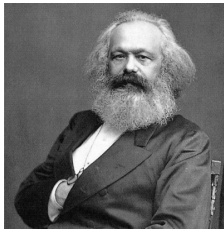


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One should note that, since 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled in Roe v. Wade that women have a constitutional right to abortion, there have been no laws passed by Congress that would have codified this right. This is true even though there have been several periods in which the Democrats controlled both houses of Congress and the Presidency: from 1977-81 under Carter, from 1993-95 under Clinton, from 2009-11 under Obama, and of course today under Biden. The APL comrades are right in stating: “the solution to the crises of capitalism, and the continued assault on women’s rights, will never be found in reform or within the Democratic Party.”

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APL on Roe V. Wade: Defend Our Communities From Organized Reaction

By Editor on May 4, 2022



From the Members and Secretariat of the American Party of Labor

Leaked documents have revealed what women’s rights activists have long feared from the Trump-stacked, undemocratic Supreme Court: a draft opinion to repeal Roe V Wade, the 1973 ruling that protected women’s right to abortion. It comes after a prolonged national effort by the Republican party to challenge Roe V Wade and limit the rights of women living in “red states.”

It is important to consider the context in which this attack occurs. This is not yet another resuscitation of the tired, religiously-motivated arguments over when life begins. This is a direct reaction to the leading position women took in the largest street demonstrations in the history of the country in 2017’s Women’s March, and during the revolutionary George Floyd movement of 2020. Faced with a growing

movement that openly confronts the intersections of American capitalism, from white supremacy and police brutality, to wage gaps, to unpunished abuse, and cultures of harassment, the right wing has attacked education, the LGBTQ+ community, our right to protest, and a woman's right to choose. These attacks fall disproportionately on the working class, who, in the case of abortion, do not have money to travel long distances to get the safe treatment they need in a state that has protected abortion rights.

We expect the right wing to make these attacks. What we can no longer accept is the failure of reform in addressing these issues. Facing these threats, the revolutionary fervor of the George Floyd and Women's March moments has been squandered on electoral campaigns that continue to fail the people of the United States. This latest attack makes it clear for all: the solution to the crises of capitalism, and the continued assault on women's rights, will never be found in reform or within the Democratic Party. Women came out and supported Biden's electoral campaign in record numbers, but still he has failed to legislate or even advocate in defense of abortion. This cannot stand.

The issues that dominate our life, that indeed dictate the trajectory of the lives we lead, cannot teeter on the lifespan of a supreme court judge, or the whim of two-party political shifts. As working-class women and workers, we can no longer funnel our resistance into random street marches. We need guided, thoughtful action that doesn't walk alongside the system, but actively seeks to halt it from working.

The George Floyd and Women's March movements transformed American politics and showed the power of the people. But every time that power grows, the ruling class will rise to undermine it, from the health clinic to the schoolyard. This weekend, the American Party of Labor calls on all people who support true democracy and working-class rights, to take to the streets and demand that Roe V Wade be upheld. We know the right will continue to attack the rights of working people, and it falls on us to no longer settle for reformist diversions, and fight for a world in which every person has total control of their destiny.



From Rebel to Revolutionary

Demonstration in Solidarity with the Palestinian People and in Repudiation of the Assassination of Shireen Abu Akleh

Communist Workers and Students for Social Change stands in solidarity with our Palestinian sisters and brothers in their struggle against fascist exploitation by the government of Israel. We join the international call for solidarity and denunciation of the assassination of the Palestinian journalist from the Al Jazeera news agency, Shireen Abu Akleh, 51, who was reporting on the Israeli army's occupation of the Jenin refugee center near the village of Burqu'in in Palestine. The journalist was clearly identified with a press vest and helmet. Witnesses at the scene, as reported by the very media outlet she worked for, pointed out that it was the fascist Israeli army that committed the murder. Abu Akleh was a respected fighter and journalist in the pan-Arab community of Palestine and the world.

To understand the escalation of the conflict that Abu Akleh was covering, it is necessary to give a brief account of the history of the Palestinian Israeli conflict. This Saturday, May 14, marks the 74th anniversary of the end of British control over Palestine and the creation of the state of Israel also in collusion with the governments of the United States and France. The result was a state founded on chauvinistic religious bases and not through historical development characteristic of the formation of nations. Imitating the US imperialist policy, underpinned by the Monroe Doctrine, the Zionists began a process of occupation that today threatens to erase all of historic Palestine.

Since its foundation, Israel has served as the guardian of U.S. imperialist interests in the Middle East, declaring all-out war throughout its history against Arab countries and others in the area that threaten its agenda in the region. With their aim to retain control of the oil in the area, the imperialists have armed the Zionists to the teeth and, under the cloak of the dream of reaching the promised land, they have plundered and massacred the Palestinian people and those of other neighboring countries with impunity. So valuable and fundamental is Israel's role for the United States and its allies, that it has financed its nuclear weapons, the only country in the Middle East with such weapons. Similarly, the United States seeks with its recent waves of shipments of military equipment, justified as humanitarian aid, to achieve



a new strategic point in Ukraine that serves its geopolitical and economic interests. For all intents and purposes, Israel has become the 51st state of the U.S. and Ukraine is on its way to being the 52nd, thus escaping the star that the annexationists seek for Puerto Rico.

Under the slogan "the only good Palestinian is a dead Palestinian" the Israelis have set up a whole system of apartheid, in which Palestinians and Jews have different rights within the state of Israel. There are extensive restrictions on movement for non-Israelis and in Palestinian territories that are not annexed sectors of the population lack essential services such as drinking water and medical services, among others. In the United States, segregation has historically been an integral part of the national project after the abolition of slavery today. From the beginning of the colonization of the Americas to today, the Native peoples have been exiled and sent to geographical areas under conditions of extreme poverty. Puerto Rico is not at all oblivious to these genocidal and racist practices. From the experiments of Dr. Cornelius Rhoads, the mass sterilization of women of reproductive age without their consent, the expropriation of their land for the establishment of military bases, the constant pollution of the environment to the exile of millions of Puerto Ricans, the massive wave of U.S. tax evasions, the closure of schools, and the lack of specialized medical services, our working class sees its own countenance in the mirror of Palestine. In fact, so much so that business owners like Brock Pierce, a cryptocurrency enthusiast and resident of Puerto Rico, is actively and publicly buying influence in the state of Israel.

We join our voices with those of the Palestinian people. Only the internationalism of the working class and the struggle for communism, led by a Revolutionary Communist Party, will liberate the working class in Palestine and the world from the imperialist yoke and the Israeli state. From Palestine to Puerto Rico and from Ukraine to Yemen, the struggle is the same. Our common enemy is the capitalist system. No empire lasts forever.

The workers' struggle has no borders!

The working class has no borders!

All power to the working class!

Long live communism!

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From Rebel to Revolutionary



Bulletin May 1, 2022 – Communist Workers and Students for Social Change

No to imperialist-capitalist wars! Death to fascism!

A revolutionary communist and internationalist greeting from Communist Workers and Students for Social Change in commemoration of the 136th anniversary of International Workers' Day, May Day. This day we remember the Martyrs of Chicago, fighters repressed in 1886 by the repressive machinery of the State and recalled by the revolutionaries of the world.

In a world so convulsed by imperialist wars, the solidarity of the working class to free itself from the exploitative yoke of the capitalist system regains greater importance. The current war between Ukraine and Russia is an example that we cannot fall into the trap of defending one exploiter for another. Neither Zelensky in Ukraine, nor Putin in Russia, represent the interests of the working class.

In this war of NATO (North Atlantic Terrorist Organization), and of the US and the EU, we support the actions of our communist comrades in Greece, who set an example of solidarity and the strength of the working class when, under the slogans of "No to NATO", "Alexandropolis, the port of the People", they stopped the shipment to Ukraine of military equipment by the US and NATO, blocking the route of trains at the exit of the port of Alexandropolis in northern Greece. We communists oppose imperialist wars and take part in the struggle against fascism. The only justifiable war is the war of the working class against exploitation.

In Puerto Rico we have had 524 years of exploitation, slavery and colonization. The Yankee empire, with its colonial lackeys and the criminal Fiscal Control Board that crushes us, is keeping the country increasingly impoverished while allowing the arrival of foreign millionaire investors to seize our best natural resources and wealth. An example of this is how the corrupt nature of the capitalist system allows environmental crime in Bahía de Jobos in Salinas. The institutions that are supposed to protect the environment have been complicit in the



barbarity committed, allowing the destruction of the ecosystem. The double standard of the capitalist system and its representatives is evident, once again. They have turned a deaf ear and a blind eye, and have sought all pretexts not to evict and prosecute those involved, the privileged influencers with money. However, if it were working communities rescuing land to develop decent housing, the entire repressive apparatus of the State would be mobilized, as was the case of the Villa Sin Miedo community, evicted and destroyed in 1982, under the government of the corrupt and murderous Carlos Romero Barceló.

On the other hand, the government is committed to the employers' labor reform, which together with the loss of pensions, the reduction of funds to the University of Puerto Rico and the economic crisis that has haunted us for more than a decade, exacerbates the already difficult economic situation and quality of life of the working class. Likewise, the government's insistence on maintaining the LUMA [privatized energy company in Puerto Rico – *translator's note*] contract, in charge of managing the most important industry to keep the economy alive, is a mockery and disrespect to our working people. Six rate hikes in less than a year for a lousy and inefficient service that is so necessary for life itself.

We can also point out two essential services necessary to achieve a just and equitable society: education and health. Health is a fundamental human right. The problem is that a health system based on capitalist principles and relations tends to commodify this right. In Puerto Rico, health services and medicines are subject to the ups and downs of the market and the interests of the owners of the capital and the insurers. In the case of education, it has been designed to perpetuate the differences between rich and poor. Puerto Rico's education system is a segregated one that tends to reproduce existing inequalities.

Quality education cannot be a commodity that is only obtained by those who can afford it.

