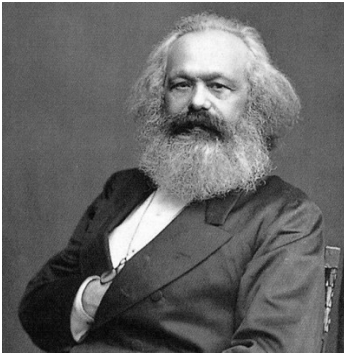


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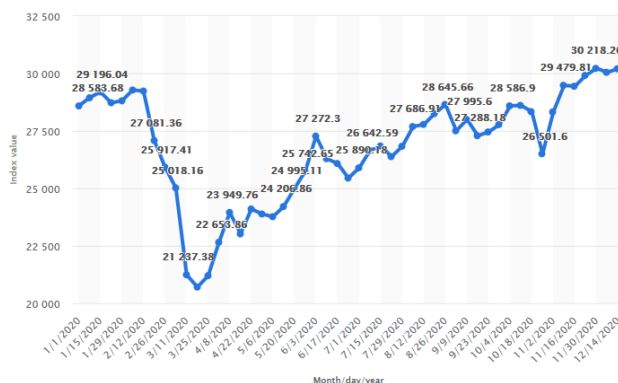
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## We Are in Great Depression Two

Since mid-March, when restrictions were imposed, allegedly to deal with Covid 19, the U.S. economy has been in free fall and unemployment has skyrocketed. By late May, 40 million people had applied for unemployment insurance. However, as the *New York Times* admits<sup>1</sup>, the real numbers are higher, as those who have given up actively looking for work, gone back to school, work at least one hour a week, etc., do not qualify. Moreover, there are at least 8 million undocumented workers who are not eligible for unemployment insurance. Schools were closed, and education went “virtual.” Millions have applied for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, that is, food stamps), and have been exhausting food pantries. It is clear that we are in a depression not seen since the 1930s, which can be considered Great Depression Two<sup>2</sup>.

But the economic problems did not start in mid-March. In the weeks preceding, the stock market was in steep decline (see chart below<sup>3</sup>). However, while workers continue to suffer, not only from the virus, but from the shutdown of the economy, stock prices have continued to rise, so that now they are well above where they were before the February decline. While the poor get poorer, the rich get richer!



Under capitalism, the economy regularly goes through cycles of crisis, depression, revival, prosperity and again crisis, called by the bourgeoisie “boom-bust” cycles. Briefly, individual capitalist companies produce as much as they can to gain a greater share of the market and the profits. However, the workers’ wages are limited, so they cannot purchase all the goods produced. As a result, factories are shut down. This is a crisis of over-

production. These circumstances have only been exacerbated due to government measures against the pandemic. Eventually production restarts (including weapons production to prepare for new wars).<sup>4</sup>

### The “New Normal” – Many Jobs are Not Coming Back

Those who expect the jobs lost to come back will have a rude awakening. The capitalists want the economy to be based on a “virtual” world. The idea is to increase production with as few workers as possible. Many stores, including restaurants, have closed or severely cut back on the number of their employees, as people are increasingly shopping on line. Even delivery workers will be cut back as Amazon is planning to do deliveries with drones<sup>5</sup>. This may be impossible in big cities, where the majority live in apartments buildings, but it is technically feasible in suburban and rural areas, where most people live in private homes.

The virtual world is moving into the health care industry, where patients are encouraged to have telephone or virtual visits with their health care professionals, many of whom are still “working from home.” This is to the detriment of patients’ health, as most illnesses cannot be diagnosed, much less cured, by phone or over the internet.

This is also true with “on-line” education. Many colleges and charter schools are promoting this. But in New York City, all schools are going virtual, at least part-time, under de Blasio’s “blended education” model. This is especially detrimental for younger students, who need interaction with other children their own age. It is also much less useful for working class students, especially for Blacks and other oppressed people, who generally have poorer computer equipment and are more likely to have parents who are “essential” workers and so are not able to supervise their children’s education.

All this especially affects public services. Once on-line education becomes an “acceptable” alternative, there is no reason for the schools to limit virtual class sizes, so even 90 students in a class could become “normal.” Besides the effects on the students, this would devastate teachers’ unions.

The postal service is already being decimated by the private package deliverers, such as UPS, FedEx and Amazon. This had been exacerbated by the law (Postal

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/28/business/economy/coronavirus-unemployment-claims.html#after-bottom>

<sup>2</sup> Thanks to comrade David H. for introducing this correct term.

<sup>3</sup> Taken from: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1104278/weekly-performance-of-djia-index/>

<sup>4</sup> See A. Leontiev, *Political Economy*, particularly Chapter VIII, pages 147-155, available for free download from Red Star Publishers.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/31/amazon-prime-now-drone-delivery-fleet-gets-faa-approval.html>

Accountability and Enhancement Act), pushed through Congress in 2006, which required the Post Office to pre-fund health care for its employees for 75 years in advance.

Public transit has already been decimated by the restrictions based on Covid-19. The MTA claims it has a \$12 billion deficit. A fairly small part of this, \$159 million<sup>6</sup>, is due to the fact that the MTA did not collect bus fares (one of the few temporary benefits of the restrictions) from March through August 31, while now, in the so-called “second wave” of the virus, fares are being collected. The only difference is that the drivers now have a thin plastic shield which can be pulled so that it is between the driver and the passengers, but very few of the drivers actually use it. Also, now with a Democrat as President-Elect, why is the MTA not banking on federal funding?<sup>7</sup> They have been threatening drastic service cuts and layoffs of 900 workers among 2200 municipal workers.

While in the short run, large companies will earn additional billions from a virtual world, in the long run this will have the opposite effect. We can only explain this briefly here. The capitalists invest more money into equipment (including all the infrastructure that allows for a “virtual” reality). This is called constant capital. But it is labor that creates all value, and thus all profits. Thus the rate of profit, which means the share of profit compared to total capital invested, tends to decline.<sup>8</sup>

There are certain reforms we can demand to “Make the Rich Pay!” We should call for Congress to pass a huge increase in food stamps (\$300 billion has been suggested) that would allow laid-off workers and their families to eat and would increase agricultural production. We should also call for the restoration of the stock-transfer tax, a small tax on each stock exchange transaction. This could raise billions of dollars. It is still on the books but has not been imposed for almost 40 years. The capitalists obviously do not like this and claim it would only lead to businesses moving out of the city. Another alternative would be to increase taxes on the largest landowners, both residential and commercial. They have been making billions in profits from the gentrification of

New York, and they can’t threaten to take their buildings and leave.

