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Against Zionist-made genocide...

To get bread, the masses  
in Gaza are expropriating  
the merchants of death



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“3rd International Event Leon Trotsky”  
by ex Trotskyites and Stalinists

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As in peace times...

**They submit the working class to its executioners**



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**Ukraine will be soviet and independent  
or an occupied and guarded colony**

USA

## Wall Street chooses Trump again



He comes to complete Biden's job,  
redoubling the attack over the working class  
and the looting of the oppressed peoples.

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## US ELECTIONS

# Wall Street re-elects Trump

He is coming to carry Biden's job all the way by doubling down on the attack on the working class and the plunder of the oppressed peoples



The Pro-Palestinian youth takes to the streets in the US on election day: "No vote for genocide!"

On Election Day in the US, 11/5, a huge pro-Palestinian movement of youth, Black workers and radicalized workers and students called Within Our Lifetime (WOL) took to the streets denouncing and making clear that it is Biden who commands the genocide in Palestine and arms the State of Israel to the teeth. They expelled from their events, mobilizations and assemblies the so-called "progressive left" of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sanders (who are within the Democratic Party) and denounced them as accomplices of Biden and Netanyahu's genocide in Gaza.

This movement won the streets on November 5 with its rallying cry of: "NO VOTES FOR GENOCIDE!" And reaffirmed: "Both Harris and Trump are genocidal Zionists. We demand an immediate end to all military, political, financial, and diplomatic ties to the Zionist entity. Our struggle under a Biden-Harris administration is the same under a Trump administration: to organize for an end to the genocide in Gaza and fight for a free Palestine from the river to the sea".

This is what this affirms in its public statements. They have shown and go on showing the road of how to confront the government of the imperialist parties of Wall Street, which today says bye to

Biden and prepares Trump, with whip in hand, to deepen the attack on the American and world working class.

The truth must be told: Biden, as president of the U.S., does not rule alone in his country, but does so commanding the politics, the economy and the world counter-revolution of the US imperialist bandits in dispute with other imperialist powers. He is the head of the CIA, of the NATO assassins, of the IMF and of all the military bases with which the US dominates the planet.

On the contrary, the reformist left shrieks all over the world that "IN THE USA THERE IS A VOTE TO THE RIGHT"... And what about Biden and the Democrats? Are they the "left"? Really? This is a fallacy.

Reformism passes off as "progressive" the Democratic Party, those murderous executioners of the oppressed peoples of the world, and consider only the butcher Trump as "ultra-right". A gross deception and a lie. Trump comes to deepen the counterrevolutionary offensive of Biden and the Democratic Party and to advance the business of his gang of bankers and big Wall Street transnationals.

It is necessary to speak out. **It was Biden who has supported coups and massacres in Latin America and Afri-**

ca in these last four years of worker and popular uprisings.

**It was Biden and the Democratic Party that armed Zionism to the teeth and led it in its massacres and genocide of the Palestinian people. 100,000 Palestinians have been killed by Biden's bombs and bullets in Gaza.**

What a weird "progressive" party Biden and the Democrats are! Cynics!

This Left laments that the workers did not vote overwhelmingly for the Democratic Party, but instead voted overwhelmingly for another of their tormentors, Trump. But why would they vote for the Democratic Party?

We cannot forget that the Democratic Party, in the midst of the crisis and crash of 2008, with Obama at its head, launched the worst attack on the working class by throwing the entire Wall Street bankruptcy on their backs. Obama was the one who ripped away the workers' social security and retirement benefits; the one who imposed 43 million unemployed people living on 3 dollar vouchers to buy food; while he gave the Wall Street parasites 2 trillion dollars to save their bankrupt financial capital.

That's why Trump won the election in 2016, thus achieving his first presidency, fooling the working class with "going back to the old post-war American dream." But all Trump gave the workers were sticks, clubbing, fascist gangs of white supremacists in the streets and a police specializing in martyring and murdering black workers and youth.

It was the masses who settled accounts with this imperialist scoundrel. But it was the Democratic Party, with deceit and "siren songs", which took the revolting exploited out of the streets to launch a new counterrevolutionary offensive on the planet and redouble its attack within the same US.

Thus, in these last four years, the Biden and Democratic Party administration imposed a brutal cost of living, recession coupled with inflation and unaffordable rents on workers, dealing a severe blow to their wages.

During the Biden administration, immigrants were brutally targeted and imprisoned and even deported on a scale beyond that of the first Trump administration. The column of thousands of immigrants trying to enter the US, months ago, was contained



*Uprising in the US against the Trump administration in 2020*

with the forces of repression and fascist gangs in all the states of the American South. Now, the butcher Trump is coming to prepare a bloodbath against immigrants without papers, which will be without any doubt an attack and a threat to all the workers and oppressed peoples of the world.

That is to say, the imperialist butchers of the Democratic Party were in charge of making the working class pay for the Wall Street crisis in recent years. That's because since 2008, a spiral of crashes, stock market explosions and bank failures, has been developing inside the USA imperialist beast and time and again its consequences have been thrown upon its proletariat and the whole world.

Now, with the Democrats again discredited and hated by the masses, Trump is coming to complete Biden's work in the U.S. and on the entire planet. Trump is the new president appointed by Wall Street and its big investment funds like BlackRock, Vanguard and State Street, i.e. the financial super-oligarchy. He is just a new senior citizen in better health than Biden to deal with the return of U.S. imperialism to regain control of world politics and economy that it has been losing in recent years.

Trump counts in his favor with the fact that the American working class has its ranks divided and torn, after having been betrayed a thousand times and submitted to the imperialist bourgeois parties of the U.S. imperialist establishment.

The fact is the bureaucracy of the unions and the entire American left, from Stalinists and Castroites to renegade currents of Trotskyism, have openly supported, as they have been doing for years, the pro-imperialist "left wing" of the Democratic Party and even dissolved into it. A farcical left of the self-styled "Democratic Socialists of

America", allied to the millionaire Sanders of the Democratic Party, who claimed to "speak in the name of the working class", ended up giving their full support for Biden to take office in 2020, thus dissolving and disorganizing the left wing of the American working class and youth.

With this **open policy of class collaboration**, the most active sectors of the U.S. proletariat were subjected to the Democratic Party, taken out of fighting in the streets in 2020, when they had surrounded the White House and sent Trump to hide in his bunker 14 floors underground. At that time the Black movement was fighting the murder of one of their own, George Floyd, and the youth were rising up and clashing with the white supremacists to the war cry of "disband the police!" and "no justice, no peace!"...

Reformism is now rending its garments because Trump won, but then, following the led of the "left" impostors of the Democratic Party like Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, they took the fighting workers and youth out of the streets and into the ballot boxes so that nothing changed and everything continued to get worse.

**With the class-collaborationist politics of passing off the worst executioners of the people as "progressives," the working class will never be able to defeat Trump. Because in order to fight all the Wall Street gangs; to defeat fascism that is under his command massacring today in the Middle East and filling the planet with military bases... it is necessary to fight imperialism.**

As the Transitional Program of the Trotskyists denounces, the perfidious policy of class collaboration with the bourgeoisies which the traitors of the proletariat call "progressive" or "democratic" (as social

democracy and Stalinism did yesterday under the name of “Popular Front”), leads the proletariat to the cruelest defeats.

Our program states: “A merciless exposure of the theory and practice of the “People’s Front” is therefore the first condition for a revolutionary struggle against fascism”. Fascism is a weapon in the hands of big capital and comes from the same sewer of the rotten capitalist system and from the same boards of directors of the companies and banks that supported Biden and today have elected Trump.

Trump’s victory in the elections would not have been possible without the betrayal of the leadership of the unions and of the left workers currents that put the working class at the feet of the Democratic Party.

“The right won! The right won!” is the shriek of reformism. As we already said, these wretches say that only Trump is the “right”... and what is then the Democratic Party if it is not the other fist of Wall Street that was in government commanding the transnationals and imperialist bankers who, settled in the U.S. military bases on the planet and their servant governments and regimes, plunder the oppressed peoples and starve their own working class?

Against the servants of the Caesarist regime of the Wall Street slaveholders and their parties, the rebellious youth of the U.S., who for a year have been revolting against the genocide in Palestine, won the streets on the very day of the elections to the cry of: “NEITHER BIDEN NOR TRUMP! THEY ARE ALL GENOCIDAL!”

THOSE WHO SAY BYE TO BIDEN

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United States?**



**The US imperialist regime of dominance in crisis:  
from Obama to Trump**



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AND WELCOME TRUMP WITH PROTESTS IN THE STREETS ARE THE ALLIES OF THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD!

The allies of the U.S. working class are neither Biden nor Trump, but the workers of the colonial and semicolonial world that imperialism plunders.

Their allies are the immigrant workers whom Trump will openly attack to chastise the entire U.S. working class and their brothers and sisters throughout Central and South America.

Their allies are the workers of Europe in their struggle to defeat the imperialist powers.

Their allies are the enslaved Chinese workers, in whose mirror all layers of the U.S. working class should look.....

Why does the world reformist left present its ally Biden as “progressive”? No more and no less because it has been decades since they stopped fighting for the socialist revolution and they only propose “a communist future”, for what century it is unknown. Meanwhile, they subject the American and world working class to the hell of their executioners.

This is the role of the labor aristocracies and bureaucracies, which miserably live off the crumbs left from the plunder of the semicolonial world.

The dregs of Stalinism and the renegades to the Fourth International look here and there all over the world looking for “progressive” and “benevolent” bourgeoisie to support them. The tragedy is that the working class is forced to relegate its program, its demands and needs for the

sake of alliances with the “democratic” or “progressive” gangs of the bourgeoisie and imperialism, when these are who work for disorganizing and diverting the revolutionary offensives of the masses with “siren songs”, so that later the saber of the generals or the fascist terror can impose strategic defeats on the proletariat.

In the U.S. and internationally the struggle is to conquer an independent proletarian strategy. In the US American working class there are the greatest reserves of the world proletariat to put an end to this system of wage slavery that threatens to lead the entire civilization to barbarism.

Huge class conflagrations, also in the central countries and in the U.S. in particular, will define the course of the class struggle in the next period. **The alternative: either victory of the socialist revolution or war**, is each time more and more on the order of the day, as we see today in Palestine with the genocide at the hands of Zionism and in the Ukrainian nation occupied by the gendarme Putin. It is in the hands of the proletariat to prevent a new catastrophe.

The last chapter of this history has not been written yet, but will be completed in the class struggles internationally and especially within the U.S. imperialist beast. A socialist U.S. will emerge from the defeat of the fundamental counterrevolutionary forces of the world capitalist-imperialist order. Without any doubt, a socialist U.S. will be the only favorable way out to the exploited of that country and the whole world... If not, fascism, war and counterrevolution will follow.

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of the Fourth International / FLTI*

# PALESTINE

November 9, 2024

*Against Zionist genocide and its most powerful missile: hunger*

## The martyred people of Gaza respond with a general revolt, expropriating the merchants of hunger to have bread

**This is the way to triumph against imperialism and its gendarme**

**In a time of Zionist genocide and extermination of the Palestinian people in Gaza, where a massacre is being carried out by means of bombings and sieges so that the masses die by starvation, the Palestinian bourgeoisie has been selling them food. The masses rose up, going to get the bread where it was, expropriating shops, attacking the property of these merchants of hunger.**

When 400 days of Zionist war of extermination in Gaza have passed, hundreds of thousands are dead, the whole infrastructure has been destroyed, the martyrs cannot be buried and are trapped in the rubble and left at the mercy of stray dogs; more than 90% of the population has been displaced and is living in inhumane conditions among mountains of garbage, sewage, without a drop of clean water, without medicine, food, or safe shelter to live in, with schools, hospitals, tents and every "safe and inviolable space" deliberately bombed.

The occupation does not want any doctors or paramedics, civil defense personnel or ambulances to remain. Everything and everybody is killed and destroyed by the fierce hatred of the Nazi-Zionist occupier.

The Gaza Strip is a demolished and destroyed area, with its buildings and agricultural fields completely razed and poisoned with white phosphorus, where the fascist occupier has thrown two million Palestinians to live in a nightmare. Those who survive wander from one ghost town to another, from one destroyed refugee camp to another, and lately they have hardly any shelter left and are sleeping in the open air. 85,000 tons of bombs have fallen on Gaza. Hunger is unbearable. They have no more animal feed, not even weeds and grasses, everything has been eaten long ago or destroyed and nothing reaches them, because the Nazi-Zionist siege does not let them in. **Zionism is thus using a powerful missile against the Palestinian masses: hunger.**



*Hunger protests in Gaza*

### The masses seek bread, attacking the property of the merchants of hunger

Taking advantage of this situation, the Palestinian bourgeoisie has filled its pockets by selling food to the hungry masses. But a huge revolt by the hungry people went to look for the food where it was, attacking the commercial establishments of the bourgeoisie, merchants of hunger, who make business out of the hardships of the starving people, while the heroic masses struggle to survive, eat every day and throw out the Zionist occupier. They attacked the property of the capitalists to solve the bread problem.

The heroic masses defend their land, their families' and their people's, their home that is no longer there, and they search for bread. As the resistance denounces: **"We refuse fleeing to die in humiliation. Death is death, whether here or elsewhere. So let us die with dignity in our homes."**

Thus, the Palestinian masses in Gaza took a huge step forward in winning the war. Not only by countering the missile of hunger against the people, but also by demonstrating that in order to achieve national independence and defeat the Zionist occupation and imperialist oppression, the only way is to expropriate the expropriators of the people, something that only the workers and peasants can guarantee.

## The bourgeoisies of the region: an obstacle to liberate the Palestinian nation from the Zionist occupier

By taking food from the merchants, the masses in Gaza have shown that even in the midst of extreme calamities and catastrophes, the bourgeoisie is still trying to fill its own pockets. It is only interested in its own businesses. That is why it defends, above all, its property. Having a bourgeois leadership at the helm is an absolute limitation to providing all the resources to feed the people and win the war.

This is what happened in Aleppo, Syria in 2016 with the Free Syrian Army (FSA) bourgeois generals, to give just one example. While the masses were resisting and running out of ammunition and food rations, these bourgeois had stockpiled and hidden all the food and weapons that would have allowed them to defeat al-Assad's forces. Thus the FSA generals ended up under the wing of Turkey, together with al-Assad and Putin, sharing out business at the Geneva table, from which—under US command, which kept the lion's share of Syrian oil—they had been coordinating to defeat the Syrian revolution.

Syria was divided, occupied and bloodied, handed over from within and massacred by al-Assad and Putin on behalf of all the imperialist powers. The more they massacred the Syrian masses, the more Zionism became stronger and the genocide it is carrying out in Gaza is proof of this.

The heroic Palestinian people are resisting the attacks of the fascist-Zionist army. For more than a year, they have been preventing it from taking Gaza. In the West Bank, the occupation army cannot enter the pockets of resistance. Even though the bombings on southern Lebanon are devastating, Zionism has not yet been able to set a single soldier's foot on in that territory where it was defeated by a mass civil war in 2006.

