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The Trump-Putin Summit: A Meeting of Two Robber Chiefs

Workers and Oppressed: Fight Imperialism of East and West!

Joint Statement of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT) and the Marxist Group 'Class Politics' (Russia)

1. The Trump-Putin Summit is highly symbolic for the present world situation. It is a meeting between Presidents who represent two of the most important imperialist powers on this planet. This summit reflects the profound turmoil of the world situation as it takes place against the backdrop of a looming global trade war as well as of wars, sanctions and military tensions in the Middle East, the Ukraine and Northeast Asia. In short, the summit is the result of the massive acceleration of the rivalry between the Great Powers. At the same time, it reflects an attempt of the American and Russian rulers to make deals and find compromises at the expense of the workers and oppressed people around the world.

2. Trump represents the still largest but declining Great Power which attempts to halt its demise by an increasingly aggressive policy characterized by militarism and chauvinism both at home and abroad. Putin repre-

sents one of the key imperialist challengers of the US hegemony. Based on an alliance with Chinese imperialism, Russia has been able to expand its sphere of influence in recent years (e.g. in the Middle East).

3. It is a meeting between representatives of reactionary and authoritarian regimes. Trump – a unique symbiosis of a corrupted billionaire and crooked politician – is pressing ahead with chauvinist attacks on migrants and military threats against Iran. Facing the threat of impeachment, he is desperately looking for domestic and foreign adventures. Putin – who is in power since more than 18 years and whose regime is much more consolidated – implements no less reactionary policy than his counterpart in the White House. The recent pension reform and the increase of VAT from 18% to 20% – which are massive attacks against the working people in Russia –, the slaughter of the Syrian people by Russian air force or the ongoing



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suppression of the Chechen people are testimony of this.

4. We don't know in advance if and which deals these robber barons will agree on. Most likely they will discuss about international sanctions as well as about their conflicting interests in Iran, Syria, the Ukraine and North Korea. But no one should have any illusions in deals agreed between Trump and Putin. Any agreement between these imperialist powers will take place at the expense of the workers and oppressed people around the world. The tragic fate of the Syrian people in the Southern region of Daraa is symbolic for this. When the treacherous FSA leadership of the Syrian rebels agreed to the creation of a so-called 'de-escalation zone' in June 2017 guaranteed by Russia, Jordan and the US, people illusionary hoped for peace and stability. One year later, the Great Powers are withdrawing their fake "guarantee" and Assad's army, with the support of the Russian air force, is advancing. More than 270,000 people have been displaced in this region since Assad's offensive began on 16 June.

5. The workers and oppressed people must not put trust in any imperialist regime! Our future is dark as long as the world is dominated by Great Powers and as long as people suffer from the consequences of the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression. Only a world federation of socialist workers and peasants republics can ensure a peaceful future for humanity. Only consistent class struggle – independent of any Great Power and of any faction of the bourgeoisie – directed to the international socialist revolution can lead to liberation. Only the creation of a Revolutionary World Party can ensure the victory of the revolutionary struggle. This is what we are fighting for!

6. We denounce those bourgeois and petty-bourgeois organizations which claim to represent the working people in words but which adapt to one or another Great Power in their deeds! Instead, the workers and popular organizations around the world must fight for a socialist program. Such a program must include, among others:

* *Workers and Oppressed: Fight Imperialism of East and West! Against all imperialist Great Powers – US, EU, China, Russia, and Japan! No to sanctions and global trade war! Oppose Great Power jingoism! The Main Enemy is at Home!*

* *We welcome the mass protests in the U.S. which take place in solidarity with the migrants victimized by the racist Trump Administration!*

* *We welcome the protests in Russia against pension reform!*

Freedom for Chechnya!