Similarly, the security problem in our country is already intolerable. Hundreds of people, mostly young people, from poor families and marginalized communities, are killed every year in the streets as a result of drug trafficking. This is a problem with deep socio-economic and political roots, created by the system to, among other objectives, maintain class domination by imperialism and the local bourgeois lackeys, and to keep us alienated so that we cannot think and act in our own interests. This is a carefully designed strategy by the system to neutralize and deactivate revolutionary movements (see Alfred McCoy's *Politics of Heroin*). Imperialism uses drugs to pacify and derail the advance of social struggles and alienate the youth, who are the most capable, willing and revolutionary force to fight against the capitalist system.

Finally, we cannot fail to mention femicides. Six working women have been killed by sexist violence this year. This learned violence arising from the ruthless capitalist patriarchal system that sees women as their property, cannot be eliminated through declarations of states of emergency but must be accompanied by education at all levels on gender equity and perspective, prevention and activism in favor of an egalitarian society between men and women that can only be achieved under a communist system.

We call on the working class to continue in the struggle against the exploitative, racist, sexist, homophobic capitalist system. Only the perspective of the working class and the struggle for communism will free us from exploitation. Long live communism! The working class has no borders! All power to the working class!

**Trabajadorxs y
Estudiantes Comunistas
por el Cambio Social**



Below is a very good analysis of the decline of U.S. imperialism, from which all the wrong conclusions are drawn. The article makes clear that Russia (and China) are following in the path of U.S. imperialism, by trying to set up an alternative monetary and trade bloc. But the author sees this as a good thing for the world's people, instead of as another form of inter-imperialist rivalry.

<https://www.workers.org/2022/04/63444/>

Is U.S. dollar hegemony ending?

By Betsey Piette posted on April 20, 2022



Is there a global movement underway to ditch dependence on the U.S. dollar? Is the world witnessing the end of U.S. economic hegemony?

The prospect of de-dollarization of the global economy has been studied by economists for some time. Most admit it was not a matter of will it happen, but when. Since 2000, U.S. control of global exchange has been falling. The 2008 U.S. economic recession accelerated this process as more countries questioned investing in risky U.S. markets.

Expanding U.S. sanctions are fueling a rapid shift in global currency exchange that threatens the hegemony of the dollar. The latest U.S. sanctions aimed at Russia may be the tipping point, because many countries will lose so much economically by obeying the sanctions that they are refusing to obey them. In addition, by seizing funds of countries that have invested in dollars held in imperialist banks, the U.S. has forced countries to rethink how to store their reserves.

An International Monetary Fund report on March 24 found “a decline in the dollar share of international reserves since the turn of the century.” Over 46 central banks have increasingly diversified their holdings. The IMF’s study revealed that the dollar’s decline did not mean increased use of the pound sterling, yen, or euro – but of the official currency of the People’s Republic of China — the yuan renminbi.

Gold standard and the dollar

As World War II ended, U.S. imperialism dominated the global economy, holding most of the gold and serving as the world’s creditor. At a meeting of 44 countries in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, in

1944, participants agreed to fix their currencies to the dollar, which in turn was fixed to gold at \$35 an ounce.

Until 1971, the U.S. kept the dollar price of gold fixed and adjusted the supply of dollars to maintain confidence in future gold convertibility. Facing massive debt from the war in Vietnam, U.S. President Richard Nixon took the dollar off the gold standard in August 1971, to avoid draining U.S. gold reserves.

In “The Coming Global Financial Revolution,” Ellen Brown notes: “The value of the dollar then plummeted relative to other currencies on global exchanges. To prop it up, Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger made a deal with Saudi Arabia and the OPEC countries that OPEC would sell oil only in dollars, and that the dollars would be deposited in Wall Street and City of London banks. In return, the U.S. would defend the OPEC countries militarily.” ([Scheer Post](#), April 5)

Other countries still holding large reserves of U.S. dollars ended up investing in U.S. Treasury bonds, used in turn by the U.S. to finance their military bases around the world. Interviewed in Popular Resistance March 29, economist Michael Hudson explained: “So basically [foreign] central banks have to keep their savings by weaponizing them, by militarizing them, by lending them to the United States, to keep spending abroad....

“[T]hat’s what dollar hegemony was, and it was a free ride. And it all ended last Wednesday when the United States grabbed Russia’s reserves, having grabbed Afghanistan’s foreign reserves and Venezuela’s foreign reserves and those of other countries....

“If the way you have dollar hegemony is to have other countries deposit money in your banks and handle their oil trade with each other by financing it in dollars, but all of a sudden you grab all their dollars and you don’t let them use U.S. banks to pay for their oil and their trade with each other, then they’re going to shift to a different system.”

Sanctions and wars

Heads of oil-rich countries, Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Muammar Gaddafi in Libya attempted to establish a new gold-backed financial system separate from the IMF. Both Iraq and Libya faced sanctions. Both leaders were vilified and executed or assassinated.

The U.S. and Britain invaded Iraq in 2003. The U.S. and NATO bombed Libya. Now President Joe Biden has publicly called for Russian President Vladimir Putin to be removed from office.

Washington imposed sanctions on Russia and is forcing other countries, particularly allies in the European Union, to reconfigure their economies to abide by these extreme economic penalties.

After initially taking a serious hit to their economy with a significant drop in the value of the ruble, Russia has been taking measures to rid itself of dollar-based assets under U.S. control.

Russia is one of the world’s largest exporters of oil, gas, wheat, and fertilizers. Since Russia’s normal trading partners still need commodities from Russia, they now seek alternative payment currencies to the dollar, including the Russian ruble, the Chinese yuan, and the Indian rupee. They must do this to evade U.S. and EU sanctions.

Hudson stated: “This is a war to lock in [U.S.] allies so they cannot trade with Russia. They cannot buy Russian oil. They must be dependent on [U.S.] American oil for which they will have to pay three or four times as much.” He notes that if not allowed to buy fertilizer from Russia, countries must either pay more for U.S. liquified natural gas or experience 50% crop failures.

Russia is now insisting that “unfriendly nations” including EU countries supporting U.S. sanctions, pay for Russian exports with rubles.

Many countries not currently under U.S. sanctions are refusing to comply with the sanctions imposed on Russia. They include Brazil, India, China, and South Africa which with Russia comprise the BRICS countries. China and Russia have boosted bilateral trade in each other's currencies.

Over 40 countries, which together hold one-third of the world's population, face economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. To circumvent U.S. sanctions, many of these countries are developing new exchange programs. This includes signing up with China's Belt and Road Initiative development programs. Many sanctioned countries receive shipments of needed fuel and grain from Russia.

Many countries not currently under sanctions are refusing to comply with U.S. and EU sanctions imposed on Russia. Countries including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia and Mexico have refused to submit to U.S. measures that damage their own trade relations.

In an interview with The Cradle, April 15, Russian economist Sergey Glazyev stated: "Transition to the new world economic order will likely be accompanied by systematic refusal to honor obligations in dollars, euro, pound, and yen. In this respect, it will be no different from the example set by the countries issuing these currencies who thought it appropriate to steal foreign exchange reserves of Iraq, Iran, Venezuela, Afghanistan, and Russia to the tune of trillions of dollars.

"Since the U.S., Britain, EU, and Japan refused to honor their obligations and confiscated the wealth of other nations which was held in their currencies, why should other countries be obliged to pay them back and to service their loans?" (cradle.co)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/05/briefing/school-closures-covid-learning-loss.html>

New York Times: Good morning, May 5, 2022

New research is showing the high costs of long school closures in some communities
'Not good for learning'

When Covid-19 began to sweep across the country in March 2020, schools in every state closed their doors. Remote instruction effectively became a national policy for the rest of that spring.

A few months later, however, school districts began to make different decisions about whether to reopen. Across much of the South and the Great Plains as well as some pockets of the Northeast, schools resumed in-person classes in the fall of 2020. Across much of the Northeast, Midwest and West Coast, school buildings stayed closed and classes remained online for months.

These differences created a huge experiment, testing how well remote learning worked during the pandemic. Academic researchers have since been studying the subject, and they have come to a consistent conclusion: Remote learning was a failure.

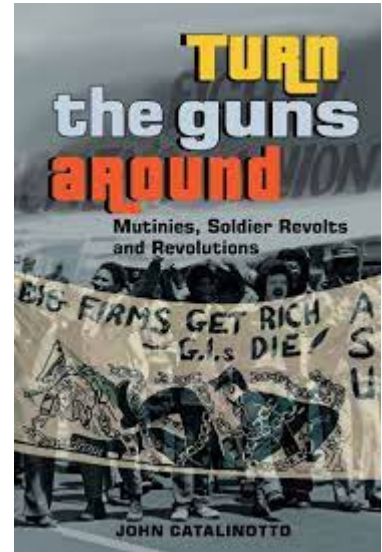
In today's newsletter, I'll cover that research as well as two related questions: How might the country help children make up the losses? And should schools have reopened earlier — or were the closures a crucial part of the country's Covid response?

See the url above for the full article.

Book Review: *Turn the Guns Around*, by John Catalinotto

This is a valuable book about the U.S. troops (and vets) who fought against the Vietnam war, many of whom realized that their enemy was not the Vietnamese, but their own officers and the U.S. ruling class who sent them to fight.

At the beginning of the war, most GIs (“General Issue” – basic troops) and most of the U.S. population felt it was their “patriotic duty” to support the war. But as the war ground on, and particularly as the toll among U.S. troops rose (to 58,000 dead and 150,000 seriously wounded by the end of the war [p. ix]¹), the population and the troops began to realize that this war was not in their interest. The more conscious ones came to see that it was an imperialist war that was only in the interest of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class, to hold on to its world-wide empire for cheap labor, natural resources and markets.



There have been many books written on the war and the U.S. anti-war movement. But most tend to concentrate on the student anti-war movement. This is one of the few that concentrates on the movement among the troops themselves.

John Catalinotto was not a GI, but a civilian member of Workers World Party (WWP) who for several years was the office manager of the American Servicemen’s Union, an anti-war organization among GIs that was affiliated with WWP, and circulation manager of the ASU’s monthly newspaper, *The Bond*. He was thus well-placed to write this book.