**But the Palestinian masses resist in isolation.** Just as the Geneva conference did for the Syrian masses—a conference in China was convened where all the bourgeoisies from the region met with Xi Jinping and Putin to act as “mediators” so that the Palestinian resistance surrenders, with the Zionist gun to its head. Once again, a conference to hand over



*Millions of Palestinians displaced from their land*

the masses, isolate them and let them be massacred.

The proof is that Iran, Lebanon and Syria bourgeoisies, although masquerading as Palestinian people's friends, have not entered the war shoulder to shoulder with the Palestinian masses. They only made empty speeches, fired a few shells without much effect and with advanced warning, even when their commanders were subjected to “surgical assassinations” from a distance.

The PLO in the West Bank is surrendering from within the resistance which is fighting against the Zionist occupier. In Egypt, there is Pharaoh al-Sisi who is guarding for Zionism the Rafah crossing and the wall of shame.

In Jordan, the masses have taken to the streets in downtown Amman, the capital, in support of Gaza and demanding that aid and food be brought there, while Jordanian King Abdullah II has imposed counter-revolutionary military control over the Palestinian people who are refugees in his territory and is using an iron fist to prevent food from reaching the people of Gaza.

These lackey Arab bourgeoisies, Sunni and Shiite alike, have left the heroic masses of Gaza at the mercy of widespread famine, with hundreds of thousands dying of starvation and lack of medical care, while denying them the weapons and all the resources they need to free themselves. They know that if the Palestinian masses defeat Zionism, it will be through an expropriation path, calling into question not only the busi-

ness of imperialism but also their own, as was the case in the 2011 revolution.

## We must expropriate the bourgeoisie in order to have all the resources for the people to eat and win the war!

The masses have made a huge step forward in the civil war by expropriating the bourgeoisie. This is the way forward, not only in Gaza and in the shopping areas. The path to the Palestine liberation must include the expropriation of Zionist factories so that the Palestinian people can have decent work and win bread.

## All the businessmen must be expropriated so that the people can eat and all the weapons and resources must be used to win the war!

All the banks in Lebanon must be taken, where the oil companies launder the black money from their plundering of the Middle East! All the oil wells of the “seven sisters” that take the black gold must be taken! This is the most powerful missile that the working class has to defeat imperialism and its fascist Zionist army.

Food supply committees and health committees must be set up, and each resistance group must elect its leaders by direct vote. All weapons and resources must be put at the service of defeating the Zionist occupier.

Liberating Palestine for the masses means recovering their homes, their land,

avenging their martyrs and winning bread. Liberating Palestine for the bourgeoisie, on the other hand, only means helping them to be able to establish their businesses within that territory.

Therefore, the key to victory lies only with the armed masses, attacking the property of imperialism and the capitalists in independent actions. They would put the land and the entire economy into production so that the hungry people of Gaza can feed themselves. They would leave businessmen without food so that the Palestinian people can eat. **The bourgeoisie is terrified of the masses entering into a civil war against Zionism and imperialism, in a generalized and independent way.**

The thousands of Palestinians in Jordan and the Palestinian fighters in Lebanon, the West Bank, the masses of the Maghreb and the entire Middle East must declare total war against the war of extermination of Zionism and the US!



*Gaza devastated by the genocidal offensive of Zionism and the US imperialism*

Let us open the fronts!

**For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel! Free Palestine from the river to the sea with its capital in Jerusalem!**

**For a federation of workers' and peasants' republics throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East!**

“The Truth of the Oppressed”,  
paper of the socialists of Syria  
and Middle East

## BREAKING NEWS - FRANCE

November 17, 2024

*After the announcement that he will be released after 40 years in the dungeons of French imperialism for fighting for the Palestinian cause...*

### **Georges Ibrahim Abdallah's release was suspended by an appeal of the prosecutor's office**



After the ruling for his release of the Sentences Execution Court, we have to wait two more months due to the appeal of the National Anti-Terrorist Prosecutor's Office.

**Enough! We want Georges Abdallah free!**

**We want all the Palestinian prisoners held hostages by the Zionist occupier to be free now!  
Unconditional freedom for all the political**

**prisoners for fighting all over the world!**

For an International Committee of the workers' organizations for the victory of the Palestinian resistance!

**Free Palestine from the river to the sea!  
May Gaza be the grave of Zionism with the international struggle of the working class confronting imperialism!**

**See the campaign for the freedom of comrade Georges Abdallah on:**



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**The “III International Leon Trotsky Event” of former Trotskyites, pseudo socialists and Stalinists was held in Buenos Aires:**

## **A Reformist alchemy seeks to liquidate both the 4th International legacy and the struggle for a socialist revolution**

### **Again in the 21st century: Reform versus Revolution**

Between October 23 and 26, the self-proclaimed “III León Trotsky International Event” met in Buenos Aires. The currents that make up the FIT-U of Argentina (PTS, PO, MST and Izquierda Socialista / UIT-CI), Política Obrera (the Altamira PO Tendency) and the NMAS participated in it.

Callinicos, leader of the English SWP and its international current ISO, arrived from London. Savvas Matsas, leader of the EEK from Greece, was also attending.

In addition to different academic pseudo-intellectuals and openly pro-Stalinist Spartacist sectors, the meeting also included Osvaldo Coggiola, a former PO militant, and even an openly pro-Zionist Stalinist like Daniel Lazare, who broke with the Communist Party of Great Britain because this party vindicated the self-defense action of the Palestinian resistance on October 7.

From Kenya, Ezra Otieno was connected; a former member of the CP, he is today a member of Bodart's LIS, and raises the



*Frank Garcia Hernandez (first on the right) at one of the panels of the meeting*

flags of “Pan-Africanism” at the feet of the black bourgeoisies of Africa, agents of imperialism.

Mandelites could not be missing from this meeting either, through Eric Toussaint of the “Unified Secretariat”. Last but not least, the LIT-CI participated with a militant from Chile.

This event in Buenos Aires was a continuation of the different “meetings about Trotsky” that have been held every year since 2019. On that occasion, all the currents of the renegades of Trotskyism met in Havana with sectors of Cuban Stalinism to cover them as “Trotskyists”.

The meeting in Cuba was organized by **Frank García Hernández**, who claimed to be a “proud militant of the Communist Party.” On his social networks he proudly showed the Communist Youth card with his latest membership fees paid to it. García Hernández, who is now “critical” of the Díaz Canel government on the island, was also

the great coordinator of the event that has just ended in Argentina.

This Cuban Stalinist has been usurping the revolutionary figure of Trotsky, while furiously vindicating Fidel Castro and his party, today led by Díaz Canel. A Stalinist party that is a “vanguard” of the surrender of the most important revolutionary processes in Latin America in recent decades. A party that received Mercader, the murderer of Comrade Trotsky, with honors!

Thus, under the direction of Castroite García Hernández, the leaders of the renegade groups of Trotskyism met in what was a true International Congress of that single party of liquidators of the Fourth International and Stalinism that, as we will demonstrate, seek to ensure that **not even the slightest vestiges of the Fourth International and its program remain and use Trotsky's name to pass off the politics of Stalinism as “Trotskyist”**.



*Invitation to the “III Leon Trotsky Event”*



## Castroite Frank Garcia Hernandez's imposture: he usurps the banners of Trotskyism to cover from the left flank of the Stalinist restoration of capitalism in Cuba with his 'Communist Left'

In 2019, Frank García Hernández called to “rehabilitate Trotsky” in Cuba in order to use the legacy of Trotskyism to cover up the capitalist restoration imposed by the new rich of the CP while becoming a new bourgeoisie and enriching themselves as junior partners of the imperialist transnationals.

Let us imagine for a moment what would have happened if an international plenary session of Trotskyist leaders of the Soviet section of the Fourth International had been held in Moscow together with leading members of the International Secretariat headed by Leon Trotsky in the year **1936** or **1938**. There is no doubt that they would have ended all murdered by Stalin's clique and his KGB. If not, they would have surrendered to Stalin's CPSU, the party that liquidated the Third International and the October Revolution.

Of course, all the leaders who went to the Havana meeting in 2019 left in excellent health and with great joy. They could tell the base of their currents that “they already had a section in Cuba”... A farce of Cuban Stalinism and the renegades of Trotskyism... A couple formed on the basis of convenience.

Today, when it can no longer be hidden how the CP regime has been starving the Cuban masses and violently repressing them when they revolt, as happened on June 11, 2021, García Hernández with his group “Communists Cuba” has positioned itself as the “opposition to his majesty”, the new rich Cubans and the counterrevolutionary government of Díaz Canel. Before, as we said, he was a proud member of Fidel Castro's party, when the latter proclaimed from the rooftops in the face of all the revolutionary processes in Latin America that “socialism does not work anymore, not even in Cuba.” Castro said this when he strangled all those revolutionary combats alongside the Chávez, Morales, Kirchner, Correa, etc.

García Hernández's case is a farce: **he vindicates isolated revolutionary personalities outside the organizations for which and within which they fought and died.** In the case of Trotsky, of the Third and Fourth Internationals, which irreducibly fought Stalinism, calling for its overthrow



2016: Obama and Raul Castro in Cuba

with political revolutions to expel it from the soviets and place the workers' states as bastions of the international socialist revolution.

**Hiding the businesses of the new bourgeoisie of the CP, which has restored the right of inheritance and private property in Cuba** (Milei applauds and almost goes to meet him), García Hernández now affirms that the process of capitalist restoration in Cuba has just begun and fills his mouth talking about having a “political revolution” as Trotsky proposed against the Stalinist bureaucracy in the USSR in the '30s.

This is a fallacy. The thing is that Hernández **does not call to defeat, with the method of civil war that is, setting up workers' councils and armed common soldiers, and with the method of revolution, the regime of the millionaire bureaucrats of the CP, the new bourgeoisie and its generals, guarantors of the new private property and repressors of the people.** All of them are the “new gusanos” associated with imperialism in the key businesses of the island such as tourism, nickel, etc., with which enormous amounts of foreign currency flee the island and are placed by them in the Cayman Islands. They live like kings in their private neighborhoods with their yachts moored in the ports of Baradero.

**García Hernández does not propose that councils of workers and soldiers must be established, not even indepen-**

**dent unions, much less a revolutionary party. He does not call for defeating the officer caste or setting up a powerful workers' militia. That is to say, he does not call for soviets to recover the conquests of the Cuban revolution, surrendered by his party, Castro-Stalinism... He does not even call for creating a “new Sierra Maestra”, nor to once again expropriate the Hilton and the land that most of the leaders of that den of bandits that is the Cuban Communist Party have stolen.**

So, what “political revolution” is García Hernández talking about then? For Trotskyists, political revolution means: *“The question is how to get rid of the Soviet bureaucracy which oppresses and robs the workers and peasants, leads the conquests of October to ruin, and is the chief obstacle on the road to the international revolution. We have long ago come to the conclusion that this can be attained only by the violent overthrow of the bureaucracy, that is, by means of a new political revolution.”* (Trotsky, “It Is Necessary to Drive the Bureaucracy and the New Aristocracy Out of the Soviets”, 1938, our bolds).

The “violent overthrow” of the entire leadership of the murderers and repressors of the Cuban people is something that does not exist in Frank García Hernández's dictionary.

As far as we are concerned, we clarify that this political revolution in Cuba

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should also be social... since **the land should be nationalized again**, as it is being taken by the new agrarian bourgeoisie (all former officials of the CP) through cooperatives, financed by the Bank of Cuba, with credits for 20, 30 and 40 years. Hotel chains and nickel should also be nationalized without compensation, and workers’ control of all branches of production of the economy should be imposed, starting with the Free Economic Zone that they established in Puerto Mariel, where they provide slave workers to transnational companies.

These are minimal and elementary measures to transform the island into a bastion of the socialist revolution on the American continent. It is the opposite of what Castroism did yesterday and today do the new magnates of Havana, for whom García Hernández is nothing more than a “transgressor” whom they use to wash their dirty clothes and their hands stained with betrayals and surrenders.

## The blockade is suffered by the masses of the island and not by the new bourgeoisie that emerged from the Cuban CP

We repeat it once more: the new political and social revolution in Cuba would expropriate the yachts, luxury homes and all the assets of those who stole the people’s funds, while the Cubans are dying of hunger.

**The new rich of the CP do not suffer from the US blockade.** We insist, they flee their money to the Bahamas, live in most exclusive gated communities like El Laguito and have luxurious yachts, like Fidel Castro’s son in Baradero, while the workers suffer hunger and misery.

Moved by his experience in Argentina, García Hernández stated at the meeting in Buenos Aires (to escape any struggle for the “violent overthrow” of the bourgeois Stalinist regime), that on the island a “picketeer (unemployed associations) movement of unemployed workers in capitalist Cuba could be formed”. This man, instead of fighting to conquer factory committees, committees of the unemployed and committees of soldiers and establish a revolutionary leadership to prepare and make a new revolution, seeks to create an “unemployed movement.” It’s clear why. **He and his friends seek to become intermediar-**



Cuba: uprising for bread on July 11, 2021

**ies between the repressive government of Díaz Canel and the hungry, rebellious people to give them some alms and control them...** How miserable. This is the program of Grabois, the Peronist representative of the Church in the unemployed movement of Argentina.

A straitjacketed “picketeer movement” is the only thing that García Hernández says can be done in Cuba due to the repression that exists there. He has been stating that it is not possible to be a militant on the island because *“today you stop in a factory to distribute a flyer (...) and you are going to be arrested by State security. (...) It is very difficult to build any communist opposition group in Cuba. (...) For distributing communist propaganda, opposition propaganda, they can give you four to six years in prison. “That’s what reads in the Penal Code.”* (Interview with NMAS, “Cuba, ayer y hoy”, May 26, 2024)

This is true nonsense and a full confession. He is dazzled by his friends from the FIT-U of Argentina and proposes, in fact, that revolutionary parties can only be formed under conditions of bourgeois legality. This is an infamy. The Trotskyists organized the Soviet section underground, under the boots of a Stalinist regime that persecuted them to the farthest reaches of the USSR and murdered them.

On behalf of them, of those who resisted Stalinism and fascism, of the Trotskyists who fought under terrible dictatorships for decades, we affirm that you, García Hernández, are a fake.

Stop claiming Trotsky as an ecumenical figure! Trotsky is one of the leaders of Russian Marxism, who together with Lenin, or-

ganized large-scale illegal work to fight tsarism and then Trotsky did the same against Stalinism.

We are facing an imposture and a falsification, before which all former Trotskyists kneel, since in this way, they also give themselves the prestige of being such by having their “Cuban section” in Havana. We regret to tell you that lies are short legged.

The Cuban masses take the streets clashing with the CP and have left thousands of prisoners in the dungeons of the regime, while García Hernández from Buenos Aires, far from the island, tells them that “nothing can be done”...except offer himself to Díaz Canel as an intermediary before the hungry in order to, with a couple of alms, better control them.