* *We send our greetings to the tens of thousands of demonstrators who will protest against Trump's visit in London on 13 July!*

* *Solidarity with the liberation struggle of Syrian people against the Assad regime and its imperialist masters! All foreign powers – out of Syria!*

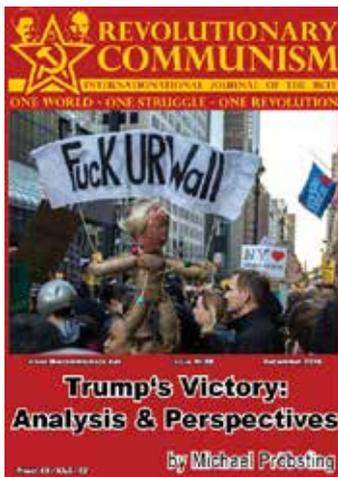
* *No to pro-Western as well as pro-Eastern social-chauvinism! For international solidarity and joint cross-border struggle in defense of the interests of workers and oppressed! For the creation of a Revolutionary World Party!*

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By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016

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Joint Statement of RCIT, MGKP (Russia), Alkebulan (Kenya), PACOR (Nigeria), COGITO (DR Congo), StSa (Turkey), 4.7.2018

1. A global trade war is looming between all Great Powers in West and East – the U.S., China, the European Union, Japan, Russia and other imperialist powers. Economic sanctions between Great Powers started already in 2014 when the U.S. and the EU imposed sanctions against Russia and vice versa. Currently, the Trump Administration is about to impose much more far-reaching sanctions against its rivals with the latter implementing retaliatory action. Obviously, an escalation of the global trade war would have devastating consequences for the world economy and the living conditions of the working people.

2. The background for this massive deterioration is the accelerating rivalry between the Great Powers. Hence, the economic sanctions are an expression of an inter-imperialist rivalry which will also lead sooner or later to military tensions and conflicts. The intensification of Great Power chauvinism is inevitable under these conditions. Such jingoism is aimed at poisoning the consciousness of the working people by instigating nationalist hatred against each other.

3. The Great Powers also use economic sanctions in order to impose their political and economic dictates on smaller countries of the Global South. North Korea, Iran, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, various South-East Asian countries, etc. have become victims of such sanctions or the threat of it. Likewise do Great Powers discriminate op-

pressed people from poorer countries by restricting their right to travel or to ask for asylum (e.g. Trump “Muslim Ban”, the EU’s racist Frontex regime in the Mediterranean Sea and on the Balkans, Russia’s discrimination against people from the Caucasus and Central Asia, etc.).

4. In view of a looming global trade war, socialists call the workers and popular organizations around the world to act decisively on the basis of the principles of international working class solidarity. Such principles are valid in times of peace and war, in case of economic sanctions as well as in case of military aggression.

** No to a global trade war! Oppose Great Power jingoism in West and East! Against militarist saber-rattling! In imperialist states, socialists say: “The Main Enemy is at Home!” In case of sanctions or a trade war between the U.S., China, European Union, Russia, Canada, Japan, or other powers, socialists in all countries involved must oppose such sanctions.*

** Down with imperialist sanctions against semi-colonial countries like North Korea, Iran, Zimbabwe, Venezuela and others! Defend these countries against all forms of imperialist aggression! But no political support for the anti-working class regimes in these states!*

** Down with the imperialist border regime! Open the borders for refugees! Defend Muslim migrants against Islamophobic racism!*

** Neither imperialist globalization nor imperialist protection-*

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By Michael Pröbsting, April 2018

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Livingstone Resigns from the Labour Party

A Warning to All Socialists inside the Labour Party

By Joseph Adams, 24 May 2018, RED LIBERATION

Ken Livingstone, who was suspended from the labour party for purported anti-Semitic comments he made in April 2016, has now resigned from the Labour Party. His reasons are that the right-wing and Zionist elements on the National Executive were preparing more attacks on him and Jeremy Corbyn.

"In a statement published on his website, Livingstone said: "I do not accept the allegation that I have brought the Labour Party into disrepute – nor that I am in any way guilty of anti-Semitism." Yet he goes on to say he acknowledges his "historical argument" – that Jewish people "collaborated" with Hitler, who supported "supported Zionism" when he first came to power – did cause "offence and upset in the Jewish community". [1]

Pro-Zionists in the Labour party have been conducting vicious witch-hunts against socialists in the Labour Party who dare to criticise the state of Israel. Livingstone who made comments about the collaboration of Zionism with the Nazis during the Second World War has been proven correct by historical fact. The evidence is available for all to see. Livingstone has a history of anti-racism and support for the Palestinians and has been singled out for his refusal to capitulate to Zionism in the Labour party and especially the Labour friends of Israel.

