

Ukraine: Whose War Is It?

Prepared By
Sinan Kaleli



Ukraine: Whose War Is It?

Prepared By

Sinan Kaleli

Ukraine: Whose War Is It?

Prepared By

Sinan Kaleli

Preface

Life is extraordinarily rich. It cannot be confined to templates. Every historical development must be considered within its own existential conditions, with all its unique aspects taken into account. Intellectual slugs or narrow-minded individuals attempt to make sense of a series of events through memorized clichés. For them, everything can be explained through extremely simplistic templates. However, in reality, these so-called "explanations" themselves are in dire need of explanation!

The "Ukraine tension," which escalated into direct armed conflict as of February 24, was immediately met with ready-made templates by a significant portion of the socialist movement. Neither the historical development of the issue was taken into account, nor were its unique aspects explored. "The struggle for imperialist hegemony (i.e. inter-imperialist war)" became the magical formula that "explained" everything at once for a very wide circle. Neither the two people's republics of Donbass were part of the equation, nor the neo-Nazi fascists who held real power in Kiev. Nor was the fact that the so-called "very imperialist" Russian bourgeoisie had actually formed a unity of interests and destiny with the imperialist "West." Neither concrete class relations nor the unique historical situation were part of this "explanation." Simply saying "No to Imperialist War" was more than enough! In truth, this "sharp" assessment was nothing but an expression of avoiding confrontation with the real imperialists, of not standing directly against that dreadful front, of "not rowing against the current."

As for us... As the reader will see again in this compilation, we had been conducting a concrete historical

analysis of this long-coming war for a very long time. When the war broke out, we had behind us a considerable body of these scientific analyses. Based on these analyses, we called out to the working peoples and all forces on the labor front to "Choose Your Side." We raised this call knowing full well that we would be isolated, that we would draw all the lightning upon ourselves; we raised it knowing that we would be "rowing against the current" alone!.. At the heart of the political approach we developed was the refusal to compromise on political courage and a scientific perspective. To not compromise on the correct revolutionary line at the cost of being alone; to not shy away from expressing revolutionary thoughts that we believed aligned with the class interests of the proletariat, no matter the cost, has always been the line followed by Leninists throughout their history.

This war, now in its third week, proves how accurate our pre-war views were. Developments are aligning with our theoretical predictions.

In compiling this collection, alongside making the current tensions and conflicts more understandable for our readers and enabling them to see the historical and social realities underlying the surface events, we aimed to enlighten the revolutionary proletariat about the possible future directions of global developments and to bring their concrete historical tasks to consciousness. Our readers will learn about the historical development of the current issue and see how such world-scale events are approached through the selection of articles included in this compilation.

When it comes to scientific truths and revolutionary politics, not giving in to the uproar created by the bourgeois world and the so-called "public opinion" manufactured by their massive propaganda machines has always been a fundamental characteristic of the Leninist approach. The compilation you hold in your hands stands as one of the proofs of a steadfast and resolute stance against the current that sweeps many along.

We are at a turning point. At a critical juncture. In-

sistence on scientific truths may impose isolation, even if temporarily, especially in such critical periods. But we know that the "reward" for insisting on scientific truths is always given by historical development.

This "reward" will find its true meaning when the scientific revolutionary ideas put forward align with the real aspirations and tendencies of the masses and transform into a material force.

The proletariat is a revolutionary class that saves not the past or the present, but the future.

Sinan Kaleli

ODESSA 2014: BLOODY SHADOW OF THE THIRD REICH

The red flag bearing the hammer and sickle, raised over the Reichstag—the German parliament building—symbolizes the defeat of Nazi fascism. The date is May 2, 1945i. Nazism, which had plunged the world into bloodshed for six years and perpetrated unspeakable atrocities, lay vanquished.

May 2, 2014—69 years after the Nazis' defeat. A small group of activists sets up tents on Odessa's Kulikovo Square, continuing their pro-federalism protests, oblivious to the impending catastrophe. What began as demonstrations on Kiev's Maidan (Independence Square) had escalated into a US-backed fascist coup, plunging the country into turmoil. In the eastern regions, the Russian-speaking population's native language was abruptly banned...

Donbas rose in armed resistance, rejecting Kiev's authority. Crimea, repudiating the fascist coup in Kiev, held a referendum to join Russia, with 93% voting for unification. In Mariupol, the anti-Kiev movement was brutally crushed, while Kharkov succumbed to fascist intimidation. A climate of fascist terror engulfed the nation. Meanwhile, in Odessa, a group opposing this fascist tide staged a defiant yet tragically unprepared protest—their tents pitched on Kulikovo Square.

During the day, clashes broke out in the city center between fascists and anti-fascists. Two fascists and four anti-fascists lost their lives. Tensions were high. Later, a crowd of 1,000 people, including football hooligans armed with chains, baseball bats, knives, Molotov cocktails, and machetes, descended on Kulikovo Square. The fascist "Right Sector" group and other neo-Nazi groups led the

charge. There was no police force to stop the frenzied mob!

The attackers begin hurling Molotov cocktails and firing weapons at the crowd in the square. The besieged protesters seek refuge in the nearby five-story building, known as the Trade Union Palace. And then... scenes all too familiar in these lands unfold—a grim reminder of the universal nature of fascism. The building is set ablaze, engulfed in flames from Molotov cocktails. Gunfire rains down on the structure without pause. Those captured are brutally hacked apart with machetes and axes. Desperate individuals fleeing to the windows to escape the inferno are shot at point-blank range. Some leap from the building in a bid to survive, only to be met with violence from the mob below. The wounded, lying helpless on the ground, are lynched. For 45 agonizing minutes, the fire brigade is conspicuously absent. Police units stand by, refusing to intervene. Official reports state that 42 people were brutally massacred in the building that night, with 240 others injured. The descendants of the Third Reich, defeated in 1945, enact a savage ritual of vengeance 69 years later.

Forty-two people perished in the building that night, with six more killed in the morning shootout, bringing the total death toll to 48. Yet, the full extent of the tragedy remains unknown—some succumbed to severe injuries in hospitals, while others died years later due to the trauma. To this day, the Council of Mothers continues its door-to-door efforts to uncover the truth and bring clarity to the events.

What is particularly striking is that, following this horrific massacre, only one individual faced punishment—and that person was from the attacked side! Is this not astonishing to the people of this land? Even five years later, the fascists responsible have yet to be held accountable. On page 24 of the UN's quarterly report on human rights in Ukraine, it is noted that fascist groups stormed the court handling the case, and the judge narrowly escaped harm thanks to the intervention of lawyers.

Ukraine, a land that bore witness to some of the most brutal massacres of the Second World War, found itself

once again engulfed by fascist violence in the 21st centuryii. History revels in ironies, but not in coincidences. It is no accident that Ukraine became the stage for such suffering, nor that the fascists operated with such organization and confidence. This tragedy is rooted in a long and complex historical contextiii. In more recent history, the Yushchenko era (2004 and beyond) stands out as a critical period, marked by the rise of the 'color revolutions,' with Ukraine's own 'Orange Revolution.'iv It was during this time that fascist groups began receiving significant support and gaining strength.

As Okay Deprem aptly noted in an interview: "We can continue to view Bandera's heirs as mere pawns. They played a pivotal role in the Donbass war, but they were never fully autonomous—always tethered to control mechanisms and dependent on external forces. The US and its allies were the primary backers of Ukraine, and there is ample evidence to support this. It began with the Right Sector, which gradually evolved into paramilitary units and small counter-guerrilla forces. These groups did not emerge out of thin air. While they were less visible prior to 2014, it later came to light that they had been training in neighboring countries years before the conflict escalated. On the surface, their presence was not overt, but in cities like Lvov, the towering statue of Bandera served as a stark symbol of their influence. In essence, even the pre-2014 government tacitly permitted the existence of Nazi-aligned organizations."

Europe begins in Ukraine,' Hitler once proclaimed. 'Severing Ukraine from the Russian axis' and 'integrating it into the West' could only be accomplished by vilifying its socialist past and rehabilitating former Nazi collaborators. War criminals were rebranded as 'national heroes' and 'freedom fighters.' This imperialist strategy inevitably fostered the growth of fascist ideologies, whitewashing the atrocities of the Nazi empire and the Third Reich. Historical massacres were systematically denied. The enemy was labeled as 'Moskali'—a derogatory term for Russians—while the Nazis and their collaborators were glorified as saviors. Once again, the imperialist world found itself treading in

Hitler's footsteps.

Had history not already set this precedent? Was the so-called 'fight against communism' not built upon the very foundations of the Nazi regime—its officials, intelligence operatives, propaganda machinery, and clandestine organizations? Let us not overlook the fact that the mastermind behind this endeavor was none other than Reinhard Gehlennv, the former chief of Nazi intelligence.

Fascism is nothing more than a manifestation of capitalist domination! Consider capitalist economics—even the widely celebrated liberal capitalist model—and push its principles to their logical extreme; what emerges is pure Nazi ideology. (For those skeptical of this claim, Lester Thurow's **The Future of Capitalism** offers a compelling analysis.)

The Odessa massacre and the fascist coup in Kyiv are neither singular nor isolated events. They represent a historical echo of the Third Reich's bloodstained legacy, while simultaneously exposing the face of modern fascism. This atrocity lays bare the intrinsic link between capitalism and fascism. Today, it is the globalizing tendencies of world capitalism that pose a universal threat to humanity. Fascism and fascist movements are increasingly effective in confronting humanity's efforts to transcend capitalism. As comrades from Donbas have powerfully articulated, 'street terror and state terror merge into one' in the face of popular resistance.

To defeat fascism, one must first comprehend its roots. The scientific and coherent response to the challenges of modernity lies not in liberalism or conservatism, but in Marxist internationalism. Fascism emerges from the very essence of capitalism—a system that dehumanizes us and reduces everything around us to mere commodities.

Sinan KALELI
May 3, 2019

i In fact, the simple red flag was planted in the evening hours of April 30. But it was dark and could not be seen. Then, on May 2, the red flag with the hammer and sickle was raised on the Reichs-

tag building. Both filmed and photographed. Berlin had fallen, Germany was defeated! On the night of May 8 to May 9, Germany surrendered unconditionally.

ii In Ukraine, 34 thousand people (mostly Jews, but also captured Soviet soldiers and Roma) were massacred in two days at Babi Yar, and more than 200 thousand people were massacred in 3 years until Ukraine was liberated. And in these massacres the “Ukrainian nationalists” (Stepan Banderaites) played an important role.

iii For a good summary of the history of fascist and anti-communist organizations in Ukraine: <https://medium.com/@emrekose/ukraynada-fa%C5%9Fizm-ve-milliyet%C3%A7ili%C4%9Fin-k%C4%B1sa-tarihi-1f05b755cd19>.

iv In an interview (https://www.bbc.com/turkce/haberler/2010/11/101126_fooc_ukraine) with the Jewish community in Ukraine , this is reflected in everyday life.

v Reinhard Gehlen was the backbone of the tactics of all imperialist intelligence, including the CIA, against the Soviets. This Nazi is the founder and head of the West German intelligence BND. He changed his name and was put in charge of these operations. One of the declassified documents of the CIA praises the strength of Gehlen’s view that “the main enemy of Western civilization is the Soviets” and describes how, with Washington’s support, he founded the G-2 organization in the fight against the Soviets.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA

In our article published on September 13, we highlighted how the imperialists and the nascent Russian bourgeoisie had launched the first act of a counter-revolutionary drama with the "Navalny Affair." At the time, we noted that the final scene of this act concluded with a veritable 'parade of stars,' as leaders from imperialist and collaborator states—ranging from Merkel to the NATO Secretary General, Macron of France to Poland's leadership—took center stage. We further remarked:

"As for poor Navalny, it remains uncertain whether he will return to his homeland, but he may yet recover."

And recover he did! With that, the curtain fell on the first act, paving the way for the second. The imperialist powers—particularly Merkel, who had coddled Navalny with "motherly affection" and provided him sanctuary in Germany—alongside their intelligence agencies and local collaborators, must have urged Navalny to "stop lounging around" and return to Moscow to resume his mission. And so he did.

No sooner had Alexei Navalny—a man seemingly immune to poison—departed from Merkel's protective embrace (or, more accurately, was thrust into a minefield!) and returned to Moscow to serve the remainder of his sentence in an old corruption case than the demonstrations erupted. Everything had been meticulously prepared. Navalny's affiliated foundation had not been idle.

Initially, all demonstrations were attributed to Navalny's influence, as this was the intended narrative. However, it soon became impossible to conceal the deep involvement of US-German-British imperialist intelligence services. Perhaps they no longer felt the need to hide their

hand. After all, even the newly appointed US Secretary of State weighed in online, publicly expressing support for the demonstrators.

At first glance, the overall scenario suggested that the imperialists were attempting to replicate the "color revolutions"—or rather, counter-revolutions—they had orchestrated in countries like Ukraine and Georgia, this time targeting Russia. The middle class, which had thrived in the post-Soviet era, alongside a significant number of opportunists easily swayed by financial incentives, took center stage. The domestic backers of this scheme are undoubtedly the nascent Russian bourgeoisie, who, following the Soviet Union's collapse, amassed vast fortunes through rampant plunder and corruption. As for the foreign sponsors, their identities are well-known and require no further elaboration.

The primary conclusion to be drawn from these potential developments is that the imperialists are playing with fire—or, to put it another way, they are sawing off the very branch they are perched upon.

Whether Putin—the figure they aim to overthrow—is a thief, a capitalist, or both remains unclear. For now, the success or failure of their efforts is secondary. What is certain, however, is that he maintains close ties with thieves and capitalists alike. In this context, Putin serves as a symbol of the current political establishment. Take, for instance, Medvedev, who until recently held the position of prime minister. He is not only a liberal—and thus an ally of the bourgeoisie—but also a staunch opponent of Stalin. In essence, Putin and his government, which both imperialists and the domestic new bourgeoisie—eager to align with imperialist capital and thereby achieve unhindered prosperity and development—seek to topple using the unwitting Navalny as a pawn, represent precisely such a regime.

But why is this the case?

There are countless reasons, but if we were to highlight the most significant ones, the following points stand out: First, while Putin and the current government do not oppose capitalism, they do not permit the unchecked, in-

satiable, and predatory looting that characterized the collapse of the Soviet Union. Yet, what the nouveau riche bourgeoisie desires is precisely the unrestrained continuation of such plunder. In a meeting with Putin, Zyuganov, the leader of the Communist Party of Russia (often derided as a "pink communist"), articulated the aspirations of the rising bourgeoisie in these terms:

"The complete withdrawal of the state from the economy, financial systems, and social sectors; the wholesale privatization of all assets; and the implementation of policies dictated by Western globalist institutions."

Another critical factor is the profound sense of patriotism and attachment to socialist values—often encapsulated in the love for the 'motherland'—that remains deeply ingrained among the peoples of the former Soviet Union. This sentiment has exerted significant pressure on Putin and his government, compelling them to align with these popular sentiments. For instance, the emphasis Putin and, notably, the state security apparatus place on the 'Day of Victory over Fascism,' alongside their anti-fascist rhetoric, underscores the enduring vitality of this sentiment—a force potent enough to unsettle the imperialists. This very feature represents the most formidable barrier to imperialist efforts to infiltrate and exploit Russia. Both the imperialists and the domestic bourgeoisie are determined to dismantle these obstacles.

