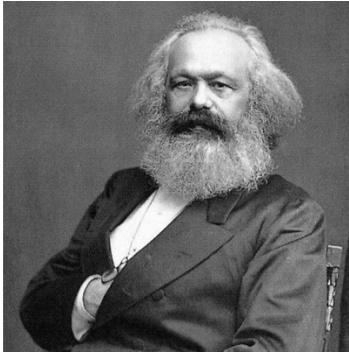


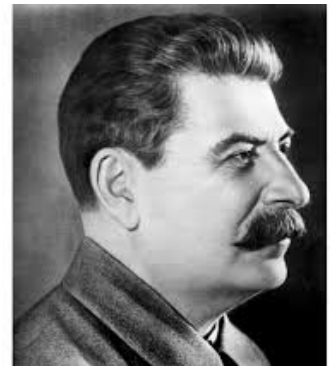
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Please note that we have now included the portraits of the four classic leaders of Marxism-Leninism on the cover. We had previously included only Marx and Lenin to try to include contributions from people who might be turned off by a portrait of Stalin. We realize that this was an opportunist error.

Note that we reprint many articles without our asking for permission. Clearly the authors are in no way responsible for other views in this publication.

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Stop the Firings! Stop the Vaccine Mandates!

New York City Mayor de Blasio mandated that, starting on October 4, all Department of Education employees (teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, janitors, cafeteria and office workers, etc.) could not work unless and until they had gotten at least one shot of the Covid vaccine. There was no alternative of providing regular proof of a negative Covid test. This has led to some 96% of the 150,000 employees getting vaccinated.¹ All that this proves is that force (as well as fear) is an effective weapon of the ruling class. But this still means that some 6,000 employees are not allowed to work.

Now Pfizer is seeking FDA authorization to vaccinate children as young as five years old. Students are still required to wear masks and maintain anti-“social distancing.” Apparently, the ruling class and medical establishment does not even believe their own propaganda that vaccines are “effective,” because otherwise why would you need to wear a mask if you are vaccinated? It also makes it difficult for teachers to give individual students their personal attention.

All these measures are despite the fact that the number of Covid cases among students is extremely low, and very few children who do get Covid have serious symptoms.

A group of teachers made a legal challenge to this that went all the way up to the Supreme Court. Interestingly enough, although the majority of the court might have been expected to oppose such mandates, it was liberal justice Sonia Sotomayor who decided that the whole court would not hear the challenge.

Is all this really being done to protect our health and that of our children?

Similar measures are being imposed on health-care workers in New York State and around the country. President Biden has mandated that health-care facilities that receive funds from Medicare and Medicaid (that is, almost all of them) ensure that their staffs are vaccinated. In New York State, 92% of the state’s 650,000 workers have been vaccinated.² This means that some 52,000 health-care workers in New York State alone cannot work.

If the vaccines work, then the only people that unvaccinated people could harm are themselves and each other.



From a demonstration of nurses in Texas against vaccine mandates.

When they say trust the science
What they mean is don't ask
questions



¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/04/nyregion/vaccine-mandate-teachers-nyc.html>

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/28/nyregion/vaccine-health-care-workers-mandate.html>, updated October 4, 2021.

Congestion Pricing – Another Tax on Working people

New York City, with the approval of the New York State legislature, is planning to institute “congestion pricing.” Under this plan, almost all drivers entering Manhattan south of 60th Street would be charged a certain fee. The amount has not yet been set, but figures discussed are \$8 for cars and \$21 for trucks.

Congestion pricing is supposed to provide money for mass transit, which is certainly in a bad state (and very expensive, \$2.75 for a single ride). In reality, it amounts to an additional tax on working people. It would mean that people coming into lower Manhattan from outside the city to eat, see a movie or play, or visit a museum (if they are vaccinated¹) would first have to drive to a Metro-North, LIRR or PATH station, use one of these transportation systems, and then take a bus or subway to their destination. All this could easily add an hour or more to their trip each way, as well as additional travel expenses. All this to avoid congestion pricing fees. Also, for small business owners or people such as many construction workers who might have to bring equipment or materials with them, using mass transit is almost an impossibility.²

While all this is supposed to provide additional funding for mass transit, to the degree that it is successful it would also make mass transit more crowded (or else keep visitors out of lower Manhattan).

Also, since 1967 profits from the New York State lottery has supposedly gone to education. Has that improved the quality of our schools? Why should we believe that congestion pricing would actually improve mass transit?

