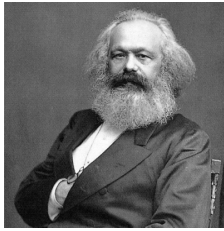


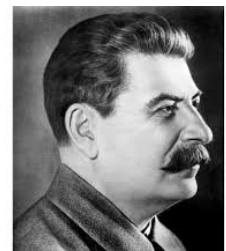
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To see the reasoning behind publication of TMLU, please see the article “Why ‘Towards Marxist-Leninist Unity’” in the first issue on the website below. Though we believe that a Party must have ideological unity, we include progressive articles from groups with varying views. Also, note that unsigned articles, as well as comments before articles, are mine (George Gruenthal).

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

Comments, criticisms and articles are welcome. The next issue of TMLU should appear in February 2024. Material should be sent in by the end of January.

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As Israel Continues Its Genocidal War against Gaza

Reactionary Attacks Continue at Home

For over two months, Israel has been relentlessly bombing Gaza, killing thousands of Palestinians and trying to destroy the civilian infrastructure of the area.

The bourgeois media in the U.S., as well as the immense majority of politicians, give total support to Israel. There is a coordinated talk of the “Israel-Hamas war,” not Israel’s war on Gaza.* There is constant talk of anti-Semitism, while at all of the rallies that I have been at or seen, there has been no anti-Semitism: Jews supporting Palestine have been warmly welcomed.

There have been constant rallies throughout the country in support of Palestine. Several unions have come out condemning Israel, and even the UAW has called for a ceasefire.

After a demonstration in October of maybe 700 to 1,000 people, Columbia University dissolved two student organizations that supported Palestine: SJP (Students for Justice in Palestine) and JVP (Jewish Voice for Peace). As a result, there was an even larger demonstration in November called by a coalition of some 40 groups. In both rallies, CU limited access to the campus to those with a CU ID (as an Alumnus I still have a CU ID).



In Europe, the situation is even worse. France tried to ban pro-Palestinian demonstrations, However, the government had to relax the ban as it was immediately defied by supporters of Palestine.

It is clear that support for fascism abroad leads to restriction of democratic rights at home!

* In a similar coordinated manner, when the police shoot an unarmed person, the press speak of a “police-involved shooting,” not a police shooting.

Scintilla, November, 2023

by Communist Platform – for the Communist Party of the Proletariat of Italy

Some Issues Raised by the Palestinian People's Liberation Struggle

For over a month, the racist and Zionist state of Israel has been massacring the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank, with the support and complicity of US, EU and Italian imperialism and the mainstream media coverage.

Through our participation in numerous demonstrations, and with several communiqués of our own and of the ICMLPO, we have expressed our solidarity with the Palestinian people and their legitimate resistance, condemned the massacre and called for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the siege of Gaza, to arms supplies and agreements with Israel. And we will continue to do so.

In this article, however, we want to focus our attention on some positions that we believe are wrong and harmful to the communist and workers' movement.

In the weeks following October 7, a plethora of statements and half-statements of an equivocal nature came to light, demonstrating the weakness and ideological and political confusion of many groups and individuals who call themselves anti-imperialist or communist. For reasons of space, we will deal with only a few of these statements.

A Condemnation Regardless [of the Circumstances]

A first aspect to be clarified is the demand of those who call for the condemnation of the Al-Aqsa Flood operation carried out by the Palestinian resistance on October 7 as a binding condition for public debate.

A position that has not even passed the UN, but which in our country is taken up by the entire ruling class and all its media that continue to speak of an "atrocious attack on civilians" (data released by the Haaretz newspaper show that about half of the Israeli victims were soldiers and police officers, the rest were largely settlers) and to instill in public opinion the undignified and fraudulent equation of anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism to cover up the war of extermination against the Palestinian people.

Speaking about the attack carried out by Hamas and other components of the Palestinian resistance in order to criticize their "brutality" (as Meloni said), without dealing with the least historical background and the political and economic conditions that provoked it and in which it took place, without even having exact knowledge of what really happened (not a few victims were caused by "friendly fire" by military forces, Zionist tanks and helicopters, as in Kibbutz Be'eri) is either a deadly mistake, or hypocrisy at best.

In the current situation, it is useless to condemn those who attacked first, to blame the methods of assault used, to put them on the same level as the Zionist crimes. In the same way, the discrimination of the Palestinian forces between "angels and demons" must be rejected.

Those who can evaluate and possibly criticize the operation of October 7 and its consequences are first and foremost the Palestinian people, as it is part of their struggle for liberation, which is also legitimate at the level of international law.

A conception of solidarity with the Palestinian people that is expressed only when they are victims of the Zionists and not when they attack the occupier with the weapons at their disposal must be condemned.

The October 7 operation, many aspects of which have been manipulated by Zionist-imperialist propaganda (such as the hoax of beheaded children and violence against women), is the result of 17 years of blockade of Gaza, the continued colonization of Palestinian lands, the incessant mass and extrajudicial

killings in the West Bank, to which all imperialist countries have closed their eyes and remained silent. The main responsibility for this attack undoubtedly lies with Israel and the United States.

At the same time, the October 7 attack is the result of a process of unity of the Palestinian resistance that was forged during the last Intifada, with the sacrifice of the younger generation.

Therefore, instead of blaming – as demanded, for example, by those who have never condemned Zionist war crimes – the reasons for the violence of the oppressed must be grasped, as a response to the decades-long violence and terror of the Zionist oppressors; it is necessary to understand who leads the resistance struggle, what are the political objectives that it sets itself, etc.; and the fog and doubts must also be dispelled through an independent international investigation.

Regarding the planned, complex and extensive Al-Aqsa Flood operation, some aspects must be emphasized: it represented a political failure of the Zionist military and intelligence apparatus and highlighted the broad support enjoyed by the Palestinian resistance that for years prepared the operation (a far cry from individual terrorism detached from the entire system of struggle).

It is not difficult to understand the objectives of the attack, carried out by taking advantage of the political weakness of the Netanyahu regime: to inflict a blow of a highly symbolic and political value on the Zionist military forces, debunking many myths; to delegitimize the Fatah-led Palestine Authority; to undermine the normalization process between Saudi Arabia and other Arab states and Israel, under the aegis of the United States; to take military and settlers hostage to exchange for Palestinian prisoners.

Nature and role of Hamas

We now come to Hamas and the role it plays, about which we have read a lot of rubbish.

The "Islamic resistance movement", which has a political and a military branch, was created by the Muslim Brotherhood in 1987, at the time of the first Intifada.

Its development has passed through the network of mosques, the Islamic University of Gaza, the cultural, medical, distribution of goods and services to the most needy, recreational, sports, etc.

In this way, and through some military operations (first the elimination of Palestinian informants in the service of the Zionists, then the suicide attacks on settlers), Hamas has gained affiliates among the religious bourgeoisie, among professionals and traders, the impoverished petty bourgeoisie and the popular strata.

