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Let's disarm the 2000 generals and officers of the bolibourgeoisie that today have occupied Venezuela militarily, let's arm the workers and the poor people, break with the IMF and expropriate the capitalists!

Let's lead the Caracazo towards victory!

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1989: El Caracazo



Maduro with his officials
of Armed Forces



Guaido, Duque, president from Colombia
and Pence, vicepresident from USA

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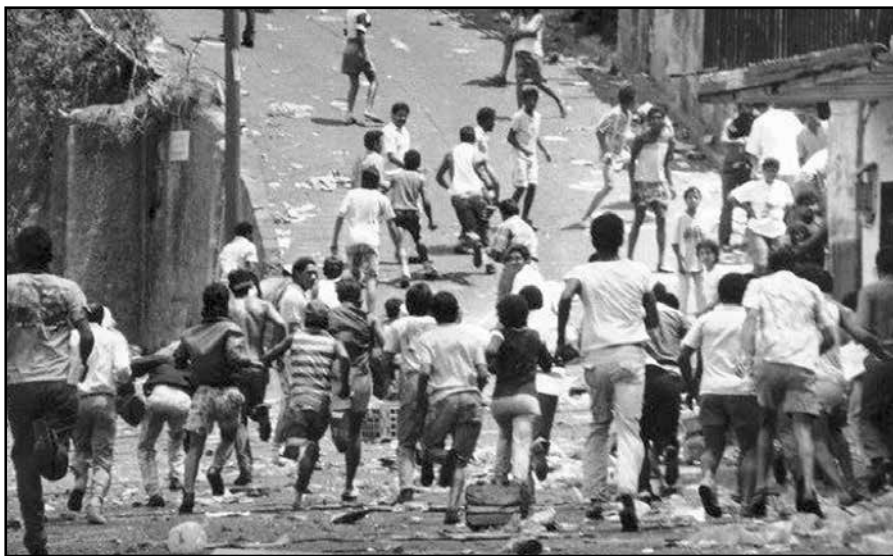
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Statement of the International Secretariat of the FLTI

Today, February 27, 2019, is the 30th anniversary of the Caracazo, a mass semi-insurrection that took place in Venezuela in 1989, where over 3,000 were murdered in the streets by the Venezuelan Army, which at that time had a chain of command of officers who led that counterrevolutionary operation. Both Chávez and Diosdado Cabello and other generals of the Bolivarian Armed Forces today were, as officers, played a key role during this brutal massacre.

The Caracazo was a true semi-spontaneous mass insurrection that openly hit the regime of the so-called "Punto Fijo" Pact, where different bourgeois gangs take turns to rule sharing a small portion of the oil rent, as junior partners of imperialism, by starving the people. In the International Workers Organizer No. 22 in 2013 we published a statement settling accounts with the Chavist bourgeoisie and its so-called "*Bolivarian revolution*", which was nothing but deception with many words. Such "revolution" left intact the business of the bourgeoisie and imperialism, while expropriating this great revolutionary struggle of the Venezuelan masses and also of all Latin America, which burned in a fervent anti-imperialist struggle. The article of the aforementioned newspaper of 2013, which gives an account of the great revolutionary battles of the Latin American masses and of the sinister role of Stalinism that, handing Cuba over to the Yankees, supporting all the governments of that so-called "Bolivarian revolu-



The Caracazo in 1989

tion", that with Morales, Kirchner, Lula, Correa, etc. saved the imperialism's property and its banks from the hatred and the struggle of the masses, which since 1997 with the revolts of Ecuador and in the first decade of the 21st century, from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Brazil, etc. hit hard imperialist rule in the subcontinent.

Once the "Bolivarian revolution" played its role and guaranteed that the IMF collected up to the last drop of its looting of the continent, after they guaranteed transnationals' business with regional markets such as Mercosur, Andean Pact, Alba, etc. ., now the Yankees are coming for everything. Lula, Morales, the Kirchners, etc. have long surrendered, after disorganizing a huge mass revolutionary offensive. With them, this scam of the "Bolivarian revolution" has also been taken and it has forced to kneel so-

cialist Cuba before imperialism... where the right of inheritance, private ownership of companies and land and foreign investment has already been guaranteed by the new Constitution of that new Bolibourgeoisie emerged from the bowels of Castroism and Cuban Stalinism.

"Socialism does not work anymore," said Fidel Castro... "not even in Cuba." This has been a stab in the back and the hardest blow to the anti-imperialist struggle of the masses of Latin and North America, cornered and harshly attacked by all the imperialist powers, mainly in recent years after the crash of Wall Street. Surrendered and with the Yankee flag in Havana, Stalinism has sold out Nicaragua and yielded the Colombian resistance, as they did with the FARC pact with Santos, while this country is already a true US aircraft carrier, with 7 military bases and troops that have entered directly to block Venezuela

with the lie of “humanitarian aid”.

The new Castroist bourgeoisie and its Bolivarian partners from Venezuela are far from preparing a new “Bay of Pigs” against the landing of the Yankees, like the one in Cuba in 1961 which expelled the US invasion of the island.

While Venezuela is still surrounded, under Trump’s command, the Colombian National Liberation Army (ELN) is currently in Havana surrendering in “peace talks” before Duque’s government. The FARC had surrendered before.

Before the Yankee offensive and the ever-present danger of an open mass uprising, from La Havana and Caracas what is being prepared is a great pact to sell out Venezuela, and with it, of the entire Latin America. Already Lula, blessed by the church, kneeled before Judge Moro, while Morales broke records of delivering minerals to imperialism from Bolivia. Not to mention the super-businesses of the Nicaraguan and Salvadoran bourgeoisie in Central America. In Argentina, Kirchner supports the hated anti-worker government of Macri from the parliament, with PJ, voting all the laws.

Today in Venezuela the regime of that real scam of the “Bolivarian revolution” has already fallen apart. Neither the Constituent Assembly nor the Parliament exist. There is only one puppet president appointed by Trump; and on the other, the Bolivarian Armed Forces and their caste of officers controlling the entire territory, disciplining the masses with *manu militari*; while Venezuela has been surrounded and blocked by the Yankees and their lackeys of the Latin American bourgeoisies. That is the tragic result of the cowardice of the Bolibourgeoisie and the “war of concerts” and the “humanitarian aid” of imperialism on February 22



Yankee troops landing in Colombia to block Venezuela

and 23.

The bolibourgeoisie tries to show that they are the only ones capable, under these conditions, of preventing a new *Caracazo*. The Yankees do not share this idea. They believed the lemon has been fully squeezed. They no longer need their old junior partners. These have already played their role. The Yankees are coming for everything.

Once played its role, with a broken Venezuela, with starving workers and shot to death by the arch-reactionary government of Maduro, imperialism knows that the conditions to get directly the entire Venezuela have been met. “*Venezuelan oil for the Americans*”: that is what this decisive blow that Trump seeks to impose for Venezuela and all of Latin America is about.

The cowardice and submission to imperialism of the native bourgeoisies are already evident. Imperialism has seized all the goods, properties and bank accounts that Venezuela owns abroad. It is a treacherous robbery of the Venezuelan nation. It has recognized a president named in the US embassy. It has encircled and blocked Venezuela, ending up occupying Colombia militarily and imposing -with the “*Grupo de Lima*”- a real grouping of colonies and banana republics commanded by Trump

and Wall Street.

We are facing a fierce attack by imperialism in Latin America. The US pirates, under Trump’s orders, have taken the whip against the people they oppress below Rio Grande.

The Yankees stamp on their backyard while there is ongoing tough trade war against the Europe of Maastricht and Japan competing for the control of the world economy and of China and Russia. 6,000 PDVSA petrol stations and its 3 refineries in the US, belonging to Citgo, have been expropriated from Venezuela, which are in partnership with Russian Rosneft (company where BP holds 20% of its shares). The accounts in Miami from Cabello, Maduro and his army officers, whom they force to surrender, have been seized.

The “brave” response of the regime did not take long to come, with a besieged blocked Venezuela. The army and the armed forces, far from attacking a single interest of imperialism, militarized Venezuela and control that not a single mass action erupts... neither against the US nor the coup, whose authors walk freely around the streets from Caracas to Cucuta. Meanwhile, they are in full negotiation with imperialism, which they want to make it official in the UN.

Today, after 3 months, in Nicaragua, under the church's blessing, the Sandinist government sat in a negotiation table with the bourgeois opposition. From Havana and Managua, there is a claim for a negotiation with the imperialist master, before the masses of workers and peasants erupt, putting the property and the power of all the exploiter in jeopardy. These Bolibourgeoisies do not want to stay out of business in this new US offensive on the planet.

The panic the Bolibourgeoisie and imperialism have of using the masses in this push between them leads to resolve this whole crisis in the barracks. In there, they are counting the generals and officers that each band has. For now, the majority of the Bolibourgeoisie in the armed forces insists they are the warranty to control the masses for the starving people not to break into a new Caracazo. They see themselves in the shoes of Lula and refuse to have such a future; while they claim for a negotiation that includes them in the future colonial Venezuela.

They desire so much to explain the US senior partners that they guarantee the business deals. Over the last years Exxon and Chevron have made enormous profits from Orinoco's oil, as well as the US and Canadian transnational mining companies looting the wealth of gold and Venezuela soil. They guaranteed the property to the "coupist" oligarchy, the great land extensions and the big trading chains they control. They have guaranteed the payment on time of the fraudulent foreign debt to the IMF.