García Hernández is an impostor who can only speak of “Trotsky” thanks to the liquidators of the Fourth International who legitimize him. Hands off this Stalinist agent from Trotsky and his disciples!

The furthest FIT-U and the petty-bourgeois and legalistic left have gone to “confront” the infamous bourgeois Stalinist regime of Cuba, is at delivering a petition (a PTS trade-mark) to the Cuban Embassy in Argentina to ask for political prisoners to be released. Stop kidding! The prisoners are freed through street fighting and an international action campaign by all labor organizations in the world. Only in this way can the freedom be achieved of the Cuban workers and exploited people imprisoned for the hunger uprising of 11J, for confronting the regime of opprobrium and the capitalists and “new gusanos” of Díaz Canel!

## The participants of the meeting: so different but so equal...

As we have seen, the currents that met in Buenos Aires are disciplined to the castrist García Hernández, erasing the river of blood that exists between Trotskyism and Stalinism.

This range of groups, which in some points have nuances between them, in others, have enormous differences to the point that they are located in opposite ways in the war trenches, as in Ukraine, where some are “fighting” for “NATO to lead Ukraine to victory” and others, so that Putin’s tanks crush that oppressed nation. In Palestine, some are with Hamas and others giving “condolences” to Zionism for October 7. In Cuba, some claim that there has never been a worker state in the first place, others that there still is, and others that the capitalist restoration was already completed in the ‘90s.

These groups are shown as different, but in theoretical and programmatic essence, they are the same. First of all, they are united by a great agreement: **they all think that the proletariat can improve its standard of living in the present rotting conditions of the capitalist system without the victory of a socialist revolution.**

Some, like the PTS, go so far as to say that in recent decades there were neither revolutionary situations nor revolutions started, when in reality there were dozens and dozens of revolutionary processes that were betrayed a thousand times. They camouflage this, in a cynical way to confuse the workers, by stating that “there has been no successful revolution.” This is a true deception to justify the leaderships that betrayed these dozens and dozens of mass revolutions that shook the world in recent years. These revolutions were responded to with the cruelest counterrevolutions and betrayals. The entire text of this declaration would not be enough to talk about the heroism of the masses and name the revolutions they carried out, nor to denounce the baseness and submission to the exploiters of those who speak in the name of the working class.

Although they try to hide it by talking a thousand and one times about “capitalist crises and wars”, what they have hidden and **are hiding under seven keys is the program for the victory of the revolu-**



2006: Fidel Castro together with the “Bolivarian” Chavez and Evo Morales

tion. What’s more, for these PTS people, socialism is a question “for the future”...

Yesterday Castro, Chávez and other fakes of the “Bolivarian Revolution” spoke of “Socialism of the 21st century”, an anti-Marxist scam against the masses, while they were handing Cuba over to imperialism and starving the working class.

Today, following in the footsteps of the World Social Forum and the “Bolivarians” who dressed in “red” to deceive the masses, the PTS declares that the fight is for a “communist future,” as a manifesto of its “intellectual” members proclaims... That is to say: communism for the Greek calends and let the dictatorship of capital continue today.

It is unbelievable... Marx wrote the Communist Manifesto in 1848 to fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat in the midst of the revolution that was taking place in France that year, and to prepare, although it was later diverted, the German revolution of 1851, shouting “long live the permanent revolution”... And this was done at a time when capitalism, as a system, had not yet exhausted all of its potential. The anti-Marxist pseudo-intellectuals of the PTS today have written a true “anti-Communist Manifesto”, proclaiming “communism for the future”...

This is a full confession. For the PTS, now is the time for parliamentarism and pressure struggles to see if the standard of living of the masses is improved. At meet-

ings they gargle about “wars” and write books about Clausewitz (a 19th century Prussian general), etc., but they are always very careful to hide the fight for revolution under the rug ... and the preparation of the insurrection, which is the maximum expression of the civil war.

On this point that socialism and communism are a “question for the future”, everyone agrees. On the premise that the crisis is in the masses and not in their leaderships that betray them, they also all agree. All these currents also agree that the “crisis of socialism” of ‘89 and today is the fault of the working class and not of the Stalinist scourge that handed over the workers’ states. We are facing a true anti-Trotskyist regrouping.

### The Buenos Aires Encounter, a meeting of reformist and social-pacifist currents

These leaderships today pose as “war theorists,” while they silence nothing more and nothing less than **the manual of civil war and insurrection.** They hide this decisive question of Marxism and war under seven keys.

Of civil war, of aborted or spontaneous insurrections that are massacred... not even a word. Of the masses who resist in Palestine with the method of civil war, who have reached the limit of expropriating the hunger merchants of the Palestinian bourgeoisie (who are increasing food prices in

the martyred Gaza), and are thus opening the path to victory... silence.

These people are in the time of "crises", but not in the time of war, revolution and counter-revolution.

The manual they write is that of parliamentary intervention, voting laws together with the "progressive" bourgeoisie that, according to them, "favor the people", opening illusions in the institutions of the dictatorship of capital, parliamentarism and bosses' politicians.

The PTS and the entire FIT-U called to defeat the war plan of Milei and the transnationals in Argentina within the same Congress of the bosses' politicians who gave it the necessary votes to pass the worst attack against the working class in the last decades. These people can no longer come back from parliamentary cretinism. They cling to parliamentarism at a time when the cudgel of Bonapartism and fascism is looming. It is the "democratic left for peaceful times". That is which gathered together at the Buenos Aires Encounter.

Let us speak clearly... Some have even been asking themselves "how to build a revolutionary party in a reformist epoch". But when the crisis shakes them up and the bullets whiz by their heads, they immediately start talking about "economic crisis"



*FIT-U MP's together with those of Kirchnerism outside the Congress in Argentina*

and "war". Pure words and fireworks.

The world crisis that is shaking the capitalist system is either stopped now by the revolution, or the road to war, to new disputes over markets, will deepen.

This inter-imperialist war will begin the same way the second one ended. Let Mr. Altamira not get ahead of himself. The present genocides will be the prelude to new Hiroshima and Nagasaki, if the proletariat of the central countries does not succeed in stopping the imperialist beast. That is also what the limits of this epoch of crisis and wars are about, that is, revolution. Imperialism cannot go to new wars or higher conflagrations unless it defeats its own working class, or else

co-opts it, as it did with the German social democracy in the World War I. **Today the proletariat of the central countries is not defeated.** And this gives the international working class time to replenish its forces and separate from its general staffs so many opportunists and careerists.

That is what the imperialist gangs in the different countries are discussing... They are even preparing Trump to first deceive, and then crush, the heart of the American proletariat, taking Biden's work all the way, in order to be able to go to higher counter-revolutionary adventures at the international level to defend the business of their empire in the whole world.

## They are all so alike... They are all looking for the "progressive" bourgeois to support them as the "lesser evil"

### In the footsteps of Stalinism and its policy of "popular fronts"

In this meeting where the struggle for revolution did not exist, of course the need to fight against the class collaboration fronts that imperialism and the bourgeoisie set up to divert the revolutionary processes, as we have seen in recent years in Latin America, USA, Europe, Middle East, etc., was not even mentioned. They devoted themselves to arguing against the "ultra-right" forces, silencing the fact that it is **these fronts of class collaboration that lull and disorganize the masses to open the door to Bonapartism, counterrevolution and fascism.**

The best example of what we are saying is what all the members of the meeting a decade ago called the "spring of the peoples"

in the Maghreb and the Middle East. In that region, for the counterrevolutionary regimes to return, they first had to lull the masses to sleep by means of parliamentary traps like the fraudulent Constituent reform processes in Egypt and Tunisia, the class collaboration fronts in governments with the bourgeoisie and the CP as in Sudan, and the so-called "democratic" parties like the FSA in Syria that handed over the revolution from within to the fascist al-Assad. The groups that met in Buenos Aires, in Syria supported the PKK, Kurdish Stalinism, which established a real class collaboration front among the Kurdish bourgeoisie, al-Assad, Putin and the US ... and called on the world working class to support this front against the revolution.

Once these traps were imposed, with the revolutionary gunpowder already wet, then came the sabre of the generals and the bomb of the fascists.

At the Encounter, a hard attempt was made to explain the emergence of the "New Far-Right" by hiding the fact that it is Biden in the US who implemented Trump's plan to throw the crisis on the oppressed peoples, to organize wars in Europe and Middle East, to impose higher tariff barriers against the crisis of Chinese overproduction than those touted by Trump.... This was done by the Democratic Party after having diverted, demobilized and disorganized with siren songs the uprising of the workers and Black

people, the working class and the anti-war movement, and the rebellious youth who in 2020 clashed against the state and cornered Trump in the White House to the cry of "No justice, no peace!". The reformist left surrendered the masses to the feet of the Democratic Party and its "left wing"... and Biden was the one who implemented the plan of the "right wing" under the command of BlackRock, Vanguard and State Street, the three largest capital venture funds on the planet.

Now comes Trump; he will go all the way. He is coming to smash USA's European competition, especially Germany, which is competing against it for business in the Chinese domestic market. Most likely Trump will make a pact with Putin over Ukraine bones... to keep Ukraine itself and Russia's oil and gas business in USA's hands... Business... **"New Far-Right", which would not work or exist without the "Old Left"**.

**In this Encounter, imperialism's "lackey left" was covered up. Lackeys such as Boric, Petro and Lula, they do the dirty work for "the right wing", so that later it comes to finish it.**

That is what they did in Argentina: the Fernandez administration applied the plan of the worst of the "right wing", making 60% of the working class more flexible and pulverizing wages with a very high inflation, so that later Milei would come to finish their work, under the command of the same transnationals and the US ambassador that had supported the Peronist government.

Talking about fighting class collaboration fronts at that meeting would be tantamount to opening a window to let the sunshine into a room of sleeping vampires. For they are the "left leg" of those class collaboration fronts that strangle and have always strangled all the revolutionary processes.

To be honest, any serious worker minimally perceptive will realize that these people try to cover the sun with a finger. They hide the fact they are the Mélenchon servants in France. They hide the fact that they had "critically" supported the Syriza government in Greece and were part of a movement for "A more social Europe" together with their former Minister of Economy, Varoufakis. They supported the fraudulent plebiscite of Tsipras that took the Greek masses out of the streets, while the Stalinist trade union bureaucracy beat up the left wing of the working class.



2020: revolutionary uprisings of the exploited in the U.S.

They silence the nefarious role of Stalinism and the whole "anti-capitalist" left wing in the Spanish State. They put on their shoulders the scoundrels from Podemos party, who took the "Republic of the Outraged" movement out of the streets and together with Stalinism handed it over to the monarchy, so that later the latter could finish crushing the Catalan rebellion and fill the dungeons of the regime with Basque prisoners.

Today, groups of the Trotskyist renegades are supporting the Lula-and-capitalists' administration in Brazil. They are also part of the "international" of billionaire Sanders and the DSA, the "democratic socialists" of the USA. Even Callinicos' ISO-USA directly dissolved within the DSA, which is the mainstay of Biden, the same one who commands the genocide in Gaza.

A whole book would not be enough to shed light on the nefarious policy of class collaboration of this "New International"... Let us just add that the PTS party and the whole FIT-U (Argentinian electoral front made up by Partido de los Trabajadores Socialistas, Partido Obrero, Izquierda Socialista and the Movimiento Socialista de los Trabajadores) voted in favour of 123 Peronist bills they considered "progressive". Those had been drafted by the anti-worker administration of direct US agents president Alberto Fernandez, vice Cristina Fernandez and PM Sergio Massa... And now the FIT-U cries and tears its clothes because Milei was widely voted for by a sector of the most exploited layers of the masses that were full of anger and hatred against the Peronist government.

**The Encounter participants are thus so different but equal among themselves when it comes to concealing and cover-**

**ing up those class collaboration fronts with which countless revolutions in the five continents have been diverted.**

We cannot ignore that in that meeting there was Izquierda Socialista, which is part of the FIT-U, and the Nuevo MAS of Argentina. Last year both of them called to vote for Massa, the candidate of Peronism and the Fernandezes government, which is pro-imperialist to the core, as we have already seen. **It is the pro-bourgeois left wing, which always seeks the "lesser evil" but never the greater good for the workers and the exploited.**

With that criterion, they would have voted for Scioli (now the Sports and Tourism Minister in the Milei administration) who was former president Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner's candidate in 2015, while Mr. Massa and his gang are advisors to Wall Street vulture funds. Thus, they "enjoy their vacations", with Peronism supporting Milei's government.

We have before our eyes an event that is turning its back on the Fourth International and its founding program of 1938. This meeting is a continuation of the World Social Forum, of the Third International of Stalin and the Second International of Kautsky. That is why, as once the founders of our world party stated, we repeat: *"Already today, the Fourth International has deservedly earned the hatred of the Stalinists, the social democrats, the liberal bourgeois and the fascists. There is and can be no place for it in any Popular Front. The Fourth International irreducibly combats all political groups hanging on the coattails of the bourgeoisie. Its task: the abolition of capitalist domination. Its objective: socialism. Its method: the proletarian revolution"*. (Transitional Program of the Fourth International)

## In Buenos Aires there has been a new meeting of the common party of Stalinists and ex Trotskyists

The so called "progressist international," a new obstacle for the world working class

This "3rd Event" had the particularity that besides being an "Encounter about Trotsky", it was also convened "in tribute to the 100th anniversary of Lenin's death". This is the other great political agreement that unites all these currents: **in a congress on Trotsky and Lenin they hid the Fourth International as a continuity of the struggle of Lenin and Bolshevism in the resistance and their fight to the death against Stalinism and imperialism.**

The Fourth International eradicators swept this under the carpet to embrace Castroist García Hernández, transforming Lenin and Trotsky into harmless "entities", revising and falsifying their entire legacy. These leaders did not vindicate Trotsky as the political leader of the Leftist Opposition and later, founder of the Fourth International, but spoke of "their" Trotsky as one more of the "Marxist movement revolutionary figures" and used bits and pieces of his positions to pose as "Trotskyists" and pass off the program of Stalinism that they have been raising, as if it were that of Trotskyism.

Yesterday Stalinism falsified Lenin, emasculating all his revolutionary content. Today it is the former Trotskyists who do the same with comrade Trotsky **so that they raze to the ground the Fourth International and its program, which these currents terminated by taking its clean banners to the mire of class collaboration to march to single parties with Stalinism, as became clear in Buenos Aires, erasing the river of blood that separates**



*Lenin and Trotsky*

**Trotskyism from the Stalinist scum of all stripes.**

Proof of this is that in this meeting the different currents were presented as "the Trotskyisms" as if it were possible for there to be a "plurality of voices making their own interpretation of Trotsky"... A bunch of Lies! True Trotskyism was grouped under the banners of the Fourth International as a compact force centralized under a strategy, a theory and a program in common. To speak about "Trotskyism" and to hide the Fourth International —which foundation, according to Trotsky himself, was the most important work of his life, in order to give continuity to revolutionary Marxism— only pursues the objective of burying his legacy.