Hamas' entrenchment is directly related to the weakness of the communist and revolutionary movement, as well as to the collaborationism and corruption of the Palestine Authority that administered the failed Oslo Accords of 1993 by subordinating itself to imperialism.

Initially, Israel looked favorably on strengthening Hamas (including with Qatari funds) to politically isolate Gaza, to weaken Fatah and the "two-state" project.

Later, under Rabin in the 1990s, he began arresting, deporting and eliminating its leaders and militants. Hamas was included in the U.S. "black list" and in 2004 its spiritual leader, Yassin, was assassinated by Israel.

The popular consensus that Hamas enjoys is remarkable (it won the 2006 elections with 60% and has government responsibilities in Gaza), but it is not the only representative of the Palestinian people, of the struggle and of the experiences it has accumulated over decades of resistance.

In order to understand the role objectively played by Hamas, without slipping into idealist positions, it must be understood that this movement in the current conditions (above all the balance of forces between the classes) is an integral and directive part of an anti-Zionist national liberation struggle; a

struggle that deals heavy blows to the occupier, but which Hamas will not be able to lead to victory because of its Islamist religious conceptions (albeit "Palestinized" in terms of national liberation) and a political line that reflects these reactionary ideas. Marxist-Leninists do not reconcile with the ideology of Hamas, with its political means and ends (the Palestinian Islamic State), just as they reject any anti-Semitic position, firmly fighting Zionism, which is today one of the most important sources of anti-Semitism and organized racism in the world. As part of their general support for the Palestinian people's struggle for self-determination, they therefore support the most advanced, progressive and revolutionary components of the Palestinian resistance.

Two oppressed peoples?

Another baseless claim that we have noticed in some websites, emails, etc. is that Palestinians and Israelis are two peoples oppressed by imperialism.

In reality, in the historic territory of Palestine there is one people that has been oppressing another for more than 70 years with the violence of its state, which has one of the most powerful armies in the world, and there is one oppressed people, deprived of statehood, fighting for its national and social liberation.

From this point of view, there can be no equality or neutrality. Let us add that Israel is not a mere pawn in the hands of Biden or Putin, but is a highly industrialized capitalist state, with its own monopoly capital developed in the arms industry, security, electronics, information and communication, diamonds, etc.

To conclude. The Palestinian question is an integral and relevant part of the contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed peoples and nations, one of the main contradictions of the capitalist-imperialist system.

The resistance of the Palestinian people to the Zionist project is the resistance to a broad imperialist project and represents an inextinguishable hotbed of the revolutionary mass movement. The character of the Palestinian revolution in this historical phase is revolutionary-democratic, according to the Leninist meaning of the definition, linked to the struggle for national liberation.

The most important aspect of this struggle today is Palestinian national unity to resist Zionist and imperialist aggression and attempts at division.

In order to fulfil its national and social tasks, the Palestinian liberation movement can only develop as a struggle against imperialism, Zionism and the reactionary and corrupt section of the national bourgeoisie, and then be transformed into a socialist revolution with the support of the international proletariat.

As Marxist-Leninist communists, we consider the Palestinian national movement from the point of view of the international proletariat, which has every interest in supporting this movement, which has revolutionary capacities, tends to weaken imperialism, and not to consolidate it.

Consequently, we support the right of the Palestinian people to resistance and self-determination until the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, as well as the right of return of refugees.

We develop solidarity with the struggle for the achievement of the national rights of the Palestinian people; we denounce the crimes of the Zionist occupier and demand an immediate ceasefire to stop the massacre in Gaza; we fight against the warmongering policy of imperialism, first and foremost of Italian imperialism, which is complicit in the genocide; we demand the termination of all agreements of cooperation and association between Italy and Israel and between the EU and Israel; Boycott of the Zionist state, refusal to send arms to Israel!

NYC Continues to Move Towards Privatization of Public Housing

For decades, the government has refused to fund NYCHA to allow it to make the necessary repairs to public housing (“projects”) in New York City, unofficially home to some 600,000 residents. As a result, NYCHA tenants have had to live with rats, rodents, lead paint, broken elevators, lack of heat and other problems.

Now the government is using this situation to push towards privatization of the projects. It is putting forward two programs that will allow for the leasing of apartments to other tenants (of course at higher rates): the Preservation Trust and the PACT (Permanent Affordability Commitment Together) program. Tenants at Nostrand Houses in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, got to “vote” on either of these programs or staying in NYCHA. (See an earlier article in Towards ML Unity, vol. 4, num. 5.)



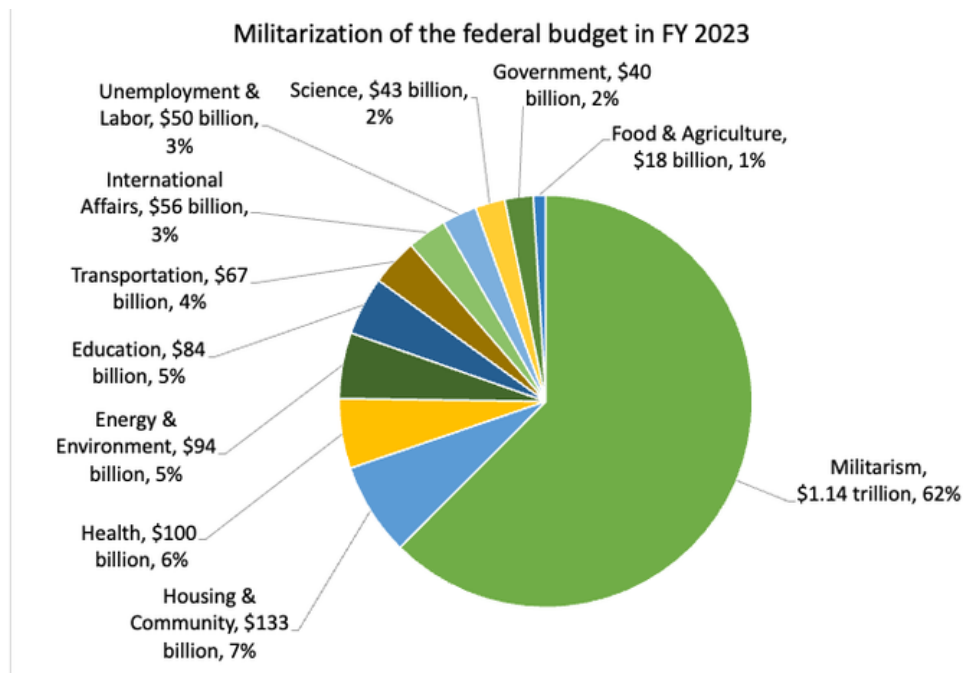
Mayor Adams and other capitalist politicians have praised this vote as “democracy.” Adams said: “This is in the hands of insiders. Those who live in NYCHA,” But it is actually a form of **blackmail**: Do you want to continue living in atrocious conditions, or do you want to allow developers to profit from “public” housing.