There are other ways to provide additional funding for mass transit without affecting working people. One would be to reinstitute the stock-transfer tax, a small tax on the purchase or sale of stocks in New York City. Another would be a tax on the real estate interests that gentrifying New York (not on small landlords).³ But the bourgeois politicians, who are beholden to New York’s financial and real estate interests, do not even want to discuss this possibility.

On a separate but related matter, why is it that the only way that “our” politicians can think of to prevent speeding, particularly near schools, is to set up surveillance cameras. This is another way to fine unsafe drivers. But there is a simpler and less expensive way to prevent speeding (used effectively in much of the world, in some areas of the US and even in New York City) – speed bumps.

¹ We resent museums being classified with places of entertainment – they are places of learning and culture.

² In their first mayoral debate between the candidates from the two main bourgeois parties (Cathy Rojas of PSL was of course excluded) on October 20, Eric Adams openly supported congestion pricing. Curtis Sliwa was slicker: he opposed congestion pricing for people driving into Lower Manhattan from other parts of the city, but supported it for people from outside the city. He won’t lose any votes from these people in the NYC Mayoral race!

³ For more details on these proposals, see TMLUV2N4.

The Moscow Workers Take Possession of The Great Metro on April 27th 1935

By the German revolutionary poet Bertold Brecht.

We have heard that 80,000 workers
Built the Metro, many of them after their regular daily jobs
Often throughout many nights. Throughout this year
Young men and women were seen climbing out of the tunnels
Laughing, taking pride in their work clothes,
Soiled with dirt and drenched with sweat.

All difficulties -
Subterranean streams, the pressure of tall buildings,
Landslides – were overcome. In the decoration
No effort was spared. The best marble
Was brought in from afar, the most beautiful woods
Carefully crafted. The beautiful cars
Were finally running almost silent through the tunnels
Lit bright as day: for such demanding customers -
Only the very best.

Now that the train line was built according to the most ideal models
And the owners came to view
And to ride on it, they were the very same
Ones who had built it.

There were thousands there, who walked about
Viewing the enormous halls, and in the trains
Great masses of people rode by, their faces –
Men, women and children, old people as well –
All turned towards the stations, for the stations
Were all built differently, from different stone
In different styles, and the lights, too
Came always from another source. Those who entered the cars
Were pushed back into the interior by the happy jostling crowd,
Since the front seats were the best
For viewing the stations. At every station
The children were raised high. As often as possible
The passengers stormed outside and regarded
The workmanship with a joyous intensity. They felt the columns
And examined their smoothness, with their shoes
They made their way over the stone floors,
To see if the stones had been set correctly. Streaming back to the cars
They inspected the wall paneling and put their hands

On the window glass. Continually
Women and men pointed – uncertain if it was the right one –
To the places where they had worked: the stones
Bore the traces of their hands. Every face
Was truly visible, more than in any other train I have seen.

Even the tunnels were lighted, no meter of work
Went unlit. And all this
Had been built in a single year and by so many workers
As no other train in the world. And no
Other train in the world had so many owners
For this wonderful project saw
What none of its predecessors in many cities over many ages
Had ever seen: that the owners of the project were its workers.

Where had this ever occurred before, that the fruit of their labor
Went to those, who had done the labor? Where ever
Before had the people who erected it not been driven
Out of the finished structures?
When we watched them riding in their cars
The works of their own hands, we knew
That this was the great image that the classic authors –
Shaken to their core – had foreseen.

(1935)



Elektrozavodskaya metro station,
built during World War II

When I was in Moscow in 1966, the fare was just 5 kopecks (5¢ at the official exchange rate), and this fare was maintained until the end of the Soviet Union in 1991. Furthermore, although they did not have subway countdown clocks, they did have a clock at each tunnel showing the time since the last train passed through. I do not remember the time ever being more than 5 minutes, and the average was about 3 minutes. Thus, the average wait time was about 1½ minutes.

“Columbus Day”

At the height of the movement to remove racist statues and change racist holidays (a consequence of the Black Lives Matter movement), Mayor de Blasio said of October 12:

“We have to honor that day as a day to recognize the contributions of all Italian-Americans... I think also... it’s a day to think about history and honor indigenous people as well.”¹ Of course, October 12 just passed; it is still being celebrated with a parade and still called “Columbus Day.”