This was a new meeting of the "workers parties" of the so-called "Progressive International", a new stumbling block against the world working class that the liquidators of the Fourth International, Stalinists and bourgeois direct agents of imperialism have set up, as a continuity of the Stalinism that handed over the workers' states in 1989 and of the "Bolivarian Revolution" scum and the old World Social Forum.

But the masses have not given up and have never missed the appointment to dozens of revolutionary processes. It is

these leaderships that tie their hands so that they do not open the path to the socialist revolution.

We Trotskyists do not participate in this meeting of Stalinists and former Trotskyists who every year hold common congresses to centralize their forces, in order to restrain the struggles of the world working class, like the one we have seen in Buenos Aires, which was of no use to the proletariat in its struggle against the exploiters.

Against these leaderships, we fight to refound the Fourth International under the program of 1938, the World Party of the Socialist Revolution, to give back to the working class the leadership it needs and deserves to attain victory.

Hands off Stalinism and its ex-Trotskyist abiders, of Trotsky and Lenin!

*Today more than ever it is necessary to refound the IV International, recovering it from the hands of those who have led it into the mire of class collaboration and surrendered it to the feet of Stalinism!*

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## Again on the Ukrainian question

“III International Event” of the so-called “New Left” in Buenos Aires

### Reformism and war.....

#### Just like witch healers and druids discussing over medicine

In this meeting war was one of the most debated topics. It is impossible to hide or avoid mentioning the Ukrainian war. So everyone got dressed as “war theorists”. But clothes doesn't make the man. Their reformist policy was shown in each intervention, which unveiled what they truly are: pacifists playing war irresponsibly.

One great thing all participants to the meeting share is their thesis of class struggle suspension during war when in fact, class struggle deepens. Because of this, no matter their positions, **none of those currents watch on working class interests during war but insist on placing the proletariat on the wrong side of the trenches to submit it to their class enemy.**

Such was the case in **Syria**, where most if these leaderships got into the imperialist “anti-terror front”. They have supported fascist al-Assad and murderous Putin who, commanded by the US imperialism, have massacred the Syrian revolutionary masses, while others submitted to the FSA and the Turkish bourgeois generals who have handed over the revolution from within. The condemnation to this brutal massacre that let the current Zionist counterrevolutionary offensive against the Palestinian people was outstandingly absent in the dozens of lectures held throughout the meeting.

In **Palestine**, there are currents that have condemned Hamas “terrorist methods” and offered condolences to Zionism, as PTS has done. There are also those that submit the heroic Palestinian resistance and the huge international solidarity against Netanyahu and Biden genocide, to the Iranian theocracy that has fenced in Gaza and wants to surrender the heroic Palestinian people.

War in **Ukraine** has been a topic that



Mine workers' protest in Ukraine: “Our children also want to eat” (2022)

crossed the whole meeting. Pro NATO currents, such as UIT-CI, LIT, Bodart's LIS affirm Ukraine can win the war without breaking away from Zelensky government, NATO and imperialist Maasticht. These groups demand weapons from NATO, making imperialism look as “a liberation force for the oppressed nations”.

On the other side there are the currents that support Putin more or less openly or covertly. Among the most shameless ones is Savvas Matsas from Greece, who holds a political block with Stalinist Darya Mitina, a true Putin informal minister, leader of the Russian Unified Communist party, an appendix of the official communist party that supports the criminal invasion of Ukraine (and the massacre in Syria, of course). They even claim Putin is anti-imperialist, while he is a hit man ever ready to massacre revolting peoples on behalf of different imperialist powers. He is a gendarme of imperialist and capitalist business on all ex-soviet republics in Eurasia, where

Russia keeps dozens of military bases to maintain order and prevent them from evading imperialist control.

**The “new international” meeting is looking for “progressist bourgeoisies” and to support the lesser evil so as to submit the proletariat to its executioner**

**Ukraine: an example that exposes them**

During the meeting, the majority position over Ukraine was the one of currents such as PO, Política Obrera, PTS, SWP and Castrist Garcia Hernandez. They affirm that in Ukraine there is a war between NATO and Russia. What are they talking about? It is the Ukrainian nation that has been invaded by Putin's troops for two and a half years now. Ukrainian workers are the

ones who have left thousands dead and 10 million refugees.

NATO is not combating in Ukraine. It only gives weapons so that Russia does not move forward beyond the Donbass and Crimea, the already stipulated borders in war. This is what everyone is hiding: after two and a half years of invasion **Ukraine has been parted and occupied in a 20% of its land by the “Great Russia”** that has stolen all the companies of the controlled area. The Ukrainian working class files are torn, between the Kiev workers and those in zones occupied by Moscow. **Meanwhile, Ukraine keeps being subjugated by IMF, and the pro-imperialist government of Zelensky has handed over the gas and all the wealth to the USA and the imperialist transnationals.**

## Ukraine: either soviet and independent or a colony occupied, parted and guarded At war, reformism conceals the struggle for revolution

Beyond their differences and different trenches, all participants at that meeting agree on silencing the one thing that can solve the question of war which is the victory of the revolution.

All of them deny the Trotskyist theory-program of Permanent Revolution, which in Ukraine means that only the working class together with the rank and file



*Massacre of the Syrian revolution*

soldiers, taking over the war leadership can defeat the Russian invasion and free the oppressed nation. **The unity of the Ukrainian working class from Donbass to Kiev, taking over the political, economic and military control of the war to defeat Putin’s invasion, getting rid of Zelensky, expropriating the oligarchy, transnationals and bankers without compensation and breaking away from IMF so that the people can eat and get the best weapons is the only way to win the war.** Only a **soviet and independent Ukraine** held on the unity of the Ukrainian proletariat with the Russian workers and those of the entire Europe to confront NATO and imperialist Maastricht can liberate the

nation, expulse invader troops, break away from imperialism to set Ukraine as bastion of the European socialist revolution and as a fundamental link to restore the proletariat dictatorship under revolutionary forms in all the ex USSR territories.

It is either that or marching on Putin’s tanks or clinging from NATO’s clothes, turning your back on the combats for the return of Lenin and Trotsky’s revolutionary USSR.

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*About the “III International Event Leon Trotsky” of former Trotskyists and Stalinists...*

## The so-called “Progressive International”: a new stumbling block after the fall of Stalinism and the scam of the “Bolivarian Revolution”

### Trotskyism versus Stalinism



*“Leon Trotsky Event” in Cuba (2019)*

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## The book “Trotskyism in Argentina” by Camarero and Mangiatini:

### A Stalinist and apocryphal account by its authors



*Camarero and Mangiantini presenting their book with Frank García Hernandez in the “III Event Leon Trotsky”*

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**From London,  
the new acquisition of the "Havana Meeting":**

## Mr. Callinicos and his "masterly" opportunist politics

*He dares to say that Ukrainian workers, with their nation occupied by Putin, should 'turn their rifles around' and face all the NATO US, French, English, and German troops on their own... an absurd reformist policy. Mr. Callinicos liquidates the revolutionary and internationalist obligations of the European working class, which is betrayed by the social- imperialist leaderships.*

Callinicos, the leader of the English SWP and the ISO (who, as we have already said, dissolved his party into the left of the Democratic Party), gave a "master class" at the meeting. This man has a record for which he would not be able to enter any serious meeting of revolutionaries: he declared himself neutral in the Malvinas war, where Argentina was crushed by England, which placed a NATO military base there.

Callinicos' excuse was to say that "he was neither with Thatcher nor with the generals of the dictatorship of Argentina". In other words, he was for the British occupation of the Malvinas. Truly, this man gave a "master class" on how to be a truly complying servant of the British monarchy.

This "guest of honor" of the Buenos Aires conference has just spent years militating alongside Corbyn in the English Labor Party, the partner of the Tories in the City of London and NATO. No wonder then that his party is also in that den of bandits of the millionaire bourgeoisie of the African



*Ukraine devastated by Russian occupation*



*Callinicos with García Hernández at the meeting in Buenos Aires*

National Congress of South Africa, which lives and survives on a sea of millions of black slave workers.

In his "master class", Callinicos insisted that there was no need to have a defensive Ukrainian policy, since this was a "secondary contradiction" (sic). The "fundamental contradiction" would be "the imperialist character of the war".

Mr. Callinicos and the panelists of this meeting would deserve to go to Ukraine to apply the policy they advocate... This policy has already been applied: there has been a great setback to the Ukrainian nation, which was occupied by Russian troops and plundered by the IMF, while the Zelensky government has just given away all the fertile lands and gas to the US imperialists as part of the payment for the arms given to it by NATO.

Russia got stronger... it stole all the enterprises, ports and mines from Donbass to Crimea. The US keeps the gas and the land. Is it really possible to say that the contradiction about the struggle for self-determination and national independence of Ukraine is "secondary", when today it has become an occupied colony?

Where Callinicos, and also his partner Altamira, go too far is when they proclaim that, since we are facing an "inter-imperialist war", it would be necessary to "turn the gun around". Without words. We insist. Go to Kiev to apply your policy. Go to the Ukrainian front where the workers are fighting and dying. Already 60 thousand deserted because NATO does not give them ammunition to continue shooting.

That the Russian soldier and worker should rise up and turning the gun around is the task of the moment as they

are in an oppressor country... But are they seriously suggesting that the Ukrainian workers, who are 200 thousand men, with half of them almost unarmed, should face and turn the gun around and start a war against NATO, that is, the USA, England, Spain, France, Greece, etc.? The task of the Ukrainian workers is, first of all, to unify their ranks. How can the task of national liberation, whose first point is to unify the Ukrainian working class, be a "secondary contradiction"? This is necessary both to smash today the Russian invasion; and tomorrow, by defeating the Zelensky government, to defeat NATO and the imperialist Maastricht *together with the European working class.*

*Really, they should be in Kharkiv or Dniper. At least they would understand what Trotsky said during the Spanish Civil war in the 30s, when in spite of the scarce support of England and France to the Republic, he claimed: "if two ships with weapons and ammunitions leave France or the US, one for Franco and the other one for Negrin, what should be the workers attitude? Sabotage both ships or just Franco's? We are not neutral. We would let Negrin's ship go through. Without illusions, we know that nine out of ten of those bullets will aim at fascists but at least one of them will aim at our comrades. But from those ammunitions traveling for Franco, ten out of ten will aim at our comrades. We are not neutral. We would not let Franco's ship go through."*

Today we could say that the obligation of the workers of the world is to take on board the weapons that are going to Ukraine today and not to take on board those that are going to the military apparatus of Moscow, since 10 out of 10 bullets that enter Putin's army are directed against the oppressed Ukrainian masses, while, although 1 out of 10 bullets that enter via Zelensky's army do go to the Ukrainian masses, 9 out of 10 bullets will not go against them but against the oppressive Russian invading army.

They are miserable. They are cynics. Let Mr. Callinicos go to fight with World War II equipment against all the armies of NATO... That is a task for the working class of the U.S. and of the whole Europe.

Every oppressed people must be liberated by the uprising of the workers of the countries that oppress or invade it, and with the victory of the revolution in the oppressed country to conquer its liberation. Therefore, we are for the arming of the Ukrainian nation. But to achieve this, we must defeat the Zelensky government and expropriate the industry, the banks and the land in order to be able to eat and manufacture and buy weapons to win the war.

Never, not even in an inter-imperialist war, does the struggle for the self-determination of the oppressed peoples become secondary. This is so, as Lenin said, because while we are defenders of the oppressed country attacked by an oppressor country, we are anti-defenders in a war between imperialist countries.

In World War I, we told the Russian, English and



*Russian troops enter eastern Ukraine*

French workers to turn the gun around and that the workers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, etc. should do the same. But "to turn the gun around" meant to take power, to transform the inter-imperialist war into the beginning of the socialist revolution, a question that you "anti-defensists" keep silent and hide, because you are hiding in Putin's tanks.

Precisely this revolutionary policy in the inter-imperialist wars, far from transforming the struggle for national liberation into a "secondary question", places it at the center of the scene of the military policy of the proletariat. Concretely: the inter-imperialist wars are ones of plunder and national oppression, of dispute of the spheres of influence of the semicolonial world. Therefore, the first task of the workers who turn the gun is to defeat their imperialist bourgeoisie so that the peoples it subjugates and plunders can be liberated. This happened in the USSR, to give just one example.

You falsify the Marxist-Leninist position and its defensist position before the oppressed peoples in the same way you also falsify the anti-defensist policy before the inter-imperialist wars.

Stop looking for excuses to jump on Putin's tanks and to hide the fact that all those of this "new Progressive International" are the "left leg" of all the NATO governments in Europe and the U.S.! Let's see if Mr. Corbyn, of whom Callinicos was secretary and adulator, was for defeating NATO with the uprising of the English working class from within....

So different, but so much the same... So social-imperialist... So much a reflection of the high labor aristocracy of the imperialist countries.

To the working class it is necessary to mark clearly who are its allies and who are its enemies. That is what the task of the Trotskyists is all about.

# UKRAINE

November 15, 2024

*With Zelensky and the bourgeoisie leading the war against Moscow's counterrevolutionary occupation, with the IMF and the war merchants doing businesses on workers' blood, Ukraine plunges into catastrophe and massacre...*

**To defeat Putin's invasion and liberate the nation...**

## The working class must take the lead of the war



**We must unify the ranks of the working class from Donbass to Kiev and expropriate the expropriators of the people to put all the wealth at the service of defeating the invader!**

**We must break with the IMF and revolt the Russian and European proletariat!**

**The national liberation struggle will only succeed with a united, Soviet and independent Ukraine**

*Read the full article on the FLTI website*

### Zelensky's invasion of Kursk: a military adventure under NATO's tutelage to harass Moscow...

#### Disputes over gas and oil in the Ukraine war

*Read full article at: [www.fti-ci.org](http://www.fti-ci.org)*



**The gas pipelines used to take the Russian gas**

- **Brotherhood Gas Pipeline** goes through Ukraine and has a valve in Suzdha (in the Russian province of Kursk), invaded by Zelensky
- Russian territory occupied by the Ukrainian forces' incursion
- Ukrainian Zone occupied by Moscow

November 10, 2024

## Our participation in the meeting of the 'Social Movement' organization from the Ukrainian working class in Kryvyi Rih

As *International Workers Organizer*, we took part in a meeting held in the Ukrainian battle front by the working class organization 'Social Movement'.



*Organization Logo "Social Movement"*

In it, a new Minsk pact was denounced to be getting ready to part the nation. Because of this, the Zelensky corrupt government was denounced together with his bourgeois officials; always ready to hand in Ukraine for some Moscow's or imperialist coins. Workers at that meeting stated the need for the Ukrainian rank and file soldiers to self-organize again in soldier committees like at the beginning of the invasion, disobeying their officials so that the ones who really want to win the war can define its fate: the workers.