The US do not want a single dollar more to stay there, as there were already millions of dollars with which a new Bolivarian bourgeoisie got rich, administering the oil revenues for years. This is how this tragedy for the masses of the continent is developed. The sellout of Venezuela to

imperialism gets deeper, Colombia is now a colony and an direct US aircraft carrier and a capitalist Cuba is full of bourgeois keen to make business deals in association with imperialism, which came out from that evil Cuban Communist Party... However, this partial victories of imperialism will be possible, ultimately, if the masses let them. The masses were not removed from the scene, although their struggles have been a thousand times diverted, disorganized and betrayed.

Meanwhile, the Latin American bourgeoisies warn that a direct intervention of USA (as Bush did before in Iraq) can make a volcano erupt in Latin America and USA. This is what the "Lima Group" has stated and resolved in its last meeting. The USA has said they do not rule out that option, while they bet on the rendition of Maduro and an important part of his generals. All the bourgeois gangs and imperialism look very carefully the limits they have in this dispute, because at each step a starving masses breakout is at stake. As we saw, the Bolivarian armed forces took to the streets and militarized all the neighbourhoods and cities of Venezuela, with the excuse of "confronting the coup". Guaido comes in and out from Venezuela with his people, they walk through the streets freely... and Maduro does not lay a finger on thme. He only crushes every attempt of the masses to enter to the struggle and look for bread.

Today, everyone looks at Haiti with fear. In that country, a huge mass insurrection against starvation, for bread, against the corrupt government of Moise and the invader troops has started. After a thousand defeats, the workers and poor in Latin America are far from giving up.

Today is the 30 anniversary; the best tribute we have is to see

it reflected in the revolutionary masses of Haiti that has started

The last act of this play of the US offensive on the American continent is not yet written. None of the US puppets, neither Macri nor Piñera nor Bolsonaro, have finished in settling their Bonapartist attempts and hard blows that try to deal to the masses. The US imperialism has not still got the regimes it needs to complete a new round in the definitive colonization of its backyard. The US regime and Wall Street pirates do not have that strength inside USA against their own working class either. A large party of the US bourgeoisie warns about this. A war adventure of Trump that goes beyond the balance of forces and the current threats can set New York on fire and make the American masses to rise. The counterrevolutionary adventures, such as Vietnam, were made in moments of huge strength of the US regime after WWII; or under conditions of great feeling of national unity that the masses in USA have, like after the Twin Towers self-attack made by Bush. But these are not the current conditions of the USA. The US workers have taken to the streets, as they did before, from the very rising of Trump's government, fighting and defeating in the streets, the movement of white supremacy, as they imposed before the US withdrawal of Irak.

The parody of Trump's wall in Mexico is an offensive on the entire Latin America so they can go after the Mexican oil and wealth and discipline on the more than 30 million Latin American workers that live, work and also fight inside USA.

43 million starving people threaten USA with a huge social crisis. The focus of the 2008 economical crash is there. These events show that the true war that Wall Street pirates have declared is against the world working class, and in the first place to the US working class,

as it did with the jackal disguised as a sheep: Obama.

With starvation and the crisis of the workers and the American people, Obama bankrolled the losses of the finance oligarchy, while unleashed all its crisis to the working class and took all its gains away. Trump's weight today and his anti-immigrant demagogy is based in the hard blow dealt by Obama to the US working class, leaving it divided, torn apart and political subordinated to the different imperialist Wall Street gangs, "democratic" as well as "republican".

None of this would be possible, also, without the inestimable collaboration of the World Social Forum until recently, as well as that of Stalinism, Castro and all the renegades of Trotskyism that for some years came out to support the left of the imperialist pirates Democratic Party, which are accused of being "socialists"... as "socialists" as Maduro or Morales.

Sanders and a handful of immigrants shown as progressive in Wall Street Roman circus cannot deceive a single serious worker that has a minimum of class perspicacity. They are fanatic defenders of the US transnational companies in the world, main guards of their left pockets. They keep silent on the existence of 500 CIA prisons around the world and the military bases with which imperialism controls the planet.

These "democratic socialists" of US claim for "democratic elections" in Venezuela, while the Bolivarian troops occupying the workers and popular neighbourhoods and while Venezuela is blocked and besieged by the US troops. Miserables!

What separates the working class at the north and south of Rio Grande is not the needs or desires of struggle, but the leaderships that subordinates the workers everywhere to the bourgeoisie, the executioners. What difference is



Caracazo: protesters take the fallen of the clashes

there between the rising workers of the maquilas (sweatshops) in Matamoros, northern Mexico, with the ultra-flexibilized workers of GM or the Latin American slaves that harvest the crops in southern USA as the black slaves did before?

They call "socialism" to Venezuela where the workers collect 6 dollars a month as wage and to Nicaragua, where the pensioners demand a miserable pensions are shot to death. The World Social Forum speaks of "socialism of the 21st century". Trump continues their words and calls Venezuela a "socialist regime" to which they "have to put an end", as he announces. It is a vile lie and great deception. **Venezuela, Nicaragua, such as Haiti or Argentina or other Latin American countries are no more than semi-colonial capitalist countries in decomposition rotting state as a result of imperialism looting their wealth together with a native bourgeoisie that is servant and junior partner of the US.**

Imperialism can launch such an offensive, even a political and ideological one, against the masses because they have a great ally: the Stalinist scum that has sold out the workers' states. In 1989, the same year of Caracazo, the new Stalinist bourgeoisie of Russia and China handed over the greatest gains of

the proletariat in the 20th century to Citibank and world imperialism. Today, 30 years later, they did so with Cuba, establishing in its constitution the sacred right to private property of the capitalists and imperialism in the island, under the control and with the warranty of a police-military state.

30 years after Caracazo; 30 years after the sellout of the workers states, two way forwards are shown. On the one hand, the tendency of the masses to open the road for the socialist revolution; on the other hand, the treacherous leaderships yielding each one of the exploited's gains.

30 years after Caracazo, we pay tribute to those murdered by yesterday's colonels which today are Bolivarian. We affirm, more than ever, that in order to crush the US, to make the Latin American working class to rise, to end with the invasion to Colombia, to generalize the masses of Haiti, to stop the brutal offensive of the servants of imperialism in the Southern Cone, the only way out is to deepen the way of Caracazo and take it to victory, as it remained unfinished as a great historical task of the Venezuelan and Latin American working class.

The way out is to unite all the workers and peasants of Latin America and USA under a single war cry. As Che Guevara used to say, what US imperialism and its aggression to Venezuela, Colombia and the entire sub-continent deserve is "let's make two, three Vietnam".

The workers of Venezuela have in their hands the possibility of dealing a hard blow on imperialism, and in that road, getting rid of the bourgeois scum that has stolen away their struggle which is the Bolibourgeoisie. For that, they need the unity and solidarity of all the workers of Northern, Central and Southern America. What is preventing this fight, ultimately, is the Bolibourgeoisie and Stalinism that demand to be the ones to complete the defeat of the masses, so they can stay in business.

The way forward is that of the socialist revolution. This is what Trump, the US and the anti-worker repressive starvationist bourgeoisie deserve. The way forward is no other than the expropriation without compensation of the lands, the trade branches and the banks to imperialism and its junior partners. This anti-imperialist struggle of the Venezuelan masses is feared by all the bourgeoisies of the continent and tried to be asphyxiated by Stalinism and the former Trotskyists

which have become the left wing of the Bolibourgeoisie long time ago.

Guaido, Maduro and the US dispute the 2000 multimillionaire generals of the Bolivarian bourgeoisie. The workers must come out to the streets. Let the million of starved and disposed come down from the hills and seek their siblings, the rank and file soldiers, to defeat the shock forces of Maduro's government, to arm themselves and to open the only possible way to free and get Venezuela's independence from imperialism, that of the victory of the socialist revolution, the way of a victorious Caracazo. This struggle would be a true electric shock on the workers and peasants of Centre and South America.

That is the role of the New Left in Latin America: Lopez Obrador provides Trump with bricks and concrete to rise the wall and supports Duque in the blockade against Venezuela, among other duties.

The Colombian workers and peasants are destined to break the imperialist blockade of Venezuela. The only thing stopping this is the treacherous leadership of FARC, Stalinism and the pseudo-leftist Petro, which was introduced as "democrat" "progressive" and "anti-imperialist" deceiving the masses in the last elections with this evil

lie. All the renegades of Trotskyism, as LIT for example, called to vote for him. And today he is hidden underneath Duque's skirt, supporting the US invasion to Colombia.

The workers and the people of Haiti cannot fight on their own either. They are one of the most important anti-imperialist detachments of the Latin American working class. The workers of Matamoros, of the maquilas in Mexico, who have gotten rid off their corrupt treacherous sold-out leaderships, show the way to fight against labour relaxation of conquests, starvation and the sellout of the entire Latin American and US working class. The working class of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Bolivia and the entire Southern Cone is in this struggle, waging a hard resistance together with their class brothers and sisters of the entire world, in a fierce battle against imperialism.

Maduro and the Bolivarians aspire to give the US a starved Venezuela, with the masses torn apart, with slave labour force and maquilas as Bangladesh today. **With 6 dollars as monthly wage**, the exploited of Venezuela will be, together with oil, the biggest wealth which imperialism wants to take for itself. The dream of the Bolibourgeoisie today is to establish, as Kim Jong Un does with the meeting in Vietnam, a negotiation with imperialism. He and the Bolivarians have slave labour force and maquilas to offer. Trump has already said that would be good for his henchmen of the native bourgeoisie to offer good business deals under his direct command. The very Bolivarians have already established free tax areas for the maquilas in the mining arc of Orinoco, as the Castro brothers did before in Puerto Mariel.

