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Ukrainian Communists Support Resistance to Kiev’s Fascism

Speech by First Secretary of the Communist Party of Ukraine Pyotr Simonenko at the XXII Meeting of Communist and Workers’ Parties, Havana, Cuba, October 2022

I cordially welcome the participants in the 22nd International Meeting of Communist and Workers’ Parties on behalf of the Communist Party of Ukraine. The party which has been illegally banned in my country where our comrades and like-thinking people suffer political persecution, arrests and physical violence on the part of the ruling Neo-Nazi-oligarchic regime, a regime which is, in essence, reactionary and Fascist.

We have gathered here on the Island of Freedom at a difficult time. The forces of international imperial-

ism, the sharks of globalization in their struggle for redrawing the political map of the world, for resources and commodity markets resort to any methods and in fact act as instigators of the Third World War. The tragedy is that the reactionary forces make active use of Neo-Nazism and Neo-Fascism to achieve their goals.

Analysis of the international situation shows growing aggressiveness of imperialism and a dramatic sharpening of its internal contradictions in two areas: the ideological – be-



Pyotr Simonenko, First Secretary of the Communist Party of Ukraine

tween the US-led imperialist West and Communist China which, in the wake of the collapse of the USSR, they consider to be “an empire of evil,” as well as Vietnam and Cuba; and the inter-imperialist – The USA seeks to preserve its hegemony and the world order under which it plays the dominant role.

ing Ukraine against Russia, and Taiwan against China. The provocative visit of Pelosi to Yerevan and her pledges of support for Armenia inevitably lead to a widening of the conflict in the Caucasus between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The situation in Central Asia gives grounds for concern (recent conflict between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan).

After the breakup of the USSR it was the USA and Britain that set about creating a neo-Fascist state on the territory of the former Soviet Ukraine and became the main sponsors and beneficiaries of it.

The reforms they were foisting on Ukraine put capital in control of all the spheres of society’s life and ensured total control of transnational corporations over the country’s socio-economic life and as a result created the material basis for the advent and establishment, as a result of an armed coup in February 2014, of the power of the most reactionary forces: the comprador bourgeoisie allied with neo-Fascists and organized crime.

It was these forces in Ukraine that were in-

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Labor

Lessons Need to be Learned in the Labor Movement from Rail Fiasco

By S.M. Cifone

The events of this week have left many in labor reeling. The divide between the class collaborationist and growing militant trends within labor are becoming more noticeable. One thing is for certain, a lot of work is to be done the build the labor movement back up to the dominant force it once was.



“We suffered a one-two punch at the hands of, first, the Democratic Party; the second served up by the Republicans.”

The common practice of union leadership to act as pawns for the Democratic Party is becoming increasingly untenable. While some rank-and-file still support this strategy, but using the openly anti-labor positions of the Republican Party no longer justifies supporting capital’s Trojan Horse—the Democratic Party.

To add insult to injury, with few exceptions, the labor misleadership has refused to criticize Biden’s leading role in subverting the will of the rail workers. Only after days of criticism did the AFL-CIO offer a milquetoast statement asking congress to approve paid sick leave, with no mention of Biden’s role or congress’ insistence to act as legislative scabs. For decades—through its so-called “Solidarity” Center and the

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)—the AFL-CIO has exported a brand of yellow unionism turning much of the international labor movement into puppets of US finance capital in return for breadcrumbs, their actions throughout this process makes it clear their aim is to bring this strategy home.

The political frustration within the rank-and-file of the rail workers was made clear in a statement released after the votes by Railroad Workers United (RWU). This quote sums it up best, “We suffered a one-two punch at the hands of, first, the Democratic Party; the second served up by the Republicans.” It is time for trade unions to break from the Democratic Party, and be completely politically independent from the two capitalist controlled parties. Only a revitalized, class-oriented trade union movement can build the power to effectively push back against monopoly capital.