Another crucial point is that the government or ruling power is far from homogeneous. As Zyuganov's remarks reveal, figures like Anton Siluanov, who has served as Finance Minister since 2011, rank among the most staunchly pro-capitalist elements within the administration. Similarly, Alexei Kudrin, the head of the Audit Chamber, is a vocal advocate for the privatization of major state-owned enterprises, effectively selling them off at fire-sale prices. And then there is Medvedev, whose vehement opposition to Stalin is well-documented, among others.

Although the recent demonstrations were ostensibly organized in support of Navalny—a man we described months ago, in September, as rude, racist, and profoundly ignorant, whose "greatest virtue is his tendency to

fall and faint, only to subsequently claim, 'I've been poisoned'", and it is now clear that our assessment was accurate- the true driving force behind these protests, which have rapidly escalated into mass demonstrations, is the working class and the impoverished masses taking to the streets. This is the undeniable reality.

Compounded by the plunder and exploitation inherent in brutal capitalism, the Russian people, further devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, have brought these protests to even the most remote towns. The epicenter of the demonstrations has shifted from major cities, teeming with corrupt elites, to provincial areas, where the working class, poverty, and unemployment are concentrated. According to Hazal Yalın, who appears to have a deep understanding of Russia, the situation can be summarized as follows:

"This time, while no official figures on participant numbers were released, the scale of arrests indicates that protests erupted in numerous cities nationwide—from Vladivostok in the east to Novosibirsk in the north and Novorossiysk in the south."

This represents the most critical aspect of the recent demonstrations—one that could pave the way for revolutionary developments in the future. It demonstrates that workers and other laboring classes, who still vividly remember the plunder and chaos of the Yeltsin era, are now mobilizing against Putin and his government, despite having once supported him in the hope that he would bring an end to such exploitation.

The current regime is nearing the end of its precarious balancing act: on one hand, capitulating to thieves and the bourgeoisie, thereby facilitating the entrenchment of capitalism, while on the other, attempting to uphold 'love for the motherland' and patriotic sentiments as a bulwark against imperialist encroachment. This untenable position is rapidly approaching its breaking point.

The fact that the Russian proletariat, peasants, and other working classes—who continue to uphold many socialist values—are now taking to the streets signals that the thieves, the nouveau riche bourgeoisie, and the impe-

rialists, salivating at the prospect of exploitation, stand no chance.

This is merely the beginning!

February 2, 2021

THE CLASH OF SWORDS IN A TOTAL WORLD WAR

A few days ago, the Russian ambassador in Washington made an intriguing yet significant call to the United States regarding the state of Russian-American relations.

The reason for the ambassador's call was the planned joint exercise between the US 6th Fleet and Turkey in the Black Sea. Bypassing Turkey, the ambassador directly addressed the US with the following message:

"We urge the US military to cease its reckless sabre-rattling and focus on its own affairs within its territorial waters. Peace and security in the Black Sea do not require external intervention."

In an effort to encircle Russia from the southern flank, the US and NATO are seizing every opportunity to expand their military presence in the Black Sea and the Caucasus. This includes establishing bases in Romania, creating a deployment zone for military helicopters in Greece's Alexandroupoli region, and reigniting the Ukraine-Crimea issue, among other actions.

So, will the attempts by the USA and NATO—or, more accurately, all the major imperialist states—to encircle Russia from the Black Sea and the Caucasus proceed despite Turkey, or will they occur without Turkey's participation?

The narrow-minded perspective is so detached from reality that if you were to read statements by Biden, the U.S. Secretary of State, or letters from certain senators, you might assume Turkey is on the brink of war with the U.S., openly defying it—and that Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (RTE) and his religious-fascist government are somehow "anti-imperialist." The Eastern Mediterranean disputes, the S-400 controversy, and the Syria-YPG conflict are often cited as "proof." Those who propagate this narrative

are either willfully ignorant or so intellectually misguided that they could lose themselves in a forest of three trees.

Take, for example, the U.S. military presence in the Black Sea—now framed as preparation for a major conflict. Years ago, Erdoğan explicitly urged NATO to address this very issue. During a meeting with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, he stated:

"I told him, 'NATO is absent in the Black Sea. Your lack of presence is allowing Russia to dominate the region, turning it into a Russian lake. As littoral states and NATO members, we must fulfill our responsibilities. Together, we need to take decisive steps across all domains—air, sea, and land.'"

The religious-fascist government of Turkey has made its allegiances to NATO and the U.S. abundantly clear, alongside its role in escalating regional tensions. In 2016, Ankara's appeals to Washington and NATO bore fruit, and over the next four to five years, the groundwork for a potential confrontation between two nuclear powers was systematically laid.

The U.S. has since mobilized a formidable military force, prompting even the Russian ambassador in Washington to warn: "Stop the saber-rattling." This buildup is not limited to naval forces. Exploiting tensions stirred by Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean, the U.S. deployed warships to the region and stationed nearly thirty attack helicopters in Alexandroupoli, Greece. Add to this the militarization of NATO's eastern flank—Poland, Ukraine, and the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)—and the stage for a broader conflict appears alarmingly set.

The risk of a full-scale war between nuclear-armed states has surged to unprecedented levels. While the U.S. intensifies its Black Sea presence, it is far from the sole actor fueling this peril. As we detailed in two earlier analyses, the trajectory toward catastrophe is reinforced by a web of provocations and strategic gambits from multiple quarters.

The United States is hardly alone in its militaristic posturing. European powers—often framed here as "imperialists"—are actively fueling tensions, particularly against

Russia, leveraging the politically charged *Navalny affair* as a catalyst. Faced with the scale of these provocations, Russia has now signaled its willingness to sever diplomatic ties with Europe, underscored by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's stark warning:

"If you want peace, prepare for war."

These words reverberate like the pounding of war drums, echoing beyond Europe to the Pacific, where U.S.-China rivalries escalate through naval drills, submarine deployments, and fighter jet sorties.

The Black Sea and Pacific theaters, though geographically distant, are interconnected nodes in a global power struggle. NATO, the U.S., and their European allies appear committed to a strategy of brinkmanship, systematically inflaming conflicts that edge the world closer to catastrophic war.

February 15, 2021

THE APOCALYPSE CLOCK IS ABOUT TO STRIKE MIDNIGHT

This is no joke. The great war of destruction is approaching with a brass band. In fact, we have been witnessing a slow-motion scene for many years. Step by step, the world is being dragged into a great war—openly, right before everyone's eyes. The 'Red Monday syndrome' is gripping our old world.

The story is a long one. Undoubtedly, it is rooted in the imperialist-capitalist system itself. But if we trace it back to the recent past, we can identify a process that accelerated with the counter-revolutions of '89-'91.

As soon as the socialist bloc disintegrated, the imperialist countries moved swiftly to integrate these former socialist countries into the capitalist system, both economically and politically. Democratic Germany was directly annexed. Multinational states were dismantled through economic pressure or direct military intervention.

One by one, European countries were absorbed into the EU. Despite the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact, NATO remained intact. Moreover, it accelerated its "eastward expansion" despite the agreements made with the Russian leadership of the time (the "drunkard bear" Yeltsin). (The agreement in question stipulated that "former Eastern Bloc countries" would not be admitted to NATO).

As a result, Russia was encircled from the west. From Kaliningrad (which has no direct land connection with Russia)—the most vulnerable and dangerous base of Russian military power—Russia was positioned in a confrontational arc stretching down to the Sea of Azov (Crimea).

Russia responded by replacing Yeltsin with the team led by Putin. It quickly regrouped its dispersed forces. It drew closer to China and strengthened the Shanghai Co-

peration Organisation (SCO). Particularly, China's tremendous growth has significantly increased the global influence of the SCO. On the other hand, BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) has evolved into a new economic powerhouse.

The response of US-NATO imperialism to this was to establish a presence in Afghanistan after September 11. Setting aside its connection to the global drug trade for now, militarily, this served as a wedge driven into the geography of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization). This also includes the military base opened by the US in Uzbekistan and the permission to use the airspace and territory of Kyrgyzstan, among other things.

After all, if one pillar of the project, which they called the Greater Middle East, was to suppress the revolutionary uprisings of the peoples and to strangle the revolutions, the other pillar was to encircle, weaken and disintegrate the Russia-China (and the SCO led by them) alliance. Steps were taken for this purpose. The South China Sea issues have been raised. The imperialist camp has been trying to encircle its main military rivals step by step with a long-term military strategy.

The first overt response to this imperialist strategy was Putin's famous 'Munich speech'. The 'end of the unipolar world' based on the undisputed patronage of the USA was declared in Munich in 2007.

The EU-US imperialists took one of their most serious steps on the western front with the fascist Maidan coup in Ukraine. Russia's response was to annex Crimea. The Donbass region was de facto separated from Ukraine. This front also stabilised after a certain period of time. A more or less immutable (admittedly temporary) border was established.

This more or less stable balance was attempted to be disrupted in favour of the 'Western alliance' by NATO exercises, pro-Nazi laws, etc., in which Poland and the Baltic states in particular played a provocative role and Turkey actively participated. Finally, with the Tihanovskaya parody, an attempt was made to bring down Belarus.

The Baltic region, Norway, the Arctic, Poland, Uk-

rairie... and the Black Sea are the areas where US-NATO imperialism and Russia are constantly confronting each other. B1 bombers have been deployed in Norway, the US 6th Fleet has been sent to the Black Sea. Not enough, now two warships of the Spanish and Greek fleets have been added.

NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg had said that they would 'strengthen their presence in the Black Sea in response to Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea', just as RTE said, 'Look, I said, you are not visible in the Black Sea. Your absence in the Black Sea turns the Black Sea into a lake of Russia. Here, as riparian countries, we all have to do our part. As NATO members, we have to take the steps that need to be taken in all areas, both air, sea and land, in accordance with the call'

Not that's all, of course. The establishment of a naval base by the USA in Alexandroupoli, again in violation of the agreements, and the deployment of attack helicopters are directly related to the encirclement of Russia. The Artsakh (Karabakh) war, in which Turkey took an active part, was also part of this. The new military-technical warfare concepts developed by the Turkish Armed Forces, a NATO army, with UAV are also a direct part of this. These conflicts and wars, fought in every region where there are Russian air defence systems and Russian weapons, function as a laboratory for NATO. All activities of the Turkish Armed Forces are carried out in accordance with this NATO concept.

It seems that the mutual positioning is about to come to an end. In the east, preparations for the South China Sea-Pacific line (this line extends to the Indian Ocean, Guam Island and Okinawa, as well as numerous US bases throughout the region) are nearing completion. The numerical superiority of NATO forces in terms of conventional weapons is obvious. In the Pentagon, doctrines are circulating that 'a nuclear war can be won'. The 'doomsday clock' was last set at 100 seconds to midnight. It seems that it will have to be updated in the near future.

I wonder what the liberal fools who dream of 'democracy and peace' with the departure of the fascist Trump

and the arrival of Biden, who are incapable of seeing the end of their noses, will say in the face of these developments that are dragging the whole world into a terrible destructive war? Do they need missiles to rain down on them to realise that the American 'establishment' will not change with individuals and parties?

February 27, 2021

WHY THE IMPERIALISTS LOVE RELIGIOUS FASCISTS

Before answering the question in the title, we need to demonstrate to liberals, compromisers, and social reformists—who still expect democracy from imperialists—that imperialists are the main force behind religious fascism. These groups continue to believe that wherever imperialist powers are present—whether it be Biden's USA, Merkel's Germany, or the European Union under Merkel's leadership—they will pressure religious fascist governments to adopt "democracy." Although there are faint signs that some liberals are beginning to see the truth, this does not alter the overall picture. The general expectation remains that imperialists will push religious fascist regimes to take "democratic steps."

Fortunately, recent developments have made it easier to prove that imperialists have no interest in pushing religious fascist governments toward "democratization." One such development emerged in the German Bundestag. During a critique of the Merkel government, a deputy from the Die Linke (Left Party) stated, "Merkel and her government are complicit in the crimes of the Erdoğan regime."

"Let's focus on what is happening in Berlin and Brussels, not just in Turkey," said Dağdelen, highlighting the stance taken by Germany and Europe. She reminded the parliament that discussions of a 'positive agenda' in relations with Ankara and calls to expand the Customs Union agreement are ongoing. Dağdelen from the Left Party added: 'If there is still talk of deepening relations with Turkey, it means that Europe is accepting what is happening in Turkey. Merkel and her government are accomplices in the crimes of the Erdoğan regime.'

In Turkish, the German government, which is essentially a committee executing the interests of German

trusts, and Merkel, as the head of this government and an officer of these trusts, are accomplices of the religious fascist regime. It is an unbearable naivety to think that German monopolies like 'ThyssenKrupp' and 'Siemens' would sacrifice their own interests to promote human rights and democracy in Turkey! Indeed, Merkel, loyal to the interests of her corporate masters, has advocated for investments rather than sanctions. Moreover, she has convinced France and Greece to follow her lead.

However, Merkel's purely 'emotional' policy is just that—emotional. NATO, the war machine of the imperialist-capitalist system, is globally seeking allied states to counter Russia and China. To this list of 'enemies,' we must add the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba, and the working peoples of the world.

Jens Stoltenberg, perhaps the most aggressive Secretary-General in NATO's history, has declared that they are attempting to include countries like Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, and Japan in the Pacific region to counter China. These countries are central to every imperialist war. Stoltenberg also admitted that NATO's presence in the Black Sea has reached its highest level. The Black Sea, along with the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea, is now filled with NATO warships.

'I believe that by deploying NATO ships, we have effectively brought Turkey, Greece, and the EU together and facilitated an important agreement,' he said.

Stoltenberg added, 'Not only has Turkey played a significant role in the war against international terrorism, but no ally has hosted more refugees than Turkey.' He emphasized that Turkey, which borders Iraq and Syria, should be recognized as an 'important ally.'

When we strip away the rhetoric of 'international terrorism and hosting refugees,' which they use to mask their true intentions, the facts remain. At this point, it is enlightening to recall that Erdoğan invited US-NATO to the Black Sea six years ago. A section of the news article titled 'The Black Sea is Turning into Russia's Lake' read as follows:

'I reaffirm our support for the integration of Balkan

countries into Euro-Atlantic institutions, particularly NATO, the European Union, and the OSCE. I would like to emphasize that we will continue to contribute to your capacity-building efforts within NATO. We must restore the Black Sea as a basin of stability through security cooperation among the littoral states. Stoltenberg visited our country recently. During his visit, I told him: "Look, you are not visible in the Black Sea. Your absence turns the Black Sea into Russia's lake. As riparian countries, we must all do our part. As NATO members, we must take necessary steps in all domains—air, sea, and land. If we fail, history will not forgive us. We must deepen our existing cooperation in line with regional understanding." I would like to take this opportunity to state that we will share our concrete proposals on this issue with the Black Sea littoral countries in the coming period.'

Fascism is an aggressive ideology desperate enough to provoke a world war. Religious fascism has pushed NATO and the USA to wage war against Syria. They refused, not out of a love for peace, but because they could not afford it. It was during these provocations that Erdoğan called NATO to the Black Sea and urged the inclusion of Balkan states in NATO.

Erdoğan's wishes, expressed in May 2016—five years before the 'my friend Putin' era—have already been realized. For instance, regarding recent military developments, it suffices to point out the following: 'NATO's "Sea Shield-21" exercise is currently underway in the Black Sea under Romanian leadership. Ships from Bulgaria, Greece, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, the United States, and Turkey are participating.' The Black Sea is now swarming with warships from these countries under the guise of an exercise that is clearly targeting Russia. Is it necessary to mention that Turkey is at the forefront?

