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Afghanistan and the U.S. Imperialist Defeat

Introduction

Placing the defeat of the U.S. project in Afghanistan in the history of the current inter-imperialist conflict is essential to understand the world today and the unfolding realignment of world powers. What began as Carter's bid to smash the USSR in a "Viet Nam" of their own, has ended seven presidents later with a win for the China-Russia imperialist bloc; they have lost no time in recognizing the Taliban government.



The dynamic driving the current realignment is the long run struggle between the unfolding of the Permanent Revolution (PR) vs. the Permanent Counter-Revolution (PC-R). In short, the Permanent Revolution was first raised by Marx after the defeat of the 1848 revolutions in Europe. The bourgeoisie was no longer the revolutionary class. Henceforth the bourgeois revolution would be completed only by the proletarian revolution. Trotsky applied this concept in his theory/program of Permanent Revolution to Russia as a backward country. There the dynamic of combined and uneven development

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AUKUS on the warpath against China.

No to imperialist wars! For World Socialism!



The arrival of [AUKUS](#), the recent military alliance between the US, UK and Australia, is another fateful step towards World War 3. Why? Both previous World Wars resulted from the economic rivalry of the great powers to repartition the world in their interests. But capitalism in its imperialist epoch is in terminal decline and each world war brings it closer to total destruction. This time, a WW3 will arise from the outbreak of hostilities between the US bloc and the Russia/China bloc, driven by the laws of capital to take their economic rivalry to the political/military level.

The emergence of Russia and China as new imperialist powers nearly two decades after capitalist restoration, can be tracked back to the Soviet Revolution of 1917 and the subsequent partition of the capitalist world from the soviet world over what we can call the 'short Soviet Century' from 1917 to 1991. The threat of socialist revolution spreading to Europe explains the rise of fascism between the wars. That in turn, split the imperialist powers, freeing the Soviet Union to join the fight for 'democracy' against the fascist Axis, to extend its border into Eastern Europe and to sponsor a wave of decolonisation that culminated in the

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TEXAS CHANGES ITS NAME TO GILEAD: REALITY IMITATING ART

Women won the right to abortion in the US in 1973 after years of self induced abortions, some deadly, women's networks connected to underground clinics, while enraged women developed feminist consciousness during the confluence of the civil rights and anti-war movements in the 1960's. Women took to the streets, some arguing for socialist demands, but most making the basic democratic demand that "Abortion is a Woman's Right to Choose." This democratic slogan won out in the mass movement with the socialist and transitional demands pushed to the side, not without the connivance of reformist socialism.



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The socialist demands were and remain for: **Free Abortion on Demand, Free Medical Care for All, sex education and access to birth control, safe spaces for youth, free pre-school and 24 hour child care and jobs for all at livable wages, working class independence, and a workers government.** Women's Liberation through Socialist Revolution was not advocated for, and was even eschewed as ultraleftism by the major left groups. Mothers are still driven to extremes finding appropriate child care sufficient to allow them to work. When

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Editorial

World in Recession

Stagflation, Unemployment, Shrinking GDP's, Banking Crises, Scandals and Megabank Bailouts all hide behind COVID in the mouths of politicians and bourgeois media. Great international conferences on the climate change emergency, mitigation and rescue of the planet's biodiversity take place, producing no solutions. You hear about some of this, not so much true. Colossal con games and legalized robbery hide behind their theater of reform. The capitalists run their academic, regulatory and legislative shell games as distraction; having no capacity to address the triple headed crisis: economic collapse, climate catastrophe and pandemics-the magic of billionaire bosses in space is offered in place of workers' quality of life.

Whipping up chauvinism, jingoism, obscurantism and fascist mobs, they prepare for inter-imperialist war, while counting their profits from every ounce of nature the working class extracts and processes for them with our labor power. The rulers want you to be confused because their world economy limps along with minor interludes of growth through the long depression of terminal capitalist decay. Deepening as one result of, but not caused by the pandemic, the international capitalist economy has gone into recession--logistics have broken down, manufacturers are flummoxed--dips

waiting for chips!

As at every other time, they now want you to stay out of the political action. Especially now, while they try to force an unwilling working class back to work for chicken shit wages with bupkis for benefits. If ever there was a time for the internationalist working class socialist solution, it is now!

Workers! Don't be fooled! Transform the political crises of the capitalist regimes into victories for all the exploited and oppressed. There is one road to escape Capitalism's death agony, and wherever you live and labor, that road is the world socialist revolution. Arm yourselves with a transitional program so that you cannot fail. It is your bridge from today's consciousness to the demands you need to fulfill to arrive armed for accomplishment at political power.

Epiphenomena, facts and events that don't appear to be connected, this year resolve into a coherent moving picture. We see the recession underway now as a resumption and deepening of the 2008 world capitalist crisis; resumed with the same primary causes but also with grave additional differences, and even worse immediate environmental and political dangers.

So, for instance, a pernicious, civil libertarian pacifism fostered by the AFL-CIO tops clears the fascists' path. At the same time, some of the bosses' pols tell you to

rely on lawsuits to put the fascists, the no. 1 enemy of the union movement, out of business! But it really is "them or us"; the "cultural" rubbish the fascists retail is white supremacy, however, as wretched as that is their reason for being and for their funding is for union elimination, for the crushing of the workers movement. We say arm, train, and stomp them out of existence!

Capitalism is killing us. It is an anarchic mode of production little subject to regulation or oversight, with regulation and oversight bodies utterly corrupted by its ideologues here, its self-dealing henchmen there. It suffers from the terminal illness of the Tendency of the Rate of Profit to Fall, TRPF for short. Even China is feeling its effects now, unlike in 2008 when its growth rate producing and trading actual goods saved the world capitalist economy. Whole new cities have been built there since then but almost no one can afford the rents and the construction cartels cannot pay back their loans. China has had to cancel a massive deal for coal supplies from Australia, and this has resulted in electricity rationing and industrial layoffs. With its financial sector floundering, warhawk political actors seek to divert public attention with threats to retake Taiwan. China has entered its first capitalist recession!

In the leadup to the 2008 crash it was already evident that investment in production of use values, i.e. real things that you consume and you work with, was taking a back seat to investment in hedge funds and other casino "instruments." These are what we call fictitious values. Fictions representing nothing except the prices others are willing to bet on them, such as Bitcoins, and gambles that the prices of particular stocks or bundles of mortgages will go no lower or higher than an insured amount, thus 'hedged.' The obligations of the banks and other lenders to the "counterparties", and the interlocking guarantees made by the megabanks to the hedge funds whose hedge policies they sell to these super rich "counterparties" are so enormous now as to dwarf the Gross Domestic Products (GDPs) of ALL the major industrial countries combined. One of these hedge funds, going by the name of Archegos, collapsed. The financial damage it caused the banking

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system is a top secret.

The decline in investment in use values thus being exactly the product of the TRPF has overtaken the world capitalist economy. The resulting stagnation in trade is a cumulative effect and has caused third quarter GDP growth numbers to collapse. Now inflation in prices sets in as every sort of consumer and industrial article is in relatively and artificially short supply. The bourgeoisie blames workers staying home and not taking low-paying jobs on account of 'excessive social benefits' (unemployment, food stamps) and COVID fears. To keep this fiction going in the public consciousness they belatedly back vaccination mandates. But this clashes with their almost religious dogma claim that workers' wage increase demands are the source of inflation. In the U.S., hundreds of thousands are unwilling to accept the old work conditions and are quitting. Capital can't blame their purchasing power for inflation!

So now you have unemployment, stagnation AND inflation. And it gets worse as the possibilities of profits decrease with the reduced amount of labor time in the product relative to the total cost of production that includes retiring debt on the increased costs of more and more costly robotic equipment. This requires bosses to increase the exploitation of labor AND raise prices. It is no wonder then that the indices of consumer confidence are everywhere tanking. Bottlenecks are publicized and dockers and truckers are blamed, but at the production end of the circuit of values there is bankruptcy, "zombie firms" sustained only on borrowed money. Their supply chain is broken; goods will get scarcer as the crisis mushrooms.

The sane reflex of wage labor is to withhold labor and strike now for living wages and healthy working conditions. A decades overdue strike wave has begun and we support it! We criticize and denounce only those class collaborators who betray, won't fight and shout down those who know how to win. Biden makes extravagant claims to be pro-union and pro-worker. But his budget "bipartisanship" has increased federal support to the po-

lice. The reform demanded last year by masses in the streets is dead!

Contrary to what every suit and mouthpiece in the employ of Capital tells you, and what labor "leaders" who have shackled our fates to capitalist rule tell you, there is one way out. It is your own self-organized activity guided by the class memory, knowledge and experience of the world party of socialist revolution. You want to fight for a workers government that defends everything you do to achieve the elimination of exploitation and oppression in the workplace and across all of society. There is little time to lose. We must prepare for the revolutionary general strike!

COVID In Context

This is the first of the 21st century pandemics. More of these deadly and truly global maladies can be predicted by the widespread industrial model of food production with no accounting for the displacement and elimination of animal habitats. We will catch heretofore mostly unknown animal diseases for which we have no defenses. Disappearing species will take us with them!

Rightism worldwide wants to keep you defenseless. They combine anti-vaccination with anti-mask politics and a useless racist COVID blame game that serves to whip up appetites for World War 3 against the Chinese. Middle class muddleheads enter "red/brown" alliances to thwart public health measures in the name of "freedom." At the top of the world stage this game is not played by the assorted fascist Trump associates alone. Bolsonaro, Modi and Duterte are all in this, and others of their ilk are sure to follow, because world war is the great diverter of scrutiny and destroyer of excess Capital, especially "variable," humans for whom there will be no further need to find employment. Is agribusiness too big to change? Workers will have to expropriate it to make it healthy. A century after Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" time is short.

What is necessary for species survival is not healthy for the giant pharmaceutical companies' profits either. Early in 2021 there was a brief discussion of suspension of vaccine formulas and production

method patent rights. This escaped the purely intellectual circles and was discussed for a moment by pols and even Joe Biden. But this idea, though limited in possible impact, turned dead on arrival when Bayer Chemical flatly rejected it. Little matter to big pharma that India and South Africa and more than 100 countries supported this suspension by March. A discussion by the World Trade Organization in March and again in April took the advice of Jerome Kim of the International Vaccine Institute of Seoul to go with licensing production instead, so-called "technology transfer," with licenses awarded by the World Health Organization. This refusal came despite the advice of the WTO's own expert, Martin Friede who said "every region" needs a facility that fully owns the production know-how and can produce vaccines.

Every region needs more than this! To ever face the problem squarely every region needs research laboratories as well as--even more than!-- its own vaccine and pharmaceutical production facilities, and this requires a giant priority training and equipping of specialist personnel. Otherwise we will never get ahead of the outbreaks of new "variants" and altogether new diseases.

At the same time, we will need a new, scientific and not profit-driven agriculture model. Capitalism is not interested, except of course in preventing planned production where agricultural labor and consumers' price committees arrange and manage a rational system that can take the shocks of climatic disruptions. Workers need to develop and fight for their own Zero COVID Manifesto for public health. What Capital is contemplating in fact is the utility of fascist regimes, speculation in Bitcoins, and larger, inter-imperialist wars.

We need a socialized food industry and socialized medicine, nationalizing and revolutionizing the food and health industries top to bottom under workers control, with science in command and without compensation to the major private stockholders. For this outcome we need workers' governments. We need workers councils to root the workers' government in, and we need workers militias, factory, neighborhood and tenant/neighborhood

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meant that the conquest of democracy, land reform and modernization of the forces of production could not be accomplished by the national bourgeoisie. It could only be won by the national revolution led by the proletariat asserting its class independence and rejection of political blocs with the bourgeoisie. Yet Permanent Revolution would not be completed until it overcame national limits and became the full expression of a global communism. Against this prospect of Permanent Revolution the ruling class would unleash the full force of its Permanent Counter-Revolution.

The Permanent Counter-Revolution includes retreats from historical materialism which accommodate capitalism both theoretically and practically. Marx and Engels challenged the PC-R in their critiques of the Paris Commune, Gotha and the Erfurt programs which bowdlerized Marx's theories right out of Marxism. Luxembourg continued to challenge the PC-R in her struggle against the the Evolutionary Socialism (classic reformism) of Eduard Bernstein, and at the Zimmerwald and Kienthal conferences revolutionary Marxism rejected the PC-R of the 2nd International as it collapsed in the face of inter-imperialist war. Then the revolutionary wing of the Bolsheviks (Lenin and Trotsky) had to fight for the 1917 October revolution against the PC-R as it manifested inside their own central committee in Stalin, Zinoviev and Kamenev, whose retreat to Menshevik stageist theory has plagued the working class for over a century.

The victory of the Stalinist bureaucracy made its accommodation with imperialism for its own interests, and as foreseen in [The Revolution Betrayed](#) has become the modern face of PC-R restoring capitalism in Russia, China, Eastern Europe and Cuba. These restorations were counter-revolutions which gave imperialism the green light to conduct its endless war on terror against the masses of Eurasia - resuming the Great Game in the effort to contain Russia and China.

What was the course of the world socialist revolution during the imperialist epoch, and in particular the short 20th (Soviet)

century 1917-1991? The advancing of Permanent Revolution has been stymied by bureaucratized Stalinist Communist Parties' methodology which amounted to the revival of the Menshevik theory of revolution in stages based on a bloc with a 'progressive bourgeoisie' which limits the revolution to keep the 'progressive' bourgeoisie on board.