Ideology

In Defense of the Science of Marxism-Leninism

From Red Patriot Wire Services



Even among many contemporary Communists, the nature of Marxism-Leninism is not adequately understood. Some treat it as a label of affiliation, a way to identify that one aligns with the larger movement of Communism. Others treat it as a mere philosophical position, an immature idea in its own right that can only develop when positioned against a different, more matured school of science. However, Marxism-Leninism is a mature and developed scientific school of study, it is the scientific structure by which we can study and develop economic, political, and social relations, as well as the science of applying revolutionary change.

Marx himself treated the development of his ideas as a scientific one, as shown in the 1867 Preface to the first German edition of Das Kapital: “In the domain of Political Economy, free scientific inquiry meets not merely the same enemies as in all other domains ... Every opinion based on scientific criticism I welcome. As to prejudices of so-called public opinion, to which I have never made concessions, now as aforetime the maxim of the great Florentine is mine: ‘Segui il tuo corso, e lascia dir le genti.’ [Follow your own course, and let people talk – paraphrased from Dante]”¹

In reading Das Kapital,

we don’t see a simple adaptation of positions based on idealistic dogmatism, we don’t see a mechanistic refutation of opposing ideas based on nothing as when anticommunists will rely on “common knowledge” arguments; we see a methodological, scientific deconstruction of political economy, we see a continuation of the scientific laws established by the original philosophers applied to the analysis of the development of economy and society as a whole.

This misconception results in several fundamental errors, which I will explain here.

The first is the error of approaching Marxist education through the rote memorization of ideas and concepts. Self-professed Communists will attempt to learn our phraseology and slogans without ever understanding our principles, will champion the rallying cry of class struggle while never understanding its practice and development. In doing so, they become dogmatists, rigidly adhering to the concepts of Marxism as they learn them, rather than learning the principles of Marxism behind those concepts and actively applying them to developing situations.

The second is the error of believing that their individual understanding of Marxist concepts holds equal, or even greater, weight when measured against the collective school of Marx-

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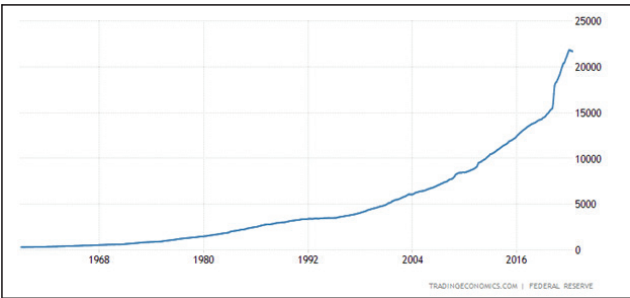
Economics

Washington and New York Banks Caused Inflation

By The PCUSA Political Economy Committee

Inflation for urban wage earners hit 9.1% in July, the highest rate of inflation since 1979 when Paul Volker jacked up interest rates to astronomical heights to curb an earlier inflation crisis. Now the Federal Reserve is trying to apply the same medicine to kill inflation again, only this time it might kill the patient.

Since 1980 the US money supply has ballooned from \$2 trillion to now a shocking \$22 trillion (see graph), eleven times greater than it was in 1980. In the 42 years since then, US industrial production, the only thing that supports a currency in an honest, non-imperialist economy, has collapsed, beginning with Reagan's brutal



destruction of the US steel industry. The proof that the US is not producing anything anymore is that manufacturing employees as a percentage of the population are now less than half they were in 1979; they have fallen from 8.8% of the population in 1979 to 3.9% in 2019 (calculated from BLS data).