One of the most important lessons one learns from this book is how widespread the anti-war movement among GIs was. This was particularly true after the “Tet” [Lunar New Year] offensive of January, 1968, in which the Vietnamese National Liberation Front (NLF) liberated many cities across southern Vietnam, from Hue in the north to an attack on the U.S. embassy in Saigon. Although the NLF had to give up most of these cities within a few days or weeks, the offensive greatly demoralized the U.S. ruling class and gave a great impetus to the anti-war movement. Resistance among troops spread in bases all across the U.S. and within Vietnam itself.

One of the most common forms of resistance was refusal to confront the Vietnamese “enemy.” One GI said: “If we go out on patrol and the command tells us that the Vietcong [NLF] are ten clicks [kilometers] to the right, then we go ten clicks to the left” [p. 61]. Other forms of resistance included wearing peace buttons or armbands. The number of desertions rose from “14.9 incidents per thousand in 1966 to 73.5 in 1971” [pp. 181-2]. There were also incidents of “fragging” of officers (throwing a fragmentation grenade into an officer’s tent). Catalinotto notes that from 1969 to 1972 there were some 900 recorded cases of fragging [p. 185].

Catalinotto points out the class and national composition of the troops in the U.S. armed forces in general, and among those sent to Vietnam in particular. The great majority of the GIs were from the working class, especially among Blacks, Latinos and other oppressed nationalities, who were often among the

¹ All page numbers in square brackets refer to pages in Catalinotto’s book.

most militant in their opposition to the war. (See in particular Chapter 27: “Black, Brown and Red.”²) This was logical in a racist, class-divided capitalist society, where most upper or middle-class youths were able to avoid the draft in one way or another, or could join up as part of the elite officer corps.

Later in the war, as more wives and girlfriends of GIs, and the relatively few women GIs themselves, got involved in the anti-war movement, the ASU added another demand to its program: “An end to the systematic attempt by officers and NCOs to create prejudice against women, both in and out of the military. An end to the prostitution and rape of Vietnamese and all other women, which is conducted and incited by the military. We demand an end to the degradation of women, and their treatment as sexual objects rather than equal human beings.”

The political consciousness among the anti-war GIs varied, as it did within the civilian anti-war movement. Some GIs joined the movement because they did not want to get killed in the war and just wanted to get sent home. Others became more politically conscious and even identified with the Vietnamese liberation fighters. Three soldiers from Fort Benning, Georgia, wrote in a letter to Andy Stapp, founder of the ASU: “Your example has inspired us, likewise, to openly declare ourselves against the war of aggression in Vietnam and to support the National Liberation Front as representing the hopes and aspirations of the Vietnamese people. We have seen too many of our buddies die just so Big Business can continue making the fast buck. We pledge ourselves to organize in the Resistance against this filthy war and the System which spawned it” [p. 34].

Some of the most moving parts of the book are from soldiers’ letters to *The Bond*. One soldier stationed in Vietnam wrote: “the military shows no concern for the lives pf any of its smaller people. They couldn’t care less when a lousy SP4 or PFC is killed. As you know, there’s thousands more to replace them” [p. 100]. Another soldier in Vietnam wrote: “GIs are just plain tired of getting killed and wounded protecting the interests of Nixon, Rockefeller and DuPont and the rest of those rich bastards who are making a fortune off this war” [p. 216]. Another soldier in Vietnam said: “...this war is only killing off helpless young men in the prime of life, and making the Brass richer. On Sunday, while we have leftovers and cold cuts, the lifers eat steak and get fat on our blood and sweat” [p. 213].

U.S. troops were also used against urban rebellions in Black ghettos around the country. After the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, “Black people erupted nationally in righteous revolt in a hundred cities. Along with local police, 22,000 federal troops and 34,000 National Guard were deployed throughout the country, most heavily in Chicago, Washington and Baltimore. Some 5,000 GIs from Fort Hood, Texas, many of them Black, were sent to Chicago. The Fort Hood troops received instructions from powerful Democratic Mayor Daley, relayed through the officers, ‘to shoot to kill any arsonist and to shoot to maim or cripple anyone looting.’ These orders were hard to swallow. When they got back to Fort Hood, many of the Black GIs vowed never to accept such a mission again” [p. 84].

In August of that year, 43 Black GIs were arrested for discussing resisting such orders. Due to the support from other GIs, the ASU and others, many got off without serving any time, while others got sentenced to between three and eleven months [p. 90].

² One should note that WWP has always had a basically good position in supporting the struggle of Blacks and other oppressed nationalities. However, their support for the “right of self-determination” always boiled down to support for militant reforms, as it did not tie this demand to the right to separation of a particular national territory, thus leaving the borders of the U.S. state intact.

As the war developed, more and more troops ended up in the stockade (military prison), most frequently for going AWOL (Absent Without Leave), and some charged with mutiny. But even within the stockades, the protests continued. Catalinotto gives examples of such protests in the Presidio in San Francisco, in Fort Dix, New Jersey near New York City, and even in Long Binh Jail (colloquially known as the LBJ) in Vietnam.

At a certain point, the U.S. troops became relatively useless as a fighting machine in Vietnam for the ruling class. This was of course mainly due to the heroic steadfastness of the Vietnamese resistance, but also to the consequent refusal of many U.S. troops to fight.

Catalinotto also relates the anti-war movement among U.S. troops to the Paris Commune, the Russian Revolution, the German revolutionary movement at the end of World War I and the anti-war movement among Portuguese troops sent to fight in Portugal's African colonies. He thus consciously opposes "American Exceptionalism," the view that revolutions can take place or soldiers can revolt in other countries, but not in the U.S.

There are some weaknesses in the book. It is natural that Catalinotto highlights the role of his organizations, WWP and the ASU. At the same time, he notes that there were some 1,150 papers and 1,000 pamphlets or leaflets put out by anti-war GIs [p. 8]. He also notes that the Black Panther Party (BPP) had much influence among Black troops. However, he does not mention other parties and organizations calling themselves Marxist that also carried out anti-war work in the U.S. armed forces. One of these was Progressive Labor Party (PLP). PLP took a correct position that their members in college would not accept student deferments from the draft. One of their members, Dennis Davis, was given an undesirable discharge for doing anti-war work in the military.³ However, PLP drifted away from Marxism-Leninism and took up the extreme chauvinist position of criticizing the Vietnamese for shooting at U.S. soldiers instead of leafleting them.

Another weakness is regarding the Bolshevik revolution. Although this is clearly a secondary issue in Catalinotto's book, which focusses on the role of military mutinies, he clearly downplays the negative role of the collaborating parties, the Mensheviks and Social-Revolutionaries, in the Russian revolution. He lumps them together with the Bolsheviks, calling them all "workers and peasants parties" [p. 125]. He similarly downplays the negative role of the "Majority" Social-Democrats and Independent Social-Democrats in Germany. This is a reflection of the fact that WWP does not really understand the need for a Marxist-Leninist vanguard party to lead a revolution to victory.

Despite these weaknesses, *Turn the Guns Around* is an important contribution, not just to the history of the anti-war movement among GIs. Catalinotto points out that, in the midst of a serious crisis, even in the most powerful imperialist country, sections of the armed forces can be turned from being a tool of repression into a tool of liberation for the working class and its allies. To put it in a colloquial way, it **can** happen here.

The book can be purchased from Amazon for under \$20 at: <https://www.amazon.com/Turn-Guns-Around-Mutinies-Revolutions/dp/0692813942>

³ See "G.I. Joe's a Red," available at: <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/p15932coll8/id/54920/>

Two Poems From A German War Primer

by Bertolt Brecht

General, Your Tank Is a Powerful Vehicle

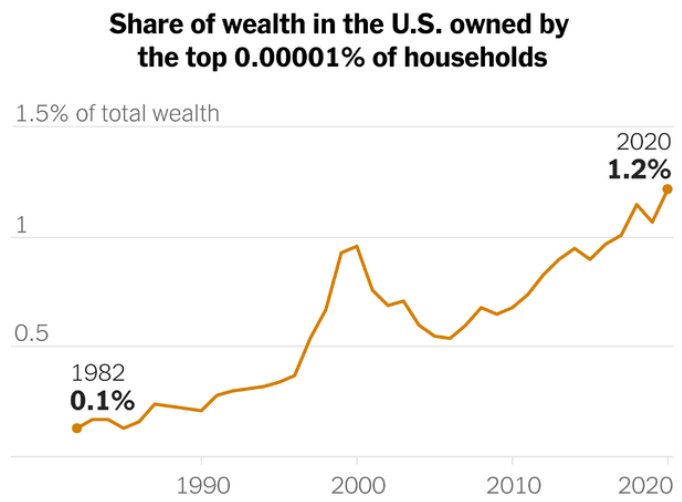
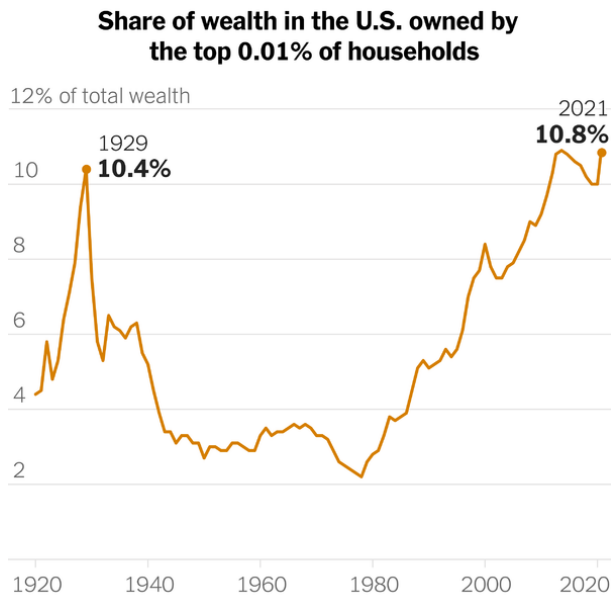
It smashes down forests and crushes a hundred men.
But it has one defect:
It needs a driver.

General, your bomber is powerful.
It flies faster than a storm and carries more than an elephant.
But it has one defect:
It needs a mechanic.