At the Nostrand Houses, with just over a third of tenants voting, the majority supported Preservation Trust. This scheme will undoubtedly be followed in other projects.

The only way to stop this privatization is by forcing the government to provide money for repairs. The government has plenty of money, but it is spending it on the military rather than social services. Since the Russian invasion, the U.S. government has given over \$75 billion in “aid” to Ukraine alone², enough to pay for the repairs in all NYCHA buildings over 20 years, even at the highly inflated repair costs.

² <https://www.cfr.org/article/how-much-aid-has-us-sent-ukraine-here-are-six-charts>

From: <https://www.nationalpriorities.org/analysis/2023/warfare-state-how-funding-militarism-compromises-our-welfare/>



Mayor Adams Calls for Drastic Cuts in New York's Budget

He has instituted 5% across-the-board cuts (which even includes the police!) by November 2023, and expects to mandate more cuts of 5% in January 2024 and another 5% by Spring 2024.³ He claims that these cuts are necessary in large part to pay for the costs of providing for migrants. These cuts will lead to reduced funds for education, libraries, health care and other social services.

More than 125,000 migrants have come to NYC since last year (2022). The administration claims to have spent \$1.5 billion on them for the fiscal year through June 30, and expects to spend \$11 billion over the next 2 fiscal years.⁴ It claims that the **daily cost per migrant is \$393**. Clearly various companies and agencies are making huge profits out of this, but as Adams refuses to give a breakdown of where the \$393 is going, it is impossible to find out the full facts. However, housing is obviously a large part of this, how is this possible when many migrants are housed in tents on cots, as in the picture below.



The cost per migrant would mean over \$1,000 per day for a family of three. We have a suggestion: Why not just give them the money? Also, there are other homeless, or just low income, New Yorkers. That way, the government could not continue to play residents against migrants. And even if the amount were reduced to, say, \$200 a day, a family of three could afford to live in New York, with an average rent of almost \$4,000 a month.

Obviously, we do not expect the government to do this; we just raise this to show the absurdity of the supposed spending on migrants.

³ <https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2023/11/16/nyc-education-department-loses-547-million-in-eric-adams-cuts/>

⁴ <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/20/new-york-eric-adams-budget-00128222>

This Ideology Is Killing the Labor Movement

Posted by [MLToday](#), Nov 20, 2023



By [Joe Maniscalco](#)

November 14, 2023

“You know, we have to deal with these insurance companies. We just have no choice in that because that’s the world.” — CWA Local 1180 President Gloria Middleton.

Underneath the fight municipal retirees are waging in New York City and other places around the country to save their traditional Medicare benefits from the onslaught of privatized Medicare Advantage plans lies a systemic defect in today’s labor movement that if not finally corrected guarantees some harder times ahead — for retirees and active workers alike.

It’s a philosophical and ideological deformity that has long plagued the working class and is made manifest in lots of the performative job actions, carefully-controlled strikes and anemic contracts being paraded around and passed off as “historic” achievements.

CWA Local 1180 President Gloria Middleton — a Municipal Labor Committee [MLC] trustee in New York — could not have expressed this disastrous self-defeating kind of orientation any better than when laying out the rationale for attempting to push Medicare Advantage and privatization onto municipal retirees currently covered by traditional Medicare.

Before getting into it with Work-Bites, Middleton made a point to stress her local’s “progressive” stance and support for single payer, universal healthcare “like what they have in Canada, like what they have in Europe, like what they have in many countries that are advanced.”

“If the federal government would ever come up with universal health care,” Middleton continued, “we will be first on board with that. But until the federal government does something like that — that’s

tangible, that's something that can be used across the nation — you know, we have to deal with these insurance companies. We just have no choice in that because that's the world."

Okay, let's all let that sink in a minute.

We have to deal with these insurance companies. We have no choice in that because that's the world.

Now, let's all insert our favorite labor leader from history here and imagine them saying:

"Yep...as soon as the government comes up with an eight hour work day — we will be the first on board!"

You betcha...as soon as the government gives us the weekend — we will be the first on board!"

Sadly, the mindset — the ideology — that Middleton expresses is common on the labor beat today. You run into it a lot covering the crisis in health care, sure — but you also encounter it in regards to a myriad of other labor struggles throughout NYC and across the nation. Middleton is no outlier.

She expresses an ideology scores of other union leaders like her have adopted — either purposefully or not — which ignores any understanding or acknowledgement of labor's historic role as the most potent force for transformational change working people in this country have ever had — and the role labor leaders have had as the chief agents of that change.

"It's disheartening because labor leaders of the past would never have done this — and they would never have come up with that excuse," Marianne Pizzitola, retired first responder and head of the New York City Organization of Public Service Retirees says.

New York City municipal retirees fighting to retain their traditional Medicare coverage are unambiguous about what's happening to them. Ask them and they'll tell you pointblank: the heads of the MLC — their own union leaders — are selling them out.

Anita Clinton worked for NYC Transit for nearly 30 years and isn't about to give labor leaders a pass. She's part of group of TWU Local 100 retirees who are also attempting to put the brakes on the Medicare Advantage push.

"I don't understand why so many union leaders have accepted this," she says. "Chipping away Medicare is the privatization of Medicare. It's a disrespect to the members who work long and hard. Transit jobs in and of themselves are very dangerous. People who work in the tunnels are breathing steel dust every day, you got the third rail — I mean, there's all kinds of dangerous situations out there."

Chris Hedges broke down the larger problem beautifully at the New York City launch of Seattle City Council Member Kshama Sawant's Workers Strike Back campaign back in June when he characterized the challenge facing working class people today as both "confronting a system gamed against us through the two-party duopoly" — and — "confronting a union leadership that have become junior partners in the capitalist system."

Both Democrats and Republicans are driving workers into a "system of virtual serfdom," Hedges said and things are only going to get worse "until we step outside the system and pit organized power against power."

Retired municipal employees, many of them in their 70s and 80s contending with life-threatening diseases, are some of the least equipped to lead that fight — but that's just what they're doing.

"A lot of times, many illnesses or sickness might not manifest themselves until much later on," Clinton adds. "And that's when we need health care the most — and that's when they're giving us the knife in the back."

Kay Tillow is a single payer advocate from Kentucky who has spent the past two decades of her life attempting to rally stultified union leaders into action.

“I think that part of the problem is just falling behind whatever the National Democratic Party says is its position,” Tillow says. “And part of the problem is the people in our own movement who kind of relented and say, well...okay, it’s not possible now...we should work on something else.”

For further context, see some of the scathing criticism leveled at the UAW leadership immediately following what should have been a truly transformative national strike against “The Big Three.” A 25-percent raise in base pay over four and a half years might sound okay when you really need the money, but that’s only until you realize how much inflation has torpedoed the value of workers’ wages. It also falls far short of the 40-percent raises UAW President Shawn Fain was demanding.

And we shall see what Fran Drescher and the gang over at SAG-AFTRA really end up with when all is said and done. But if lots of lofty talk about the “most progressive AI protections ever written” doesn’t set off alarm bells in your head it should — because what are we talking about here: no soul-stealing AI until after 2028 — and then only restricted to the first twenty-five feature film credits!?!