During the pre-WWI period, the first phase was the inter-imperialist division of the world and the ongoing fight for Eurasia. Britain's failure to take Afghanistan at the heart of Eurasia in 1880 was compensated by British and French finance capital takeover of Russia. The Bolshevik revolution ended the British and French influence in Russia and carved out the Soviet. Then fascisms' rise, the imperialist invasions of the USSR, along with the Stalinist theory of socialism in one country and the popular front with the "progressive" bourgeoisie, prevented the Permanent Revolution from becoming a world revolution. The Stalinised Soviet bloc survived the next war as the U.S. replaced the UK as the leading imperialist power. Decolonisation tips the balance of the Permanent Revolution forward and races through Eurasia reaching China in 1949 and Vietnam in 1975.

The end of the post-war boom and long crisis of the falling rate of profit (LTRPF) from the 1970's onwards, tips the balance back towards the PC-R as the Stalinist/Maoist bureaucracies' ultimate trajectory arced toward stagnation and capitalist restoration. The U.S. opens up China and Stalinism pushes both China and Russia towards restoration of capitalism. The end of 1989 marked a historic defeat as the U.S. bloc finally brought the Soviet bloc to its knees. The defeat of Russia by the Mujahideen in Afghanistan helped to bring an end to the 'Bolshevik' century. Capitalist counterrevolution engulfed the Eastern European deformed workers states and the Soviet bureaucratically degenerated workers states. The deformed Chinese workers' state followed shortly after.

The "End of History" was declared, yet the victory of capitalism was short lived as the mounting structural crisis of capitalism manifested as the 'neoliberal' counter revolution pushed the PR back.

But it did not shift the scale decisively towards PC-R as the world historic victory of capitalism over socialism. Stalinism continued to play its counter-revolutionary role but its treachery in the face of neo-liberalism unleashed new waves of resistance to austerity.

Notably, the rising Islamic movements which became objectively anti-imperialist; at least under the leadership of national bourgeois factions, as far as they needed to go to suppress the masses and collect their share of the super profits in client state deals with imperialism. But these client states did not always agree to imperialism's terms. The U.S. launched the Gulf War in 1990 against Iraq to replace Saddam Hussein and advance it's aim to recolonise Russia and China and take Eurasia.

The first war for Eurasia in MENA contributed to the fall of the Soviet bloc. The betrayal of the workers movement by both Stalinism and Pabloism left the anti-imperialist struggle to the leadership of radical Islam. After the brutal bombing of Iraq, the U.S. could no longer use the Security Council to sanction its military adventures in MENA even though Russia and China feared radical Islam.

Following the 9/11 attack on the Twin towers the invasion of Afghanistan defeated the Taliban and the 'coalition of the willing' occupied both Afghanistan and Iraq as part of the encirclement and recolonization strategy aimed at Russia and China. But the US/NATO failed to recolonise these former workers' states which then emerged as new imperialist powers pushing them into an 'endless War on Terror' resulting in many defeats. Today Russia and China and its allies have much more influence in MENA and rule over Eurasia with the exception of India. So the fall of Kabul to the Taliban is the latest episode in the story of the imperialist wars for Eurasia. It reveals a resetting of the imperialist world pecking order in which the U.S. bloc in relative decline refurbishes it's NATO and QUAD alliances against the penetration of it's sphere of influence by the growing finance capital, Belt and Road initiatives, and military alliances of Russia and China.

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The USA falls into its own trap:

The American war in Afghanistan, doomed from the beginning, has come to an end after 20 years of deployment at a human cost of approximately 155,000 killed directly in the armed conflict and 360,000 indirectly killed by disease, famine, and destroyed infrastructure. For the U.S. taxpayer the financial cost of between two and four trillion has been spent during and/or committed for the aftermath. Your grandchildren can thank you for the taxes they will pay in debt service on loans rendered for the cost of the bloodletting, in an unnecessary criminal war.

In matters of war and peace the CWG/ILTT seeks to organize the working class to take direct action to stop/defeat imperialist wars and interventions both overt and covert. We do not side with any imperialist power when they face off, we advocate dual defeatism. In imperialist aggression against semi-colonies we always advocate the defeat of the forces of imperialism. In the aftermath of 9/11 we opposed the U.S. interventions and have stood for the defeat of the U.S. interventions for the duration. Despite finding ourselves in military blocs with a variety of objectively anti-imperialist forces on the ground we extend no political support to any forces other than those advancing workers socialist revolution.

Despite massive mobilizations internationally, in over 600 cities in February, 2002, and an exemplary west coast port shutdown initiated by the ILWU on May Day 2008, in the main, the trade union bureaucracy and leadership kept the labor movements' tendencies against war in check. Tied to the pro-war imperialist Democratic party, labor was swept along in the nationalistic war fervor as freely distributed American flags were unfurled on lawns, flown from cars and windows everywhere and the perpetual re-run of media footage of the collapsing World Trade Center and its aftermath was etched on the consciousness of three generations.

The defeat of the U.S. project in Afghanistan is proof of the decline of U.S.



Ghani flies the coop! He heard the Taliban was in the building. They weren't. But he was gone.
Photo: Wakil Kohsar/AFP via Getty Images

.hegemony, its fading ability to project its power internationally and a reminder of the setback to the world revolution caused by the inter-imperialist jostling for control of the semi-colonies. The victory of the Taliban is not a victory for the world revolution. At best it exposes the U.S. as a paper tiger, at worst it imposes sharia law, loyalty to Islamic capitalists and acts to crush workers' actions, working class political independence, secular, women's rights, let alone LGBTQI+ rights.

The anti-imperialist characteristic of the Taliban victory does not otherwise invest it with any progressive content. Put the other way, the only victory for the oppressed is U.S. imperialism's defeat! The Taliban were not anti-imperialists in their early 1990s origins in Wahhabi Madrassas in Pakistan. Their anti-imperialism was accidental, in the sense that it was entirely a blessing of the U.S. invasion! The arrogance of the U.S. capitalist class required a subsequent, exaggerated mission creep to satisfy a will to do what no foreign power had ever done, not even Alexander the Great. And of course, deliver colossal profits and benefit the military's promotion lists.

The fallacy of bringing democracy to the "backward and unenlightened" has been exposed as fanciful propaganda for the gullible and the persistently wannabe believers in the veracity and legitimacy of western parliamentary democracy-as supra class institutions that are deliberative, judicious and derive their authority from the consent of the governed. This mystique crumbles as

questions of war and peace are examined and considered from the historic interest of the international working class, its natural allies and their universal quest for prosperity, security and peace. The fanciful propaganda is decimated by the actual history hidden in plain sight. The strategy and tactics of the Kissingers, Brzezinskis, Wolfowitz, and Rumsfeld were never secrets from those willing to read, or even just take in a movie about Charlie Wilson's war.

Even the CIA's own web pages show that twenty years into this mess 71% of Afghan adults are functionally illiterate, that childbirth mortality rates for mothers and children rank second and third in the world respectively, illegal child labor hovers at 25%, 36% of the population (9 million) live in absolute poverty, half the population has unimproved water sources and with 0.21 of a doctor per 1000 people; more people die each year of poverty than the armed conflict. It is no wonder neither the 300,000 U.S. trained troops nor the population found reason to defend Ashraf Ghani or stop the advance of the Taliban. Like the ARVN in South Vietnam many of these alleged troops were "ghost soldiers" who were never actually mobilized, just numbers padding the books with their salaries collected by corrupt commanders. [\[Economist 8/21/2021\]](#) **They didn't run away...they were never there!**

In a country of 39 million this spending (2.3-4 \$Trillion) is the equivalent of \$108,000 dollars per person. Considering

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the workforce, some 15 million with a median annual earning (salary) of \$10,760, if the four trillion were equally distributed as direct aid it could easily have doubled the median income and gone a long way toward lifting the average Afghani out of misery and undercut much of the poverty-induced recruiting to the Taliban and other zealot forces. But that is not how foreign spending or aid is meant to work. Most military spending never leaves the United States; rather it enriches the shareholders of Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, General Dynamics and Northrop Grumman and the banks that provide the loans for the expenditure.

The criminal terror attacks on 9/11, by Saudi nationals, in NYC, Washington DC and over Pennsylvania was the excuse for entry into Afghanistan, yet, there was always more to the picture than meets the eye. Sold to the American people and rallied to by U.S. imperialism's allies as a "war against terror," the actual world historic purpose of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as the bombing of Libya, Syria and, even prior to 9/11, Bosnia, were preventative against the threat of 'permanent revolution'-- the emergence of an anti-imperialist united front composed of workers and poor peasant/farmers as an anti-capitalist force in the Islamic world (MENA). The Arab, Persian and African semi-colonies, controlled by comprador bourgeoisie and vestigial monarchies had not fully consolidated the bourgeois democratic revolutions and consequently had not accomplished meaningful/effective land reform, secured basic democratic rights or more than nominal national independence from imperialism; tasks revolutionary Marxism postulates can only be accomplished by revolutionary socialist workers governments.

The rightist ultra-conservative "Project for the New American Century" penned by the Kristol /Wolfowitz gang in 1997 projected endless wars to ensure ongoing U.S. hegemony into the 21st century. This was a plan for how to spend the "peace dividend" after the fall of the USSR. Their project required what 9/11 provided, a "Pearl Harbor" like moment, their clueless puppet Bush the second

needed to put a final nail in the coffin of the Vietnam syndrome, a lingering undercurrent of anti-war sentiment in the American consciousness, counter-culture and particularly among the specially oppressed Black and Brown sectors of the working class. Indeed, it did not take much for the Democrats to jump on board and provide bipartisan consensus both in intent and action. Bipartisanship in the wars against terror gave the national imperial consensus some breathing room despite the objective decline in U.S. power.

The victory of the Vietnamese people over the U.S. expeditionary forces in 1975 marked the end of Pax Americana and coincided with the end of the post war economic boom. For a decade the U.S. suffered growing balance of trade deficits and this led to the end of the gold standard, the 1971 death of the Bretton Woods agreement, and the U.S. leaking gold to Europe and Japan, which were both accumulating great dollar reserves. Keynesianism had reached its limits of affordability and was no longer effectively offsetting the consequences of the tendency of the rate of profit to fall. To offset America's relative hegemonic decline the era of neoliberalism, privatizations, monetarism, supply side and Laffer curve Reaganomics, Rogernomics, and Thatcherite offensives against organized labor presaged and coincided with the fall of the Soviet Union and the ascent of the "capitalist roaders" in China. France and Germany initiated the Euro as a counterweight to the dollar while Russia and China pushed to expand the IMF basket of currencies with the Renminbi added in 2016. [\[Michael Roberts\]](#)

The wave of decolonization spanning from the end of WWII until the victory of the National Liberation Front in Vietnam ended outright direct "legal" colonialism in most countries of the global south but kept them subordinated to western imperialism by renewed or newly forged alliances and deals with local comprador ruling capitalists. While often espousing anti-imperialist and even socialist ideologies they kept the workers, peasants, students and intellectuals under control, prevented socialist revolutions from emerging and allowed the under-development to continue as

the industrialized "advanced" imperialist nations jockeyed for the rights to extract raw materials and superprofits from the former colonies--now their semi-colonies.

Afghanistan, one of the poorest countries in the world, with a small working class, upwards of 12 distinct ethnic groups, sits on top of vast mineral wealth, valued between 1-3 trillion dollars, that advanced industry covets and is strategically landlocked in between three former Soviet States to the north, China to the east via the [Wakhan Corridor](#), Pakistan to the south and east and Iran to the west. Afghanistan does not have the capital, technology or infrastructure to exploit this wealth. It has long been understood that when the fighting dies down China will be the primary beneficiary and has figured this into the calculus of the Belt and Road Initiative since inception. And while the declining hegemon USA and its allies wasted trillions in unwinnable military projects across MENA, China grew from an underdeveloped to an emergent imperialism and ultimately a great economic power in its own right.

The petty bourgeois nationalist Taliban ("the students"), the Pakistani ISI-generated Pashtun successors to the Mujahideen who allegedly "drove the Soviets" out of Afghanistan in 1989, harbored Al-Qaeda and Bin-Laden's armed Sunni Islamist movement, committed to driving western imperialism out of Islamic countries and establishing Islamic states, while it prepared terror attacks against the west including 9/11.

Like other Islamist movements such as the Muslim Brotherhood, Hezbollah, and Hamas, Al-Qaeda is deemed a terrorist organization by the UN security council as well as many nations including the USA, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, Israel and on through to Vietnam. While differences exist between and within the Islamist movement over emphasis on creating pan Arab Islamic states, a new Caliphate, and/or prioritizing Sharia law, an unstable unity between Wahhabism and Salafism emerged around loyalty to the House of Saud in Saudi Arabia, at least until some became republicans. This loyalty is shared by both Islamists and the U.S.

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ruling class, as demonstrated by regular obligatory visits of 13 U.S. Presidents with the royalty of Riyadh. From FDR to Trump, Democrats and Republicans alike hosted and were feted by the House of Saud cementing and sanctioning its place in the global order despite their brutality, lack of democracy and institutionalized patriarchal subordination of women.