The working class of the American continent has waged a thousand and one fights and it was subjected to a thousand and one treasons. It is a task of all the fighters that strive to re-found the



Obama and Raul Castro

Fourth International to reach its goal in the American continent, which is no other than setting up a sensitive nerve from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, so that if something is sensed along its way, it can make the uprising and rebellion to break out in all the masses of the continent.

US out of Venezuela!
Long live the fight of the masses of Matamoros and Haiti! They continue today the fight of Caracazo. They are not alone. Their greatest allies are in the working class in Northern and Southern America. Out with the US and its military bases from Colombia, Peru, Honduras and Brazil! British out from the Malvinas Islands!

Wall Street steals our wealth... We need to expropriate without compensation all the transnational companies, the bankers and break with the IMF in the entire continent!



The Army massacring the masses during the Caracazo

DOWN WITH THE PACTS AND SECRET NEGOTIATIONS OF HAVANA AND CARACAS WITH IMPERIALISM AND THE COUP MEMBERS TO SELL OUT THE LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTION!
To stop the US and imperialism, the way out is not the scam of the "Bolivarian Revolution" but to open the road for a socialist workers revolution!

For a socialist Venezuela, without generals or capitalists!
For the Socialist United States of Centre and South America!
YANKEE GO HOME!

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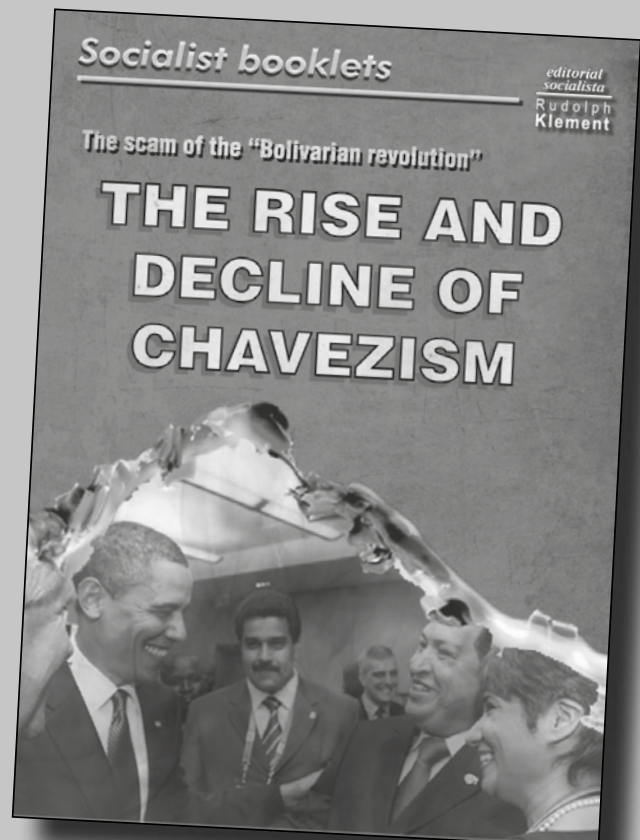
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The international conditions that push the government and capitalists in Argentina to an onslaught against the masses

A new imperialist offensive besieges Venezuela and sieges Latin America

Latin America is shaken by the Wall Street war against the exploited. US imperialism has launched a new recolonizing offensive over its “backyard”, seconded by the sepoys of the “Grupo de Lima”, which today is besieging Venezuela. There is no place even for the cowardly Bolivarian bourgeoisies, who have long surrendered and sold out the anti-imperialist struggle of the masses of Latin America.

This is the true strength behind the brutal offensive of the capitalists and the hated government of Macri.

In the trade war between great imperialist powers over the control of the world market and the spheres of influence, Trump comes by all the businesses and wealth of Latin America.

The US has closed the customs borders to Germany, while it wants to impose England to break with Maastricht.

It is preparing and launching higher offensives and for this the Yankee “backyard” is its living space. The head of this attack is the blockade, besiege and siege over Venezuela, where Chavism, on their knees, prepare their surrender.

Currently, the US is in an open commercial rupture with China. It seeks to encircle it and force it to surrender, to give Wall Street all its fundamental businesses, from telecommunications to profitable state companies. As Republican Senator Marco Rubio said, *“any agreement with China should leave the US at the upper end of the value chain and China should limit itself to supply lower value inputs.”*

Imperialist powers cannot allow China to control leading branches of production in the world economy, as it threats doing so with Huawei in smartphones and telecommunications... and

let alone copying patents of imperialism, achieved after hefty investments in the military industrial apparatus. The plan that is under way, and what imperialism needs to survive from its crisis, is semi-colonizing China and Russia. Clearly there is no room for new imperialist powers, actually there are too many.

All imperialist powers need to fence China, not only the US. They also need a new twist to the looting of the entire semi-colonial world.

If this is what Yankee imperialism is preparing for China and the entire Pacific, what would not US imperialism and its trading partners do in their “backyard”? They must leave their crisis behind and throw it to the world.

In the imperialist countries, the attack on the working class is brutal, seeking to take away all their conquests. In 2008, Obama, disguised as a nice guy, with the excuse of the crash of Wall Street took all the conquests to the American workers: he stole the pensions and unemployment insurance and imposed massive suspensions, while subsidizing Wall Street financial oligarchy to return later their large healthy banks.

The French working class lost the 35-hour week and **labor flexibilization was imposed by decree, which has turned out to be a recipe organized and centralized by the G20 against the**



American soldiers in the border between the US and Mexico

entire world working class.

As part of this offensive in its “backyard”, the US seek to **transform Latin America into a territory of maquilas such as Eastern Europe, China and other Asian countries.**

In Argentina labour flexibilization that the capitalists could not be voted by the Parliament in 2017 (for the formidable battle of the working class against the robbery of pensions), today they try to impose it with a brutal blackmail of thousands of dismissals, throwing the whole crisis to the workers. An economic blow to disorganize their ranks; a true “trade war” but against the exploited. The bosses “adjust their production to the market”. Where producing is not longer profitable, they become importers or take their capitals to the Stock Exchange, to treasury bonds or abroad. They never lose.

Capitalists and their government come for everything, supported by this US imperialist offensive over the world and, particularly, over Latin America.

But the Yankees have been able to advance because all these years Castroism and the Bolivarian bourgeoisie had strangled the revolutionary and anti-imperialist struggle of the exploited of the continent. The greatest expression of this is the infamous Obama-Castro pact, with which capitalism was restored in Cuba under the slogan of “socialism does not work anymore” and with which the Colombian workers and peasants resistance was handed over. They were real stabs in the back, which ultimately created the conditions for this new imperialist offensive.

The Bolivarian bourgeoisies have surrendered completely. Maduro does not show resistance



Matamoros, Mexico: workers of the maquilas went on strike

and for some time he has been in charge, like a squeezed lemon, of starving and shooting the Venezuelan masses and guaranteeing the payment of the fraudulent foreign debt to the IMF. He does not lay a finger on Guaido.

Lula surrendered to Judge Moro and Bolsonaro, while Kirchner paraded around the courts and declared before Judge Bonadío. They showed that they prefer to kneel before imperialism rather than to call the exploited masses to expropriate the US banks and transnationals, of which they are junior partners, because they fear more the workers and peasants in arms than the Pentagon troops.

What has prevented Trump from invading Venezuela directly is the chill that a scenario like Iraq or Vietnam still causes the US establishment and the Latin American bourgeoisie. Trump still has no social base in the US for new military offensives. The white supremacist movement -that he tried to encourage in the first part of his presidency as a social base for its counterrevolutionary world policies- was defeated and taken out from the streets, even physi-

cally, by the black movement, the rebel youth and the US workers, with the Hispanics at the head of that struggle. It was not the scoundrels and figureheads of the Wall Street Democratic Party, their “female candidates” or the anti-socialist charlatans like Sanders, who have prevented superior offensives from the Yankees on the planet. It has been the workers and the American people, whom Trump wants to separate from the workers of the south of the continent with a wall in the Rio Grande so that new migrant Latin American masses do not enter that country. Over 30 million workers of Latin origin live and fight inside the US against the imperialist beast. Immigrants are persecuted with their children inside the US and when they seek to cross the border.

US policy against the countries that it wants to colonize in the immediate but that cannot invade militarily is the one already applied by itself together with Al Assad, Erdogan and Putin in Syria. There, as they could not enter the rebellious cities, they surrounded them by hunger and besieged them militarily, being

then sold out from within by the cowardly Sunni bourgeoisie. That is precisely what the Yankees are doing in Iran to conquer the Middle East oil routes fully, knowing that the ayatollahs are on their knees before Wall Street and even before the German Bundesbank.

That is the large-scale plan of encirclement and commercial war to colonize China. And it is the one implemented in Venezuela with a cowardly bourgeoisie that has not touched a dollar or a millimeter of property neither to the bankers, nor to the IMF, nor to the oligarchy, which have been stolen the assets of the Venezuelan nation abroad. While Guaidó enters and leaves through the customs of Caracas, Venezuela is surrounded by hunger and militarily from Colombia and Brazil, including US troops. It is besieged, with its supplies cut, while Maduro on his knees pleads for a negotiation.

The re-colonizing offensive of the imperialist powers throughout the semicolonial world is brutal and disembodied. The partition of Syria copies the model of the partition of Libya, after the revolutionary process that defeated Qadafy was aborted, with a qadafist bourgeoisie taking control of Tripoli and with a violent military coup of Heftar occupying Benghazi, where the rebellious masses had "passed away" to the Yankee ambassador.

Siege, blockade, surround-like the one we see in Venezuela or Iran-, open counterrevolutionary military wars and direct attacks on the world working class... this is the "commercial war" opened up between the imperialist pirates to dispute the world market.