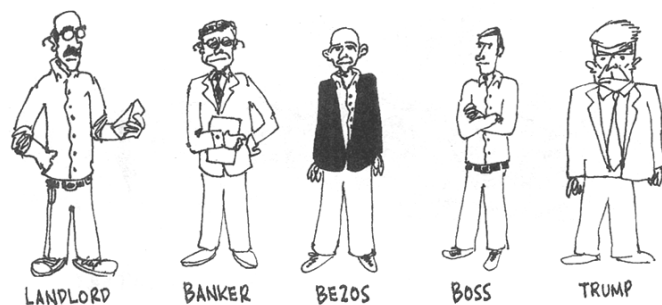
Under capitalism, the increased use of technology just leads to greater unemployment for workers, and harsher conditions and lower wages for those who are still working. But under socialism, the benefits of technology would be shared by all working people. (See the short article by Lenin on the following page.) People could work only 20 hours a week or less, and have more time for leisure activities, whether studying, culture or family. But to achieve this, the capitalists must be overthrown and their state smashed.

**“A World without Workers Is Impossible.  
A World without Capitalists Is Necessary.”**

## ESSENTIAL



## NON-ESSENTIAL



(Cartoon borrowed without permission from the Workers Assembly Against Racism)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/transit/2020/08/18/mta-bringing-back-front-door-bus-boarding-and-fare-collection>

<sup>7</sup> Maybe they are counting on the Democrats losing at least one of the two run-off Senate elections in Georgia so that they can blame the Republicans for not granting federal funding.

<sup>8</sup> For a more comprehensive explanation, see Marx’s *Capital*, Volume. III, Part III, “The Law of the Tendency of the Rate of Profit to Fall.”

*This short article by Lenin gives a clearer explanation than I could write on the effects of technology under capitalism and under socialism.*

## **A Great Technical Achievement**

The world-famous British chemist, William Ramsay, has discovered a method of obtaining gas directly from a coal seam. Ramsay is already negotiating with a colliery owner on the practical application of this method.

A great modern technical problem is thus approaching solution. The revolution that will be effected by this solution will be a tremendous one.

At the present time, to utilise the energy contained in it, coal is transported all over the country and burned in numerous factories and homes.

Ramsay's discovery means a gigantic technical revolution in this, perhaps the most important, branch of production in capitalist countries.

Ramsay has discovered a method of transforming coal into gas right where the coal lies, without hauling it to the surface. A similar but much simpler method is sometimes used in the mining of salt: it is not brought to the surface directly, but is dissolved in water, the solution being pumped to the top.

Ramsay's method is to transform, as it were, the coal mines into enormous distilling apparatuses for the production of gas. Gas is used to drive gas engines which can extract *twice as much energy* from coal as steam engines can. Gas engines, in their turn, transform the energy into electricity, which modern technology can already transmit over enormous distances.

Such a technical revolution would reduce the cost of electricity to *one-fifth* or even *one-tenth* of its present price. An enormous amount of human labour now spent in extracting and distributing coal would be saved. It would be possible to use even the poorest seams, now

not being worked. The cost of lighting and heating houses would be greatly reduced.

This discovery will bring about an enormous revolution in industry.

But the consequences this revolution will have for social life as a whole under the present capitalist system will be quite different from those the discovery would yield under socialism.

Under capitalism the "release" of the labour of millions of miners engaged in extracting coal will inevitably cause mass unemployment, an enormous increase in poverty, and a worsening of the workers' conditions. And the profits of this great invention will be pocketed by the Morgans, Rockefellers, Ryabushinskys, Morozovs, and their suites of lawyers, directors, professors, and other flunkies of capital.

Under socialism the application of Ramsay's method, which will "release" the labour of millions of miners, etc., will make it possible immediately to shorten the working day for all from 8 hours to, say, 7 hours and even less. The "electrification" of all factories and railways will make working conditions more hygienic, will free millions of workers from smoke, dust and dirt, and accelerate the transformation of dirty, repulsive workshops into clean, bright laboratories worthy of human beings. The electric lighting and heating of every home will relieve millions of "domestic slaves" of the need to spend three-fourths of their lives in smelly kitchens.

Capitalist technology is increasingly, day by day, *outgrowing* the social conditions which condemn the working people to wage-slavery.

*Pravda* No. 91, April 21, 1913

Lenin's *Collected Works*, Vol. 19, pp. 24-25.

## **Biden Represents Imperialism as Usual**

As Karl Marx pointed out: “The oppressed are allowed once every few years to decide which particular representatives of the oppressing class are to represent and repress them.”

This is a lesson that must be learned by those participating in the celebrations of Biden’s victory. They were mostly young members of the petty bourgeois, as were unfortunately most of the protestors while Trump was in office. The workers should be the main ones mobilizing against all reactionary policies.

Biden’s victory shows that bourgeois democracy still has some strength. When it is shaken, it can use outright fascism or social democracy to shore up its interests. The defeat of Trump, and the refusal to allow Sanders to win the Democratic Party nomination, show that the ruling class does not (yet) need to use either of these.

Clearly, the majority of the bourgeoisie supported Biden. Not only was Trump too erratic, but he was often seen as promoting his own personal business interests (as in his good relations with Putin) over the interests of the U.S. ruling class as a whole. He also angered major U.S. allies, particularly in the European Union, by placing tariffs on their exports, etc.

While Trump was a proto-fascist, that does not mean that most of his supporters were. Unfortunately, there were many workers (mostly but not only white workers) who believed in Trump’s demagoguery, such as bringing back jobs.

One can see that a good number of working class (and petty bourgeois) supporters of Trump still had a certain class instinct, at least on the economic level, by the example of Florida. While the state went for Trump, a referendum for a \$15 an hour minimum wage was passed with 60% of the vote, so a significant number of Trump supporters also had to have voted for this.

If one recognizes any serious tactical differences between Trump and Biden, then I think my position to only

vote for Biden in “swing states” was correct. In several of these states, both “major party” candidates got less than 50% of the vote, which meant that the results could have been swayed by “third party” (mainly Libertarian) candidates. But in a “safe” Democratic state like New York, the Green Party seems to have lost its ballot status, having won only about 23,000 votes. In 2016, Jill Stein won over 100,000 votes in New York State as the Green Party presidential candidate. Many who would have voted Green wasted their vote on Biden, who would have won in New York anyway.

### **Where Did Biden Stand on Major Issues?**

We must remember Biden’s position on major questions, both as Senator and as Vice-President under Obama. He supported Obama when he deported more immigrants than any other president (including Trump). He helped pass laws leading to mass incarceration, particularly of Black and other oppressed peoples. He supported both invasions of Iraq. And he helped organize Obama’s trillion dollar bail-out of the banks and monopoly corporations during the 2008-2009 crisis. He will undoubtedly give away more trillions to the members of the ruling class (while giving crumbs to working people), but this will not be sufficient to get the country out of Great Depression Two. He will also involve the US in more local wars, while stepping up preparations for contention with imperialist rivals, particularly Russia and China, on a world scale.

The Biden fervor will cool off after he takes office and shows that he is an ordinary imperialist president. It is the task of serious progressive and revolutionary fighters to organize for a progressive working people’s party that can take part in the class struggle in all arenas, including but certainly not only the electoral arena. This must go along with the fight to build up a genuine mass Marxist-Leninist party that can take the lead in the fight for socialism in the U.S.