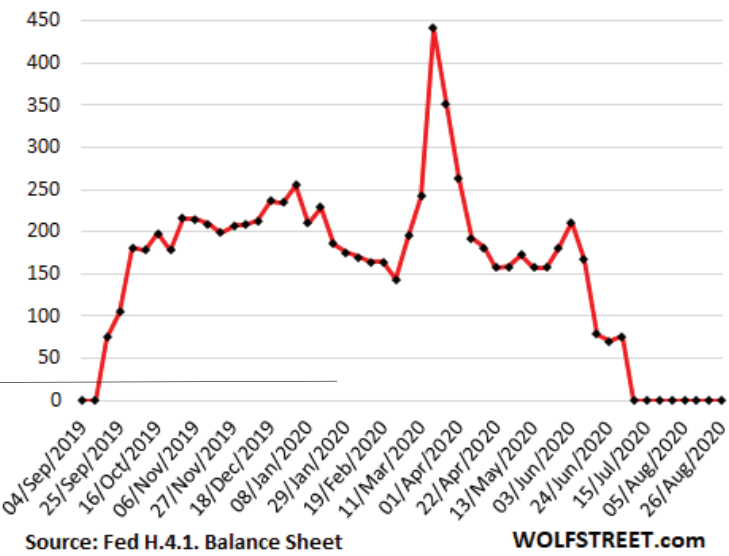
The Federal Reserve piggy bank has been pumping out money for its friends in investment banking like mad. They all got rich; we got raging inflation. This is the way it works, according to Richard Cantillon: The people who are close to where the new money comes into the economy—investment bank-

ers—can benefit from the new money before prices rise. They buy new homes, land, gold and stocks. But

“Those who will suffer from these higher prices and increased consumption will be...all the workmen or fixed wage earners who support their families on a salary. They all must reduce their spending in proportion to the new consumption [by the rich]” (Cantillon, Essay on Economic Theory, Pt. 2, Ch. 6).

That's the “Cantillon Effect.” So, the NY bankers grab up all the value in the economy with the new money pumped out by their friends at the Federal Reserve. What's left for us is the inflation they caused by expanding the money supply without expanding the real economy of manufacturing, construction, transportation and energy production. Look at the

Repos on the Fed's Balance Sheet
Billion \$, week ending Wednesday



(Repo) Market. The Repo Market is where giant financial institutions borrow trillions of dollars from each other and from central banks every day, often just for overnight. The Repo Market was what brought down the economy in 2008. From 2010 to 2019 it was relatively calm: Banks and corporations traded Repos with no seeming problem. Then in Fall 2019 lenders began to distrust the collateral that their Repo borrowers were putting up to secure their loans. They refused to extend credit! The Fed stepped in as in 2008 and bought up the outstanding Repos that lenders refused to buy. Again, the Fed bailed out the investment banks that had gotten themselves into trouble as in 2008. The amount of Repos purchased by the Fed per day grew from zero on September 4, 2019 to 200 Billion in October and exploded to 450 Billion in March 2020. The government then had two responses: First, the lockdowns. Because they shut down the economy, they eliminated pressures on financial markets, and the Repo market began to settle down, Then the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) provided the biggest bailout to NY banks in the history of the country—at first \$2 Trillion (in-

Bureau of Labor Statistics reports on inflation and you will see that wage earners suffer the highest rate of inflation in the country, a 9.1% annual rate in July, while the average rate for everybody, bankers and wage workers included, was 8.5%. Under the Cantillon Effect wage earners suffer higher inflation than anyone else. This is one of the processes that drives inequality.

What especially aggravated the financial system in the last few years was the government's response to the crisis in the Repurchase

cluding \$290 Billion in payments to taxpayers who had to hand it back to the banks again in Covid-19 Lockdown emergency spending). Regarding the reasons given for these actions, as Marx wrote in his Preface to A Contribution to a Critique of Political Economy, the reasons people give for doing something are ideological and usually not the reasons for which they actually do them, which are economic. In 2020 and 2021 the money supply increased by \$4.8 trillion. Inflation exploded in 2021 and jumped from 1.7% per year in February to 5% in May (Bureau of Labor Statistics).



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strumental in destroying all the socialist gains, economic sovereignty and bringing about a profound lumpenization of society.

It is through these forces that the USA formed a puppet vertical power structure and introduced external control of the country.