Why would any progressive or democratic person, including Italian-Americans (see letter in TMLUV2N2) want a day to celebrate this person, who began the conquest of the Americas, the genocide of the indigenous people and opened the way for the enslavement of Africans?



We would suggest a better day for an Italian-American holiday, such as the birthday of Vito Marcantonio, who served seven terms as a member of the House of Representatives from East Harlem, from 1939 to 1951, as a member of the American Labor Party. He was known for his opposition to the imperialist war on Korea, and his support of the right of Puerto Rico to independence.

One could also celebrate the birthday of Peter Caccione, who together with Ben Davis was a member of the New York City Council from the Communist Party. Or even the birthday of Leonardo da Vinci or Galileo Galilei.

As Marx pointed out (*Capital*, Volume I, Chapter XXXI):

The discovery of gold and silver in America, the extirpation, enslavement and entombment in mines of the aboriginal population, the beginning of the conquest and looting of the East Indies, the turning of Africa into a warren for the commercial hunting of black-skins, signalled the rosy dawn of the era of capitalist production.

¹ This should again remind one of former President Trump’s statement on the attack by white supremacists that killed Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017, that there “were very fine people on both sides.”

Further Idealism on the Question of Gender



WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE

Free abortion on demand for ALL Genders!

By [Ted Kelly](#) posted on September 21, 2021

The writer (she/her) is a transgender lesbian in Philadelphia, Pa.

Unfortunately, this was not a joke.¹ Although the right to an abortion concerns everyone, men and women, it is ridiculous to demand it for “people of all genders.” Such a demand is an insult to biological women. This is compounded by the writer’s use of the term TERF (Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminism) further on in the article, which is simply a disguised form of misogyny.

But it should be clear to all that the right to an abortion only applies to biological women. Men cannot get pregnant!

¹ The British anarchist comedy group, Monty Python, did make a joke on the same theme in their 1979 film, Life of Brian. One of the male characters states that he wants to become a woman so that he can bear children. When the others point out that that is a physical impossibility, he says that he wants “the right to bear children,” and the rest of the group supports him.

**For the liberation of Africa, we denounce all interference
of the imperialists in our internal affairs**

Military Coup in Guinea: What Lessons for the African Peoples?

On Sunday, September 5, 2021, a group of soldiers led by a former French legionnaire overthrew the power of Guinean President Alpha Condé. This was not the first time a coup has occurred in Africa. But unlike others, this one aroused intense debates, because of the past of former head of the FEANF (Federation of Black African Students in France) of Alpha Condé, the autocratic nature of his power, the fact that he tampered with the Constitution to have a third term, the origin of the author of the coup, etc. All this is normal and shows that Africa is ripe for a revolution. The meteoric rise of anti-imperialism, the will to do everything so that the next revolutionary upheaval on the Continent is not used by imperialism as in the 1960s and '90s, so many concerns justify the ongoing debates and their usefulness.

In 2010, Alpha Condé ran in the presidential election. This was the third time that he ran. In the first round, he came in second with a score of 18% while the one who came in first had nearly 44%. How could he catch up? Never mind! In France, Bernard Kouchner with whom Alpha Condé attended the Lycée Turgot, was Nicolas Sarkozy's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and his colleague Alliot Marie with whom he taught at the university (in France), Minister of Justice. The maneuvers began to put Condé in power. Instead of taking place two weeks later, the second round took place four months later, giving him time to buy the heads of institutions, to sharpen the inter-ethnic contradictions, while the Havas Group of Vincent Bolloré took care of his electoral campaign. Alpha Condé was elected with nearly 53% of the vote, a real "comeback" as we would say in soccer. As soon as he came to power, Condé entrusted the port and the rails to Bolloré, while after leaving the government, Bernard Kouchner took up residence in Conakry. Everyone saw that Alpha Condé had just been put in power by France, an insult to the memory of Sékou Touré and the Guinean people.