The "Lima Group" -with Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, Chile, etc- is the club of sepoys of the Latin American bourgeoisies under Trump's direct command. It supports Macri's government to launch this brutal war against the

working class of Argentina.

The immediate objective is to transform Latin America -and Argentina particularly- into a large maquila. It is blackmail all along the line, via a fierce economic blow. They want to give the Argentine working class a strategic defeat, like in the '90s, when Menem's regime imposed the plan of privatizations and hundreds of thousands of layoffs. And as in the '90s, today the union bureaucracy ties the hands of the working class so that capitalists and the regime can launch their attack.

But the last word has not been said yet. Trump's offensive has not have, as we had said, base or mass support in the US for attacks of a higher magnitude yet, which is what he needs. Bush's plan to impose the FTAA in 2000 is the one that Trump seeks to apply with the "Grupo de Lima". In the midst of the war for the opening of customs barriers around the world, Wall Street wants a free zone with full economic opening for all its businesses.

This cannot be done in a single blow nor it is guaranteed in advance that it will be achieved. Workers and peasants of the continent have not surrendered. Imperialism wants to transform Latin America into a big maquiladora, like China. But the Latin American maquiladoras have already revolted. In Matamoros, Mexico, on the border with the US, tens of thousands of workers in the maquilas rose shouting "*Down with the traitors of the union bureaucracy*" and, as in Bangladesh and India, they have entered the fight. There transnationals have begun receiving what they deserve.

In the US, the working class fights against Trump's imperialist offensive. They are Latin American workers' greatest allies.

The revolt of the insurgent

Mexico is the example for the workers of Argentina and all of Latin America: to get rid of the glass ceiling of the union bureaucracy, a true internal police of the workers movement, in order to be able to deploy all its fight against imperialism.

MATAMOROS SHOWS THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE ENTIRE WORKING CLASS OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT TODAY.

WE HAVE TO FIGHT LIKE IN HAITI, WITH INSURRECTIONS AND POLITICAL COMBATS IN THE STREETS AGAINST THE LACKEY GOVERNMENTS OF IMPERIALISM THAT STARVE THE PEOPLE!

So, this imperialist offensive is being contained by the US working class with its struggles; it begins to be confronted by the Mexican working class; the revolutionary masses of Haiti are struggling with revolts and a true semi-insurrection that puts the defeat of imperialism on the top of the agenda. The port workers from Valparaíso, Chile, breaking with the union bureaucracy and imposing unity with the grassroots assemblies, showed how to face labour flexibilization. Only the exploited masses of the continent can defeat imperialism!

All the reformists, Stalinists and renegades of Trotskyism are enemies of any revolutionary struggle to defeat the onslaught of Trump and the "Lima Group". They push the path of submission and class conciliation, of electoral traps of the puppet parliaments of Latin America. The Trotskyists bind our fate to the combat of the exploited, so that the socialist revolution can rise from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego.

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With the smokescreen and trap of the elections, and supported by PJ from the Parliament

Imperialism, the government and capitalists are coming for everything

With the blackmail of unemployment, dismissals and betrayal of the trade union bureaucracy, they want to impose labour flexibility

The Argentinean working class is being the target of a historical offensive of the capitalists. They want to do away with the gains of 80 years of struggle, to take the workers to slavery conditions as in the beginning of the 20th century.

This is the brutal economic blow that the government and the transnational companies are unleashing on the working masses, nothing more and nothing less. The liquidation of collective agreements, layoffs, massive suspensions, factory shutdowns, wage loss as a result of inflation, devaluation and hikes in utility fees seek to take the workers to minimum levels of subsistence, with wild exploitation rates. The labour flexibility that all the factions of the bourgeoisie claim for is being imposed with misery, repression, dead – as Santiago and Rafa- and prisoners such as Daniel Ruiz and the anarchist youth.

The bankrupt capitalist system imposes hell on the workers. Imperialism doubles the plundering of the nation.

The workers are not the ones paralyzing the

production, facing the industrial crash. Capitalists and their rotten system of exploitation paralyze the machines in Argentina. Around 50% of the national industrial capacity is paralyzed, without producing. Thousands of workers are expelled from the productive process. The capitals run away from production and go to finance speculation and bank accounts abroad. While the working class and the people plunge in misery, thousands of millions of men-hours are lost in order to defend the profits and the property of the means of production of a bunch of parasites.

The decline of this rotten system is in the base of the war that the IMF and the “Club of the 6” (the stock market, the Rural Society, the Foreign Banks, the Argentinean Industrial Union, the Traders and Construction bourgeoisies), which is the true government behind Macri, declared on the exploited as part of the offensive of US imperialism to impose a full domination on Latin America.

The workers are paying an expensive price for the betrayal of the trade union bureaucracy, which saved the government in the moment of its worst crisis during the whole 2018.

We cornered the Congress on December 18th and 19th 2017. We made general strikes, fighting in the streets, local revolts. There were months of tough political fight against the government and the IMF, which the bureaucracy strangled in October-November last year, when they guaranteed social peace for G20 summit.

Today, the government is no longer cornered. The bureaucracy saved it. The PJ, Kirchnerism and FR guaranteed governance to the government from the Congress and the governors of the provinces. Now, all of them will hold their elections, being loyal to



Police repress on December 14th, 2017 in of the Parliament

the IMF and the "Club of the 6" to deceive the workers with ballots and votes, while the capitalists wage a brutal war unleashing the industrial crash and the crisis over the people.

What about the FIT (Left Workers Front)? It does not confront the attack or the electoral trap, because it tied its fate to the elections and the parliament. It made 3 electoral rallies and is already in the campaign...

The workers vanguard, the tyre workers, the ARS (Shipyard), the oil workers, the teachers, the movement of exploited women, etc. They must regroup their ranks. To stop the onslaught of the capitalists and defend the historic gains, we must defeat the union bureaucracy and respond with strikes, pickets and the general strike in the class war that has begun.

We must stop this offensive of the exploiters in one point and concentrate all the forces there. As yesterday it was the ARS and the military companies of the state. Today it is Fate and the whole tyre and automobile industry, where the entire crisis and the attack of the capitalists are concentrated.

Until yesterday, the Kirchnerist trade union bureaucracy said that we should not make strikes against the government, but that it had to be defeated in the elections of 2019. This is precisely what the triumvirate of the traitors of the CGT bureaucracy does, that is, to give the capitalists time to deal a heavy blow to the working class before October.

The war is here. The layoffs are now. Inflation and the high cost of living can no longer be bared. The elections? They are just a smokescreen for the government and the bosses to attack without mercy. We have to stop them now. afterwards will be late.

THE ELECTORAL TRAP: THE LEGITIMIZATION OF THE LOSS OF CONQUESTS AND A SMOKE SCREEN TO THE WAR OF THE CAPITALISTS

The government and the "opposition" bosses have furiously thrown themselves into the elections to cover with "democratic" verse their war against the people. They want the workers to kneel and wait until October while the government and the capitalists are dismissing freely and taking away our historic conquests.

They have already voted to implement the IMF plan - Trump's spearhead - and to bust the workers. The IMF not only openly directs the economic policy of the government but also all the employers' parties, whose candidates and politicians -Lavagna, Kicillof, Urtubey, etc.- came to supervise in February. Even the scabs of the CGT met with the IMF! In the elections in Neuquen (southern province of Argentina), it was clear: all the bosses candidates swore to respect the contracts with the oil companies in Vaca Muerta, starting with the Kirchnerist Rioseco.

The October elections will legitimize the loss of conquests, the hundreds of thousands of dismissals, the closing of factories, the pulverization of wages, imposed with dozens of partial defeats of the working class. In addition, in October, a strengthened government will emerge to impose labour reform as a law voted in Congress.

The working class cannot wait until October and let layoffs and defeats pass without fighting. We cannot allow the imposition of the electoral trap. We must respond up to the class war, here and now.

THE FRAUD OF THE "BOSSES' OPPOSITION" AND THE "DEFENSE OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRY"

The PJ, the Kirchnerists and the FR speak of "defending the national industry". They lie shamelessly. It is precisely the UIA that is stopping the machines, closing the factories and destroying the industry with more than 400 "crisis preventatives", which conceal a generalized lockout of the capitalists. Madanes, a multimillionaire owner of Fate and Aluar and former star entrepreneur of the Kirchners, declared the "crisis preventative" to lay off 500 workers. The car industry is suspending thousands of workers, and are operating at 15% of their installed capacity, not because they go bankrupted, but because they have enough stock to cover not less than half of the projected sales for 2019. Others, such as the textile bosses or the assemblers of Tierra del Fuego, become importers directly.

Those are the laws of capitalism. The bourgeois go where they have higher profits. Here, they are stopping the machines and going to the financial gambling, with treasury bills and the Central Bank that yield a 60% annual interest. Their vaunted "crisis" is nothing more than the way to maintain their profits increasing the unemployment and misery of the working class and impoverishing the nation. Galloping inflation is the warranty of their profits, which has already made the lives of the ones below unbearable.

In order to produce, these parasites of the UIA want the labour reform, slave workers, without conquests, like the Rural Society, the banks or the trade employers. There is no fraction of the bourgeoisie that does not want to enslave our class. With 60 or 70% profit in the interest rate or in the dollar, capital does not return to production, if this is not the same profit that they are going to get from the working class. Their war cry is "labour flexibilization now. Let's end the Christmas bonuses and vacations. Workers, to work by piecework. Full time available to companies. Liquidation of the collective contracts"... Namely, transform Argentina into a new Bangladesh. Either labour flexibilization or recession and starvation. That is what the war of the capitalists is about.