Tillow is still a lot more charitable than others in the labor movement who have grown fed up with the supine stance rank and file workers are getting from too many union heads enjoying six-figure salaries. Tillow acknowledges rising costs are making it harder and harder to maintain health care benefits and “that’s the pressure that pushes people to find the solution.”

“But,” Tillow continues, “they’ve chosen the wrong solution. They’ve chosen one that takes us backward and will hurt their future retirees as well — and it’s gonna destroy Medicare in the meantime.”

Looks like it’s just never a good idea to give our collective power away to anyone.

Wherever APEC goes, the people fight back!

By [Editor-in-Chief](#) on [August 10, 2023](#)

Unity Statement of the [Pacific Northwest People Over Profit Coalition](#). Peoples' Summit Against APEC, Seattle, Washington, July 29, 2023.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC), like other so-called “free trade” institutions like the World Trade Organization, exists to expand private control over more of the economy, and so it represents the interests of the rich and powerful and not the interests of the rest of us.



The US' hosting of APEC in 2023 is a deliberate move for US corporations to stay in control of the world's economy and to showcase the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), which paves the way for future trade deals built in favor of US corporations and those of allied countries. We in the US will feel the effects of IPEF and the deals coming out of APEC eventually, but the poorer countries of the Pacific Rim will feel it first. We act not only for ourselves but in solidarity with the working people of the world.

APEC's policies of increased corporate investment lead to bigger monopolies with more power because it allows these private monopolies to buy smaller companies and public service providers and deregulate how they are allowed to operate. It increases the wealth of the rich while increasing the costs of living for everyone else. It makes poor nations even poorer, keeps them economically dependent on foreign powers and increases the drive for competition between the richest and most powerful countries.

Free trade policies always impact the people of the world negatively, and APEC's decisions will only exacerbate existing crises. Workers' wages are being lowered and benefits slashed while automation will layoff thousands as the right to unionize is put under threat. Migrants, especially the undocumented, continue to be forced into abysmal working conditions as they are forced to hide from inhumane immigration law enforcement. Women may be spoken of highly within APEC, but APEC's policies keep putting pressures on working class families, keeping women's labor doubly exploited. Students face higher costs of education, putting academic and technical programs out of reach for young people, while those that remain steer students towards corporate profit structures, especially those of the tech industry.

While sustainable technology is desperately needed to halt the climate crisis, unhampered mineral extraction for APEC's self-praised “renewable energy initiative” is devastating forests, wildlife and water sources while corporate takeover of food systems prevents communities and entire countries from meeting their basic needs. The economic rivalry encouraged through APEC is pushing the world to the brink of global military conflict. In short, powerful economies within APEC contend for economic and diplomatic influence over each other while fighting to dominate the less powerful member economies and the rest of the world, and the result will be economic devastation, nuclear war or even ecological collapse if we don't act now!

We are in opposition to IPEF and APEC as a whole. Reforms will only bring small and momentary changes. APEC was never meant for us – we will never be given real power to enact the change needed for a worker and people-centered trade deal that upholds environmental justice. All that APEC and other multinational institutions do for cities like Seattle is suck away much needed public funds to host lavish, private meetings and over-police our streets and communities surrounding them while the price of housing and daily living around the world goes through the roof.

We, the attendees of the Seattle anti-APEC Peoples' Summit, declare that people's needs and all-around sustaining of the environment take precedence over corporate profit! This Summit was a showcase for possible alternatives to the free trade system that informs APEC, IPEF and all other profit-oriented institutions. We are building a grassroots people power that will challenge business-as-usual for big business!

Going forward from this summit, the Pacific Northwest People Over Profit Coalition resolves:

- To continue taking action to expose and oppose the Seattle APEC Ministerial Meetings throughout the month of August;
- To support the mobilizations against the APEC Heads of State Summit and final round of IPEF Negotiations in San Francisco, California this November 2023;
- To organize for the long term to help build an international grassroots movement against profit-oriented systems. APEC may only be meeting in the US for this year, but IPEF will be here to stay and the profit motive is what gives these institutions their power.



(For those who do not recognize him, it is Volodymyr Zelenskyy, "President" of Ukraine)

Regardless of differing opinions on Covid vaccinations, people who refuse vaccinations should not be forced into camps.

<https://www.votervoice.net/AUTISMACTION/Campaigns/109290/Respond>

New York Appellate Division Court Restores Hochul's Quarantine Camp Regulation

New York Governor Kathy Hochul's quarantine camp regulation that would allow the seizure and indefinite detention of anyone suspected of exposure to a communicable disease was restored on Friday by a decision of the New York Appellate Division's Fourth Judicial Department. The Appellate Division overturned a lower Court's decision issued last July by Judge Ronald Ploetz who had voided the Governor's rule.

The Appellate Division panel of judges asserted that the plaintiffs, several current and former New York State legislators and a citizen's group, did not have legal standing to sue the State, arguing that none of the plaintiffs had sustained personal injury as a result of the regulation.

The panel dodged the substantive Constitutional issues raised by the plaintiffs and affirmed by the lower court. Hochul's regulation radically diverges from the written letter of the law regarding quarantines to such an extent that the plaintiffs argued that the regulation amounts to any entirely new law imposed by the Governor without action by the legislature.

Hochul's regulation would allow public health officers to arrest people suspected of having been *exposed* to a communicable disease, which in the age of COVID means everybody at anytime, with no need for proof of infection, no hearing, no magistrate, and no legal counsel for the accused, no due process, all explicitly required by the quarantine law. The accused could be held for an indefinite period at the health department's discretion contrary to the law's requirement that quarantine can only last as long as a person is actively infectious. In the original trial before Judge Ploetz, counsel for the State admitted that once arrested there is no mechanism under the regulation to compel the state to release a detained person other than the detained person hiring a lawyer and suing the state.

Bobbie Anne Cox, attorney for the plaintiffs, has already announced that she will file an appeal with the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court. See her statement on the new court decision [here](#).