The “socialist experiment in Afghanistan” that wasn’t

In 1973, Daoud Khan, the former Prime Minister of Afghanistan, organized a bloodless coup, abolished the monarchy and set up a secular government. Khan sought closer ties to the Soviets for strategic reasons to get control of Pashtun lands in northwest Pakistan, something not wished by Moscow, and in any event not possible without Permanent Revolution. This is a lesson in the foreign policy objectives of states, which when objectively real, do not change. Only the possibility changes. Many national questions across this region are far from resolved, the maps largely reflecting the Raj era.

In 1978, the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) killed Khan and his family in the Saur revolution with the help of military officers who supported PDPA. The PDPA was a petty-bourgeois political party with some formal commitment to Marxism, although they disavowed being labelled as communist and called themselves “national democratic” instead. The PDPA in power was composed of the urban intelligentsia and lacked a social base among the peasantry or the numerically small urban working class. Their politics in action were a series of bourgeois democratic reforms: notably women’s rights (education, jobs, health, abolition of the bride price), cancellation of peasant debts and land reform. It was this which provoked Islamist reaction by the landowners and the mullahs against the PDPA government. The mujahideen rebels were supported by the CIA while the Soviet Union provided thousands of military advisers to the PDPA government.

The Soviet invasion in 1979 was part of

Stalinist *realpolitik*, not the extension of the gains of 1917 to Afghanistan. The Stalinist bureaucracy had long ago abandoned any perspective of world socialist revolution...as they had decades earlier dissolved the Comintern as even a border guard for socialism in one country, after disarming it in the 1930’s as the world party of proletarian revolution. The Soviet bureaucracy had been alarmed at the petty-bourgeois nationalist PDPA and their (largely ineffective) reforms. The political goal in 1979 was to replace the then-prime minister Amin, (who had put out feelers to the U.S. for support) of the PDPA Khalq faction and installing Karmal’s government. Karmal was a leader of the more moderate PDPA Parcham faction.

Soviet foreign policy ultimately did nothing for the oppressed. Much like in Eastern Europe after WW2, the intention was not to carry out socialist revolution. Such social gains as became fruits of Kabul’s policy were either initiated by the Saur revolution or forced upon Stalinism by the dictates of battle. This is not to say the Russian intervention was either reactionary or imperialist. These characterizations are made by stalinophobes, some of whom came into conflict with Trotsky during his lifetime over exactly these wrong, “3rd camp” conceptions.

Trotskyism would have offered a military support bloc to the PDPA. As limited as its program was, exactly ‘national democratic’, we could not support more than some of its slogans and campaigns. It was a leash on the revolution, not a solution to the crisis of proletarian leadership. The problem was not the Stalinism of the PDPA’s new left ideas; or not nearly the problem of the necessity for Political Revolution in the U.S.S.R. Troops sent to Afghanistan ultimately fulfilled Brzezinski’s wet dream of a Russian Viet Nam. Whereas we contend that even Afghanistan had the potential to spark this social revolt, beginning in independent trade unions and the formation of soviets!

Instead of bringing massive industry, agricultural machinery and irrigation, roads, schools, medicine & infrastructure to Afghanistan and expanding the industrial proletariat and winning over

the peasantry, resolving the national questions, and carrying through a social revolution, the Soviets tried to resolve the crisis through military means. This was removed from the policies of the early Soviet workers state of Lenin and Trotsky when the gains of October were extended into Central Asia. The Stalinists ran away from the task. Stalinism served as the gravedigger of the revolution yet again.

Afghanistan is a perfect example of the validity of Trotsky’s theory of Permanent Revolution: that in the colonial/semi-colonial countries of combined and uneven development, the tasks of the bourgeois democratic revolution can only be carried through by the working class as part of the socialist revolution. The national bourgeoisie is too weak and too tied to social backwardness on the one side and foreign imperialism on the other to carry through their historic tasks. Land reform; one person, one vote; formal bourgeois democratic rights for women; national independence and national self-determination for the ethnic nations could only come about in Afghanistan through socialist revolution.

There could be no Stalinist two-stage revolution carried out by the national bourgeoisie in Afghanistan. This native bourgeoisie was largely a landowner class. The petty-bourgeois PDPA lacked a social base among the masses in a country with little industry and a numerically small urban proletariat. Even a revolutionary workers government in Afghanistan with a base in the working class and peasantry would have had to have quickly inspired workers revolutions throughout the region in order to survive for long. But that is the last thing the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union wanted, as socialist revolution in Afghanistan could very well have inspired workers’ political revolution in the Soviet Union.

U.S. intervention begins with Zbigniew Brzezinski!

Brzezinski was Carter’s National Security Advisor. He saw the reactionary opposition, even as riven with warlordism divisions as it was, as an opportunity to cause big trouble on the Russian border.

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His theory was 'Jihadism' was a threat of a secondary order to the U.S., whereas Cold War prosecution was primary. U.S. covert support (which was perhaps intentionally not very covert), began BEFORE the dispatch of Soviet troops. This permitted Brzezinski to crow that he had sucked Russia into Afghanistan by design. As soon as this happened he went there and made a video with the mujahideen praising them and saying the U.S. supported Jihad and praising them as "freedom fighters."

Here was the U.S. completely captured by its own propaganda. The Russian movement across the border was inspired by Moscow's own motives! Our opponents, Stalinophile and -phobe both get this wrong, giving Washington's version undeserved credibility. This remains the position of the Spartacist League stalinophiles, the impossible "Hail the Red Army" policy, while the RCIT buys Brzezinski's latterday narrative that U.S. support for the Mujahideen was a RESPONSE to the Soviet incursion. Hint: Zbig was selling his idea of causing a "Russian Viet Nam" first. Even Trump and Putin retailed the idea in 2020 that Russia had to invade for the security of the USSR (a southern buffer against U.S. encirclement, resistance to Pashtun nationalism).

Forty two years later, in a world without a USSR and with 20 years of mission creep, you can well ask the Democrat pro-imperialist girls and boys who are thrilled by Biden's every move, with two weeks plus (8/17+) of the last days including rooftop helicopter evacuations, WHOSE Viet Nam is it now?!

For Socialist Revolution Throughout Central Asia!

The future for the peoples of Afghanistan does not look bright in the near term. Womens rights, workers rights, unions, democratic rights, all will suffer Islamist reaction in the most brutal forms. The mostly foreign, super zealots of the IS-K will be plunging the country into renewed confessional civil war, as promised, the moment the last U.S. jet transports are gone.

Soon we expect the country to be under the thumb of Chinese imperialism; This may be the result of the capital boycotts of the World Bank, IMF and European Union, and may take different and/or combined forms, bringing industry, particularly mining. It is an open question whether China will export some of its unemployed there, even to the exclusion of hiring locals. But we believe the prevailing tendency in time must be an expansion of the proletariat. And with this the expansion of objective revolutionary potential. This is a bigger defeat for the U.S.-led bloc of imperialists than many realize, and not just a re-prioritizing to a pivot to the Pacific. We will see big strides by China to accomplish its 'belt and road' project all the way to Africa.

Champions of the workers' revolution will fight for women's rights to equality in every sphere, unite with the peasantry by standing for land to the peasants, fight for right of self-determination for the Pashtuns, the Tajiks, the Hazaras, the Uzbeks and the other ethnic nationalities, demand one person, one vote, trade union rights, champion jobs for all and organize a revolutionary militant labor party to wage the battles to secure these rights and all political power, so as to render international capital powerless to thwart the human future..

A workers revolution in Afghanistan would inspire the powerful Iranian, Pakistani and South and central Asian working class to overthrow their own ruling classes and unite the workers in the region in a Socialist Federation of Central Asia..

For Class Struggle Here At Home to Oppose U.S. Imperialism Abroad!

The U.S. working class has a role to play to achieve world peace. That role requires political independence from the capitalist parties that build and sustain the war industries, map inter-imperialist geo-strategies and launch wars and covert actions against workers' rebellions and national liberation struggles.

Let the Afghan refugees into the United States!

We call for mass mobilizations, strikes, and mass occupations of factories, ports,

rail yards and air bases to shut down the armaments industry and hotcargo their wares. The liberal call to put the escaping Afghans on Guam is UNACCEPTABLE, and is the version 3.0 of our bourgeoisie's racist muslim ban! LET THEM IN! we say.

We demand the closing of the 800 military bases U.S. imperialism maintains internationally in projecting its might against workers, national liberation struggles and preparing for inter-imperialist conflict and otherwise securing their geo-strategic goals.

We identify soldiers, sailors and air force personnel as workers in uniform. We call on workers in uniform to build rank and file "Come Home Now" movements on all bases here and abroad. We call on the workers in uniform to elect your own leaders, hold your own assemblies and fraternize with the so-called enemy. We support all workers in uniform who act as whistle blowers, refuse illegal orders, defend civilians and arrest officers. We call for union organizing drives! We say turn the military peace movement into an enlisted service members' union! We say labor should control the armed forces, not the imperialist-controlled Pentagon.

U.S. Out of South/Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa!

The CWG-USA calls on workers to build class struggle caucuses in all workplaces to remove the trade union bureaucrats tied to the Democrats and to pass resolutions in locals, district councils, national and international unions and federations to convene congresses of workers representatives to form a fighting Workers/Labor Party in the USA that fights for a Workers Government.

Only a victorious socialist revolution in the USA can end U.S. imperialist wars once and for all. A new revolutionary workers International is needed to organize the fight against all inter-imperialist wars as well as wars against the semi-colonial/colonial countries and peoples. Workers of the world unite!

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Chinese national revolution in 1949.

The expansion of the soviet bloc was countered by the Atlantic Alliance between the US and Europe, and the formation of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) in the attempt to contain the 'red menace'. The 'cold war' (from 1948 to 1991) was essentially the Atlantic Alliance raising political and economic blockades against the soviet bloc, driving the Stalinist leaderships towards capitalist restoration. Despite the defeat of the Soviet Union and opening up of China to foreign investment, China and Russia have emerged from these defeats resisting re-colonisation by the West. The relative independence from imperialism, achieved by permanent revolution in the USSR from 1917-91 and China from 1949-92, afforded Russia and China the breathing room to avoid subordination as semi-colonies after the capitalist restoration and the tools to emerge as new imperialist powers in the subsequent decades.

Far from the dismemberment of the soviet bloc and a return to imperialist exploitation, Russia and China retained control over most of Eurasia, and embarked on an imperialist course themselves, emerging around the new millennium as [rivals to the US and EU powers](#).

China and Russia become superpowers

The arrival of QUAD and AUKUS signifies the US ramping up its military containment of China because it is losing the economic contest for Eurasia. China and Russia have both made big economic gains against the US bloc in Eurasia, penetrating the EU and challenging NATO members' loyalty to the US.

The defeat of the US in Afghanistan and the Middle East marks the failure of 20 years of US military intervention to win control of Eurasia. It has handed US, British and French influence over to Russia, China, Turkey and Iran. Russia has survived pressure from NATO to break-up the Russian Federation, annexing Crimea, reaching a stalemate in Donbass, and stabilising the Caspian

region. Putin's 2021 [New Security Strategy](#) spells out the need for a multilateral world in which Russia acts to 'deter the US, ignore the EU, and partner with China and India.' Turkey while still a member of NATO is also tied to Russia's [security reach](#) into Syria against 'terrorism', in order to contain the Kurds. In the aftermath of the US defeat in Afghanistan, Russia, China, Turkey and Iran are poised to share the rewards of a new client state in the battle for Eurasia, and Iran as a potential [member of the SCO](#). The fissures in NATO are widened in spite of the [NATO 2030 agenda](#), an out of touch plan that ignores the inter-imperialist competition among its own members.

On the strength of a more self-reliant and self-confident Russia and an expanding China globally (BRICS, Belt and Road) China's Xi 'thought' and Russia's Putin 'thought' both see a multilateral world as the goal in which China and Russia are strong, independent, strategic partners, alongside the US and EU powers. SCO can be presented as defensive rather than offensive because they are winning the economic war. The weakness of the SCO is that India (also a member of BRICS), Pakistan and Iran (the new regime is expected to get full membership this month), do not share in the super-profits of the economic war. Clearly the Indian ruling class resents China and is hostile to Pakistan, and rejects sharing the defence of its neighbours in a war with the US. India, under Modi, has preferred the alternative of hanging onto the coat-tails of the fading Anglo-American alliance to boost the national ambitions of his [clerical fascist regime](#).

US in decline faces more defeats

The [US in decline](#) is forced to meet this strategic defeat in Eurasia, by rallying its remaining allies and recruiting new ones to contain the Russia-China bloc. QUAD brings India, Japan and Australia into a closer political alliance with the US against China. It exploits India's internal crisis and drives a wedge between it and Russia which regards it as a 'special strategic partner, weakening the SCO. Including Japan escalates the provocation as Japan is an historic enemy of China. Australia has long played the role of a 'deputy sheriff' of US imperialism in the

Pacific, and is engaged in a rowdy trade dispute with China over minerals, and an international debate about China's agents of 'soft power' taking over Australia.

AUKUS brings the historic Eurocentric, white supremacist Anglophile nations, the UK, US and Australia together in a military alliance targeting China in the Asia-Pacific, plugging Australia into the South China Seas with US supplied nuclear submarines, and a British Pacific fleet, to complete the steel ring from India to Japan to contain China. It 'shares' the pathetic Trumpite illusion of making the US great again, and reliving the memories of the glorious British Empire of Johnson and Morrison, with the [Abe-ist project](#) of reviving the Japanese 'warrior greatness' of the '[Forever War](#)' (1895 to 1945) as a grotesque empire revivalist comic opera.