General, man is very useful.
He can fly and he can kill.
But he has one defect:
He can think.

When It Comes To Marching Many Do Not Know

That their enemy is marching at their head.
The voice which gives them their orders
Is their enemy's voice and
The man who speaks of the enemy
Is the enemy himself.



Book review: “Mobilizing in Our Own Name”

By Martha Grevatt posted on April 19, 2022

*Mobilizing in Our Own Name:
Million Worker March –
An Anthology by Clarence Thomas
DeClare Publishing, 2021*

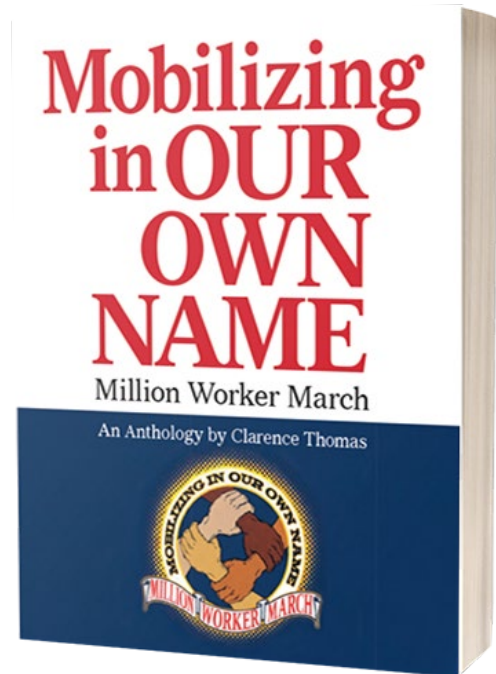
In a commentary introducing his anthology on the 2014 Million Worker March and its impact, Clarence Thomas writes: “On January 15, 2014, when he called me, brother Trent [Willis, now president of International Longshore Workers Union (ILWU) Local 10] was a young, emerging, rank-and-file leader and business agent for the local. He wanted my opinion on an idea: What did I think of organizing a Million Worker March in Washington, D.C.?”

The rest, as the saying goes, is history. But until the publication of Thomas’ book last year, the history had never been properly told.

The march, an ambitious undertaking, succeeded in spite of opposition from the leadership of the AFL-CIO. John Sweeney, at the time AFL-CIO president, sent a letter July 13, 2004, to ILWU Local 10’s President Henry Graham stating “we believe that devoting resources to a protest demonstration a few weeks prior to the presidential election is a diversion that our movement cannot afford.” Sweeney had been elected president in 1995 on a promise to devote extensive resources to organizing the unorganized, but these resources were diverted to supporting Democratic Party candidates such as 2004 presidential candidate John Kerry.

A month later U.S. Labor Against the War informed march organizers that its Leadership Council opted not to endorse: “the reason that affiliates decline to endorse was its timing.” USLAW missed a prime opportunity to ally with a labor demonstration that was unapologetically opposed to the U.S. war against the Iraqi people.

These misguided statements are included in the first chapter, along with many letters of support for the march and the extensive endorsers list. Chapter 2 gives the reader a feel for what took place October 17, 2004.





Clarence Thomas speaking at Oscar Grant Plaza, Oakland, California, Juneteenth 2020. (Photo: Million Worker March Movement)

“Mobilizing in Our Own Name” is not a typical anthology, with 10 or 20 essays by a range of noted authors. Instead Thomas has assembled 300+ pages of articles, leaflets, letters, statements and photographs. Many of the articles are lifted from the pages of Workers World newspaper.

Local 10’s sharp divergence from “business unionism” is a thread running throughout the book. In a 2005 statement released after a group of major unions left the AFL-CIO to form Change to Win, MWMM identified “central questions of concern to the rank and file” including “how to transform and make the existing top-down structure business unionism democratic.”

Millions More Movement to May Day

As described in Chapter 3, in 2005 MWMM threw its support behind the Millions More Movement, which held actions in Washington, D.C., on the tenth anniversary of the Million Man March. These events brought together on one podium Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan and Black labor leaders, including Teamsters National Black Caucus Chair Chris Silvera, Metro Washington, D.C., Labor Council Representative Patricia Ann Ford and MWMM Co-Chair and ILWU Local 10 Executive Board Member Clarence Thomas.

The next chapters are each devoted to a different aspect of MWMM/Local 10’s militant, class conscious activism: demanding reparations for Hurricane Katrina survivors, Reviving May Day from 2005 onward, fighting white supremacy, International solidarity, a conference on socialism, supporting justice for oppressed genders, the historic and current role of the ILWU, joining with Occupy Oakland, and ongoing struggles Local 10 has been recently engaged in.

Among the organizers mentioned are Local 10 leaders like Thomas, Willis, Leo Robinson, Keith Shanklin and the ILWU's first president, Harry Bridges – an anti-racist labor leader whose legacy lives on in the “shut it down” tradition that set itself against apartheid in South Africa and in the Zionist state of Israel, demanded freedom for political prisoners Angela Davis and Mumia Abu-Jamal, supported striking dockworkers in the Pacific Northwest, backed resistance to anti-labor legislation in Wisconsin, protested racism on and off the job, and, in 2020, shut down ports on Juneteenth in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter upsurge.

East Coast MWMM organizers also feature prominently, including Silvera; Brenda Stokely, former president of AFSCME District Council 1707 in New York City and Saladin Muhammad, a leader of Black Workers for Justice and the Southern Workers Assembly.

Clarence Thomas is starting a book tour in May. For more information or to buy the book go to million-workermarch.com.

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How Wall Street Is Taking Over Medicare

Biden's expansion of a new, insidious form of for-profit Medicare is benefitting private equity firms and well-connected health care giants.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky, File)

The Biden administration's recent entrenchment and expansion of the Trump administration's efforts to privatize Medicare is helping a shadowy set of big-business beneficiaries: private equity firms and major health care companies, including one that previously employed the government official overseeing the privatization plan, a *Lever* analysis shows.

In April last year, the Biden administration contracted with 53 third-party companies to mandate privatized health care plans through Medicare. The resulting health care options are effectively Medicare Advantage plans, or private coverage offered through the national health insurance program for seniors and people with disabilities — but with one wrinkle: Patients are being assigned to these new plans without their consent.

The 53 participating companies — called “direct contracting entities,” or DCEs — are allowed to offer benefits beyond traditional Medicare, like gym membership coverage. But as for-profit businesses that receive a set payment from Medicare no matter how much care they approve, these DCEs are incentivized to limit the care that patients receive, especially when they are very sick. The first DCEs were launched by President Donald Trump in 2019, and so far, at least 350,000 seniors have already been moved onto these privatized Medicare plans.

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The Failure of Revisionism and the Need For a New Communist International

***Scintilla* n° 122, organ of Communist Platform – for the Communist Party of the Proletariat of Italy**

The imperialist fire that began in Ukraine has placed all the organizations that call themselves socialist and communist facing decisions that cannot be postponed. What is their analysis of the situation? What attitude towards the war? What slogans? What political initiatives? What kind of cooperation and based on what criteria?

The International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations (ICMLPO), which since has been in an uninterrupted struggle all kinds of revisionism and opportunism, has clearly and explicitly expressed the Marxist-Leninist position and attitude to current events, with two declarations: the first European and the following one international.



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In these declarations, adopted at the outbreak of the war, the ICMLPO openly exposed the nature of the war by recognizing its causes in imperialist antagonisms and identifying its main responsibilities. It analyzed the situation and the existing problems, denounced the lies and sophisms of the ruling classes, defended the principle of self-determination of oppressed nations, called on the proletariat and the oppressed peoples of all countries to unite in the struggle against the war, against its leaders and promoters, against the ruling classes, defined slogans in the knowledge that the main enemy of each people is in their own country and that the struggle against the war, for a lasting peace, must be linked to the need for proletarian revolution and the construction of socialism, the only way out of imperialist capitalism-barbarism.

From the revisionist parties and organizations, we have seen ideological mystifications and pirouettes to justify and legitimize the aggression of Russian imperialism against Ukraine. Those who defend this unjust and reactionary war say that it is a "defensive action" of Russia "in the face of the expansion of NATO". But this "defense," an old argument used by all bourgeois swindlers, means above all denying the imperialist character of Russia (a debate that Marxists settled more than a century ago).

What are the actions of the revisionists and opportunists? Weak positions in the confrontations with the governments, petitions and *webinars* to sow hopes for peace among the workers, accompanied by the constant predisposition to rely on one imperialism to fight another.

The common feature is to deny any relationship between war and revolution, as well as to deny the relationship between the liberation struggle of nations and the struggle for liberation from imperialism. Our duty is to unmask this comedy of deception and illusion, not to encourage it. Not all the revisionist circus, however, has put on the show in unison. The deep ideological and political contradictions that exist within them on crucial issues such as the concept of imperialism, the nature of Russia and China today, the question of participation in progressive bourgeois governments, the support for so-called "21st century socialism", the nature of the EU, etc., have sharpened with the outbreak of war.

On various occasions various communist parties and elements within the revisionist parties have positioned themselves against the imperialist war, declaring the invasion of Ukraine unacceptable; arguing that war is made in favor of the monopolies and not the peoples; condemning Putin's Great-Russian nationalism; removing his anti-fascist mask and defending the just Bolshevik policy; pointing the finger at the ambiguity of Russia, which sells out the struggle of the Donbass workers against the fascists, and the bourgeois and reactionary character of the "people's republics"⁴; calling on the workers not to fall into the trap of an alliance with one or the other of the imperialisms in conflict with each other and to fight against the participation of their own countries in the war, leaving warmongering alliances such as NATO.

Faced with the bandits' war of conquest launched by Putin, attitudes, declarations and practical responses have emerged in conflict with those of the social-chauvinists and the various opportunist currents. Despite their weaknesses, uncertainties and vacillations, despite the lack of clarity on all aspects of the situation, this represents a new fact that should be encouraged, because these parties and elements oppose the war, recognize that the nature of Russia is imperialist, while the other great powers criticize Putin's war-mongering policy, distancing themselves from it.

