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# Zionism – the Wolf in the Cloth of a Sheep

## The Role of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

*A Statement of the Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine), 21 February 2020*

Recently we were informed that the Palestinian Authority has delayed a scheduled UN Security Council vote on a resolution against the Trump administration's so called "Peace Plan". In spite of the new wording of the resolution that is less sharp, it is clear that the USA and some other states on the Security Council oppose the resolution and it will not pass, thus the UN the continuation of the League of Nation has proven itself once again as a "den of thieves" as Lenin called the League of Nations. It is controlled by the imperialists who step on their own laws.

Such a resolution which condemns the theft of 30% of the Palestinian lands occupied in 1967 – which contradicts the UN laws against colonization – is considered by Israel, the USA, and other bandits as an expression of "Anti-Semitism". The Simon Wiesenthal Center allegedly a Nazi hunter organization that its actual role is to use the Jewish Holocaust to cover for the crimes against the Palestinians urged in a clear blackmail attempt of Germany "to declare its opposition to a the draft UN Security Council resolution that would demand Israel's return to its pre-June 1967 borders." The Center's officials said "It is high time for Germany, whose Chancellor describes as her nation as a friend of the Jewish state, to draw a diplomatic red line against initiatives that would endanger Israel's future."<sup>1</sup> If Germany had refused the accusations then Germany would be reminded of its Nazi past.

### Real Anti-Semitism Today

We live in a period of polarization between the imperialist ruling classes and the working class and the masses. Like in every reactionary period of the ruling class which is at the same time pre-revolutionary period, we witness the rise of different forms of racism including Anti-Semitism that is used by the ruling classes to divide the exploited and the oppressed. It is essential to fight all forms of racism including Anti-Semitism.

Yet due to the Zionist reactionary role the clear definition of Anti-Semitism is purposely disordered.<sup>2</sup>

Anti-Semitism is the persecution of Jews simply because they are Jews. There have been two previous historical epochs when Jews were persecuted. The first one is during the Middle Ages during the crusade and the occupation of Moorish Spain at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The second one began with the decline of capitalism at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century with the Alfred Dreyfus Affair which reached its peak during World War II.<sup>3</sup>

In the Middle Ages, Anti-Semitism was used as a tool to wipe out debts to the rich Jews and in the epoch of the decline of capitalism it has been used to direct the anger of the masses against the Jews who lost their unique role as finance capitalists in West Europe and in Russia because of the crisis of the Russian Empire. During the Middle Ages, Jews were blamed for the death of Jesus. In the epoch of the decline of capitalism the rationale of the Anti-Semites is that the Jews are a dangerous inferior race who controls the world, and at the same time because they are communists who want to destroy civilization.

Contrary to the Zionist claim that the history of the Jewish people is one of eternal persecution, there were periods when Jews were not persecuted and periods, when the upper class of the Jews participated in the oppression of other people, for example, when the upper class of the Jews participated in the repression of the early Christians, during the slavery of the Africans, or the repression of the Palestinians by the Israeli state.

According to the Zionists there are two kinds of Anti-Semitism, the Anti-Semitism of the left and Anti-Semitism of the far right. The Anti-Semitism of the left – according to the Zionist – is the manifestation of opposition to the "Jewish state", while the Anti-Semitism of the far right is the attacks on Jews. According to the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) the definition of Anti-Semitism includes the denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g. by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.

Using this definition the BDS is defined by the Zionists and their supporters like the new conservative government in Britain led by the Islamophobic Johnson as Anti-Semitic. Johnson plans to pass a law restricting local authorities from participating in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. Lord Eric Pickles, Britain's special envoy for post-Holocaust issues, said at a conference in Jerusalem that "B.D.S. is anti-Semitic, and should be treated as such." In the real world the BDS aim is to apply pressure on Israel and its supporters to end the occupation of the West Bank, granting equal rights to Palestinians and supporting the right of the return of the Palestinians refugees that were cleansed by Israel in 1948.

The Tories follow Trump clamping on the BDS in the USA and France, that is murdering Africans in West Africa<sup>4</sup>, passed a New French bill equating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism.

Many Jews oppose this reactionary trend. In France for example a group of 127 Jewish intellectuals has signed a petition against a new French bill. James Cohen, a professor at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3 and one of the 127 signatories says: "Some of the people out there who oppose the policies of the state of Israel, who may even oppose the existence of the state of Israel, might also be anti-Semitic [...] but that should not delegitimize the legitimate act of criticizing the policies of the state of Israel. And when it comes to the existence of the state of Israel, there are questions that need to be asked whether a one-state solution or a two-state solution could be viable. Why should this discussion not be open?"<sup>5</sup>

When the apartheid regime in South Africa the twin sister of Israel existed the tactic of the boycott was used. The imperialist states opposed the sanction on South Africa almost until the end of this regime. The regime in South Africa was considered by the imperialists an important bastion against communism. In 1985, William F. Buckley, founder and editor of *National Review*, wrote that Nelson Mandela belongs in jail. And not only that the South African government served the strategic interests of American foreign policy, and that Mandela was a dangerous radical, but that South Africa should not dismantle Apartheid.

The supporters of the regime argued that the call to impose sanctions was a racist argument used by the black racists and their friends against the whites. The supporters of the Zionist state argue the same thing that the calling for boycott of Israel or even opposing its repression of the Palestinians and stealing their lands is a directed against the Jews.

The Zionists who love to participate in boycotting other states opposed the boycotting of Nazi Germany (The transfer-Haavara in Hebrew) because of a deal the Zionist in Palestine made with the Nazis.<sup>6</sup>

### The Anti-Semites – the Best Friends of the Zionists

There are still people in the world who believe that Zionism is the national liberation movement of the Jews that has been fighting against the Anti-Semitism and Nazism. In the real world Zionism is a nationalist racist movement of European colonialists that has allied themselves with the Anti-Semites from the day Jewish Zionism was born. The political role of the Zionists has been to harness their supporters in the service of the real Anti-Semites and it does by charging those who oppose their colonialist settler project and the repression of the Palestinians as Anti-Semites in order to continue the land theft and the repression of the native Palestinians.

It began with Herzl who wrote about the Anti-Semites that they will be the best friends of the Zionists. Even hard core Zionists acknowledge that he wrote in his diaries: *“At first they must not be given large fees for this; otherwise we shall spoil our instruments and make them despicable as ‘stooges of the Jews’. Later their fees will increase, and in the end we shall have only Gentile officials in the countries from which we have emigrated. The anti-Semites will become our most dependable friends, the anti-Semitic countries our allies.”*<sup>7</sup>

He also wrote: *“If His Majesty the Sultan were to give us Palestine, we could offer to resolve Turkey’s finances. For Europe, we would form part of a bulwark against Asia there; we would serve as the advance post of civilization against barbarism.”*<sup>8</sup>

The allies he had in mind and tried to get their support for his colonialist project were the Russian Tsar, the German Kaiser, the Sultan of Turkey and even Cecil Rhodes, the colonizer of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe and Zambia). He promised the Tsar, who was responsible for pogroms against the Jews, that he will divert the Jews from the struggle against the Russian Empire. As to the Kaiser Wilhelm II we should know that in 1885, *“Adolf Stoecker a known Anti-Semite was found guilty in a libel case brought by a Jewish newspaper editor. The publicity surrounding the case was highly damaging to the Court, and Kaiser Wilhelm I, though himself an Anti-Semite, decided that Stoecker must forfeit his position as Court Chaplain. The prince Wilhelm II who would become the Kaiser Herzl tried to get his support wrote to the old Kaiser On 5 August 1885 a letter where he praised Stoecker as the Hohenzollern monarchy’s most powerful pillar and bravest warrior against the ‘ghastly and infamous slanders’ of the ‘damned’ Jewish press and the Jewish law courts.”*<sup>9</sup>

He promised the Sultan that was responsible to the genocide of the Armenians money that *“the Jews would pay off the Ottoman Empire’s huge debt, in return for the acquisition of Palestine”* and as a journalist helped to hide the first massacre of the Armenians.

### The use of the Anti-Semite myth of the protocol of the Elders of Zion

A major theme in the arsenal of the Anti-Semites is the *“The Protocol of the Elders of Zion”*, fabricated by the Russian Tsar that alleged that the Jews secretly controls the world. This allegation was used by *“the right wing Anti-Semite authoritarian Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán in election campaign. The target was Soros, the Jewish Hungarian-American billionaire who among other things called on Hungry to open the gates for refugees. The Soros myth along the line of the Elders of Zion was spread by two of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s key advisers. Netanyahu introduced American advisers George Birnbaum and Arthur Finkelshtein to Viktor Orbán. In 2013, they began advising him to focus his campaign on Soros as the “shadowy figure” and “puppet master” behind the scenes who controlled the economy.”*<sup>10</sup>

Today the Zionists ally themselves with the stupid reactionary Trump, the president of the USA, who came recently with his so called *“Peace Plan”* in support of Israel annexation of 30% of the West Bank, the Jordan valley and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians citizens of Israel.<sup>11</sup> Among other things he is an Anti-Semite. His response to the *Unite the Right* rally that was a white supremacist and neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville that was opposed by Anti-Nazis was that, *“There are fine people on both sides”*.

The Zionists deny that Trump is an Anti-Semite yet they kept their mouth close about the fact that Netanyahu government was silent in January 2017 when the Trump Administration omitted any reference to Jewish victims from its official statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Netanyahu government was silent in July 2017 when Trump was the first U.S. president since the fall of the Stalinist regime in Poland, to pay a visit to the monument commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In a speech delivered in Warsaw on the topic of World War II in Poland, Trump stressed the suffering of the Polish people and failed to mention the Jews who fell victim to anti-Semitism and Nazi collaborators. Needless to say Trump has not mentioned that the USA closed its gates to Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany.

### The Zionist Myth

In modern times the reactionaries have always distinguished between the Zionists who have been considered good Jews and the Jewish masses especially those on the left who have been considered bad Jews. One of the first to use this distinction was Churchill who wrote that the Zionists are good people while the bad Jews are the Bolsheviks.<sup>12</sup> We can hear the same line today by the reactionaries who love Israel and hate the Jews and especially the Jews on the left.