'Make America great again' was a Bonapartist venture by Trump to rally the populace behind the flag while pulling back from engagement in Eurasia to face China in the Pacific. Biden's pivot to the Asia Pacific is a feeble attempt to follow where Obama went, reconstituting the failing Atlantic alliance as an Asia-Pacific Alliance. But this time most of the EU don't want to know; France is positively hostile at having its contract to build submarines for Australia cancelled, and Germany is far too dependent on Russian gas to play Oriental war games. Australia, the Wild South mining state [owned by the US](#), is sucking up to Biden to police the South China Sea with the big boys' toys – nuclear powered and conventionally armed submarines with stealth-like capabilities. These rag-tag states pulled along in the orbit of the US death star will all go down in history as a Quixotic gesture attempting to bully China into submission.

China's Response

As the AUKUS military provocation was being announced, China formally applied to join the [CPTPP](#), the trans Pacific trade pact between Japan, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam and New Zealand. China responded pointedly to the U.S. Asia Pivot by seeking to advance its economic interests with countries that are increasingly [dependent on trade](#) with

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it. A few days later, Xi Jinping pointedly announced a halt to the financing of coal mining outside China. Australian mining could be the biggest casualty of this policy. No doubt this move is part of China's strategic course plotted by the 'President for life'.

Xi's 'thought' begins with China's historic grandeur and its humiliation by imperialism. The members of the QUAD and AUKUS comprise China's main historic enemies. Britain from the Opium Wars in the 1840s, Japan from 1895 to 1945, the US from 1949 to the present, and India under Modi. But his solution is to make China great again by out-capitalising and out-imperialising his rivals at their Great Game. Xi's thought, seconded by Putin's 'thought', is more than a match for the Trumpite remake of US, UK, Indian, Japanese and Australian ruling classes' deluded dreams.

The US, clearly failing to maintain its economic lead, allied to decaying crisis-ridden imperialist Britain, and its bankrupt former colonies India and Australia, are forced to adopt military provocations to disrupt such plans. The prospect of military flashpoints such as in the South China Sea and Taiwan escalating into wider regional wars, dragging many other states into a conflagration, is becoming more likely.

World Revolution

The imperialist epoch is that of wars, revolutions and counter-revolutions. As capitalism comes to the end of its life, facing a terminal crisis of falling profits, climate collapse and pandemics, destroying nature by exploiting it to death, it has no way out but counter-revolution. The declining imperialist states led by the US, is leading that counter-revolution inexorably to war against the Russia/China bloc. Revolutionaries need to make it clear that we reject imperialist wars between the two blocs in a fight to divide what is left of nature's resources, and that the only alternative to total counter-revolution is socialist revolution. For that to happen, workers must be better organised than the global capitalist ruling classes, formed into armed workers' councils and led by

a revolutionary communist international party of class conscious workers to the seizure of power.

In the imperialist countries revolutionary workers are for the defeat of both sides in the event of war, as the lesser evil. We are prepared for the defeat of our 'own' country because as workers we have no country that exists by super-exploiting and oppressing other countries. We turn our guns on our own ruling classes, to overthrow the state and to bring the working class to power. In the process we become part of a united international working class war against imperialist war, making the permanent revolution to prepare the conditions for world socialism.

In the semi-colonies, dragged into war by their national bourgeoisies, we workers fight for national independence against imperialism, and against the national bourgeoisies that serve one or other imperialist bloc. We oppose our nations' involvement in all imperialist wars, but at the same time defend ourselves from imperialist attacks, leading the permanent revolution to liberate our nation as a socialist republic that joins forces with others in a global union of socialist republics.

Our program against war is that the class enemy is at home. We demand the closing of all foreign military bases. We call on soldiers, sailors and air force personnel to organize a COME HOME NOW movement on every overseas base. We oppose forced conscription and the "economic draft" into the capitalist state. We refuse to fight workers in other countries, and call for mutinies in the ranks, that raise the question of power - which class shall rule, the class that destroys nature and can only survive by wars, or the class that can unite workers internationally to overthrow that ruling class and create a socialist world.

For a new World Party of Socialist Revolution grounded in the method and program of the Fourth International.

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committees, wage and prices consumers' committees. All these to be the necessary base of the workers councils, the workers democracy. While we fight for this program and self-organization, the capitalists eclipse your right to vote and upend Roe v. Wade.

Capital Swipes Your Rights

Rightism and religious reaction have always combined against the rights of women. After long conniving at it, in America the combination has gamed the political system, with the rapist Trump appointing three anti-abortion judges to the Supreme Court. The intention of the Court majority is to support state laws that practically or absolutely ban the medical procedure. Should the Court uphold the Texas and then the Mississippi statutes, almost half the states will shut the clinics the rightist bombers and assassins could not close.

Many of the so-called "right to lifers" are willing to make common cause with fascist goon groups seeking a civil war. For decades we have endeavored to get our Union movement to join the security lines defending abortion facilities. But such is the power of the churches that we are to date "off message" and "out of order." Thus rapists and molesting family members have superior paternity rights. Superior rights, just like the bourgeois criminals!

The lesson here is that women, like the rest of us, will defend or claw back rights our rulers shear from us by class struggle methods. Court battles will doubtless play important, but superstructural roles. Rights are established by mass defiance! It is past time to smash the revived and surviving yet unnecessary anti-social and sociopathic prohibitions of the witch burning era. We discuss how to fight and win in programmatic terms in this issue. Please see pg. 1, 11-12.

Workers of the world unite!

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they can't, kids die locked in cars or are left at home alone.

The reformists won the leadership of the women's movement and the trade union leadership found their feminist side in association with these activists in the Democratic Party (such as in NOW). The attempt to form a working class women's movement politically independent of the Democrats in the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) was overtaken in time by Democratic Party activists. Had the Labor Party Advocates been successful in organizing the labor party, the CLUW likely would have broken large sections of the unionized women from the Democrats and to a worker's party. Instead, the trade union bureaucracy has become bourgeois feminist, ever more tightly integrated into the state. For Labor leaders who are nothing but Democrats, so removed from a class struggle perspective, any progress on womens' rights (and nowadays any economic or social justice advance) is continuously subordinated to Capitalism's next domestic priority or imperialist adventure.

Today the reformist controlled coalition, in practice a cross-class "People's Front," has raised up layers of middle class women to the heights of corporate and political leadership based on their commitment to the rule of the capitalist class and its imperialist projects (Pelosi, Clinton, Harris, RBG, AOC). Periodic rhetorical sideswipes by the likes of the Squad at "the man" are tolerated as long as they continue to do their part to keep the left flank and working class trapped in the capitalist Democratic Party and stand as a bulwark against class struggle methods and political independence from the capitalist class. Liz Shuler is no different!

THEN, SUDDENLY...! (though no surprise to us!)

Almost at once, beginning in 1973, the right wing started pushing back and chipped away at the gains of women for years until quantitative erosion became qualitative obliteration. Texas is now reaction's template. We should say 'for the moment.' The Administration



Women's Strike for Peace and Equality, New York City, Aug. 26, 1970., Eugene Gordon—The New York Historical Society / Getty Images

pretends it is pulling out all the stops, but notwithstanding Biden's declaration that he's putting his best man on it, in the person of the White House Counsel, and the subsequent lawsuit brought by his Attorney General, the truth is it is the Supreme Court that has the power to rule on or overrule state laws. If the rightist court so decides, the reactionary Mississippi anti-abortion law can become the next template, the next misogynist hobbyhorse.

Nut case Abbott thinks he's made it all make sense

In many states abortion clinics were bombed, doctors were shot and killed and restrictive laws were put in place because states have the ability to enact their own laws as long as they are not deemed unconstitutional and in violation of federal law. In 1985 Margaret Atwood wrote *The Handmaid's Tale*, a story about when a section of the east coast of the United States won a theocratic counter-revolution under conditions where many women were no longer capable of becoming pregnant. So a class of women were turned into handmaidens who could become pregnant and were impregnated in a religious rape ceremony. Entire theological and social structures were put in place and maintained by misogynist patriarchal "commanders" who controlled society with violence, public hanging of women and armed military police everywhere.

Texas has just passed a law that women who want abortions must get the abortion by 6 weeks or the doctor who does the procedure can be arrested and

imprisoned. ANYONE who assists the women who succeed in circumventing the law can be prosecuted and the RATS can win \$10,000 for ratting the woman OR her 'accomplices'! So now zealotry for profit turns busybodies into a U.S. Gestapo, exactly a 'secret state police'!

The Texas social scene envisioned under the rule of this year's law is less structured than Gilead. Women will carry rapists' babies to term or rat vigilantes will see them and anyone helping them prosecuted and win ten grand a head. Texas Governor Abbott did not speak to or explain what would be different in incest pregnancy cases, but we note that it's the woman who is criminalized, as always! That is the meaning of our reference to Gilead.

The liberal feminists appeal to the Supreme Court to overturn the Texas law, but the Supreme Court has been cultivated into a right-wing body. The Constitution is bourgeois and always was. Such concessions as were made to mass movements, such as upholding the Amendment permitting women to vote or to the Roe v. Wade decision, are not guaranteed, as Texas shows.

"Christian/Evangelical/Reactionary/Conservative-Republicans". Fascists in Embryo, Robes (SHEETS!) Ready.

The Supreme Court is nominated by the President, but approved by the Senate. During the Obama presidency the Republicans controlled the Senate and blocked Obama's liberal/corporatist Merrick Garland (now attorney general)

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from getting an approval hearing or even a committee vote. This kept the seat on the Court open when Trump got elected. Trump had his first pick, Neil Gorsuch, in whose opinion you should freeze to death in your boss's truck, then he put up Brett Kavanaugh, a masquerade of his own ilk, then Ruth Bader Ginsberg died and Trump had his third pick, Amy Coney Barrett whose ticket was punched for claiming she was not a partisan hack, even though she'd held the [position of "Handmaid"](#) (!!!) in the Christian "People of Praise" group. We don't make this sort of thing up. We can't.

The court shifted to a majority far right wing and it was only a matter of time for the reactionary states to test women's rights. THIS TEST WILL ARRIVE IN DECEMBER with their review of the Mississippi law. It is less likely that they will be too chicken to write opinions and sign them, like they did in the Texas law case, making a "shadow docket" ruling not to review it! These are the same gaslighters who told us in their confirmation hearings that they were "unlikely" to abandon established legal precedent (read Roe V. Wade!)

It will take mass mobilizations and organizing by the Trade Union movement for political independence and class struggle to secure women's health care and rights....such a democratic struggle will not necessarily go over to a fight for a workers government and socialism but it needs to. Because what the bosses' government 'gives' when under mass pressure, they sure as hell take away when the masses are demobilized!

Revolutionary workers must develop and challenge the trade union bureaucracy for the leadership of the working class with a class struggle Transitional Program for women's liberation that is brought to the unions and working class women's organizations. Such a program must address women's immediate needs and show the steps needed to win their demands and those steps march right through the halls of power to a workers' government. Working class women's demands are special in that they address issues of the unpaid labor power extracted in domestic servitude

for the reproduction of a labor force for exploitation by capital. The contamination of our communities by the ideologies and psychology of male supremacy, patriarchy, women's subservience, and woman's worthlessness poison our lives no less than the industrial toxins polluting the water and air. Women's most basic economic and democratic needs cut to the core of capitalist decay and the need for socialist revolution to free the resources from the non-productive class of speculators and hoarders.

Womens' demands for liberation break through the limits of capitalism. To be effective and sustain won gains, a workers government is needed to ensure no one falls through the social safety net. A net that has been shredded; a remnant of what was never adequate but only a road sign depicting a vision of a world working women and all women deserve. Revolutionary Marxism will never quit fighting for that world. Workers of the world unite!

We Demand:

Free Abortion, Plan B and Contraception and medical support on Demand, No parental or spousal consent required! No forced sterilization.

Protect women's spaces such as women's sports, women's lockers and toilet facilities.

Defend gender choice: provide transgender sports divisions, locker rooms, baths and toilet facilities.

Organize the unorganized!

Safe quality housing is a right. With access to potable water, sanitation, heating and cooling. No guaranteed rate of profits for utility authorities! Make public power public under workers' control!

Accessible public bath houses and toilet facilities to ensure public health and accommodate all. For a massive home construction public works program paid for by Capitalists, by expropriation of the building industry, developer giants, and by actual progressive taxation. We do not care

how they howl poverty! We've seen their Rolls Royces and we step over the homeless on the way to work!

Basic self care, human physiology, nutrition, first aid and health care training for all.

Free quality Health Care for all. Universal access to clinics, hospitals and medications. Nationalization of Big Pharma, for-profit hospital chains, medical clinics, and the medical insurance industry. No indemnification of the big shareholders and all run under workers/community control!

Protect our children with:

Clean water, clean lakes, rivers and oceans. Clean Air! Access to forests, mountains, lakes, rivers and oceans.

Organic Pesticide free and GMO free foods! Nationalize big Agra under workers control without indemnification of big shareholders

Education for all from preschool to college, university and vocational training. Safe spaces for youth sexuality.

Stipends for students.

Wages for domestic work and free community laundry, grocery delivery and restaurants.

Jobs for all! 25 hours work for 40 hours pay!

Nationalization of the commanding heights of the economy without indemnification to the big shareholders and run industries under workers control.