Corbyn has once again failed to defend Livingstone against the attacks of the Blairites and Zionists. Livingstone has decided, although ostensibly a Corbyn supporter, that it was Corbyn who was responsible for his suspension. It has now been revealed that Corbyn forced him to resign from the Labour party under pressure from Zionists who are delighted that Livingstone has gone.

"It is clear from reports such as John Rentoul in The Independent that Ken Livingstone's resignation was not voluntary but the result of pressure exerted by Jeremy Corbyn and his close associates. We refer in particular to Shami Chakrabarti's disgraceful attack on Livingstone on BBC's Sunday Politics (May 13), when she threatened she would quit the Labour front bench

if Livingstone was not expelled. Chakrabarti has not only ignored her own recommendations on natural justice and due process but she has also destroyed her own reputation, as a former Director of Liberty, for a belief in freedom of expression.

Nothing Livingstone was alleged to have done could in any way be described as anti-Semitic. His remark that "Hitler supported Zionism" is confirmed by a host of Holocaust historians. If he gave offence to supporters of Israel and Zionism it is because of the appalling record historically of Zionism when it comes to fighting real anti-Semites". [2]

"The collaboration of various Zionists with the Nazis is a fact which has already been established for a long time. Livingstone and Shah are not racist or Anti-Semitic. Both Shah and Livingstone are strong supporters of a Free Democratic Palestine. Livingstone while he was Leader of the Greater London Council supported the Palestine Liberation Organisation and on occasions invited PLO speakers in Britain to speak." [3]

The weakness of left reformism has shown that when the Blairites and Zionists launch attacks on Corbyn and his supporters, Corbyn fails to support them and buckles under the pressure. A number of left wing activists including Marc Wadsworth and Tony Greenstein have been expelled from the Labour party. Corbyn's supporters continue to be suspended or expelled by the Labour party bureaucratic machine controlled by the Blairites and Zionists. Corbyn with a majority on the National executive committee refuses to use that majority to curb the worst excesses of the right wing and remains a hostage to the pro-imperialists in the Labour party.

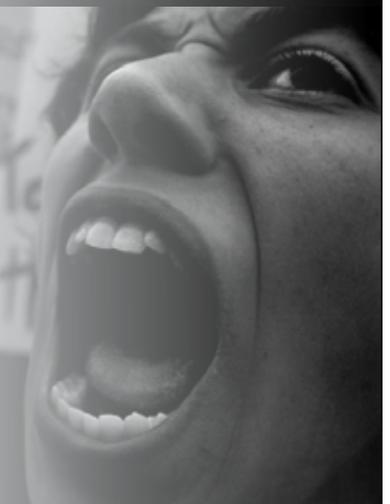
"The attack on Livingstone and the expulsions of Marc Wadsworth and Tony Greenstein were all part of the 'anti-Zionism equals anti-Semitism' witch-hunt. It is noticeable that when it came to laying charges the Labour Party avoided for legal reasons accusing people of anti-Semitism. Instead the catch all charge of 'bringing the party into disrepute' was used. Livingstone is the latest victim of a witch-hunt pursued by the pro-Israel lobby and

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the right-wing in the Labour Party.” [4].

As RED LIBERATION No. 4 stated in its article on Livingstone’s suspension, both McDonnell and Corbyn have once again conflated Anti-Semitism with Anti-Zionism.