## Why the Military Establishment Backed Biden

By Chloe Rafferty

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*The US military establishment will breathe a sigh of relief at **Joe Biden's** victory in the presidential election. Nearly 800 former high-ranking military and security officials penned an open letter in support of the Democratic candidate during the campaign. A who's who of former generals, ambassadors, admirals and senior national security advisers—from former Secretary of State Madeline Albright to four-star admiral and Bush-era Deputy Homeland Security Advisor Steve Abbot—backed Biden as the best bet to revive US power. A month earlier, 70 national security officials who served in Republican administrations threw their weight behind Biden (the list soon grew to 130), arguing that, on foreign policy, Trump “has failed our country”.*

Why was Biden the war criminals' candidate of choice? The foreign policy chaos and controversy of the Trump years were a symptom of a global superpower in relative decline, with no real strategy out of the quagmire.

The US empire is at a turning point. It is the world's undisputed superpower; its reach is global, both militarily and economically. The US has been the world's largest economy since 1871, and its military has close to 800 installations in 80 countries around the world. But today, it is facing a growing economic rival in China, and several lesser powers challenging its ability to call the shots in every corner of the globe, most notably Iran and Russia.

The War on Terror, launched by the administration of George W. Bush, resulted in the invasions of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003. It killed more than a million people and cost upwards of US \$2.4 trillion, according to the Congressional Budget Office. For the people of the Middle East, it was a mas-

sacre. For US empire, it was a disaster. The destabilization of Iraq led to the expansion of Iranian influence across the region, rather than the regime change in Tehran the Pentagon dreamed of. The intervention in Iraq was meant to secure US dominance. It instead exposed the weaknesses and limits of US power right at the moment when China's dramatic economic expansion was beginning.

Tensions between the US and China have been increasing for years. Since its accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001, China has built its economic power, its diplomatic power and its military power, while the US became bogged down in endless wars and suffered economic crisis and depression with the 2008 financial crisis.

Barack Obama's “pivot to Asia”, with its plan to increase US naval forces in the Asia-Pacific, was a signal that the US ruling class wanted to contain and encircle China. Obama's then classified Air-Sea Battle doctrine was an effort to create an operational

plan for a possible military confrontation. Leaked cables made public by WikiLeaks reveal that Australia was in lockstep with US imperial strategy. In conversation with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2009, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd confirmed Australia's willingness to "deploy force if everything goes wrong". But Obama's strategy was too little too late for containment. China became more aggressive in pressing claims in the South China Sea while beginning to close the enormous gap in military capabilities with the United States, engaging in the most rapid peacetime arms build-up in history.

Under Trump, these tensions further increased. Trump's confrontational rhetoric and trade war were a sharp break from the decades-long US strategy of integrating China into the international liberal order. Since the Republican administration of Richard Nixon—who in 1972 became the first US president to visit Beijing—the US ruling class thought it could ensure global supremacy by incorporating China into the world system. For a while, it appeared to work. China became the world's sweatshop and a key site of investment for US companies such as Apple and General Motors. But the strategy could be mutually enriching for only so long. Today, China is leveraging its meteoric growth to challenge the United States' leadership in the Asia-Pacific.

Obama's signature containment strategy was the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The TPP would have been the largest free trade deal in history, lowering tariffs and other non-tariff barriers to trade between eleven Pacific countries and the US. Its goal was to lock out China and further integrate Pacific countries with the US economy. Obama's Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said that the TPP was "as important ... as another aircraft carrier".

But just a few years later, Donald Trump tore up the TPP. The move was at odds with the consensus among the US economic and military elite, but the new president had his own ideas about how to contain China. Trump railed against the US trade deficit, accused Beijing of currency manipulation and, as Obama did, of stealing technology from US companies. In the 2019 State of the Union address he said, "We are now making it clear to China that after years of targeting our industries and stealing our intellectual property, the theft of American jobs and wealth has come to an end".

By August this year, Trump had slapped tariffs on \$550 billion of Chinese goods, with a targeted campaign against tech giant Huawei, which had

been tipped to overtake Apple in global phone sales. While Republican and Democratic politicians have backed a hardline approach to China, Trump's erratic protectionist approach to trade has alienated large sections of the capitalist class otherwise happy with domestic tax cuts and deregulation. A Bloomberg Economics report, released before the pandemic gripped the country, estimated that the escalating tariffs on China would cost the US economy \$316 billion by the end of this year.

More worryingly for the US establishment, Trump adopted a dismissive attitude towards US allies, particularly the European Union. Trump prided himself on his ability to cut deals with other nations that favored the US. He signaled that the multilateral approach to trade was over when he tore up the TPP, and followed that by applying tariffs on German cars, Canadian steel and French luxury goods. For much of the US elite, these moves have simply created a void that Beijing is attempting to fill with its own free trade deals and the \$1 trillion Belt and Road initiative, which aims to incorporate more than 138 countries into trade routes and production chains centred on China.

The International Monetary Fund, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the UN and other international institutions project US dominance by drawing allied nations behind US leadership. Trump's presidency delegitimized or sidelined those institutions as he focused on an "America first" posture. The military establishment believes that this has threatened, rather than strengthened, US power—although there is now an acknowledgement that those institutions failed to keep China in check, something a Biden presidency will also grapple with.

The war criminals hope that Biden will restore political legitimacy to the office by rehabilitating the liberal ideology that manufactures consent for American imperialism, pitching US aggression as necessary to "make the world safe for democracy" and defending the "rules-based liberal world order". Above all, the US establishment hopes that Biden will restore relationships with US allies and construct a coalition of nations to confront China, after a disastrous four years that called into question US global leadership. As the National Security Leaders for Biden open letter bemoaned: "Our allies no longer trust or respect us, and our enemies no longer fear us".



Biden has a proven record as a hawkish proponent of US empire. For decades, he served on the Senate foreign relations committee. He was an early proponent of the expansion of NATO to project US influence into the former eastern bloc after the fall of the USSR. He backed US intervention in the Balkan war, supported the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, voted for the war on Iraq in 2003 and, as vice president, backed the US intervention in Libya.

There is consensus within the US ruling class over the need to “get tough” with China. The military establishment expects Biden to turn the screws. On the campaign trail, he accused Trump of “getting played” by Chinese President Xi Jinping, whom he called a “thug”. This is consistent with Democratic Party practice in the Congress, which is to criticize Trump for not being tough enough. Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, for example, accused Trump of “selling out” by cutting a trade deal with China. Schumer also spearheaded legislation to implement bans on Huawei when Trump appeared to back down.

Since his first days in Congress, Biden has also made a name for himself as a staunch supporter of the apartheid state of Israel. According to Israeli publication *Haaretz*, Biden is said to have a “real friendship” with Israel’s far-right president, Benjamin Netanyahu. He was vice president when the US signed a \$38 billion military aid deal with Netanyahu, which the State Department called the “single largest pledge of bilateral military assistance in US history”. So while Trump pushed pro-Israeli rhetoric

far to the right, abandoning any pretence of support for Palestinian statehood, Biden put his money where his mouth is when it came to propping up Israeli apartheid in Palestine.