Precisely for this reason, the warmonger Stoltenberg summarizes his view of Turkey as follows: 'It is no secret that Turkey has been a valued ally for many years. Turkey is an ally that I believe we must keep firmly committed to NATO.'

At this very moment, Mustafa Şentop, the Speaker of

Turkey's Grand National Assembly and a prominent figure in the religious fascist government, has raised the issue of the Montreux Treaty, which governs the Straits—the gateway for warships to the Black Sea—and suggested that Turkey could withdraw from it.

What could be better for the imperialists? This is a wake-up call for those who still place 'unshakable' trust in the imperialists...

March 26, 2021

WHY THE IMPERIALISTS LOVE RELIGIOUS FASCISTS

Before answering the question in the title, we must demonstrate to the liberals, compromisers, and social reformists—who still expect democracy from the imperialists—that the imperialists are, in fact, the primary force behind religious fascism.

This is because these groups continue to believe that wherever imperialist powers exist—whether it be Biden's USA, Merkel's Germany, or the European Union under Merkel's leadership—they will pressure the religious fascist government to implement "democracy." While there are faint signs that some liberals have begun to see the truth, this does not alter the overall picture. The general perspective remains that these groups expect the imperialists to push the religious fascist government toward taking "democratic steps."

Fortunately, developments have begun to emerge one after another, making it increasingly easy for us to demonstrate that the imperialists have no interest in pushing the religious fascist government to take steps toward "democratization." One such development took place in the German Bundestag. During a critique of the Merkel government in parliament, a deputy from the Left Party (Die Linke) stated, "Merkel and her government are complicit in the crimes of the Erdoğan regime."

Dağdelen, a member of Die Linke, drew attention to the stance taken by Germany and Europe, saying, "Let's talk about what is happening in Berlin and Brussels, not what is happening in Turkey." She reminded the parliament of discussions about a 'positive agenda' in relations with Ankara and calls to expand the Customs Union agreement. Dağdelen added, "If there is still talk of deepening relations with Turkey, it means that what is

happening in Turkey is being accepted in Europe. Merkel and her government are partners in the crimes of the Erdoğan regime."

In Turkish, the German government, which is nothing more than a simple committee to carry out the work of German trusts, and Merkel at the head of the government, as an officer of these trusts, are accomplices of the religious fascist government. What an unbearable naivety to think that German monopolies such as "ThyssenKrupp" and "Siemens" would give up their own interests to ensure human rights and democracy in Turkey! As a matter of fact, Merkel, loyal to the interests of her owners, said that they should pursue investments, not sanctions; moreover, she said this with France and Greece following her.

But this purely "emotional" policy of Merkel is nothing more. NATO, this war organisation of the imperialist-capitalist system, is on a worldwide search for allied states against Russia and China. To this list of "enemies" we must add the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba and the working peoples of the world.

Danish Jens Stoltenberg, perhaps the most aggressive Secretary-General in the history of NATO, declares that they are trying to include countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Capitalist Korea, Japan in the Pacific region against China, which are the hump of every imperialist war, in NATO, while admitting that NATO presence in the Black Sea has been increased to the highest level. The Black Sea, as well as the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea, are filled with NATO warships.

'I think that by having the NATO ships there, we were able to bring Turkey, Greece and the EU together in a de facto way and help realise an important agreement,' he said.

'Not only has Turkey played an important role in the war against international terrorism, no ally has hosted more refugees than Turkey,' Stoltenberg said, adding that Turkey, which borders Iraq and Syria, should be recognised as an "important ally".

When we drop the 'international terrorism and hosting refugees' chewing gum, which they always use to hide

their real aims, we are left with the facts. At this point, it will be very enlightening to remember that RTE invited the US-NATO to the Black Sea six years ago. A part of the news article titled 'The Black Sea is turning into Russia's Lake' was as follows:

'I reaffirm our support for the integration of the Balkan countries into the Euro-Atlantic institutions, in particular NATO, the European Union and the OSCE. I would like to emphasise again that we will continue to contribute to your capacity building efforts within NATO. We must make the Black Sea a basin of stability again on the basis of security co-operation based on cooperation between the littoral states. Stoltenberg was in our country a short while ago. During his visit, I told him: 'Look, I said, you are not visible in the Black Sea. Your invisibility in the Black Sea turns the Black Sea into a lake of Russia. Here, as riparian countries, we all have to do our part. As NATO members, we have to take the necessary steps in all areas, whether air, sea or land. If we do not, history will not forgive us and we must deepen our existing cooperation in accordance with the regional understanding. I would like to take this opportunity to state that we will share our concrete proposals on this issue with the Black Sea littoral countries in the coming period.'

Fascism is an aggression so desperate as to provoke a world war. Religious fascism has provoked NATO and the USA to wage war against Syria. They refused, not because they were peace-loving, but because they could not afford it. It was during those provocations that RTE called NATO to the Black Sea and asked for the Balkan states to be included in NATO.

RTE's wishes, which he expressed in May 2016, five years before the 'my friend Putin' era, have already been realised today. For example, with regard to the military developments of the last few weeks, it suffices to point out the following: 'NATO's 'Sea Shield-21' exercise is currently underway in the Black Sea under the Romanian chairmanship. Ships from Bulgaria, Greece, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Romania, the USA and Turkey are taking part in the exercise.' The Black Sea is

crawling with warships of these countries under the pretext of the exercise, which is obviously targeting Russia. Is it necessary to mention that Turkey is leading the way?

Precisely for this reason, the rabid warmonger named Stoltenberg summarises his view of Turkey with the following words: 'It is no secret that Turkey has been a valued ally for many years. Turkey is an ally that I believe we should keep firmly committed to NATO.'

At this very moment, Mustafa Şentop, the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, this extraordinary man of the religious fascist government, brings up the Montreux Treaty, which is the key to the Straits, the gateway for warships to the Black Sea, and says that Turkey can withdraw from this treaty.

What could be better for the imperialists? In the hope of opening the eyes of those who have 'unshakable' trust in the imperialists ...

26 March 2021

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE “UKRAINE TENSION”

The story is long, rooted in the counter-revolutions of 1989—1991, when counter-revolutionary demonstrations in the Soviet Union and the socialist bloc were enabled by the ruling counter-revolutionary cliques.

While the socialist bloc was being dragged step by step into disintegration as a result of Gorbachev’s “House of Europe”-type bluster (which is still fervently defended by the liberals in Russia today) and the policies implemented with the fancy words of “opening up” and “restructuring”, the imperialists were patting “Gorbachev” on the back and assuring him that “NATO will not expand even an inch eastward from the Oder-Neisse line”.

As the socialist bloc was ****being dismantled step by step****—thanks to Gorbachev’s grandiose(!) “House of Europe” rhetoric (still fervently defended by Russian liberals today) and his policies of “opening up” and “restructuring”—the imperialists patted Gorbachev on the back, assuring him that “NATO ****would**** not expand ****a single inch**** eastward beyond the Oder-Neisse line.”

In 1991, the Soviet Union was unconstitutionally dissolved. In 1993, the People’s Assembly’s resistance to Yeltsin’s rule was crushed by tank fire organized at Clinton’s instigation. Parliament was forcibly dissolved. The counter-revolutionary regimes - the capitalist restorationists - were supported in every possible way by the imperialist West. Only after the communist resistance was broken and power was completely seized by imperialism’s collaborators did the eastward expansion of the EU and NATO gain traction, led by Germany.

In 1999, NATO admitted the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland. The promise not to cross the Oder-Ne-

isse line was "conveniently forgotten". When Russia protested, the West cynically retorted, "We made that promise to the Soviet Union, which no longer exists!"

In 1996, Yeltsin lost the election to Communist Party leader Zyuganov. But the U.S. openly interfered, engineering blatant electoral fraud to reinstall Yeltsin. His era marked Russia's total collapse: the socialist economy was dismantled and looted, with imperialists directly participating. The IMF "took the reins".

To the imperialists, Russia was a "carcass" to carve up and reduce to a satellite state. This humiliation, coupled with catastrophic economic devastation (starvation gripped cities; millions scavenged for food), sparked grassroots backlash and growing resistance within the state apparatus. Putin emerged from this turmoil—first as deputy prime minister (1997), then prime minister (1999), and finally acting president after Yeltsin's "resignation-impeachment" that same year. His rule began the reversal of this "disintegration," rebuilding the military and restoring Russia's strength.

The imperialists, having "forgotten" their 1990 promises, expanded NATO again in 2004, adding Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Albania and Croatia joined in 2009, Montenegro in 2017, and North Macedonia in 2020, encircling Russia from the west and north. Belarus remained a hurdle due to its "Union State" talks with Russia—until last year's rigged election cracked its resistance.

To complete the encirclement from the south, NATO targeted Ukraine and Georgia. By absorbing these "color revolution" guinea pigs, the West aimed to strangle Russia via the Black Sea. But this was no longer Yeltsin's Russia: its military was modernized, IMF debts repaid and scorned, the Chechen war ended, and stability partially restored.

In 2008, the U.S.-backed Saakashvili regime attacked Abkhazia and South Ossetia (which had voted for independence). NATO, Israel, and Ukraine's "Orange Revolution-installed" Yushchenko openly backed Georgia, with Turkey providing military training. Russia intervened,

blockading Georgian ports and cutting off NATO aid. Georgia surrendered within four days—a NATO defeat. Imperialist plans were "put on hold".

The 2002 NATO-Ukraine Action Plan laid the groundwork for membership, but Ukraine's Russian minority, electoral influence, and deep ties with Russia stalled the process. The West then engineered the 2004 "Orange Revolution"(their term for the "post-1991 counter-revolutionary playbook) to install Yushchenko's pro-imperialist clique.

Yet the plan backfired: Yushchenko and Tymoshenko—knee-deep in corruption—turned on each other and lost the election to Yanukovich.

Hitler allegedly said, "Europe begins in Ukraine." Bourgeois geopoliticians relish such dichotomies. Compare NATO's current "Defender of Europe" drills to Hitler's 1941 Operation Barbarossa—the parallels are chilling.

In 2014, this "geopolitical logic" drove the U.S.-backed coup against Yanukovich—a "fascist putsch" involving propaganda, Georgian mercenary snipers, armed neo-Nazis, and, per U.S. official Nuland, "a \$5 billion operation."

The junta banned Russian (spoken by 20% of the population), criminalized Soviet symbols, glorified Nazi collaborators, outlawed the Communist Party, purged pro-Russian politicians, and slaughtered civilians in the Russian-speaking east.

The Donbas uprising was a response. The "ethnic Russian" population spans Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, and Odessa. Under fascist terror, self-defense barricades rose in these regions. Crimea voted 97% to join Russia in 2014 (not an annexation—a reunification).

In Mariupol, Kiev's forces rammed barricades with tanks; in Odessa, they burned protesters alive in a trade union building, axing survivors. Kharkiv's resistance was crushed, but Donetsk and Luhansk—led by communists—held firm. Russia sent aid; international leftist solidarity grew. The Donetsk (DPR) and Luhansk (LPR) People's Republics were proclaimed, later forming the Novorossiia (New Russia) confederation.

This is the brief historical background of the current so-called “Ukrainian tensions”. Tomorrow, let’s look at the latest developments against this “historical background”.

April 20, 2021

WE STAND BY THE RUSSIA- DONETSK-LUGANSK PROLETARIAT!

The imperialist thug states led by the USA are fueling a bloody war against the people of Donetsk People's Republic (DNR), Lugansk People's Republic (LNR) and Russia. British imperialism is directly involved in this warmongering. NATO, as an aggressive war organization, is also.

The imperialist states drag and encourage collaborator states such as Ukraine, Turkey and Poland to enter this war and push them to step up. These collaborator states grappling with economic and political crisis, and civil war in their lands, are willing to fight on the front line in the war that will extend from Crimea to the north of Russia.

If the imperialists dare to start a war against Russia, this war will be imperialist. However, this will be a different type of war than the classical imperialist wars of sharing we have seen in history. In such a war, among other objectives, the primary aim of the imperialist states is to destroy everything about socialism in the former Soviet lands, to overthrow the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, and to bring to power the bourgeois forces loyal to them in Russia.

The imperialist-capitalist system is collapsing. US imperialism, the leading power in this system, is losing its hegemony over the world. Revolts, uprisings and revolutions against imperialism and capitalism are emerging all over the world. The proletariat all over the world and working peoples have risen against capitalism.

Humanity has entered a new phase, the age of moving from capitalism to communism via social revolutions. The imperialist thug states had started a global civil war aga-

inst the proletariat and working peoples at the beginning of the century to change this situation. The proletariat and the working peoples responded to this attempt with revolts, revolutionary mass actions, uprisings and revolutions. Riots and revolutions are everywhere now!

The imperialist states, which failed to achieve results from the global civil war, are preparing for a world war against communism, the world proletariat and the working peoples a war which will spread all over the world from the DPRK to the DNR. The world working class and the Russian proletariat which is a part of it, longing for socialism, protecting the socialist culture and variety rich values of the socialist experience, are the biggest obstacles to the imperialists' goals.

If the imperialist plunderers are willing to start a war, its goal will be is to eliminate the defenders of socialism and root out working and labouring peoples' hopes and dreams of communism. By doing so, they aim to keep the capitalist system of production on its feet and believe that they will be able to continue feeding off the blood of the people of the world.

But they will face the opposite results from what they expect. Hitlerian fascism had attacked the Soviet peoples to destroy socialism. When German fascism went to the garbage of history, paving the way for a third of the world to transition to socialism. This time it will pave the way for socialist power in many countries, notably in Russia and many former Soviet countries.

Now, of course, we are not in the same context. Circumstances have become more suitable for the move of the whole world to communism. The revolutionary situation has spread to all imperialist-capitalist countries. The material conditions are ripe for communism around the world. The proletariat, the poor, oppressed peoples everywhere, including the USA, are in revolt against their bourgeois governments, against the rule of the bourgeois class. Civil war has spread to the US territory, which is the leader of the imperialist-capitalist system.

Communist forces in Turkey and Kurdistan, workers and labourers will fulfil their duties of internationalist so-

lidarity by taking up revolution and communist war against the fascist state, sure to take side of the imperialist camp during a possible war.

In case of war, our slogan will be "turn your weapon on your bourgeois government"!

The peoples of Donetsk-Lugansk-Russia and the world proletariat will be victorious!

The imperialist-capitalist system will collapse; humanity will move towards communism!

**TKEP/Leninist
(Communist Labour Party of Turkey/Leninist)
Central Committee
04.12.2021**

THE IRONY OF HISTORY

"This is what Hegel called the irony of history, an irony that few historical personalities can avoid. Look at Bismarck, who became a revolutionary against his will, and Gladstone, who finally came to blows with the tsar he worshipped."

Engels, letter to Vera Zasulich of April 23, 1885

There is no doubt that the power Putin represents is a bourgeois power. We now know from Putin himself that the same Putin then proposed to US President Clinton that Russia be admitted to NATO. But what we see now is almost identical to what Engels said to Vera Zasulich. Against his will, Putin and his government have come to blows with all the imperialists.

The dimwits who do not know how to think or who know no limits in their servility to the imperialists are characterizing this latest Ukrainian crisis as a "war between imperialists" and calling on the working classes and revolutionary forces, the world proletariat, to remain "neutral". Undoubtedly, this is a unique service to US imperialism, British, German, French imperialists and all the rest of the reactionary forces of the world.

