes. The last strike was called off because the RMT Leadership had said most of their demands have been met.

The Socialist Party is a thoroughly opportunist party with no real perspective for challenging the agents of capital in the Workers movement. They have a history of supporting Left wing Trade Union leaders like Mark Serwotka of the PCS and Len McCluskey of Unite. Their Trade Union arm the National Shop Stewards Network claims to be a rank and file organisation but in fact its aim is propping up and supporting the lefts in the bureaucracy. There is no independence from the Bureaucracy itself.

We explained in Liberation 11 the role of the Trade Union bureaucracy in Britain.

*"The Labour Bureaucracy constitutes the most reactionary and conservative element in the working class today. It is composed of self-serving careerists whose role is to make police the working class and make it safe for Capitalism in order to exploit the most vulnerable and exploited sections in society".[3].*

The strength of the Socialist party amongst sections of the working class is rooted in the Labour aristocracy, a conservative layer of workers at the very top, well paid and

mainly subservient to the Labour bureaucracy. They have no interest in the more oppressed section of the working class which is mainly composed of migrant workers from the semi-colonial countries. In the past they have notoriously campaigned for British Jobs for British workers. This was evident in the oil refinery dispute at Lindsey.

*"They usually are rooted amongst the upper strata of the working class (more skilled, better paid workers) and in particularly the Labour aristocracy".*

"They are usually controlled by the labour bureaucracy which acts as agents of the Bourgeoisie in the ranks of the workers movement and which subordinates the unions to the bourgeois state and the Capitalist class".

The Socialist party's support for immigration controls and their campaign for Brexit in the referendum prove they are moving rightwards towards Reformism. They aligned themselves with inherently chauvinist Brexit campaign and continue to support British Jobs for British workers.

It's worthwhile reminding these so called 'Trotskyists' what Vladimir Lenin and Leon Trotsky had to say on the role of the Bureaucracy , its roots and the crisis of revolutionary Leadership which the centrists wish to hand over to the Bureaucrats to continually defeat and disorient Workers in this period of immense Revolutionary change. Lenin stated clearly in Left Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder the origin of this social caste which is the labour Bureaucracy. *"Modern 20th century imperialism created a privileged monopoly position for a few advanced countries and this gave rise everywhere in the second International to a certain type of traitor , opportunist social chauvinist leaders who champion the interests of their own craft , their own section of the labour aristocracy".*

Leon Trotsky the founder of the Fourth International was quite clear on the role of the Bureaucratic apparatus.

*"Power must be wrested from the hands of the bourgeoisie, and for that its principal agent the trade union bureaucracy must be overthrown. In Britain more than anywhere else the state rests upon the back of the working class which constitutes the overwhelming majority of the population of the country. The labour party and the trade unions- these are not two principles; they are only a technical division of Labour. Together they are the fundamental support of the domination of the British bourgeoisie. The latter cannot be overthrown with overthrowing the Labourite bureaucracy".*

The RCIT in opposition to centrism in Britain puts forward a programme to unite all workers and youth under the banner of Revolutionary Communism. The RCIT calls for the formation of a Pre party organisation which should fight, amongst others, the following demands.

\* *Build rank and file organisation in opposition to the bureaucracy in all trade unions whose main purpose is to remove and expel all bureaucrats and instead set up genuine rank and file organisations with directly elected representatives with the right of recall.*

\* *Fight to change the composition of trade unions by recruiting the mass type of militant workers. Migrants and the most exploited should be brought into the mass organisations and trained as revolutionary fighters.*

\* *For an indefinite general strike to be organised to bring down this hated Tory government.*

\* *For the formation of Revolutionary Communist fractions in all trade union as the first step towards a Pre Party Organisation of the RCIT IN BRITAIN.*

# The Global Day of Action against Trump

## Report on the World-Wide Mass Protests against the Inauguration of US President Donald Trump

*By the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT)*

The Women's Marches on 21 January marked the biggest global day of action for many years. Nearly 5 million people demonstrated against the inauguration of US President Donald Trump. Naturally, the biggest contingent of demonstrators marched in the US itself, where according to estimations a combined total of 2 million people were on the streets in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, Seattle and many other cities. However, there were also numerous protests in Mexico, Canada, Europe and all other continents.