In Congress, the bosses' politicians of the "national

industry” voted for Macri all the laws of selling out the nation to imperialism, such as the 2019 budget dictated by the IMF, in the provinces they rule, like Santa Cruz or Tierra del Fuego, they apply huge cuts against the workers, imposed by bullets.

That is why the shout that goes with “Andate Macri” (“Walk away, Macri”) in the combats of December 18 and 19, 2017 was so accurate: “Everybody out.” That is what the labour movement must raise again.

TO CONFRONT MACRI AND THE IMF SERIOUSLY, THE UNION BUREAUCRACY MUST BE DEFEATED

WE MUST SEPARATE THE BOURGEOISIE DISGUISED AS “OPPOSITION”, FROM THE WORKERS’ ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR STRUGGLES

THE WORKING CLASS MUST PUT ITS WEIGH IN NATIONAL POLITICAL LIFE

In 2018, the working class waged very fierce battles, after the revolutionary days of December 2017, in the struggle against the Parliament. From that moment, the bureaucracy put all its forces to discoordinate and desynchronize the workers’ offensive that was beginning to unfold. The tendency to the worker and popular unity with the lower middle classes that faced the hikes in fees, opened in 2018. **The union bureaucracy was obfuscated.** It held a festive march on February 21, 2018. It threatened with the “mother of all battles” and until September left hundreds of struggles by factories or region uncoordinated and decentralized. Meanwhile, the bureaucracy signed collective wage agreements where they sold out between 30% and 40% of the worker’s wage.

They dispersed the struggles of the workers. The working class suffered heavy partial defeats such as the closure of Fanazul, which began to spread

to other branches of production such as textiles, food and footwear. There were more than 200,000 dismissals, for the decentralization that the traitors of the bureaucracy imposed on the struggle. Then, to completely decompress the fight, they made a passive and festive 36-hours-strike, to then close the curtain and, from the Ministry of Labour, sell out all the workers’ conquests.

For its part, the Kirchnerist bureaucracy imposed “social peace” surrounding each struggle with multi-sector structures made of bosses’ politicians, priests and trader chambers, as the CTA did in the ARS or in Rio Turbio.

The movement of the unemployed, the dispossessed and the hungry, to which pompously priests, various Stalinists and servants of the bourgeoisie of all types, call “workers of the popular economy”, were separated from the employed workers and their fight against dismissals and were taken to marches of pressure... as beggars, to ask for alms in the Ministry of Social Development by those leaderships.

So, the government and the capitalists threw the whole crisis onto the working class. The recession and the dismissals were followed by new rates, a high cost of unbearable living and devaluations. A brutal war against the exploited.

The result of all this: the soup kitchens tripled where the hungry of the “popular economy” eat. The workers see the supermarkets from afar. The hikes in utility fees do not stop and the cost of living keeps rising. The collective bargains are not reopened, although some exceptions in which the bosses say they have no money this year for wage increases. The latest fad of the dominant elites in Argentina is to declare themselves in “crisis preventative”.

The bureaucracy is preparing itself to sell out the wages in the collective bargains. And not only that: today it promises the government to yield key points of the collective agreements and workers’ conquests in those meetings. The workers know very well what a “light flexibility” means, as the press already announces, is what the bureaucracy is willing to sign for Macri: suspensions with reduced wages, layoffs of workers in the factories with twice as much work for those who remain producing and exchanging agreements and conquests for work. With the gun of the dismissals pointing at workers’ heads the head of the workers and the betrayal of the union bureaucracy, the bourgeoisie is advancing against the workers’ conquests and it is doing so today. Then, after the elections, the Parliament of the employers’ politicians will come to transform into law what the capitalists conquer with their current attack.



Kicillof meets with the delegates of the IMF

**WE HAVE TO REGROUP
WORKERS' RANKS! THE WORKER AND POPULAR
COUNTER-OFFENSIVE MUST BE PREPARED!**

**THOSE WHO REALLY ARE IN "CRISIS
PREVENTATIVE" ARE THE WORKERS
MAY THE BANKERS AND THE BOSSES
PAY FOR THE CRISIS!**

The bosses have launched a brutal blackmail against the working people: either they give away wages and collective agreements, or the dismissals will increase. This is a gun to the head of the workers. It is an armed robbery. To remind that to everyone, they have Daniel Ruiz in custody, Sebastian Romero with an arrest warrant and thousands of fellow workers prosecuted.

With mass dismissals, workers who are still producing do so at a fierce pace of work, even producing what the thousands of dismissed workers were doing before.

The infernal production paces have already taken lives. This rotten capitalist system assassinated the railway worker comrade Sebastian Carranza and the oil workers comrades Ariel Sajama and Hugo Rojas. They are the dead of this class war declared by the capitalists and their government.

The truth must be told: there are forces of the masses to wage battle, but they are dispersed. Those from below have not surrendered. However, their leaders have: the union bureaucrats and the left, tied to the apron strings of the bourgeois Parliament.

Therefore, workers must break the force vest imposed by the union bureaucracy to wage decisive struggles.

In Salta the teachers broke the trap of the limited struggle plan controlled by the union bureaucracy of the CTA and CTERA.

There, disregarding the miserable 23% wage increase agreement in 6 payments that had been signed by the bureaucracies of ATE, UPCN, SADO, UDA, etc., based on the grassroots assemblies, with the self-appointed teachers, thousands of them took to the streets. Thus they got 38% increase in 7 payments, with a bonus of \$ 5,000, with a quarterly salary adjustment clause. A true combat at a 180° angle with the union bureaucracies. The path was that of self-organization and direct democracy. That is the way! To achieve the most minimum conquest, the union bureaucracy must be removed.

The teachers opposition and 'multicolour' groups have two possible ways forward: either to continue tied to the apron strings of Baradel and the bureaucracy of the CTA, or to regroup the forces at the national level with the teachers from Salta to fight together for the same demands. The teachers' union was sold out

all these years a thousand times by the CTERAist bureaucracy. **Salta shows the way forward!**

Likewise, there was no dismissal or attack by factory that workers who did not respond. Even today, in Fate, Siam, Coca-Cola or the same ARS, workers seek to stop this attack under harsh conditions of struggle. They are isolated battles, left to their fate by the traitors of the union bureaucracy.

ofalready announced a "restructure" to dismiss workers. Quickly the workers' assembly stopped the plant and imposed the obligatory conciliation. But they, in their struggle, are isolated from Acindar and the contractors, and surrounded by the traitors of the UOM bureaucracy.

In Fate, unfortunately, all the forces of the workers in struggle of the country against the dismissals have not yet been concentrated, when there are conditions for it.

Dozens of unions and shop steward commissions have been uprooted from the union bureaucracy as in oil companies, SUTNA, railway section, potters, teachers, etc. Today, unfortunately, they are being divided by the petty and cretinically electoralist politics of the parliamentary left.

A powerful movement of working women has entered the fight, as it was seen on March 8 on the International Working Women's Day. They have taken to the streets and they will not leave them... But their enemies, the bourgeoisie and the reformists, with a new bill, are trying once again to take that fight and those energies to the same Parliament that they pressed for months to get the legal safe free abortion. There they will place the interests of the working woman at the feet of the employers' parties, including with the politicians of the same government party that has started this brutal war against the workers of the country. We are facing a new infamous trap: separating the working woman from her class to take her asleep at the foot of the Parliament of her executioners.

Together with the working woman, there is the **unemployed movement** who can no longer bear the inflation. The lack of food hits more than 30% of the working class and the dispossessed. The bourgeoisie and its servants know very well that this movement organized as a piquetero movement, with unemployed workers fighting for decent work for all, as in 2001, would be a huge force to come together with the workers who defend their jobs and fight for their wage.

The working class needs regrouping its ranks immediately. We must unite those who fight! We have to prepare a worker and popular counter-offensive!

WE CANNOT CONTINUE FIGHTING DIVIDED. FROM THE ASSEMBLIES AND THE CURRENT FIGHTS, WE NEED TO SET UP A NATIONAL STRUGGLE COORDINATION BODY

As we see, the energies of the working class are not exhausted. Huge sectors are in struggle, but divided and disperse. If only they unite their demands in a big national struggle organization, the path of overpassing the limits imposed by the traitors of the trade union bureaucracy would be opened quickly.

From the factories that were paralyzed by the capitalists, from the struggle against dismissals and suspensions, from the unions that are fighting for better wages, from the militant syndicalism, from the working women movement and the unemployed movement, it is time to set up a powerful organization that can open the way for a resolute action of the mass movement to wage a decisive battle against the government, in one point, and to prepare a great counter-offensive.

Those who are in struggle know each other and recognize each other in the struggles across the country.

We need to put all the struggling forces in one point. Fate, where the bosses decreed a "crisis prevention" and threatens to dismiss hundreds of workers, can be a grouping point of all the sectors in struggle. ARS can also be that point, where the bureaucracy imposed a deceitful "social peace" that leaves Vidal hands free to attack and dismiss again.

In there, in those key sectors, the government prepares decisive defeats to chastise all the workers of the country! We cannot let that happen!

In those hot spots of fighting, we need to put all the forces of struggling workers... those of the unemployed and piqueteros as it happened in 2001; those of the unions in struggle such as the teachers, those of the powerful working women movement. At some point the working class has to stand and wage

a decisive unitary battle, uniting all the demands, as we did on December 18th and 19th 2017, to stop this brutal attack of the capitalists and their government.

Unfortunately, FIT has started its election campaign long time ago. Their political rallies left out the struggle to coordinate hundreds of thousands of those that enter to the fight. They have promoted small rallies of their union collateral organizations, in the best case, if not openly electoralists. The members of FIT talk about making a "single party". They wrote rivers of ink with it, but they just divide all those in struggle.