On Afghanistan, Biden may prove to be to the right of Trump. As vice president, he supported an enduring US military presence in the country. Trump, by contrast, shocked the US military when he announced on Twitter that he wants all troops out by Christmas. In contrast, Biden in an interview with *Stars and Stripes*, a military newspaper, said he would maintain a troop presence in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Anti-imperialists need to judge Biden by his blood-soaked record in Congress and by the company he keeps. The bulk of the US military establishment has backed Biden precisely because they think his multilateral approach will restore credibility to US interventions. It’s for this reason that *Forbes* magazine senior contributor Loren Thompson predicted last month: “A Biden presidency ... would be more likely to use US military forces overseas than President Trump has been”.

Global capitalism is facing a profound crisis that is reshaping international relations and putting pressure on the fault lines of existing conflicts. Open imperialist rivalry will be a feature of the coming period, along with wars over regional disputes. There is no length to which the US ruling class won’t go to safeguard its position as global superpower. And Joe Biden is the commander-in-chief. He is now the most dangerous man in the world.



# Jail Killer Cops for Life!



The murder of George Floyd led to some of the most sustained, massive and integrated demonstrations, despite the restrictions allegedly to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Millions of people throughout the country for months held protests against police brutality.

But this has not stopped the shootings and murders, mostly of Black and other oppressed people. To give only a few examples, there was the murder of Jonathan Price on October 3 in Texas, the shooting in the back and paralysis of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin on August 23, and the killing of Walter Wallace Jr. in Philadelphia on October 26.

These are not just cases of some “bad apples.” In the choking deaths of both George Floyd and Eric Garner, there were other cops around who did nothing to stop this. Also, in the great majority of cases, the police go totally unpunished, mostly because the District Attorneys do not try to bring charges against the cops involved. In the murder of Breonna Taylor, who was shot by plainclothes cops in her own apartment in Louisville last March, the government has now admitted that the DA did not request that any charges be brought in her death, only against one cop who shot into her neighbor’s apartment, who was indicted for “wanton endangerment.”

No, the police are not here to protect us. In capitalist society, they are here to hold down oppressed people, break up progressive demonstrations, and even kill workers when there is a serious workers’ movement. For example, in 1934, during the first Great Depression (we are now in the second one), two striking longshore workers, Howard Sperry and Nick Bordoise, were killed, leading to the San Francisco general strike. Under capitalism the police are only there to serve the bosses, their private property and their government.

*The cops aren’t here to serve and protect;  
they are here to kill and oppress!*

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## Humor and Stupidity Section

### \* No Inside Dining

December 14, Cuomo once again “temporarily” prohibited inside dining in New York. So why is dining here:



safer than dining here:



### \* Serious Protest on Inside Dining Restrictions

Meanwhile, thousands of restaurant workers and owners held a protest on December 16 against these restrictions, noting that even according to government claims, less than 2% of the new Covid cases have come from inside dining.



### \* Is Covid a Vampire?

Earlier, Cuomo instituted another restriction making gyms, bars and restaurants close by 10 PM. Apparently Covid sleeps in the day and wakes at night.

### \* Crazy Temperature Checks

A few weeks ago I went to return a book to the public library. It is bad enough that libraries are not open, whether to browse for books, use the computers, or even use the bathrooms. One can only order books on line, and then pick them up when they have them signed out and ready for you. But now, to return a book, a process that takes about 30 seconds, you must first undergo a temperature check. When I refused, they finally allowed me in to drop the book off in a bin. If they were really afraid that someone could catch the coronavirus in that 30-second time period, they could just leave the bin by the entrance so that one wouldn't have to go in at all.

### \* Demonstration in Harlem to Keep Schools Closed!

On December 12, a protest was held in front of the State Office Building on 125th st. and A.C. Powell Blvd. to keep schools closed. Demonstrators held signs saying “We Won’t Die for the DOE” (Department of Education). There were between 50 and 75 people there, including passers-by who may have thought that it was a Black Lives Matter protest, as that was the slogan of one of the main banners.

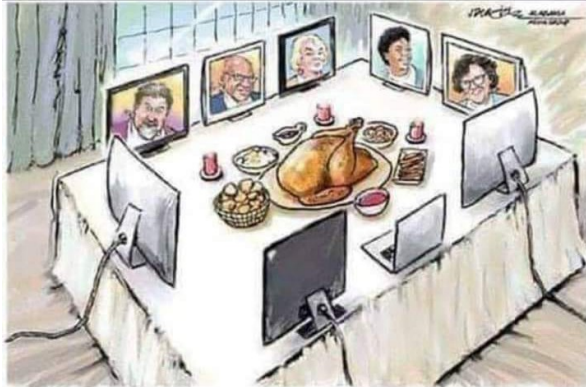
Apparently the organization (whose name will be omitted to protect the guilty) did not know, or did not care, that the number of Covid cases in schools has been miniscule, or that all parents have the option to opt-out from any in-person learning (which is at best part-time). They also apparently did not care that all studies show that children do not learn as well from remote learning, and this particularly true of working class and Black and Latino children.

Maybe the demonstration should have been called under the slogan: “Keep Harlem Children Ignorant!”



## Merry Xmas

### Christmas dinner 2020



On the first day of Marxmas,  
My comrade gave to me:  
A picture of Maxim Gorky\*  
Two bayonets  
Three volumes of *Capital*  
Four classic leaders\*\*  
Five Year Plans  
Six opportunists quitting  
Seven strikers swinging  
Eight capitalists conceding  
Nine Red Army Generals  
Ten days a-shaking  
Eleven Soviets emerging  
Twelve bourgeois fleeing

\* I wasn't going to use the name of the other guy.

\*\* Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin



<https://www.thecanary.co/global/world-news/2020/12/05/over-250-million-workers-and-farmers-rise-up-against-indias-right-wing-government/>

## **Over 250 million workers and farmers rise up against India's right-wing government**



250 million workers and farmers rose up against Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's anti-worker, anti-farmer policies in a joint general strike on 26 November. The nationwide action came after a 24-hour workers' strike on 8 January, which saw over 250 million workers protesting Modi's draconian legislation and plans for widespread privatization. Mass protests continue, with farmers stationed in Delhi demanding a response from the government.

### **The struggle for workers' rights**

According to reports, the states of Kerala, Puducherry, Odisha, Assam, and Telangana were shut down as a result of the "All India strike" in November. Peaceful protesters called on the government to withdraw laws impinging on workers' and farmers' rights, and to end widespread privatization of public sector industries. They also called for the institution of a broad range of workers' rights, including a state pension for all, and an end to forced premature retirement. In state attempts to repress the strike, protesters were met with police violence and arrests.

On the day of action, farmers marched on Delhi and presented their demands to the government. Hundreds of thousands remain in Delhi, demanding a response. Trade union leaders are of the "unanimous opinion that all the three anti-farmer and pro-corporate farm laws must be repealed".

While union leaders have been in negotiation with India's government, it's become evident that the state doesn't intend to repeal the draconian laws in question. Demonstrations are due to continue, with protest leaders calling for a "nationwide shut-down" on 8 December.

India has experienced the second-highest coronavirus infection rates in the world, with over 9.2 million people infected. This has devastated the economy, generated widespread unemployment, and exacerbated poverty nationwide. Concerned by the government's "mishandling of Covid-19", protestors are also calling for safer working conditions to limit the spread of the virus.