Alpha Condé always boasted of having been President of FEANF. Certainly, this association has

produced great patriots like Félix Moumié, Osende Afana, Fidèle Quenum, etc. who, once back in their country, continued the struggle on the ground at the risk of their lives. But at some point, this organization turned into one of useless chatter, a place from which French imperialism came to draw its spies and future servants like Ndemezo in Gabon, Ngoupande in the Central African Republic and Robert Dossou in Benin. We were therefore dealing with an organization that became a brake on the advancement of the revolution in Africa. This is why the leading group of Dahomey, which at one time had the leadership of the FEANF, decided to dissolve it by recommending to the students to organize each in their own country, to work for the creation of a student organization on the Continent itself and especially to go to work at home, to the emergence of revolutionary parties capable of leading the peoples to the revolution. This means that we should not be moved by Alpha Condé's actions because he was President of the FEANF. This was a student movement which included all sorts of people. It was not intended to take power. Within it, there were revolutionaries, spies, contemplators, etc. It should not be forgotten that in 1970, Sékou Touré sentenced Alpha Condé to death for collusion with foreign countries. As we know from his memoirs, Jacques Foccart stated that everything that Sékou Touré denounced was not false, there is reason to ask questions about the beginning of the acquaintance of Alpha Condé with French imperialism.

Once in power, Alpha Condé muzzled the press, militarized justice and institutions, and practiced the policy of divide and rule. He opposed ethnic groups to one another by relying on his own, the Malinkés. He also said in the last elections that a real Malinké can only vote for him. It was this ethnicist policy that led him to seek out a master corporal of the French legion from his region, to form and lead an elite military group in his country and for his protection.

With the evolution of the international situation and the impossibility of France maintaining its position of a great power by granting credit to its protégés, Alpha Condé began to look to China, Russia and Turkey. Naturally, this was not to the liking of French imperialism. The latter was then able to activate his legionnaire to overthrow Alpha Condé. If that is the case, we must strongly denounce it. Certainly, Alpha Condé was an autocrat; admittedly, he amended the Constitution to have a third term; Certainly, the Guinean people were unhappy and wanted him gone. But this was a matter for the Guinean and other African peoples, not for the imperialist powers. To tolerate the intervention of the imperialists in our internal affairs is to allow them to exchange their agents at the head of our countries.

The imperialist system is that of the big bourgeois bosses, their governments and services in the metropolises and the pawns (agents), governors and apprentice local governors in the neo-colonies and dependent countries. When one of their agents, black-skinned governors, is challenged by the people and is no longer secure, the imperialist bosses hasten to replace him with another to prevent the people themselves from putting forward their own leaders and interests. We have known the case with

Bokassa, Ahidjo, Mobutu, etc. On the other hand, when an agent continues to carry out orders, he is kept against all odds (Ouattara, Biya, Eyadéma, Bongo, Sassou), etc.

Under no circumstances should we allow the imperialists to interfere in our internal affairs. This rejection can go as far as physical confrontation with the foreign aggressors and invaders. In the Communist Party of Benin, in any case, this is our line of conduct. In January 1977, our people were already confronted with the autocratic dictatorship of Mathieu Kérékou. Nevertheless, when the aggression of January 16, 1977, sponsored by French imperialism with Foccart and led by Bob Denard, took place, we strongly denounced it. If it had been prolonged, there is no doubt that we would have sided with the power of Kérékou to repel the foreign invader. When this patriotic task had been carried out, we would have returned to our internal oppositions. That must be our course of action.