What the parliamentary left does, far from uniting the workers, is to negotiate their places in the parliament, when a true war was unleashed on the working class, as if this war could be stopped with the ballots and the electoral rooms of the executioners of the people.

The struggles led by FIT are permanently taken to the Labour Secretary. The mandatory conciliations are nothing but an oxygen tube before the bosses dismiss and finish defeating the struggles. In there, all the energies of the workers are wasted and fake illusions and expectations are created. We need to tell workers the truth, the dismissals and closures of hundreds of companies in Argentina were done with the signature of the Labour Secretary, who is nothing more than the human resources department boss of all the capitalists.

FIT has subordinated the struggle to the parliamentary seats and they were unable of putting their seats to the service of conquering the unity of the mass struggles against the attack of the capitalists and the traitors of the trade union bureaucracy. So left reformism has become an additional obstacle to unite and coordinate those in struggle.

However, this unity is the one desired and needed by all the attacked sectors of the working class. **In every partial struggle, in the middle of the ongoing economic crash, the whole attack of the capitalists and the weakness of the working class when it fights isolated under the threat of layoffs and suspensions are concentrated.**

There are enough conditions and forces to make a call, from the workers in struggle and the workers movement rank and file, to set up a big **national Workers Congress of employed and unemployed workers, of the working women and the militant unionism.**

We need to prepare a counteroffensive now. There is no time to lose. The offensive of the capitalists can be stopped by strikes, picket lines and the general strike, so they pay for the crisis they caused.



Teachers of Salta demonstrating

NO MORE FIGHTING DIVIDED! FOR A SINGLE DEMAND OF THE ENTIRE WORKERS MOVEMENT!

The road for unity is no other than starting to get a single claim of all the sectors of the workers and the people that are attacked by the government and the capitalists to unite their struggles—the unemployed, the working women, those who fight in defence of their jobs and the ones that are preparing to break out in a struggle against the increase in the cost of living and for wage increase.

The bosses with the government said that the workers should not even dream about recovering the wage stolen in 2018 in the current collective bargains, as Buenos Aires Governor Vidal said to the teachers.

The traitors of the bureaucracy of the CGT and CTA plot so that these claims are not unified and the working class does not coordinate their struggles and give a hard blow to the government. The war of those of above can only be answered with a mass political and revolutionary struggle that puts a massive foot on their chest and makes them retreat. **A general revolutionary political strike is what must be prepared and organized.**

The need for a **single and united claim** of all the exploited is at top of the agenda:

Against the collective bargaining agreements of hunger and surrender negotiated by the traitors of the union bureaucracy, we must conquer a **National Single collective Bargaining to impose No more dismissals! Reduction of the length of the working day! 6 hours of work for everybody with a wage equal to the family basket, indexed month by month with a trigger clause according to the increase in the cost of living! Unconditional defense of agreements reached in the collective bargaining! Nationalization without compensation and under workers control of every factory that closes, suspends or lays off!**

Let all the demands of working women become effective! Legal, safe, free and available abortion, beginning by recognizing it right now by the health care of all the unions!

Out with the IMF!

Immediate elimination of VAT! Down with the "salary tax"! Progressive taxes to bankers, capitalists and great fortunes!

Expropriation without compensation and under workers control of all the service companies (transportation, power, gas, water) to end the skyrocketing of fares and service prices! By the "law of extinction of domain" of these companies to recover the super profits obtained with a brutal sacking of the people!



Struggle around the Parliament on December 18th, 2017

Immediate freedom for political prisoners and end the prosecution of all persecuted fighters!

Every minimally serious struggle of the workers has been brutally attacked by the police and the repressive forces. Hundreds of fighters have been through the prisons of this bourgeois regime. We must stop the repression of those who fight! The immediate task of setting up **strike pickets and self-defence committees** becomes decisive. The pacifism with which the workers are imbued in their struggles only strengthens and emboldens the capitalists and their shock forces that will multiply their attack and repression at every step.

The task of the moment then, is none other than to unite the workers in struggle against the lay-offs and suspensions with the piquetero and the unemployed movements for genuine work. Before it is too late, we must unify the claim for a decent wage according to inflation with the fight against the fares and the price of electricity, gas and tap water, which drags more and more sectors of the ruined middle classes to the streets. We must channel the enormous energies of the working woman not to submit them to the bourgeois Parliament and its enemies, but as an advance in the struggle of the workers to overthrow the traitors of the trade union bureaucracy, the guarantors not only of the exploitation and surrender of all the workers' struggles, but also, and in the first place, of the triple exploitation of working women.

**Down with the union bureaucracy!
For direct democracy and the self-organization
of the working class!**

We must coordinate those who fight!

Macri, go away! General strike until everyone of the bosses and their politicians leaves and there is not a single one of them left!

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE LOI-CI /
DEMOCRACIA OBRERA (WORKERS DEMOCRACY)**

Argentina: For a worker way out to the crisis

The path to a breakthrough for the exploited is to go back to the path of December 18 and 19, 2017.

In the face of such crisis and attack by the capitalists, none of the sectors that come out to demand believe that in an isolated way any economic conquest can be achieved, let alone stop the war of those at the top against workers and poor people. The economic blow threatens to leave the working class helpless.

We cannot wait another day. **The deep tendencies of the class war pose the need for us to give a hard political blow to the government and the capitalists in the streets.** In the middle of the economic morass, handcuffed by the union bureaucracy and the electoral trap, the working class is being impeded to weigh in national political life, though it is the only class capable of running the machines that the capitalists have paralyzed and of preventing imperialism and capitalist parasites from taking all the wealth of the country abroad.

The road to any serious struggle cannot be other than attacking the profits of those who send heaps of foreign currency to off-shore tax havens and make fortunes with the hunger of the people and the crisis of the nation.

An emergency worker plan to exit the crisis is set at the top of the agenda.

The expropriation without compensation and under workers control of the oil and gas companies, mining companies that steal our wealth, is a decisive step to end the looting of the worker's pocket.

In Argentina, the alleged "breadbasket of the world", meat, milk and bread are increasingly out of reach for the homes of the workers and the poor people. Meanwhile, the great grain producers and the agrarian oligarchy take away more than 40 billion dollars of wealth from the entire nation. The price of food

will fall quickly, if the oligarchy is expropriated without compensation, if the people ends with the entire chain of intermediaries in the marketing of food consumed by workers and the people ends, and if the nationalization of foreign trade is imposed to prevent the flight of foreign currency from the great cereal traders. Along with this, the denunciation of all agreements and treaties of repayment and/or renegotiation of the fraudulent foreign debt of Argentina signed by its ruling elites, is the basis of any plan to end the hunger of the people and the plundering of the nation.

Expropriating the bankers and that den of bandits of the Stock Exchange and the Rural Society without compensation, must be the starting point of any worker exit to the crisis.

There is no more immediate claim than these basic measures to get out of the catastrophe that is already here. And this will not be conquered in the elections or in the labour ministries. The working class must set up a workers' plan to emerge from the crisis and conquer it in the struggle.

The bourgeoisie has its program, its plan: to finish delivering the country to imperialism so that it can recolonize it, advance in looting all its wealth and make all of Argentina into a maquila.

The workers must have their way out plan to the crisis and impose it decisively with the fight in the streets.

A revolutionary provisional government of the workers and the poor people is the only one that will be able to take these exit measures to the crisis until the end.

We, the Socialists, affirm that to stop this attack of imperialism on the nation and against workers, the labour movement will have to travel the path of the Cordobazo, the fight against the 1976-83 dictatorship and the 2001 revolution, so that nothing of this government or of this remains above deserve is an Argentinazo so that they all leave us alone and not a single one of them remains...

We have to try again or there will be nothing left of the conquests and the lives of us from below. It is them or us! Those from above have come for everything, let's go for all of them!

Argentina will be socialist and revolutionary or it will be a colony of Wall Street!



Leaders of the CGT bureaucracy with members of IMF



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On Bolsonaro’s victory

For 15 years, PT and its bourgeois partners in the government guaranteed IMF and transnationals their profits. Now, as “squeezed lemons”, they kneel submissively before imperialist master and leave the government . . .

BOLSONARO:

THE NEW WHIP THAT THE USA HAVE TO DEEPEN THE ATTACK AGAINST WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE

In his twitter account Haddad gave his support to Bolsonaro and wished him “Success!” and “good luck!”

With opponents like this, Bolsonaro will have the road paved to try to fully apply the attack on the working class and the plun-

dering plan of imperialism, which Dilma-Temer’s government had been carrying out, like two lemons squeezed by the IMF.

We will see if Bolsonaro and his entourage of sepoys succeed. This will depend on the workers

and their battles that have already started.

PT class collaboration government, Stalinism and the big contractor and finance employers leave the government with 13 million unemployed, millions without work and middle classes ruined by a recession which has started years ago.

The to-be Bonaparte Bolsonaro is now the whip that imperialism needs to loot Brazil and starve workers.

The PT? It has been a while since it had surrendered and been blessed by the Church. Lula ran to jail and was at judge Moro disposal, when the metal workers wanted to defend him.

Dilma? She has proved to defend the mechanisms with which the Constitution of 1988, like the



Bolsonaro celebrating his victory

impeachment, which is used as a fuse to make bourgeois changes in advance, when all the bourgeois cliques see it necessary.

The bourgeoisie already used this mechanism in 1992 to get rid of Color de Melo, to prevent him from being overthrown by the masses in the streets.

The bourgeoisie and imperialism achieved an enormous triumph in Brazil.