It doesn't matter who started the war or the crisis. The proletariat and the working classes do not take sides based on this. What matters is which class or classes started the war and for what purposes. The Ukrainian crisis began with the fascist "Maydan" coup in 2014, which directly or indirectly serve the imperialists trying to hide from the eyes by calling it an "inter-imperialist war". (Of course, it is possible to go back to the "Orange Revolution" and even much further.) The "Maydan", which the US Ambassador personally participated in organizing by distributing one million dollar a day to the fascist marau-

ders, was a pure fascist coup. Not only in the capital Kiev, but also in Odessa, Sevastopol, etc., the fascists attacked the communists with the most brutal methods, massacred them, etc. etc. There is no need to list here the examples of atrocities that the fascists used to extort from Yanukovych. However, it is necessary to underline and keep in mind that the Lugansk People's Republic and the Donetsk People's Republic were established as a result of an uprising against this fascist brutality. Because this is the historical fact that those who are once again clinging to the slogan today "neither America nor Russia" are trying to hide that from the eyes. It is extremely important to keep this historical fact in mind in order to understand what kind of servitude to the imperialists those who offer the world proletariat "neutrality" in this conflict are in.

The Ukrainian fascists, with every conceivable support from the imperialists, have been attacking these two People's Republics since 2014. Russia has been providing material, military and technical assistance to the governments of the two People's Republics because of the large Russian population living in these regions. Undoubtedly, Russia was uncomfortable with the socialist orientation of the two People's Republics and made efforts to prevent it. However, in the end, it pursued a policy of supporting the two People's Republics against fascist attacks. This is how the last crisis came. When the Ukrainian fascists, including the government - incidentally, the real leadership lies not with Zelensky and his henchmen, but with these fascists, organized in battalions, and the imperialist states behind them - intensified their attacks on the two People's Republics in the last period, Russia was forced to say "hold on". Because the "victory" of the fascists over the two People's Republics would have become a direct threat to Russia. It was not only the Ukrainian government and the fascists who were up to no good. The imperialists were also on the ropes. This lasted until Russia showed its military might. But when Russia started to show its military power, things started to turn around. Russia's military exercises with Belarus and the latest "Triple Nuclear

Exercise", that is, the nuclear exercises in which land, sea and air forces participated, were enough to intimidate the imperialists.

Putin's Russia, which until recently had tried to establish close relations with the imperialists, now began to "fistfight" with the imperialists. Finally, Putin, so to speak, drew his sword and declared that he recognized the two People's Republics. The two People's Republics were now under Russia's protection against imperialist and fascist aggression.

All the imperialists, especially the US imperialism, which threatened and extorted every country, had to keep silent in the face of this challenge. They began to declare one after another that they did not want war with Russia. Undoubtedly, this was a big blow to the prestige of the imperialists.

If a real war were to break out, it would be the US, British and other imperialists who would be on one side, as we have seen. But what about the other side? According to those bigots, it would be the Russian bourgeoisie. However, the last thing the Russian bourgeoisie wants is to go to war with the imperialists. The Russian bourgeoisie needs cooperation with the imperialists, not a conflict with them, in order to stand on its feet, to flourish and develop and to secure itself. The Russian bourgeoisie is a hindrance to the Russian state in the conflict with the imperialists, in the support of progressive, democratic, populist, socialist-oriented states. They are not the forces directing this war, they are the forces pressuring the Russian government not to clash with the imperialists.

After the dissolution of the socialist bloc, the imperialists swallowed all the former socialist countries piece by piece. They pursued a strategy of weakening, fragmenting and swallowing Russia, because Russia, unlike the other former socialist countries, was "too big and strong to be swallowed". Whatever their inclinations and aspirations, the liberal representatives of the Russian fledgling bourgeoisie and the counter-revolutionaries in power in general, were forced to engage in a struggle for existence in the face of this "smash and swallow" strategy of the imperia-

lists. This opposition, which emerged independently of any will, opened and continues to open space for the world proletariat and working peoples. Look at it, these counter-revolutionaries who dismantled the socialist bloc and the Soviets are forced to create "living spaces" for the forward moves of the working peoples of the world, from Cuba to Venezuela, from Korea to Donbass. This was the war of the fascists pushed from behind by the imperialists, the fascist government that passed a law to "decommunize" Ukraine, against the two People's Republics, against communists, revolutionaries, anti-fascists. The irony of history has forced the Putin regime to claim the two People's Republics, just as they were forced to accept Soviet Union's and Stalin's victory over fascism. Undoubtedly, the bayonet of the imperialists has fallen in the face of the recognition of the two People's Republics by Russia and this has been their defeat. From now on the peoples of the world and the proletariat will be able to launch much bolder attacks against the imperialists.

February 23, 2022

CHOOSE YOUR SIDE

As of the morning of February 24th, Russia began striking Ukrainian army positions in active support of the revolutionary military forces of the Lugansk People's Republic and the Donetsk People's Republic, which have launched a counter-attack against the fascist government and the Nazi fascist battalions in Ukraine.

Russia has called this operation an operation to cleanse Ukraine of the Nazi fascist remnants of the Nazis, who have inflicted great suffering and murdered thousands of the Ukrainian people and the Russian people, who are part of these people. It has explained the purpose of this operation as follows:

"Putin's long speech was published in full by the Russian TV channel TASS. The following sentences are very important and show the full scope of the operation: '1/ The goal of the operation is to protect the people who have been subjected to suffering and genocide by the Kiev regime for eight years.

2/ To this end, we aim at demilitarization and de-nazification of Ukraine, as well as to bring to justice those who have committed numerous bloody crimes against the civilian population, including citizens of the Russian Federation.'

3/ THAT IS, THE MILITARY OBJECTIVE IS THE SEIZURE OF THE PARTS OF THE DONETSK AND LUGANSK OBLASTS NOT HELD BY THE DPR AND LPR; THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF UKRAINE'S MILITARY POTENTIAL AND THE REGIME OF THE NEO-NAZI COALITION;"

Before proceeding further, we believe it is necessary to emphasize, in order to avoid any demagoguery and slander by an enemy of the old Soviet Union, a secret

henchman, admirer or compromiser of the imperialists: There is no doubt that the present Russian government is bourgeois. We emphasized this in our article "The Irony of History".

But just as we have no doubt about this, we have no doubt about the progressive, populist, socialist-oriented character of the Lugansk and Donetsk People's Republics. It is a historical fact, a historical fact that these two revolutionary republics were established and proclaimed as a result of an uprising against fascism, and no liberal, compromising, social reformist force can change or eliminate this historical fact.

The reason why we underline this point over and over again is this: This is the truth that the socialist, progressive-looking forces, circles and parties are hiding today in order to avoid supporting the war launched by these two People's Republics against fascism and imperialism. Therefore, it is necessary to remind those who today, under the pretext of neutrality, oppose the war, defend 'peace', indirectly or directly side with the imperialist-reactionary front; to force them to explain that despite this historical fact, they do not take part in the anti-fascist front.

We are passing through one of the rare moments of life. It is only in rare moments that life brings one to the point of making a clear choice; "you are either here or there - either with the bourgeoisie or with the proletariat". Now, we are passing through such a point. Social reformists, opportunists, compromisers and liberals should be called upon to clearly explain their side. Being against any kind of war is neither a communist policy nor a progressive, democratic, anti-fascist policy. We still live in conditions in which imperialism still exists, capitalist production continues all over the world, and the bourgeois class continues to rule. Under these conditions, communists, socialists do not "oppose all wars"; they do not call on the world proletariat to "oppose all wars". Because in today's conditions, there are not only imperialist-reactionary wars of distribution and plunder; there are also revolutionary wars against fascism, imperialism and capitalism. Here it does not matter as much as a speck of

dust who starts the war, who strikes the first blow. The proletariat and the working classes, the communists, the revolutionaries make their attitude towards war not according to who attacks first, but according to the distinction we have mentioned. In this distinction, the side of the world proletariat and working peoples, of the oppressed, without any hesitation, is the second kind of war.

Therefore, the compromising, social reformist parties and forces that now declare "neutrality" under the pretext of "being against the war" should be asked the following: Are you for or against the war launched by the Lugansk and Donetsk People's Republics against the Ukrainian fascist government, the Ukrainian fascist battalions, and therefore against imperialism and reaction, especially the US and British imperialism? This question must be answered without ifs and buts. Life has come to the point where you can not sit on two chairs. You are either here or there. The war launched by the Lugansk and Donetsk People's Republics with the great support of the Russian state is undoubtedly a revolutionary, antifascist, anti-imperialist war. The fact that Russia is siding with the two People's Republics in this war due to the conditions of its existence does not change either the historical reality or the content of the war one iota. The Leninist Party, with the same clarity, sides with the two People's Republics; it calls on the working class, working people and poor masses of Turkey and Kurdistan to side with the two People's Republics and support them. Yes, "war is at the door". The war launched by the two People's Republics to clear their territories from fascist occupation and fascists may expand. The imperialists may not easily succumb to the victory of a revolutionary war. On the contrary, they may respond at the cost of drowning the two People's Republics and Russia in a blood bath.

The policy of the communists in this situation does not take the form of empty appeals to "great humanity" or passive opposition to war. In such a situation, the communists call on the proletariat of their own countries to overthrow their own bourgeois governments, to put an end to bourgeois rule and establish workers' and workers'

governments. That includes Russia. The defeat of the fascist Ukrainian government, the Ukrainian fascists against the revolutionary, communist forces of Lugansk and Donetsk will give a great moral strength to the proletariat and working peoples fighting against fascism, imperialism and capitalism. The emergence of the powerlessness of the US and British imperialism in despair and the rubbing of their noses will give strength to the world proletariat, as well as to the populist, democratic, socialism-oriented, socialist states such as Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nicaragua and Venezuela, which are trying to resist imperialist aggression in the face of impossibilities. This is not because we say so, but because life itself, that is, the open and covert class war between imperialism and socialism on a world scale, has brought things to this point. The alignment on the world scale is shaped like this: On the one side, all socialist, democratic and anti-imperialist forces starting with Cuba, on the other side, the USA, Britain, all the Euro-Balkan reactionary states and Turkey.

One last note: why do the social reformists who doubt the character of the war fought by the two People's Republics because of Russia's support, and take refuge in the babble of "great humanity", not doubt the socialism of Cuba, which has very close and close ties with - one might even say protective support from - Russia? Or are Russia behind Cuba and Russia behind the two People's Republics different states from each other?

February 24, 2022

UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS

The war launched by the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, with the support of Russia, to liberate the occupied territories and cleanse them of fascists continues. With the war, the two People's Republics and Russia found themselves confronted by all of the imperialists and all the reactionary, fascist states that are their loyal servants.

Thus, directly or indirectly, all these powers are involved in the war. Now they are mobilizing all their forces and trying to supply the Ukrainian fascists, the so-called "neo-Nazis", with all kinds of weaponry. With these efforts and policies, the reactionary world led by the British-US-EU is provoking an open and de facto world war.

The imperialists have been preparing for a world war for years. We have discussed, pointed out and warned about these preparations countless times in this column. The Ukrainian fascists also made confessions about these preparations when they could not keep their mouths shut. An equally important confession came from the United States. The fact that the website that published the news labeled the CIA's recruits as "resistance fighters" has to do with what kind of an Americanist it is. Otherwise, these breeders whom are called "resistance fighters" are outright fascist toadies.

In other words, the war was "fated". The way to avoid it was for the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, together with Russia, to put their heads under the knife with the docility of sheep. With revolutionary determination, the two People's Republics went on the offensive, supported by Russia, instead of waiting for an all-out attack by the Ukrainian fascists, who were already attacking Donbass every day. Russia, on the other hand, took

the initiative and attacked, rather than waiting for the Ukrainian fascist's openly admitted preparations for an attack.

Now the question remains whether the war will end or not, where it will evolve towards, whether it will expand or not. The imperialists, especially British imperialism, are doing their best to turn the war into a total world war.

The war has created and continues to create tremors in the entire capitalist world economy. The sanctions imposed by the imperialist countries and those guided by them have sent costs skyrocketing. The additional costs created by the closed airspaces, the skyrocketing prices of oil, natural gas, various raw materials, the deepening of the disruptions in the "supply chain", the factories that have stopped production as a result of the "sanctions hysteria", the thousands of workers who suddenly face the threat of dismissal...

Germany is undoubtedly one of the countries whose economy will be affected by the war. Here is an example of a news report that shows this:

"Germany was the first country to suffer. Germany's Leoni AG, which makes electrical cables in Ukraine for European carmakers, has closed two factories and sent 7,000 employees home. Volkswagen AG therefore halts production at factories in Zwickau in eastern Germany, where its main electric vehicle production is located, and at another factory in Dresden. VW said it would have to temporarily lay off more than 8,000 workers. The mining company Ferrexpo, which has assets in Ukraine, a major exporter of iron ore pellets for the steel industry, has stopped shipping them to Ukraine ."

Although the imperialists will be able to shift some of the devastating effects of the war on their economies to the dependent countries, they will not be able to get away with it completely. Increasing poverty, economic destruction and unemployment await the working classes of the imperialist countries. War tends to spread and spill over into the territory of the imperialist states. Although Russia's showing the nuclear war card has made all imperialists, including the US, take a step back, this possibility

has not been completely eliminated.

For the time being, the imperialists are waging an indirect war with Russia through the fascist Ukrainian state, which they have driven into a minefield. They are encouraging Ukraine by arming both the Ukrainian state and the fascist gangs in Ukraine with every conceivable weapon; they are giving the "comedian", who is actually no one, the feeling that he is important, thus trying to prolong the war. But the prolongation of the war will lead to deep and devastating effects. This is the "small" point they don't take into account.

We have said it on the first day of the war: those who don't want this war are the thieves within Russia, the so-called "oligarchs". These thieves do not desire a conflict with the imperialists, but cooperation; they need integration with the imperialist economies. For this reason, they are against the war that Russia has started and are putting all the pressure they can on the Kremlin to end it. Moreover it must be added that the followers of "Navalny", who is a minor figure himself, but significant for the forces he symbolizes. "Nobel Peace Prize winner" Muratov is also one of them.

This is a fact now: These oligarchs, or to put it more accurately, these bourgeoisie, who are trying to revive capitalism in Russia, will not be as comfortable as they used to be, on the one hand because of the imperialists themselves confiscating part of their wealth, and on the other hand because of the growing hostile feelings among the people in Russia against the imperialists and all reactionary forces.

The feelings, thoughts and will to struggle against fascism, imperialism and capitalism are much stronger than yesterday...

March 2, 2022

AT THE BRINK OF DEVELOPMENTS TO ACCELERATE HISTORY

There is no doubt that history is "rapid history"; it flows extraordinarily. A series of events that would have taken years to evolve in the past decades are now taking place in a year, even a month or a week. Consequently, it is difficult to remember what happened even a few days ago.

However, "speed" is a relative, variable concept. History is moving fast today, but this fact does not mean that the flow of history will not accelerate in the future. The sequence of events is now accumulating for a future in which this flow will accelerate. Wars between states are the most effective part of this accumulation.

The imperialist states, especially the British and American imperialists, are preparing for such a war, which will drown Europe in blood first of all. A war of such magnitude, which has a significant impact on world history, cannot occur suddenly without any prior indication. It does not appear out of nowhere like a lightning bolt in a clear sky.