Workers self defense, beginning with womens' health care facilities and clinics!

Build a revolutionary workers party, a section of a new revolutionary workers international to win world socialism and the liberation of women.

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Brazil

The September 7th coup and the need for class independence in the workers' struggle.

On September 7, Brazil's Independence Day, Bolsonaro and his allies organized a national coup demonstration in a clear arm wrestling with the Supreme Court reflecting the deep institutional crisis that the country has been in since the impeachment of Dilma and the Workers Party (PT).

The day before the rallies low-cost hotels in Brasília were packed with people coming by bus to the demonstration sites. In Brasília, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro too. The demonstrations did not have the millions of participants expected by the Bolsonaristas, but they did have a few hundred thousand and with inflammatory speeches against the Federal Supreme Court (STF) and the National Congress (CN), they had an offensive character. Banners and posters with the words "Military Coup" and for the closing of the STF and the National Congress were one more watchword.

The night before the demonstration truck drivers and Bolsonaro supporters broke the police barrier that gave access to the STF and CN buildings with the consent of the Military Police (PM) who took no action to stop them. The movement on the eve of the demonstration sparked a stir between the liberal right-wing opposition and the STF, trying to mobilize forces that ended up establishing a new barrier closer to the Praça dos Três Poderes (1) and caused the STF to issue arrest warrants for Bolsonarist bloggers, who advertised the demonstration on the 7th.

Ultimately, the institutional crisis in Brazil is a reflection of the current terminal crisis of capitalism. The outbreak of the crisis in 2008 highlighted the inability of neoliberalism to overcome the Tendency for the Rate of Profit to Fall and maintain economic growth. The misery, inflation and unemployment brought about by the capitalist crisis cannot be solved by the bourgeoisie; on the contrary, the bourgeoisie knows that it needs to deepen the attacks on workers so that they pay the price of the crisis so that it



can increase its profits again.

The liberal right maneuvered for Dilma's impeachment, its candidates failed to win and ended up having to support Bolsonaro by imposing a neoliberal agenda and his economy minister, hoping to control the new government. But that's not how it's happening. Bolsonaro is based on the most backward sectors of the Brazilian bourgeoisie, the large landowners, businessmen such as cargo transport, the petty bourgeoisie, in addition to the military police and the lumpenproletariat. Therefore, Bolsonaro needs to defend a nationalist and populist program. The guidelines for conservative moral values, policies for the environment, agriculture, etc. serve this base: a backward and ill-educated bourgeoisie, landowners who devastate the Amazon, engage in land grabs and use armed militias to terrorize small farmers and attack indigenous people to take their lands. The military police, linked to urban militias that control vast areas in large cities and worship violence, are also part of this list.

Clearly, Bolsonaro strengthens and promotes the fascist sectors and their violent, sexist, racist and xenophobic methods against minorities, poor people and the working class.

The institutional crisis is a consequence of the crisis of the bourgeois democratic regime itself, discredited among the population, that while their living and working conditions are getting worse, sees a corrupt and inefficient government, national congress and STF. The liberal left that ruled the country for 13 years with Lula and Dilma fully adapted to and became part of that decadent regime, then lost power in the wake of this crisis. The

absence of a revolutionary and socialist alternative brought to power Bolsonaro and his fascist hordes as the "anti-system".

With the fascist and coup threats promoted by Bolsonaro, the PT and a large part of the so-called "radical" left today stand as defenders of bourgeois democracy and the decadent regime. From PT, PSOL (Socialism and Liberty Party) to PSTU (Unified

Workers' Socialist Party), everyone defends a Broad Front (Popular, that is), with the "democratic" bourgeoisie against Bolsonaro. (2) However, as Trotsky said, by putting the workers to sleep with parliamentary illusions that paralyze their will to struggle, it creates favorable conditions for the victory of fascism. In order to defeat fascism and the threat of a coup, a United Front is necessary which unites workers, minorities and poor people independently and with methods of direct struggle, and is not allied with the bourgeoisie with illusions in parliament, the STF and other bourgeois institutions.

The "democratic" bourgeoisie with whom the left is allied in "defence of democracy" is the old bourgeoisie, the "colonels" of politics like Renan Calheiros, the opportunists of the "central" parties and the discredited Brazilian judicial system, which has promoted persecution and imprisonment of Bolsonaro supporters for being "undemocratic", attacking the Supreme Court and promoting fake news. Measures which, undoubtedly and with the same justifications, will be used against the left and the working class when necessary. It is also the same bourgeoisie that maneuvered to approve the impeachment in 2016.

The political and social instability that we are experiencing in the country is deepened with the fascist demonstrations of the 7th of September, which almost ended with a blackout of the cargo transport companies. The discontent of workers and poor people with their deteriorating living conditions makes a counter-offensive with uprisings and strikes increasingly possible. The

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bourgeoisie, “democratic” or not, will not hesitate to employ repression and authoritarianism against the working class, to establish “order” and bring “stability”.

A military coup, with or without Bolsonaro in power, is a real threat today. Bolsonaro is known to have a large part of the armed forces in his government. There are some voices in the army against Bolsonaro. We are not sure whether there are differences within the armed forces and how deep they would be. General Mourão, vice president, is publicly sidelined by Bolsonaro. He does not place himself directly on the president’s side, but insists that he is part of the government and defends it. In the official act of the 7th of September, he participated wearing a brooch with the flags of Brazil and China together; he is the direct contact of the government in negotiations with China. Bolsonaro and his allies are defenders of American imperialism in the inter-imperialist dispute with China, painting the Asian giant as a threat.

The national demonstration called for the 12th by the liberal right (MBL) by “Fora Bolsonaro” had a low attendance. Most of the left did not support the demonstration on the 12th. The PT justified its absence for “not having built the act”, the PSTU’s justification was the electoral will of the liberal right to launch a third-way candidacy in the 2022 elections. The PT and the left in the majority support the Frente Amplio (Popular Front); their justifications have no class character and are just opportunism!

The bloc of trade union centrals is a bureaucratic bloc. It has nothing to do with a United Front. There is no participation from the base, nor any democratic debates; all referrals are made by the top organizations that decide the leadership of the movement between four walls, usually in rooms in Brasília. This bloc is composed of centrals linked to bourgeois political parties such as PSB (Brazilian Socialist Party), PDT (Democratic Labour Party) and ex-union politicians such as Paulinho da Força, in addition to CUT (Unified Workers’ Central) and CTB (Brazilian Workers’ Central) which are linked to PT and



PCdoB (Communist Party of Brazil), respectively. Also participating are the Syndical Centrals that were born from the break with the governing CUT. These are CSP Conlutas unions linked to the PSTU, and the Intersindical, linked to the PSOL.

In every moment of intensification of the struggle and strikes, when it becomes clear to the base of the workers that an organization and national union are necessary, the bloc of centrals and bureaucratic fronts takes action with their “National Day of Mobilizations”. As a popular front bloc, it has the task of bureaucratizing the movement and keeping control in the hands of the opportunist leaderships.

Workers must be aware that it is not possible to have conquests and advance the struggle if there is no grassroots organization and class independence. Therefore, it is necessary to unite fronts that bring together not only the movement’s leadership, but also the rank and file workers. As long as the workers do not take the movement into their own hands, with workers’ democracy and class independence, the opportunist leaderships will keep the working class imprisoned and divert the direct class struggle towards disputes for positions in parliament and bourgeois elections.

The political situation in the country seems increasingly unsustainable. Everything indicates that with the end of the CPI (Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry) against Bolsonaro, the bourgeoisie will come with force for impeachment. Obviously, the various sectors of the bourgeoisie have outlined their strategy to achieve their goals, whether it is impeachment of the president, wearing down Bolsonaro until the 2022 elections, military coup, etc. The goals of the working class are

different from those of the bourgeoisie and we should not stay in the bloc of the ruling class to decide the direction of the country.

We must have our own decisions and strategies of what we want for the country, debated and deliberated in a democratic and independent way. This can only be achieved with the methods of the working class. Our strikes and mobilizations must organize grassroots committees in the places of work, housing and study. Self-defence committees are needed to protect pickets, occupations, the strike movement and demonstrations. The movement needs to go beyond the isolated categories in its states and municipalities. State Congresses and a National Workers’ Congress with delegates elected by the rank and file must be built and called upon by grassroots unions to organize and unite the class nationally and decide the direction of the movement in defense of the rights of the working class, wages and jobs, democracy, an end to privatization and the fight against the government. This is the real United Front of Workers.

Faced with the deep attacks on the working class and the poor people, the terminal crisis of capitalism in which the perspective is one of more attacks by the bourgeoisie and imperialist wars and climate collapse, uncontrollable pandemics, we defend the strategy of the Socialist Revolution. We call the rank and file to break with the generals and not support any attempted coup. We want picketing, occupying and taking over strategic sectors of the economy, expropriating the bourgeoisie and taking power. For the union of the workers of Latin America for a Socialist Latin America, towards the Socialist World Revolution.

For the working class to survive, capitalism must die!

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OPEN THE SCHOOLS? DAMN THE TORPEDOES, FULL SPEED AHEAD!?

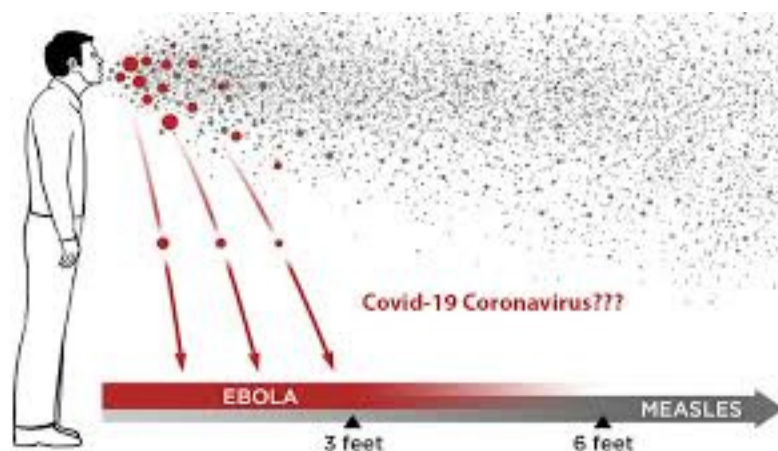
WE SAY: ONLY WHEN MADE SAFE BY BY SCIENCE & ENGINEERING AND MANAGED UNDER WORKERS/COMMUNITY CONTROL!

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“We need to get the schools open!” “We need to get the economy open!” Back in March, 2020 we heard the crybabies of capital and Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick telling us we had to [sacrifice our grandparents](#) for the economy! Now that grandma and grandpa, along with 770,000 (*ed. update*) others are dead, we have to look at the criminal response by the ruling capitalist class to the pandemic and offer a solution that meets our need for jobs, education and healthcare. Now, just as the science is showing youth are also susceptible and suffer from COVID-19 and the psychologists warn us that suicide and depression are on the rise due to the lockdown, from all corners we are hearing a rush to reopen. Reopening has been stuffed onto the agenda, but what it will look like, how safe it will be and when it is coming are all to be decided by the class struggle or lack thereof (?) Right now the ruling capitalist class is calling the shots and, as a class, they care not one whit about your family’s health or your children’s education.

All across the country in major urban centers, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Democratic Party mayors respond to pressure from the Chambers of Commerce and relatively small mobilizations of right wing parents. This pressure is turned on by an obsequious union leadership which is cutting deals to get teachers back in the classroom while infection levels remain higher than when schools were first closed.

So where did the call to reopen the schools come from? Was it coming from the parents and the teachers? Is it a legitimate response to the psychological crisis of youth during the pandemic? We think it’s politicians catering to the chambers of commerce both big and small. Health and safety be damned



SARS CoV-2 was airborne all along

with kids back at school the rest of the economy will become “essential”.

They know kids don’t vote. Is school unpopular? Dying in school is even less likely to be popular and so what? The pols’ drive to restore ‘normalcy’ is their political imperative, driven by the employers. So their push to reopen schools at the earliest reminds us of the Assad secret police who told the parents of kid protesters they killed “have other kids!”

The issue is played out internationally. Worker militants of the [Liga Comunista de los Trabajadores \(LCT\)](#) in Argentina report that “The height of the contradiction is knowing, and even announcing, that in March-April there will be the third wave, which is believed to be the one with the most infections, but through the nation’s Minister of Education, Nicolás Trotta, pressure is placed on the teachers’ unions to carry out face-to-face classes, when neither the important building works have been carried out in the schools nor have the teachers been vaccinated.”

In liberal San Francisco the city sued the school board to open the schools and the union leadership quickly fell into line. [Mayor London Breed](#) rails against the school board and the unions to force the school district to put together an in person re-opening plan in place immediately.

A right wing “[Decrease the Distancing](#)” protest rallied only a few hundred predominantly white and asian parents and children for their march and silent mobilization accelerated the pressure on the capitulationist mayor.

“End the Zoomie apocalypse,” read one. “I miss my teachers,” “I forgod haw to spel,” “I want to go to kindergarten in real life,” “I miss my friends,” “I’d go to Ted Cruz High School if it were open,” read others.”

The [article continues](#):

“Competing news conferences ratcheted up the tension. A tearful Mayor London Breed, standing before children holding signs saying “I miss my friends,” called on the school board and teachers’ union Thursday (2/4) to reach agreement to reopen classrooms.