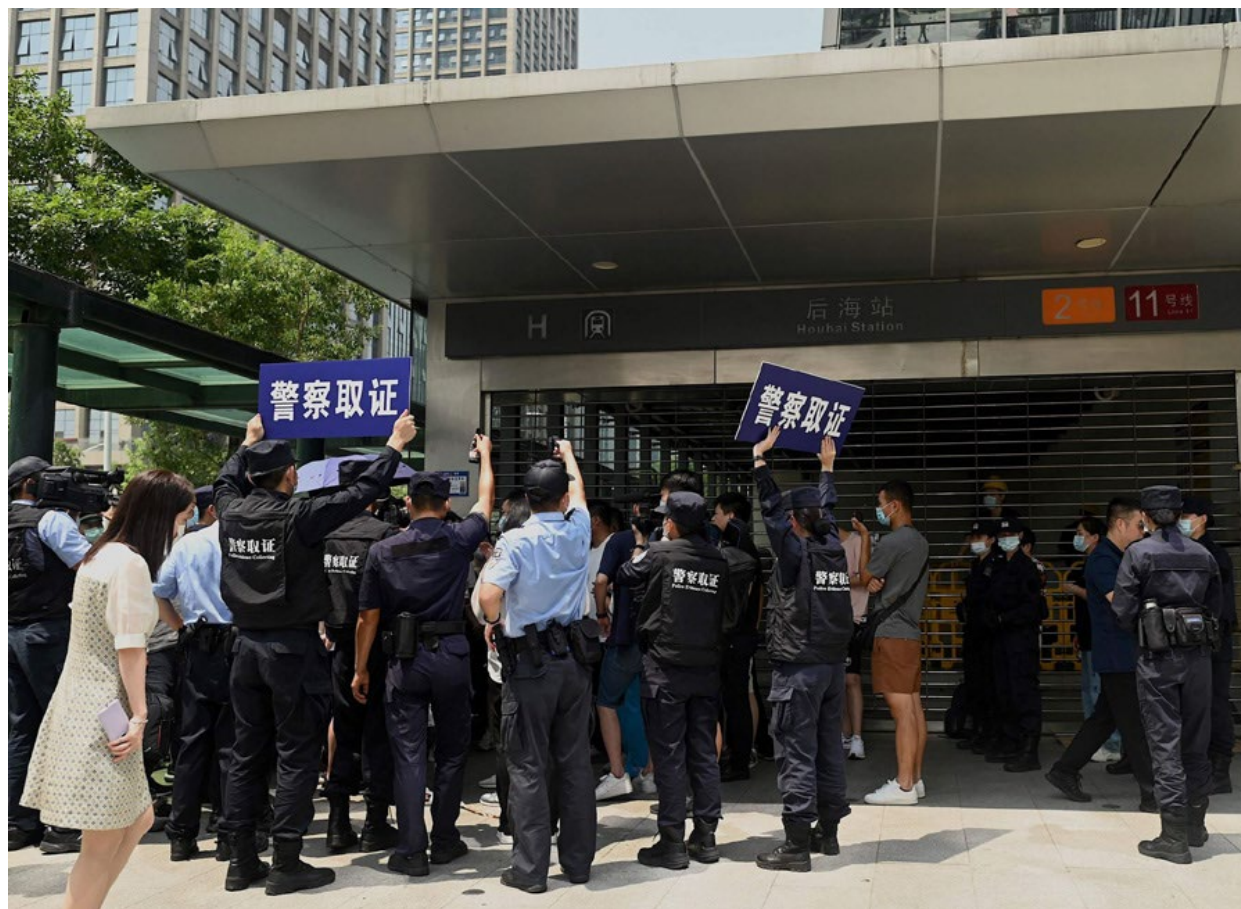
If we want the next revolution to come, if we want this powerful pan-Africanist and anti-imperialist wind blowing on the Continent to lead to a true liberation of our beloved Africa, only this path can lead us there.

The Editorial Board

The article below shows how China is now facing a real-estate crisis not unlike the one in the US that set off the world-wide depression of 2008. As China increasingly develops towards monopoly capitalism on a large scale, it will develop its own crises. Maybe people who still see China as socialist will only consider this as a “socialist crisis with Chinese characteristics.”

En Marcha #1973, September 29 to October 5, 2021

Central Organ of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Ecuador



China and Its Real Estate Crisis

The world is waiting to see how the Chinese government will handle the critical situation of the second most important real estate company in that country and one of the largest companies on the planet, Evergrande. This is linked to the real estate crisis of 2008, part of the cyclical capitalist crises, which involved large real estate companies and banks in the United States, which had strong repercussions and influenced the world recession of that year.

The company is owned by Hui Ka Yan, of Chinese origin, ranked 53rd among the richest people in the world, whose fortune, estimated at \$11,300 million is not enough to cover the \$300 billion that his company has in liabilities – the largest real estate debt in the world – acquired from hundreds of Chinese and

foreign banks, although its \$360 billion in assets, do not leave it in a bad place. In recent months the company has defaulted on its payments, reduced its sales, and has no liquidity for upcoming payments totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. The government intervention is also due to the reaction of one and a half million customers who have paid for their homes, which have not yet been delivered to them, or in many cases even started their construction.

The company has 200 thousand workers, and creates work indirectly for about four million. Its fall would have strong repercussions on the Chinese economy, since the value of its shares has plummeted from almost \$20 per share in November 2020 to \$2.27 in this September 2021, which had an impact on

almost all the stock exchanges in the world, including Latin American ones. The Chinese real estate sector accounts for about 30% of its GDP. It is anticipated that the fall of this company would create distrust not only in this sector but also in the financial sector and, given the size of the company, it could infect other countries and give rise to a new global crisis.