The preparations for war go back many years, contrary to the assumptions of the ignorant, who judge everything by the declarations of state officials and governments. For example, Engels foretold the First World War of imperialist division almost thirty-five years ago, in 1879, in a letter to August Bebel, with the following words:

"As for the rest, world history is taking its course, regardless of these wise and moderate philistines. In Russia matters must come to a head in a few months from now. Either absolutism is overthrown and then, after the downfall of the great reserve of reaction, a different atmosphere will at once pervade Europe. Or a European war will break

out which will also bury the present German Party beneath the inevitable struggle of each people for its national existence."

The imperialists, including Japan, which is so inconspicuous because it is in the Far East, have been preparing for a world war for many years. It is possible to say that these preparations go back a few decades, not to limit for a few years. The dismantling of the Soviet Union greatly increased the desire for war among the imperialists. They saw the collapse of the Soviet Union as the removal of a major obstacle, a deterrent with nuclear power, which had previously prevented them from pursuing their military agendas. The invasion of Iraq, then Afghanistan, the dismemberment of Yugoslavia, the re-invasion of Iraq in 2003, the attempts to invade Libya and Syria, the civil wars and coups they instigated or took part in on the African continent, the coup attempts in Latin America, most of which ended in the fiasco - like Venezuela - were the results of a policy of taking under control the world.

However, this policy, especially from the 2010s onwards, began to hit the Russian wall at every step. This is how Venezuela was taken from their stomachs. This is how Cuba was saved from drowning in the imperialists' economic blockade. Bolivia was pulled out of between their teeth when it was about to be eaten. This is how DPRK felt the presence of China and Russia behind it while resisting the threats of the Japanese and US imperialists and capitalist Korea; this is how Syria was rescued from the hands of Turkey, the reactionary Arab states, the religious fascist murderer hordes and their real sponsors, all the imperialist states and Israel, and so on.

The Russian state was an obstacle, the elimination of this obstacle was an absolute necessity for the containment of the world. The 1994-96 Chechnya War I, which Turkey actively supported, and then the 1999-2009 Chechnya War II were serious attempts to remove the obstacle. They failed. The question that those who do not know how to think ask is: Why would the imperialists want to dismember and destroy Russia now that the Soviet Union has been dismantled and the transition to

capitalism has begun?

The answer to this question can be the subject of a separate and long article. Let us say this much: Although the USSR disintegrated, the army, intelligence, internal and external security organizations, state bureaucracy and, most importantly, the longing and passion of the Russian people for socialism could not be eliminated. However, the imperialists, as wise bourgeois, could not leave things to chance. They want to grab the bull by the horns. They could not sleep peacefully until the Russian army, the security apparatus, the symbols of socialism, etc., etc., etc., which remained as a continuation of the Red Army, etc., etc. We should stop this chapter here and move on.

The plans to eliminate Russia - and of course China, Cuba, the DPRK, Venezuela, Nicaragua and other revolutionary democratic governments - were not a new idea in the minds of the imperialists. They had started preparations long before. We have already pointed out these plans, the imperialist states' preparations for war, in several articles based on their own statements.

Now we are confronted with a much more concrete and tangible situation in the context of these preparations. The British Chief of General Staff explains how they are preparing for a "European War" using the ongoing war as an excuse with the following words:

"Russia's invasion of Ukraine must make Britain ready to fight and win wars on the ground. There is now an immediate imperative to build an army that can fight alongside our allies and defeat Russia in battle. We are the generation that must once again prepare the army to fight in Europe."

On the same day, the British Chief of the General Staff, the Secretary General of NATO, and the British Prime Minister, Johnson, made statements about preparations for a long war. These actions suggest that a serious threat of war is imminent.

If you ask the social reformists and the "neither NATO nor Russia" opportunist movements, who are secret supporters of NATO and the imperialists, they will immedi-

tely put in front of you the scapegoat they would release into the desert. The name of this scapegoat is Russia. Not to be exposed themselves, they don't mention the two People's Republics, the neo-Nazis, or the fact that the imperialist states have been organizing them for years. They reset the past and start the date with February 24, 2022. When they get stuck and have to mention the neo-Nazis, they simply say "They are an insignificant force".

After all, it is clear from their own words and statements that the imperialists are preparing for a European war.

This picture and the general situation of the imperialist-capitalist system show that not only a "European war" but also a world revolution is approaching. It is a great mistake to think that the imperialists have calculated everything correctly. The Great October Revolution was born out of the First Imperialist World War. Imperialist World War II, which was essentially a war against communism, ended with a third of the world's population converting to socialism.

Of course, history does not repeat itself. The conditions of the working class, labourers and oppressed peoples of the world are very different from those of the two world wars. So are the imperialist-capitalist states and the world bourgeoisie. The class war between the world bourgeoisie and the working class and toiling peoples of the world is deeper, more widespread and fiercer than ever before. A "European war" that will engulf the whole world will give extraordinary speed and depth to the struggle of the world working class against the world bourgeoisie.

It seems that capitalism will be wiped off the stage of history in England, where it opened its eyes to the world.

If a world war is coming, revolutionary workers must see that a world revolution is also coming. A world revolution awaits the imperialist-capitalist world. One of the weakest links in the chain is Turkey as the "first domino to fall".

All attention must be turned to a revolution, to the question of the Provisional Revolutionary Government as the most important and vital organ of the revolution. The

necessity and inevitability of these revolutions, the measures to be taken by the Provisional Revolutionary Government against the monopoly capitalist class and the imperialists, and the policies to be implemented from the very first day to change the lives of the working and labouring poor must be the basis of all propaganda and agitation activities.

Either revolution will prevent world war or world war will lead to world revolution!

June 20, 2022

THE WORLD IS RUSHING TOWARD REVOLUTION

It is said that the words of Marie Antoinette, the last French queen of the 18th century, “If they can’t find bread, let them eat cake,” sparked the fuse of the French Bourgeois Revolution. Whether the queen actually uttered these words or not doesn’t matter. The rumor itself was enough to ignite the French people, who were suffocating under hunger and poverty.

Nearly two hundred years later, we don’t know if the words of German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock—“No matter what German voters think, I will continue to send weapons and money to Ukraine and support them”—will enrage the impoverished and working-class masses in Germany, who are struggling under an economic crisis.

But we see every day that the German people are furious with their government. Protests, strikes, and other workers’ actions show no sign of slowing down. Chancellor Olaf Scholz is booed at “public meetings” (<https://haber.sol.org.tr/haber/almanya-basbakani-scholza-protesto-halk-dusmanlari-yalancilar-345782>), and Winfried Kretschmann, the Green Party president of Baden-Württemberg, who suggested that people use a cloth instead of showering, is booed and silenced (<https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/almanyada-dus-almak-yerine-bez-kullanin-diyen-eyalet-basbakani-yuhalandi-3854524>). Annalena Baerbock, it seems, is smart enough not to face the German public!

German workers and youth have begun pouring into the streets of German cities. A news report and video circulating on Twitter show: “Hundreds of German citizens took to the streets in German cities to protest arms shipments to Ukraine. In Kassel, they blocked the entrance to

the Rheinmetall factory, which produces weapons (https://twitter.com/ivan_8848/status/1566187619704131584). Police had to use batons and tear gas against them.”

Germany is boiling over... What about other European states? For example, in the Czech Republic, a small country, 70,000 people protested the government’s Ukraine policy and raised the flag of rebellion against rising energy prices. “This is not our war; the prime minister may be Ukrainian or from Brussels, but he is certainly not Czech,” was the common sentiment among the protesters. The Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (<https://haber.sol.org.tr/haber/pragda-binlerce-kisiden-enflasyon-ab-ve-nato-protestosu-347300>) was among the organizers of the protest.

In the Netherlands and the UK, farmers, railway workers, and postal workers are on strike. In Spain, airline workers are taking action. Italians burning their electricity bills in the streets, Belgians invading the city with their tractors, and the French preparing for strikes in September... the list goes on.

Fear has gripped European governments and ruling classes. The fear of uprising and revolution is keeping them all awake at night. For example, the Czech Justice Minister openly admits this.

“If a Europe-wide solution is not found, the energy crisis will have extremely serious consequences for the Czech political system. The situation is beginning to threaten the European Union and carries the risk of evolving into revolution.” Ah! If only “our” social reformists could see this “risk”...

Yes, the “risk of events evolving into revolution” is now being openly discussed. The Hungarian Foreign Minister says Western Europe’s energy policy is heading toward collapse “at asteroid speed.” The Foreign Minister, who is keeping Hungary out of the process, describes Western European governments’ propaganda as “liberal opium” and then continues:

“All this liberal international opium is approaching a great collapse at almost asteroid speed, so the pressure

on Hungary will continue to increase in the coming period. Sooner or later, the curtain will fall. The emperor has no clothes. Heating exists only if there is energy. But energy sources are essential."

Of course, imperialist governments are aware of this "risk" and have already begun taking measures. At the forefront of these governments is the German government and state. Here's the news:

"The German Ministry of Defense announced that starting October 1, the Regional Command (TerrFÜK-doBw) units under the ministry will patrol the cities."

The public announcement is new, but the German Ministry of Defense issued this order almost two months ago: June 13!.. They explained the reasoning as follows:

"Russia's invasion of Ukraine has shown the need to adjust the command structure of the armed forces to better match the requirements of national and alliance defense."

Clearly, Russia is just an excuse here. The German government has noticed the risk of events turning into a revolution and is acting accordingly, taking precautions. There is no doubt that other imperialist-capitalist European countries will follow Germany. Moreover, the risk of revolution is even higher in smaller "peripheral countries" than in Germany, which is a central country.

"Of course, violent uprisings must first happen at the edges before they reach the heart, the core of the bourgeois body, because the center has more stability than the outer parts." – Marx

In Marx's time, in the 19th century, the main bourgeois center was England. But now, conditions have changed a lot, and it is no longer possible to talk about a single center. Germany, France, England, and to some extent Italy can be seen as the "core" of Europe. However, another important change has happened—the economies of capitalist countries are now much more connected than they were two centuries ago.

From this, a simple and clear conclusion can be drawn: a revolution that starts in any "peripheral" country will quickly create a domino effect. Imperialist govern-

ments are preparing for the threat of revolution by sharpening their tools of repression and terror. At the same time, they are openly preparing for a war that could drown the world in blood. In fact, the British elected Liz Truss as prime minister—the same person who declared she was "ready to press the nuclear button." Their solution to prevent a revolution and keep the capitalist system alive...

However, as always, the bourgeoisie fails to see an important fact: the European working class, laborers, and youth are already rising. And this is only the beginning. Repression and terror measures will do nothing but act like fuel thrown onto the fire of an angry working class and oppressed people.

Moreover, it is not only the European working class that is rising. Workers and laboring masses across all continents are standing up against their ruling bourgeoisie.

The global bourgeoisie, unable to win through internal conflicts, is now trying to survive by dragging the world into a total war.

But the growing, expanding, and deepening revolution will open the doors to a new world before they get that chance. We may still be at the beginning, but history is moving toward revolution. The suffering and the cries we hear are the birth pains of a new world!

A new world is being born!

September 6, 2022

DISASTER IS AT THE DOOR

"The Bold Thief Accuses the Homeowner," as the saying goes. It's hard to believe, but after the sabotage of the Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 pipelines, the situation is exactly like this! The perpetrators are collectively blaming the victims for the damage!

It will be remembered. On September 26, news first broke of a gas leak in both pipelines. Then came the second, third, and fourth leaks! Soon after, reports emerged that explosions had occurred before the leaks, which were seismically recorded.

In fact, it was clear from the first gas leak report that this was sabotage. Russia had explained that the two pipelines were constructed in such a way as to prevent simultaneous damage even in the event of a ship accident. But the subsequent explosions and leaks made it abundantly clear that this was an attack.

While the incident was still fresh, EU officials—who have been openly criticized by the public in many European countries these days—made statements implying Russia would be “punished immediately.” How strange! On the same day these statements were made, a former Polish minister shared the news of the pipeline sabotage with the note, “Thank you, USA!”

The EU was followed by the NATO Secretary General. Then the matter reached the White House. Oddly, they all acknowledged it was sabotage but blamed Russia. Even their own press wrote that Gazprom (Russia) was the one suffering the most economic damage from this sabotage! “Deep” analyses mocking human intelligence, accusations from official mouths, threats... All of them are acting with the audacity of “we didn’t do it, they did.”

One of the most important tools (if not the most im-

portant) of the imperialists is their ability to shape public opinion through massive propaganda machinery. In other words, the monopoly media in all its forms! The disgusting sludge they are pouring out through every conceivable channel to the entire world is unbearable enough to make any sane person sick. By pinning this latest pipeline attack—which is rapidly pushing the world to the edge of a cliff—on the Kremlin, they are trying to lull and numb their own populations.

It will be remembered. Even before the Ukraine war began, the senile man at the head of the White House said, “If Russia invades Ukraine, meaning if Russian tanks and troops cross the Ukrainian border, there will no longer be Nord Stream 2. We will end it.” When a journalist asked, “But how exactly will you do that? After all, the project is under Germany’s control,” he replied, “I promise you, we can do it.” And in the end, they did what they said. First, the license for Nord Stream 2, which was in the final stages of opening, was denied. Then the project was suspended, and finally, the policy of “even if the Ukraine war ends, we will never open it again” was adopted. And this was done by the Berlin government itself!..

Energy prices skyrocketed, followed by inflation in general. The economic crisis deepened. Hundreds of millions of people in Europe suddenly began to face the problem of making ends meet. And all this happened while the weather was still warm. In the consciousness of the masses, the approaching winter was becoming a literal “dark winter.” The ongoing protests, especially the actions spreading across many cities in Germany with the demand to “open Nord Stream 2,” were becoming a serious threat and pressure factor for European imperialist governments. The bomb attack on the pipelines was the most practical way to end this pressure on Berlin (and the entire EU administration). Now, even if they wanted to, they cannot receive “Russian gas.” It’s a classic case of “the blanket is gone, so the fight is over!”

Of course, the underlying reason—or the main determining factor—for the attack on the pipelines is not just this. Beyond that, looking at the political and military mo-

vements in the imperialist camp after the pipeline attack, it is clear that war preparations have accelerated dramatically. Everyone sees that such an action could trigger a chain of conflicts capable of setting the entire world on fire. Despite this, the imperialists did not hesitate to take this step. A war that would mean destruction for billions of people appears to the imperialists as a “light of salvation!”

Moscow’s possible retaliatory actions could turn the tension into conflict, or tomorrow, if it finds and presents evidence exposing the perpetrators of this attack, it could also trigger conflicts. Or, from the perspective of the masses, such convincing evidence could lead to widespread actions and uprisings against “their own” governments, especially in Europe. In any case, these sabotage actions by the imperialists have turned the large-scale war of destruction that the capitalist system has been preparing for some time into a very real possibility.

On the other hand, just because the pipelines are no longer usable, the livelihood problems of hundreds of millions of people in Europe will not disappear. Expensive US gas, or gas imported from Algeria and Qatar, falls far short of meeting demand. It is not enough to reduce high energy bills. On Europe’s horizon, the clouds of uprising are becoming clearer.