Unions representing teachers and other school workers said at their own press conference that they’ll return when San Francisco enters the red zone for reopening and they get vaccinations or when infection rates fall even farther, pushing San Francisco into the orange zone — which is when they’d be willing to resume in-person teaching without shots.”

On February 6th the SF teachers union [reached an agreement](#) to reopen the schools with conditions. Health screening, testing, supply masks, ensure social distancing and support the provision of vaccinations. If in the red tier schools can open if all teachers are vaccinated, if in the orange tier they can open without all teachers vaccinated, and they can open right now in the purple tier. We think this is a suicide pact!

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[American Academy of Pediatricians](#) advocated opening the schools in June, 2020 with a long list of qualifying guidelines. [Two weeks](#) later they dialed back their [recommendations](#) because as anyone familiar with the condition of our schools knows they were not prepared to open safely.

"We call on Congress and the administration to provide the federal resources needed to ensure that inadequate funding does not stand in the way of safely educating and caring for children in our schools. Withholding funding from schools that do not open in person fulltime would be a misguided approach, putting already financially strapped schools in an impossible position that would threaten the health of students and teachers."

Governor Newsom released guidelines and ordered school districts to submit their plans for reopening by February and that funding would be available, but districts are finding the cost of opening under the requirements is more costly than the promised funds.

Like cold water on hot embers school opening without major retrofits turned into what many long term educators call "a shit show". So once science and medicine stepped up and said 'whoa cowboy,' then what happened? The fight for the Trump big win ignited the Russian Bots, the QAnon, conspiracy theorists, anti-vaxxers all stepped up their penetration of social media and millions of Americans became science deniers egged on by fringe doctors, celebrities like RFK Jr. and thousands of hours of online video with unsubstantiated assertions and just enough legitimate reasons to be sceptical of the for-profit medicine corporations to keep the Big Pharma conspiracy theorists in great demand.

The right wing nut echo chamber COVID Deniers and enemies of public education, Trumpites and Charter School anti-union hacks promote the virtues of opening up science to "alternative" facts in August



700,000 white flags on the national mall:
the capitalist class surrenders our lives to Covid

after gaining prominence in the media as critics of lockdowns and other measures. This was when "herd immunity" was foisted on us from the White House. You want to put all such anti-science out of consideration. The kids and those tasked to serve their education deserve a program that provides a comprehensive remedy and not a transparent chase after profits without adequate human life protections!

How would a workers government reopen the schools and the economy?

Under worker's control a planned reopening would have started months ago by mobilizing resources to create safe spaces for assembly, primarily by installing engineering controls and source barrier controls. A worker's government would put tens of thousands to work building out the ventilation systems in the school restoration projects to provide the necessary airflow and build out the physical space needed for social distancing, bigger class rooms and smaller class sizes needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and future pandemics. The worker's state would provide the internet and equipment for all economic classes of students to get equal access to lessons, so the most vulnerable can continue distance learning as needed. And for those students wanting remote learning, the computer equipment and internet access would be provided as well as paid tutorial and SAT preparation help.

There would be maximum resources geared towards producing vaccinations and making sure they were administered in a planned manner, as well as testing

and contact tracing. PPE such as masks and gowns would be produced for healthcare and other workers and for the general population. There would be free, quality healthcare for all through socialized medicine! Contrast the socialist solution to how the capitalists have responded. Under socialism all the medical corporations would be sharing information, intellectual property would be abolished and knowledge would be the property of all. All medicine, vaccines and gains of

social knowledge would be social property and distributed for the benefit of all regardless of ability to pay, because the big shareholders would be expropriated without compensation. That is how you fix the crisis of for profit medicine and healthcare. You will all die waiting for the DSA, Bernie and the squad to win universal quality healthcare. Not gonna happen, not until the working class nationalizes the pharmaceutical industry, health care and insurance industry under workers control.

Real workers' power is derived from organized workers councils which will have the authority of the law and the power of the state, a workers state based in these democratic councils and resting upon their militia forces.

The capitalist governments have proven incapable and unwilling to deal with the COVID pandemic and have now let it spread out of control. Under capitalism, an anarchic system of exploitation that seeks to maximize profits, not produce for social needs, they could not do otherwise. The time is past due for the working class to take power, expropriate the capitalists as a class and build a centralized planned socialist economy that meets social needs. Capitalism in terminal crisis will only produce yet more deadly pandemics, fascism, wars and climate catastrophe.

Build revolutionary workers parties and a new Workers International to fight for World Socialism!

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Cuba and the World Revolution



Introduction

The mass demonstrations in Cuba for food, vaccines, medical care, electricity and democratic rights raise class questions on the island and internationally. Is Cuba socialist, a deformed workers state, state capitalist, restored capitalist or in the process of capitalist restoration? These are the questions socialist and workers are asking.

In the restoration process, are competing factions of the new bourgeois class trying to consolidate their alliances with either the U.S./EU or the Russia/China imperialist bloc? Is there a path forward to secure national liberation from these two imperialist blocs and to build socialism? Is U.S. imperialism still the hegemon or has its power been eclipsed? Does the NATO 2030 recognition of the bi-polar world order reflect a deepening cold war between imperialist and anti-imperialist forces or a pending hot war between two imperialist blocs, or between their proxies in the nearer term? The need to answer these questions is posed by Cuban developments, among others.

The generation that made the revolution and sacrificed for decades is dying off and the youth with internet access see how their conditions are more akin to a semi-colony than an independent socialist state. They can see that both in the U.S. and China the vast middle class have better living conditions. The major gains of the revolution, (except healthcare) guaranteed jobs, food, housing are gone, swept away by the restoration of the Law of Value in relations of production. The state is no longer committed to defending these gains, but is instead committed to opening up Cuba as a semi-colony to Chinese imperialism. This means rank

exploitation no matter who the boss is, and a generalized decline in the standards of living consistent with a defeat of the revolution. Communism, let alone socialism, could never be achieved in one country let alone one island. What gains the population enjoyed in the name of socialism were the result of the revolution that went beyond the nationalist intentions of its leaders. By-necessity-of-survival it then abolished capitalism and assimilated into the Soviet bloc. These gains eroded after capitalist restorations in Russia and China and as the bureaucratized Castroist Communist Party charted the course to restoration.

As everyone who attended high school in the U.S. who was paying attention in 10th grade history class knows, the Monroe Doctrine expanded Manifest Destiny and the White Man's Burden to the entire hemisphere and beyond into the Pacific. From nearby Cuba to Tierra del Fuego and as far as the Philippines, the expanding of the U.S. capitalist empire was secured by 1917 and with the postwar unrivalled economic dominance and nuclear monopoly the "American Century" began with the victory in WW2. It meant U.S. capitalist interests would be enforced by Capital flows, arms flows, cultivation of dictators, militaries and private armies. Invasions of Latin America by the U.S. are far too many to be reviewed here but nary a year had gone by in the last 150 years when either U.S. military overt and/or covert actions were launched from Washington.

Following the Cuban revolution, prior to the 'proclamation of Socialism in April, 1961, the CIA blew up the La Coubre cargo ship. Expropriation of U.S. holdings quickly followed. Cuba was never a terrorist threat, not even a military threat since Krushchev blinked, and "Create 2,3 Many Vietnams" was never more than an anti-imperialist slogan. Having been adopted into the Soviet bloc, teaching and practicing Stalinist misinterpretations of Lenin, Cuba, --- despite its limited forays into Africa--- lacked a revolutionary socialist foreign policy and never became a realistic threat to the world capitalist order. A dead Guevara sufficed for revolutionary credentials. As time went on the viva Che sentiments had more to do with bringing in the sugar harvest than pretensions to

effective internationalism.

So why the near 60 year blockade following the Bay of Pigs, the missile crisis and the hundreds of assassinations attempts on Fidel? Because Cuban independence from the clutches of U.S. imperialism represented proof and hope that U.S. sponsored dictatorships could be overturned. Noam Chomsky, an anti-Leninist liberal anarchist professor even called Cuba the "threat of a good example," an example that liberation movements of workers and peasants could free themselves from U.S. domination.

Cuba, a small island country with monocrop agriculture, faced the tasks of the unfinished national democratic revolution against imperialism and for agrarian reform. This came up against the limits proven by the theory of permanent revolution that those tasks cannot be successfully completed unless the socialist revolution triumphs under the leadership of the working class. But 1960 Cuba existed in a bi-polar world, without an internationalist revolutionary workers leadership, without links to a powerful revolutionary workers' international and/or a healthy industrialized workers state with a revolutionary foreign policy.

Cuba would either succumb to the imperialist onslaught with mafia power restored, or as they did, list uneasily into the port of the Soviet bloc. This union of "revolutionary Cuba" and world Stalinism bolstered the Pabloists of the Fourth International, giving more reason to devolve theoretically from nominal Trotskyism. Pabloism took hold, as the Leninist International and orientation to the working class was replaced by sectoralism on the one side and orientation to continental guerilla warfare on the other. Trotskyism as embodied in its various organizational forms had lost its relevance and in many cases reduced itself to being cheerleaders for the best aspects of the Cuban revolution. Because capitalism was overturned and the capitalists run off the island no social revolution was necessary. Indeed if, as the Pabloists said, the Cuban Revolution was "healthy" then no political revolution was necessary; cheerleading and gentle nudges for expansion of workers'

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democracy were all that was left to do. And even until today there is no lack of outfits to compete for their franchise. Cuba cheerleaders would have you believe they proved that the working class was not the decisive force in the leadership of the socialist revolution, so the concept of multiple vanguards was adopted in the emerging New Left, among them Herbert Marcuse, who claimed the working class was "bought off."

The Pabloist revision of Trotskyism abandoned the permanent revolution, the critique of Stalinism as the foreclosure of the Marxist program for world revolution, and abdicated the fight for the leadership of the working class and a democratic centralist international. Unable and unwilling to mount a fight for Che's "2, 3, Many Vietnams," the Fourth International lost the race Trotsky explained in "Revolution Betrayed". Either the political revolution restores soviet democracy and defeats and controls the bureaucracy or the bureaucracy will restore capitalism if the fascists do not do so first.

The Fourth International was plagued with two wings of Pabloists, the Stalinophile and the Stalinophobes. This was the basis of the 1953 split into the "entryist" Stalinophile Pabloists of the International Secretariat and the ostensible Stalinophobes of the International Committee. It was exactly the Cuban revolution that permitted their reunification in 1961. Each had adapted to Castroism and the factions became two models of stalinophilia. This explains the United Secretariat.

Still other would-be Trotskyists rejected this reunification. They style themselves as anti-Pabloist, but their own contradictory Stalinophilia led to their uncritical support of the repressions and military invasions meted out by the Stalinists. Likewise many of these defend the CCP regime in China and refuse to acknowledge capitalist restoration there. Their calls for political revolution ring hollow as they never find sufficiently revolutionary forces to support.

While the Mandelites buried themselves

in the Stalinist milieu earlier and the Barnesites in the Castroists-Guevarists milieu later, the latter day anti-Pabloists turned "unconditional defense of the USSR" into unconditional defense of the bureaucracy. They continue in the same pattern defending the Xi regime today against all the post Tien An Men upheavals.

The Marcy-led split from the SWP in 1956 were the original "tankies" who faced off over the Hungarian uprising. Where the SWP/International Committee Cannonists and International Secretariat Pabloists saw workers' political revolution, the Stalinists and those developing toward Stalinism in Marcy's WWP saw counter-revolution and Horthyite fascism.

Divisions in the workers movement would continue across events in Czechoslovakia 1968, Poland 1981, and Tienanmen 1989. The Trotskyist movement left the working class ill prepared to defeat Stalinism and incapable of advancing the political revolution in time to prevent the Stalinists from restoring capitalism--ergo counter-revolution prevailed across the so called communist bloc. We can say capitalist restorations have followed two models: the Chicago School of Business "Shock Therapy" fast road or the Chinese "slow road" restoration, where the party monopoly of political power is maintained. Cuba has followed the Chinese slow road model.

Today, with the Soviet workers' state having long since collapsed and the Cuban Communist Party courting Foreign Direct Investment, China is winning the competition to make Cuba its semi-colony while the rest of the imperialist west remains restrained by the U.S. sanctions against blockade breakers.

Miami Gusanos and Wall Streeters salivate at the prospect of subordinating Cuba to the USA again. In the face off in the Caribbean between two competing imperialisms, China and the U.S., the people of Cuba have no way out other than socialist revolution.

The Restoration of Capitalism in Cuba

In [Cuba For Sale](#) (2011) we observed

that,

"...The 6th Cuban Communist Party Congress held in April, 2011 resolved to make major changes for the Cuban economy to overcome its stagnation. These changes represent a wholesale embrace of the capitalist market.... Cubans are now being encouraged to adopt market practices such as buying state property as private property and employing wage workers. Thus the capitalist market will replace state allocation of resources as the main mechanism of the economy. Marxists analyze this as a shift from state planning to the law of value, and hence a shift from a Workers State, albeit deformed from its birth in 1959, to a Capitalist State.

...To avoid the fate of the USSR which opened itself up to capitalism by means of rapid "shock treatment," Cuba looked towards China's gradual restoration of capitalism. It began to open a sector of the economy to foreign private investment and found that the new market relations with imperialism were much more lucrative for the bureaucracy than trying to defend the planned economy. So it now seeks to complete the process and turn itself into a new bourgeois class.