The mass size of the Anti-Trump protests reflect the alarming and mobilizing effects of the electoral victory of the most racist, sexist and militaristic US president of modern times. It also shows that Trump's victory is (correctly) seen by many people as the opening of a new era, as the RCIT analyzed in detail some time ago.

Naturally, it would be wrong to ignore the weaknesses of this day of action. In many cases, the protests were organized by left-liberal or reformist forces. It will be crucial – as we stated in our call for this global day of action – that socialist forces push for a consistent anti-imperialist and class struggle agenda. Nevertheless, the mass turnout on 21 January augers well for the coming mass struggles against the reactionary offensive of the ruling class.

The sections and activists of the RCIT joined the mass protests in various cities. In Mexico City the comrades of the Mexican section of the RCIT joined the march to the US embassy. (See the report with pictures and videos, including an interview a comrade gave to the media at the link below.) The comrades are emphasizing in their leaflets and speeches the necessity to link the protests against Trump and US imperialism with the current mass popular struggle against the so-called gasolinazo – the massive increase of energy prices which has provoked a popular uprising since early January.

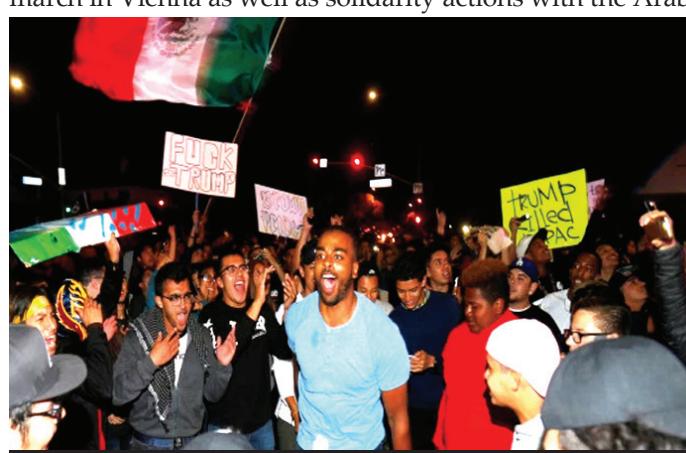
Likewise the Austrian comrades of the RCIT joined the march in Vienna as well as solidarity actions with the Arab

Revolution organized by the Syria and the Egypt community on 20 and 22 January respectively. Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the RCIT, addressed the rally of the Egypt community and emphasized some lessons from the past years of struggles. (See the report with pictures and videos at the link below.) However, the march on 21 January also showed the political problems for the future struggle against the Trumpist wave of reaction. The demonstration was largely white and middle class in its social composition. Hardly any migrants or Muslims participated in the march (many American expatriates joined the demonstration but they can hardly be characterized as an oppressed layer in the Austria society). This composition reflected the fact that it was organized by popular front coalition involving various petty-bourgeois and bourgeois women's organizations, the Austrian branch of the US Democratic Party and the Austrian section of Cliffite IST tendency (which is led by the SWP in Britain). Such a collaboration of the official representatives of a US-imperialist party and pseudo-Trotskyists is scandalous! Likewise, Islamophobic sectors among the organizers (mainly from the Green Party's women organization) openly objected – and finally successfully prevented – having a Muslim woman speak from the platform! (The Austrian section will publish an article on this incident in the coming days.)

Comrades of the RCIT Britain participated in a particularly large march of about 100,000 people which completely stopped the traffic near the American Embassy in London! According to the comrades, this was one of the biggest marches since the anti-war mass demonstrations against the Iraq war in 2003/04. However, here too the demonstration was predominantly white and middle class in its social composition with very few migrants and people from the semi-colonial south present.