Somebody Blew Up America

by Amiri Baraka

Somebody Blew Up America
They say it's some terrorist, some barbaric
A Rab, in Afghanistan
It wasn't our American terrorists
It wasn't the Klan or the Skin heads
Or the them that blows up nigger
Churches, or reincarnates us on
Death Row It wasn't Trent Lott
Or David Duke or Giuliani
Or Schundler, Helms retiring
It wasn't
The gonorrhea in costume
The white sheet diseases
That have murdered black people
Terrorized reason and sanity
Most of humanity, as they pleases
They say (who say?)
Who do the saying
Who is them paying
Who tell the lies
Who in disguise
Who had the slaves
Who got the bux out the Bucks
Who got fat from plantations
Who genocided Indians
Tried to waste the Black nation
Who live on Wall Street The first plantation
Who cut your nuts off
Who rape your ma
Who lynched your pa
Who got the tar, who got the feathers Who had
the match,
Who set the fires Who killed and hired
Who say they God & still be the Devil

Who the biggest only
Who the most goodest
Who do Jesus resemble
Who created everything
Who the smartest
Who the greatest
Who the richest
Who say you ugly and they the goodlookingest
Who define art Who define science
Who made the bombs
Who made the guns
Who bought the slaves,
Who sold them
Who called you them names
Who say Dahmer wasn't insane
Who? Who? Who?
Who stole Puerto Rico
Who stole the Indies, the Philippines, Manhattan
Australia & The Hebrides
Who forced opium on the Chinese
Who own them buildings Who got the money
Who think you funny Who locked you up
Who own the papers
Who owned the slave ship
Who run the army
Who the fake president
Who the ruler
Who the banker
Who? Who? Who?
Who own the mine
Who twist your mind
Who got bread
Who need peace
Who you think need war

Who own the oil
Who do no toil
Who own the soil
Who is not a nigger
Who is so great ain't nobody bigger
Who own this city
Who own the air
Who own the water
Who own your crib
Who rob and steal and cheat and murder and
 make lies the truth
Who call you uncouth
Who live in the biggest house
Who do the biggest crime
Who go on vacation anytime
Who killed the most niggers
Who killed the most Jews
Who killed the most Italians
Who killed the most Irish
Who killed the most Africans
Who killed the most Japanese
Who killed the most Latinos
Who? Who? Who?
Who own the ocean
Who own the airplanes
Who own the malls
Who own television
Who own radio
Who own what ain't even known to be owned
Who own the owners that ain't the real owners
Who own the suburbs
Who suck the cities
Who make the laws
Who made Bush president
Who believe the confederate flag need to be fly-
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Who talk about democracy and be lying
Who the Beast in Revelations
Who 666
Who know
Who decide Jesus get crucified
Who the Devil on the real side
Who got rich from Armenian genocide
Who the biggest terrorist
Who change the bible
Who killed the most people
Who do the most evil
Who don't worry about survival
Who have the colonies
Who stole the most land
Who rule the world
Who say they good but only do evil
Who the biggest executioner
Who? Who? Who?
Who own the oil
Who want more oil
Who told you what you think that later you find
 out a lie
Who? Who? Who?
Who found Bin Laden, maybe they Satan Who
 pay the CIA,
Who knew the bomb was gonna blow
Who know why the terrorists
Learned to fly in Florida, San Diego
Who know why Five Israelis was filming the
 explosion
And cracking they sides at the notion
Who need fossil fuel when the sun ain't goin'
 nowhere
Who make the credit cards
Who get the biggest tax cut
Who walked out of the Conference Against Rac-
 ism

Who killed Malcolm, Kennedy & his Brother
 Who killed Dr King,
 Who would want such a thing?
 Are they linked to the murder of Lincoln?
 Who invaded Grenada
 Who made money from apartheid
 Who keep the Irish a colony
 Who overthrow Chile and Nicaragua later
 Who killed David Sibeko, Chris Hani, the same
 ones who killed Biko, Cabral, Neruda, Al-
 lende, Che Guevara, Sandino,
 Who killed Kabila, the ones who wasted Lu-
 mumba, Mondlane, Betty Shabazz, Die,
 Princess Di, Ralph Featherstone, Little
 Bobby
 Who locked up Mandela, Dhoruba, Geronimo,
 Assata, Mumia, Garvey, Dashiell Hammett,
 Alphaeus Hutton
 Who killed Huey Newton, Fred Hampton, Med-
 gar Evers, Mikey Smith, Walter Rodney,
 Was it the ones who tried to poison Fidel Who
 tried to keep the Vietnamese Oppressed
 Who put a price on Lenin's head
 Who put the Jews in ovens, and
 Who helped them do it
 Who said "America First" and ok'd the yellow
 stars
 Who killed Rosa Luxembourg, Liebknecht
 Who murdered the Rosenbergs
 And all the good people iced,
 tortured, assassinated, vanished
 Who got rich from Algeria, Libya, Haiti, Iran,
 Iraq, Saudi, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt,
 Jordan, Palestine,
 Who cut off peoples hands in the Congo Who
 invented Aids
 Who put the germs
 In the Indians' blankets
 Who thought up "The Trail of Tears"

Who blew up the Maine
 & started the Spanish American War
 Who got Sharon back in Power
 Who backed Batista, Hitler, Bilbo, Chiang kai
 Chek
 Who decided Affirmative Action had to go Re-
 construction, The New Deal, The New Fron-
 tier, The Great Society,
 Who do Tom Ass Clarence Work for
 Who doo doo come out the Colon's mouth
 Who know what kind of Skeeza is a Condoleeza
 Who pay Connelly to be a wooden negro
 Who give Genius Awards to Homo Locus Sub-
 sidere
 Who overthrew Nkrumah, Bishop,
 Who poison Robeson,
 Who try to put DuBois in Jail
 Who frame Rap Jamil al Amin,
 Who frame the Rosenbergs, Garvey, The Scotts-
 boro Boys, The Hollywood Ten
 Who set the Reichstag Fire
 Who knew the World Trade Center was gonna
 get bombed
 Who told 4000 Israeli workers at the Twin Tow-
 ers
 To stay home that day
 Why did Sharon stay away?
 Who? Who? Who?
 Explosion of Owl the newspaper say The devil
 face cd be seen
 Who make money from war
 Who make dough from fear and lies
 Who want the world like it is
 Who want the world to be ruled by imperialism
 and national oppression and terror violence,
 and hunger and poverty.
 Who is the ruler of Hell? Who is the most pow-
 erful

Who you know ever Seen God?
But everybody seen The Devil
Like an Owl exploding
In your life in your brain in your self
Like an Owl who know the devil
All night, all day if you listen,
Like an Owl Exploding in fire.

We hear the questions rise In terrible flame like
the whistle of a crazy dog
Like the acid vomit of the fire of Hell
Who and Who and WHO who
Who
Whooooo and
Whoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

In belated celebration of the anniversary of the October Revolution.

Helen Keller

Help Soviet Russia

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I love Russia and all who stand loyally by her in her mighty wrestlings with the giant powers of ignorance and imperialist greed. When I first heard of the glorious words, "Soviet Republic of Russia," it was as if a new light shone through my darkness. I felt that the sun of a better day had risen upon the world. Those glowing, hope-inspiring words, "Soviet Republic of Russia," meant that at last the principles of truth, justice and brotherhood had gained a foothold upon earth, and this thought has run like a shining furrow through the dark years that have intervened. We have witnessed Russia's superhuman struggle in a world blinded by avarice and calumny. But despite intrigues and blockades and the wicked misinterpretations of a stupid, dishonest press, she stands today firmly entrenched in her just cause, while the old social order is collapsing at her feet.