Howie Hawkins, a member of the US Green Party participated in this meeting. He denounced the Democrat and Republican parties as working class enemies and as the parties behind the Zionist genocide against the Palestinian people. The meeting raised the need to unite the fight against Moscow occupation and the triumph of national self-determination in Ukraine and of the resistance against Zionist occupation in Gaza.

**From the FLTI-CI, we insisted, as from the beginning of the war, that this is an iron alternative: Ukraine will be soviet and independent or a parted and guarded colony.**

From back cover

November 2, 2024

## Revolutionary Marxism and War The International Event was held

From Japan

### Message from the Japan Revolutionary Communist League - Revolutionary Marxist Faction (JRCL-RMF)

*“There is nothing other than the struggle of workers in the world that can stop the war (...) And there is none other than the revolutionary vanguard, which has been struggling to confront imperialism and Stalinism, that can lead this struggle.”*



February 24, 2023, Tokyo, demonstration against Putin's invasion

We are sending our greeting of solidarity to all the participants in the international event (...) which will be centred on the ongoing wars in Ukraine and Palestine. It is aimed to think over what will be brought about to the world by these wars and their results and to ascertain what the world working class should do now. We entirely agree on the point of this conference held on the topic 'Revolutionary Marxism and War'. We believe that such efforts will be a spark of hope for people who are living days of real hell in Ukraine and Palestine. We are also confident that, whereas the present world is covered with darkness, this will show the world's working people where to go forward.(...)

In Ukraine, there are leftists who are promoting assiduous, hard struggles under the banner 'People's peace, not imperial peace'. They are not only combating with Russia's

invading army but also fighting in opposition to the Zelensky-led government, which is trying to find the way of survival of the Ukrainian state in its bourgeois reconstruction through the invitation of foreign capital.(...)

But we hear some people saying: 'The war in Ukraine is Putin's counterattack against Nato's eastward expansion. Those who are shouting for "support to Ukraine" neglect this fact.' However, we must say in response: 'That would be so from Putin's standpoint. But those who say this neglect a decisive point. During the Stalinist era of the former Soviet Union, a terrible and harsh rule of autocracy was imposed on the working people and the oppressed nations.' It is impossible to discuss the future of Ukrainian people's fight from the viewpoint of political bargaining among rulers and of the prospect of its development. We Marx-

ists must think over what we should do now by thoroughly basing ourselves on the side of the oppressed, on the standpoint of the working class.(...)

The ruling class will truly be shaken when workers unite as a class, and the quality of their unity is demonstrated by their attitudes towards their brothers and sisters separated from them by national borders. Those who forsake Ukrainian people and Palestinian people would end up closing by themselves the road for the self-liberation of the proletariat.(...)

In the Middle East, the Netanyahu regime of Israel, which is taking advantage of the head-on clash between the US and China-Russia, is furiously rushing, backed by US imperialism, to genocide against Palestinians in Gaza to liquidate the Palestinian nation.(...) The atrocities of the Zionists are escalating further into conflicts with Iran and Hezbollah, which are now likely to be a total war. (...)

There is nothing other than the struggle of workers and the toiling masses in the world that can stop the war (...) And there is none other than the revolutionary vanguard, which has been struggling to confront imperialism and Stalinism, that can lead this struggle.

We've learned that your International Event is intended as one that counter the "Havana Forum", made up of all the currents of renegades of Trotskyism, some Stalinist sectors, together with currents that accompany them including Darya Mitina, Putin's agent. (...)

The treacherous leaderships continue to spew out poisons to the working class... Stalinism has in no sense turned into a thing of the past. This is why we think this Event to be held in opposition to the "Havana Forum" has a great significance.(...)

Let us fight together in solidarity till the day when the working class wins the whole world! •

## From Africa

### Shaheed from the Workers International Vanguard League (WIVL) of South Africa

***“We feel important to discuss the US elections... we know democrats and republicans are both pro genocide ”***

The first thing I want to say is that, in our opinion, the international situation is contradictory. On the one hand, we see masses movement to the left, if we consider the uprisings in Kenya, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, the very resistance in Gaza, the youth uprisings in the US. (...)

As a second idea, the situation in Lebanon offers us an opportunity as revolutionary left in spite of the role Hezbollah has played. What opportunity? That of talking to the base of Hezbollah and drawing conclusions on Syria. Because they have been used by Imperialism to crush the Syrian revolution. Besides we need to say that those preventing the uprising and the fight against Israel in Lebanon is precisely the leadership of Hezbollah. This is what we need to discuss with Hezbollah's bases, and to tell them they had made an alliance with Imperialism, and an alliance with imperialism is never a solid one, it uses you and then attacks you, which is what is happening now.

So, in spite of them being attacked and everything, it is an opportunity to establish a dialogue. (...)

The third point we feel important to discuss is the US elections. Of course we know democrats and republicans are both pro genocide. Here is where we have

drawn lessons form 4 years ago. In the 2020 elections, we called to vote critically for the Democrats. That was a mistake, it was wrong. We drew lessons and we are discussing what to do for these coming elections. First, it would be a boycott

to elections, make them not happen, support the mass actions and protests for Palestine.(...)

We also see the US imperialist offensive in Ukraine and Lebanon. In Lebanon, they alongside with Zionism intend to control parts of the country against the French imperialism. In Ukraine, they intend to control more and more territory against the German imperialism. (...)

I'm sending all of you a Big revolutionary hug, we stand by you. •

### From Zimbabwe, James for the Workers International League (WIL)

***“We pay tribute to Abu Al Baraa, a revolutionary socialist and founder of Syrian Trotskyism”***

We as African black workers stood up and fought together with the masses in the Middle East (...) We fought in revolutionary uprisings and great struggles, like the uprising in Madagascar, the general strike in Nigeria or the miners strike in Marikana, where 34 of our fellow workers were murdered by Zuma and by current President of South Africa Ramaphosa plus the Stalinist bureaucrats leaders of the union as they were fighting for 12 500 rands. We also were part of Zimbabwe uprising, metalworkers general strike, revolutionary process in Swaziland, Kenya taking over the parliament against the IMF. We are

the black workers that fought in France with Black Vests and that in USA stoop up to the white murderous police and sent Trump 14 stories underground to his White House bunker because he was afraid of our uprising.

All the processes were betrayed, diverted, besieged, separated country by country and now we are suffering the worst of counterrevolution. (...)

In Zimbabwe we are now eating elephants because of famine. Migrants are being expelled and persecuted. South African unemployment has sky-rocketed. In the DRC children are used as slaves, working in bare hands and bare feet, to get coltan, cobalt and other minerals for the transnational companies, with guns to their heads. (...)

So comrades, as you see, we are one single working class. Let's unite the workers of world against imperialism (...)

So we pay our tribute to the martyrs of the Palestinian resistance, to Abu Al Baraa, revolutionary socialist and founder of the Syrian Trotskyism, to all the Syrian martyrs and to the slain Marikana miners. (...)



South Africa: protests against the Zionist genocide

## From Italy

## Giovanni from Avanzata Proletaria

*“Today’s event is a step forward to reconnect the theoretical-programmatic-organizational continuity of revolutionary Marxism...”*



*Zionist massacre in Gaza*

In this international event on *Marxism and the war* we need to pay tribute to comrade Abu Al Baraa and to every comrade fallen in the attempt to defend the Syrian revolution, which threatened the existence of the US imperialism land aircraft carrier also known as “State of Israel.” Because of this, the Syrian revolution has suffered an attack coordinated by the imperialism and its agents, the socialist-imperialist left of the WSF, plus al-Assad, Putin and his greatest admirers Castro and Chavez.

For over a year the Palestinian proletariat –now the Lebanese too- has been subject to a genocidal attack perpetrated by the fascist Zionist occupier.

The Palestinian unions have called to expel Zionist central union Histadrut from European and world union organizations from which it is a member, but no one heard.

In Italy, only the rank and file unions have clearly declared a strike against genocide; confederate union members of the

European and world union organizations from which the Histadrut is a member have timidly manifested for “peace”, an undefined kind of peace.

Putin, the guardian of the imperialist interests in the ex-soviet republics, slayer of the Syrian revolution together with al-Assad, is seen by many members of the European left as an anti-imperialist leader. For over two years the Ukrainian proletariat -poorly armed and ripped off their natural resources by the European and US imperialism- has been dying in the trenches, heroically resisting the fascist aggression of the wannabe-czar in the Kremlin, while the most vanguard elements of the Russian proletariat burn the recruitment centers and in Belarus the movement of military vehicles on trains is being sabotaged.

Meanwhile, good old Stalinist bureaucrats on both sides of the Don, who had got rich, liquidating the USSR, leave on vacation together, both Ukrainian and Russian to their fancy mansions on the Italian coast.

In spite of the beliefs of certain ex Trotskyites who are forming traitor internationals hand in hand with Stalinism, in this first quarter of the century masses all over the world have kept on fighting, rising up, trying to “take over the Winter Palace”.

On every occasion, three conditions have been missing: the party, the party and the party.

Reconnecting the red thread of theoretical programmatic organizational continuity of revolutionary Marxism is a task for revolutionary Marxists.

To reconnect this red thread means to affirm that the Ukrainian question will be solved with a soviet and independent Ukraine as the first link in the restoration of the revolutionary proletariat dictatorship in the whole ex USSR and therefore with the fight for the settlement of the Socialist United States of Europe over the debris of Maastricht imperialist Europe.

To reconnect this red thread also means to affirm that the heroic Palestinian resistance is a direct continuity of the chain of revolutions along the north of Africa and the Middle East that initiated in 2011 (...) and if today the Zionist beast can carry out the genocide of the Palestinian people with impunity, it is only because the Syrian revolution, the most advanced point in the chain of revolutions of 2011, was drowned in blood by the minor agents of imperialism in the region and guarantors of Israel’s existence: Putin, Assad, the Ayatollahs; and sabotaged from within by Turkey and its allies of HTS and the “generals-without-a-battle” of the FSA, in addition to the Kurdish PKK.

To reconnect this red thread means that in the face of imperialism’s race towards the Third World War we must retake and make concrete and have as the guiding light of our daily actions the slogan of the US youth who fight against the genocide of the Palestinian people, financed and armed by the two-faced one-party of US imperialism, which is: **“ONE SOLUTION, REVOLUTION!”**

Today’s event represents an important step forward to reconnect the red thread of the theoretical-programmatic-organizational continuity of revolutionary Marxism, which Stalinism and the renegades of Trotskyism try to break. (...) •

## Abu Muad from the paper “The Truth of the Oppressed” of Syria and the Middle East and co -author of the book “Syria Under Fire”

***“The revolution could not be won only in Syria... That was the lesson that Abu Al Baraa learned and that is why he gave his life fighting to set up an international center...”***

We have the honor of being able to pay tribute to comrades who fell in combat at the height of the battle that the world working class is waging on the Middle East front (...)

The battles we fought in Libya showed the left that we could reach out, to that left that celebrated and applauded Tunisia for its “peaceful revolution” and condemned Libya because the workers defended themselves from the bombs with rifles.... We were part of that process and we were able to reach Syria. (...)

The comrades who were there resisted, while those who were here waged a huge battle against the left that never stopped slandering us. They also denounced once and again at each meeting the Geneva Convention that imperialism was holding together with Bashar and the native bourgeoisies to besiege the Syrian revolution and surrender it from within together with the Sunni generals. The comrades here traveled as far as Japan to carry the banners of this struggle. (...)

The counterrevolution was beginning to gain ground and we suffered one of the first significant casualties, that of comrade Mustafa Abu Jumaa, the father of Abu Al Baraa, the founder of Syrian Trotskyism, who in that fateful October finally fell on the Aleppo front fighting not only for the liberation of

the Syrian people. (...) The revolution could not be won only in Syria (...) That was the lesson that Abu Al Baraa learned and that

is why he gave his life fighting to set up an international center to establish an international current that knows how, when and where to support a revolution.

Today the counterrevolution has advanced. Zionism, which had no firepower then, has regained it today...

The best way to pay tribute to the more than a million martyrs left by the Syrian Revolution, among whom are Abu Al Baraa, Mustafa Abu Jumaa, Abu Jud, Abdul Basset Sarout is to follow their path and take up their banners of struggle, like Alejandro Villarruel did (...), which left them for us right there so that we can continue with their combat •

### Milenka López, for the LSTI of Bolivia

***“We fought to break the siege to the revolution, which was taken up by Huanuni miners, factory workers of La Paz and relatives of the martyrs of Senkata”***

Fraternal and revolutionary greetings from the **internationalist Socialist Workers' League of Bolivia** to the comrades of Syria, to the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people and resistance and to all the comrades at the meeting. (...)

Organizations like the Revolutionary Workers Party (POR) of Bolivia, which claims to be Trotskyist and made the congresses of the Bolivian Miners' Trade Union Federation (FSTMB) vote to support Kadafy at first and then al-Assad, dressing up these murderers as “anti-imperialists.”

**There were also other currents like the PTS/LORCI**, which said that a Russian helicopter had fallen carrying

“humanitarian aid” to the Syrian people, when it was actually dropping bombs. (...)

**In Bolivia, we fought within the vanguard to break the siege to the revolution, and this was taken up by rank and file miners from Huanuni, the factory workers from La Paz, the relatives of the martyrs of Senkata in 2019 (...)**

**There are organizations like the PTS/FT that condemn the legitimate right of an occupied nation like Palestine to wield military action against the Zionist occupier (...)** To condemn any of the Palestinian resistance organizations, in times of military clashes, is to end up accusing them of being “terrorists.” (...)

8 years after his assassination by the fascist al-Assad and the butcher Putin, under the US imperialist command...

**We pay tribute to Abu Al Baraa, a revolutionary socialist leader and founder of Syrian Trotskyism**

See FLTI tribute in the digital newspaper [www.flti-ci.org](http://www.flti-ci.org)

**We were horrified when Myriam Bregman (PTS) of Argentina sent condolences to the “civilians” fallen on October 7**, that is to say they sent their condolences to the Zionist settlers who were having fun at a rave, after being killing Palestinian peasants and exploited, stealing their lands and killing their children (...)

**There will be neither forgetting nor forgiving in the face of so much betrayal!** Abu Al Baraa, until socialism always! Until the victory of the international socialist revolution!



## Speech by Abu Muhajer of the paper The Truth of the Oppressed

### ***“The massacred Syria was the beginning of the counterrevolutionary counteroffensive of imperialism in the entire Maghreb and Middle East, which the masses are paying today ”***

*Excerpt of his speech at the International Event. See the full speech on our digital paper: [www.fti-ci.org](http://www.fti-ci.org)*

When we talk about “Marxism and war” in the Middle East, the image that immediately comes to mind is Palestine. There are 60,000 dead. In fact, it’s being said that the death toll reaches 200,000. We think of the bombings that Zionism is carrying out in southern Lebanon. It is a war of total extermination against the Palestinian people.