...Cuban bureaucracy, desperate to become a new bourgeoisie, has "sold" capitalist restoration using the same language as that used by the Chinese CP to cover its restoration of capitalism – (as) "market socialism."

We further developed our analysis in [Cuba Sold Out](#) (2013), which stresses the method which allows us to recognise that Cuba has restored capitalism without fully reverting to private ownership of the means of production. The Law of Value has been reinstalled as state capitalism. What [Trotsky](#) predicted as the most likely route to restoration has been confirmed in the ex-Soviet Union, and most clearly, China. Cuba follows China with its 'socialism with Chinese characteristics' i.e. state capitalism, behind the mask of Cuban state socialism. This is why we make the point that Cuba represents the future of ALBA, as all the Bolivarian states fall into line behind the international popular front with China. Cuba is the ideological flagbearer for

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the state capitalist Bolivarian regimes, notably Venezuela and Bolivia, in this global popular front.

Thus, the current situation in Cuba is critical in determining the future of the socialist revolution not only in Latin America but globally. Opposition to U.S. imperialism is widespread in Latin America, but while this opposition is subordinated to the Bolivarian popular front with China, there can be no break with the bureaucracy or bourgeoisie throughout the sub-continent. To smash the hold of the Bolivarians on the anti-imperialist struggle, our first task is to convince the workers, the unemployed and poor self-employed, that China is imperialist and that for the workers movement to be independent of imperialism they must fight to take the leadership of the socialist revolution from both the pro-China bourgeoisie and the Castroist/Bolivarian bourgeoisie.

Here is the prediction we made in *Cuba Sold Out*:

“Both private sector FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) and Cuban expatriate capital are extremely impatient for the US to lift its economic embargo on Cuba. Neither is able to make a sufficient profit that justifies investing in a backward, closed economy where China’s influence is dominant. If the US drops the embargo will it be satisfied with investing in tightly managed export zones while China, having moved into the driver’s seat left vacant by the Soviet Union, is able to exploit Cuba’s best resources, or will it look for a neo-liberal faction in the Cuban bourgeoisie to remove the pro-China faction and push the usual demands of a FTA (Free Trade Agreements) to create an open economy that can be dominated by the US?”

So what we see on the streets of Cuba today is the predictable outcome of the restoration of capitalism in what is now a small, weak, semi-colony. One section of the bourgeoisie is loyal to China. Yet China is only interested in super-exploiting its ally in the name of ‘market socialism’. China has not provided aid to enable the working class to escape poverty. The other section of

the bourgeoisie is based on the ‘Gusanos’ and a new petty bourgeois that has been allowed to expand by the regime. Its interests are to eclipse China’s influence in the name of ‘democracy’ and open the country to the full force of U.S. imperialism. Among these forces are the Miami fascists/revanchists who seek a war of reconquest to punish all associated with post-1958 political power on the island. Of course any one variety of this reaction would create even worse conditions for workers, such as we find in every U.S. semi-colony or colony. We take no sides in this rivalry between bourgeois factions and call for socialist revolution based on the formation of a real Marxist revolutionary party based in the tradition of Lenin and Trotsky.

Permanent Revolution vs. Stalinism

Cuba was the only country in Latin America and the Caribbean that was victorious in the revolution and expropriated the bourgeoisie. Cuba became a Deformed Workers’ State; it had no soviets nor a Bolshevik party. Its petty bourgeois leadership led by Fidel Castro was pushed by the threat of American imperialism to expropriate the bourgeoisie and ally with the USSR to remain in power as a parasitic bureaucracy. The leaders of the Cuban revolution had no intention of completing the permanent revolution and internationalizing it. As Fidel said on the occasion of the Nicaraguan revolution, “we do not want Nicaragua to become a Cuba”.

The Cuban revolution challenged the Soviet Union’s credibility which was on the wane and it had to answer to the cries of revolutionaries in Algeria, Vietnam and Cuba where the popular movements expected (and rightly so!) internationalist support. But the Stalinist movement worldwide abandoned the socialist revolution and made its peace with imperialism long ago, leaving the masses to suffer the effects of the stalled permanent revolution.

The world Stalinist movement was caught, because they were not promoting socialist revolution, and as Cuba’s nationalizations of imperialist property resulted in the blockade and the missile crisis, Cuba became dependent on the

USSR, the east bloc and the non-aligned.

With the collapse of the USSR, Cuba became even more isolated and strangled by the U.S. which kept the smaller imperialists from trading with Cuba. The Stalinists turn away from world revolution, their accommodation to imperialism, the Khrushchev revelations, barricading the workers revolution behind the theory of socialism in one country and the popular front exposed again the crisis of the leadership of the working class as Socialist and Communist Parties signed on to help administer capitalism in the west and in the semi-colonies, breaking the hopes of workers that the “Soviet motherland” would lead us out of the nightmare of imperialism.

In turn the Castroists followed suit and abandoned any pretense of a revolutionary foreign policy, limiting their foreign interventions to aiding reformists and nationalists and then they restored capitalism which they administer while waving the perfunctory red flag. No wonder the youth are out in force—the promise of socialism has been stolen by the fake Communist Party. From Cuba to Nicaragua to South Africa, Venezuela and Hong Kong the Stalinists have failed to defeat capitalism and where it was defeated they restored it. So the left has no obligation to cover for the Stalinists, Castroists, Bolivarians and sellout Sandinistas.

Despite being a deformed workers’ state, the gains of the revolution were undeniable. In a miserable, violent, illiterate and unemployed Latin America, Cuba has reached levels of social development unthinkable in other countries in the region. However, if the permanent revolution does not advance, the retreat is inevitable. The embargoes of American imperialism were a great attack against the revolution and its development, but the fall of the USSR and the workers’ states in Eastern Europe strongly shook the Caribbean country and measures to open up the economy began to be adopted for more than 20 years, having in the 2010’s completed the restoration of capitalism. In the last decade, hunger, unemployment and other capitalist ills are advancing on the island. The setback in working class

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consciousness caused by the Stalinists and fake Trotskyists is enormous and a great betrayal. In addition to pushing back the revolution and restoring capitalism with their own hands, they do it in the name of “socialism”.

All over the world, but in Latin America and the Caribbean in particular, activists and left-wing organizations have been divided over the July 11 demonstrations. The Stalinists (who have always defended bureaucracy and socialism in one country) and the fake Trotskyists are against the demonstrators, accusing them of being manipulated by the U.S. and defending Cuba as a workers’ state, leaving only the imperialist embargo responsible for the setback of the revolution. These “Trotskyist” currents defend China as a workers’ state too. Clearly, these currents capitulate to Stalinism. Unlike Russia, the Communist Parties’ permanence in power and the one-party regime is crucial for analyzing the character of these states.

Other sectors of the left, such as the reformist currents of the Socialism and Liberty Party (PSOL) and the United Socialist Workers’ Party (PSTU) in Brazil, defend the demonstrations for “democracy”. Their positions are a capitulation to U.S. “democratic” imperialism. For them, capitalism has been restored in Cuba, the Communist Party regime is a bourgeois dictatorship and the struggle for “democracy” is defended. The PSTU had a similar policy in the fall of the Eastern European and USSR regimes, instead of defending the workers’ state and the political revolution against the bureaucracy, it supported the end of the biggest victory of the working class. The PSTU supported replacing it with a bourgeois “democratic” regime.

It is true that the Cuban people are proud of the revolution and have defended it a lot, but today they see the regression of the revolution and the restoration itself as a “socialist” measure, creating illusions in capitalism and bourgeois democracy. Defeating the reformist leaderships and the popular front is an urgent task for the revolutionary vanguard and the workers. Cuba today needs a new revolution that defeats both the imperialist blocs and the

ruling bourgeoisie.

Revolutionary workers and the international labor movement must oppose all imperialist intervention and the blockade and stand with the masses and advocate for popular assemblies, workers control and socialization of production, and the implementation of a worker-led central plan, the monopoly of foreign trade and expropriation of foreign capital. But first workers have to be convinced that Cuba has restored capitalism, and that China is an imperialist power and will not lead the anti-imperialist struggle. For actual anti-imperialism the permanent revolution is necessary.

We demand the U.S. close and abandon the Guantanamo military base and prison. We are not looking for a [Reiss Faction](#) to save the day in a ‘political revolution’ led by an uprising exclusively led by Communist party members. We are for a Bolshevik-Leninist party of the authentic proletarian membership model with its revolutionary socialist program. The pretensions of the Castroists do not measure up, and behind those pretensions there is only the desire to maintain their exclusive political power by breaking the blockade. Socialist revolution is called for, in Cuba, throughout the Caribbean the Americas and beyond to world socialism! To prepare and lead this world revolution we call on workers in Cuba to build their democratic centralist revolutionary workers party as part of a new Workers’ International based on the program and method of Trotsky’s 1938 [Transitional Program](#). Workers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains!

- **Defeat all imperialist overt and covert interventions. Defeat the Blockade!**
- **For international workers’ defense of Cuba!**
- **For the return of Guantanamo to Cuba.**
- **For workers councils to take control of production and to coordinate and control a socialist central plan.**
- **For workers democracy and free speech for workers and oppressed in all trade unions,**

workers committees, councils, public assemblies, in the press, the arts, on the internet, in academia and historic institutions of the revolution.

- **For workers and farmers sliding scale of prices and wages.**
- **End corrupt and bureaucratic control of resources**
- **For socialist distribution of Food, Jobs, Housing and Healthcare for all!**
- **Form up workers committees and councils in every workplace and community!**
- **Establish the right to immediate recall of workers delegates.**
- **For workers committees to set prices, control food and medicine distribution!**
- **For Socialist Revolution to smash the Stalinist bureaucracy that has restored capitalism**
- **No to the capitalist restoration and the restorationist program of the PCC**
- **Stop counter-revolutionary privatizations and special zones and deals with foreign capitalist profit takers.**
- **Build workers self defense guards that fight for socialism. Down with the PNR and CDR that defend the restorationist policies.**
- **Down with the Dictatorship of Capital**
- **No to fake bourgeois democracy.**
- **Expropriate Foreign Owned Means of Production**
- **For a revolutionary foreign policy, turn all anti-imperialist uprisings socialist!**
- **Form up workers councils to initiate workers democracy!**
- **For a workers government --the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!**
- **For the Construction of the World Party of Revolution.**

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FOR MILITANT WORKING CLASS ACTION IN DEFENSE OF NAMIBIAN MINE WORKERS' LEADERS!

CAPITALISM MUST BE SMASHED FOR WORKERS TO SURVIVE!

In September last year the Chinese state owned enterprise, China National Nuclear Corporation Rössing Uranium Limited (CNN/RUL) fired nine union leaders who belonged to the Namibia Mineworkers Union Rössing Branch for organising workers to resist the attacks on the workers conditions of service, which would result in a worse off situation for the mine workers. The new Chinese mine owners, who bought the mine from Rio Tinto, demanded that the workers make concessions on their health benefits in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. They also undermined the working conditions of the Namibian workers by improperly bringing in Chinese workers working long and dangerous shifts. In so doing, they were reneging on their promise to abide by the union contract and the national labour laws. The company even went to the extent of attempting to bribe the Rössing Mine union Chairman and leadership.

The dismissal of the union leaders is not accidental. It is a direct response by the Chinese imperialist bosses, just as their western counterparts have made, to the global and structural capitalist crisis made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic. The crisis demands that the bosses shift the burden of paying for the crisis to the workers through attacks on their working conditions and wages. The unlawful and unprocedural dismissal of the entire branch executive shows how far the bosses are willing to go to protect their profits at the expense of workers. This is not peculiar but a necessary expression of the nature of class antagonisms and tasks. The workers, poor peasants, urban poor, poor youths and unemployed must realise this and respond accordingly.

The Revolutionary Workers Group of Zimbabwe (RWG-Z), the Zimbabwean section of the International Leninist Trotskyist Tendency (ILTT), demands the reinstatement of the dismissed

union leaders without loss of income. We further demand that the Chinese bosses honour the union contract and national labour laws. We fully support the solidarity actions across the globe in support of the fired union leaders and the workers they lead being organised by the United Front of workers unions and worker's organizations. Reliance on the rule of law and adherence to bourgeois law alone ultimately leads to defeat and demoralisation. Class struggle methods must be utilised. Organised militant mass action, leading to a general strike, which is organised and defended by the ordinary working masses, is a must if our class is to conquer its interests through smashing capitalism.

Internationalist Workers oppose all nationalist chauvinism against immigrant workers and nationalities. Workers in semi-colonies like Namibia and Zimbabwe are being played as pawns in the Great Game between competing imperialisms whose wrestling matches for control of the resources and labor around the world are the lead up to inter-imperialist wars. We call on workers in the various imperialist countries to unite with the workers of the world for permanent revolution against imperialist war and to always speak out and act on the understanding that *your main enemy is your own ruling class!*

- **Reinstate immediately all dismissed union leaders without loss of benefits!**
- **Stop the victimisation and persecution of workers and their leaders!**
- **For the full right to strike, protest, assemble and expression!**
- **Organize immigrant workers into local unions -same work same contract!**
- **For survival, workers need to assert control of all PPEs and use masks at work and in street actions, strikes and assemblies!**
- **A living Wage! Workers fight for a living wage and better working conditions through mass action controlled by ordinary workers!**
- **Against unemployment and destitution we demand a sliding scale of working hours to provide decent jobs for all through massive public works programs to provide**

housing, education and medical care for all!