Oh, why cannot the workers see that the cause of Russia is their cause? Her struggle for economic freedom is their struggle, her perishing children are their children, and her dreams, her aspirations, her martyrdom and victories are an internal part of the workers' campaign for a better, saner world. Why can they not understand that their own best instincts are in revolt against a social order which enthalls masses of men and leads inevitably to poverty, suffering and war? How spiritually blind are men, that they fail to see that we are all bound together! We rise or fall together, we are dwarfed or godlike, free or chained together.

If the workers would only use their minds a little, instead of letting others do their thinking for them, they would see quickly through the flimsy arguments of the newspapers they read. They are told that the famine in Russia is caused by "Marxian socialism," and that four years of Bolshevism have brought Russia to the doors of the world begging for bread. If that is true, what has caused the famine in China? What is the cause of undernourishment in some of our southern states? And what is the cause of unemployment throughout this great, rich land? Begging for bread is not uncommon within the capitalistic nations, and these days we hear a great deal of soup kitchens and the bread line. These phenomena occur even in times which the newspapers are accustomed to speak of as "prosperous."

The famine in Russia is the result of a drought following years of war and a long imperialistic blockade of Russian ports, preventing entrance to them of all necessary supplies. This is the plain truth. Yet millions of sensible men and women have been deceived about conditions in Russia. But I trust that the good sense of the American people will soon surmount the wall of calumnies and prejudices which now prevents friendly relations between the two countries.

Through the mist of tears and sweat and blood of struggling men I salute her and wish for her the love of an awakened and grateful humanity.

Here is a thought that keeps singing in my mind but will not fold its wings for the formal limits of a letter:

Great, O Russia, is thy task! Thine is the race immortal whose beams shall spread across the earth, wide as the wings of heaven, bright as the morning light. Lift high thy flaming torch wherever men are slaves! Breathe upon them the life-quickenings fires of thy creative mind. Give them the potent red light of thy courage, that they may look upon the faces of comrades in every land, and be to all their kind dear friends and neighbors. Then shall all men discover thee, a paradise upon the verge of doom.

Women fight against gender-based violence



Violence against women is a structural phenomenon taking place in the world. This is expressed in various ways, and it is the States that perpetuate it by not taking preventive actions. Due to these facts, November 25 was designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The UN General Assembly designated this day to commemorate the death of the Mirabal sisters, women leaders of the Dominican resistance who were assassinated by the Trujillo dictatorship in 1960.

Gender-based violence is a persistent phenomenon that affects the entire world's population. According to studies carried out by human rights organizations, violence against women has increased significantly, since in our country alone a woman is murdered every 26 hours. The Council of the Judiciary reports 433 deaths of women, of which 80 were femicides, from January to September 2023. However, organizations such as ALDEA [Latin American Association for Alternative Development] have more accurate separate figures in the same period: 238 women were murdered for reasons of gender; of that total, 94 murders were committed by someone in their intimate circle, 14 were trans-femicides and 130 were linked to criminal gangs. Cases of disappearances from the previous year were included. To these figures must be added the crimes committed between October and November, which increase the number of women murdered.

For several years, women's organizations have demanded that budgets implement the plans provided for in the Organic Law for the Prevention and Eradication of Violence, but the governments have ignored this demand and do not deal with victims of gender-based violence or protect those women and girls in vulnerable situations. The murder of a university student from Cuenca, at the hands of a rapist who had

been released on parole, shows that there are no resources or trained personnel to deal with problems of violence, and shows the cavalier treatment that the State and its institutions give to this serious problem.

Gender-based political violence is a phenomenon that exists but is given little attention. The elections in February and the early elections in August showed how right-wing parties violate their own candidates, through messages of hate, disqualification, silencing, sexual harassment and verbal abuse, as well as attacking candidates of other political parties and public figures for being women. Women comrades of Popular Unity in Santo Domingo, Tulcán, Manabí and other provinces were attacked at various times by authorities and candidates of the bourgeoisie, without the National Electoral Council sanctioning the offenses. It is also worth mentioning the complaints of gender violence within Correa's forces, which has led to their fragmentation due to the defense of the criminal Jorge Glas adopted by the women of that organization.

We communists understand that gender-based violence is a structural evil, created by capitalism and deepened by the contradictions within it. We also understand that this problem will remain hidden as long as this unjust and corrupt system is not destroyed; therefore, we have the obligation to denounce its existence and continue in the fight for its destruction.

On November 25, women will mobilize across the country. From the revolutionary left, Women for Change, Revolutionary Youth of Ecuador, Popular Front, Popular Unity, university students and workers and other sectors, will participate in the different calls that have been made for this purpose. Communist women will participate on this day to demand that the State pay attention to this problem and eradicate it.

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28th Plenary of the ICMLPO

In the face of the genocidal offensive of imperialism against the peoples, build the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist front in the world. 28th Plenary of the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations (ICMLPO)

**Call on the working class and the peoples to unite and struggle
against the bourgeoisie and imperialism**

The 28th Plenum of the ICMLPO was convened in the conditions of the intensification of the confrontation among the imperialists, who present themselves as rival blocs. After four days of productive work discussing the problems on the agenda of the working class and our peoples, the Conference took unanimous decisions on the solutions to the problems.

Our Conference is determined to wage an open and uncompromising ideological struggle against all slanderous and deceitful opinions and tendencies that can divert the unity and struggles of the working class, workers and peoples of the world.

We are witnessing an evolution that cannot be underestimated in the economic redistribution of the world, according to the changing powers of the imperialists. Russia did not tolerate the opening of Ukraine to the expansion of the US, the European Union (EU) and its accession to NATO, and it invaded that country. Now there is an imperialist war in Ukraine, with the US, Britain and the European countries and their war organisation the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on one side, and Russia, supported by China, on the other. Israel, with the full support of the U.S., Britain, Japan, Australia, Canada and the European imperialists, is waging military aggression against the Palestinian people, whose land it occupies, and is committing genocide. The aggression of Israeli Zionism is being supported by the vast majority of the imperialists, especially the U.S. While the imperialists fight in Syria and Libya through their proxies, the local conflicts in Africa and the successive coups d'état are proof that the imperialist conflicts for the redivision of the continents continue. China, for example, now competes with the ruling imperialists of these continents in Asia, Africa and Latin America. With its investments, loans, and credits, it is challenging U.S. imperialism in particular. So far, the response has been an escalation of trade wars, followed by the revision of supply chains and transport routes, barriers to investment and technology transfer.

The tendency of the imperialists to challenge each other is seen in the increase in expenditure on armaments. The imperialists, armed to the teeth, are testing new weapons and accelerating the production of weaponry while exhausting their old arsenals in wars like the one in Ukraine. Not only are the imperialists ramping up armaments and making huge investments in military-industrial complexes, but they have undertaken the militarization of capitalist society by extending militarism to all areas.

These direct consequences of the inter-imperialist conflict have a negative impact on the world economy. Expenditures on armaments at the expense of the people, which are supposed to stimulate production, actually play a destructive role in the economy. Moreover, it is not only Germany, which stopped buying gas from Russia, that has been trying to recover its economy for two years. Since last year, the growth rate of the volume of world trade has been falling. The slowdown in growth rates also affects industrial production. In addition, two large U.S. banks and one Swiss bank have just failed. These examples are symptomatic of the general decay of capitalism.