The Zionists adore Churchill who signed his name on an article written by a paid journalist by the name of Dalton in 1937: *“Every Jewish money-lender recalls Shylock and the idea of the Jews as usurers. And you cannot reasonably expect a struggling clerk or shopkeeper, paying 40 or 50 per cent interest on borrowed money to a “Hebrew Bloodsucker,” to reflect that almost every other way of life was closed to the Jewish people.”*<sup>13</sup>

In 1918 Lloyd George wanted to include three Jewish Cabinet Ministers among the seven Liberals in his administration, Churchill wrote to Lloyd George: *“There is a point*

about Jews which occurs to me – you must not have too many of them. Three Jews among only seven Liberal Cabinet Ministers might I fear give rise to comment.”<sup>14</sup>

Churchill wrote: “One may dislike Hitler’s system and yet admire his patriotic achievement. If our country were defeated, I hope we should find a champion as indomitable to restore our courage and lead us back to our place among the nations.”

“This passage is from Churchill’s foreign affairs article in the *Evening Standard*, 17 September 1937: “Friendship with Germany” (Cohen C548), subsequently reprinted in *Step by Step* (London: Thornton Butterworth, 1939, Cohen A111).”<sup>15</sup>

To oppose Israel is Anti-Semitism claim the Zionist because it will be the end of the Jewish state. The truth of the matter is that the Israeli state is a settler colonialist society that prevents the right of self-determination of the Palestinians. Furthermore by allying itself with the real Anti-Semites against the left, Israel is an enemy of the Jewish masses.<sup>16</sup>

The Zionist myth, which was backed by the Stalinists and those who tailed them in the late 1940s, is that the war of 1948 was a war of liberation from the British imperialists. In reality it was a war aimed at cleansing the native Palestinians. One of the signs of the beginning of the degeneration of the Fourth International was its soft line on 1948 war when the leaders of the Fourth International like Mandel failed to take a position against Israel.<sup>17</sup>

The Zionist military forces removed the Palestinians from the land allocated to Israel by the UN partition plan before the Arab armies entered the war. The Arab armies entered the war not because of British imperialism but because of the pressure of the Arab masses in solidarity with the Palestinians. In the Zionist propaganda during 1947-48 for example by Abba Kober, known for his plan to poison 6 million German after WWII, he referred to the Arabs as the Nazis and to the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians as revenge against the Nazis. Thus already in 1948 the victims of Israel were prorate as those who persecute the Jews for Anti-Semite motivation.

As a matter of fact the Zionist colonialists consider the resistance of the Palestinians to the colonization as Anti-Semitism. During the Arab anti-imperialist revolt of 1936-39 the Zionists joined the British repression of the Palestinians. Joining force with the imperialists that control a colony is in total contradiction to the claim of being a national liberation movement.

### Right-Wing Zionists and Pro-Israel Lobby

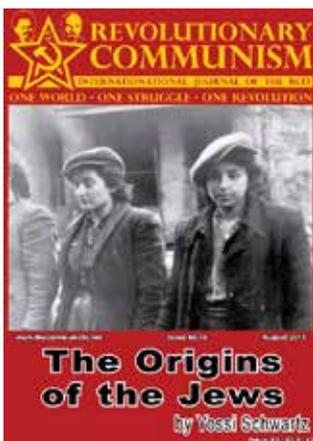
We read today in the *Jerusalem Post* that in the elections to the Irish Parliament, “two parties that are in the lead stand for a law that will criminalize the purchase of goods or services from Israeli businesses in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Golan Heights. These parties are the Sinn Féin that won 22.3% of the vote for the Daíl, Ireland’s lower house of parliament, the highest share of the national vote it has ever received, and Fine Gael, the party of Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar received 22.4% and Fianna Fáil got 22.2%.”<sup>18</sup> No doubt these parties are going to be called in Israel, the right wing Zionists and their friends as “Anti-Semites” like the BDS.

It is a fact that the Zionists were in the front line in the attack on the left wing of the British Labor party led by Corbin and are in the front line of the attack on the social democratic wing of the Democratic Party in the USA. In other words the Zionists are in the front line of the reactionaries in many countries including the USA, France and Britain.

Senator Elizabeth Warren of the more progressive wing of the Democratic Party in the USA was asked by a female member of the Jewish American group IfNotNow whether she would skip the AIPAC (The American Israel Public Affairs Committee) Conference in March. Warren replied: “I am an American Jew and I am terrified by the unholy alliance that AIPAC is forming with Islamophobes, Anti-Semites and white nationalists.”<sup>19</sup> It still has to be seen whether she will keep her promise.

AIPAC is a very powerful Zionist lobbyist groups acting for the interests of the Israeli state. The power of AIPAC over members of American Congress is well known. Can you imagine what would happen to a lobby group that works let say openly for Lebanon and tries to ensure that members of the Congress will side with Lebanon against Israel. It would be accused of supporting a terrorist state. Yet it is Israel that kills Palestinians almost daily by state terrorism.

Since Trump announced his great plundering plan of the century, Israel killed five people in the 1967 occupied West Bank and Jerusalem. “The Palestinian health ministry said Badr Nafla, 19, died yesterday after being shot by Israeli forces in the neck during clashes near the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem. Earlier on Friday, Israel deployed additional forces in Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank after its soldiers killed four Palestinians in the last two days. Israeli forces shot



## Publications of the RCIT

### The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

Chapter II: The Rise of Anti-Semitism

Chapter III: Anti-Semitism and Zionism

Chapter IV: The Russian Revolution:

Bolshevism, the Bund, and Stalinism

dead two Palestinians on Thursday during a demonstration in Jenin against the demolition of a Palestinian house. One of those killed was named by official Palestinian news agency, WAFA, as a 19-year-old student, Yazan Abu Tabekh. The second was identified as Palestinian policeman Tareq Badwan.”<sup>20</sup>

These days the Israeli state is aware that a new Intifada is possible and they terrorize the Palestinians to show them what will happen if they rebel against their oppression.

“One year ago Ilhan Omar’s tweet said in response to a question: “What accounted for such fierce defense of a foreign country by US political leaders even if it meant attacking the free-speech rights of Americans? She replied “It’s all about the Benjamins baby,” referring to \$100 bills with the picture of Benjamin Franklin. Her reply created a storm, and she was accused of Anti-Semitism.” Yet it is true that AIPAC rewards financially Members of the Congress who voted in a certain way. Political activist Ady Barkan describes how as a congressional candidate he worked for scored \$5,000 from an AIPAC representative just by promising to support AIPAC’s pet issues. Easy money!<sup>21</sup>

The power of AIPAC cannot be explained by money alone. Its power is the result of the fact that Israel is a close ally of the USA and it is proud of its role as a front line of imperialism in the Middle East. “Hanit is the Hebrew word meaning spearhead. That word explains why Israel is a vital strategic asset not just to Great Britain, but to the West as a whole.”<sup>22</sup>

In addition it is backed by the Christian Evangelists and the Islamophobs and white racist organizations. Among the close friends of the Zionists is Reverend Jerry Falwell who remarked in the first week of October 2002, “Mohammed was a terrorist. I read enough of the history of his life, written by both Muslims and non-Muslims [to know] that he was a violent man, a man of war.”

Many Arabs and non-fundamentalist Christians were incensed and placed on alert. They realized that the so called “war on terrorism” has been used as a war against Islam and Arabs.

The friends of Israel, the evangelists, are also Anti-Semites. According to the American Jewish newspaper “Forward”: “Anti-Semitic beliefs are growing among evangelical Christians, the Washington Post reported. The shifting attitudes of such groups comes at a moment when Donald Trump is making the anti-Semitic claim that Jews have equal or greater loyalty to Israel than to America. Trump has also made it clear that he is taking cues from evangelical figures and groups, recently tweeting a quote from an evangelical radio host who said that Trump is the “King of Israel.” One evangelical woman who spoke to the Post, Luba Yanko, said that Trump “is surrounded by a Zionist environment with completely different values from Christians. It’s kabbalist. It’s Talmudic values. Not the word of God.” Yanko suggested that Jews, overall, control the government.”<sup>23</sup>

In a similar fashion to white nationalist anti-Semitism, some evangelicals also support the existence of the State of Israel for theological reasons.<sup>24</sup>

The evangelists believe that a horrible war the Armageddon is going to take place between the Arab and the Jews which will send to hell the Muslims and the Jews who will not be converted to Christianity. This would be the final victory of the Messiah.

AIPAC is closely related to right wing Zionist organizations in the USA that have close relations also with white racists, white nationalists and neo-Nazis. While attacking progressive politicians and movement hides the fact that the worst Anti-Semites around the world are the friends

of Israel.

“In September 2017 Sebastian Gorka, a Nazi and Islamophobe who used to work for Trump as an adviser was the main speaker at a counterterrorism conference in Herzliya near Tel Aviv.”

<sup>25</sup> Furthermore, Gorka has been accused of having ties to Vitezi Rend, an anti-Semitic Hungarian political party whose leader reportedly handed over hundreds of thousands of Jews to the Nazis in the Second World War.<sup>26</sup>

Today the most reactionary regimes “endorse the settler-colonialism and military occupation in Palestine. This is part of a global trend of right-wing, far-right, and fundamentalist movements. Take Brazil as an example, Brazil’s far-right President Jair Bolsonaro known for patriarchal, misogynist, and racist who calls African, Middle Eastern, and Haitian refugees “the scum of humanity,” attacked LGBT populations, and promoted legal inequality of women, loves Israel. Israel friends include other Anti-Semites like Hungary’s Victor Orban. Known for his Islamophobic and anti-refugees Orban praised former Hungarian Nazi collaborator Miklos Horthy, responsible for the killing of half a million Jews in Hungary. Another friend of Israel is Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who is a racist, homophobic, and sexist remarks. In spite of the fact that he compared himself to Hitler and ridiculed Holocaust victims when he visited Israel he participated in a memorial service at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.”<sup>27</sup>

The same is true for Modi, the far right nationalist and racist Prime Minister of India who wrote to the Israeli Prime Minister: “My dear friend Bibi, Thank you for your message on India’s Constitution Day. Israel is a cherished strategic partner. We share and value the same principles of democracy.”<sup>28</sup>

The so called Jewish and democratic state is a racist state not only toward Arabs but also against African asylum seekers. “Israel is characterized by an hierarchy of racism grounded in white, Euro-centric supremacy. Ashkenazim discriminated against Arab Jews and Jews of color. The Zionists adopted the Anti-Semite image of the Jew as a pale, flaccid, parasite, an eternal alien. Zionism adopted the idea that this pathetic weakling who is be blamed for Anti-Semitism needed to be transformed into the bronzed, muscular Hebrew farmer/warrior Max Nordau for example in his speech at the Second Zionist Congress in Basel on August 28, 1898. Said that it is necessary to create a race of “new muscular Jews” instead of the “old weak Jew.”<sup>29</sup>

