

UKRAINE

PROLETARIES HAVE NO HOMELAND: AGAINST THE WAR BETWEEN IMPERIALISTS, CLASS WAR

Russia's foray into Ukrainian territory means a qualitative leap in the direction of a third world war. We are facing a new chapter in a conflict whose primary responsibility is imperialism. An escalation that we strongly condemn: the cannon fodder is and will be the proletarians: of Ukraine and Russia today, in the future of Europe and finally of the whole world!

Ukraine has been transformed into a colony of western metropolises, first of all the United States. The country has suffered from economic plundering by international capital, owes a debt of 70 billion dollars to the IMF and has been the victim of a ferocious adjustment in the framework of agreements with multilateral credit organizations. In short, Ukraine has become a scorched earth, the poorest nation in Europe. The economic penetration of the main capitalist powers in Eastern Europe went hand in hand with the inclusion of the countries of the region in NATO. This not only aims to consolidate Atlantic, and American first and foremost, dominance over this geographical space, but is also a blow against Russia, which faces a real military encirclement around its western border. The ultimate goal of imperialism is to complete the colonization of the former Soviet space. Through this war on the soil of the "old continent", the USA and England intend once again to take advantage of the European antagonisms to restore the world power of the Anglo-Saxon capital. Chinese imperialism is also ready to take advantage of this.

Russia's military intervention tramples the right of nations to self-determination which was one of the most brilliant examples of the Soviet Union's revolutionary foreign policy in Lenin's time; self-determination renounced by the "prison of peoples" inaugurated by Stalin against the independence and autonomy of the non-Russian republics of the USSR.

In his tug-of-war with the West, Putin conceives eastern Ukraine as a geopolitical chessboard and bargaining chip with the West, and certainly not, as too many on the left claim, as part of an anti-imperialist struggle. In reverse. Proof of this is the Kremlin's policy of social inequality on its territory and national oppression of the nations still under Moscow's orbit. It is no coincidence that the Russians intervened a few days ago in Kazakhstan to bloodily repress the proletarian insurrection that had exploded there against the austerity measures imposed by the government.

The war in Ukraine sets the stage for a general war in Europe and is international in scope. A war involving none other than NATO and Russia once again belies the apologists for globalization and the alleged overcoming of national antagonisms. On the contrary, **the world capitalist crisis is leading to an intensification of national antagonisms and subjects the world to the nightmare of confrontations and war confrontations.** And, hand in hand with this, the social and economic difficulties, which are already making themselves felt. Along with the collapse of the stock markets and the shocks of the world economy, we are seeing a rise in oil and commodity prices that have a

direct impact on people's pockets. **Exploitation, precariousness, deaths at work increase, inflation erodes wages and pensions, health and social services are being dismantled, but there is never a shortage of money for weapons and military missions.**

Just as only the class struggle can counteract the impoverishment of the proletariat, in the same way, stopping the military action of Moscow and any future NATO interventions is not possible with petitions, illusory international arbitrations, deceptive diplomatic negotiation tables, all stages behind which the powers conceal the division of peoples' spoils.

Today it is incumbent upon the Russian proletarians to demand the withdrawal of troops from Ukraine, for the Ukrainian proletarians to break the front with Ukrainian nationalism, for the Western proletarians to hinder and prevent the direct intervention of their own imperialism today indirectly and tomorrow.

The only possible answer is "war on war". Against Russian and Western imperialism.

Only direct action and the international unity of the proletarians can influence events. Our front is the internal one.

The third world war can only find an answer in the resumption of the class struggle.

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