It was through these forces that the USA unleashed in Ukraine a fratricidal civil war, a war against the citizens of Donbass who are

upholding their constitutional rights and freedoms. It was these forces which, at the instigation of the US ruling circles, brought about a development of the civil war in Donbass

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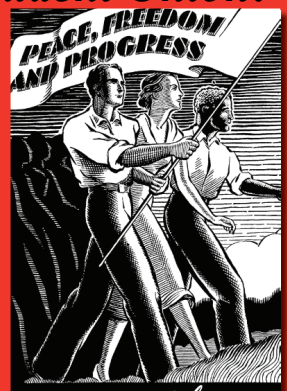
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PCUSA Women’s Commission Attacks Supreme Court Decision Against Abortion

It is no secret that among the left, working women have been leaving our movement in droves whether through being pushed about by chauvinism, exploitation, or worse – violence. That has been the basis of the creation of anti-imperialist and left-wing groups that are women-only such as CODEPINK and Afjirm. Patriarchy and its baggage have found its noose tightened among revolutionary women even in organizations claiming to fight for their liberation, and through the years we have seen revolutionary women become disillusioned with the capability of our movement for it. I do not blame them, we must not shame them but instead rip our movement free from patriarchy and become a movement women are protected in.

But whether through the remnants of liberal feminism, idealism, and the lack of Marxist feminist analysis in left organizations, the left is losing its legitimacy with working women. It’s almost as if the plights of women and our reproductive care are just a concept to the left and not a lived reality for millions of working women. There is an idealist view of abortion and even worse, a lack of uproar about women’s access to healthcare and work – making it seem like the only time we speak about women is

during defending abortion and #MeToo moments. This has given a revival to the radical feminist movement that many young working women are flocking to as they’ve yet to have their issues revealed among the left. In fact, some argue the fight for abortion is simply a cultural issue and to be fair, the way the left fights for it is cultural and less economic.

Prior to this SCOTUS leak regarding Roe v. Wade, when was the last time we spoke about the lack of comprehensive study on women’s health? When was the last time we argued for the accessibility and affordability of emergency contraceptives? Have we en masse pushed for scientists to research an extension beyond the 72-hour period for Plan B, or even how ineffective it is for overweight women? In states like Texas and South Dakota, emergency contraceptive pills are extremely limited in access and quite expensive. Birth control too is expensive and millions of women and girls are prohibited from accessing it whether by lack of healthcare or laws restricting the pill by age.

Comrades, this is our fault because this was our task. The capitalist class, the liberals, and of course the right will never make it their priority to champion for comprehensive study and access to healthcare for women and girls nor would

they be interested in critiquing what few options there are today. We waited so long and sat on our hands that now we have neither the healthcare nor the last-result options for women in this country. Of course, we did not ask for the right to lobby against us nor did we push the Supreme Court to make such a heinous decision, but likewise we let the issue go completely disregarded and we contributed to failing the women of our country. And worse, the few organizations like Afjirm and Women for Racial and Economic Equality (WREE) that have been and continue to struggle for women’s rights, were instead attacked by the left and smeared as state agents.

While we have been struggling for unions and better workplace conditions, we must connect the woman’s relationship with abortion and motherhood as economic conditions. Women in this country have been placed with the double burden of unpaid domestic work and employment, being doubly exploited at home and at the office. This is unappealing to working women of our time and the brunt of capitalism has resulted in now seeing a decline in reproduction rates. According to the Statistic Research Department’s report in May 2021, the fertility rate needed to maintain the population sits at 2.1

children per woman but we have fallen below that rate to 1.77 children per woman since 2017. The number of births in the US has also steadily declined. Some will attribute this to life expectancy increasing, thus prolonging the decision to have a child. But the truth is that in these economic conditions, having a child seems so inconceivable. Housing is expensive and in places like New York City, most adults live with roommates who certainly would be partial to a crying infant at 3 am. The cost of living increases while wages remain stagnant. Healthcare and education continue to send thousands of people every year into bankruptcy. Less and less adults are able to afford their own homes and then we wonder why birth rates are declining. The root of the issue is capitalism.