To be sure, the contradictions and conflicts between the imperialists are not the only reason for the slowdown in the development of the capitalist economy. The imperialist capitalist system, based on exploitation and plunder, constantly produces crises. The aim of capitalist production is to increase the profits of the monopolies, and this is the root of all evil. The increasingly acute contradictions and conflicts between the imperialists, together with capitalist crises, an example of which was witnessed in 2021, deepen the overall crisis of capitalism. The general crisis of capitalism aggravates all its economic, financial, social, political and other contradictions and their effects.

The problems of the world economy, aggravated by the intensification of the contradictions between the imperialists, as well as monopoly exploitation and burdens, make the living and working conditions of the exploited masses more difficult.

The old pretensions of the international bourgeoisie and the ideologues of capitalism promising peace and prosperity are long gone. The rule of capitalism, which is driving up inflation and plunging countries back into recession, confirms that social problems are insoluble within the framework of this system. Real wages are falling, poverty is widespread and growing, even in the advanced capitalist countries.

The working class and oppressed peoples of the world are mired in poverty caused by falling wages, cuts in social services and new tax increases. They are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their needs for food, shelter and heating.

A direct consequence of the evils of capitalism and the attacks of the bourgeoisie against the workers and peoples is the revival of the world workers' movement. Now, the proletariat, even in the most developed countries, is taking a stand against the capitalist aggression directed against it. The mass labor movement and strikes in the U.S., Britain and France are proof that the attacks do not go unanswered.

In the face of the growing proletarian movement, the bourgeoisie of many countries is tending to throw off the mask of "democracy" and to reintroduce fascism. The promulgation of new reactionary measures follows one after another and the need to fight fascism is growing. The struggle against fascism is an integral part of the struggle against the bourgeoisie and imperialism.

On the other hand, none of the imperialists, bent on dividing the world among themselves, is a friend of the proletariat and the peoples. They are all exploiters and plunderers. It is in their

interest to seize the wealth of the peoples and expand their spheres of domination. Those who claim to be friends of the people and come to their aid are only lying.

There is nothing good about the imperialist powers confronting each other. The imperialist ambition to redivide the world and plunder the peoples is only preparing the way for a new imperialist war. The ICMLPO warns the peoples of the world against the danger of the third world war.

The ICMLPO calls on the working class and oppressed peoples of the world to fight against all imperialists who covet their sources of wealth.

ICMLPO declares once again that it supports all oppressed peoples and their liberation struggles, especially the Palestinian, Kurdish, Cuban and Venezuelan peoples.

Our Conference calls on the workers of all countries to unite and organize to fight capitalism and overthrow the rule of capital, without pinning their hopes on any bourgeois or imperialist party.

Our Conference calls upon the oppressed peoples and nations of the world to raise their struggle for social and national liberation.

Mexico, November 2023

Las mujeres luchan contra la violencia de género



La violencia en contra de las mujeres es un fenómeno estructural vigente en el mundo, que se expresa de múltiples formas, y son los Estados los que la perpetúan al no tomar acciones de prevención. Debido a estos hechos, el 25 de noviembre fue designado como el día internacional de la eliminación de la violencia en contra de las mujeres. La Asamblea de la ONU designó este día para conmemorar la muerte de las hermanas Mirabal, mujeres líderes de la resistencia dominicana asesinadas por la dictadura de Trujillo en 1960.

La violencia de género es un fenómeno que persiste y que afecta a toda la población mundial. De acuerdo con estudios efectuados por organismos de derechos humanos, la violencia contra las mujeres creció significativamente, pues solo en nuestro país es asesinada una mujer cada 26 horas. El Consejo de la Judicatura reporta 433 muertes de mujeres, de los cuales 80 serían femicidios, desde enero hasta septiembre de 2023. Sin embargo, organizaciones como ALDEA manejan cifras desagregadas más exactas en el mismo periodo: 238 mujeres fueron asesinadas por razones de género, de ese total, 94 asesinatos fueron cometidos en el círculo íntimo, 14 transfeminicidios y 130 asesinatos vinculados a sistemas criminales. Se incluyen casos de desapariciones del año anterior. A estas cifras hay que sumarle los crímenes cometidos entre octubre y noviembre, que incrementan la cantidad de mujeres asesinadas.

Desde hace varios años, las organizaciones de mujeres han exigido la entrega de presupuestos para implementar los planes que prevé la Ley Orgánica de Prevención y Erradicación de las violencias, pero los gobiernos hacen caso omiso a esta exigencia y no se atiende a las víctimas de violencia de género ni se protege a aquellas mujeres y niñas en situación de vulnerabilidad. El asesinato de una estudiante universitaria de Cuenca a manos de un violador, que salió con libertad condicional, demuestra pues no existen los recursos ni el personal capacitado para tratar los temas de violencia, esto da cuenta del trato displicente que el Estado y sus instituciones dan a este grave problema.

La violencia política de género es un fenómeno que existe pero al que se le pone poca atención. Las elecciones de febrero y las anticipadas de agosto, mostraron cómo los partidos de derecha violentan a sus propias candidatas, a través de mensajes de odio, descalificación, silenciamiento, acoso sexual y abuso verbal, así como atacan a candidatas de otros partidos políticos y personas públicas por el hecho de ser mujer. Compañeras de Unidad Popular en Santo Domingo, Tulcán, Manabí y otras provincias, fueron atacadas en diversos momentos por autoridades y candidatos de la burguesía, sin que el CNE actuara para sancionar la infracción. Cabe mencionar también las denuncias de violencia de género al interior del correísmo, que ha generado su fraccionamiento por la postura de defensa del delincuente Jorge Glas adoptada por las mujeres de esa organización.

Los y las comunistas comprendemos que la violencia de género es un mal estructural, generado en el seno del capitalismo y profundizado por las contradicciones que en él se encuentran. También comprendemos que este problema seguirá latente mientras no se destruya este sistema injusto y corrupto, por ello, tenemos la obligación de denunciar su existencia y continuar en la lucha por su destrucción.

Este 25 de noviembre, las mujeres se movilizarán en todo el país. Desde la izquierda revolucionaria, Mujeres por el Cambio, JRE, Frente Popular, Unidad Popular, estudiantes y trabajadoras universitarias y de otros sectores, participarán en las diferentes convocatorias que, para este efecto, se han realizado. Las mujeres comunistas participaremos de esta jornada para exigir al Estado la atención a este problema y su erradicación.

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Órgano central del Partido Comunista de México (marxista-leninista)

28 Plenaria de la CIPOML

Ante la ofensiva genocida del imperialismo contra los pueblos, construir el frente antiimperialista y antifascista en el mundo.