### **International support**

Despite the "All India strike" being the biggest strike in global history, reporting by mainstream media has been notably absent. However, 36 British MPs, including Jeremy Corbyn, Valerie Vaz, and Nadia Whittome, have written to foreign secretary Dominic Raab, calling on him to confront India's government about the controversial farm laws.

This mass movement of workers from India's major industries demonstrates the collective power of working people. The Indian people's ongoing struggle for workers' and farmers' rights warrants recognition and solidarity on a global scale.

## **October 18: Popular Victory over the Pro-Coup and Fascist Oligarchy**

**Let us build together with the People a Democratic,  
Popular and National Liberation Alternative**



The fascist and oligarchic coup d'état of November 2019 established a reactionary, pro-imperialist and neoliberal regime in Bolivia that in 11 months has fulfilled an agenda of indebting the country, sabotaging state companies, attacking the working class with massive layoffs, handing over our strategic resources to imperialism and massacring the people. The popular struggles led by the Central Obrera Boliviana [Bolivian Workers' Federation] and the Pact of Unity resulted in the calling of elections for October 18. From the coup until the elections, the MAS-IPSP (Movement for Socialism – Political Instrument for the Sovereignty of the People), through its legislative caucus and its union bureaucracies, has been negotiating with the regime, betraying the people who have mobilized over and over again.

The regime has carried out an electoral process to suit its needs. The President of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Salvador Romero, is an agent of imperialism with a history of consulting with the Yankee embassy. What did he do? When he held the same position 15 years ago, he was the agent of the NED (National Endowment for Democracy) for electoral fraud in Honduras after the 2009 coup in that country. The Electoral Tribunal purged tens of thousands of citizens from Argentina, Brazil and Chile (migrants of popular origin), it arbitrarily changed the polling stations and entrusted

the custody of the records to the repressive forces. In an unprecedented way, there was no quick count system (it was suspended hours before the vote), and the exit polls came out 4 hours after the announcement. The regime altered the playing field and appointed the referee, but the will of the Bolivian people was stronger.

The overwhelming majority, more than 55% with more than 25% over the second place ticket) made the Arce-Choquehuanca ticket the winner in the first round, with a majority in both houses of the Legislative Assembly, has been a vote against fascism, against conservatism and against abusing the people. It has not been entirely an organized vote committed to the MAS-IPSP or its candidates. The electoral victory is not the property of an electoral party, but of the Bolivian peoples determined not to be subdued by the fascist, racist and anti-patriotic oligarchy that usurped state power 11 months ago. By acknowledging the victory of the MAS-IPSP in the first round, the Añez regime recognizes that despite its malicious attempts it could not contain the wide margin of difference, at the same time as it tries to contain the crisis with an electoral solution in the face of the risk of popular mobilizations.

Paramilitary groups are already being organized under the command of the financial and agro-industrial oligarchy to reject the electoral results. This scenario is

reminiscent of the conditions in the country between 2006 and 2009, an open and manifest struggle between the popular bloc and the oligarchy characterized by regionalism and racism. In 2009, the MAS-IPSP opted for the path of conciliation, it agreed in the Senate to the constitutional text, trampling on the will of the Constituent Assembly and created agreements of coexistence with the oligarchy that lasted nearly a decade. After the electoral results, both Evo Morales and Luis Arce in their speeches have raised the need for national unity, to work with the business sector and for reconciliation. The fascist elements that were left intact in 2008-09 (Unión Juvenil Cruceñista [Santa Cruz Youth Union], Juventud Kochala [Kochala Youth], etc.), and even partially incorporated into the Youth of the MAS, were the spearhead of the 2019 coup d'état. The economic groups that benefited during the 14 years of the Morales government not only promoted the coup but were key members in the Añez cabinet.

The Sacaba and Senkata massacres cannot be forgotten. Our martyrs for freedom, for sovereignty, for dignity and democracy cry out for justice. There can be no impunity of any kind. Those intellectually and materially responsible must face judgments of liability. The economic damage to the State, the human rights violations, the trampling on national sovereignty in the last 11 months must be repaired and those responsible be brought to justice. The criminals who have been improperly acquitted, such as Leopoldo Fernandez (responsible for the Porvenir Massacre), Manfred Reyes Villa, Mario Cossío, Branko Marinkovic and many others must face justice for their actions. We must learn from the mistakes of 2008-09: One does not negotiate with fascism, one does not conciliate with fascism, one defeats it and crushes it.

To confront the economic crisis that is striking the country today, it is not enough to tax the richest, one must expropriate their big industries, agro-industries, mines and banks that are profiting off the blood and sweat of the working people. The Law of Social Enterprises must be applied; all those companies that were closed or had massive layoffs must pass over to the control of the workers. The Arce government is facing some clear choices: who will pay for the crisis, the people or the oligarchy? Will he trust in the strength of the mobilized people or will he continue to reconcile

with the coup oligarchy? Will he learn from his mistakes or will he repeat them?

From now on, we Bolivian communists have stated clearly and forcefully, we are not and will not be part of the Arce government. The fact that revisionists of different kinds today have become the tail of the train as they did before, justifying their opportunism with a leftist tune does not imply that we will play the same game.

However, the events of the last year should lead us to a deep critical and self-critical reflection on the role of the revolutionary left, from a class struggle perspective, in the contexts of social reformist governments. Our main enemy is clearer than ever: the oligarchy at the service of imperialism has already shown us its pro-coup, fascist and racist essence. We know the limitations of the MAS-IPSP, its essence of conciliation, its disastrous action within the popular movement, as well as the internal contradictions between the structures of the MAS and the rank-and-file of the IPSP that will undoubtedly deepen in the coming months.

The Revolutionary Communist Party will continue to promote the building of the National Liberation Front (FLN), the political instrument of workers of the city and the countryside, of the women, the school and working youth, indigenous peoples, committed professionals, united under the principles of struggle for sovereignty and national liberation, anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, anti-patriarchal and anti-capitalist. We will maintain our fight for the revival of the class-struggle union independence of our popular organizations, so that they are at the service of the popular struggles and so that their leadership does not submit to the bosses or to the government in office. We will advance in all spheres, combining all forms of struggle, in order to show that the revolutionary left, together with the workers and peasants, are a real alternative for our country.

The electoral defeat of the coup in no way implies a definitive defeat of the political and economic interests of the fascist and pro-coup oligarchy, nor does it imply the establishment of popular democracy; the repressive forces of the State remain intact. We must redouble our efforts to strengthen the Party and the Front, to strengthen our popular organizations and to have a clear objective of building a true popular alternative.

**The Sacaba and Senkata Massacres Must Not Be Forgotten or Forgiven! Justice!**

**The Rich Must Pay for the Crisis, Not the People!**

**Build the Front of National Liberation as a Popular Alternative!**

La Paz, October 23, 2020

Political Bureau of the Central Committee, Revolutionary Communist Party (PCR) Bolivia



From the Central Committee of the Peruvian Communist Party (m-l)  
November 15, 2020.