Indeed the worst Anti-Semites, the Nazis, agreed with the Zionists on the Jewish question. SS chief, Reinhard Heydrich, in 1935, he published a statement in an SS publication:

“National Socialism has no intention of attacking the Jewish people in any way. On the contrary, the recognition of Jewry as a racial community based on blood, and not as a religious one, leads the German government to guarantee the racial separateness of this community without any limitations. The government finds itself in complete agreement with the great spiritual movement within Jewry itself, the so-called Zionism, with its recognition of the solidarity of Jewry throughout the world and the rejection of all assimilationist ideas.”<sup>30</sup>

Even a Zionist publication is forced to admit this: “It may be slightly difficult to understand today, but in the beginning of the Nazi rule in Germany, way before anyone could have imagined the horrors that would be committed by the German people, there were some Zionist Jews who saw Hitler’s political doctrine as an advantage. The Nazis didn’t conceal their desire to get rid of Germany’s Jews, and some Zionists saw it as an opportunity to boost the rate of Jewish immigration from Germany

to the British Mandate of Palestine, Land of Israel. One of them was Dr. Kurt Tuchler, a German Jewish judge and an active member of the Zionist Federation of Germany. Even before Adolf Hitler was named chancellor, the Federation decided to contact Nazi Party officials who they thought might support the Zionist goal. Tuchler turned to Leopold von Mildenstein, who was in charge of the Jewish Desk at the in the security service of the SS and was known for his journalistic writing. (...) Tuchler sought to join Mildenstein on a trip to the Land of Israel, which was still under British rule at the time, in a bid to suggest the place as an attractive destination for Jews. "He wanted to keep him company and influence him to write his travel story from a Zionist perspective," Goldfinger explains. "He saw it as a mission." And so in the spring of 1933, Tuchler and Mildenstein got in a car with their wives (who were both called Gerda) and embarked on a journey from Germany to the Land of Israel. Mildenstein returned from Palestine excited by what he saw. In his writings, he described how Jews were working the land, drying up swamps and fulfilling the Zionist idea, and praised Zionism for benefitting both the Jews and the world. The Reich's minister of propaganda, Joseph Goebbels, was also very keen about the narrative presented by Mildenstein. As horrible and unbelievable as it may seem from our perspective, the story Mildenstein brought from Palestine matched not only the Zionist stance but also the Nazi one. The bottom line of his articles was clear: Zionism is a way of solving Germany's "Jewish problem."<sup>31</sup>

It is of interest that in Israel the story of Kastner has surfaced once again. Dan Margalit, a known Zionist journalist, wrote in his Facebook account: "About Unusual Petition to the Supreme Court. I met Dov Kaplan 10 years ago because of a common interest in the holocaust of the Hungarian Jews and Israel Kastner. He gave me the Phd Thesis of Ayala Nadiwi that appeared in a form of a book titled "Between Moses Kraus and Kastner ". The three of us had the opinion that Kstner was

wrong for cheating the Jews sent to the death camps , in applying pressure that the parachutists' Palgi and Goldstein should give themselves to the Gestapo and his attitude toward the mother of Hanna Szenes, the Palestinian Jewish who parachuted into Nazi-occupied Hungary on a rescue mission. and above all because of his close connections to Eichmann and his help to clarify 4 top Nazis. The Judge Halevi said about him that he sold his soul to the devil. Kastner appealed and before the appeal was heard he was killed. At 12:10 a.m. on March 3, 1957, Ze'ev Eckstein, Yosef Menkes and Dan Shemer ambushed him as he was parking his car outside his Tel Aviv home. The three attackers were convicted, served time and were released by 1963. Eckstein, the shooter, was said to have been a paid informer of the Shin Bet. They were released earlier due to the intervention of the Secret Service. Kaplan wanted to see the files of the Security Service but his request was denied and has denied even today. He appealed to the Supreme Court to open the files and this Monday there will be a hearing. Most likely his request will be denied.

Thus history tends to repeat itself. Kastner was a top Zionists who told the Jews of Hungary that they would not be sent to death camps. He helped the real Anti-Semite. Today the Zionists help once again the real Anti-Semites, by misdirecting the Jews against the left.

#### Recruiting Nazis to the Mossad

In the 1950's the Israeli propaganda against Nasser's Egypt was that Egypt recruited Nazi scientists to fight Israel and this was a proof that Nasser was pro-Nazi. This allegation was used to justify Israel war in 1956 and later in 1967. The Arabs were presented as the new Nazis who want to kill the Jews. It may come as a shock to some soft Zionists but Israel recruited some top Nazi professional killers to work with its security service, the Mossad.

## 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.

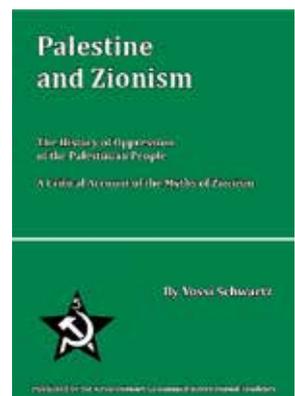
Yossi Schwartz also shows that the Palestinian people have heroically resisted against the occupation resulting in two Intifadas as well as the successful defense of Gaza against the Israeli aggression in three wars (2008/09, 2012, 2014). The author also analysis the shameful betrayal by the PLO leadership by signing the Oslo Agreement in 1993.

In *Palestine and Zionism* Yossi Schwartz defends the right of national self-determination for the Palestinian people and

outlines a socialist perspective. He emphasizes that the only solution is the right of millions of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland and to replace the Zionist entity with one democratic state from the river to the sea – a *Free Red Palestine* with equal civil rights to the Arabs and the Israeli Jews.

The book contains an introduction and 7 chapters (112 pages) and includes 7 Tables and 3 Maps. The author of the book is Yossi Schwartz, a leading member of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency and its section in Israel / Occupied Palestine..

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



*"Otto Skorzeny, one of the Mossad's most valuable assets, was a former lieutenant colonel in Nazi Germany's Waffen-SS and one of Adolf Hitler's favorites". On September 11, 1962 a German scientist Heinz Krug who worked for Egypt was murdered in Munich. Today it is known that the killer was Skorzeny that after the war was recruited by the Mossad."*<sup>32</sup>

### Supporting the Most Reactionary Regimes in Africa and Latin America

The history of Israel includes selling weapons to regimes known for their inhuman cruelty including against Jews. To give a few examples:

*"Rabin Government (1974-1977) hosted Apartheid South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster in April 1976. He had been a member of a pro-Nazi group during World War II. The Apartheid regime performed scientific experiments on Africans. "Such experiments were carried out on prisoners of war; after they were killed; their bodies were dumped by planes in the Atlantic Ocean. Documents in the South African archives, uncovered by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and investigative journalist Sasha Polakow-Suransky, reveal that the director of this project, Wouter Basson, also known as Dr. Death, visited Israel in 1979. Basson sent his representatives to additional visits to Israel for consultations with Israeli security officials, with Israeli representatives even taking part in a conference, as part of this mad plan, which was held in South Africa in 1986."*<sup>33</sup>

*"Both the first Rabin Government and the Begin Government collaborated with the junta in Argentina, despite the fact that Jews were murdered by the regime between 1976 and 1983 in large numbers. Members of the military government supported Nazi ideology and the repression of dissidents included the use of Nazi expressions and symbols, even in torture chambers."*<sup>34</sup>

*"Between 1973 and 1991, Israeli governments and the IDF sold weapons and training to Pinochet's dictatorship in Chile, a regime that committed crimes against humanity, disappeared thousands, and tortured tens of thousands. The Pinochet regime brought torture to new heights of cruelty, unseen in modern history. The State of Israel was not interested in this regime's ties with Nazi war criminals; Pinochet had granted asylum to senior Nazi criminal Walter Rauff, the inventor of the mobile gas chamber. One of the regime's central torture centers was Colonia Dignidad, a Nazi and neo-Nazi colony in southern Chile."*<sup>35</sup>

*"In the 70s and 80s, Israeli governments sold arms to the military regimes in Bolivia. One of the senior figures in the Bolivian junta's security establishment, which cast terror on the indigenous population, was senior Nazi criminal Klaus Barbie, head of the Gestapo in Lyon, who was nicknamed "The Butcher of Lyon."*<sup>36</sup>

Following the war, the U.S. Counter-Intelligence Corps recruited Klaus Barbie—as an agent to assist the repression of the workers and the poor peasants' uprisings. "According to a 2012 article in the Daily Mail, German prosecutors who examined secret files from Brazil and Chile discovered that as many as 9,000 Nazi officers and collaborators from other countries escaped from Europe to find sanctuary in South American countries. Brazil took in between 1,500 and 2,000 Nazi war criminals, while between 500 and 1,000 settled in Chile. However, by far the largest number—as many as 5,000—relocated to Argentina."<sup>37</sup> Canada received a whole division of Ukrainians SS.

One question that I was searching for the answer to was why the Mossad captured Eichmann and not Dr. Joseph

Mengele who performed horrible experiments. The known Zionist journalist Ronen Begman who went over the Security files provided me the answer. The Israeli government who knew where Mengele was hiding in Argentina and Brazil did not want to capture him, according to Bergman because it was more important for them to concentrate on fighting Egypt and the Palestinians.

*"The capture, trial and execution in the early 1960s of Adolf Eichmann, the bureaucratic organizer of the Holocaust, led many people to believe that the Mossad would next want to get its hands on Mengele. Many in Israel and around the world figured that the Mossad would have no trouble doing so. But the truth was that for years, the leaders of the government and the agency were simply not all that interested".... He was seen by a Mossad agent that was sure the Mossad will capture him" But the head of the Mossad at the time, Isser Harel, ordered the matter dropped: On the same day, the agency had learned that Egypt was recruiting German scientists to build missiles; disposing of them was Harel's top priority..... Begin thought settling the score with Mengele would show Palestinian leaders (and the Israeli public) that they would have to pay a price for harming Israelis. His attitude was reflected in a message he sent to President Ronald Reagan when he sent the Israeli Army into Lebanon in 1982, saying that he felt as if "I have sent an army to Berlin to wipe out Hitler in the bunker."*<sup>38</sup>

In 1982 the extreme right Christian phalanges, the admirers of Franco and the allies of Israel killed in cold blood 2000 Palestinians in Sabra and Shatila refugee camps while the Israeli army used strong projectors to lit the butchering field for them.