The Chinese government will be taking steps for a "controlled explosion of the crisis." Months ago, it put several conditions such as that if it does not have the possibility of making future payments it cannot contract new debts. Thus, the Chinese government would be limiting the possibility of expanding the impact of the crisis, but the next measures should be about minimizing its impact. Given the weight of the company, it will undoubtedly support the investors, as happened in the United States where the causes of

the crisis led to more millionaires than before; although the expectation remains if there will be any measure in favor of the home buyers who, since 2010, had to suffer the impact of speculation with the increase in housing prices of up to 100% in large cities and 50% in small cities.

This price increase was suffered by the company's customers who are people of medium to high purchasing power, so a good part of them paid in advance for their homes.

The Chinese government is analyzing the fact that there are so many unoccupied apartments that they could house the entire population of France, in addition to the fact that Evergrande has also been involved with electric vehicles, energy, even sports with the purchase of a football team.

Enough!

The Problem Is Neither LUMA Nor the PREPA, It Is Capitalism and Colonialism

As we warned, in just four months Puerto Rico has been able to confirm the inability of the privatizer LUMA Energy, the ineptitude of the colonial government to administer and maintain the electric infrastructure, and its collusion in deepening the crisis in order to advance the privatization of the Electric Power Authority (PREPA).

While LUMA executives are enjoying their \$325 per hour, the people are suffering more frequent and longer blackouts that damage their food and belongings, the replacement of which most cannot afford, with total impunity for the administrators and, to top it off, with five rate increases that have nothing to do with an improvement in service.



However, LUMA is just one piece in a much larger problem: we are governed by a colonial capitalist system, whose only objective is to perpetuate colonialism and exploitation, which doesn't give a damn about supplying the basic needs of a country: services for the elderly and those with health conditions, children, the common people, and the working people.

The political leadership of the colony, although they agree with the feeling that PREPA/LUMA is not working, are the same ones that have led this corporation since its inception. The thousands of families without electricity service, the shortage of personnel, the terrible customer service and the expected significant deterioration in the electricity system are proof that they do not represent nor will they defend the interests of the working class, but those of the bondholders and other sectors that seek to profit from an essential service.



It is clear that we must get out of the contract with LUMA, but this will not be enough. On the one hand, bringing in another private company will not solve the problem, as it would continue to prioritize private interest over public interest. On the other hand, the return to the old PREPA – which originally managed to electrify all of Puerto Rico as the River Sources Authority, but which was eaten away at by politicking, mismanagement and corruption – is not a solution either. While it is true that there has been a progressive deterioration after the takeover by LUMA, to return to a so-called “national heritage” that responds to short-term investors in the stock market and not to its workers and people, it is illusory and retrogressive.

Our country has the natural, human and scientific resources for a transition to renewable energy sources that would provide us with stability, health and a fair and sustainable relationship with our environment. However, fragmented efforts and efforts by non-governmental organizations in this direction will always be insufficient for national needs by design, and equally will not be led by the working majority and their needs by design, but by private “entrepreneurs” and “innovators”, who also beneficiaries of governmental, philanthropic and investment funds. Capitalism has been dressing itself up in green for its survival since the world began to talk about climate change.

It is essential to understand that at the end of the day, whether or not the LUMA contract is dropped, whether or not we return to the old PREPA, the vulture funds and other Wall Street capitalists will continue to impose their agenda. Whether in its openly oil interests or the neoliberal-ecological version of “individual responsibility”, of buying solar panels and the eco-friendly consumerism of those who can afford it to feel good, the US Congress, the Fiscal

Control Board and its colonial Government will guarantee the primacy of their profits that sustain the capitalist and colonial regime, while they cost us our medicines, our lives or our coasts. Only through the class struggle will we overcome the system of private property, in which a minority owns the buildings, machines and other means of production, and the majority are wage slaves. Only the seizure of power by the working class and the establishment of a workers' government, that is, the establishment of communist society, will free us from slavery to oil, debt, poverty, Empire and Big Capital.



Down with LUMA!
The Working Class Has No Borders!
Towards Building a System for the Workers!
Long Live Communism!



As we have commented to our comrades from Puerto Rico before, the seizure of power by the working class will lead to the establishment of a socialist society, not yet a communist one. This can only be brought about through a long struggle to build a classless society, not by decree. Marx said in his “Critique of the Gotha Programme:”

“Between capitalist and communist society lies the period of the revolutionary transformation of the one into the other. There corresponds to this also a political transition period in which the state can be nothing but the revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat.”