We need to remember these realities when we fight for abortion, that when we fight for women’s rights we are not beginning and ending with the right to an abortion. In our fight to defend Roe v. Wade, it cannot be lost on us the multifaceted class warfare against women. Nor should we glamorize the procedure, as sadly, that is what we’re beginning to see.”

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ist theory. People will join the Party who believe that they are the purist Marxist, that they are the true revolutionary who understands the theory better than anyone, that those who oppose their existing understanding of Marxist concepts are revisionists and opportunists. They will claim to attempt to learn our ideas while professing an already existing expertise. If you already know our theory, and singularly hold the

knowledge necessary to build a revolutionary Communist Party, then what use are we to you? And if you claim to know our theory, independently, better than we do, collectively, then what use are you to us?

Regardless of who is right and who is wrong on a given issue, this individualist approach is decidedly anti-Bolshevik. To be a Bolshevik is to submit oneself to the Majority within the Party, and to apply the principles of democratic centralism in all things related to the Party. If everyone was to attempt to impose their will on the Party when they believed themselves to be right, rather than subverting themselves to

the will of the Party, we would be anarchists. If an aspect of the Party line is incorrect, this is something which can be resolved through the framework of democratic centralism. And make no mistake, comrades, the damage done from breaking democratic centralism is far greater than the damage done from temporarily having an incorrect line.

The third error is those who approach being a Communist as part-time, or hobbyists, rather than treating it with the gravity it deserves:

“Such workers, average people of the masses, are capable of displaying enormous energy and self-sacrifice [sic] in

strikes and in street battles with the police and the troops, and are capable (in fact, are alone capable) of determining the outcome of our entire movement – but the struggle against the political police requires special qualities; it requires professional revolutionaries. And we must see to it, not only that the masses “advance” concrete demands, but that the masses of the workers “advance” an increasing number of such professional revolutionaries.”2

This passage from “What Is to Be Done?” by V.I. Lenin demonstrates the necessity of refining ourselves as Communists to the highest caliber,

the transformation of working-class consciousness into professional revolutionary organization. This conception of Marxist theory which reduces it to a simple intellectual exercise, to a mere point on a larger grid of political philosophy rather than the scientific development of that philosophy itself, results in a non-serious approach totally devoid of dedication and discipline, with a total disregard for the scientific rigor demanded by revolutionary Marxism.

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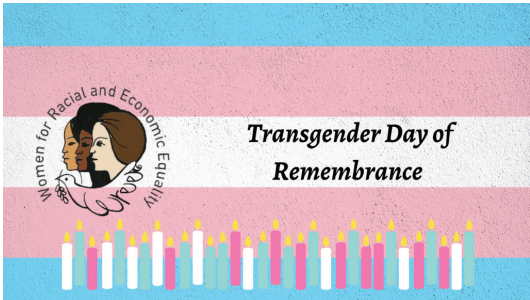
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By Women for Racial and Economic Equality (WREE)

Women for Racial and Economic Equality recognizes November 20th as Transgender Day of Remembrance, a memorial day for the growing number year after year of transgender people being killed in the United States and around the world. It is also a day to recognize the crisis of transphobic violence arising in America.

It is important to recognize that fascism, transphobia, homophobia, racism, sexism, misogyny and fetishization of trans people all play into these murders. 2021 was the deadliest year for transgender people on record, with 44 reported murders in the United States, and unfortunately, it has only been recently that records have even been kept on the issue. 2022 had 32 reported murders.

It is no coincidence that these violent crimes against transgender people are increasing at the same time in when right-wing politicians espouse transphobic rhetoric and propose and enact anti-trans policies. The LGBT+ community is just another scapegoat for American fascism. WREE stands with our transgender sisters, siblings, and brothers in their struggle against fascist reactionary forces and we mourn those whom we have lost this year and all years before.