Europe’s self-inflicted wound—imposing sanctions on Russia, which Hungarian Prime Minister Orban described as “shooting itself in the lungs”—and driving itself into a major crisis and destruction, is irrational from the perspective of “geopolitical reason.” Germany’s traditional industry and its monopolies have almost unquestioningly accepted being pushed down this path—or more accurately, being shoved down this path by Washington itself—even though it means economic ruin. This is a striking example of the level of integration within the capitalist system and the fundamental determining power of the US as a market and central force within the system.

European imperialists did not bow to US pressure simply because they were short-sighted. The unstoppable dynamic of collapse within the imperialist-capitalist

system is forcing them to act this way. Once again... A war of great destruction for humanity and nature is taking shape in the eyes of the imperialists as a way out, a “fight for survival.” The capitalists are on the verge of turning the collapse of their own civilization into the collapse of all civilization. Disaster is at the door!

The task of saving all civilization has become an urgent and burning issue for the revolutionary proletariat.

The revolutionary proletariat can and will prevent the war of destruction that imperialist-capitalist states have brought to the brink of our civilization. The world revolutionary proletariat, by rallying the working classes and the oppressed poor peoples of the world, will fulfill this historic task by responding to imperialist-capitalist states with revolutions.

The imperialist-capitalist states have said all they have to say; they have deployed all the tools at their disposal.

Now it is the turn of the world revolutionary proletariat to speak. The world revolutionary proletariat has not yet spoken. When it begins to speak, a red sun will rise over our civilization!

October 3, 2022

WAR IS ESCALATING

Ukraine's fascist regime has opened the door to an unpredictable escalation of the Russia-Ukraine war by attacking the Crimean Kerch Bridge.

Let's continue with an observation or reminder: The fascist regime in Ukraine and its fascist army could not have planned or decided on such an action on their own. They are puppets, and they could only carry out such an act if their masters allowed it or gave them the signal. We understand that they have received permission or a signal.

Exactly one day before the Ukrainian fascists bombed the Crimean Bridge, US President Joe Biden, referring to Russia and Saudi Arabia, said, "This isn't over yet" (<https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/bidendan-rusya-ve-suudi-arabistana-tepki-bu-is-burada-bitmedi-haber-1584015>). The issue was the decision by OPEC+ countries to cut oil production instead of increasing it, despite the US strongly urging them to do otherwise.

The fact that OPEC+ countries made this decision against the US and in defiance of its interests deeply hurt the US. It wasn't just about the economic impact; perhaps even more, it was the fact that the US's authority had been thrown into the trash. This was a challenge and a strong sign of the decline of US hegemony.

Is it a coincidence that Biden's statement, "This isn't over yet," came just one day before the bombing of the Crimean Bridge, which strikes at the heart of Russia? The best answer to this question comes from Stalin's famous quote: "Is this a coincidence, comrades? No, this is not a coincidence."

There are other developments that should not be seen as coincidences either. For example, not long ago, just five

to ten days before, the US and its European proxies—countries like Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Slovenia—had issued warnings to their citizens to “leave Russia immediately.” Clearly, preparations were being made for something, and now it’s clearer that this preparation was for the attack on the Kerch Bridge.

What happens next? If the Russian government, which was reluctantly drawn into the war against the imperialists, stays true to its word, we will see an open-ended escalation of the war. Dmitry Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of Russia’s Security Council—a man who once managed to be a favorite of the imperialists and the capitalists in his own country but has since switched sides under pressure from below—said the following:

“From time to time, some glorified, bloodthirsty clowns appear with their statements and try to threaten us. I’m talking about the attack on Crimea. If something like this happens, it will be doomsday for Ukraine (<https://www.rudaw.net/turkish/world/18072022>). It will happen very quickly and harshly, and there will be no place to hide. Yet, they continue to provoke the general situation with such statements.”

Will doomsday come for the fascist Ukrainian state? We will wait and see. But one thing is now very clear: The Russian government, which was reluctantly forced into this war against the imperialists due to its own existential conditions, has no other choice but to move forward. If there is a fully armed and disgustingly united “imperialist-fascist front” in front of the Russian government, behind it stands the Russian working class and the working people, who will not allow it to retreat under any circumstances.

Let me open a parenthesis here and ask a question: The position of the Russian working class and the working people in the face of this war is now very clear. But where does the Russian bourgeoisie, the so-called “oligarchs,” stand in this war? We have written about this before, but let me remind the “neither America nor Russia” social reformists and opportunistic movements who insist on calling this a “war of sharing”: The oligarchs, the Rus-

sian bourgeoisie—and we can even include the small and middle bourgeoisie—are against this war. This is now a concrete, tangible, and provable fact. Proving it is simple, but since this is not our main topic, I'll close the parenthesis.

The bombing of the Kerch Bridge marks a point in the war where “the last exit before the bridge” has also been passed. From now on, the Russian government—let's call it the Kremlin—will either bring “doomsday” to the fascist Ukrainian regime and state, as Medvedev said, thereby rapidly escalating the war, or it will swallow this attack and continue to retreat.

The first path would mean the destruction of the fascist Ukrainian state and, consequently, the announcement of the collapse of US hegemony and the imperialist-capitalist system. After such an escalation, the Kremlin would no longer be able to integrate with the imperialist-capitalist system or establish close and strong ties with global monopoly capitalist forces. That door would close.

If, on the other hand, the Kremlin chooses not to burn bridges with the imperialist states, financial capital, and monopoly industrial capital, and instead swallows the Kerch Bridge attack, it will undoubtedly be overthrown by the Russian working class, the working people, and revolutionary communist forces.

There is no sign that the Kremlin will choose the second path. On the contrary, there are many signs that it will strike a heavy blow against the fascist Ukrainian state and government, escalating the war and moving further forward.

As for the imperialists... Especially the US and British imperialist states have so far pursued a policy of escalating the war through the fascist Ukrainian state and government with determination. Liz Truss, who owes her election as prime minister largely to her warmongering rhetoric, may have declared her readiness to press the nuclear button, but it has become clear that the British General Staff and the US military are wary of such a war. These two imperialist states and NATO, which they con-

trol, have repeatedly shown their fear of Russia resorting to nuclear weapons.

It seems that these imperialist states want to escalate the war, but they want to do so through their puppet, the fascist Ukrainian state and army, without bringing the war to their own territories.

Will their plans succeed? We will see. But some things are already clear: The war that Russia has launched against the fascist Ukrainian state and government will, in any case, strengthen the position of the Russian and global working class and advance the struggle against fascism, imperialism, and capitalism.

The collapse of French, US, and other imperialist hegemonies in Africa, along with the signs of a similar process in Asia, should be understood as the simplest examples of this.

Life is flowing in all directions toward revolutions and communism.

October 9, 2022

WHOSE WAR

In our previous editorial, we pointed out that the war escalated with the bombing of the Crimea-Kerch Bridge by the fascist Ukrainian government and state. In the mentioned article, we noted that from now on, the Russian government has only two options: the first, "to respond strongly to this action by the Ukrainian government, risking the war escalating to an uncertain level"; the second, "to accept this attack without cutting ties with the imperialists." We added: "We do not think they will choose the second option."

As we predicted, Russia chose the first option and dealt a heavy blow to the fascist Ukrainian government and state with intense bombing, a strike they will struggle to recover from.

But the Kremlin government in Russia did something else, perhaps even more important. They appointed General Sergey Vladimirovich Surovikin as the head of the United Forces fighting in Ukraine. The bourgeois press highlighted this general's role in Syria.

However, the most important aspect of this appointment was this: Surovikin had been part of the Soyuz Group, which intervened in 1991 to prevent the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Some commentators suggest that this appointment paves the way for Surovikin to become the Chief of the General Staff of Russia. In other words, we might see someone who did not hesitate to use armed intervention to prevent the dissolution of the Soviet Union leading the Russian Army in the near future. (Of course, we will be curious about the stance and thoughts of our "communist" friend, who now goes from channel to channel and newspaper to newspaper to explain that Ukraine is not fascist and how much of a "Soviet" lover he is!)

Russia's harsh response to fascist Ukraine this time left the imperialist camp facing a dilemma. The imperialist camp had two options. Either negotiate with Russia on Russia's terms, or engage in a life-and-death struggle. Until now, the imperialist camp tried to hide that it was the main force managing and conducting the war through NATO. However, Russia's stunning attack on the fascist Ukrainian government tore away all the veils hiding NATO's presence in the war.

The blood-sucking leech named Stoltenberg, who holds the title of NATO Secretary General, had to make the following confession after Russia's heavy bombardment of the fascist Ukrainian government and army:

"NATO allies have supported Ukraine in an unprecedented way. They pushed their capacities to the limit, providing missiles, air defense systems, and ammunition from existing stocks. Yes, their own stocks have decreased. But this was necessary, the right thing to do. Because it is very important for all of us that Ukraine wins the war against Russia. Because if Putin wins, this will not only be a major defeat for Ukraine but also a huge and dangerous defeat for all allies. This cannot be allowed (<http://www.samanyoluhaber.com/rusyanin-zaferi-hepimizin-yenilgisi-olacak-haberi/1400198/>)."

NATO took another step to escalate the war by announcing a drill involving tactical nuclear weapons. (But our "Communist," who has been sweating and struggling to explain Russia's "aggression" to the world, has not lifted a finger to mobilize "humanity" regarding NATO's nuclear drills. No rush, we are waiting!)

There is no doubt that Stoltenberg's, this bloodsucker's words, are an extremely valuable statement; more precisely, a confession. With this confession, the debate over whose war this is, one of the topics of discussion between revolutionary/communist forces and "neither America nor Russia" social reformist parties and the opportunist movements following them, should be considered over.

This war is between all imperialists, without exception, from Japan to Britain, from America to Europe, and

their lapdog small, dependent states on one side, and the revolutionary communist forces of Lugansk-Donetsk and Russia, which has allied with these forces and sees itself, for various reasons, as responsible for protecting these two People's Republics, on the other.

The first side of the war, namely the imperialists, are clustered under the umbrella of NATO. Among those clustered here, undoubtedly, there is also 'NATO's solid, reliable ally', NATO member Turkey. It is not for nothing that the Ukrainian fascist government and the fascists of the sentence, together with the imperialists, praise the religious fascist government and its head.

So, based on the words of Stoltenberg, NATO's top officer, if Russia triumphs and Ukraine is defeated, it will be 'a major and dangerous defeat for all allies', including Turkey.

In other words, imperialism and fascism will have suffered a great defeat. Stoltenberg says this, not us. There is not the slightest doubt about its truth.

This fact also reveals the character of the war. This war is a war against imperialism and fascism. In other words, this war is an anti-imperialist and anti-fascist war. In a war with such a character, no communist, no socialist or revolutionary can remain 'neutral'.

But the social reformist parties of 'Neither America nor Russia' and the opportunist movements, which are inseparable from them, are 'neutral' in such a war, the defeat of which would be 'a great and dangerous defeat for all the allies, that is, for the imperialists'.

It is clear that this is not "neutrality" but rather taking a side. Failing to openly and unconditionally take a stand against the forces that are aggressive, bloodthirsty, a plague upon the global working class and laboring peoples, and the greatest obstacle to world revolution—this means obscuring their role as aggressors in this war. It means "forgetting" that the people of Donbass have waged a revolutionary war of resistance against fascist aggression for years and disregarding this struggle. In doing so, one indirectly sides with the imperialists, their fascist forces, and even, in some cases, one's own government and

state. This is the swamp into which social-reformist parties and opportunist movements have fallen in the name of "neutrality"!

This is why Stoltenberg's statements have put these political circles in the most difficult position. Because the bloodthirsty Stoltenberg, with his latest remarks, has left them with nothing to conceal or hide.

Above all, the interests of the working-class people of Russia and Ukraine, along with the laboring masses of both nations—together with the impoverished peoples of Africa and the rest of the world, from Cuba to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; in short, all revolutionary, democratic, and communist forces that stand for labor—lie in the decisive defeat of the imperialists.

This is the true meaning of Stoltenberg's words. They will be defeated, and life will go on.

October 13, 2022

THINGS ARE GOING WELL ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Rising cost of living, unemployment, shuttered factories, and the rapidly declining real incomes of workers and laborers... And perhaps overshadowing all of this, the gathering clouds of a massive war of destruction...

Imperialist governments and states continue to threaten the world with the prospect of a war involving the use of nuclear weapons. While doing so, as we have seen in the case of Ukraine, they openly and shamelessly support the so-called "Neo-Nazi" Hitlerite fascist gangs.

Just as in the case of religious fascist gangs in Syria, they recruit and organize fascists, mercenaries, and hired killers from all corners of the world, from Canada to Sweden, and then deploy them wherever they are needed.

Ukraine is their latest laboratory. They are mobilizing Hitler-admiring fascists gathered from all over the world to fight against Russia and the revolutionary communist forces of Donetsk-Lugansk. They imply that if they cannot achieve results with these forces, they will resort to nuclear war. The fear of a nuclear world war now grips all ordinary people.

But are imperialist governments and states really this comfortable? Is everything really going exactly as they want it to? In other words, for imperialist governments and states, is "all quiet on the Western Front"?

Narrow-minded thought, that is, social reformist, liberal, and revolutionary-discouraged thought, would answer this question with an unequivocal yes. This thought sees only the rise of fascism, or in their terms, the "escalation of fascism." For example, it sees a fascist party forming the government in Italy or a fascist party receiving a high number of votes in Sweden.

In reality, the situation is quite the opposite. Across

Europe, a massive revolutionary wave led by the working class, with the participation of all other laboring classes, peasants, and wage earners, is growing. This revolutionary wave is keeping all imperialist governments awake at night and shaking them to their core.

Just looking at the recent wave of workers' actions in major European imperialist states over the past few days is enough to understand the reality. For example, in Germany, the engine state of the imperialist alliance known as the European Union (EU), workers have begun organizing action after action.

The shocking actions of workers in key sectors like airlines and railways during the summer months are now being followed by actions in other sectors. The German working class, together with other laborers, is preparing to take to the streets starting in October. On October 22 alone, they will take to the streets against the German government in major industrial cities such as Berlin, Hanover, Düsseldorf, Dresden, Frankfurt, and Stuttgart (<https://www.evrensel.net/haber/472091/almanyada-emekciler-6-buyuk-kentte-sokaga-cikmaya-hazirlaniyor>).

The situation in France is no different from Germany. On the contrary, in this country where workers have always carried the class struggle to its fullest extent, nuclear power plant workers have recently joined the oil refinery workers in defying the government (<https://m.bianet.org/bianet/emek/268457-fransa-dapetrol-iscilerinin-grevine-nukleer-santraller-iscileri-dekatildi>).

In France, workers at three refineries of the Total oil monopoly first go on strike. Then, workers at two refineries of Esso-Exxon Mobil join them. As a result of these strikes, a gasoline shortage emerges in France. Young people start raiding gas stations and distributing fuel at prices they set themselves. As things reach a dangerous point for the government, Macron invokes "wartime" laws to force workers back to work. The workers respond by defying Macron. Then, as if to reinforce this defiance, nuclear power plant workers join the strike.

On the other hand, the revolutionary mass actions in France are not limited to this. The French government's policies on Ukraine, NATO, and the European Union are being protested through mass actions. Just a few days ago, thousands of people filled the streets demanding France's exit from the European Union, protesting the government's EU, Ukraine, and energy policies (<https://www.arti33.com/fransada-binlerce-kisi-avrupa-birliginden-cikmak-icin-sokaklara-dokuldu/>).