“Unfortunately Corbyn and McDonnell have confused Anti-Semitism and Zionism and are capitulating to the right-wing elements in the Party. Corbyn now says he is going to conduct an inquiry into Anti-Semitism in the Party. Of course the pro Zionist elements in the party – the ‘LABOUR FRIENDS OF ISRAEL’ – are forcing Corbyn and others to instigate a witchhunt against pro-Palestinian elements in the party.” [5]

RED LIBERATION fully supports the campaign by Labour against the Witch-hunt to reinstate all Labour party members like Wadsworth and Greenstein who have been expelled for Anti-Semitism. Wadsworth is a black activist who has campaigned on anti-racist issues, and Greenstein has fought Zionism in the Labour Party.

“This setback will only strengthen the resolve of Labour against the Witch-hunt activists. We fully understand the agenda of Labour Friends of Israel, the Jewish Labour Movement and Progress: to re-establish the politics and economics of neo-liberalism in the Labour Party. We call on Jeremy Corbyn, general secretary Jennie Formby and the National Executive Committee to finally put an end to this ongoing witch-hunt against the left in the party:

* LAW does not recognize the legitimacy of the expulsions/exclusions of party comrades on trumped up charges of “anti-Semitism” and will continue to organize with them to defeat the right.

* All those summarily expelled or suspended from membership without due process, or as part of the anti-Corbyn witch-hunt, should be immediately reinstated – and that includes Marc Wadsworth, Jackie Walker, Stan Keable, Tony Greenstein and Cyril Chilson.” [6]

RED LIBERATION restates its position on the reactionary role of the Zionists and their erstwhile allies in Progress and Labour First. We call for:

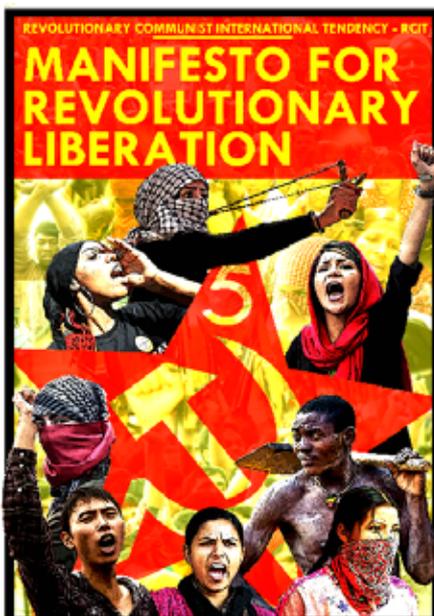
* Abolish all Kangaroo Courts like the Compliance Unit and carry out the recommendations for transparent democracy in the Labour Party;

* Expel all Pro Zionist Organizations which includes Labour Friends of Israel and the Jewish Labour Movement. Remind the witch hunters that the leadership of the Labour party must support a DEMOCRATIC FREE PALESTINE.

* Full and unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian people! Lift the blockade against Gaza! Support the resistance of the people in Gaza! Boycott Israel!

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refurbishment instead of investing £2 more per square meter for safe, inflammable material. Calculate that we're talking about £5,000 of extra cost that wasn't invested in a building housing 600 people, an expense that would have come to a little bit more than £8 per person (1). Read the statements of the fire fighters who warned, years ago, about the building's being unsafe as it had no working fire alarms and no sprinklers, infractions that were repeatedly ignored by officials. Examine the map of Kensington and Chelsea and locate where the most and the least deprived parts are, and you will discover that Grenfell Tower is situated in the poorest area not only of London but of the entire country". [6]. And furthermore, we stated: "The anger and the hate against all of those people who are directly or indirectly responsible for the cruel death of our brothers and sisters in the Grenfell Tower fire are exploding, as the protests in its wake have demonstrated. This is a very important step towards ending such tragedies for good, but it is only a very small first step on the path of doing so. Those guilty for the tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire must be held accountable." [7]

The RCIT BRITAIN restates its position and puts forward the following transitional demands to unite the tenants and the working class and oppressed in a campaign to make those accountable who are guilty of this crime.

* A Tribunal to be organized by the Grenfell action committee and the Radical housing group to investigate the real reason for the fire and the punishment for those responsible (The KCTMO Management and the Directors of the Building Company that erected the cladding and knew it to be unsafe and inflammable).

* Open the Books-let the tenants see how much was spent on cladding and why no sprinklers or proper safety alarms were fitted in the years before the fire happened.