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Los Comunistas Ucranianos Apoyan La Resistencia Al Fascismo De Kiev

Discurso del Primer Secretario del Partido Comunista de Ucrania Pyotr Simonenko, ICMWP
Meeting en Havana, Cuba, 2022

Doy cordialmente la bienvenida a los participantes en el 22º Encuentro Internacional de Partidos Comunistas y Obreros en nombre del Partido Comunista de Ucrania. El partido que ha sido prohibido ilegalmente en mi país, donde nuestros camaradas y personas de ideas afines sufren persecución política, arrestos y violencia física por parte del régimen neonazi-oligárquico gobernante, un régimen que es, en esencia, reaccionario y fascista. Nos hemos reunido aquí en la Isla de la Libertad en un momento difícil. Las fuerzas del imperialismo internacional, los ti-

burones de la globalización en su lucha por redibujar el mapa político del mundo, por los mercados de recursos y productos básicos recurren a cualquier método y, de hecho, actúan como instigadores de la Tercera Guerra Mundial. La tragedia es que las fuerzas reaccionarias hacen uso activo del neonazismo y el neofascismo para lograr sus objetivos. El análisis de la situación internacional muestra una creciente agresividad del imperialismo y una dramática agudización de sus contradicciones internas en dos áreas:



Pyotr Simonenko, Primer Secretario del Partido Comunista de Ucrania el ideológico: entre el Occidente imperialista liderado por Estados Unidos y la China comunista que, a raíz del colapso de la URSS, consideran “un imperio del mal,” así como Vietnam y Cuba; y el interimperialista: Estados Unidos buscando preservar su hegemonía y el orden mundial bajo el cual desempeña el papel dominante. Estados Unidos está creando nuevos bloques militares en el sudeste asiático, avivando las tensiones en Oriente Medio y África del Norte, y está llevando

a cabo una política agresiva en el uso de Ucrania contra Rusia y Taiwán contra China. La provocadora visita de Pelosi a Ereván y sus promesas de apoyo a Armenia conducen inevitablemente a una ampliación del conflicto en el Cáucaso entre Armenia y Azerbaiyán. La situación en Asia central es motivo de preocupación (reciente conflicto entre Tayikistán y Kirguistán). Después de la desintegración de la URSS, fueron los Estados Unidos y Gran Bretaña los que se dedicaron a crear un estado neofascista en el territorio de la antigua Ucrania soviética

y se convirtieron en los principales patrocinadores y beneficiarios de la misma. Las reformas que estaban imponiendo a Ucrania pusieron el capital en control de todas las esferas de la vida de la sociedad y aseguraron el control total de las empresas transnacionales sobre la vida socioeconómica del país y, como resultado, crearon la base material para el advenimiento y el establecimiento, como resultado de un golpe armado en febrero de 2014, del poder de las fuerzas más reaccionarias: la

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Trabajo

Es Necesario Aprender Lecciones En El Movimiento Obrero Del Fiasco Ferroviario

Por S.M. Cifone

Los acontecimientos de esta semana han dejado a muchos en el trabajo de parto tambaleándose. La división entre el colaboracionismo de clase y las crecientes tendencias militantes dentro de la labor es cada vez más notable. Una cosa es cierta, hay mucho trabajo por hacer para construir el movimiento obrero de nuevo y ser la fuerza dominante que alguna vez fue. La práctica común de los líderes sindicales de actuar como peones para el Partido Demócrata se está volviendo cada vez más insostenible. Si bien algunas bases todavía apoyan esta estrategia, usar las posiciones abiertamente antiobreras del Partido Republicano ya no justifica apoyar al Caballo de Troya del capital: el Partido Demócrata.