In the midst of a huge political and social crisis, in the midst of a deep economic crisis, with a government like Temer's (with 1 percent approval) they manage to change the horses in the middle of the river.

They got rid of a class collaboration government which they do not need any longer, and they deepen their offensive by launching a brutal labour flexibilization with Temer.

And now it manages to stabilize all the ruling institutions: the Justice, the Parliament and political parties, the Armed Forces and a two-party system, which Bolsonaro and Haddad have come to guarantee.

The bourgeoisie has the government that they need holding a whip in its hand.

All the ruling institutions of Brazil semi-bonapartist Constitution of 1988 were used to solve this political crisis and today they are strengthened.

Reformist left announces a change of regime... that is a lie. Here we are witnessing the strengthening of the infamous regime imposed in Brazil at the end of the dictatorship, which allowed a government of class collaboration for years and now a strongly bonapartist government, with desperate middle class that will be used by transnationals and their government as a point of support to attack the poor people.

"Pure" bourgeois democracy is a privilege for rich countries



28/10: Haddad with his candidate for vicepresident, Manuela D'Avila, and Boulos (PSOL)

only... In Brazil plundered by the US and MERCOSUR transnationals the Constitution of 1988 what is imposed is a semi-bonapartist regime, with statized unions, with parliamentary support which allows the deception of the masses every 4 years.

This is your bourgeois democracy, Mistert reformists!

Bolsonaro with his attempts of repression comes to explore among middle class the conditions for a fascist attempt. He measures and will measure the balance sheet of forces.

If workers submitted to PT and its class collaboration front are imbued with pacifism, they will be easy preys of the proto-fascist attempts.

The breakup of unions with the bourgeoisie dressed as "democratic", it is a race against the clock.

Workers are the ones who do not have the leadership they deserve.

The Socialists, the self-proclaimed "anti-capitalists", who were frightened under the skirts of the bourgeoisie, the PT, trade unions bureaucracy have all subjected the exploited to their "democratic" executioner, blessed by the Church.

The PT and its administrations with the big bourgeoisie did not touch a single dollar to transnationals, to the IMF... They only got the commissions and change

for themselves... Until yesterday Odebrecht and big local builders have been winning... now the US is coming for all the business in their "backyard".

PT and their bourgeois partners threw the whole crisis to the masses; they were managers of the crisis and the bankruptcy against the workers and the people. That is Bolsonaro, the outcome of the alliance between PT and imperialism as administrator of their business and MERCOSUR for 15 years and attacking every working layer and middle classes.

Bankrupted Brazil cannot have governments that flirt with the people any longer. Anesthesia does not work any longer.

Millions of starving unemployed workers and layers of the middle ruined classes voted for Bolsonaro. He convinced wide layers of desperate masses -who are left aside by union bureaucracy- and ruined middle classes that the enemy was corruption and PT's robbery... Tying the faith of the working class to the "local big builders" and PT, administrators of bourgeois business, was and it is suicidal.

The submission of the working class to the bourgeoisie by its leaderships prevented the exploited being the leaders of the oppressed nation, attacking the super profits of the transnationals and the IMF, which plunders Bra-

zil with U\$750 billion. There is the money for the unemployed, the ruined middle classes. Only the proletariat fighting to seize power can solve the crisis and rebuild the alliance of the oppressed classes of Brazil against imperialism. Their leaderships prevented it...

Thus the alliance of the majority of Brazil was destroyed; i.e the workers, peasants and poor popular layers. The submission of the proletariat to the bourgeois gangs of PT who constantly attacked the people did it.

Masses will pay for this and not their coward leaders, renegades of Marxism, who have abandoned the struggle for socialist revolution a long time ago.

Lula's stage surrendering before judge Moro with the Church hugging Boulos (the leader of the anti-capitalists) and Haddad's greeting Boulos too are reliable facts of submission that the renegades of Trotskyism have long shown to which they call the "lesser evil" (as Stalinism has done). Here it is their lesser evil: Bolsonaro!

They would deserve to pay the sacrifices that Bolsonaro will impose on the exploited. The tragedy is that the masses will pay for it. They have been resisting, like in 2013 facing Dilma's onslaught in the streets, like in 2017 with the general strike against Temer.

In Argentina, the FIT is preparing its support Kirchner's sector; they want to convince their socialist grassroots of the policy of supporting bourgeois progressive camps. It is a perfidious secessionism and falsifications against Marxism which has been carried out with rivers of ink.

Brazil 2013: "You do not represent us!" That was the war cry of the exploited's uprising against Dilma-Temer's government. That war cry was drowned by leftist who were allies of TNC's government.



Jair Bolsonaro and the murderous Army

But the exploited's dreams are far from the ballot boxes... We will see in the streets if they can stop the exploited's rage with words and sticks!

The ones of the top changed their horses in the middle of the river. Workers should do it too, getting rid of union bureaucracy and the left that ties them to the bourgeoisie.

There are plenty of forces among the working class and incoercible socialists for such task.

The scam of "Bolivarian revolution" leaves Latin America. They do it while the kill and starve the people and without touching a single dollar from imperialism. Furthermore, they yield Cuba up to imperialism! And with submission and cowardice they did the same with Brazil to Bolsonaro and Trump.

It is more than clear that with Haddad and his bourgeois and Stalinist partners Bolsonaro will not be defeated. It is also clear that the methods of proletarian revolution are the only way to defend democratic freedoms and confront capitalists' onslaught.

That is what the resistance against Bolsonaro's government is about: breaking with the bourgeoisie and setting up self-defence committees. The working class must boom Brazil like in '70s: Revolutionary General Strike to welcome Bolsonaro!

Trump and the US are coming for everything in their "backyard" and coward native bourgeoisies will not be the ones in charge of defeating them...

Let's break with IMF. Let's conquer jobs and lands and in order to do so: let's expropriate the expropriators of the people!

Let's end with MERCOSUR of transnationals and move towards conquering the unity of the working class and poor peasants in Southern and the entire Latin America against imperialism and its junior partners, native bourgeoisies!

**There is a clear alternative:
"Either a Socialist Revolution
or a Caricature of a Revolution"**

A lotta continua!

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Colombia | After the Pact of the FARC, Castro, Santos and the U.S.A to surrender Colombian Resistance, the “second round” of the farce of presidential elections is consummated

DUKE AND PETRO: TWO CANDIDATES OF TRUMP AND WALL STREET

With 54% obtained by the pro Uribe Duque and 42% of Petro,

THE REGIME OF THE 9 NORTH AMERICAN MILITARY BASES HAS BEEN RELIGITIMATED

In an open class collaboration policy...

THE PST (THE PARTY OF THE LIT-CI IN COLOMBIA) CALLED TO VOTE FOR PETRO

On June 17 the two candidates of Trump and Wall Street: the pro Uribe Ivan Duque and the former guerrillero Gustavo Petro met in the second round of the presidential elections. It would mean a Yankee’s triumph independently who won the elections.

Duke finally beat Petro with the 54% of the votes and will be the one commanding the next government of the executioners of the working class and the exploited in Colombia.

This electoral process is a huge triumph for the whole imperialism and the bourgeoisie, who manage to legitimize the regime of the 9 Yankee military bases after the “Agreements of Peace” of Havana signed by the leaders of the FARC, Castro brothers, Santos-Uribe and Yankee imperialism.

These “Peace Agreements” meant the unilateral disarmament of the FARC and the surrender of the Colombian resistance on behalf of the Castroism to a brutal massacre of peasants’ and workers’ leaders at the hands of the paramilitaries and the Armed Forces.

The historic betrayal of Castroism opened the expropriation to blood and fire of millions of peasants and the yield of their lands to the imperialist transnationals, fundamentally the Chiquita Brands, successor of the United Fruit Company, promoter of bloody military dictatorships in Central America throughout the twentieth century.

After the Agreements of Havana and with the FTA, in Colombia a brutal semi-colonization process has deepened in this country as never before. Santos government advanced the sell out of mining to Glencore, P Billiton



Petro during the elections

and Anglo American, and oil to Chevron, Exxon, Repsol and BP as he did with the land.

In the cities, the working class suffers conditions of slavery, dismissals and persecution of its leaders. Murders and massacres take place every day in the city and the countryside. The prisons of the regime are populated with more than seven thousand political prisoners.

This has been guaranteed with a regime of a quasi-protectorate under the tutelage of the Generals of the Pentagon, which govern Colombia like the centurions of the Roman Empire in the conquered territories.

These are the results of the Obama Castro Pact which sold out Cuban Workers State to imperialism. Today the Yankee flag already flames in Havana and in Colombia the current tragedy suffering by the exploited it has been defined.

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These conditions of submission and looting generated a huge loss of prestige of the regime and hatred to the semi-fascist Government of Santos.

The electoral process came to disguise the regime as "democratic". With the result –Duque got 54% of the votes and Petro the 42% –, the exploiters advance in establishing a bipartisanship between Uribeism and a bourgeois center-left headed by Gustavo Petro, to sweeten the counterrevolutionary post-pact regime of Havana before the exploited.

With the entry of Colombia into NATO, this country openly becomes an aircraft carrier of Yankee imperialism against Latin American masses, which will allow deepen his offensive on its backyard.

The candidacy of Gustavo Petro was at the service of this plan. After disarming and surrendering the resistance, the leadership of the FARC sank. In the legislative elections of last March; they only obtained a measly 0.32% of the votes.

With an "anti-Uribe" and "anti-corruption" speech, what emerged was a deceit to canalize the masses anger against the dominion institutions of the exploiters and Santos government. It also emerged to disguise a totally Bonapartist regime as "democratic"; when it is protected by nine military bases, the Chiquita Brands and the para-police organizations, with governments and puppet political parties of the Yankees. A very harsh example of this is that they did not finish counting the last vote when 3 communal leaders were already killed in Cauca.