El siguiente artículo muestra cómo China ahora se enfrenta una crisis inmobiliaria no muy diferente a la de los Estados Unidos que empezó la depresión mundial de 2008. A medida que China se desarrolle cada vez más hacia el capitalismo monopolista a gran escala, también desarrollará sus propias crisis. Tal vez las personas que todavía ven China como socialista solo consideren esto como una "crisis socialista con características chinas".

En Marcha #1973, del 29 de septiembre al 5 de octubre de 2021

Órgano Central del Partido Comunista Marxista-Leninista del Ecuador



China y su crisis inmobiliaria

El mundo está a la expectativa de cómo el gobierno chino manejará la crítica situación de la segunda inmobiliaria más importante de ese país y una de las empresas más grandes del planeta, Evergrande. Esto por el antecedente de la crisis inmobiliaria del 2008, parte de las cíclicas crisis capitalistas, que involucró a grandes inmobiliarias y bancos de Estados Unidos, que tuvo fuertes repercusiones e incidió en la recesión mundial de ese año.

La empresa es propiedad de Hui Ka Yan, de origen chino, ubicado en el puesto 53 de entre las personas con más dinero del mundo, cuya fortuna calculada

en 11300 millones de dólares no le alcanzan para cubrir los 300 mil millones de dólares que tiene su empresa en pasivos -la deuda inmobiliaria más grande del mundo- adquirida de cientos de bancos chinos y extranjeros, aunque sus 360 mil millones que tiene en activos, no la dejan mal parada. En los últimos meses la empresa ha incumplido sus pagos, reducido sus ventas, y no tiene liquidez para los próximos pagos que suman cientos de millones. La intervención gubernamental es también por la reacción de un millón y medio de clientes que han pagado por sus viviendas,

que aun no se les ha entregado, en muchos casos ni iniciada su construcción.

La empresa tiene 200 mil trabajadores, genera trabajo indirectamente para cerca de cuatro millones. Su caída tendría fuertes repercusiones en la economía china, pues, el valor de sus acciones se ha desplomado de casi veinte dólares por acción en noviembre 2020 a 2.27 dólares en este septiembre 2021, lo que ha repercutido en casi todas las bolsas de valores del mundo, incluidas las latinoamericanas. El sector inmobiliario chino representa en torno al 30% de su PIB. Se anticipa que la caída de esta empresa generaría desconfianza no solo en el sector sino también en el financiero y, dado el tamaño de la empresa, se podría contagiar otros países y dar origen a una nueva crisis mundial.

El gobierno chino estaría tomando medidas para una “explosión controlada de la crisis”. Hace meses puso varios condicionamientos como que si no tiene posibilidad de afrontar pagos futuros no puede contraer nuevas deudas. Así el gobierno chino estaría limitando la posibilidad de ampliar el impacto de la

crisis, pero las siguientes medidas deberían ser en torno a minimizar su impacto. Dado el peso de la empresa sin duda respaldará a los inversionistas, como sucedió en los Estados Unidos en donde los causantes de la crisis salieron más millonarios que antes; aunque queda la expectativa si habrá alguna medida a favor de los compradores de viviendas que, desde 2010 debieron sufrir el impacto de la especulación con el incremento de precios de viviendas de hasta el 100% en las grandes ciudades y el 50% en ciudades pequeñas.

Ese incremento de precios lo sufrieron los clientes de la empresa que son gente de nivel adquisitivo medio a alto, por lo que buena parte de ellos pagaron por adelantado su vivienda.

El gobierno chino analiza el hecho que hay tantos departamentos desocupados como para albergar a toda la población de Francia, además que Evergrande también se ha dedicado a los vehículos eléctricos, la energía, incluso en el deportivo con la compra de un equipo de fútbol.

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Cuando y porque el socialismo en la unión soviética fracasó

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¡BASTA YA!

EL PROBLEMA NI ES LUMA NI LA AEE, ES EL CAPITALISMO Y EL COLONIAJE

Tal y como se había advertido, en solo cuatro meses, Puerto Rico ha podido constatar la incapacidad de la privatizadora LUMA Energy, la ineptitud del Gobierno colonial para administrar y mantener la infraestructura eléctrica, y su contubernio para profundizar la crisis para adelantar la privatización de la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica (AEE).