Para colmo, el mal liderazgo sindical se ha negado a criticar el papel principal de Biden en subvertir la voluntad de los trabajadores ferroviarios. Solo después de días de críticas, la AFL-CIO ofreció una declaración pidiendo al Congreso que aprobara la licencia por



enfermedad pagada, sin mencionar el papel de Biden o la insistencia del Congreso para actuar como esquirols legislativos. Durante décadas, a través de su llamado Centro de “Solidaridad” y la Confederación Sindical Internacional (CSI), la AFL-CIO ha exportado una marca de sindicalismo amarillo que convierte a gran parte del movimiento sindical internacional en títeres del capital financiero estadounidense a cambio de migajas de pan, sus acciones a lo largo de este proceso dejan claro que su objetivo es llevar esta estrategia a casa. La frustración política dentro de las bases de los trabajadores ferroviarios quedó clara en una declaración publicada después de las votaciones de Railroad Workers United (RWU). Esta cita lo resume mejor, “Sufrimos un doble golpe a manos de, primero, el Partido Demócrata; el segundo servido por los republicanos.” Es hora de que los sindicatos rompan con el Partido Demócrata y sean completamente independientes políticamente de los dos partidos controlados por el capitalismo. Sólo un movimiento sindical revitalizado y clasista puede construir el poder para hacer retroceder eficazmente al capital monopolista.

Ucrania Continuación

burguesía compradora se alió con los neofascistas y el crimen organizado. Fueron estas fuerzas en Ucrania las que fueron instrumentales para destruir todas las conquistas socialistas, la soberanía económica y provocar una profunda lumpenización (sector social más bajo) de la sociedad. Es a través de estas fuerzas que los EE.UU. formaron una estructura de poder vertical títere e introdujeron el control externo del país. Fue a través de estas fuerzas que los Estados Unidos desataron en Ucrania una guerra civil, una guerra contra los ciudadanos de Donbass que defienden sus derechos y libertades constitucionales. Fueron estas fuerzas las que, a instigación de los círculos gobernantes estadounidenses, provocaron un desarrollo de la guerra civil en Donbass en una guerra contra Rusia. De hecho, la humanidad ya ha sido arrastrada a una nueva guerra mundial. Me gustaría trazar uno de los muchos paralelismos trágicos.

Durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, Europa estaba trabajando para Hitler en la guerra contra la URSS. Hoy, actuando en interés de los Estados Unidos, Europa está suministrando armas al régimen profascista en Ucrania y lo está fortaleciendo financieramente.

La continuación de esta política conducirá inevitablemente a la propagación del teatro de hostilidades al territorio de la UE.

Los intentos agresivos de algunos nuevos países europeos, en particular Polonia, Hungría, Rumania y los Estados bálticos, de revisar las fronteras posteriores a la Segunda Guerra Mundial simplemente acelerarán este proceso. La ex ministra de Relaciones Exteriores de Rumania, Marga, dijo recientemente sin pelos en la lengua: “Ucrania está dentro de fronteras antinaturales. Debería ceder territorios: Transcarpatia a Hungría, Galitzia a Polonia, Bucovina a Rumania. Estos son los territorios de otros países.”

El senador estadounidense Lindsey Graham dijo cínicamente que con armas estadounidenses Ucrania luchará contra Rusia hasta el último hombre.

Civiles, personas inocentes, ancianos, mujeres y niños, están muriendo en Ucrania. Esto es una tragedia. Al respaldar al régimen fascista en Ucrania, los EE.UU. y la OTAN están siguiendo una política que el ex

senador estadounidense Richard Blake describió así: “No nos importa cuántos ucranianos mueran. Cuántas mujeres, niños, civiles y militares mueren. No nos importa. Es como un partido de fútbol y queremos ganar. Ucrania no puede aceptar una solución de paz. Depende de Washington tomar la decisión de paz, pero mientras tanto queremos continuar esta guerra, lucharemos hasta el último ucraniano.” Tales declaraciones de halcones de guerra reivindican nuestra posición y las advertencias que los comunistas ucranianos expresaron en Izmir la semana pasada: la amenaza de una ofensiva fascista es real, la guerra que los EE.UU. y la OTAN están librando con manos ucranianas en territorio ucraniano es una guerra únicamente en interés de los imperialistas estadounidenses...

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