As for today's biggest warmonger alongside the U.S., the UK, which appointed someone as prime minister who said, "I wouldn't hesitate to press the nuclear button first"... The situation of the British government and state is among the most dire in Europe.

The country is shaken by worker strikes and mass actions (<https://www.evrensel.net/haber/466463/ingiltere-hukumeti-grev-kiriciligina-soyundu>) while also grappling with government crises. The Liz Truss government, which replaced Boris Johnson who recently had to resign, had to dismiss its Chancellor of the Exchequer before even completing forty days. But when Liz Truss sacrificed the Chancellor to quell the crisis in her country, this time the "elite" layer of her own party demanded the prime minister's head.

The situation in other European countries is not much different from the major ones we have mentioned. Workers and laborers everywhere, from the Czech Republic to Italy; from Poland to Moldova (<https://haber-rus.ru/avrasya-haberleri/2022/09/26/moldovada-45-bin-kisi-hukumet-karsiti-protestoda-sokaga-indi.html>), are in action against their governments.

What is the summary of all this? It is a fact that imperialist states and governments want to drag the world into a war of destruction. But it is equally true that revolutions are rapidly maturing in Europe and almost all capitalist countries of the world; bourgeois governments are on edge.

The dynamic process that will prevent a destructive world war by wresting the world from the hands of imperialist governments, states, and the bourgeoisie is preci-

sely this revolutionary process.

Revolutions will save the world from a war of destruction. We have many reasons to be hopeful and optimistic.

October 15, 2022

ON THE EDGE OF DANGER

What a strange era we have found ourselves in! We are living in a time when the most unqualified, charlatan, and mediocre individuals have risen to the top of mighty states and, beyond that, to the helm of vast international organizations. Alas, the future of humanity hangs by a thread!

Take a look at the politicians who have climbed to the top of the imperialist countries' leadership echelons, especially in the last decade. You will not find a single example with substantial qualifications. Forget about competent and capable leaders on an international scale; even by bourgeois standards, the world of capital has failed to produce a single credible leader. It's as if we are witnessing a gallery of caricatures, where their ambitions are inversely proportional to their intelligence and abilities!

Or perhaps it's the opposite. Capital no longer needs real leaders but rather "leaders" who can be steered without objection wherever they are needed. The more corrupt they are, the less leadership qualities they possess, the better!

They brought a former comedian to the helm of Ukraine and are now running the show like a Muppet Show. The "civilized West" is determined to fight "until the last Ukrainian"! Mercenaries, scoundrels, NATO commanders and fighters, and all NATO resources are at the service of the war on the side of fascist Kiev. And there is no secrecy about this situation. Everything is out in the open.

In such an environment, NATO foreign ministers gathered in Bucharest. The first item on the agenda, of course, was Ukraine. They have piled up the world's weapons and continue to do so. The strategic mind and resources of NATO as a whole are directly on the ground

against Russia. As if these were not obvious facts known to everyone, NATO Secretary-General Stoltenberg comes out and declares, "We are not a party to the Ukraine war!" Moreover, in the same speech, he says, "Putin must not win," "Our support for Ukraine will continue," and "If Russia wins, there will be no lasting peace!" Alas, while reason is being scattered, I wonder in which corners the bourgeois world leaders of our age have hidden themselves!

Undoubtedly, the issue is not related to this incompetent bureaucrat or the low level of the so-called "highly civilized" rulers of the "West." We have previously stated this many times in this column. The imperialist-capitalist system sees large-scale destructive war as the only way to reverse its collapse, which has accelerated especially in the last quarter-century, and to somehow maintain its dominance. This idea and conviction are gaining increasing support in the world of capital. This is why they brought a degenerate, whom even his own son called a pedophile, to the command position of the global imperialist system. This is why the residents of "Number 10" (the Prime Minister's residence) in London keep changing without elections. Each new arrival is more "hawkish," more of a warmonger!..

On the second day of the meeting in Bucharest, the main agenda item, as one might guess, was China! The action plan dictated by Washington has unquestionably become the foundational document for all imperialist institutions, primarily NATO. Every kind of imperialist alliance and institution is transforming into a key instrument of the U.S. foreign policy agenda.

Sunak, who replaced Truss as Prime Minister after her incompetence became unbearable even for her own party and British monopoly capital, did not hesitate to immediately add China to his "hawkish" stance on Russia: "We need to change our approach to China. Let's be clear, the so-called 'golden era' is over, along with the naive idea that trade would automatically lead to social and political reform. We recognize that China poses a systematic challenge to our values and interests, a challenge that in-

tensifies as it moves toward greater authoritarianism."

Stoltenberg also made speeches in a similar vein: "NATO does not see China as an adversary, but we are concerned about its recent increase in military spending and diversification of weapons, including nuclear capabilities, its efforts to expand its sphere of influence, and its relationship with Russia."

Undoubtedly, such statements are not new either. In line with U.S. foreign policy, Secretary-General Stoltenberg has been making such declarations for some time now. NATO, an "Atlantic pact," has been actively operating in the Pacific for quite a while!

Thus, the positioning for the imperialist-capitalist camp has accelerated even further. Following the 9/11 conspiracy, the imperialists began dragging the entire world into the vortex of war. The imperialist coalition led by U.S. imperialism faced failure on almost every front during a series of invasions, bombings, and destruction spanning two decades. None of these attempts were able to reverse the collapse that had already begun. Far from reversing or even halting it, they couldn't even slow it down. The process of collapse has accelerated rapidly. In parallel, working masses and peoples around the world entered a continuous cycle of uprising. Thus, for the imperialist-capitalist order, a large-scale war of destruction began to emerge in their minds as perhaps the only savior of their crumbling dominance. This is why China, alongside Russia, has been placed in the crosshairs; tensions in the Pacific have been continuously escalated. All of NATO's activities are precisely aligned with this plan.

As for the issue of encircling and dismembering Russia... This was a plan set into motion immediately after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. During the drunken Yeltsin era, Russia was literally reduced to ruins and brought to the brink of disintegration. The Chechen wars were orchestrated precisely for this purpose. But it didn't work. Russia's internal dynamics halted this process of disintegration. The core cadres of the so-called 'sloviki' (security bureaucracy) who wanted to preserve the gains of the past, the great wave of discontent created by the

unspeakable devastation into which the vast masses of labourers had been plunged... all of these failed the 'project of destruction' supported by the imperialists. From this stage onwards, Russia's struggle for existence has been characterised by a relationship of constant tension with the imperialists, often in almost every field.

History is full of ironies. Those who embarked on the task of dismantling socialism in the Soviet Union, the travelers on the path to capitalism, found themselves, paradoxically, in a bloody confrontation with the very temples of that capitalism, the imperialist centers. And this situation turned them into indirect supporters of international revolutionary people's movements, various levels of anti-imperialist struggle, and the revolutionary proletarian movement. During the same period, the rapidly rising chain of anti-capitalist uprisings around the world found a fertile ground for growth precisely in the vast gaps created by this contradiction we mentioned. This is one of the most unique phenomena of our time.

It is also possible to see this phenomenon in reverse, in the statements of the imperialists. More recently, Stoltenberg's words 'If Russia wins in Ukraine, we will have lost' are still fresh. As the Bucharest meeting showed once again, the imperialist world is trying to unite all its forces behind the USA in order to meet this 'bad course' and to prolong the life of the order based on its own domination through wars of destruction. The world is on the brink of greater danger of destruction than ever before.

A lost war in Ukraine would mean a complete collapse, a complete defeat for the entire imperialist camp led by the USA (and of course NATO). It is obvious that this will give a tremendous impulse to progressive and revolutionary movements all over the world. This is the point to which the prelude of the process in Ukraine will lead.

December 1, 2022

THE DISASTER AT THE DOOR AND THE ELECTION

When statements from three seemingly independent sources emerged within a short period of time regarding the possibility of an impending world war, it became imperative to address the issue once again. The prospect of such a historical development, which would not only profoundly impact world history but also determine the fate of humanity, cannot be emphasized enough.

Moreover, the possibility of a total war between nations is now being debated even among thoughtful intellectuals. Going further, we have begun to encounter more frequently those intellectuals who argue that the Third World War has already begun. Emmanuel Todd, the French intellectual who wrote the book "After the Empire: The Breakdown of the American Order" 20 years ago, is one such thinker who holds this view.

Emmanuel Todd, in an interview published in mid-January in the French *Le Figaro* under the headline "The Third World War Has Begun," stated the following (<https://harici.com.tr/emmanuel-todd-ucuncu-dunya-savasi-basladi/>):

"It is an undeniable fact that the Russia-Ukraine war has transformed into a global economic confrontation between Russia, which has the backing of China, and the Western countries in general, and has taken on the character of a world war."

The Leninist Party had pointed out years ago, and persistently, that the likelihood of such a total war was increasing, based on the preparations of the imperialists and their satellite states. The imperialists and their lapdog satellite states were doing everything in their power to provoke a total world war.

The facts on which the Leninist Party relied were quite

straightforward: The imperialist-capitalist system was in a state of collapse. In other words, it was in a life-or-death struggle. To win this struggle, it would not hesitate to plunge the world into a war of destruction. With the Russia-Ukraine war, these preparations have now become more overt and impossible to conceal. We will limit ourselves to three examples. Our first example comes from Poland, which is in a state of frenzied fascist aggression.

A Polish magazine, referring to the ruling party, asked, "Is the War Party preparing a bill on deserters?" and continued as follows (<https://ndp.neon24.org/post/170667,czy-partia-wojny-przygotowuje-projekt-ustawy-o-dezerterach>):

"After all, it is no secret that Poland is actively preparing for war, and this reality cannot be hidden. The desire to reclaim historical territories once again is forcing our government to lie and act as part of a plan to seize Ukraine. (...) It would not be wrong to say that the situation has become very tense and dangerous. Everything indicates that the Polish authorities are preparing an unimaginable massacre for the Polish people and are ready to do whatever it takes to annex parts of Western Ukraine to Poland."

There is no doubt that Poland is eagerly waiting to annex the western regions of Ukraine, over which it claims historical rights. However, to achieve this goal, Russia must first be decisively defeated in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. This is precisely why Poland is provoking a total world war. But let us set aside Poland's annexation ambitions for now and examine other preparations for a total world war. The second of the three news items we mentioned earlier was headlined, "US General: We Must Be Ready for War with China Within Two Years."

The US general is General Mike Minihan, the commander of the US Air Force's Airlift Force. This obviously bloody-handed general advised his troops, 'Shoot bullets at 7 metres, aim for the head', "I hope I am wrong, but my gut tells me we will be at war with China in 2025." However, it is not the general's "gut feeling" that matters but his preparations. Despite saying, "I hope I am wrong," the

US general instructed his units to prepare for such a conflict and report on their progress by the end of February (<https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/abdli-general-den-iki-yil-icin-de-cin-ile-savasa-hazir-ol-maliyiz-mesaji/2800215>). It seems that we have at least two more years before a total world war breaks out.

The third news comes from NATO. The headline of the news is enough to reveal the plans and preparations of this imperialist war machine: "NATO: We Are Ready for Direct Conflict with Russia!" (<https://haberrus.ru/headline/2023/01/29/nato-rusya-ile-dogrudan-catismaya-haziriz.html>) The statement belongs to Admiral Rob Bauer, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee. However, another notable aspect of this statement is that it provides strong clues about the reason behind NATO's war policy against Russia: "We are talking about a return to the former Soviet Union."

Whether true or a mere hallucination, this is the primary fear of NATO, and thus the imperialists! But, as we said, the reasons or the inevitable consequences of the war are not our focus at the moment. What we want to point out here is how the imperialist states, along with the giant war apparatus NATO under their command, are dragging the world and humanity into a war of destruction.

As for the inevitable, rather than just possible, effects of these war preparations on the upcoming elections in Turkey and Kurdistan in the short term... The question that needs to be asked is: With what kind of government and whom would the US and NATO prefer to go to war in Turkey?

The answer to this question is quite clear: RTE and the religious fascist regime. The religious fascist regime and its leader have repeatedly earned the gratitude of NATO, the US, the UK, and other imperialists for the vital support they provided to Ukraine in the Russia-Ukraine war. RTE, while keeping Russia occupied with minor, insignificant matters, provided crucial support to Ukraine. Thus, he not only demonstrated Turkey's duplicitous policies on fundamental issues once again but also proved

his loyalty to the imperialists.

What the imperialists and NATO currently need most in the Middle East is a Turkey that is free from the threat of a united revolution and will stand by them in a major war. This need is best met by RTE and the religious fascist regime. RTE and his administration have more than proven their worth to the US and other imperialists in this regard.

The desire for a government that will suppress the united revolution and firmly align with the imperialists is also the wish of Turkey's reactionary-fascist bourgeois opposition. The so-called "Nation Alliance," the reactionary-fascist bourgeois opposition, has always supported RTE and the religious fascist regime, not constantly, but at every critical juncture. Of course, in ways that the working classes and poor masses would not immediately understand, hidden and covert.

This time, our example comes from fascist Ümit Özdağ, one of Meral Akşener's former "buddies." As if taking news from a fascist, Özdağ explains how the İYİ Party and its leader, the she-wolf Akşener, supported RTE in the 2018 presidential elections as follows (<https://www.gercekgundem.com/siyaset/umit-ozdag-dan-ilginc-iddialar-aksener-2018de-erdogani-cumhurbaskani-seciyoruz-gerekcesini-sorma-demis-409048>):

"Why didn't the election go to a second round last time? Meral Akşener stopped her campaign in the last month. At the start of the campaign, her votes were at 16%. She allowed them to drop to 7%. If she had received as many votes as Meral Akşener, the election would have gone to a second round. I know it was done deliberately.

"The campaign manager who ran Meral Akşener's political campaign told me after I left the party that a month before the elections, Meral Akşener called him to Ankara, took him to a soundproof room at the headquarters, and said, "We are electing Erdoğan as president. Don't ask me for the reason." He told me, "If you reveal this, I will deny it."

Meanwhile, let us note that days have passed since

this claim was made, and no statement has come from Meral Akşener or the unnamed "campaign manager."

When we consider that the same elections were concluded with the "the man won" stunt orchestrated by the CHP's candidate and Kılıçdaroğlu duo, the picture becomes complete.

While the reactionary-fascist "Nation Alliance" schemes to avoid winning elections have become the subject of comedy sketches, what can be said about the zealous efforts of social reformist parties to bring this bourgeois alliance to power, despite being endlessly deceived!

January 31, 2023

EFFORTS TO SPREAD THE WAR

The ancients said that human memory is impaired by forgetfulness. Indeed, this is exactly what the political propaganda machinery of the capitalist world relies on the most.

Unlike historical memory, daily human memory, especially in the face of the terrifying speed of our era, is forgetful. It is becoming forgetful and is being made forgetful. The gears of that massive propaganda machine, which produces unimaginable lies and excuses, grind away at the memory of every ordinary mortal. No one remembers who said what yesterday or why they said it. Moreover, no one recalls that the person saying this today said the exact opposite yesterday, or the recent and distant past of the current problem, or its historical-social causes... none of it comes to mind. It is skilfully hidden and distorted. Each current event that emerges in rapid succession leaves no trace for most people. Therefore, a brief reminder would be appropriate...

The tensions and conflicts in Kosovo, which have been escalating for some time and often bring the region to the brink of war, are precisely one of these 'current events.' Especially under the conditions of the historical anti-Slav and anti-Russian¹ sentiment pumped up by the ruling classes in these lands, this event is being interpreted through the lens of 'Serbs constantly causing unrest.'