Mientras los ejecutivos de LUMA gozan sus \$325 por hora, el pueblo sufre apagones más frecuentes y largos que dañan sus alimentos y enseres, cuyo reemplazo la mayoría no puede costear, con total impunidad para los administradores y, para colmo, con cinco aumentos de tarifa que nada tendrán que ver con una mejoría en el servicio.



Sin embargo, LUMA es solo una pieza en un problema mucho más grande: nos rige un sistema capitalista colonial, cuyo único objetivo es perpetuar el colonialismo y la explotación, al cual le importa un bledo suplir las necesidades básicas de un país: los servicios para personas mayores y con condiciones de salud, la niñez, la gente humilde, y el pueblo trabajador.

El liderato político de la colonia, aunque se alinee con el sentir de que la AEE/LUMA no está funcionando, es el mismo que ha dirigido a esta corporación desde su inicio. Los miles de familias sin servicio eléctrico, la insuficiencia de personal, el pésimo servicio al cliente y el previsto deterioro significativo en el sistema eléctrico son muestra de que no representan ni defenderán los intereses de la clase trabajadora, sino de los bonistas y demás sectores que buscan lucrarse de un servicio esencial.

Está claro que hay que salir del contrato con LUMA, pero esto no será suficiente. Por un lado, traer otra empresa privada no resuelve el problema, pues



continuaría priorizando el interés privado sobre el público. Por otro lado, regresara la vieja AEE --que en su origen como la Autoridad de Fuentes Fluviales logró electrificar todo Puerto Rico, pero que carcomió la politiquería, la mala administración y la corrupción-- tampoco es una solución. Si bien es cierto que ha habido un deterioro progresivo tras la toma de control por parte de LUMA, regresara un mal llamado 'patrimonio nacional' que responde a inversionistas de corto plazo en la bolsa de valores y no a sus trabajadores y a su pueblo, es ilusorio y retrógrado.

Nuestro país tiene los recursos naturales, humanos y científicos para una transición a fuentes renovables de energía que nos provea estabilidad, salud y una relación justa y sostenible con nuestro medio ambiente. No obstante, los esfuerzos fragmentados y desde organizaciones no gubernamentales en esa dirección siempre serán por diseño insuficientes para las necesidades nacionales, e igualmente, por diseño, tampoco serán lideradas por la mayoría trabajadora y sus necesidades, sino por 'emprendedores' e 'innovadores' particulares, beneficiarios también de fondos gubernamentales, filantrópicos o de inversión. El capitalismo lleva vistiéndose de verde por su supervivencia desde que en el mundo se comenzó a hablar del cambio climático.

Es fundamental entender que al final del día, se prescinda o no del contrato de LUMA, regresemos o no a la vieja AEE, los fondos buitres y demás capitalistas de Wall Street continuarán imponiendo su agenda. Ya sea en su versión abiertamente petrolera o neoliberal-ecologista de 'la responsabilidad individual', de comprar placas solares y el consumismo eco amigable de quien pueda pagarlo para sentirse bien, el Congreso de EE.UU., la Juntade Control Fiscal y su Gobierno colonial, garantizarán la primacía de sus

ganancias que sostienen al régimen capitalista y colonial, así nos cuesten nuestras medicinas, nuestras vidas o nuestras costas. Solo a través de la lucha de clases, superaremos el sistema de la propiedad privada, donde una minoría es dueña de los edificios, las máquinas y otros medios de producción, y la mayoría esclavitud asalariada. Sólo la toma del poder de la clase trabajadora y la instauración de un gobierno de trabajadoras y trabajadores, es decir, la construcción de la sociedad comunista, nos liberará de la esclavitud del petróleo, la deuda, la pobreza, el Imperio y el Gran Capital.



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Como hemos comentado a nuestros camaradas de Puerto Rico antes, la toma del poder por la clase obrera conducirá al establecimiento de una sociedad socialista, aún no comunista. Esto solo puede lograrse a través de una larga lucha para construir una sociedad sin clases, no por decreto. Marx dijo en su "Crítica del Programa de Gotha":

“Entre la sociedad capitalista y la sociedad comunista media el período de la transformación revolucionaria de la primera en la segunda. A este período corresponde también un período político de transición, cuyo Estado no puede ser otro que la dictadura revolucionaria del proletariado.”