So we can see that for the Zionists the real enemy is not Anti-Semitism but the oppressed people that the Zionist calls Nazis while the real Nazis are called the friends of Israel.

Thus the claim that Zionists are Anti-Nazis is a myth. For them repressing the Palestinians that they expelled from Palestine is the priority. It cannot be otherwise for settler colonialists who are in the front line of the imperialist in the region.

There are some people who call Israel a Nazi state this is not accurate. The Zionist ruling class is not afraid of the Jewish working class and does not need a fascist regime to repress a working class revolution. Israel however is the friend of the Anti-Semites including Nazis. Today the prevailing ideology in Israel is the one that Yitzhak Shamir who was twice prime Minister (1983–84 and 1986–1992) of Israel held – an extreme right wing chauvinistic ideology.

*"In the late 1930s, Shamir and his Lehi faction were great admirers of the Italian Fascists and German Nazis, and after World War II broke out, they attempted to contact Mussolini and the German leadership in 1940 and 1941, hoping to enlist in the Axis Powers as their Palestine affiliate."*<sup>39</sup>

In an article that appeared in Los Angeles Times we find: "Israel's Jerusalem Post broke a national taboo today by writing of a 1941 link between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Stern Gang guerrillas and Nazi Germany. The episode, known to historians, is almost never mentioned in a country that reveres the memory of 6 million European Jews, including Shamir's entire family, killed by the Nazis during World War II... With the exception of a hostile statement by concentration camp survivors against Shamir when he first took power in 1983, the Israeli press virtually never mentions the episode... The Nazis rejected the plan because it clashed with their bid for support from Arab

nationalists.”<sup>40</sup>

This does not make Israel a Nazi state but indicate how close is the ideology of the Zionist right wing to the Nazi ideology.

Thus to fight Anti-Semitism it is necessary to fight its best friends - the Zionists and the imperialist friends of Israel. For this it is important to know the real history of Zionism.<sup>41</sup>

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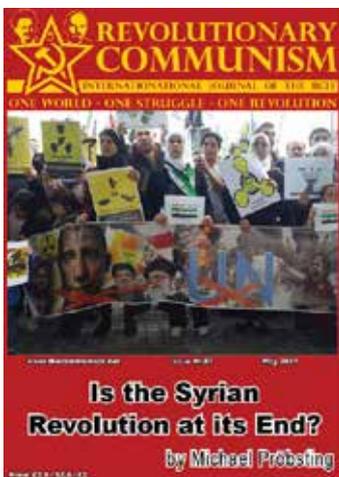
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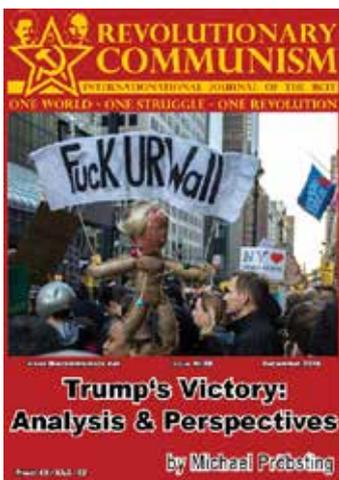
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# The Meaning, Consequences and Lessons of Trump's Victory

By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016

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# On the Composition of the International Working Class

## A new report of the UN's International Labour Office

### with interesting figures about social developments between 2000 and 2018

Article (with 2 Tables) by Michael Pröbsting, Revolutionary Communist International Tendency, 25 February 2020

The latest issue of the *“World Employment Social Outlook”*, published by the UN's *International Labour Office*, contains some interesting material which demonstrates the changes in the international working class.<sup>1</sup>

Our movement has always stressed that the focus of global capitalist production, and therefore of the international proletariat, has shifted during the past half century from the old imperialist metropolises (i.e., North America, Western Europe and Japan) to the semi-colonial countries in the South as well as to new imperialist powers like China. As we have elaborated in several RCIT books and pamphlets, this process is one of the most fundamental changes in recent history which has important consequences for the revolutionary strategy. These changes must be reflected in the politics of the international workers organizations and, most importantly, in the building of a new Revolutionary World Party which should have its focus in the South and the East (and not in Western Europe and North America).<sup>2</sup>

In this article we do not intend to repeat this analysis and the resulting consequences for Marxists in party building work. We rather limit ourselves to summarize the latest developments and to highlight their most important features.

Before doing so we have to explain briefly the limitations of the ILO's statistics. It should surprise nobody that the ILO studies about the global labor force are not based on a Marxist definition of classes and layers in general and of the working class in particular. Hence, these studies just differentiate between *“employers”*, *“wage and salaried employees”*, *“own-account workers”* and *“contributing family workers”*. At this point we have to use these categories as approximations to the Marxist class categories while being at the same time aware that there are important limitations in this.

Very broadly speaking one can identify *“employers”* with all types of capitalists (small, medium and big), *“wage and salaried employees”* with the working class, and *“own-account workers”* as well as *“contributing family workers”* with peasants and the urban petty-bourgeoisie.

What are the most important limitations of these bourgeois categories from a Marxist point of view?

First, the category *“wage and salaried employees”* includes not only workers. A minority of wage earners is not part of the working class, but belongs to the salaried middle layers (supervisory personnel, police, lower-grade manager etc.).<sup>3</sup> We have estimated in an extensive analysis that, in the imperialist countries, the number of wage earners – making up to 90% of the total working population – can be divided into two, with approximately 2/3 working class while 1/3 are middle layer.<sup>4</sup> In the poorer countries, the salaried middle classes are much smaller.

Second, the proletariat in the poorer countries is larger in size than the numbers in the official ILO statistics would appear to indicate. A considerable proportion of the workers in these countries are formally counted not as wage laborers, but as formally self-employed, due to the large

informal sector. However, in fact, they are part of the working class.<sup>5</sup>

As a result of these necessary corrections, the actual shift of the proletariat towards the semi-colonial and emerging imperialist countries is even bigger than official statistics indicate. As we demonstrated other works on this issue, about ¾ of the international working class is located outside the old imperialist countries in North America, Western Europe and Japan.

There are also other problematic categories used by ILO (as well as other international bourgeois agencies). In most studies of the global economy bourgeois analysts differentiate the countries in *“Low-Income Countries”*, *“Lower-Middle-Income Countries”*, *“Upper-Middle-Income Countries”* and *“High-Income Countries”*. Such categories ignore the class character of these countries, i.e. if they are imperialist or semi-colonial countries. In other words, they ignore the relationship of capitalist exploitation between such countries.<sup>6</sup>

Broadly speaking, once could say that the category of *“High-Income Countries”* equals imperialist countries while the other categories include both advanced, industrialized capitalist semi-colonies as well as less developed capitalist semi-colonial countries. However, as we show in Table 2, the ILO includes a number of advanced, industrialized semi-colonies in the category of *“High-Income Countries”* (e.g. Ireland, Portugal, some Eastern European country and Arab countries) and, on the other hand, it includes China – an imperialist Great Power and the most important challenger of the U.S. – in the category of *“Upper-Middle-Income Countries”*.

These are the most important limitations of the ILO's analysis which we present below. Nevertheless, these figures are valuable for a Marxist analysis as they are indicative for the developments and changes in the world proletariat.

Let us now briefly summarize the most important conclusions of the ILO's figures which we have reproduced below in Table 1.

1) It is evident, irrespective of various petty-bourgeois intellectuals announcing the *“end of the proletariat”*, that the working class is continuing to grow globally. In fact, the share of the *“wage and salaried employees”* among the global labor force increased from 45.7% (2000) to 52.0% (2018), i.e. it constitutes for the first time a majority of the global labor force. In absolute figures this means that out of a global labor force of 3305.3 million people, 1718.8 millions are wage labourers.

2) While the share of the *“wage and salaried employees”* among the labor force grew only modestly between 2000 and 2018 in the *“High-Income Countries”* (as well as in the *“Low-Income Countries”*), the more developed semi-colonial countries as well as China experienced a dramatic increase in this period. The share of the working class grew in the *“Lower-Middle-Income Countries”* from 26.2% to 34.5% and in the *“Upper-Middle-Income Countries”* from

47.7% to 59.2%.

3) If we look to the regional developments we can also recognize some interesting features. The most dramatic growth of the working class in the last two decades took place in Eastern Asia and South-Eastern Asia. Here the share of the workers grew from 43.4% to 56.6% respectively from 36.4% to 51.6%.

4) Latin America & Caribbean is a region with a traditionally large proletariat. This reflects the fact that while these countries are semi-colonies, they experienced a relatively long process of industrialization as they succeeded in gaining independence of colonial powers earlier than most other countries of the South. However, the growth of the share of the “*wage and salaried employees*” was relatively modest: from 60.0% (2000) to 63.1% (2018).

5) The Middle East (which includes the regional groups North Africa, Arab States and Western Asia) experienced a rapid growth of the working class in the past two decades. Today, it is the semi-colonial region with the highest share of workers (apart from Eastern Europe). In 2018 the share of the “*wage and salaried employees*” in this region is 81.2% (Arab States), 64.2% (Western Asia) and 63.9% (North Africa). These social and economic changes constitute an important background for the fact that this region has been the one which experienced the most revolutionary class struggles since 2011.

6) As we have emphasized in the past, Asia has become the focus of the international working class. More than half of the global working class (862.7 millions) live in Eastern Asia, South-Eastern Asia and South Asia alone. If we add Western Asia, this make even 910.9 millions.

We conclude this article by emphasizing once more that the RCIT considers it as crucial for revolutionaries to pay particular attention to the working class in the South and the East, i.e. outside of the old imperialist states in Western Europe, North America and Japan. The huge weight of the Southern proletariat must be reflected not only in their massive participation in international workers’ organizations, but also in the leaderships of these forces. And questions of particular importance for the Southern working class – their super-exploitation, their national liberation struggles against imperialism, etc. – must play a central role in the organizations’ propagandistic and practical work.<sup>7</sup>

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## Books of the RCIT

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

The Factors behind the Accelerating Rivalry between the U.S., China, Russia, EU and Japan.  
A Critique of the Left’s Analysis and an Outline of the Marxist Perspective

In *Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* Michael Pröbsting analyses the accelerating rivalry between the imperialist Great Powers – the U.S., China, EU, Russia, and Japan. He shows that the diplomatic rows, sanctions, trade wars, and military tensions between these Great Powers are not accidental or caused by a mad man in the White House. They are rather rooted in the fundamental contradictions of the capitalist system. This rivalry is a key feature of the current historic period and could, ultimately, result in major wars between these Great Powers.

*Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry* demonstrates the validity of the Marxist analysis of modern imperialism. Using comprehensive material (including 61 Tables and Figures), Michael Pröbsting elaborates that a correct understanding of the rise of China and Russia as new Great Powers is crucial for assessing the character of the current inter-imperialist rivalry.

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strates that most of these organizations fail to understand the nature of the Great Power rivalry and, consequently, are not able to take an internationalist and revolutionary stance.

The author elaborates the approach of leading Marxist figures like Lenin, Trotsky and Luxemburg to the problems of Great Power rivalry and imperialist aggression against oppressed peoples. He outlines a Marxist program for the current period which is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future.

The book contains an introduction and 29 chapters plus an appendix (412 pages) and includes 61 figures and tables. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

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World	45.7	52.0	35.1	34.1	16.4	10.7	3305.3	1718.8
Low-Income Countries	15.8	18.8	50.5	50.9	32.2	28.6	300.2	56.4
Lower-Middle- Income Countries	26.2	34.5	52.2	49.5	19.6	13.3	1142.1	394.0
Upper-Middle- Income Countries	47.7	59.2	31.3	28.3	18.0	9.2	1267.1	750.1
Upper-Middle- Income Countries	84.4	87.2	9.6	8.6	2.1	0.9	595.9	519.6
High-Income Countr.								
Northern Africa	57.0	63.9	18.1	19.4	15.1	9.8	65.7	42.0
Arab States	73.2	81.2	16.6	12.7	5.8	2.6	52.7	42.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	19.6	22.6	50.8	51.4	27.4	23.4	385.6	87.1
Latin America & Caribbean	60.0	63.1	28.4	28.3	7.2	4.3	289.0	182.4
Eastern Asia	43.4	56.6	32.9	29.3	21.1	11.2	891.2	504.4
South-Eastern Asia & Pacific	36.4	51.6	38.9	32.3	22.1	12.9	336.8	173.8
Southern Asia	20.3	26.5	59.5	57.7	19.2	13.9	696.1	184.5
Western Asia	51.5	64.2	29.1	23.3	15.6	8.8	71.5	48.2
Northern, Southern & Western Europe	83.3	84.8	9.9	10.0	2.0	0.9	203.5	172.6
Eastern Europe Central & Northern America	83.9	88.1	12.0	8.9	2.6	1.1	136.0	119.8
	91.6	92.8	3.3	2.7	5.0	4.4	177.1	164.3

recruited in large numbers from among Social Democratic workers is absolutely meaningless. Consciousness is determined by environment even in this instance. The worker who becomes a policeman in the service of the capitalist state, is a bourgeois cop, not a worker. Of late years these policemen have had to do much more fighting with revolutionary workers than with Nazi students. Such training does not fail to leave its effects. And above all: every policeman knows that though governments may change, the police remain." (Leon Trotsky: What Next? Vital Questions for the German Proletariat, January 1932, <http://marxists.architexturez.net/archive/trotsky/germany/1932-ger/next01.htm#s1>)

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## Appendix: How does the ILO Classify the Countries?

### High-income countries

Argentina  
Australia  
Belgium  
Canada  
Chile  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Hong Kong, China  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Japan  
Korea, Republic of  
Kuwait  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Oman  
Panama  
Poland  
Portugal  
Puerto Rico  
Qatar  
Russian Federation  
Saudi Arabia  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Taiwan, China  
Trinidad and Tobago  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Uruguay

### Upper-middle-income countries

Albania  
Algeria  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Belarus  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
China  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Grenada  
Guatemala  
Iran  
Iraq  
Jamaica  
Jordan  
Kazakhstan  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Macedonia  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Mexico  
Mongolia  
Montenegro  
Namibia  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Romania  
Serbia  
South Africa  
Thailand  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Venezuela

### Lower-middle-income countries

Angola  
Bangladesh  
Bolivia  
Congo  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Djibouti  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Georgia  
Ghana  
Guyana  
Honduras  
India  
Indonesia  
Kenya  
Kiribati  
Kyrgyzstan  
Lao  
Lesotho  
Mauritania  
Moldova  
Morocco  
Myanmar  
Nauru  
Nicaragua  
Nigeria  
Occupied  
Palestinian Territory  
Pakistan  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Samoa  
Senegal  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Ukraine  
Uzbekistan  
Viet Nam  
Zambia

### Low-income countries

Afghanistan  
Benin  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Comoros  
DRC Congo  
of the  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Haiti  
Korea, Democratic People's  
Republic of  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mozambique  
Nepal  
Niger  
Rwanda  
Sierra Leone  
Somalia  
South Sudan  
Syria  
Tajikistan  
Tanzania  
Uganda  
Yemen  
Zimbabwe

# Once again on the Composition of the International Working Class

## Some additional information which confirm the shift away from the old imperialist countries towards the South as well as China

Article (with 3 Graphs) by Michael Pröbsting, *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency*, 10 March 2020

Two weeks ago, we have published an article in which we outlined important changes in the international working class in the past two decades.<sup>1</sup> We demonstrated, based on actual information released by the UN's *International Labour Office*, that the global working class has grown in this period and, for the first time in history, became the majority of the working people globally. We also showed that the focus of the global proletariat is shifting away from the old imperialist countries (U.S., Western Europe and Japan) towards the semi-colonial countries in the south as well as towards the new emerging imperialist Great Powers China and Russia.

Furthermore, we demonstrated, among others, that more than half of the global working class (862.7 millions) lives in Eastern Asia, South-Eastern Asia and South Asia alone. We also pointed out that the huge majority of the working people in that region which has constituted the centre of the global class struggle in the past decade – the Arab world – are wage laborers (81.2% in the Arab States and 63.9% in North Africa).

In this article we want to add some more information on these developments. For this we will use new material from the recently published *Industrial Development Report 2020*, the latest issue of a bi-annual report by the *United Nations Industrial Development Organization*.<sup>2</sup>

In particular we want to point out two major developments: the shift of manufacturing production and the shift of the industrial proletariat between the years 1990 and 2018.

Before doing this we must make a brief remark about the terminology used by UNIDO. As this is a bourgeois institution, it does not apply Marxist characterizations to the countries but rather categories used by bourgeois economists today. Hence they don't speak about imperialist and semi-colonial countries but rather about "*Least Developed Countries*", "*Developing and Emerging Industrial Economies*" and "*Industrialized Economies*". We will not elaborate our criticism of these categories as we have done so somewhere else.<sup>3</sup>

However, in this case these categories do not present a significant problem for our research since the category "*Industrialized Economies*" consists mostly of the old imperialist states as well as Russia (plus several smaller semi-colonial countries resp. colonies of imperialist states). China, the most important emerging imperialist Great Power, is listed as a separate category. In turn, the categories "*Least Developed Countries*" as well as "*Developing and Emerging Industrial Economies*" contain mostly semi-colonial countries.

Let us deal first with the shift of manufacturing produc-

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

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

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

25 years.

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

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

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tion between the years 1990 and 2018. In Graph 1 (see Appendix) we can see that there has been a dramatic shift in global industrial production from the old imperialist countries towards China. Chinese manufacturing sector increased its share in world production from 3% in 1990 to 25% in 2018. Conversely, the share of the old imperialist countries decreased from 79% to 55% during that time. It is worth pointing out that these calculations are done on the basis of *constant \$ 2010* which reflects more accurately the global shares than the so-called *Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)* which is often used in bourgeois economic statistics today.

The share of the other categories – the so-called “*Least Developed Countries*” and the “*Developing and Emerging Industrial Economies*” – remained roughly the same. While the share of the “*Least Developed Countries*” is negligible, the share of the “*Developing and Emerging Industrial Economies*” remained at about 20%.

At this point it is necessary to make an important objection. Naturally, the bourgeois economic statistics do not take into account the capitalist value creation but rather reflect the price reflection of the surplus appropriation by the capitalists. For example, most parts of a T-Shirt or a smart phone might be produced in the semi-colonial countries or in China. But when the final compilation is done in a Western country, a disproportional high share of the price is reflected as produced in these Western countries while, in fact, most value has been created in the semi-colonial countries or in China.

As a result, the share of 20% for the semi-colonial countries (“*Least Developed Countries*” and “*Developing and Emerging Industrial Economies*”) is much too low while the share of the old imperialist countries (“*Industrialized Economies*”) is much too high. We will demonstrate this in more detail below when we deal with the shift of the global working class.

But before doing this we want to demonstrate some more interesting details about the shift of global industrial production. In Graph 2 we can see how the 12 countries with the highest share of manufacturing production have developed in the past three decades. These countries are China, United States, Japan, Germany, India, South Korea, Italy, United Kingdom, Russia, Indonesia, Brazil and France. Confirming our thesis on the shift towards Asia, the only four of the 12 manufacturing countries which increased their share of world industrial production are China, India, Indonesia and South Korea.

Let us now deal with the shift of the global working class employed in the manufacturing sector. As it is well known the industrial sector is the heart of capitalist production since most of the capitalist value created here.

As we can see in Graph 3 the share of the world working class living in the old imperialist countries has dramatically declined. While it was 30.2% in 1990, this share dropped to 17.5% in 2018, i.e. the share nearly halved.

China’s share grew in the same period slightly from 33.6% to 36.4%. However, one has to take into account that in 1990 China was still a deformed workers state, i.e. the relations of productions were still based on Stalinist planning and not on capitalist ownership (the restoration of capitalism took only place in the early 1990s).<sup>4</sup> Hence, in 1990 the Chinese proletariat in its majority was not a working class exploited by capitalists and hence it contributed very little

to the global capitalist surplus value.

At the same time the semi-colonial countries experienced a massive increase of their share of the world proletariat. The share of the “*Developing and Emerging Industrial Economies*” grew from 33.1% in 1991 to 40.0% in 2018. The share of the so-called “*Least Developed Countries*” also doubled from 3.1% to 6.1%.

In summary, 82.5% of the global industrial proletariat lives outside the old imperialist countries today. More than 1/3 lives in China and more than 46%, i.e. nearly half, of the industrial workers live in the semi-colonial world. Readers will now understand why we emphasized above that the share of global production in the South is strongly underestimated due to price distortions.