* Unoccupied houses and flats have to be immediately occupied.

An action committee formed to protect tenants from fascist or police provocation must be organized.

* Stop the closure of Fire stations and support the local London Fire Brigades Union in its campaign to keep fire stations open! No to cuts and closures! Occupy fire stations which are threatened with closure!

* Social housing is a right that must be defended. We call on Jeremy Corbyn and Emma Dent Coad (Labour MP for Kensington and Chelsea) to support this campaign inside the Labour Party and throughout the trade union movement. However, we say: Do not rely on Corbyn and Dent Coad and don't believe blindly that they will fulfill this task. Instead organize a militant rank-and-file campaign in solidarity with the tenants, especially the migrants and their families, who suffered from the fire independent from the Labour leaders! All of us owe it to the families of the victims to organize such a solidarity campaign by any means!

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The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – WORLD PERSPECTIVES 2018: A WORLD PREGNANT WITH WARS AND POPULAR UPRISINGS. The book's subtitle is: Theses on the World Situation, the Perspectives for Class Struggle and the Tasks of Revolutionaries.

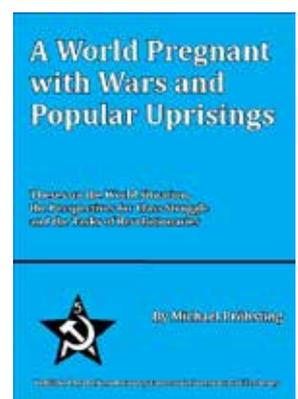
This book is a major contribution of our organization to keep the Marxists' analysis of the world situation and its accelerating contradictions updated. As we emphasize in the document, we consider it as crucial for revolutionaries to understand the nature and the inner dynamics of the current historic period. Without such an understanding it is impossible for socialists, indeed for all liberation fighters, to possess the necessary political compass on which they can base their program, strategy and tactics.

Since several years does the RCIT publish annual studies on the world situation in which it analysis its most important developments and changes. This book updates the Marxist analysis of the state of the world economy, of the relations between the Great Powers, of the struggle between the classes and the tactics of revolutionaries. We also deal in depth with new issues respectively extend our theoretical analysis on several questions. In particular we have deepened in this book,

among others, our understanding of the nature respectively the transitional character of the present world political phase, of the nature of different types of wars and the tactical conclusions arriving from this, of the complex nature of the conflicts in the Middle East, of the capitalist restoration in North Korea and, finally, we have elaborated a new proposal for an international platform for the unification of revolutionary forces in the present phase.

The book contains a preface, introduction and seven eight chapters plus an appendix (118 pages) and includes 23 figures , 9 tables and 2 maps. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/world-perspectives-2018/>



UK: Grenfell Tragedy One Year after the Fire

Teresa May Accepts Responsibility and Culpability for Grenfell Tragedy - For A Workers and Tenants Tribunal into the Cause of the Fire

By Joseph Adams, RCIT Britain, June 2018

A year after the tragedy at Grenfell Teresa May has accepted that she bears responsibility for failing to meet the tenants at Grenfell on the 14th June 2017 when the tragedy happened. Jeremy Corbyn immediately visited the site. In a statement in the *Evening Standard* May apologises for her inaction at the time. *"What I did not do on that first visit was meet the residents and survivors who had escaped the blaze. But the residents of Grenfell Tower needed to know that those in power recognized and understood their despair. And I will always regret that by not meeting them that day, it seemed as though I didn't care"*. [1]

May appointed an official enquiry but this proved to be a whitewash and a cover up failing to invite the most important people, survivors and tenants from Grenfell, to give evidence.