But this is only part of the picture. (...) in 2008, the Iraqi resistance and the American working class, in their fight against the war, forced the US to withdraw from Iraq. The masses imposed the “Vietnam syndrome.”

That’s why when the revolutions broke out in the Maghreb and the Middle East, the US could not intervene directly. Nor could it use its gendarme, its armed wing, its aircraft carrier on land, which is the Zionist state of occupation of Israel. Because if Zionism intervened, it would have united all the Arab masses against it and would have led to a direct combat in Jerusalem. This would have been a strategic defeat for imperialism and a strategic victory for the masses. (...)

So, to safeguard its property, imperialism called the world reformist left which called these revolution “springtime of the peoples” or “democratic revolutions”. They supported the diversions and traps of a democratic way out or a constituent assembly when the autocracies fell, which were just a step in the way to counterrevolution (...)

### **Imperialism concentrated its forces in Syria to stop the chain of revolutions in the Maghreb and the Middle East, there**

In Libya the masses armed themselves, split up the army and even cut off the head of the dictator Khadafy, who had been in power for 42 years. Imperialism contained this revolution by ordering the pro-Khadafy bourgeoisie to become “opposition” and before the masses came to power, they set themselves up as a “transitional government.”

In Syria, the masses had taken the same path as in Libya. They split the army and in a chain of insurrections through cities they advanced towards Damascus. They came to fight just blocks away from the government residence in Damascus. They set up their organizations, the Coordination Committees of workers and soldiers.

The problem for imperialism was that if they had won in Syria, they would advance to fight alongside the Palestinian masses to expel the Zionist State. That revolution would have succeeded in Jerusalem.

In fact, 15,000 Libyans, after having arrived in Tripoli, went to Syria, because they said: “We will win our revolution in Syria



**2016: The Syrian masses march against the fascist al-Assad**

and from there we are going to Palestine to liberate it and liberate Jerusalem.”

So imperialism ordered al-Assad to massacre with everything he had. As this was not enough, imperialism did the same as in Libya: he ordered the generals of the Sunni bourgeoisie of Syria to dress up as “democrats”, to form the Free Syrian Army (FSA) to control the weapons of the masses and to set up a bourgeois army to try to turn the mass civil war into a war of bourgeois armies to try to contain the exploited.

But that was not enough, because in 2013 al-Assad was in danger in Damascus. There was a huge workers’ uprising in Damascus, which took over 300 factories in the working-class areas. In response to this, imperialism sent Hezbollah and Iran to massacre the masses. They themselves boast that “if it were not for us, al-Assad would have fallen in the 2013”.

Even when al-Assad was saved in Damascus, they still needed to crush the masses in the rest of the country. So Putin entered with airplanes to directly bomb the centers, the houses, the schools, the mosques, the tents of displaced people, and even the refugee camps. What we see today in Palestine, when they bomb schools, kill children, etc., that is what al-Assad and Putin did multiplied by 10 thousand and for years.

The US deputy Secretary of Defense for the Middle East at that time stated this publicly in a public document to the US Congress in which he says that they coordinated Russia’s entry into Syria, and that they coordinated with Russia not to collide, but for her to come in with their airplanes and bomb. They called this an “anti-terror



operation." The main concern of USA was about al-Assad not falling because his fall could endanger USA business and the security of Zionism.

There was a pact, which is what our movement has been denouncing, where all these counterrevolutionary actors came together at the negotiating table in Geneva. But this was not enough, the Sunni bourgeoisie of the FSA was unable to contain the exploited.

Then imperialism sent another sector of the Sunni bourgeoisie that did not guised themselves as "democratic" but as "Islamist", like HTS in Idlib and also the infamous ISIS, which was the bourgeoisie of Saddam Hussein of Iraq, sent to contain the uprisings of the Syrian masses that had risen in the oil zones of Syria, imposing, manu militari, a regime of terror. The Sunni bourgeoisie was placed under Turkish command. And Turkey even had to enter Syria.

Some imperialist airplanes also went to bomb Syria. They said: "ISIS is there" and bombed the factories that the insurgent masses had taken over.

Syria was left splitted, occupied, massacred. With more than 600,000 martyrs, as some of the comrades tell us, because it is not known exactly how many of the missing were taken by al-Assad and buried in mass graves under the prisons, with hundreds of thousands still being tortured by al-Assad.

There are 15 million displaced people out of a total of 25 million inhabitants. They are refugees who have been living in other countries and in tents in the middle of nowhere for years; they are not in their homes and cannot return.

## With the Syrian revolution drowned in blood, Zionism returns as a gendarme in the region by killing the Palestinian masses

This counterrevolution in Syria was the beginning of an offensive by imperialism throughout the region, and today the Palestinian masses are paying for it.

That is why it is a tragedy that the Palestinian leaderships, such as the PFLP and the PLO, but above all Stalinism, had told the Palestinian masses not to intervene in the Syrian revolution because they said they needed the support of al-Assad and the people. And the more al-Assad massacred, the more firepower Zionism gained. The more the counterrevolution in Syria prevailed, the more imperialism returned with its gendarme, which it has now sent to restore order.

(...) October 7 was a legitimate act of self-defense by the Palestinian masses against the advance of the Zionist occupation. Palestine is a decisive battle of this entire chain of revolutions in the Maghreb and the Middle East, which began in 2011.

## The Yemeni masses fight alongside the Palestinian masses

The Palestinian masses have a great ally in the workers and people of Yemen, because there was also a huge revolution in Yemen.

Groups and tendencies who claim to be part of the working class say that there are no workers in the Middle East, even more

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so in Yemen because they walk around in flip-flops or sandals. But these are exactly the workers who built Dubai, those who built all the luxurious buildings and towers that were seen at the World Cup in Qatar. They are the workers who go from oil well to oil well working to support their families. They are migrant workers who send remittances to their families who remain in Yemen.

These workers joined forces with poor peasants who raised goats. It was the "revolution of stale bread."

And for those who say it was a religious issue: what happened in Yemen was that the Sunni and Shiite masses united, because half of the population is Sunni and the other half is Shiite. They all united and reached the capital Sanaa, broke the army, armed themselves, executed two presidents, and despite the bourgeoisie's actions, to this day they cannot contain or disarm the masses.

Imperialism gathered 7 armies from the region, led by Saudi Arabia, to massacre them. These armies spent years attacking and were unable to crush them. That is why Yemen is still on a war footing and they are the only ones who stood up and were effectively in support of the Palestinian masses.

## If Zionism is committing a massacre today in Palestine is because al-Assad massacred in Syria with the support of the treacherous leaderships of the world working class

Somebody gave al-Assad and Putin a free hand to massacre on behalf of imperialism. The treacherous leaderships gave imperialism a free hand to concentrate all its forces and all its agents in Syria. They said that in the Middle East the enemy was "terrorism", and presented the migrant workers, the most exploited sector of workers that exists today, the rebellious masses, as "barbaric tribes", "backward peoples", "ultra-religious", "jihadists", who had to be crushed and massacred.

The result was the massacre in Syria, the counter-revolution and genocide in Syria; and the strengthening of Zionism that we see today and its massacre in Palestine. •

## Speech by Carlos Munzer, member of the Editorial Board of "The International Workers' Organizer"

(excerpts)

***"Only the working class of Palestine, the Middle East and at international level, using the method of civil war and expropriating the businessmen and merchants of death, can ensure the victory of the war against the Zionist occupation"***

It is impossible to talk about genocide in Palestine today without starting from the chain of revolutions in the Maghreb and the Middle East that broke out in Tunisia in 2011 and spread like wildfire throughout the region. But this chain of revolutions had a precedent. In 2008, the US army had to begin its withdrawal from Iraq. There was a huge **class war**, and it was waged by the **Iraqi resistance in civil war** and the working class of the central countries such as USA, Spain, France, England fighting against the war by confronting their own imperialist bourgeoisie. That is, the national civil war in Iraq was synchronized with the struggle of the proletariat of the imperialist countries.

At that time, the Aznar government of Spain carried out a self-attack at the Atocha railway station, blaming the "terrorists". The next day there was a general strike... and not against the "terrorists", but against the government. From there arose the cry of "the wars are yours but we put the dead!"

In USA, mass mobilizations took place, such as the "Million Workers March," Wall Street was besieged, and the ports of the West Coast were paralyzed. For every dead US soldier who returned to the USA, thousands took to the streets to avoid being killed for the sake of their imperialist bourgeoisie.

While this was happening, in 2008 a brutal economic crisis broke out, with all the stock markets and the big US banks collapsing. But not only that, as the European banks, which had 70% of their investments in Wall Street, were also hit by this crisis. They immediately emptied the treasuries of the European states to cover their losses and launched a brutal attack on the working class of the coun-



*Beginning of the Revolution in Egypt, in 2011*

tries of the old continent to make up for the deficits. Thus, **in 2008 and 2009, we saw a great wave of workers' struggles across Europe against the imperialist crash.**

However, the economic crisis was not only in Europe and USA, it was a world crisis, comparable to the crisis of the 1930s, only this time it hit the heart of the dominant imperialism. THE latter threw its crisis at the world to make the colonial and semi-colonial world pay for it, which was met by enormous revolutionary uprisings against the imperialist crash.

**The revolutionary uprisings in the Maghreb and the Middle East in 2011 were part of this revolutionary wave against the economic crash.** Because the capitals that saw such a crisis in 2008 looked for something to increase their value, and they found it in the prices of agricultural produces, grains, etc., i.e., food commodities. This inflated the prices of food, and in countries where wheat is imported (like all Arab countries) the

price of bread, the staple rose by 200% to 400% and the masses, having seen USA retreating from Iraq, said "Enough!" A chain of bread revolutions began that immediately clashed with fierce armored counter-revolutionary regimes, and the slogan was "the people want the fall of the regime."

**USA was beginning to lose its control over the Middle East**

Thus, in 2011, from Tunisia to Egypt, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain, Iraq, Morocco and later Sudan, Lebanon, Algeria, etc., the masses overthrew ferocious autocracies that had for years guaranteed the plundering of oil by the Seven Sisters and held the borders of the Zionist state. The latter could not intervene for the risk of inciting the unifying of all the masses of the region against it. It was a huge revolutionary process that overthrew the US disciplining devices on the masses of the Middle East.

US imperialism, between the economic crisis and the mass uprisings, was beginning to lose its control over the Middle East and, through this, its hegemony in the world market. The European imperialist powers were entering different branches of production and areas of influence to do business, and were disputing them to USA. Germany, as imperialism, had emerged victorious from the reunification of '89 on a capitalist basis and managed to articulate a European market from Portugal to the Russian steppes, where cheap raw materials and slave labor were guaranteed by the *maquilas* in the former Warsaw Pact countries. In fact, there cannot be an all-powerful super-imperialism that dominates the whole world; there exist other imperialist powers, and in 2011 the masses burst in.

Reformism wants the older generation of the working class to forget and the new generation to not know how far we have come in the revolutions in the Maghreb and the Middle East, how the devices of imperialist domination were defeated, how they betrayed us and what to do when we go through a situation like this. They want us to forget that the most super-powerful army had to leave Iraq and Afghanistan, and that this was because of a national civil war synchronized with the struggle of the proletariat of the metropolises.

### The class civil war that reformists hide

The chain of revolutionary uprisings in 2011 had several links, such as in Tunisia with a general strike and the seizure of police stations to free prisoners. Another link was Egypt, where industrial workers went on strike, closed the Suez Canal, and the masses in Cairo took Tahrir Square and established their power there. In Libya, the revolution went further, splitting up the army, conquering the weapons, setting up militias, reaching Tripoli and executing the dictator Gaddafi. No one doubts that what took place there was a civil war.

By civil war we mean in the sense proposed by Trotsky: *“civil war constitutes a definite stage of the class struggle, when the latter, breaking the frameworks of legality, comes to be placed on the level of a public and, to a cer-*



Holocaust in Gaza

*tain extent, physical confrontation of the forces present. Conceived in this way, civil war embraces spontaneous insurrections determined by local causes, bloody interventions by counter-revolutionary hordes, the revolutionary general strike, the insurrection for the seizure of power, and the period of liquidation of attempts at counter-revolutionary uprising.”* (Leon Trotsky, *Problems of Civil War*, 1924, our bolds).

According to this definition, the Syrian revolution was also a process of civil war. It developed as a chain of insurrections from city to city. The base of the army was broken horizontally because women went to the barracks to find their sons, their husbands, their brothers who were under arms so that they would come over to the side of the people. Coordination Committees of workers and rank-and-file soldiers emerged, fighting to reach Damascus and destroy the government and the state of the oppressors.

In Yemen, the masses broke down the division between “Shiites” and “Sunnis” to win bread, understanding what the Paris Commune workers said in 1871: “He who has arms, conquers bread.” They also succeeded in splitting up the army, taking the capital, setting up their armed self-organizations... and this armament continues to this day, which is why they have given effective support to the Palestinian masses by interrupting trade in the Red Sea, stopping Zionist supplies and attacking the profits of the imperialists.

### In Palestine, victory can be achieved applying the method of proletarian revolution

What we are experiencing today in Palestine is a war against an invading occupier to liberate an oppressed nation. The entire imperialist press is asking why Zionism, which is the fifth most powerful army in the world, after a year and a month have passed, cannot finish taking the Gaza Strip, which has 2 million inhabitants crammed into just 360 square kilometers.

The thing is that Zionism can bomb, destroy entire cities, but if the infantry does not occupy the territory, they do not win it. And the answer is it has already become a class civil war, where it is the Palestinian masses of Gaza who are armed and resisting the invader.

Of course, the Palestinian masses have their own defense armies that were built up over the years to resist the occupation, such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad or the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. These organizations do not recognize the state of Israel, unlike the bourgeoisie of the old PLO, the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank, which does recognize the Zionist state and has sold out the Palestinian people for a dime. This is because this PLO keeps a cut of the taxes that the state of Israel collects throughout the West Bank.

But in Gaza there is already a civil war. To give a graphic example of what we are talking about, the Zionists go around bombing Gaza with their planes and de-

molishing it with their tanks, but then they have to occupy and hold that territory... at night the soldiers find themselves face to face with the Palestinian workers whose children, parents, wives, brothers... have been killed and who are the ones who confront them with the armament of the masses.

**The invader is strong from afar with a missile launcher or on top of an aircraft, but when it has to occupy territory, it enters into a civil war, which is the armed people fighting from under the rubble and who know every corner of the city they defend.** This is what prevents Zionism from taking territory, added to the great ally that the Palestinian masses have, which are the millions of workers who are organizing and mobilizing around the world to stop this killer hand.

**We are on the same military front with the Palestinian resistance**, recognizing its legitimate right to self-defense as an occupied nation to defend itself against the occupier. We are in favor of Hamas being declared a belligerent army and being sent weapons. But at the same time, we maintain our political independence. In the words of Trotsky in 1937, when an oppressed country like China was at war against the occupation of an imperialist country like Japan: *"the duty of all the workers' organizations in China was to participate actively and in the front lines of the present war against Japan, without abandoning, for a single moment, their own program and independent activity."* (On the Sino-Japanese War, Leon Trotsky).