However, the US and European imperialists are bringing the war to Serbian territory. What has been happening in Serbia-Kosovo in the last few days is exactly this.

Many are unaware that just a few weeks ago, local elections were held in areas densely populated by Serbs, and behind this lies the decision by the Pristina administration to invalidate Serbian-licensed vehicle plates, ai-

ming to impose 'Kosovo's independence' directly on Belgrade. Of course, behind this imposition lies the goal of bringing down Serbia (the last 'not fully annexed country' from Yugoslavia) and completely annexing it to ensure its submission... Let's go one step further: behind this lies the 'encirclement of Russia,' which has been deepening step by step over the past thirty years, and its fragmentation to complete the process of 'full annexation'... The chain continues like this.

All of this may seem overly fictional to those unfamiliar with history. But if one knows how the former Yugoslavia was torn apart by imperialists, how Bosnia-Herzegovina was dragged into a civil war marked by horrific massacres, it becomes clear that none of this is fiction. Moreover, after this initial process of separation/disintegration, steps were taken to dismantle the New Yugoslavia (of which Kosovo was also a part) formed by Serbia and Montenegro, directly through the hands of mercenaries like the KLA and neo-Nazi gangs in Kosovo. In 1999, all of Yugoslavia was subjected to heavy bombardment by NATO planes for 78 days. In the end, they also dismantled New Yugoslavia. Montenegro, the only region of Yugoslavia with access to the Adriatic Sea, was torn away from Serbia and later made a NATO member. Thus, Serbia was turned into a landlocked country, completely surrounded by NATO countries, with no open connection to Russia. Can all of this be considered a mere coincidence?

The imperialists intensified their pressure to bring down Serbia. In 2008, they recognized Kosovo's independence. This recognition was not only a disregard for UN law but also a complete dismissal of the very principles the imperialists had upheld until then. But they did it.²

The imperialists have been openly and intensely pressuring Belgrade for a long time. The US on one side, and the EU-NATO on the other, are applying a full siege. The EU's 'Diplomatic Chief' Borrell (famously remembered as 'Gardener Borrell' since his infamous 'garden-jungle' remark [<https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/avrupayi-bahceye-dunyanin-kalanini-ormana-benzeten-ab-yuksek-tem>])

silcisi-borrelle-tepki-buyuyor/2713031]], shakes his finger day and night, saying, 'Comply with EU norms.' After this recent tension, he declared, 'The current situation is dangerous and unsustainable' ([<https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/ab-yuksek-temsilcisi-borrell-kosovanin-kuzeyindeki-mevcut-durum-tehlikeli-ve-surdurulemez/2911203>]], threatening the Serbs. As always, the Serbs were to blame!

Look at this. Local elections were held in areas of Kosovo with a dense Serbian population. The Serbs boycotted the elections to protest the decisions of the puppet government in Pristina. Voter turnout was only 3.4% (in words, three point four percent). In other words, there was a 96.6% boycott. Now, the tulips of this 'European garden' are saying, 'Respect the elected officials!' You read that correctly. 'Gardener Borrell' demands that everyone submit to this so-called mayor, accepted by only three out of a hundred people! Even the US ambassador in Pristina, for some reason, has lost his temper and is scolding the Kosovars ([<https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/abdden-kosovaya-ulkenin-kuzeyindeki-eylemlere-iliskin-yaptirim-sinyali/2910482>]). Indirectly, he is stating that the elections were illegitimate. Meanwhile, the European imperialists are wagging their fingers at the Serbs. (This suggests a contradiction between the US and the European imperialists.)

As the imperialists, especially the European ones, tighten their grip on Serbia through Kosovo, tensions are rising. The Serbian army is on constant alert. The country is being gradually pushed into a de facto conflict with NATO through the puppet government in Pristina.³ Reinforcements have already been sent to NATO forces in Kosovo.

The steps taken by the imperialists have a logic. The idea of the 'New Phase,' frequently discussed in Leninist literature for a quarter of a century, is the key to understanding all these global moves. The imperialist-capitalist system, which has reached the end of the road as a whole and is in a process of collapse, is waging war against the rising anti-capitalist movement (the international proleta-

riat and the working peoples of the world) on a global scale, while simultaneously fully annexing, economically and politically, all dependent countries integrated into the capitalist chain. This is an integration process that goes beyond the old level of dependency relations. In this regard, it has no tolerance for the slightest friction or resistance. For some countries, being part of the capitalist chain is no guarantee. Anyone who does not fully submit or drags their feet will be eliminated!

This is the axis that cuts across all the wars and conflicts from Yugoslavia to the Middle East, from Afghanistan to North Africa. Of course, each has its own unique aspects and internal causes. But this is the common direction. The system believes it can only sustain its existence this way.

The imperialists are making intense efforts everywhere to ignite a great war of destruction, a world war. Tiny Kosovo has the potential to spark the fuse of such a war. As long as the imperialist-capitalist system is not sent to the dustbin of history, these sparks of war spreading in all directions will continue to pose a great threat to the future of humanity.

June 1, 2023

1 Do not underestimate this 'anti-Slav/Russian' sentiment. Big, prestigious socialist parties and organizations, in the same Kosovo a quarter of a century ago, saw no issue in shamelessly supporting the KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army), a pack of neo-Nazis, during the conflicts. They supported these darlings of German imperialism (and, of course, the US-NATO)—these fascist gangs whose names were linked to massacres, organ trafficking, and human and drug trafficking (we have not forgotten Hashim Thaçi, even if some prefer not to remember)—and they did so unashamedly, even coating it with socialist rhetoric. Among other things, this 'anti-Slav/Russian' sentiment in their makeup was one of the contributing factors. (We say this, of course, without overlooking the significant role of anti-Marxist social-imperialist theory.)

2 The irony of history. At that time, Moscow was the most vocal in opposing this 'independence' decision. They warned against it, saying it would set a precedent. Fourteen years have passed. When the Kremlin recognized the independence of Donbass on February 24, 2022, it did not fail to remind everyone of Kosovo!

3 For example, what business do the 'Kosovo Security Forces' have on the Malvinas Islands, located about 500 km from Argentina? Kosovar soldiers were taken to the Malvinas Islands—the same islands the British call the Falklands, where they fought a ten-week war with Argentina in 1982—by the British.

HOPE IS HERE

War, and on a global scale, a great war of destruction, is being talked about by wider circles every day. This is because such a war is coming, almost as if accompanied by drums and trumpets, with great fanfare.

Those who follow our publications know that we have been examining the approach of such a war of destruction from various angles for a very long time. Moreover, they know that we have said such a war is almost an inevitable fate under capitalism...

We emphasize it at every opportunity. The main driving force behind today's war is the collapse dynamics of the imperialist-capitalist system as a whole; and parallel to this, the growing revolutionary movement of the working classes across the globe. The phenomenon that cuts across the entire capitalist world is the endless crisis, the depression. As seen in the recent Silicon Valley Bank incident, it is the literal collapse of economic titans in an instant and the massive whirlpools created by this collapse.

Of course, the depression and economic crisis go hand in hand with millions of workers in the centers of the capitalist world (imperialist countries) turning to strikes and protest actions one after another. Europe is being shaken by waves of strikes. France, Germany, England, Greece, Belgium...

Just a few examples: "The wave of strikes in Europe shows no sign of stopping. France, Germany, England, and Greece are being shaken by strikes of the working class and laboring masses. Paris, where sanitation workers have been on strike for days, has turned into a pile of garbage. In Paris alone, 7,000 tons of garbage have accumulated.

In France, the 'symbol of European democracy', the government is discussing the forced labour of municipal workers.

England is another imperialist country shaken by strikes. Teachers, doctors, civil servants, and metro workers have gone on the largest and most effective strike in recent years. While the British government pours money into the fascist Ukrainian administration, it fails to find funds for its own workers. According to trade unions, five hundred thousand workers and laborers joined the strike.

Actions follow one after another. Strikes, protests, clashes, and challenges to governments are happening everywhere!

Behind all this great turmoil, at its basis, lies the worldwide crisis of capitalism. The strikes, demonstrations and resistances of the working class in almost all capitalist countries, especially in the imperialist countries, are not the cause of the crisis of capitalism, but the result of the capitalist crisis. However, once this result of the crisis of capitalism appears, it turns into a cause that deepens the crisis of capitalism.

To all this, we must add the tensions and actions created by the growing global polarization on a worldwide scale. For example, Bulgaria, Moldova, Georgia!..

The world bourgeoisie is losing control in all countries and can no longer govern with its old methods. One of the natural consequences of this is the increasing prominence of the repressive apparatus of the capitalist class, leading to the strengthening of fascist tendencies and orientations.

Fascism, defined as 'the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, chauvinist, and imperialist elements of finance capital,' arises during periods when the revolutionary tendencies of the toiling masses are on the rise, when the revolution is gaining momentum, and when the capitalist class is unable to curb this trend through other methods and means. This is the reality that encapsulates today's imperialist world.

The racism inherent in capitalist Europe (it would be more correct to call it capitalist civilisation as a whole) has

been thoroughly exposed by the war in Ukraine. The blue flag of the European Union of 'Borell the gardener', just like the flag of US imperialism, means a terrible destruction, war and aggression identical with fascism for the working class of Europe and for the workers and labourers of the whole world. How right Lenin was more than a hundred years ago when he said that such a 'United State of Europe' would be a complete reactionary state!

The imperialist system as a whole is collapsing and as a natural, inevitable consequence of this, fascist repressive mechanisms are accelerating in all these countries. As internal tensions and conflicts accelerate, the whole world is being dragged into a great war of destruction by the hands of these imperialist countries.

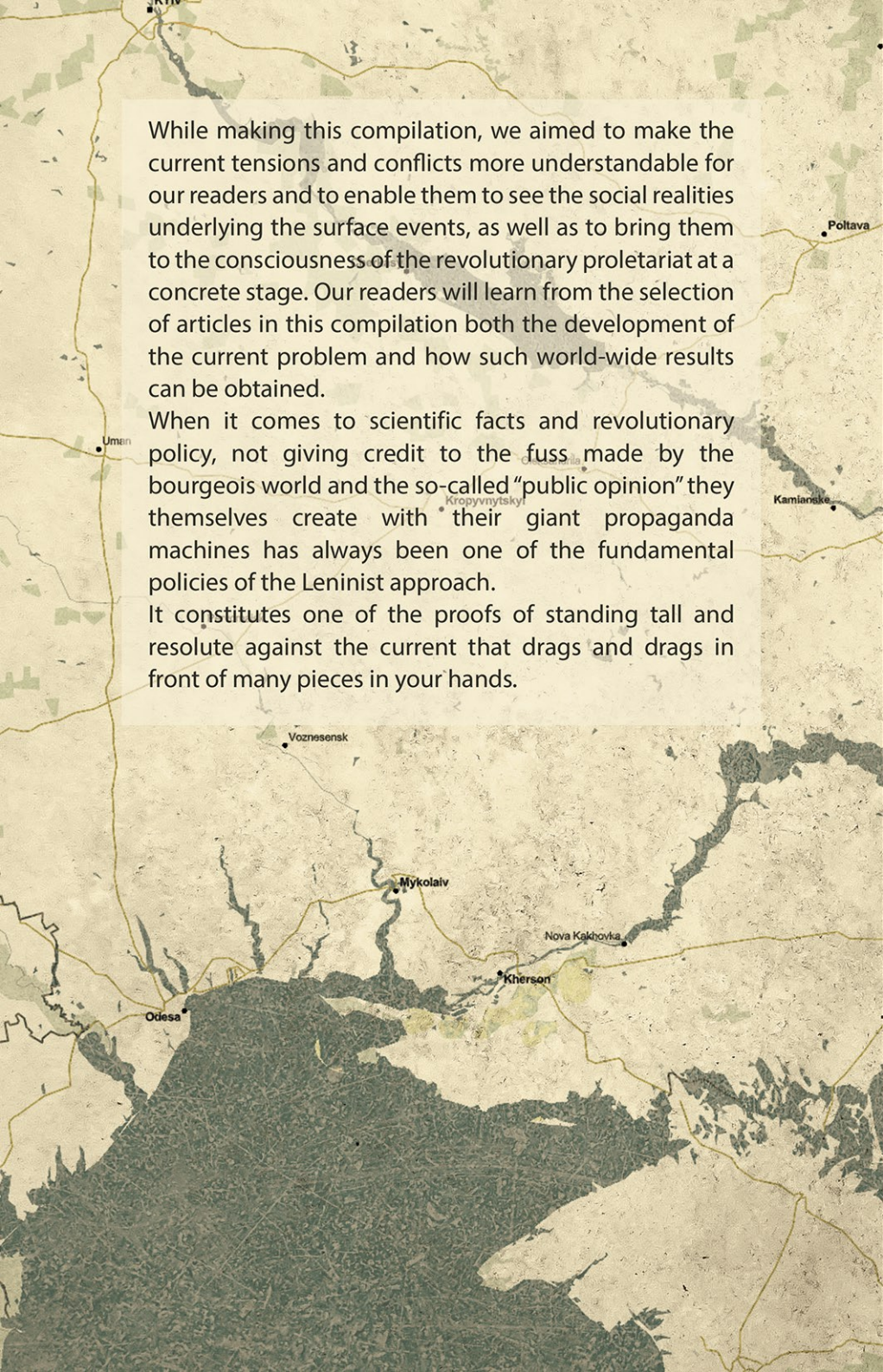
The other end of the line of conflict, one end of which is in Ukraine, has become more and more evident in the Pacific these days. The war in Ukraine has become a war of survival for the imperialists. As this aspect has become clearer, the periphery of the war has started to expand. The downing of a US drone in the Black Sea, off the coast of Crimea, reminded us how close we are to the 'NATO troops entering Ukraine' that Orban spoke of. Moldova and Georgia, which are now being forced to become a 'second front', are another example. The imperialist-capitalist world is definitely heading towards a great war of destruction. The imperialist-capitalist world is undoubtedly rushing headlong toward a great war of destruction.

The working class and labouring peoples of the world are responding to this 'survival' war of the imperialists with revolutionary mass actions, strike waves, revolts and uprisings. In accordance with the character of our epoch, the epoch of the transition from capitalism to communism and the epoch of social revolutions, the workers and labourers have already begun to put forward their own solutions in practice.

It is nothing but the revolutionary breakthrough of the world proletariat and labouring peoples that will take humanity from the edge of this abyss.

Here is the hope of mankind.

March 16, 2023

A vintage map of Ukraine, showing major cities and geographical features. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the upper half of the map. The map includes labels for cities like Kyiv, Uman, Poltava, Kamianske, Kropyvnytskyi, Voznesensk, Mykolaiv, Nova Kakhovka, Kherson, and Odesa. The Black Sea is visible at the bottom.

While making this compilation, we aimed to make the current tensions and conflicts more understandable for our readers and to enable them to see the social realities underlying the surface events, as well as to bring them to the consciousness of the revolutionary proletariat at a concrete stage. Our readers will learn from the selection of articles in this compilation both the development of the current problem and how such world-wide results can be obtained.

When it comes to scientific facts and revolutionary policy, not giving credit to the fuss made by the bourgeois world and the so-called "public opinion" they themselves create with their giant propaganda machines has always been one of the fundamental policies of the Leninist approach.

It constitutes one of the proofs of standing tall and resolute against the current that drags and drags in front of many pieces in your hands.