## **For the Call for a Sovereign and Popular Constituent Assembly! Not One Step Back!**

The Central Committee of the Peruvian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) addresses itself to the working class, peasantry, women, youth, students and the Peruvian people in general to support their decision to fight and state the following:

1. The neoliberal government of Martin Vizcarra was involved in corruption scandals and embezzlement, being the worst government worldwide in managing the health crisis due to which we have lost more than 35,106 Peruvian people up to this time. He was forced to resign from his office as president, being involved in the neoliberal dynamics that support the Political Constitution of 1993. His past with APRA (American Popular Revolutionary Alliance) condemns him and he does not have the moral right to now pass himself off as a democrat and defender of workers' rights. At the beginning of the pandemic he was persecuting doctors and nurses who denounced the precariousness of the health-care system; he used police personnel to allow the destruction of regions by mining companies in Cusco. We also denounce the fact that, during the quarantine, Martin Vizcarra and his Minister of Economy, María Antonieta Alva Luperdi, made a priority of defending the interests of the bankers and big business owners of the country, who received more than 13% of the national budget. In addition they continued with the extension of the Perfect Suspension of Work, which has increased the degree of informal labor until it approaches 85% of the total Economically Active Population. There was no plan to revive the economy for the popular sectors, and the people continue to suffer from lack of work, access to health care, education, hunger and abandonment.

2. After the presidential vacancy called by the plenum of the Congress of the Republic, which reached agreements under the table to support the appointment to the presidency of Luis Merino de Lama, the people could see that the first measures of the corrupt politicians who grabbed power were: a new "Police Protection Law No. 31012" that legally supports the license to kill, given to the police and military against people who demonstrate. This new law was signed by Manuel Merino de Lama as Pres-

ident of Congress, Luis Valdez Fariás as First Vice President of Congress, having been managed by Pedro Olaechea Álvarez, the former President of Congress (under Pedro Pablo Kuczynski) and Karina Beteta Rubín, former First Vice President of Congress (Fujimorista).

On the other hand, there is the bill (6639/2020-CR) by Congress Member Omar Karim Chehade Moya who, in order to revive the economy of the mine owners and their national figureheads, proposed to further cut the already poor regulations of the National System of Environmental Impact. This will mean new benefits for the mining companies at the expense of the peasant and indigenous communities and the general population that has been abandoned during the quarantine.

The following voted in favor of ousting the president: 18 congress members from Popular Action, 20 from Alianza para el Progreso (Alliance for Progress), 7 from Somos Peru (We Are Peru), 10 from Podemos Peru (Peru We Can), 14 from FREPAP (Agricultural People's Front of Peru), 15 from Fuerza Popular (Popular Force), 12 from Unión por el Perú (Union for Peru), 6 from the Broad Front and 3 with no party. This makes a total of 105 congress members who, by accelerating the distribution of favors from the new president, led to a new crisis in our country that has led to the murder of two young people and more than 100 injured by pellets and firearms fired by the national police.

3. Popular outrage has taken to the streets, after 7 months of confinement due to the pandemic. The population has closely followed the national political scene and has matured in terms of its political understanding of what is happening in the country. Entire families, young people and workers have all taken to the streets to reject the compromises of the recently elected Congress and in general the maneuvers of neoliberal politicians. They have wasted time, from the middle of March when the pandemic started until now, debating unimportant things that have in no way solved the problem of employment, access to health care and education for the population. "They must all go!" is the slogan repeated in the streets,



along with For a New Constitution and Constituent Assembly, now!

4. After the deaths caused by the police repression, with the license of the repudiated President Luis Merino de Lama and Prime Minister Antero Flores Araoz, we demand criminal prosecution of the police officers who caused these deaths, their immediate perpetrators and the entire Council of Ministers who tried to impose their interests at the cost of the blood of young people and workers. We pay tribute to the heroes of national dignity: Inti Sotelo Camargo (24 years old) and Jack Pintado Sanchez (22 years old). For them instead of a minute of silence, a lifetime of combat!

5. We call on workers, youth and peoples not to lower their guard; we must continue with the mobilizations and convene a Constituent Assembly with broad popular participation to ensure: Free access to education at all levels and not for profit. The right to protest, organization and unionization must be ensured; the State must stop giving subsidies [to the corporations] and take up its role as an investor and administrator to centralize the use of natural resources and start to industrialize the country. This

would ensure job stability, the right to housing and would lay the foundations for a true decentralization with a national development plan that prioritizes the autonomous and comprehensive development of the country. Likewise, it must ensure a democratic representation of the Peruvians in Parliament by basing representation on production units and not only by area of residence.

6. We demand the lifting of parliamentary immunity of the 68 congress members investigated by the Public Ministry; the current president of Congress Luis Valdez has 52 open investigations, Humberto Acuña has 33 investigations and one sentence for bribery as well as the case of Manuel Merino who has been sentenced for the crime of coercion. In general, the Congress of the Republic has managed to bring together the most disgraceful crimes in the country, from aggravated robbery, through fraud, corruption of officials, physical and psychological abuse, embezzlement, illicit appropriation of funds, non-assistance to family, money laundering and abuse of authority are the characteristics of this nest of criminals.

**Not one step back; the protests in the streets and the national outrage are writing the preliminary pages of the new history of Peru!**

**For a new constitution that lays the foundations of a people's democratic republic, that plans the national economy and ensures the use of our natural resources for sovereign interest and access to health care and education in general at all levels!**

**For the centralization of the popular struggle to ensure compliance with the demands in the streets!**

**Down with the traditional and pseudo-leftist parties and politicians, who have led us to this crisis!**

**Long live the struggles of the working class, peasantry, women, youth, students and the people who are defending national dignity in the streets!**

**All the corrupt ones must go!**

**For our dead, wounded and missing, not just a minute of silence but a lifetime of combat!**

## **18 de Octubre: Victoria Popular sobre la Oligarquía Golpista y Fascista**

**Construyamos junto al Pueblo una Alternativa Democrática,  
Popular y de Liberación Nacional**



El golpe de Estado fascista y oligárquico de noviembre de 2019 instauró un régimen reaccionario, pro-imperialista y neoliberal en Bolivia que en 11 meses ha cumplido con una agenda de endeudar al país, sabotear las empresas estatales, atacar a la clase trabajadora con despidos masivos, entregar nuestros recursos estratégicos al imperialismo y masacrar al pueblo. Las luchas populares a la cabeza de la Central Obrera Boliviana y el Pacto de Unidad dieron como resultado la convocatoria a elecciones para el 18 de octubre. Desde el golpe hasta las elecciones el MAS-IPSP mediante su bancada legislativa y sus burocracias sindicales se ha encargado de negociar con el régimen, traicionando una y otra vez al pueblo movilizado.