**28ª Plenaria de la Conferencia Internacional de Partidos y Organizaciones
Marxista Leninistas (CIPOML)**

Llama a la clase obrera y a los pueblos a la unidad y a la lucha contra la burguesía y el imperialismo

La 28 Plenaria de la CIPOML fue convocada en las condiciones de la intensificación del enfrentamiento entre los imperialistas, que se presentan como bloques rivales. Después de cuatro días de trabajo productivo discutiendo los problemas en la agenda de la clase obrera y de nuestros pueblos, la Conferencia tomó decisiones unánimes sobre las soluciones a los problemas.

Nuestra Conferencia está decidida a librar una lucha ideológica abierta e intransigente contra todas las opiniones y tendencias calumniosas y engañosas capaces de desviar la unidad y las luchas de la clase obrera, de los trabajadores y pueblos del mundo.

Estamos siendo testigos de una evolución que no puede subestimarse en la redistribución económica del mundo, según los poderes cambiantes de los imperialistas. Rusia no toleró la apertura de Ucrania a la expansión de EE.UU., la Unión Europea (EU) y su ingreso en la OTAN e invadió este país. Ahora hay una guerra imperialista en Ucrania, con EE.UU., Gran Bretaña y los países europeos y su organización de guerra la Organización del Tratado Atlántico Norte (OTAN) por un lado, y Rusia, apoyada por China, por el otro. Israel, con el pleno apoyo de EE.UU., Gran Bretaña, Japón, Australia, Canadá y los imperialistas europeos, está librando una agresión militar contra el pueblo palestino, cuya tierra ocupa, y está cometiendo un genocidio. La agresión del sionismo israelí, está siendo apoyada por la gran mayoría de los imperialistas, especialmente los EE.UU. Mientras los imperialistas luchan en Siria y Libia a través de sus apoderados, los conflictos locales en África y los sucesivos golpes de Estado son la prueba de que los conflictos imperialistas por la redivisión de los continentes continúan. China, por ejemplo, compite ahora con los imperialistas dominantes de estos continentes en Asia, África y América Latina. Con sus inversiones, préstamos y créditos, está desafiando al imperialismo estadounidense en particular. Hasta ahora, la respuesta ha sido una escalada de guerras comerciales seguida de la revisión de las cadenas de suministro y las rutas de transporte, de barreras a la inversión y la transferencia de tecnología.

La tendencia de los imperialistas a desafiarse mutuamente se ve en el aumento de los gastos en armamento. Los imperialistas, armados hasta los dientes, prueban nuevas armas y aceleran la producción de armamento mientras agotan sus viejos arsenales en guerras como la de Ucrania. Los imperialistas no sólo aceleran el armamento y realizan enormes inversiones en complejos militar-industriales, sino que han emprendido la militarización de la sociedad capitalista extendiendo el militarismo a todos los ámbitos.

Estas consecuencias directas del conflicto inter-imperialista tienen un impacto negativo en la economía mundial. Los gastos en armamento a costa del pueblo, que supuestamente deben estimular la producción, en realidad desempeñan un papel destructivo en la economía. Además, no sólo Alemania, que dejó de comprar gas a Rusia, lleva dos años intentando recuperar su economía. Desde el año pasado, la tasa de crecimiento del volumen del comercio mundial ha ido cayendo. La ralentización de las tasas de crecimiento también afecta a la producción industrial. Además, dos grandes bancos estadounidenses y uno suizo acaban de quebrar. Estos tópicos son sintomáticos de la decadencia general del capitalismo.

Sin duda, las contradicciones y los conflictos entre los imperialistas no son la única razón de la ralentización del desarrollo de la economía capitalista. El sistema imperialista capitalista basado en la explotación y el saqueo produce crisis constantemente. La finalidad de la producción capitalista es aumentar los beneficios de los monopolios, y ésta es la raíz de todos los males. Las contradicciones y conflictos cada vez más agudos entre los imperialistas, junto con las crisis capitalistas, un ejemplo de las cuales se presencié en 2021, profundizan la crisis general del capitalismo. La crisis general del capitalismo agrava todas sus contradicciones económicas, financieras, sociales, políticas... y sus efectos.

Los problemas de la economía mundial, agravados por la intensificación de las contradicciones entre los imperialistas, así como la explotación monopolista y las imposiciones, hacen más difíciles las condiciones de vida y de trabajo de las masas explotadas.

Las viejas pretensiones de la burguesía internacional y de los ideólogos del capitalismo prometiendo paz y prosperidad han quedado atrás. El dominio del capitalismo, que está disparando la inflación y precipitándose de nuevo en la recesión, confirma que los problemas sociales son insolubles en el marco de este sistema. Los salarios reales caen, la pobreza se generaliza y se extiende, incluso en los países capitalistas avanzados.

La clase trabajadora y los pueblos oprimidos del mundo están sumidos en la pobreza provocada por la caída de los salarios, los recortes en los servicios sociales y las nuevas subidas de impuestos. Cada vez les resulta más difícil cubrir sus necesidades de alimentación, vivienda y calefacción.

Una consecuencia directa de los males del capitalismo y de los ataques de la burguesía contra los trabajadores y los pueblos es el renacimiento del movimiento obrero mundial. Ahora, el proletariado, hasta en los países más desarrollados se está posicionando contra la agresión capitalista dirigida contra ella. El movimiento obrero masivo y las huelgas en Estados Unidos, Gran Bretaña y Francia son la prueba de que los ataques no quedan sin respuesta.

Frente al creciente movimiento proletariado, la burguesía de muchos países tiende a despojarse de la máscara de la “democracia” y a reintroducir el fascismo. La promulgación de nuevas medidas reaccionarias se sucede y crece la necesidad de luchar contra el fascismo. La lucha contra el fascismo es parte integrante de la lucha contra la burguesía y el imperialismo.

Por otra parte, ninguno de los imperialistas, empeñados en repartirse el mundo, es amigo del proletariado y de los pueblos. Todos son explotadores y saqueadores. Les interesa apoderarse de las

riquezas de los pueblos y ampliar sus esferas de dominación. Los que dicen ser amigos de los pueblos y acudir en su ayuda, sólo mienten.

Las potencias imperialistas que se enfrentan no tienen nada de bueno. La ambición imperialista de redividir el mundo y saquear a los pueblos sólo prepara una nueva guerra imperialista. La CIPOML advierte a los pueblos del mundo contra el peligro de la tercera guerra mundial.

La CIPOML llama a la clase obrera y a los pueblos oprimidos del mundo a luchar contra todos los imperialistas que codician sus fuentes de riqueza.

La CIPOML declara una vez más que apoya a todos los pueblos oprimidos y las luchas de liberación, especialmente a los pueblos palestino, kurdo, cubano y venezolano.

Nuestra Conferencia llama a los trabajadores de todos los países a unirse y organizarse para luchar contra el capitalismo y derrocar el dominio del capital, sin depositar sus esperanzas en ningún partido burgués o imperialista.

Nuestra Conferencia hace un llamamiento a los pueblos y naciones oprimidos del mundo para que eleven su lucha por la liberación social y nacional.

México, noviembre de 2023