We conclude this article by repeating the thesis of the RCIT that it is of utmost importance for revolutionaries to understand the massive shift of the global working class to the South and the East, i.e. outside of the old imperialist states in Western Europe, North America and Japan. From this follows that revolutionaries have to reflect in their program, their tactics and their practical perspectives the huge weight of the Southern proletariat.<sup>5</sup>

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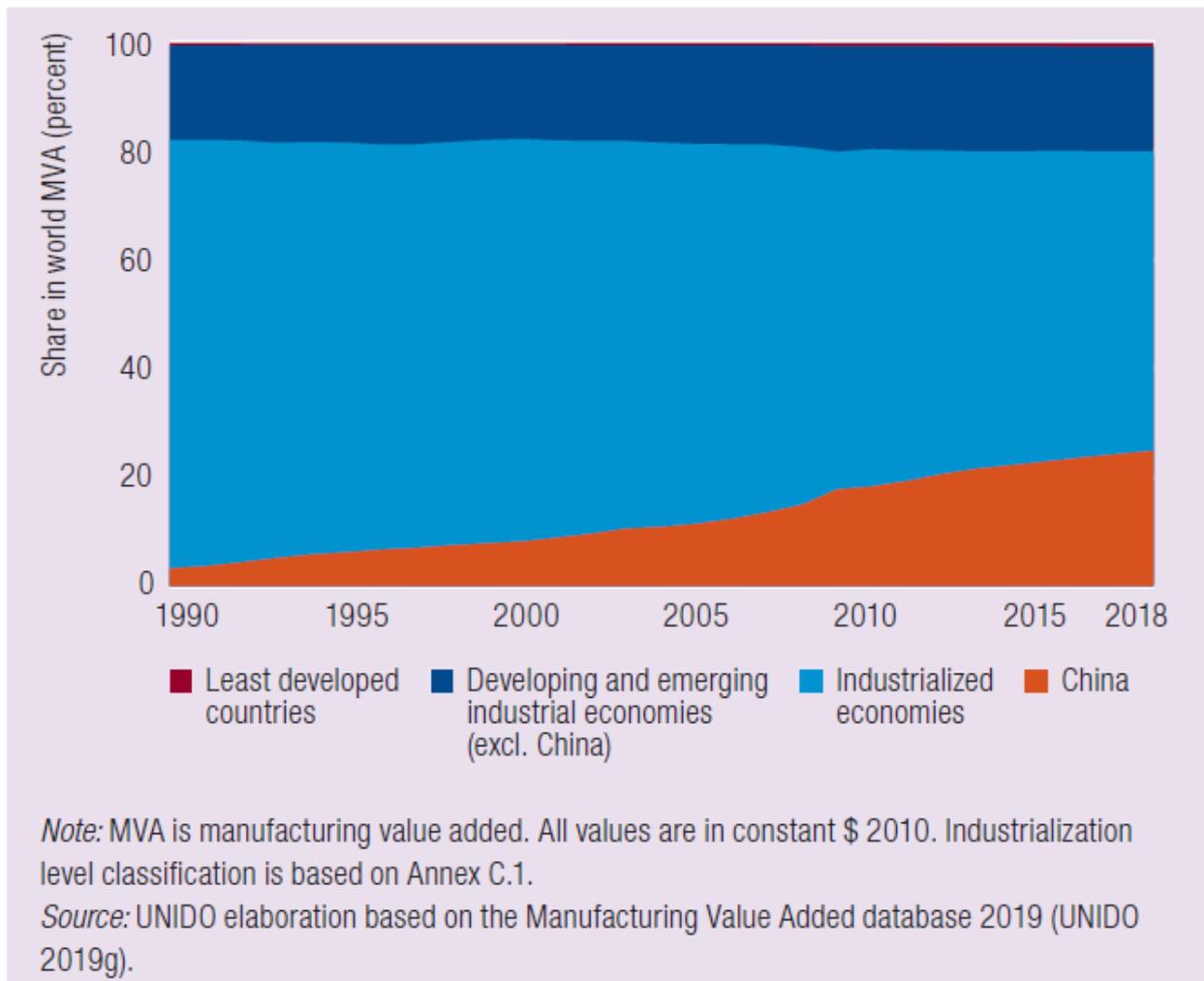
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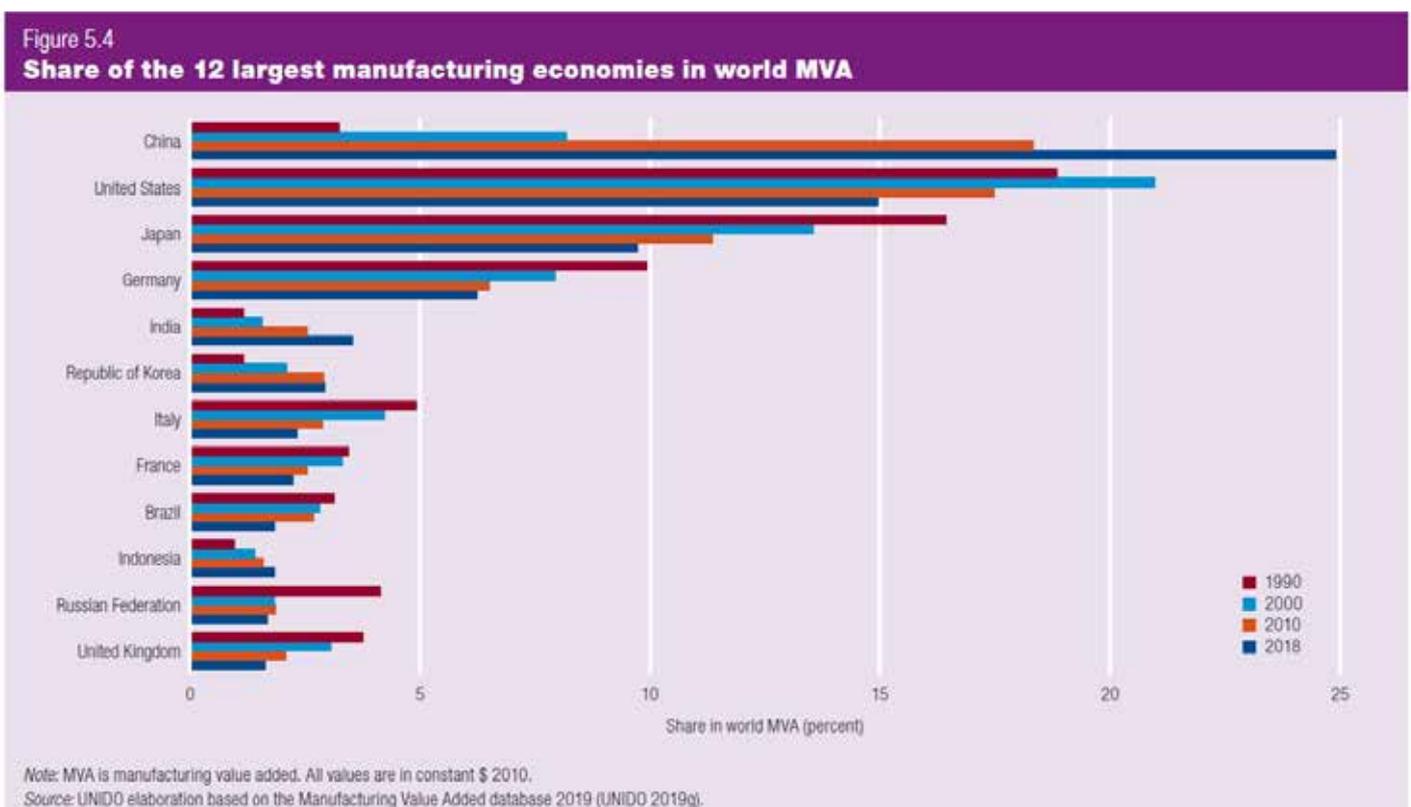
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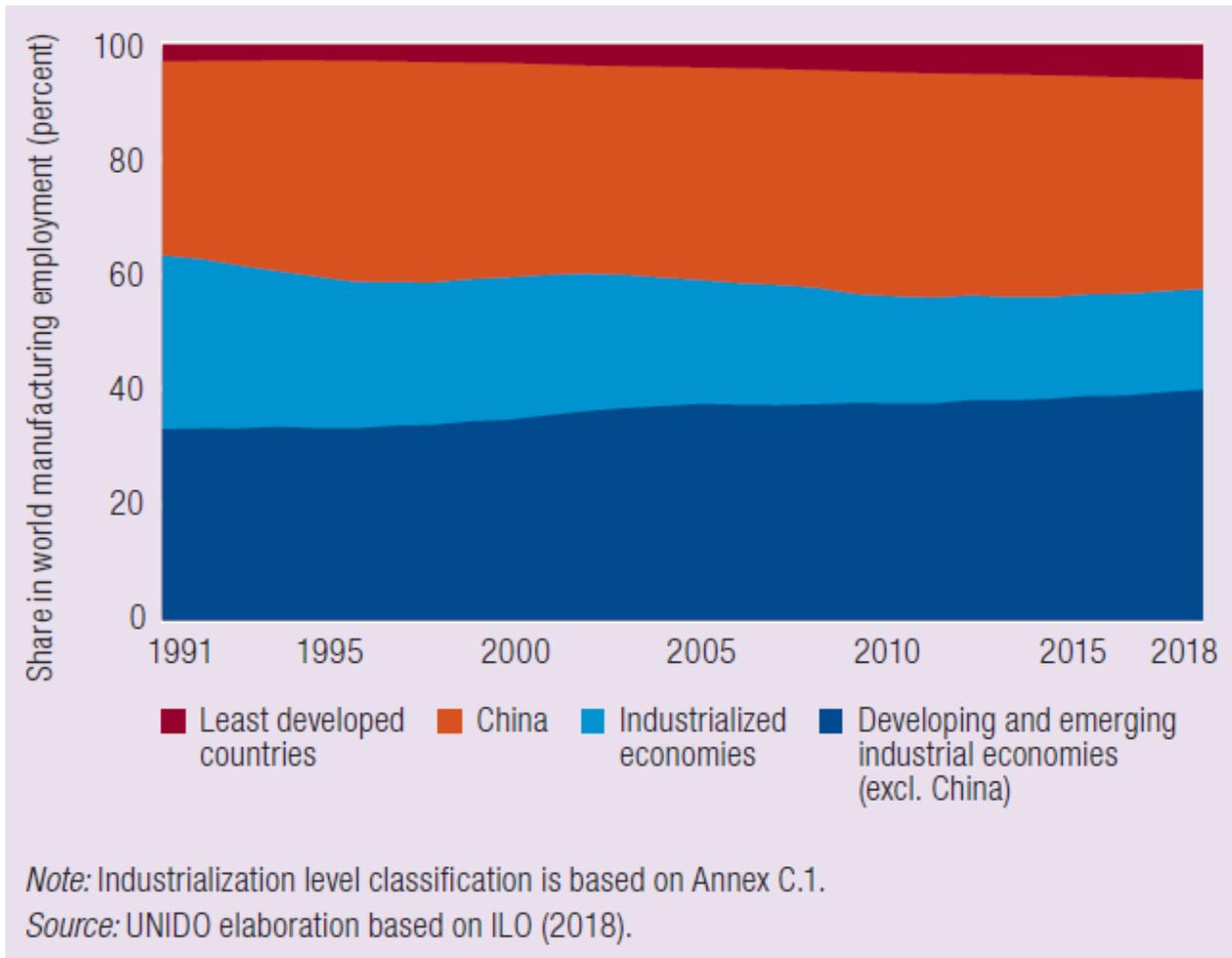
**Graph 1. Share of Global Industrial Production, 1990 and 2018** <sup>6</sup>