El régimen ha hecho un proceso electoral a su medida, el Presidente del Tribunal Supremo Electoral, Salvador Romero, es un agente del imperialismo con antecedentes de consultar con la embajada yanqui ¿qué hacer? Cuando ejerció el mismo cargo hace 15 años, fue operador de la NED para el fraude electoral en Honduras luego del golpe de Estado de 2009 en ese país. El Tribunal Electoral ha depurado a decenas de miles de ciudadanos en Argentina, Brasil y Chile (migrantes de origen popular), ha cambiado de forma arbitraria los recintos electorales y ha encargado la custodia de actas a las fuerzas represivas. De forma inédita no se contó con un sistema de conteo rápido (se sus-

pendió horas antes de la votación), y las encuestas de boca de urna salieron 4 horas después de lo anunciado. El régimen ha rayado la cancha y ha puesto el árbitro, pero pudo más la voluntad del pueblo boliviano.

La mayoría aplastante, más del 55% con una ventaja mayor al 25% que da por ganador al binomio Arce- Choquehuanca en primera vuelta, con mayoría en ambas cámaras de la Asamblea Legislativa, ha sido un voto contra el fascismo, contra el conservadurismo y contra el ultraje del pueblo, no ha sido en su totalidad un voto orgánico y comprometido con el MAS-IPSP o sus candidatos. La victoria electoral no es propiedad de un partido electoral, sino de los pueblos de Bolivia resueltos a no ser sometidos por la oligarquía fascista, racista y antipatria que usurpó el poder estatal hace 11 meses. Al reconocer la victoria del MAS-IPSP en primera vuelta, el régimen de Añez reconoce que a pesar de sus intentos malintencionados no pudo contener el amplio margen de diferencia, a la vez intenta contener la crisis con una salida electoral ante el riesgo de movilizaciones populares.

Desde ya se organizan grupos paramilitares al mando de la oligarquía financiera y agroindustrial para desconocer los resultados electorales. Este escenario recuerda a las condiciones del país entre 2006-2009, una lucha abierta y manifiesta entre el bloque popular y la oligarquía, cargado además de regionalismo y racis-

mo. En 2009, el MAS-IPSP optó por el camino de la conciliación, pactó en el Senado el texto constitucional pisoteando la voluntad de la Asamblea Constituyente y generó acuerdos de convivencia con la oligarquía que duraron cerca a una década. Luego de los resultados electorales tanto Evo Morales como Luis Arce han planteado en sus discursos la necesidad de la unidad nacional, de trabajar con el sector empresarial y de reconciliación. Los gérmenes fascistoides que en 2008-09 fueron dejados intactos (Unión Juvenil Cruceñista, Juventud Kochala, etc) e incluso en parte se incorporaron a las Juventudes del MAS, fueron la punta de lanza del golpe de Estado de 2019. Los grupos económicos que fueron beneficiados durante los 14 años del gobierno de Morales, no sólo impulsaron el golpe sino que fueron piezas claves del gabinete de Añez.

Las masacres de Sacaba y de Senkata no pueden quedar en el olvido. Nuestros mártires por la libertad, por la soberanía, por la dignidad, por la democracia claman por justicia. No puede existir impunidad de ningún tipo. Los responsables intelectuales y materiales deben enfrentar juicios de responsabilidad. Los daños económicos al Estado, las violaciones a derechos humanos, el pisoteo a la soberanía nacional de los últimos 11 meses deben ser reparados y sus responsables ajusticiados. Los criminales que han sido absueltos de forma irregular, como Leopoldo Fernandez (responsable de la Masacre del Porvenir), Manfred Reyes Villa, Mario Cossío, Branko Marinkovic y tantos otros deben enfrentar la justicia por sus actos. Debemos aprender de los errores de 2008-09: No se negocia con el fascismo, no se concilia con el fascismo, se lo vence y se lo aplasta.

Para enfrentar crisis económica que hoy azota al país no bastan impuestos para los más ricos, se los debe expropiar las grandes industrias, agroindustrias, minas y bancos que lucran con la sangre y el sudor del pueblo trabajador. Se debe aplicar la Ley de Empresas Sociales, todas aquellas empresas cerradas o con despidos masivos deben pasar bajo el control de los trabajadores. Al gobierno de Arce le quedan algunas disyuntivas claras: ¿quién pagará la crisis, el pueblo o la oligarquía? ¿Confiará en la fuerza del pueblo movilizad o seguirá conciliando con la oligarquía golpista? ¿Aprenderá de los errores o los repetirá?

Desde ya los comunistas bolivianos planteamos de forma clara y contundente, no somos ni seremos parte

del gobierno de Arce; que los revisionistas de distintas calañas hoy se constituyan en cola de furgón como lo hicieron antes, justificando su oportunismo con una lírica de izquierda no implica que nosotros entremos al mismo juego.

Sin embargo, los sucesos del último año nos deben llevar a una profunda reflexión crítica y autocrítica en torno al papel de la izquierda revolucionaria, desde una óptica de lucha de clases, en contextos de gobiernos socialreformistas. Nuestro enemigo principal está más claro que nunca: la oligarquía al servicio del imperialismo, ya nos ha demostrado su esencia golpista, fascista y racista. Conocemos las limitaciones del MAS-IPSP, su esencia de conciliación, su nefasto actuar dentro del movimiento popular, como también las contradicciones internas entre las estructuras del MAS y raíces del IPSP que sin duda se ahondarán en los próximos meses.

El Partido Comunista Revolucionario seguiremos impulsando la construcción del Frente de Liberación Nacional (FLN), el instrumento político de los trabajadores de la ciudad y del campo, de las mujeres, de la juventud estudiosa y trabajadora, de los pueblos indígenas, de los profesionales comprometidos, unidos bajo los principios de lucha por la soberanía y la liberación nacional, antiimperialistas, antifascistas, antipatriarcales y anticapitalistas. Mantendremos nuestra lucha por la recuperación de la independencia sindical clasista de nuestras organizaciones populares, para que estén al servicio de las luchas populares y para que la dirigencia no se someta a la patronal ni al gobierno de turno. Avanzaremos en todos los espacios, combinando todas las formas de lucha, para demostrar que la izquierda revolucionaria junto los trabajadores y campesinos somos una alternativa real para nuestro país.

La derrota electoral del golpismo no supone de ninguna manera una derrota definitiva de los intereses políticos y económicos de la oligarquía fascista y golpista, así como tampoco supone una instauración de la democracia popular, se mantienen intactas las fuerzas represivas del Estado. Debemos redoblar los esfuerzos para fortalecer el Partido y el Frente, para reforzar nuestras organizaciones populares y tener claro el horizonte de construcción de una verdadera alternativa popular.