This means that while **we confront Zionism**, we do so **with the program of expropriation in order to provide all the resources so that the people can eat and win the war.** We know that the bourgeoisie, that is, the leaders of the organizations defending the Palestinian masses such as Hamas or Islamic Jihad, guarantee that the masses do not attack the property of imperialism (especially US imperialism that commands Zionism) and of the capitalists, since their own property is also at risk.

We are in favor of the self-organization of the resistance and the election of its leaders. We are in favor of the creation of supply committees so that the people can eat.

While Hamas tries to negotiate and puts the Arab and Iranian bourgeoisies as its allies, we are in favor of the uprising of the working class with their massacred sis-



*October 7, 2023: self-defense action of the Palestinian people*

ters and brothers in Gaza, for the opening of the fronts, for an international general strike and an attack on the property of imperialism and the bourgeoisie, in particular that of Wall Street, which commands the genocide.

For Marxism, the key is to define what is War for the proletariat, that is, **how the class struggle continues in war.** Moreover, in war, the class struggle becomes extremely acute. Reformism, on the other hand, talks about war and writes books and rivers of ink, but it hides the class struggle and the position of the proletariat in it.

Against them, the Fourth International, discussing war on the eve of the Second World War and in the midst of the Spanish Civil War, in 1937, in the work "Principles and Tactics in War" summarized by Rudolph Klement, stated:

*"War is only the continuation of politics by other means. Hence the proletariat must continue its class struggle in war-time, among other things with the new means which the bourgeoisie hands it. (...) Recognizing the progressive character of this war of liberation, it (the proletariat) must fight decisively against the main enemy, reactionary imperialism (or else against the reactionary camp, in the case of a civil war), that is, fight for the victory of the socially (or politically) oppressed or about-to-be oppressed: USSR, colonial and semi-colonial countries like Abyssinia or China, or Republican Spain, etc.*

**Here too, however, it remains mindful of its irreconcilable class opposition to its "own" bourgeoisie -or its political**

**opposition to the Soviet bureaucracy— and does not surrender without resistance any of its independent positions. As in the imperialist countries it strives with all its strength for the social revolution and the seizure of power, the establishment of its dictatorship, which, moreover, alone makes possible a sure and lasting victory over the imperialists. But in such cases, it cannot and does not seek, as in the imperialist camp, revolutionary victory at the cost of a military defeat but rather along the road of a military victory of his country."**

Far from the position of Trotskyism, the PTS said that what happened on October 7, 2023 was not a legitimate act of self-defense by an oppressed nation, and condemned it as "a ferocious terrorist attack by Hamas" and offered condolences to the occupier. This is a real infamy.

Over the past three years, Zionism had sent waves of settlers who were paid USD 4,000 a month to go and occupy Palestinian land. Moving forward to occupied more land in the West Bank, in Palestinian neighborhoods of Jerusalem, expelling people from their homes, they were carrying out a new colonization of Palestine with heavily armed settlers who took Palestinian land, and raped and killed their daughters and sons. These settlers were celebrating in a rave party that they had come and stolen Palestinian land on October 7 last year.

The PTS gave them condolences and condemned the self-defense action against the occupation of Palestine. Then they disguise themselves as "being with the Palestinian people" or "for a socialist Palestine."

But they do not specifically say that they are on the military front against Zionism. They play hide and seek. Are they, yes or no, on the military front against Zionism? Or how do they plan to gain authority for a "socialist Palestine"? What would they do if a PTS movement were in Gaza today?

The revolutionary position, which the PTS tries to conceal, is the one expressed by Trotsky in the Spanish civil war in the 1930s: "wherever and whenever revolutionary workers are not powerful enough immediately to overthrow the bourgeois regime, **they defend even rotten bourgeois democracy from Fascism, and they especially defend their own position inside bourgeois democracy.**

**The workers defend bourgeois democracy, however, not by the methods of bourgeois democracy (e.g., Popular Fronts, electoral blocs or governmental coalitions, etc), but by their own methods, that is, by the methods of revolutionary class struggle. Thus, by participating in the military struggle against Fascism they continue at the same time to defend their own organizations, their rights and their interests against the bourgeois-democratic government.**" (Leon Trotsky, *Against Defeatism in Spain*, 1937, our bolds)

### The obstacles the Palestinian masses are facing to achieve victory

The Palestinian masses are resisting heroically. The obstacle they face is the leadership. To win the civil war, the leadership of the proletariat must put forward a **program of social reforms, of expropriation of the bourgeoisie, of telling the peasants "the land is yours" and the workers "the factories are yours"**.

On the other hand, a bourgeois leadership prevents expropriation. In Trotsky's words: "Civil war, in which the force of naked coercion is hardly effective, demands of its participants the spirit of supreme self-abnegation. **The workers and peasants can assure victory only if they wage a struggle for their own emancipation. Under these conditions, to subordinate the proletariat to the leadership of the bourgeoisie means beforehand to assure defeat in the civil war.**" (*The Lessons of Spain: the Last Warning*, 1937, our bolds)

The Palestinian masses have already



*Palestinian masses in Gaza march to the shops looking for bread*

begun to outstrip their leadership, not only conquering widespread armament, but above all by starting to expropriate the food stores and shops of the Palestinian bourgeoisie's hunger merchants who sell food to the besieged and massacred hungry masses of Gaza.

But the task of expropriating and attacking the property of the capitalists is key throughout the Middle East. We must **expropriate the oil wells of the Seven Sisters and the banks** through which petrodollars are fled in Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Syria, Lebanon, Libya and the entire region. That is why throughout the Maghreb and the Middle East we are facing the same battle against the same enemy.

### The leadership crisis worsens

The second obstacle for the Palestinian masses to defeat the Zionist occupation is the treacherous leadership of the working class at the international level. At the end of the 19th century, workers went on general strikes worldwide for the Chicago Martyrs and the 8-hour work day. Today we cannot complete an international general strike, as the Palestinian unions called it, for the 600,000 workers killed in Syria and for the thousands and thousands massacred in Palestine and for the defeat of genocidal Zionism.

This is what Marxists call a crisis of leadership. Though there is mass support, the leaderships prevent a coordinated and centralized action.

In the Spanish Civil War of the 1930s, Trotsky in his work "For the Victory of the Spanish Revolution" expressed the importance of a revolutionary leadership in order to succeed in the civil war: "In civil war, incomparably more than in ordinary war, politics dominates strategy. Robert Lee, as an army chieftain, was surely more talented than Grant, but the program of the liquidation of slavery assured victory to Grant. In our three years of civil war the superiority of military art and military technique was often enough on the side of the enemy, but at the very end it was the Bolshevik program which conquered. The worker knew very well what he was fighting for. The peasant hesitated for a long time, but, comparing the two régimes by experience, he finally supported the Bolshevik side."

The Palestinian masses have once again raised three motions, three key points for the world working class: First, an all-out war on Zionism, which it disavows. Second, it is a decisive battle from the Maghreb and Middle East revolutions of 2011. And third, they have exposed the betrayal of the leaderships.

The key is once again the revolutionary leadership, the return of Marxism, not as a "promise for the future" as reformism says, but as a present and immediate necessity. We need to recover the banners of the Fourth International, its revolutionary program and its legacy, by defeating reformism. •

## From Argentina

### Speech by Claudia Pafundi, from the Commission of Convicted Workers, Relatives and Friends of Las Heras

*“Our hearts have always been and still are with Palestine because with them, we also faced the oil companies’ tribunal that sentenced us”*



*Protest for the freedom of the political prisoners in Las Heras*

From the Commission of Convicted Workers, Relatives and Friends of Las Heras, we would like to send our warmest greetings to all those present on this day, especially to our comrades from Syria who are for us an example of struggle and resistance against the fascist al-Assad and Putin.

We will never forget that in our struggle against the Videlista court that sentenced us to life imprisonment, it was comrade Abu al Baraa and the comrades of the Leon Sedov Brigade who stood up alongside us to face the sentence. On this eighth anniversary of the murder of our comrade, with clenched fists and a lump in our throats, we remember him as what he was, a great fighter for the victory of the Syrian revolution and the international revolution, which is undoubtedly the only way to end the hardships and sufferings to which this rotten capitalism subjects us.

The struggle of the comrade lives today in every battle of the workers and exploited throughout the world, and without a doubt it is today in Gaza, which is being massacred by the Zionist occupier on behalf of USA and all the imperialist powers.

Our hearts have always been and are with Palestine because with them, we also faced the oil companies’ tribunal that sentenced us. We will never forget when comrade Sammer al Issawi and hundreds of prisoners in the prisons of Israeli-occupied Jerusalem went on hunger strike on December 12, 2013, just as we were marching to the court where we received our sentence.

The same was done by our comrade Georges Abdallah, a fighter for the Palestinian cause imprisoned to this day for 40 years in France alongside Basque political

prisoners, who refused to receive their food ration in solidarity with us.

The Palestinian flag flew in our hands and in the hands of our families on that very difficult day for us.

But we are convinced that thanks to the international solidarity we received from them, as well as from our comrades of the JRCL-RMF from Japan, from the families of the miners killed in Marikana and from dozens of organizations worldwide and also of Argentina, today, although we were convicted, we remain free together with our families, fighting for our acquittal (...)

The workers of the world must trust in their own strength. Let us not be fooled any longer: separated country by country we will be defeated. By uniting across borders we will be invincible. That is why the defeat of the genocidaires al-Assad and Putin in Syria lives today in Palestine. Our best allies are in USA where workers and the youth denounce the murderers of Biden and Netanyahu (...)

We will not rest until Palestine is free from the river to the sea and the occupiers are expelled from there.

Long live the unity of the world working class!

Comrade Abu Al Baraa! You are PRESENT here!

All the martyrs of the exploited of Syria, Palestine and the world! You are PRESENT here!

Freedom for the political prisoners of Palestine, Syria and the whole world!

Slaves’ rebellion is not a crime, it is JUSTICE! •

#### Fede, promoter of the Committee for Syria

The struggle of Abu Al Baraa and the Syrian Trotskyists is a milestone of the program that the new generations of revolutionaries will have to recover in order to stop imperialist barbarism and war...

#### Guillermo, teacher of the ‘Jujeñazo’

From Jujuy province, northern Argentina, I pay my tribute to Abu Al Baraa for such a heroic fighting example. I send him a fraternal hug to heaven and may him be a star to enlighten the path to be followed...

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## From Committee for Syria in Brazil

### Silvia, leader of the Committee for Syria and solidarity with Palestine



2011: demonstration in Hama at the beginning of the Syrian revolution

It is an immense pleasure to have the opportunity to speak on such an important occasion in the presence of resilient revolutionaries who continue to fight tirelessly for the oppressed class at a time when attacks against it are intensifying (...)

Today is also the day to honor our comrade Abu Al Baraa, who fell on the battlefield during the glorious Syrian revolution, which capitalists tried to defame and massacre, but were unsuccessful, although they caused rivers of blood.

The proof that they were not successful is what we see today in Palestine and Lebanon, where the barbarity practiced by Zionism prevails, which represents the

largest and bloodthirsty capitalists on the planet (...)

Gaza, bleeding day and night, trampled by US boots, by its occupying agent, however hungry and wounded, does not surrender; it rises from among ashes and rubble and challenges imperialist power (...)

The struggle of all revolutionaries is more than necessary so that the doors of the revolution remain open. May our ideals represent the thread of hope for all the people who are suffering under the brutal attacks of the capitalists.

From Brazil, a special greeting to the memory of our comrade Abu Al Baraa, of all the fallen martyrs of Palestine, Lebanon, Sudan and Ukraine.

### Hugo, founding member of the Committee for Syria

From San Pablo we want to pay our homage to Abu Al Baraa and to all the fallen in the Syrian revolution.

Within the CSP-Conlutas, a trade union center that groups more than 3 million workers, we were promoters of the struggle in defense of Syria. Together we promoted this struggle, we raised funds for the resistance including together with Syrian and Palestinian refugees fleeing to Brazil, we organized dozens of marches for Syria and Palestine, and also confront-

ed the attacks we suffered in Aleppo, and in assemblies of the Metro workers Putin, Assad and imperialism were condemned.

In 2016 we promoted from this trade union center a request for an entry visa so that the comrade could come to Brazil and tour Latin America. (...) However, the so-called "progressive" governments of Dilma and Kirchner, organized from their embassies in Turkey, together with the government of al-Assad and Erdogan, denied the visa to our comrade (...)

There will be no forgetting nor forgiving.

### Tribute to Abu Al Baraa from FLTI Trotskyist groups of the Pacific

Today we pay tribute to our comrade and leader Abu Al Baraa, our comrade who fell in combat for the Syrian revolution and for refounding the Fourth International under its 1938 program. At the time we are paying this tribute, imperialism is launching an offensive against the exploited masses of the world, that's the meaning of the massacre that Zionism is carrying out against the Palestinian people.

In Latin America, we are also experiencing the attack of imperialism after the diversion and betrayal of the revolutionary battles that have taken place in recent years. We see the pro-imperialist governments of Boric and the Communist Party in Chile and Petro in Colombia, which under US command have launched a fierce attack against workers and the poor people. This attack comes after the betrayal of the revolutionary Plaza Dignidad battles in Chile in 2019 or the combat of the Front Lines and the indefinite strike in Colombia in 2021 (...)

In Peru the situation is suffocating, imperialism supports the dictatorship of Dina Boluarte. This imperialist lackey was placed by US against the deep Peru of workers and peasants who rose up to the cry of "Insurgency" in 2022.

Today, US imperialism, under these conditions, is stepping into its "backyard" by landing and installing more than 600 marines in Peru, carrying out serious military training in Chile together with the Pinochetista army and maintaining the regime of the 9 US imperialism bases in Colombia (...)

These armies have already proven themselves by massacring workers and the exploited; we do not forget the Juliaca massacre in Peru, nor the bloody Pinochet dictatorship, or the massacres of poor peasants in Colombia.

Today we reaffirm our struggle, for which our leader Abu Al Baraa fought so that in the next battles they will achieve victory (...)

LSTI of Peru, POI-CI of Chile and  
NCR of Colombia  
Adherents to the  
Collective for the Refoundation of the  
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# BOLIVIA

November 8, 2024

**The catastrophe is already here. While the MAS gangs continue their dispute over the administration of imperialist plunder... Arce deepens the attack on the masses with unemployment, inflation, worsening repression and imprisonment. *Freedom now for all the imprisoned poor peasants!***

To fight for wages, bread, fuel, land for the peasants and to expel imperialism:

## A National Congress of workers' organizations, poor peasants and rank and file soldiers must be set up

To weld the worker-peasant alliance:

**We must break with the MAS  
and all the bourgeois gangs!  
Let's expel the collaborationist  
bureaucracy from the COB!**

**For a provisional government  
of workers, poor peasants with  
their militias and committees  
of rank and file soldiers!**

In a Bolivia looted by imperialism, the mining and agricultural transnationals, and the imperialist banks that steal the country's dollars, the Arce government makes the masses pay for the cost of the crisis that cannot be endured any longer, with huge queues to get a few liters of gasoline, while the prices of basic supplies like meat and rice are sky-high and wages are on the floor, eaten away by inflation, with repression and jail for the exploited.