Of course, this positioning is positive on the condition that it is not left half-way; to be able to define more clearly the irreconcilability with revisionism and opportunism, with social-imperialism, to specify the means of opposing the imperialist war, to contribute to the union and to undertake common action by all consistent communists.

The objective evolution of the events demarcates the camps; the war, with its crimes and the strident injustices it highlights, catalyzes the groups opposed to the imperialist slaughterhouse within the international workers' movement, pushes them to find a common denominator, a common action.

Those who are still part of, or even want to enter into annual international gatherings, conferences, meetings and networks in which the revisionist parties of China, Russia, India, Brazil, South Africa, Vietnam, France, Portugal, etc. appear, should note that these are in fact corpses, killed not so much by the war as by the betrayal, the ambiguity, the half-truths of the revisionists and opportunists who jump on the bandwagon of the imperialist powers, of monopoly capital. They are sacrificing the principles of communism and class consciousness, abandoning proletarian internationalism in the name of "national solidarity", in order to safeguard their power, their organizations, their links with big capital, their imperialist "homelands".

The main perpetrators of this outrage are the Russian and Chinese revisionist leaders, who in Italy find support in Alboresi's PCI and Rizzo's CP and other smaller groups and journals, all of which bear serious responsibilities for making socialism an instrument of imperialism. To recognize the bankruptcy and failure of these sectors, to understand their causes, is the task of every honest communist, so that the most solid union of the proletarians of all countries can advance and assert itself.

It is completely illusory, dangerous and misleading to think of reconstituting a powerful international communist and workers' movement, a new communist international, without a complete ideological and organizational separation from modern revisionism and opportunism, which seek to divert the proletariat from the revolutionary struggle for socialism. Imperialism cannot be fought, the tasks demanded by the situation cannot be fulfilled, an effective international unity of the workers' and communist movement cannot be built without openly, resolutely and entirely breaking with opportunism and revisionism and their national and international organizations, without clarifying to the working class and the working masses the inevitability of the failure of the fifth columns of the bourgeoisie. This is very different from making a feint to the left or trying to remove some revisionist parties in order to take their place, maintaining unity with the revisionists and the avowed opportunists. Unity with the revisionists and

⁴ I do not understand the need for this attack on the people's republics in the Donbass. There is no doubt that they are going along with Putin's attack on Ukraine, but they were the only force in the area that was sincerely fighting for socialism. GG

opportunists means the subjection of the working class to the bourgeoisie, union with it to subdue and plunder the oppressed peoples and nations; it means, therefore, the division of the revolutionary proletariat of all countries.

The working class cannot fulfil its historical function without waging a ruthless struggle against the agents of the bourgeoisie in its ranks, and against anyone who kneels before the betrayal, opportunism, theoretical and practical falsification of scientific socialism. Today it is more necessary than ever to maintain complete theoretical, political and organizational independence, firmly adhering to the principles of communism. This means detaching oneself, definitively and without delay, from opportunism, from revisionism, from the social-chauvinists, who in all countries have renounced Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism; it means the union of the proletarian internationalists of all countries.

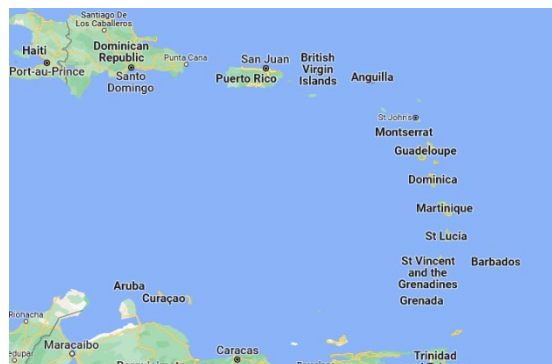
This separation, favored by the development of events, is historically inevitable and necessary in order to develop the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat.

We will support the international initiatives and actions of the revolutionary proletariat, we will make our contribution to bringing closer to and uniting the ICMLPO –currently the highest expression of proletarian internationalism – the parties and organizations fighting for the revolution and socialism, against the bourgeoisie, opportunism and revisionism, for the formation of a powerful Marxist-Leninist International Communist Movement, with its own platform and a clear ideological, political and organizational line, which is projected into the reconstruction of the Communist International by strengthening its sections in each country.

The Communist International will live again; it will be the most advanced, conscious and organized departments of the international proletariat that will create it!

Since many people in the U.S. may not know where Martinique is, I have included a map. It is a French colony in the eastern Caribbean. But unlike Puerto Rico, a “commonwealth” of the U.S., Martinique is considered an “overseas department” (equivalent of a state) of France. This article is also available (in French) on YouTube, at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLXSZqhKvrA>



The Colonial Presence of France in Martinique

In the context where there is a risk of generalized war and in which, in any case, political and economic turbulence will increasingly affect all countries, we wish to bring to your attention the situation of our country, Martinique.

Although its surface is only 1100 km² and it has only 360,000 inhabitants, Martinique is nevertheless an essential base on which the policy of the European imperialists in the Caribbean region and so-called Latin America is based.

Presented as a " French Department of America (D.F.A.)", our country is used by France and the European Union, of which it is one of the engines, as a platform for the defense of their geostrategic interests in the greater region.

- Martinique is a support base of the utmost importance for information, propaganda and military interventions in the region. It should be remembered that Guadeloupe and Martinique served as bases during the Falklands War in 1982 and for the invasion of Granada in 1983. Joint military maneuvers are regularly organized from our territories by France and the USA.
- The commercial penetration of European products can be done from the international airport and the "transshipment port" of Martinique. The French State and the European investors, behind the alleged desire for "regional cooperation" and through companies that are Martinican only in name, are extending their grip on the Caribbean market. Our country is a veritable "Trojan horse" for France which, claiming to be a "Caribbean" country, can occupy seats in regional institutions and defend its interests as an imperialist power. In fact, it cultivates divisions between the Caribbean peoples. The increasingly xenophobic policy taking place in Europe is exacerbated under the aegis of the French authorities. Prospective immigrants suffer discrimination and humiliation, and our neighbors, even when they have sufficient funds and wish to make limited stays, for example, to participate in cultural or sporting events, have the worst difficulties in obtaining visas.

For these reasons, we consider that winning sovereignty of the Martinican people is one of the necessary conditions for the overthrow of imperialist domination in the whole of our region.

With the complicity of its allies in international institutions, France has managed to hide the colonial domination that it continues to exercise over our country since it claimed to have achieved its decolonization by imposing departmental status on it in 1946. By calling it the "French Department of the Americas", the French state is denying the right of our people to self-determination and make everyone believe that everything that happens there is its internal affair.

The France has always shown duplicity in terms of decolonization, as shown by the illegal takeover of Mayotte after the referendum on self-determination in the Comoros or the maneuvers made to corrupt the outcome of the

consultations in Kanaky. It intends to maintain its domination over its colonies at all costs, which propel it to second place in the world in terms of controlled maritime surfaces.

The reality of maintaining colonial relations subjecting Martinique to France is indisputable.

It is manifested by the fact that, in our country, it imposes a foreign-oriented economy at the service of the colonial metropolis as well as the supervision of all administrations by "metropolitan" nationals.

- We are subject to a colonial trade economy that keeps us in the massive import of finished consumer products and in the monoculture of exportable agricultural products according to the needs of France. The descendants of the slave-owning settlers, constituted as a caste of the heirs of the plantation system, control the local economy and accompany the monopoly practices of French companies.

The trade balance between Martinique and France reflects the reality of the unequal trade that prevails between the two countries: In 2018, the deficit to the disadvantage of our country was 2.35 billion euros.

In its desire to prevent any internal-oriented development of our territory, the colonial power organizes the strangulation of cooperatives, undermines small local businesses by subjecting them to unsuitable European laws and norms and imposing on them taxation and abusive social charges. Under the pretext of fighting against "work off-the-books", it attacks all the activities that its institutions do not benefit from but that allow our compatriots deprived of decent incomes to survive with their families, as is the case wherever people are confined to the path of poor development. For us, the cost of living is exorbitant because of the scandalous profit rates granted to importers, banks, telephone agencies and other economic agents of France.

- French colonial rule has always been built on its armed forces and its heinous crimes punctuate our history. The Revolution of May 1848 that ended the barbaric regime of slavery did not put an end to the abuses. In September 1870, hundreds of our compatriots fell under their bullets. The population saw, on this occasion, its huts burned, its gardens destroyed, and its cattle slaughtered. Whenever workers went on strike to demand an increase in their meagre wages, the security forces were dispatched. at the call of the landlords to crush any will to make demands. It is also through assassination that the colonial power and the masters of the Béké caste [descendants of French settlers – *translator's note*] have tried to put an end to the political and social protests that have never ceased in our country.

Here are some "feats of arms" that the so-called "Homeland of Human Rights" can boast of in our country:

- February 1900, at François: 17 workers shot, dozens wounded
- 1923 in Bassignac: 2 dead, 3 wounded
- May 24, 1925, Ducos: assassination of socialist leaders Charles Zizine and Louis des Etages. On the same day 12 people fell under the bullets at Diamant.
- January 12, 1934: assassination of communist journalist André Alier.
- March 1948, Carbet: 3 dead, 2 wounded
- March 1951, Chassin: 2 wounded
- December 22, 1959: Christian MARAJO (15 years old), Edmond Eloi VERONIQUE called Rosil (20 years old). Julien BETZI (19 years old), shot dead by the police.
- March 1961, Lamentin: 3 dead, 25 wounded
- May 13, 1971, Fort-de-France: Gérard Nouvet, a young high school student, wantonly killed by a French mobile guard who has never been indicted.
- February 14, 1974, Chalvet [all towns in Martinique; Fort-de-France is the capital]: 2 dead, a dozen wounded.

Although since 1974 there have been no deaths in the social conflicts, the repression has not remained less brutal. While the French media are mobilizing to address world opinion on the lack of respect for freedoms in other countries of the world, they are stifling all information about police and judicial violence that is regular in Martinique. For the past two years, there has been systematic persecution of activists who dared to demonstrate in front of shopping malls to demand that those responsible for the poisoning of our people be prosecuted. This issue of poisoning is a perfect illustration of colonial policy in our country.