**Graph 2. Share of the 12 largest Manufacturing Economies in Global Production, 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2018** <sup>7</sup>



**Graph 3. Share of the Global Industrial Proletariat, 1990 and 2018** <sup>8</sup>



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### Michael Pröbsting: Marxism and the United Front Tactic Today

#### The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today.

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – MARXISM AND THE UNITED FRONT TACTIC TODAY. The book's subtitle is: The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today. On the Application of the Marxist United Front Tactic in Semi-Colonial and Imperialist Countries in the Present Period. It contains eight chapters plus an appendix (172 pages) and includes 9 tables and 5 figures. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

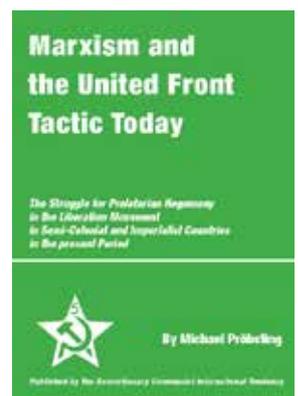
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The united front tactic is a crucial instrument for revolutionaries under today's circumstances in which the mass organizations of the working class and the oppressed are dominated by social democratic, Stalinist and petty-bourgeois-populist forces.

The purpose of this document is both to summarize the main ideas of the Marxist united front tactic while at the same time explaining its development and modification which have become necessary due to political changes which have transpired in the

working class liberation movement since the tactic's original formulation.

In this book we initially summarize the main characteristics of the united front tactic and elaborate the approach of the Marxist classics to this issue. We then outline important social developments in the working class and the popular masses as well as in their political formations in recent decades. From there we will discuss how the united front tactic should be applied in light of a number of new developments (the rise of petty-bourgeois populist parties, the decline of the classic reformist parties, the role of national minorities and migrants in imperialist countries, etc.). The eight chapters of the book are accompanied by nine tables and five figures.



## A Powerful Confirmation

### A bourgeois study on the revolutionary character of the current historic period

by Michael Pröbsting, International Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist International Tendency (RCIT), 12 March 2020

While the bourgeoisie as a class in historic decay is sometimes led by foolish clowns – one has just to think about the White House or the Downing Street No. 10 – it would be wrong to deny that it also has some more intelligent thinkers in its ranks. In fact, every imperialist ruling class employs a whole network of so-called Think Tanks, i.e. institutions which elaborate analysis of economic, social and political developments and offer advice for the necessary measures.

One of the tasks of these Think Tanks is to provide the bourgeoisie with an assessment of the political stability of their system and the degree of mass protests. As revolutionaries need to know the strategies and inner contradictions of the ruling class and its different fractions, so does the bourgeoisie need to have an understanding of the mood and activities of the working class and the popular masses.

It is in this context that the U.S.-based *Center for Strategic and International Studies* (CSIS) has recently published a highly interesting study called *“The Age of Mass Protests, Understanding an Escalating Global Trend”*.<sup>1</sup> As the title already indicates, this study provides an analysis of the global wave of mass protests. It is even more interesting for revolutionaries as it does not limit its research to the latest developments. It rather provides an assessment of the mass movements in the past decade.

#### Counter-revolutionary point of view

We repeat pointing out that the authors don't view such mass protests from a revolutionary point of view. Quite the contrary, they approach these events from a counter-revolutionary point of view and want to advise the ruling class how best to react. However, the study requires serious attention by Marxists exactly because the authors start from a capitalist stance. They have no natural desire to exaggerate the rise of global class struggles as this is something they observe with much worry. In fact, they believe that Washington does not understand the nature of the global wave of mass uprisings and warn that the *“U.S. government has failed to develop a systematic response to the rising tide of the global protests.”*

We also note that it reflects the serious character of this study that it has also been reported with much interest by *The Economist*, a central mouthpiece of the Western monopoly bourgeoisie.<sup>2</sup>

The CSIS authors refer positively to the thesis of Zbigniew Brzezinski, the national security adviser of former U.S. President Carter, that we see a *“global political awakening”*: *“For the first time in history almost all of humanity is politically activated, politically conscious and politically interactive.”*<sup>3</sup>

In this brief article we want to limit ourselves to outline the central conclusions of the study. The CSIS authors state that in 2019 alone 114 countries around the world experienced anti-government protests – *“31 percent more than just a decade ago.”*

#### Global rise of mass protest

The CSIS authors emphasize that this is not a one-time event but rather the expression of a global *“mega-trend”*. The mass protests *“are in fact part of a decade-long trend line affecting every major populated region of the world.”* While they recognize that the Arab Revolution was the trigger of the global wave of mass protests in the past decade they emphasize that we are dealing not with a regional but with a global phenomenon: *“Viewed in this broader context, the events of the Arab Spring were not an isolated phenomenon but rather an especially acute manifestation of a broadly increasing global trend.”*

Analyzing the developments since 2009, they conclude that there has been a nearly continuous increase of mass protests in this decade – of course with ups and downs in a cyclical movement. In average, they state, mass protests in the world have increased annually by 11.5%. They give the following figures for the regions: Middle East and North Africa: +16.5%; Sub-Saharan Africa: +23.8%, South America: +18.9%, Central America and the Caribbean: +15.7%, North America: +17.0%, Europe: +12.2%, Asia: +9.9% and Oceania: +4.9%. They conclude that the Middle East and North Africa has *“the largest concentration of activity”* and Sub-Saharan Africa the *“fastest rate of growth”*.

It is particularly interesting how the CSIS authors also locate the global wave of mass protests in a historical context. They compare the past decade with earlier developments in the past half century and arrive at the conclusion that we have experienced in recent history a much more significant wave of uprisings than before. They conclude: *“The size and frequency of recent protests eclipse historical examples of eras of mass protest, such as the late-1960s, late-1980s, and early-1990s.”*

Even after adjusting for population growth, the authors reckon that the number of demonstrators who have taken to the streets in recent years exceeds that of either the anti-Vietnam War movement or the Civil Rights movement!

Since the study has been conducted by bourgeois analysts and not Marxists, they include in their statistics not only class struggles and progressive popular uprisings but also reactionary movements (e.g. Ukraine 2014). However, this does not invalidate the general conclusions of the CSIS study. This is because, first, such reactionary events have been the exception in the past decade. And, secondly, reactionary movements also took place in earlier decades (e.g. various communal pogroms in Asia and Africa).

The authors of the CSIS study expect that this global wave of mass protests will continue: *“Analysis of the root causes of these global protests suggests they will continue and could increase in 2020 and beyond.”* They take into account the most recent developments of the Corona Virus crisis. However they believe that in the longer term, this issue in itself could trigger new protests.

*“... protests have been muted in recent weeks likely due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus ... The coronavirus will likely suppress protests in the short term both due to government re-*

strictions in urban areas and citizens' own reluctance to expose themselves to large public gatherings. However, depending on the future course of this likely pandemic, government responses to the coronavirus may themselves become another trigger of mass political protest."

And *The Economist* arrives also to similar conclusions: "Mass protests have existed for centuries. But their increased frequency may be here to stay."

### Confirming the analysis of Marxists

All in all, the CSIS study is a very powerful confirmation of the Marxist characterization of the historic period which began in 2008. As the *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) and its predecessor have explained repeatedly, Marxists characterize the current historic period as a "revolutionary" one.<sup>4</sup>

We do not intend to elaborate at this place our analysis of the current historic period in detail as we have done so extensively in various other documents.<sup>5</sup> In summary, we view this period as one characterized by the decay of capitalism. Such decay inevitable provokes economic crises, political instability and the incessant danger of war. Such conditions continually generate mass protests, popular uprisings and revolutionary situations as well as counter-revolutionary dangers. This basic lack of equilibrium on the world stage is the reason why the RCIT characterizes this historic period as "revolutionary."

It is noteworthy that numerous Stalinists and self-proclaimed "Marxists" refute such a characterization of the current period. They rather view it as "reactionary" and denounce the masses for their "backward consciousness". (The discussions during the recent split in the CWI led by Peter Taaffe are an example of such ideas among "Trotskyists".)

In fact, such ideas rather reflect the distance of these forces to the revolting workers and oppressed who might have a raw political consciousness but who are determined to fight against reactionary regimes and imperialist aggressors. In many cases, such pseudo-Marxist organizations are politically (and often also organizationally) linked to the bureaucracies of reformist and populist mass organizations. In various cases they are also linked, directly or indirectly, with imperialist Great Powers like China, Russia or the European Union. In general, they are – politically speaking – "old dinosaurs" who feel repulsed by the revolting masses.

The RCIT has repeatedly emphasized that a new *World Party of Socialist Revolution* must be primarily based on the new vanguard layers of the militant workers and youth. They will not be a product of unification of the old ossified "left". A precondition for building such a new International is a correct assessment of the world situation and the necessary programmatic conclusions. The RCIT calls all revolutionary activists to join us in the struggle for a socialist future!

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## Dogfight among Social-Imperialists

### A telling attack on the Chinese regime by the Japanese Communist Party

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The Japanese Communist Party (JCP) adopted important changes in its programmatic platform at its recently held 28<sup>th</sup> Congress in January 2020. Among these changes was a highly critical assessment of the policy of the Chinese Communist Party, i.e. the ruling regime on Beijing.