The catastrophe is already here. Meanwhile, Evo Morales uses the just hatred of the peasants ruined by the economic crisis, against the starve-causing government of Arce to dispute the control of the administration of imperialist plunder. However, this went further, because in these last days of roadblocks by the peasants aligned behind Evo Morales, the hatred against the government increased when Arce announced that he would send the police and the Armed Forces to break the blockades.

Anticipating the possible bloodshed, the peasants occupied three regiments, taking soldiers hostage and holding vigils in different barracks to prevent their own children from repressing them. Because at the army base there are the children of the working class and the poor peasant in arms. The situation got out of hand for Morales, so Arce, shielding himself even more, ordered



*Protests against the high cost of living: "Starvationist government"*

the police (to whom he gave an incentive bonus and good equipment to massacre) to suppress the blockades and did the same with the army, taking to date more than 100 prisoners and leaving dozens wounded.

In this way, Morales had to ask the peasants for a recess, but the masses said they would stay in the streets until the repressor Arce leaves, however today, after the leaders announced a "unity pact" the mobilization and blockade of 72 hours was halted.

The tragedy for the masses is that in the face of the disputes of these bourgeois gangs, the workers do not intervene independently. If the crisis has reached these limits, it is due to the bureaucracy of Juan Carlos Huarachi of the COB and all the leaders who are kneeling before the Arce government while it throws a brutal crisis over the masses.

This is why the urgent task is to expel from the COB the Huarachi bureaucracy, which ties the fate of the masses to this government, which is a murderer of peasants.

Neither Luis Arce and his pact with the Media Luna, which massacres the poor peasants; nor Evo Morales, who is the representative of the "cowardly bourgeoisie of escapes"! Morales always leaves the workers and peasants alone. He uses them for his political interests and to keep what remains of the plunder of hydrocarbons so that he can escape again with his pockets full of banknotes.

**Enough!** Those at the top are fighting over businesses and starving and repressing us at the bottom. **Neither Arce, nor Morales, or the fascist Camacho, representative of the Media Luna oligarchy, or the murderous generals of the Banzerist army.** No bourgeois gang is going to resolve the crisis, neither the plundering, nor the hunger of the people, nor is it going to give the land to the peasants. **The working class is the only one that, by welding the alliance of workers and peasants, can give a revolutionary solution to the crisis! WE MUST BREAK WITH THE MAS AND ITS BOURGEOIS GANGS WHO**



**FIGHT OVER THE LEFTOVERS OF THE IMPERIALIST LOOTING! Enough of the Arce government! Let them all go away, not a single one must remain!**

Faced with the economic, political and social crisis, fascism is trying to show that it has a way out and is preparing the conditions, putting the military back in place to drench the streets with worker and peasant blood, or to bring in some representative of the old Media Luna oligarchy, while the fascist groups are gaining the streets and the support of sectors of the ruined middle classes that hate the MAS of Arce and Morales.

That is why we must break with the COB trade union bureaucracy, who are the traitors in our ranks, who support the Arce government, servants of imperialism and the slave-owning employers. This traitorous bureaucracy supported, as neutrals, the fascist government of Añez, even appointing ministers to its cabinet. **We must disavow the COB bureaucracy! Out with the bureaucracy from the COB!**

For a revolutionary COB without bureaucrats, with its workers' and peasants' militias as in 1952, with its committees of rank-and-file soldiers to disarm the murderous officer caste and crush fascism!

The fight has to be resolved here and now, that is why the voice of the workers and peasants must be expressed and they must go into battle with their program and demands. **Let us urgently call for:**

### **A National Emergency Congress of Workers and Poor Peasants!**

To weld together the worker-peasant alliance, together with delegates from the rank and file soldiers, let's fight together for a list of demands against imperialism to find a revolutionary solution to the crisis:

To have bread, food and dollars: **Nationalization without compensation and under workers' control of hydrocarbons, lithium and all minerals!**

**For the expropriation of the banks without compensation** so that the dollars that enter or leave are under the control of the workers' organizations. A single state bank to give cheap credit to the poor peasant. **Nationalization of foreign trade un-**



*Police crackdown on peasants*

**der the control of the COB! Out with the imperialist transnationals, out with the Gringos from Bolivia! No to the repayment of the fraudulent foreign debt. Out with the World Bank and the IMF!**

**Immediate expropriation of any land larger than 500 hectares from the fascist oligarchy of the Media Luna without any compensation, to give it to the poor peasants so that the people can eat! Price control committee!**

**Enough, not a single layoff! No more miserable wages! Every factory or mine that closes, furloughs or lays off workers must go on operating under workers' control and without paying compensation.**

**Minimum, living and mobile wage indexed month by month according to the cost of living! And a sliding scale of working hours, so that all available hands can start producing.**

Before it is too late: we must set up self-defense committees, aimed at building up a workers' and peasants' militia as in 1952, so that fascism does not drench the streets in workers' and peasants' blood again. **Fascism is not to be debated, it is to be destroyed!** We must crush the fascist bands of the Media Luna!

Only with this revolutionary COB of workers, poor peasants and rank and file soldiers will it be possible to fight against the caste of officers of the Armed Forces who look after the business of all the bourgeois gangs and guarantee the plunder of imperialism and its transnationals. Senkata and Sacaba, never again! Enough of repression and persecution! **Immediate freedom and dropping of all charges for the 100 people arrested at**

**the blockades! Dissolution of the police and all repressive forces of the State!**

Trial and punishment for the military and fascist murderers of the workers and peasants of Senkata and Sacaba. May Añez, Camacho, Pumari and all the fascists rot in prison.

Against the power of the rich and their businesses, we must establish the power of the poor: **A provisional revolutionary government of workers and poor peasants with its militias and committees of rank and file soldiers.** We have already tried everything else and it is plunder, hunger and the decadence of the nation. Only with this government will we be able to achieve our demands, because the weapons will be in the hands of the people and only in this way can we take the immediate decision to break with the IMF and to disavow the fraudulent debt with the imperialist banks, because this is the only way to carry forward the struggle for national independence, a true agrarian reform and for the minerals and all hydrocarbons to go to Bolivians and thus achieve our democratic demands.

**Out with the IMF and imperialist banks from Bolivia and Latin America! Out with the Gringos!**

*"The liberation of the workers will be our own work."*

*Bolivia will be socialist or it will be a colony of Wall Street*

Liga Socialista de los Trabajadores Internacionalistas de Bolivia (LSTI) (Internationalist Socialist Workers League of Bolivia), adherent to the FLTI

Workers' Democracy Bolivia

# PERU

November de 2024

## LSTI statement on Biden's arrival

*Pirate Joe Biden arrives in Peru to participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, guarded by 600 US Marines...*

**Biden, the genocidist of the Palestinian people, was the one who commanded the bloody coup of Boluarte that murdered 80 workers and peasants!**

## Butcher Biden out of Peru!

**Out with USA, their troops and military bases from all of Latin America!**

**Down with APEC and the FTAs that plunder and subjugate our nations to imperialism!**

*We must resume the revolutionary struggle of the Peruvian workers and peasants to expel imperialism and overthrow the Dina government, the Congress and the entire Fujimorista regime!*

**Strikes, pickets, mobilizations and a general strike!**

*For a Continental Congress of worker and peasant organizations to promote a unified struggle alongside the workers of USA to expel imperialism and its lackey governments and regimes!*



*Boluarte and Biden meet in Lima during the 2024 APEC Summit*

On Thursday, November 14 pirate Biden will arrive in Peru to participate in the APEC summit, where another imperialist bandit like Shigeru Ishiba, Prime Minister of Japan, will also be present. Also participating will be lackey governments from Latin America such as the Boric and the Communist Party Government in Chile. From China comes Xi Jinping, the greatest slave-owner of the working class with his counter-revolutionary regime of the “red” businessmen of the Chinese Communist Party, partners of the imperialist transnationals and bankers.

Dina Boluarte will receive her boss Biden in Lima, the one who commanded the 2022 coup so that USA could directly keep the lithium and all the wealth of the nation and the “Contract-Laws” of min-

ing could be renewed. While Castillo’s cowardly bourgeoisie surrendered, it was the workers and peasants who heroically faced this coup, and the response ordered by USA was the vile massacres perpetrated in Ayacucho, Juliaca and other parts of the country.

When that butcher comes with his hands stained with the blood of our comrades, the bureaucracy of the CGTP, led by the Communist Party and Patria Roja, are holding a “social APEC summit” to “demand that APEC take into account respect for human, labor, economic, social, cultural and environmental rights” ... They want to make workers and exploited people believe that Biden and his APEC summit are a “democratic friend of the people”, when he is the biggest terrorist on the planet!

Enough lies!

Biden is who commands the genocide by the Zionist State of Israel against the Palestinian masses, causing more than 60 thousand dead, Gaza reduced to rubble, hundreds of thousands displaced, etc.!

The USA commanded the massacres perpetrated by the dog al-Assad and Putin against the Syrian revolution, massacring more than 600 thousand exploited people!

Biden is the head of NATO, of the CIA torturers, of the Pentagon and of all the military bases with which US imperialism dominates the planet, such as those installed in Peru, Colombia and Chile!

Biden is the representative of the Wall Street parasites and the US transnationals that enslave workers in every corner of the planet and plunder all oppressed peoples!

Biden is the one who has been brutally attacking the US working class with terrible inflation while persecuting immigrant workers in USA!

And before finishing his term, he comes to Peru (with 600 marines armed to the teeth with war equipment) as part of the brutal offensive that the USA are unleashing throughout Latin America with General Richardson of the South-Com, to guarantee imperialist plunder throughout the region and redouble the colonization of our nations like in Peru.

He will then be succeeded by the butcher Trump, who comes to deepen and complete the counterrevolutionary work of Biden and the Wall Street pirates in USA and the entire planet.

**Don't let him set foot in Peru or Latin America... Biden go home!**

Different sectors of workers and organizations such as the "Organización Nacional de Familiares de los Asesinados y Víctimas de las Masacres de 2022-2023" (*National Organization of Relatives of the Murdered and Victims of the Massacres of 2022-2023*) are calling for strikes and mobilizations against the Dina Boluarte government on the days that the APEC will be in session, while the bureaucracy of the CGTP once again proves to be the best support of the dictatorship of Dina and the USA. Down with the union bureaucracy!

We must take this fight into our own hands, hold assemblies in workplaces,



July 2024: the "National Organization of Relatives of the Victims and Killed of the 2022-2023 Massacres" stands in solidarity with the Palestinian masses

establishments, universities and schools to vote for fighting actions and take to the streets of Lima and the entire country to receive Biden and his APEC henchmen as they deserve: with strikes, pickets, mobilizations and a general strike.

This is the way to make the demand "Out with Killer Dina" and the entire Fujimorista regime a reality, and to achieve justice, bread, decent work and all our just demands!

Dissolution of the caste of the Fujimorista Armed Forces officers, under the tutelage of USA and their 4th Pacific Fleet! Dissolution of the police and all the repressive forces of the State! Workers' and popular courts to judge and punish all the murderers of our martyrs!

**For a same anti-imperialist struggle of the exploited masses of all Latin America together with the US workers and youth!**

We must take to the streets in the entire Americas!

The best allies of the workers and peasants of Peru and all of Latin America for this anti-imperialist struggle are the working class and the rebellious youth of the USA who are today fighting in the belly of the imperialist beast against the counterrevolutionary Biden government in support of the Palestinian people and against the genocide by Zionism and USA, shouting: "There is only one solution: Intifada! Revolution!"

**Stand with the Palestinian resistance for the destruction of the State of Israel! Free Palestine from the Jordan River to the Sea!**

**Out with Biden! Out with IMF! Out with Imperialism, its FTAs and the OAS!**

**Out with Transnational corporations and imperialist bankers, their lackey politicians and judges, and all the union bureaucrats commanded from the US embassy!**

**Out with the US Southern Command and its military troops! Out with its military bases in Peru and all of Latin America!**

Liga Socialista de los Trabajadores Internacionalistas (LSTI) of Perú, adherent to FLTI



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# The International Event was held Revolutionary Marxism and War



*With enormous internationalist solidarity,*

*Abu Al Baraa, founder of Syrian and Middle Eastern Trotskyism, was honored*

*Partisans of the Syrian resistance, the Social Movement of Ukraine that groups unions and students, the revolutionary Marxists of the JRCL-RMF of Japan, the WIVL of South Africa, the WIL of Zimbabwe, Avanzata Proletaria of Italy participated and adhered to this Event. Comrades from Russia, France, London and Trotskyist groups from Latin America, members of the FLTI, also were present.*

## From Ukraine, greetings from the comrades of the “Social Movement”



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unions, students  
and political  
organizations  
of the  
resistance

Greetings friends.

Thank you for reaching out to us and for your steadfast support for the Ukrainian resistance. We recognize and deeply appreciate the solidarity shown by your organization and the efforts you have undertaken to highlight our struggle, as well as the collective sacrifices made by workers worldwide in pursuit of justice and self-determination. It is so unfortunate that activists around the world have to suffer from imperialist pursuits!

Sadly, we won't be able to participate in your event due to conflicting obligations, but please receive our greetings!

Sincerely

Social Movement

## From Idlib, Syria

### Message from Abu Yazan al Homsi of the Syrian Resistance

Greetings to all of you. (...) I wanted to let you know that first of all you will soon see mobilizations in and around Idlib and other liberated areas in the north.

Today we pay tribute to the martyr Abu Al Baraa, and we march on the path that he left us as well as all the martyrs, who are about a million, including Abd el Basset Sarout. We follow in his footsteps and we will not stop our path to free all the political prisoners of the world.

We also send greetings and honor to the Palestinian people, especially the people of Gaza, who have been abandoned by world governments, left at the mercy of Zionism, whose hands have been freed to massacre, kidnap and rape them.

Tyrant governments give a green light to Zionism. We give our solidarity to the Palestinian people, as did the masses of the world. Their cause is our cause



*Pictures of martyrs Abu Al Baraa and Mustafa Abu Juma in a demonstration in Idlib*

and it is one and the same struggle. We will strike as one fist and we will return to the streets and the poor people will recover the banners of the revolution.

The mobilized masses will have the power. United we will win. From here, we support the poor Lebanese people who have been suffering the scourges of Zionism the last days. We do not support their leadership, Hezbollah, which inside Syria, commanded by Putin and under US command, has committed massacres and atrocities. (...) Please receive all my greetings and honors from the liberated Syrian north.

**See the speech of the JRCL-RMF of Japan, the words by the WIVL of South Africa and other messages to the event starting on page 20**