Indeed, between the 1970s and 1990s, the large planters forced the workers to sow, often with their bare hands, toxic products banned in Europe, with the consequence that even today, they and their children by the thousands are being decimated by serious pathologies. Thus, with the active complicity of the French state, they have poisoned 92% of our population and a large part of the soil and waters of our country. Legal proceedings initiated by the victims are blocked and they are denied reparations.

Caregivers fighting against the repressive measures imposed on the pretext of the health crisis are also currently victims of police and judicial violence.

Here is a list of recent victims of police and judicial violence:

- Activists fighting the poisoning scandal: Keyziah Nuissier brutally beaten and injured by police officers making racist remarks; Willem Antonin, activist journalist convicted of publishing a video showing the brutalities he suffered; Robert Rodney, wounded in the face by a direct shot from an LBD [“lanceurs de balles de défense”, rubber bullet guns – *translator’s note*]; Sandrine T. Faniwa, activist journalist, mother, first taken into custody for filming an action of activists and another time mistreated by police officers; Edwin Longchamp, imprisoned for nearly a year; Kevin Zabal, Bruno Pelage, Lubert Labonne, Denzel Guillaume, Charly Moussard, already sentenced to prison terms and awaiting new trials.
- Trade union delegates of health personnel summoned by the police or gendarmerie: Ponamah Sandiaï, Quénette Julien, Phares Alain, Vernes Ronald, Emile Fabrice, Eugène-l'exact Cédric, Pivaty Steeve, Roussi Vincent, Rapinier Philippe, Tayée Mickaëlle. The first two were brutalized and gassed in the corridors of the Centre Hospitalier. The others are in police custody and awaiting trial.

Throughout our history, the French judiciary has been used to silence all anti-colonialist voices. The magistrates, some of whom did not hesitate to express their racism, did not cease to apply a two-tier system of justice to the detriment of the Martinican population. Many trials were orchestrated to eliminate those who resisted oppression. The most typical is the one that concerned the O.J.A.M. (Organization of Anti-Colonialist Youth of Martinique) in 1963. Eighteen activists were rounded up, deported to French jails and tried for endangering state security: they had put up a poster denouncing the colonial situation and ending with the slogan "Martinique for the Martinicans".

In addition, the colonial State, relying on an ordinance dated October 15, 1960, could expel to France Martinican officials who opposed its policy. Five of them were fired for refusing their transfer. Martinicans were also banned from entering their country for the same reasons. Among them were Marcel Manville and Edouard Glissant. The French vice-rector, Alain Plénel, also saw his career shattered for having given a speech denouncing the repression of which 3 young people had been victims in December 1959.

- As with the directives given by Pierre Messmer, the French minister at the time, in the circular of July 19, 1972, aimed at making the Kanak people a minority in their own country, the colonial power planned a policy of "genocide by substitution" as described by the Martinican deputy mayor Aimé Césaire. Our young people, whether graduates or not, are forced to go abroad, while so-called French "expatriates" are encouraged to come and settle in Martinique. They do this in greater and greater numbers, responsible for the supremacist and paternalistic

culture in which they were raised. The phenomenon of genocide by substitution is likely to increase tragically with the setbacks that French imperialism is experiencing today in Africa, but the effects are already disastrous.

While in 2008 there were 26,277 aged 75 and over out of a population out of 397,693 inhabitants, in 2018, there were 35,445 out of 368,783 inhabitants. In 2018, according to INSEE [National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies] figures, the population had decreased by 17,000 inhabitants over the previous 5 years.

To justify maintaining its domination over our country, France prides itself on having provided it with infrastructure worthy of the major developed countries and of providing social assistance that our Caribbean neighbors envy.

All these infrastructures are platforms designed to position themselves strategically, to boast to neighboring countries of the "greatness of France", to sell its engineering and technologies and constitute the logistical base for taking over the regional market. Concerning the protection and social welfare taking place in Martinique, it is easily verifiable that all this "*generosity*" that the colonial power boasts of granting us, has been snatched away at the cost of the struggles carried out and the blood shed by our people. Today, moreover, they are systematically called into question by the ultraliberal policies pursued by successive French governments.

Behind the beautiful wooded window, there are deep inequalities.

The consequences of French domination have been disastrous for the majority of the Martinican population economically, socially and psychologically. Some significant figures: 20% of the population lives below the poverty line. 32% of the working population is unemployed (the figure is 62% for those under 25). The association SOS KRIZ [for suicide prevention] has revealed that there are 2 or 3 suicide attempts per day in Martinique.

To justify the maintenance of their domination, the other argument used by the French colonialists is "the democratically expressed will of the majority of the population to remain French". This argument is also inadmissible since the population is subjected to overwhelming cultural oppression. The education system bans knowledge of the history of our people; in the media, disinformation is massive; in all elections blackmail to suppress social gains is at the heart of the propaganda. In addition, the general consultations exclude a third of the Martinican population who have been forced to emigrate to France, while the French who are passing through, including the members of the army and other "law enforcement agencies".

It is verifiable, in any case, that since the mid-1960s when anti-colonialist movements began to manifest themselves, the will of Martinicans that their identity be respected and that they have the political means to defend their own interests has continued to assert itself. This is evidenced by the electoral results of pro-independence parties that were largely in the majority in the Regional Council from 2006 to 2010. This dynamic has forced the French government to make institutional adjustments leading to the transformation of the Regional Council into the Territorial Collectivity of Martinique (CTM). The current majority that sits on it is pro-independence. But this Collectivity, implicitly maintained "within the framework of the French Republic", is devoid of any coherent political power.

Today, the people of Martinique are showing more and more clearly the desire that their identity must be taken into account. In recent years, we have seen young people, many of them graduates, mobilize to liberate illegally privatized beaches, to demand that those responsible for the crime of poisoning be brought to justice and that they compensate their victims, to tear down statues glorifying France's colonial past. In 2009, a powerful mobilization against the high cost of living paralyzed the country for 38 days. In November 2021, during a social revolt, barricades were erected in virtually all the municipalities of the island to protest against the repressive measures imposed by the French government.

The French colonial state is aware of the turning point that is being created and has undertaken to brutally oppose any attempt to emancipate our People. In addition to the intensification of repression, which we have shown

above, there is a veritable offensive to dismantle the local economy, tear apart the social fabric and accelerate "genocide by substitution". The pretext of the fight against the COVID pandemic gave them the opportunity:

While the population was allowed to frequent supermarkets, telephone agencies, car sales centers and the shops that sell the Française des Jeux [French lottery], the French Prefect subjected all small local businesses to drastic constraints. While the local population was subject to strict lockdowns and family relations were largely hampered, the French Prefect tolerated the entry of hundreds of thousands of tourists into the country. More seriously, 70% of the population refused to comply with the "obligatory vaccination" decreed by the French government, because since the beginning of the pandemic it has managed the crisis in a chaotic way, multiplying contradictory measures and favoring repression over essential education. Above all, noting that the French state's responsibility is obvious in the conscious poisoning of the Martinique population by pesticides, the overwhelming majority of our people refuse to serve as guinea pigs by accepting the injection of products that are still at the experimental stage and whose harmful effects have already struck many of our people.

Far from taking these legitimate concerns into account, the colonial power took the opportunity to dismiss thousands of professionals from many sectors on the pretext that "they do not obey the law of the Republic". On the same grounds, it prohibits young people in training from continuing the internships essential to obtaining their diplomas or it arbitrarily terminates their contracts. These are all measures that violate the right to the integrity of the human being, the right to work and the labor code. About 11,000 people are affected out of a population of 360,000 inhabitants.

But despite all the maneuvers of the colonial power, the desire for emancipation is being expressed more and more widely in our country. There is every reason to believe that the French imperialists, involved in the war-mongering activities of NATO and finding themselves in difficulty on the African continent, will oppose the decolonization of Martinique even more fiercely. That is why we felt it was necessary to alert the international community to the situation in our country.

Since we refuse to be a pawn in the battle between foreign powers on the international chessboard,

since we aspire to a self-sufficient and internal-oriented development for our country,

since we believe that respect for the right of peoples to self-determination is a fundamental condition for peaceful relations at the world level,

we ask for Martinique to be included in the list of countries to be decolonized and we demand that our people can exercise their right to self-determination under independent control.

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Richard Leakey (1944-2022)

The paleoanthropologist Richard Leakey, renowned for uncovering evidence that humans' ancestors evolved in Africa, died on Sunday 2nd January 2022 at the age of 77. Richard Leakey was born on 19th December 1944 in Nairobi Kenya, he was the middle son of internationally renowned anthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey, arguably history's most famous couple whose research focused on humanity's ancestors on this Earth.



The National Geographic Society gave Richard Leakey his first grant at age 23 to dig on the shores of Lake Turkana in northern Kenya. While he lacked formal training, his family provided perhaps the world's greatest school.

Leakey's expeditions in the 1970s altered our understanding of human evolution, especially with the discovery of a 1.9-million-year-old skull of *Homo habilis* in 1972 and a 1.6-million-year-old skull of *Homo erectus* in 1975. *Time* magazine published a cover story with the findings, titled *How Man Became Man*, showing Leakey with an illustration of *Homo habilis*. In 1981, Leakey narrated a seven-part BBC series called *The Making of Mankind*. In 1984, he uncovered a near complete *Homo erectus* skeleton that became known as 'Turkana Boy'.

By the late 1980s, Leakey had emerged as one of the most outspoken activists against the ivory trade which was endangering elephants. Appointed as the head of Kenya Wildlife Service in 1989, he gave a shoot-to-kill order against wildlife poachers and made no apologies for it.

When his small Cessna plane crashed in the Rift Valley in 1993, he survived but lost both legs. After the incident, he told the *Financial Times*: **"There were regular threats to me at the time and I lived with armed guards. But I made the decision not to be a dramatist and say: 'They tried to kill me.' I chose to get on with life."**

Leakey was pushed out of the Kenya Wildlife Service a year later and went into opposition politics but did not last too long. He was called back to public service in the late 1990s to tackle corruption, but that task proved insurmountable and he quit after two years. Leakey also served as director of the national museums and in 2015, he returned to Kenya Wildlife Service for three years.