In a resolution, the JCP denounced China's "great-power chauvinism and hegemonism". Connected with this, it deleted the following praise of the Chinese Stalinist regime in program which stated: "It is important to note that today, several countries that broke away from capitalism are beginning a new quest for socialism, including the effort to 'achieve socialism through a market economy', although they still have political and economic problems to solve. This constitutes a historically significant current in the 21st century as an effort that covers vast regions with a total population of more than 1.3 billion." <sup>1</sup>

In a speech at a convention in preparation of the Congress, Shii Kazuo, the JCP's Chairman, also expressed the party's concerns that the "peaceful demonstrations calling for freedom and democracy began in Hong Kong" are met with "Hong Kong government's repressive measures and the Chinese government's complete support for them and its own intimidation against protestors by use of force". Furthermore, the JCP is "deeply concerned that arbitrary detention and other human rights violations have been conducted on an extensive scale by Chinese authorities in the Uyghur Autonomous Region." Hence, "the JCP strongly urges Chinese authorities to stop suppressing their human rights."

As those familiar with the RCIT's programmatic objectives are aware, we have characterized China since 2010 as an imperialist Great Power and elaborated on this in various books, pamphlets and articles. <sup>2</sup> Likewise, we have stated repeatedly our solidarity with the mass protests in Hong Kong <sup>3</sup> as well as our unconditional support with the Muslim Uyghurs who face brutal national oppression by the Stalinist-capitalist dictatorship. <sup>4</sup>

As a matter of fact, it is shameful that it took the JCP so long to recognize these obvious truths!

#### A staunch defender of Japanese imperialism

Nevertheless, one could say "better late than never". However, that would be a complete misjudgment of the nature of the JCP's attack on the Chinese regime. The Japanese Stalinists are not at all motivated by any sincere anti-imperialist or internationalist critique of the Chinese regime.

As we elaborated in detail in our book "Anti-Imperialism in the Age of Great Power Rivalry" the JCP is a social-chauvinist defender of Japanese imperialism. Throughout its history since 1945 until today, it has considered Japan as a country nationally oppressed by the U.S. imperialism. Hence, according to the JCP's actual program: "A change Japanese society needs at present is a democratic revolution instead of a socialist revolution. It is a revolution that puts an end to Japan's extraordinary subordination to the United States and the tyrannical rule of large corporations and business circles, a revolu-

tion that secures Japan's genuine independence and carries out democratic reforms in politics, the economy, and society."

In other words, the JCP calls for the creation of a capitalist Japan since without a socialist revolution – which the JCP rejects – the country will remain capitalist. A capitalist Japan means nothing but an imperialist Japan. According to the same program, such an independent imperialist Japan would continue to act as an ally of U.S. imperialism. "Japan will conclude a friendship treaty with the United States on an equal footing."

As a staunch defender of Japanese imperialism, the JCP support all territorial claims of Tokyo. Such it demands in its actual program "the return to Japan of the Chishima (Kurile) Islands as well as the Habomai Islands and Shikotan Island, which are historically part of Japan." The Kurile se islands have been controlled by the USSR resp. Russia since 1945. The Senkaku/Diaoyu-islands were handed over to Japan by U.S. imperialism in 1972. However, these islands are also claimed by China and, as a result, there have been heated tensions between the two powers in 2012. <sup>5</sup> Similar in the case of Japans claims over the Dokdo/Takeshima Island which was robbed by Japanese imperialism from Korea in 1905 and is also claimed since long by South Korea.

The JCP's social-imperialist character is also demonstrated by the fact that it sharply denounces North Korea's attempts to improve its armament. These attempts are legitimate given the long-term aggression of U.S. imperialism on the Korean Peninsula. Nevertheless, the JCP "strongly condemns North Korea's reckless action. (...) The JCP strongly demands that North Korea comply with the UNSC resolutions and stop engaging in any further military provocations." <sup>6</sup> It even goes so far to demand explicitly the implementation of the hunger blockade against North Korea calling for "the strict implementation of increased economic sanctions against the country." <sup>7</sup>

It is also characteristically how JCP's chairman explains when the China became such a reactionary force. Shii said in a speech to the above mentioned convention: "Regarding the question "when," we recognize that the problem with China's behavior in international relations started to appear around the end of the Hu Jintao administration and the early stage of the Xi Jinping administration, or around 2008 and 2009. It was in 2009 that China showed its reluctance to straightforwardly commit to the abolition of nuclear weapons by shelving it as its "ultimate goal" on the international stage. It was in 2008 that it took the first act of letting their public vessels intrude into Japan's territorial waters of the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea. It was in 2009 that it began to publicly claim its rights over almost the entire South China Sea."

These remarks reflect that the JCP's real motivation of its new found denunciation of China's "new type of great-power chauvinism and hegemonism". The JCP leadership considers China to become imperialist from the moment when it confronted Japan's territorial claims and its political and economic influence in the region!

In other words, the JCP's sharp denunciation of "China's great power chauvinism and hegemonism" is not motivated

by any principled anti-imperialism and internationalism. It is rather motivated by its staunch defense of Japanese imperialism and its regional and global interests!

### Many “friends”

It is also noteworthy that the JCP is not a small, isolated Stalinist party. In fact, it is a sizeable force which has officially about 300,000 member and 20,000 branches across the country. At the elections for the House of Representatives in the 2017, the JCP received 4.4 million votes, or 7.91%. And in the 2016 election for the House of Councilors, the party got 6.02 million votes, or 10.74%. It entertains friendly relations to various other reformist and Stalinist parties including some which dominate or participate in capitalist government. According to the JCP press service, the congress received official greetings from Communist Parties of “*Britain, Iraq, Greece, Chile, Vietnam, and Portugal; the Progressive Party of the Working People (AKEL), the Broad Front in Costa Rica, the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) in Nicaragua, the Hungarian Workers’ Party, the Citizenship Party in Brazil, the Workers’ Party in Brazil, and the Workers’ Party of Belgium.*”<sup>8</sup>

It is not without irony that several of these parties have also close links with the JCP’s new opponent – the Chinese Stalinist-capitalist party. Well, as they say in the world of the bourgeoisie, “*this is political business.*”

### Desire to become a ruling party soon

Finally, it is also noteworthy why the JCP leadership is changing its program and announcing its opposition against the former fraternal comrades in China at this particular moment. The real motivation for this timing is revealed in another decision of the JCP. In its program the party states that “*the JCP fights to establish a democratic coalition government supported by a parliamentary majority. (...) A democratic coalition government will be based on a democratic alliance of all strata of the people including workers, working citizens, farmers, fishers, small- and medium-sized entrepreneurs, intellectuals, women, youth, and students, as well as their organizations.*”

The JCP leadership considers that it has now a realistic chance to enter the government in the foreseeable future. Hence, a resolution adopted at the party 28<sup>th</sup> Congress states: “*The party convention accused Abe of overseeing Japan’s “worst-ever political tyranny” and demanded that he not be permitted to remain in office. To achieve that aim, the party underlined its commitment to working with other opposition parties to form a coalition to overthrow the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, something it has avoided in the past.*”<sup>9</sup>

Hence, the JCP’s sudden insight in “*China’s great power chauvinism*” is motivated by its desire to become as soon as possible a ruling party of Japanese imperialism. With such aspirations it feels obligated to demonstrate to the monopoly bourgeoisie that it is a reliable guardian of Japan’s imperialist interests.

In summary, the JCP’s denunciation of its former Chinese Stalinist comrades has nothing to do with Marxism or anti-imperialism. This conflict represents rather a dogfight among social-imperialists.

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# What the RCIT Stands for

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) is a fighting organisation for the liberation of the working class and all oppressed. It has national sections in various countries. The working class is the class of all those (and their families) who are forced to sell their labour power as wage earners to the capitalists. The RCIT stands on the theory and practice of the revolutionary workers' movement associated with the names of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

Capitalism endangers our lives and the future of humanity. Unemployment, war, environmental disasters, hunger, exploitation, are part of everyday life under capitalism as are the national oppression of migrants and nations and the oppression of women, young people and homosexuals. Therefore, we want to eliminate capitalism.

The liberation of the working class and all oppressed is possible only in a classless society without exploitation and oppression. Such a society can only be established internationally.

Therefore, the RCIT is fighting for a socialist revolution at home and around the world.

This revolution must be carried out and led by the working class, for she is the only class that has nothing to lose but their chains.

The revolution can not proceed peacefully because never before has a ruling class voluntarily surrendered their power. The road to liberation includes necessarily the armed rebellion and civil war against the capitalists.

The RCIT is fighting for the establishment of workers' and peasant republics, where the oppressed organize themselves in rank and file meetings in factories, neighbourhoods and schools – in councils. These councils elect and control the government and all other authorities and can always replace them.

Real socialism and communism has nothing to do with the so-called "real existing socialism" in the Soviet Union, China, Cuba or Eastern Europe. In these countries, a bureaucracy dominated and oppressed the proletariat.

The RCIT supports all efforts to improve the living conditions of workers and the oppressed. We combine this with a perspective of the overthrow of capitalism.

We work inside the trade unions and advocate class struggle, socialism and workers' democracy. But trade unions and social democracy are controlled by a bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a layer which is connected with the state and capital via jobs and privileges. It is far from the interests and

living circumstances of the members. This bureaucracy's basis rests mainly on the top, privileged layers of the working class - the workers' aristocracy. The struggle for the liberation of the working class must be based on the broad mass of the proletariat rather than their upper strata.

The RCIT strives for unity in action with other organizations. However, we are aware that the policy of social democracy and the pseudo-revolutionary groups is dangerous and they ultimately represent an obstacle to the emancipation of the working class.

We fight for the expropriation of the big land owners as well as for the nationalisation of the land and its distribution to the poor and landless peasants. We fight for the independent organisation of the rural workers.

We support national liberation movements against oppression. We also support the anti-imperialist struggles of oppressed peoples against the great powers. Within these movements we advocate a revolutionary leadership as an alternative to nationalist or reformist forces.

In a war between imperialist states (e.g. U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan) we take a revolutionary defeatist position, i.e. we don't support neither side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

The struggle against national and social oppression (women, youth, sexual minorities etc.) must be led by the working class. We fight for revolutionary movements of the oppressed (women, youth, migrants etc.) based on the working class. We oppose the leadership of petty-bourgeois forces (feminism, nationalism, Islamism etc.) and strive to replace them by a revolutionary communist leadership.

Only with a revolutionary party fighting as its leadership can the working class win. The construction of such a party and the conduct of a successful revolution as it was demonstrated by the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky in Russia are a model for the revolutionary parties and revolutions also in the 21 Century.

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

*No future without socialism!*

*No socialism without a revolution!*

*No revolution without a revolutionary party!*