- **Against the ever rising prices and inflation we demand a sliding scale of wages!**
- **For free, comprehensive and secular education for all!**
- **For free quality health for all!**
- **Workers take back your unions!**
- **Organise the unorganised! Form unions of the unemployed as fully affiliated unions!**
- **Militant workers to form class struggle caucuses in the unions to fight for this program!**
- **Workers to form strike committees to lead the resistance to the growing attacks on the wages and working conditions of the poor and the livelihood of the majority poor!**
- **Workers to form workers defence guards for defence against state and bosses violence!**
- **A national strike committee to organise and plan for a general strike!**
- **For a workers government on the basis of the armed people to implement decisions that benefit the workers and the poor!**
- **Nationalisation of all companies without indemnification to the big shareholders under workers control!**
- **Land to be distributed to all poor peasants together with a state bank to provide inputs to all small farmers!**
- **A workers state that defends workers, peasants and the poor masses against the local and foreign capitalists!**
- **An African socialist revolution as part of the international revolution that alone can guarantee a better life for all!**
- **A new WORLD PARTY of socialist revolution based on the TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM of 1938 to lead the revolution to end capitalism and open the road to socialism!**

Revolutionary Workers Group of Zimbabwe (Section of the International Leninist Trotskyist Tendency)

15 April 2021, Harare, Zimbabwe

International Labor Defense

An Injury to One is an Injury to All!

***For International Working Class Defense of All Class War Prisoners
and Victims of Capitalist State Repression!***

The CWG stands for the non-sectarian working class defense of class war prisoners and all the oppressed based upon the old Wobbly principle that “An Injury to One is an Injury to All!”

We place no faith in the capitalist courts, government agencies or labor boards to achieve justice. We call for the united International Working Class in alliance with the oppressed to come to the defense of all victims of capitalist state repression with class struggle methods. This means not only union resolutions but mass labor mobilizations and political strikes.

The feds go after anti-fascists while Trump’s rightist thugs get off with a slap on the wrist

Daniel Baker was sentenced to 3.5 years in federal prison and 3 additional years of probation for anti-fascist advocacy on social media, advocacy for mobilization of the community of anti-fascists in the event of a second coup attempt by the coalition of QAnon, Proud Boys, Patriot Prayer, and other chauvinist white supremacist and white power thugs. Despite not hitting the streets, or anyone, this anarchist, hare Krishna vegan, yoga teacher, street medic and veteran of PKK Rojava defense against ISIS -- *the feds have prosecuted him more severely than those who breached the Capitol on January 6th!*

Baker’s gut instincts to mobilize the community to confront and drive out fascists are commendable. But as an anarchist his advocacy, like his history in the movement, has been individualist not class based. His “*call to arms*” against potential fascist mobilizations in Tallahassee, FL, missed the mark as it was not directed to the working class and oppressed and in particular their organizations; this is not a tactical as much as a strategic blunder of anarchism.

It is no surprise that the feds, even under Biden, go after this anti-fascist militant, and it is worthwhile to contrast the treatment of the Vermont central labor council by the AFL-CIO national leadership, the Trumka bureaucracy, long tied to the Democratic party by ten thousand strings. The Vermont AFL-CIO

passed resolutions to initiate a General Strike against the threat of a Trump coup only to be sanctioned by the national AFL-CIO leadership.

Neither the Democrats nor the Trade Union leadership comprehend that actual anti-fascism means the defeat of imperialism, the system which butters their bread. So rather than mobilizing the masses against the fascist threat they rally the forces of the state and the sellouts in the labor leadership against anti-fascists.

Fascism is the sword of Damocles the capitalist class holds over the working class and oppressed peoples; it is never defeated by bourgeois democracy, only by the armed masses, and the CWG advocates the formation of self defense guards by the working class and communities of oppressed people against white power terrorists and fascist thugs. We advocate for class struggle methods to end the fascist threat by mass mobilizations that lead to workers power and a workers government. To defeat fascism, individualism is insufficient and counter productive. We need to win all anti-fascist militants to build a fighting workers labor party to unite the entire working class in the fight for socialism now! Only such a party can stop the wave of social reaction and *smash fascism in the egg*.

We Demand Release Daniel Baker Now. Drop the sanctions against the Vermont AFL-CIO!

Hayduke lives!



Eco-warriors Jessica Reszincek and Ruby Montoya, members of the Catholic Worker community in Des Moines Iowa, pled guilty to terrorism charges for sabotage, damaging the DAPL oil pipeline. The oil companies and media claimed the damage to have been in the millions of dollars; whereas the defense claims the damages were repaired for under twenty thousand. Defending their actions by reason of necessity to protect waterways and the environment they pled guilty and were sentenced to eight years in federal prison. Ruby Montoya has since [petitioned to withdraw her guilty plea](#) on account of coercion, entrapment and mental health issues. We defend eco-warriors against state persecution and the idolators of property!

Individualism vs. Collective, Mass and Labor Action

Individualist “Monkey Wrenchers” with dreams of Hayduke’s resurrection offer no solution to the capitalist climate catastrophe! To save the environment we need a workers party that mobilizes the masses to form a workers government and plan the eco-restoration as part of the socialist planned economy. Individualist saboteurs contribute little or nothing to the fight for the political independence of the working class.

Craft unions that build the pipelines are cynically used by the fossil fuel industry for the jobs the construction tasks provide, despite the short term nature of the work. This is a bosses’ setup to divide our social class, pitting the seasonally employed against the local communities and Native American and First Peoples, forces who naturally enough seek to defend their habitat! A limousine leadership of what Daniel DeLeon called “false Plebs” and “Labor Lieutenants of Capital” keep rank-and-file union members confused when on occasion they address the issue.

These are 24/7 Democrat union leaders. The Democrats have sapped the Cop26 meeting, just like the Paris and Kyoto conferences of the past. Big oil and coal will buy carbon offsets when forced to out of petty cash.

Our only beef with the brave women, albeit a major one, is with individualist actions against Capital's sociopathic projects.

Free Jessica Reszincek and Ruby Montoya now!

Defend Transit Union President Valerie Jefferson!



*Valerie Jefferson, in red, at a press conference
(The Lens)*

New Orleans Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1560 [President Valerie Jefferson](#) was fired in September in retaliation for her advocacy for extra pay for transit workers after Hurricane Ida as part of an emergency response, per an agreement previously signed by the Transit Authority. We are supposed to believe the boss, Alex Wiggins, who at another time had been charged with sexual harassment, when he claims just cause for her firing, alleging she cursed him! But the truth is otherwise...! The Union busting drive against the ATU Local is continuous; not only has Jefferson been fired but the Regional Transit Authority now refuses recognition of the Sister as Local President.

We demand: Restore her employment and all back pays now! Only the membership can say who the Local Union officers are!

The State Offs Reinoehl, Looses Rittenhouse on the Left and Whales On the Youth



Kenosha (Ashlee Rezin/Sun-Times)

As we go to deadline we see the Kenosha, Wisconsin State Court of Judge Schroeder, a Democrat, has freed the murderer Kyle Rittenhouse, who has become a living cause celebre to replace Ashli Babbitt on the Hitlerite/Trumpster right. This may be the Biden era, but the ruling class' Trump-era continuity message is: we will kill individuals who bear arms against murderer police and the racist right, and we will free the white power fascists who kill Black Lives Matter protesters, just as we pre-clear of charges the anti-left vehicular homicide drivers. In Iowa this new "Back The Blue Law" enables cops and vigilantes to rampage on four wheels so long as they can maintain they were not "grossly negligent." Police vehicle weaponizing versus the left is now commonplace in New York, where "ranked choice voting" has installed the Democrat machine's career police mayoral candidate Adams

[Jeremy Stahl](#), writing in Slate, says Rittenhouse's acquittal means "active shooter" is now redefined. **We say it is time for Union-Centered Multi-Racial Community Defense Guards.** The police-love season occasioned by the Democrats' police budget increases and the whole focus of the first months of the January 6th investigation have enabled the "Blue Lives Matter" movement of the petty bourgeoisie to act out. You can expect more violence from them almost instantly!

Protesting youth who saw this jury ruling coming were arrested on Nov. 17th after a trivial scuffle. Shaquita

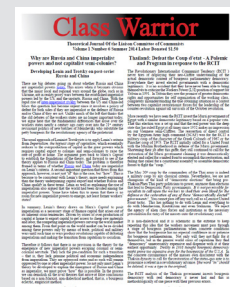
Lashia Cornelious, a leader of Black Lives Matter was body slammed and arrested by police after making the mistake of trying to make peace with pro-Rittenhouse protesters who included a Breitbart reporter and a rifle-toting ex-cop and a member of Identity Europa. Still other arrested youth were charged with interfering with and non-compliance with the police.

We do not agree with any of the reformist or social-imperialist leftists who offer their varieties of advice on how to tweak the "justice system" after this heinous verdict. We know the police are the survivals of the slave patrols and their behavior at the BLM Kenosha protest proves they are neither workers nor can they be reformed. **Expel the police "unions" from our Labor federations!**

There is no justice for anti-racists or anti-fascists in the bosses' courts. The police were on the streets of Kenosha on that night not to enforce the curfew but to allow the fascist militia and vigilantes to take pot shots and send a message to BLM and Anti-Fa. Fools still have faith in the capitalist state and courts but the message is clear only the interracial multi-ethnic workers militia can defend the rights of the oppressed and working class from the enforcers of Capital. **Brown Shirt and Blue Shirt are all the same.**

We Demand Drop All Charges Against BLM protesters of the Rittenhouse Verdict!

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What we Fight For

We fight to overthrow Capitalism

Historically, capitalism expanded world-wide to free much of humanity from the bonds of feudal or tribal society, and developed the economy, society and culture to a new higher level. But it could only do this by exploiting the labour of the productive classes to make its profits. To survive, capitalism became increasingly destructive of “nature” and humanity. In the early 20th century it entered the epoch of imperialism in which successive crises unleashed wars, revolutions and counter-revolutions. Today we fight to end capitalism’s wars, famine, oppression and injustice, by mobilising workers to overthrow their own ruling classes and bring to an end the rotten, exploitative and oppressive society that has exceeded its use-by date.

We fight for Socialism

By the 20th century, capitalism had created the pre-conditions for socialism –a world-wide working class and modern industry capable of meeting all our basic needs. The potential to eliminate poverty, starvation, disease and war has long existed. The October Revolution proved this to be true, bringing peace, bread and land to millions. But it became the victim of the combined assault of imperialism and Stalinism. After 1924 the USSR, along with its deformed offspring in Europe, degenerated back towards capitalism. In the absence of a workers political revolution, capitalism was restored between 1990 and 1992. Vietnam and China then followed. In the 21st century only North Korea survives as a degenerated workers state. We unconditionally defend the DPRK against capitalism and fight for political revolution to overthrow the bureaucracy as part of a world socialist revolution.

We fight to defend Marxism

While the economic conditions for socialism exist today, standing between the working class and socialism are political, social and cultural barriers. They are the capitalist state and bourgeois ideology and its agents. These agents claim that Marxism is dead and capitalism need not be exploitative. We say that Marxism is a living science that explains both capitalism’s continued exploitation and its attempts to hide class exploitation behind the appearance of individual “freedom” and “equality”. It reveals how and why the reformist, Stalinist and centrist misleaders of the working class tie workers to bourgeois ideas of nationalism, racism, sexism and equality. Such false beliefs will be exploded when the struggle against the inequality, injustice, anarchy and barbarism of capitalism in crisis, led by a revolutionary Marxist party, produces a revolutionary class-consciousness.

We fight for a Revolutionary Party

The bourgeoisie and its agents condemn the Marxist party as totalitarian. We say that without a democratic and a centrally organised party there can be no revolution. We base our beliefs on the revolutionary tradition of Bolshevism and Trotskyism. Such a party, armed with a transitional program, forms a bridge that joins the daily fight to defend all the past and present gains won from capitalism to the victorious socialist revolution. Defensive struggles for bourgeois rights and freedoms, for decent wages and conditions, will link up the struggles of workers of all nationalities, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations, bringing about movements for workers control, political strikes and the arming of the working class, as necessary steps to workers’ power and the smashing of the bourgeois state. Along the way, workers will learn that each new step is one of many in a long march to revolutionize every barrier put in the path to their victorious revolution.

We fight for Communism

Communism stands for the creation of a classless, stateless society beyond socialism that is capable of meeting all human needs. Against the ruling class lies that capitalism can be made “fair” for all, that nature can be “conserved”, that socialism and communism are “dead”, we raise the red flag of communism to keep alive the revolutionary tradition of the Communist Manifesto of 1848, the Bolshevik-led October Revolution, the Third Communist International until 1924, and the revolutionary Fourth International up to its collapse into centrism, with the closing of the International Center. We fight to build a new Communist International, as a world party of socialism capable of leading workers to a victorious struggle for socialism.

Join us: Where overthrowing capitalism is all in a days work !!!

“Only on the basis of a study of political processes in the masses themselves, can we understand the role of parties and leaders, whom we least of all are inclined to ignore. They constitute not an independent, but nevertheless a very important, element in the process. Without a guiding organisation, the energy of the masses would dissipate like steam not enclosed in a piston-box. But nevertheless what moves things is not the piston or the box, but the steam.”

- Leon Trotsky, *The History of the Russian Revolution*, Preface

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