A year after the tragedy the police have not arrested anybody for the murder of these 79 tenants who died in the fire. It was social murder orchestrated through social and ethnic cleansing by the wealthier tenants of Kensington and Chelsea who did not want to see social housing tower blocks. Cheap and combustible cladding was erected to hide the outside of the building. The police are now interviewing the London Fire Brigade and apportioning blame on them for the cause of the fire. Firefighters and the Fire Brigades Union are innocent of any wrongdoing in their advice to ask tenants to remain in their flats. They gave the advice based on the estimation of a fire in a building that is built according to the regulations. Based on the information which the firefighters had their decisions were correct. This is just a blame culture to allow the real culprits to escape punishment. The police are direct agents of the state. Their role is to protect the state and its institutions and they will not prosecute directors responsible for erecting the cladding or the tenant management organization which managed Grenfell Tower on behalf of Kensington and Chelsea borough council. *"London fire brigade and its senior officers are facing a police investigation over the "stay put" policy that resulted in Grenfell Tower residents being told to remain inside their homes as the tower block blazed, according to Scotland Yard. Detectives are attempting to establish whether the order could have breached health and safety law"*. [2]

The Kensington and Chelsea London Borough Council is a Tory controlled authority with some prestigious houses as well as some very poor people living in the borough. It was a class divide between the very rich and the very poor. The Tories who managed Grenfell tower through a tenant management organization decided to hide Grenfell's seemingly social housing block from their rich supporters who felt it was unseemingly and ugly building to look at. So they had cladding erected over the building. They chose the cheapest material saving £5,000. That it was inflammable and combustible, did not matter to the management. *"Material used in the cladding that covered the Grenfell Tower was the cheaper, more flammable version of the two available options, an investigation of the supply chain has confirmed. Omnis Exteriors manufactured the aluminum composite material (ACM) used in the cladding, a company director,*

John Cowley, confirmed to the Guardian. He also said Omnis had been asked to supply Reynobond PE cladding, which is £2 cheaper per square metre than the alternative Reynobond FR, which stands for "fire resistant" to the companies that worked on refurbishing Grenfell Tower". [3]

In fact the Tenant Management Organization has now washed its hands of the affair and handed the responsibility back to the council, no doubt trying to avoid prosecution for the deaths at Grenfell.

"The organization that managed Grenfell Tower and manages thousands of other properties across the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is temporarily handing back responsibility for them to the council, saying it can no longer guarantee to meet the standards expected by residents. In a letter sent to residents just before Christmas, Fay Edwards, chair of Kensington & Chelsea Tenant Management Organization (KCTMO), said: "The TMO board has reluctantly decided that it can no longer guarantee to fulfil its obligations with respect to the delivery of services contained in its contract with the council ... to a standard that residents should expect." [4]

It was a Labour government under Tony Blair that relaxed building regulation controls and allowed building companies to bypass very important health and safety regulations that may be responsible for tragedies like Grenfell occurring. In his drive to carry out capitalist policies very similar to the Tories, Blair hoped and wished to emulate himself as a savior for the ruling class. Boris Johnson, the present Foreign Secretary who was Mayor of London, cut and reduced the fighting capabilities of the London Fire Brigade, cutting services reducing staff and selling off fire engines which are essential in fighting fires.

Most of the tenants who died in the fire or survived it were from ethnic or migrant backgrounds. When their families travelled from abroad to attend memorial services or tried to say goodbye to their loved ones at funerals they were prevented from doing so by the unjust, racist, islamophobic terror- and immigration-laws by decisions of immigration officers who refused to issue them with a visa. Javid, the new Home Secretary, upheld the decisions showing how this unjust Tory regime acts without any sympathy or regard for families whose members died in the fire. *"Bereaved family members, prevented from paying tribute to their loved ones who died in Grenfell Tower in person because of visa issues, have told of their heartbreak. Karim Khaloufi, the younger brother of victim Khadija Khaloufi, 52, was unable to attend the public inquiry after suffering delays with his visa. And the husband of Fatemeh Afrasiabi, 59, missed the chance to pay tribute to his beloved wife or visit her grave because his immigration application was refused. Fatemeh Afrasiabi died with her sister Sakineh."* [5]

In a previous article on Grenfell Tower Fire, we as the RCIT put forward an analysis that is borne out by facts revealed a year later. *"Read the articles about the reasons for the Grenfell Tower fire. Read the explanations why, outrageously, highly flammable material was used during the building's*

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