In recent years, Leakey had faced bouts of skin cancer, as well as kidney and liver disease. CEO of conservation group 'wildlifedirect' Paula Kahumbu, said Leakey possessed **"a natural sense of leadership, old-fashioned but straightforward,"** Kahumbu added, **"His ability to hold many ideas in the air at once to find common threads was phenomenal. He will be dearly missed."**

De Rebelde a Revolucionario

Trabajadorxs y Estudiantes Comunistas por el Cambio Social se solidariza con nuestras hermanas y hermanos palestinos en su lucha de reivindicación contra la explotación fascista del gobierno de Israel. Nos unimos al llamado internacional de solidaridad y denuncia de la ejecución de la periodista palestina de la agencia de noticias Al Jazeera, Shireen Abu Akleh, de 51 años, quien reportaba la ocupación del ejército israelí en el centro de refugiados de Jenin, cerca del pueblo de Burquin, en Palestina. La periodista estaba claramente identificada con chaleco y casco de prensa. Testigos en la escena, como reporta el propio medio para el que ella trabajaba, indican que fue el ejército fascista israelí quien cometió el asesinato. Abu Akleh era una luchadora y periodista respetada en la comunidad panárabe de Palestina y del mundo.

Para entender la escalada en el conflicto que cubría Abu Akleh hace falta hacer un breve recuento de la historia del conflicto palestino-israelí. Este sábado, 14 de mayo se conmemoran 74 años del fin del control británico sobre Palestina y la creación del estado de Israel en contubernio también con los gobiernos de Estados Unidos y Francia. El resultado fue un estado fundamentado en bases religiosas chauvinistas y no a través del desarrollo histórico, característico de la formación de las naciones. Imitando la política imperialista norteamericana, sustentada por la Doctrina Monroe, los sionistas comienzan un proceso de ocupación que al día de hoy amenaza con borrar a toda la Palestina histórica.

Desde su fundación, Israel ha servido de guardián de los intereses imperialistas de EEUU en el medio oriente, declarando una guerra sin cuartel a lo largo de su historia contra países árabes y otros en el área que amenazan su agenda en la región. Con su mira en retener el control del petróleo en la zona, los imperialistas han armado hasta los dientes a los sionistas y, bajo el manto del sueño de llegar a la tierra prometida, han saqueado y masacrado impunemente al pueblo palestino y otros países vecinos. Tan



valioso y fundamental es el rol de Israel para Estados Unidos y sus aliados, que ha financiado su armamento nuclear, único en el Medio Oriente. De manera similar, Estados Unidos busca con sus recientes olas de envíos de equipo militar, justificadas como ayuda humanitaria, conseguir un nuevo punto estratégico en Ucrania que le sirva a sus intereses geopolíticos y económicos. Para todos los efectos, Israel se ha convertido en el estado 51 de EEUU y Ucrania va camino a ser el 52, fugándoseles así a los anexionistas la estrella que buscan para Puerto Rico.

Bajo el lema “el único palestino bueno es uno muerto” los israelitas han montado todo un sistema de apartheid, en el cual palestinos y judíos tienen derechos distintos dentro del estado de Israel, existen amplias restricciones de movimiento para no israelíes y en territorios palestinos no anexados sectores de la población carecen de servicios esenciales como agua potable, servicios médicos, entre otros. En Estados Unidos históricamente la segregación ha sido parte integral del proyecto nacional post-abolición aun hoy día. Desde los inicios de la colonización de las Américas hasta el sol de hoy los pueblos originarios han sido desterrados y reclusos a áreas geográficas y condiciones de pobreza extrema. Puerto Rico no está para nada ajeno a estas prácticas genocidas y racistas. Desde los experimentos del Dr. Cornelius Rhoads, la esterilización masiva de mujeres en edades reproductivas sin su consentimiento, la expropiación para el establecimiento de bases militares, la contaminación a perpetuidad del medioambiente hasta el desplazamiento al exilio de millones de puertorriqueños, la ola masiva de evasores contributivos estadounidenses, el cierre de escuelas y la falta de servicios médicos especializados, nuestra clase trabajadora ve su propio semblante en el espejo de Palestina. De hecho, tan es así que empresarios como Brock Pierce, entusiasta de las criptomonedas y residente en Puerto Rico, está activa y públicamente comprando influencias en el estado de Israel.

Unimos nuestras voces al pueblo palestino. Sólo el internacionalismo de la clase trabajadora y la lucha por el comunismo, liderado por un Partido Comunista Revolucionario, liberará del yugo imperialista y el estado israelí a la clase trabajadora en Palestina y el mundo. Desde Palestina a Puerto Rico y de Ucrania a Yemen, la lucha es la misma. Nuestro enemigo en común es el sistema capitalista. Ningún imperio dura para siempre. ¡La lucha obrera no tiene fronteras! ¡La clase obrera no tiene fronteras! ¡Todo el poder a la clase trabajadora! ¡Que viva el comunismo!

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BOLETÍN 1RO DE MAYO 2022 - TRABAJADORES Y ESTUDIANTES COMUNISTAS POR EL CAMBIO SOCIAL

¡No a las guerras imperialistas-capitalistas! ¡Muerte al fascismo!

Un saludo revolucionario comunista e internacionalista de Trabajador@s y Estudiantes Comunistas por el Cambio Social en la conmemoración del 136 aniversario del Día Internacional de los Trabajadores y Trabajadoras, Primero de Mayo. Este día reivindicamos a los Mártires de Chicago, luchadores reprimidos en 1886 por la maquinaria represiva del Estado y recordados por los revolucionarios del mundo.

En un mundo tan convulso por guerras imperialistas, recobra mayor importancia la solidaridad de la clase trabajadora para librarse del yugo explotador del sistema capitalista. La guerra actual entre Ucrania y Rusia es un ejemplo de que no podemos caer en la trampa de defender un explotador por otro. Ni Zelensky en Ucrania, ni Putin en Rusia, representan los intereses de la clase trabajadora.

En esta guerra de la OTAN (Organización Terrorista Atlántico del Norte), y de EEUU y la UE, apoyamos las acciones de nuestros camaradas comunistas de Grecia, quienes dieron un ejemplo de solidaridad y de la fuerza de la clase trabajadora, cuando bajo las consignas de "No a la OTAN", "Alexandropolis, el puerto del Pueblo", detuvieron el envío a Ucrania de equipo militar por parte de EEUU y la OTAN, bloqueando la ruta de los trenes a la salida del puerto de Alexandropolis en el norte de Grecia. Los comunistas nos oponemos a las guerras imperialistas y nos afirmamos en la lucha contra el fascismo. La única guerra justificable es la guerra de la clase trabajadora contra la explotación.

En Puerto Rico llevamos 524 años de explotación, esclavitud y colonización. El imperio yanqui, con sus lacayos coloniales y la Junta de Control Fiscal criminal que nos aplasta, mantienen al país cada vez más empobrecido mientras se permite la llegada de inversionistas millonarios extranjeros a apoderarse de nuestros mejores recursos naturales y riquezas. Una muestra de esto es cómo la naturaleza corrupta del sistema capitalista, permite el crimen ambiental en Bahía de Jobos en Salinas. Las instituciones supuestas a proteger el ambiente han sido cómplices de la



barbaridad cometida, permitiendo la destrucción a mansalva del ecosistema. Se evidencia, una vez más, la doble vara del sistema capitalista y sus representantes, quienes se han hecho de oídos sordos y la vista larga, y han buscado todos los pretextos para no desahuciar y procesar a los involucrados, privilegiados influyentes con dinero. Sin embargo, si se tratara de comunidades trabajadoras rescatando terrenos para gestionarse una vivienda digna, se movilizaría todo el aparato represivo del Estado, como fue el caso de la comunidad Villa Sin Miedo, desalojada y destruida en 1982, bajo el gobierno del corrupto y asesino Carlos Romero Barceló.

De otro lado, el gobierno se empeña en la reforma laboral patronal, que junto a la pérdida de pensiones, la reducción de fondos a la UPR y la crisis económica que nos persigue desde hace más de una década, agudiza la ya difícil situación económica y calidad de vida de la clase trabajadora. Igualmente, la insistencia del gobierno en mantener el contrato de LUMA, a cargo de administrar la industria más importante para mantener viva la economía, es una burla y falta de respeto a nuestro pueblo trabajador. Seis alzas en menos de un año por un servicio pésimo e ineficiente y que es tan necesario para la vida misma.

Así mismo podemos señalar dos servicios esenciales necesarios para lograr una sociedad justa y equitativa: la educación y la salud. La salud es un derecho humano fundamental. El problema es que un sistema de salud basado en principios y relaciones capitalistas tiende a mercantilizar este derecho. En Puerto Rico los servicios de salud y medicamentos están sujetos a los vaivenes de los mercados y los intereses de los dueños del capital y de las aseguradoras. En el caso de la educación, ésta ha sido diseñada para perpetuar las diferencias entre ricos y pobres. El sistema educativo de Puerto Rico es uno segregado que tiende a reproducir las desigualdades existentes.

La educación de calidad no puede ser una mercancía que solo la obtiene el que la pueda pagar.

De igual forma, el problema de seguridad en nuestro país es ya intolerante. Cientos de personas, en su mayoría jóvenes, de familias pobres y comunidades marginadas, mueren cada año asesinados en las calles como consecuencia del trasiego de drogas. Este es un problema con profundas raíces socioeconómicas y políticas, creado por el sistema para, entre otros objetivos, mantener la dominación de clase por parte del imperialismo y lacayos burgueses locales, y mantenernos enajenados para que no podamos pensar y actuar a favor de nuestros intereses. Esta es una estrategia cuidadosamente diseñada por el sistema para neutralizar y desactivar los movimientos revolucionarios (Politics of Heroin, de Alfred McCoy). El imperialismo utiliza las drogas para pacificar y descarrilar el avance de las luchas sociales y enajenar a la juventud, que son la fuerza más capaz, dispuesta y con potencial revolucionario para luchar en contra del sistema capitalista.