In Wadi Ara, comrades of the RCIT section in Israel / Occupied Palestine joined a demonstration of about 10,000 people. The demonstration was organized by the so-called Follow-Up Committee - the official leadership of 1948-Palestinians (i.e. those who are living inside the official borders of Israel). Not a single left-Zionist organization supported the demonstration. Hence nearly all of the participants were Palestinians.

In summary, the 21 January marked an important first global reaction to the reactionary Trump Era. It showed that the popular masses are ready to fight back. However, it also reflected the petty-bourgeois and reformist character of the present leadership of these struggles. It is the urgent task of revolutionaries to fight for the unification of authentic socialists on the basis of a platform which addresses the main questions of the global class struggle. This is the purpose of the RCIT's Urgent Call which we recently published and which we ask all revolutionaries to seriously discuss with us.



Long live the international resistance against Trump!

# Forward to the socialist revolution in Africa!

## Statement on the Fusion between RCIT and the Socialist League of Zimbabwe

*Adopted by the International Secretariat of the RCIT and the Socialist League of Zimbabwe (SLZ)*

After several months of discussion and collaboration, both Socialist League of Zimbabwe and the RCIT have drawn a positive balance sheet of this process. We therefore have concluded that the basis has been achieved to fuse our organizations and that SLZ is to become the Zimbabwean section of the RCIT. The programmatic basis of the fusion is the revolutionary platform on Zimbabwe as well as the RCIT's Manifesto for Revolutionary Liberation.

Organizing authentic revolutionary forces and building jointly the RCIT in Black Africa is a significant step forward given the importance of this continent for the international class struggle. Since Africa is the fastest growing continent in terms of population in general and the working class in particular, it is crucial for a revolutionary international tendency to build sections in these countries.

The fusion will help the RCIT to enrich its understanding of the class struggle of the African workers and oppressed against the imperialist Great Powers as well as the local ruling class. Likewise, it will help the comrades of the SLZ integrate their understanding of the class struggle in their own country into a broader, global perspective of the struggle against capitalism and imperialism.

Building the RCIT in Zimbabwe and Africa as well as all on other continents is our contribution to building a new World Revolutionary Party. Based on our programmatic documents and the Bolshevik methods of political work and organization building, we are optimistic as we march forward on the road for the liberation of the African and the world working class and oppressed masses!

We are fully aware of the responsibility which rests on the shoulders of each of us as Marxist revolutionaries. Capitalism will not automatically be replaced by socialism. It can only be replaced by a working class insurrection in alliance with the poor peasants and the urban poor under the leadership of a revolutionary party. Such a party must be part of a world party because capitalism exists – and can only exist – as a global system. If we do not succeed in building a revolutionary party in time, petty-bourgeois nationalists and reformists will expropriate the revolution and create their own regime on the back of the popular masses. We saw this with Stalin in the USSR and Mao in



For an independent organization of the workers!

China, with the FSLN in Nicaragua, the Ayatollahs in Iran, the ANC in South Africa, as well as in Zimbabwe after the workers and peasants heroically drove out Ian Smith and his racist white settler occupants.

We emphasize the importance of the "Urgent Call for Unity and a Joint Struggle on a Revolutionary Platform" which the RCIT published in early January of this year. In the present period of capitalist crisis, of accelerating rivalry between the imperialist powers, of a reactionary offensive of the ruling class but also of heroic struggles of the workers and oppressed, in such a period it is crucial for revolutionaries around the world to unite on the basis of a principled programmatic platform. Hence, we call authentic revolutionaries in all countries to study the RCIT's "Urgent Call" and to join forces with us in the historic liberation struggle of the working class and to build together with us a World Revolutionary Party – an international party determined to fight for the socialist revolution!

Forward to the socialist revolution in Zimbabwe, the African continent and throughout the entire whole world! Join the RCIT! Forward with the building of the RCIT in Zimbabwe and revolutionary organizations all over Africa!



Defeat the imperialist thieves and the corrupt dictators! Forward with the African Revolution!