**¡Las masacres de Sacaba y Senkata no se olvidan ni se perdonan! ¡Justicia!**

**¡La crisis que la paguen los ricos, no el pueblo!**

**¡Construir el frente de liberación nacional como alternativa popular!**

La Paz, 23 de octubre de 2020

Buró Político del Comité Central, Partido Comunista Revolucionario (PCR) Bolivia

## **¡Por la convocatoria a una asamblea constituyente soberana y popular!**

### **¡Ni un paso atrás!**

El Comité Central del Partido Comunista Peruano (marxista-leninista) se dirige a la clase obrera, el campesinado, las mujeres, la juventud, los estudiantes y pueblo peruano en general para saludar su decisión de lucha y manifestar lo siguiente:

1.- El gobierno neoliberal de Martin Vizcarra, envuelto en escándalos de corrupción y malversación de fondos, siendo el peor gobierno gestionando la crisis sanitaria a nivel mundial y a causa de la cual hemos perdido al momento a más de 35,106 hermanos peruanos, fue depuesto de su cargo de presidente, envuelto en la dinámica neoliberal que respalda la Constitución Política de 1993. Su pasado aprista lo condena y no tiene la moral para ahora hacerse pasar como demócrata y defensor de los derechos de los trabajadores, cuando al inicio de la pandemia perseguía a médicos y enfermeras que denunciaban lo precario del sistema de salud; que usó al personal policial para respaldar la destrucción de zonas de producción que llevan a cabo las mineras en Cusco. Así mismo, denunciaremos que: durante la cuarentena, Martin Vizcarra y su ministra de Economía bachiller María Antonieta Alva Luperdi, priorizaron la defensa de los intereses de los banqueros y los grandes empresarios del país, quienes fueron beneficiados con el uso de más del 13% del presupuesto nacional, además de continuar con la extensión de la Suspensión Perfecta de Labores que ha incrementado los índices de informalidad hasta acercarlos al 85% del total de la PEA. No existió ningún plan para la reactivación de la economía de los sectores populares y el pueblo continúa padeciendo falta de trabajo, acceso a salud, educación, hambre y abandono.

2.- Tras la sesión de vacancia presidencial convocada por el pleno del Congreso de la República, que llegó a acuerdos bajo la mesa para respaldar el ascenso de Luis Merino de Lama, la población ha podido ver que las primeras medidas, para que los corruptos se atornillen en el poder fueron: una nueva "Ley de Protección Policial N° 31012" que respalda legalmente la licencia para matar, brindada a los policías y militares contra la población que sale a manifestarse; esta nueva ley fue firmada por Manuel Merino de Lama como Presidente del Congreso, Luis Valdez Farías como Primer vicepresidente del

Congreso habiendo sido gestionada por Pedro Olaechea Álvarez ex presidente de Congreso (PPK) y Karina Beteta Rubín ex primera vicepresidente del Congreso (fujimorista).

Por otro lado, está el proyecto de ley (6639/2020-CR) del congresista Omar Karim Chenhade Moya que, con el fin de reactivar la economía de los mineros y sus testaferros nacionales, propuso recortar más las ya de por sí pobres regulaciones del Sistema Nacional de Impacto Ambiental, lo que supondrá nuevos beneficios para las mineras en perjuicio de las comunidades campesinas y nativas y la población en general que ha estado abandonada durante la cuarentena.

A favor de la Vacancia presidencial votaron: 18 congresistas de Acción Popular, los 20 de Alianza para el Progreso, 7 de Somos Perú, 10 de Podemos Perú, los 14 de FREPAP, los 15 de Fuerza Popular, los 12 de Unión por el Perú, 6 de frente Amplio y 3 no agrupados. Haciendo un total de 105 congresistas que por acelerar la repartija de favores del nuevo presidente llevaron a una nueva crisis a nuestro país que ha ocasionado el asesinato de 2 jóvenes y más de 100 heridos por perdigones y arma de fuego disparadas por la policía nacional.

3.- La indignación popular se ha hecho presente en las calles, tras 7 meses de encierro por la pandemia, la población ha seguido con atención el panorama político nacional y ha madurado en cuanto a su lectura política de lo que pasa en el país. Familias enteras, jóvenes, trabajadores, todos han salido a las calles a rechazar las componendas del Congreso recientemente elegido y en general las maniobras de los políticos neoliberales, que han dilapidado el tiempo, desde la quincena del mes de marzo que inicio la pandemia hasta ahora, debatiendo cosas insulsas, que en nada han resuelto el problema del empleo, acceso a la salud y educación para la población. ¡Que se vayan todos! es la consigna que se repiten en las calles, junto a ¡Por una Nueva Constitución! ¡Asamblea Constituyente, ahora!

4.- Tras las muertes perpetuadas por la represión policial, con la licencia del repudiado presidente Luis Merino de Lama y el primer ministro Antero Flores Araoz, exigimos procesamiento penal a los

policías que perpetraron estas muertes, a sus autores mediatos y a todo el Consejo de Ministros que han tratado de imponer sus intereses a costa de la sangre de los jóvenes y trabajadores. Rendimos homenaje a los héroes de la dignidad nacional: Inti Sotelo Camargo (24 años) y Jack Pintado Sánchez (22 años). ¡Por ellos ni un minuto de silencio, toda una vida de combate!

5.- Hacemos un llamado a los trabajadores, juventud y pueblos a no bajar la guardia, debemos continuar con las movilizaciones y se convoque a una Asamblea Constituyente y que ésta cuenta con amplia participación popular para que asegure: Libre acceso a la educación en todos los niveles y se acabe el lucro, para que se aseguren los derechos a protesta organización y sindicalización, que acabe con el papel subsidiario del Estado y lo coloque como Estado inversor y empresario que centralice el aprovechamiento de los recursos naturales y se reviertan en la industrialización del país, que se asegure la estabilidad laboral, el derecho a la vivienda y sienten las bases de una verdadera descentralización con un

plan de desarrollo nacional que priorice el desarrollo autónomo e integral del país; así mismo que asegure una representación democrática de los peruanos en el Parlamento considerando las unidades de producción que se cuenta el país y no solo la representación por zona de residencia.

6.- Exigimos el levantamiento de la inmunidad parlamentaria de los 68 congresistas investigados por el Ministerio Público, el actual presidente del Congreso Luis Valdez tiene 52 investigaciones abiertas, Humberto Acuña con 33 investigaciones y 1 sentencia por cohecho así mismo el caso de Manuel Merino que tiene una sentencia por delito de coacción. En general el Congreso de la república ha logrado aglutinar a la delincuencia más rancia del país, delitos desde robo agravado, pasando por estafa, corrupción de funcionarios, maltrato físico y psicológico, peculado, apropiación ilícita, omisión de asistencia familiar, lavado de activos y abuso de autoridad son la carta de presentación de ese nido de delincuentes.

**¡Ni un paso atrás, las protestas en las calles y la indignación nacional están escribiendo las hojas preliminares de la nueva historia del Perú!**

**¡Por una nueva constitución que sienten las bases de una república democrática popular, que planifique la economía nacional y asegure el uso de nuestros recursos naturales con interés soberano y el acceso a la salud y educación de manera general en todos los niveles!**

**¡Por la centralización de la lucha popular para asegurar el cumplimiento de las exigencias en las calles!**

**¡Abajo los partidos y políticos tradicionales y pseudo izquierdistas que nos han llevado a esta crisis!**

**¡Vivan las luchas de la clase obrera, el campesinado, las mujeres, los jóvenes, estudiantes y pueblo que se encuentra defendiendo la dignidad nacional desde las calles!**

**¡Que se vayan todos los corruptos!**

**¡Por nuestros muertos, heridos y desaparecidos, ni un minuto de silencio toda una vida de combate!**