Finalmente, no podemos dejar de mencionar los feminicidios. Seis mujeres trabajadoras, asesinadas por la violencia machista en este año. Esta violencia aprendida surgida del sistema patriarcal capitalista despiadado que ve en la mujer un objeto de su pertenencia, no se elimina con declaraciones de estados de emergencias sino viene acompañado de una educación a todos los niveles sobre la equidad y perspectiva de género, prevención y activismo a favor de una sociedad igualitaria entre los hombres y las mujeres que solo se logra en un sistema comunista.

Hacemos un llamado a la clase trabajadora a seguir en la lucha contra el sistema capitalista explotador, racista, machista, homofóbico. Solo la perspectiva de la clase trabajadora y la lucha por el comunismo nos librá de la explotación. ¡Que viva el comunismo! ¡La clase trabajadora no tiene fronteras! ¡Todo el poder a la clase trabajadora!

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El fracaso del revisionismo: por una nueva Internacional

Scintilla n° 122, órgano de Piattaforma Comunista -por el Partido Comunista del Proletariado de Italia

El fuego imperialista iniciado en Ucrania ha colocado a todas las organizaciones que reclamamos el socialismo y el comunismo frente a decisiones inaplazables. ¿Qué análisis de la situación? ¿Qué actitud hacia la guerra? ¿Qué consignas? ¿Qué iniciativas políticas? ¿Qué tipo de cooperación y en base a qué criterios?

La Conferencia Internacional de Partidos y Organizaciones Marxista-Leninistas (CIPOML), que desde 1994 se encuentra en una lucha ininterrumpida contra todo tipo de revisionismo y oportunismo, ha expresado clara y explícitamente la posición y actitud marxista-leninista ante los acontecimientos actuales, con dos declaraciones: la primera europea y la posterior internacional.



En estas declaraciones, adoptadas al estallar la guerra, la CIPOML expuso sin tapujos la naturaleza de la guerra al reconocer sus causas en los antagonismos imperialistas e identificar sus principales responsabilidades, analizó la situación y los problemas existentes, denunció las mentiras y sofismas de las clases dominantes, defendió el principio de la autodeterminación de las naciones oprimidas, llamó a los pueblos proletarios y oprimidos de todos los países a unirse en la lucha contra la guerra, contra sus dirigentes y artífices, contra las clases dominantes, en el conocimiento de que el principal enemigo de cada pueblo está en su propio país y que la lucha contra la guerra, por una paz duradera, debe estar ligada a la necesidad de la revolución proletaria y a la construcción del socialismo, única salida del capitalismo-barbarie imperialista.

Por parte de partidos y organizaciones revisionistas, hemos visto patrañas y piruetas ideológicas para justificar y legitimar la agresión del imperialismo ruso a Ucrania. Quienes defienden esta guerra injusta y reaccionaria dicen que se trata de una "acción defensiva" de Rusia "ante la ampliación de la OTAN". Pero esta "defensa", un viejo argumento utilizado por todos los estafadores burgueses, significa ante todo negar el carácter imperialista de Rusia (un debate que los marxistas tienen cerrado desde hace más de un siglo).

¿Cuáles son las acciones de los revisionistas y oportunistas? Pálidas posturas hacia los gobiernos, peticiones y *webinars* para sembrar esperanzas de paz entre los trabajadores, acompañadas de la constante predisposición a apoyarse en un imperialismo para combatir a otro.

El rasgo común es el de negar cualquier relación entre guerra y revolución, así como el de negar la relación entre la lucha de liberación de las naciones y la lucha por la liberación del imperialismo. Nuestro deber es desenmascarar esta comedia de engaño e ilusión, no fomentarla. No todo el circo revisionista, sin embargo, ha montado el espectáculo al unísono. Las profundas contradicciones ideológicas y políticas que existen en su seno en temas cruciales como el concepto de imperialismo, la naturaleza de Rusia y China hoy, la cuestión de la participación en gobiernos burgueses progresistas, el apoyo al llamado "socialismo del siglo XXI", la naturaleza de la UE, etc., se han agudizado con el estallido de la guerra.

Diferentes partidos comunistas y componentes dentro de los partidos revisionistas en diferentes ocasiones se han posicionado en contra de la guerra imperialista, declarando inaceptable la invasión de Ucrania; argumentando que la guerra se hace a favor de los monopolios y no de los pueblos; condenando el nacionalismo gran-ruso de Putin; quitándole la máscara antifascista y defendiendo la justa política bolchevique; señalando con el dedo la ambigüedad de Rusia, que vende la lucha de los trabajadores del Donbass contra los fascistas, y el carácter burgués y reaccionario de las "repúblicas populares"⁵; llamando a los trabajadores a no caer en la trampa de la alianza con uno u otro de los imperialismos en conflicto entre sí y a luchar contra la participación de sus propios países en la guerra, dejando las alianzas belicistas como la OTAN.

Frente a la acción de conquista de la guerra de bandoleros lanzada por Putin, han surgido actitudes, declaraciones y respuestas prácticas en conflicto con las de los social-chovinistas y las diversas corrientes oportunistas. A pesar de las debilidades, las incertidumbres y los vaivenes, a pesar de la falta de claridad sobre todos los aspectos de la situación, esto representa un hecho nuevo que debe alentarse, porque estos partidos y componentes se oponen a la guerra, reconocen que la naturaleza de Rusia es imperialista, mientras las otras grandes potencias critican la política belicista de Putin, distanciándose de ella.

Por supuesto, este posicionamiento es positivo a condición de no quedarse a medias; de poder definir más claramente la irreconciliabilidad con el revisionismo y el oportunismo, con el social=imperialismo, para precisar los medios de oponerse a la guerra imperialista, para contribuir a la unión y para emprender una acción común de todos los comunistas coherentes.

La evolución objetiva de los acontecimientos delimita el campo; la guerra, con sus crímenes y las estridentes injusticias que pone de relieve, cataliza a los grupos de oposición al matadero imperialista dentro del movimiento obrero internacional, los empuja a encontrar un denominador común, una acción común. Aquellos que todavía forman parte, o incluso quisieran entrar en citas anuales, conferencias, encuentros y redes internacionales en las que aparecen los partidos revisionistas de China, Rusia, India, Brasil, Sudáfrica, Vietnam, Francia, Portugal, etc. deben notar que estos son de hecho cadáveres, muertos no tanto por la guerra como por la traición, por la ambigüedad, por las medias palabras de los revisionistas y oportunistas que se suben al carro de las potencias imperialistas, del capital monopolista, sacrificando los principios del comunismo y la conciencia de clase, abandonando el internacionalismo proletario en nombre de la "solidaridad nacional", para salvaguardar su poder, sus organizaciones, sus vínculos con el gran capital, sus "patrias" imperialistas.

Los principales perpetradores de este atropello son los dirigentes revisionistas rusos y chinos, que en Italia encuentran el apoyo del PCI de Alboresi y del PC de Rizzo y de otros grupos menores y revistas, sobre todos los cuales recaen serias responsabilidades, al hacer del socialismo un instrumento del imperialismo. Reconocer la quiebra y el fracaso de estas áreas, comprender sus causas, es tarea de todo comunista honesto, para que la más sólida unión de los proletarios de todos los países pueda avanzar y afirmarse.

Es completamente ilusorio, peligroso y engañoso pensar en reconstituir un poderoso movimiento comunista y obrero internacional, una nueva internacional comunista, sin una completa separación ideológica y organizativa del revisionismo y el oportunismo modernos, que pretenden desviar al proletariado de la lucha revolucionaria por el socialismo. No se puede combatir al imperialismo, no se puede cumplir con las tareas que exige la coyuntura, no se puede construir una unidad internacional efectiva del movimiento obrero y comunista, sin romper abierta, decidida y enteramente con el oportunismo y el revisionismo y sus organizaciones nacionales e internacionales, sin aclarar a la clase obrera y a las masas trabajadoras la inevitabilidad del fracaso de las quintas columnas de la burguesía. Esto es muy diferente a actuar a la

⁵ No entiendo la necesidad de este ataque sobre las repúblicas populares en el Donbass. No hay duda de que están de acuerdo con el ataque de Putin contra Ucrania, pero eran la única fuerza en el área que luchaba sinceramente por el socialismo. GG

izquierda o intentar desbancar a algunos partidos revisionistas para ocupar su lugar, manteniendo la unidad con los revisionistas y los declarados oportunistas. La unidad con los revisionistas y oportunistas significa el sometimiento de la clase obrera a la burguesía, la unión con ella para someter y saquear a los pueblos y naciones oprimidos; significa, por lo tanto, la división del proletariado revolucionario de todos los países.

La clase obrera no puede cumplir su función histórica sin librar una lucha despiadada contra los agentes de la burguesía en sus filas, y contra cualquiera que se arrodille ante la traición, el oportunismo, la falsificación teórica y práctica del socialismo científico. Hoy es más necesario que nunca mantener una completa independencia teórica, política y organizativa, adhiriéndose firmemente a los principios del comunismo. Esto significa desprenderse, sin demora y definitivamente, del oportunismo, del revisionismo, de los social-chovinistas, que en todos los países han renunciado al marxismo-leninismo y al internacionalismo proletario; significa la unión de los internacionalistas proletarios de todos los países. Esta separación, favorecida por el desarrollo de los acontecimientos, es históricamente inevitable y necesaria para desarrollar la lucha revolucionaria del proletariado al nivel superior del internacionalismo proletario: los partidos y organizaciones que luchan por la revolución y el socialismo, contra la burguesía, el oportunismo y el revisionismo, por la formación de un poderoso movimiento comunista internacional marxista-leninista, con organización propia y clara línea ideológica, política y organizativa, que se proyecte en la reconstrucción de la Internacional Comunista, fortaleciendo sus secciones en cada país.

¡La Internacional Comunista volverá a vivir, y serán los sectores más avanzados, conscientes y organizados del proletariado internacional los que la crearán!