This trickster of Petro has been presented as a "candidate of the people. Not at all; Petro is a former leader of the M19 who demobilized in 1990 and made pacts with the oligarchy and imperialism; an informer and a traitor of the resistance. He finally became a bourgeois politician. He was co redactor of the 1991 Constitution, he held seats in Congress on several occasions and even he was mayor of Bogotá. He supported the setting up of Yankee military bases in Colombian territory in 2010. He administered the business of imperialism and the Bogotá oligarchy.

He was a fundamental pillar in this presidential election trap against the masses, unfortunately, with the collaboration of the working class' self proclaim currents, such as the Partido Socialista de los Trabajadores (Socialist Workers Party), the LIT-CI group in Colombia.

In March, the Executive Committee of the PST issued an "Open Letter" to Petro, proposing that it head a "left and workers' front", instead of a front with bourgeois parties as Compromiso Ciudadano ("Citizen Commitment") towards the presidential elections, agreement that Petro finally sealed.

After this, the PST "upped the ante" and called to vote for Petro "critically".

The PST justified its support to Petro by showing him as an "independent candidate".

This is a deception to the workers and exploited: Petro is a bosses' politician, direct agent of imperialism.

The PST speaks of an "independent candidate" that presents itself to elections without the backing and support of the Yankees in Colombia, a country that has become a true enclave of North American imperialism!

But even hiding who Petro is, the PST itself cannot hide that "Petro Presidente" alliance that nominated him in the first round and the Gran Coalición por la Paz ("Great Coalition for Peace") that supported him in the balloting, as "Fuerza Ciudadana" ("Force Citizen"), the "Partido de la Alianza Verde" "Green Alliance Party", "Nuestro Partido es Colombia" ("Our Party is Colombia") or "Compromiso Ciudadano" ("Citizen Commitment") were fronts with bourgeois parties. **The very same PST denounces Petro's alliances with these parties, stating that these are "parties of the bourgeoisie and sectors that support neoliberalism!"** ("The unity is with the left and the working class", 5/15/18)

Moreover, the PST itself must recognize the "Commitment Citizen" party, which supported Petro in the run-off, is supported by the Grupo Empresarial Antioqueño (Antioqueño Business Group), a powerful conglomerate of 125 companies, most financial and food branches, which even has subsidiaries in other Latin American countries.

All this is a true confession: still denouncing that it is a front with the bourgeoisie, the PST also called to vote for Petro, one of the bosses variants that had the gringos to continue guaranteeing the complete submission of the nation to the dictates of Wall Street. Regrettable.

The PST leadership might claim that its call to vote for Petro was a tactic but it is not. What is tactical for revolutionaries is the intervention in elections. Very different it is the political support to the bourgeoisie and its candidates, which is a strategic and principled question, because it means liquidating class independence and subordinating the workers to his executioners. In Trotsky words, who gives even the little finger to the bourgeoisie, is giving the soul to the devil. Supporting the bourgeois pro-imperialist Petro, the leadership of the PST get into hell and will have to take responsibility for all the anti-worker measures in favour of the oligarchy and imperialism that Petro will vote as senator.

The LIT-CI has pronounced in Brazil against the policy of currents like the PSOL and the MAIS (a pro-Stalinist fraction that broke with the PSTU), that support the front of collaboration of classes of Lula and the PT together with the bourgeois parties, PSB and PDT and the church. But, there is no difference in content between the popular front policy of these parties and the PST of Colombia. If the LIT-CI wants to be consistent with what it says, it must publicly repudiate the policy of his Colombian group. If it does not do it, it will be evident that the class independence that the LIT claims to defend is nothing more than an imposture. The LIT-CI has the last word.

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The ORO Front slate, an imposture and a new scam against the miners

Colque (ex-leader of the Huanuni union in 2013) sent a “warm revolutionary greeting to all the international comrades of the LIT-CI”. And workers from Brazil, also called to fight «against capitalism and imperialism.» While a member of the LIT sent greetings and ended his speech to the cry of “Long live the ORO Front!” and “Long live the struggle of the working class!”. (Published on the Facebook page of the LIT-CI, December 21, 2018)

The official inauguration of the ORO Front in the union leadership together with representatives of the anti-worker government: an act of class collaboration

Days after the victory of the ORO Front, all this perspective of struggle for “union independence” (needed by the whole working class) vanished.

The new leadership of the miners union (ORO) made the act of official inauguration together with the Minister of Mining and Metallurgy, Cesar Navarro, the president of COMIBOL and the chief commander of Huanuni police, in a conciliatory environment where the Secretary of Relations, Whodin Caracila, said: “I want to tell all the authorities (...) especially the national authorities, that Huanuni is their home” (broadcast by Radio Nacional Huanuni).

Minister Navarro did not spare praises to the miners using revolutionary phraseology and disguising as a friend of the workers. In addi-



2019/18/01: The ORO front assumes the leadership of the Union, with the Minister of Mining and Metallurgy, Cesar Navarro, at the meeting

tion, the MAS bureaucracy of the COB and the FSTMB were also present (a few days later, in an extended miners meeting, the latter supported Evo Morales and García Linera for the presidential formula of the 2019 elections). **That is, a true act of class collaboration with the government of Evo Morales.**

The pressing task of fighting for union independence was at the top of the agenda and at hand reach of making it effective since the miners base was predisposed.

Regrettably, a great opportunity was lost to set up a vanguard pole of the Bolivian proletariat that would call for unifying the ranks of the workers to recover the independence of the COB and the FSTMB by throwing out the MAS leaders, to confront the anti-worker government of Morales and the mining transnationals that are the real *jukus* (as it steals mineral). A coordinated struggle of the Huan-

uni unemployed fighting for decent work, the miners of Chojlla who have spent over a year stationed in the vicinity of the Ministry of Labour to have their labour rights recognized, along with the base miners enslaved by the cooperative employers (among them women and children in Potosí to give an example), was thus discarded in the «agenda» of the new union leadership of Huanuni.

Weeks later, like a noose in the neck of the miners, representatives of the Mixed Trade Union of Workers of Huanuni (SMTMH) met with the Minister of miners, the president of COMIBOL, the General Manager of the Huanuni Mining Company (EMH) and the General Commander of the National Police. They agreed on the militarization of the mine with army and police troops with the excuse of the *jukeo* and “to protect the mine” from the “threat” of the unemployed. All

this with the full endorsement of the MAS bureaucracy of the COB and the FSTMB.

The deficit scam and the jukeo are excuses to divide the workers' ranks and militarize the Huanuni mine for a redouble looting

For years, the whole of the miners bureaucracy have turned the blind eye the other way and left alone the deficit scam in the Huanuni Mining Company (EMH) that the government was aggravating, making the *jukeo* responsible, and also the unemployed, whom they now accuse of wanting to occupy the mine and putting at risk the job security of the employees. The current SMTMH leadership also endorsed this scam because it legitimized behind the backs of the base miners, a militarization that costs the workers about one million Bolivians (\$ 144,928), as expressed on February 9 by the EMH Manager in a emergency assembly of workers and delegates from the interior of the mine, with the presence of the Executive of the COB, Juan Carlos Huarachi, representatives of the FSTMB and the management of the EMH.

In this assembly, which was attended by only 450 workers out of the nearly 1,500 workers in the interior of the mine and 3080 in total in the EMH, one of its resolutions in addition to approving the militarization, proposed: «... *reaffirming the law that condemns the jukeo with jail*», that is, ratified the bill that was presented by the bureaucracy of the COB in 2017 and approved by the government in 2018, which asserts a sentence of 3 to 10 years in prison to the *jukus* and sanctions to his accomplices.

The resolution by this assembly with endorsement of the SMTMH cynically settled the division of the ranks of the mine workers, between employed and unemployed, thus creating conditions to confront workers against workers, which is a tragedy for the whole labour movement.

It ends up imposing the plan of the multinationals and the lackey government of Morales to divide the workers' ranks to militarize the "unprofitable" EMH and bleed it at a time when the looting of the imperialist transnationals is deepening, as they are the real *jukus* that stole in 2018 alone a total of 4,000 million dollars leaving 179 million in the hands of the Bolivian state, of which not a penny reached the miners who die in avoidable accidents, let alone to the workers as a whole, poor peasants and exploited in the country. A costly militarization that workers must pay with their salary, which today has military drones, surveillance cameras, 90 police officers and 120 uniformed armed forces working in three shifts for the alleged «safeguard» of the mine.

The Armed Forces (educated in West Point) and the police are there to "protect" the businesses and property of the capitalists, crushing the miners when they deem it necessary, as evidenced by the history of the class struggle in Bolivia that drowned in blood the miners districts of Uncía, Catavi and Siglo XX, they are the same ones that murdered Che Guevara and massacred more than 100 exploited in the 2003-2005 revolution. They are the same ones that in the Evo Morales mandate have already killed more than 100 workers, among miners, other workers, poor peasants, and a student.

We cannot allow the militarization of Huanuni! For a General Assembly of rank and file miners that disavows the agreement between the union leadership and the ministers of the government!

Out with the armed forces and the murderous police of Morales and the mining transnationals! Dissolution of the repressive institutions of the bourgeois state!

To defend ourselves also from the brutal repressions as it happened in recent weeks with the marches of the unemployed from Huanuni and the miners of Chojlla in La Paz, **Let's conquer self-defence committees to confront the repressive forces of the murderous State!**

OUT WITH THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE MURDERERS THAT COME TO GUARANTEE THE SUBMISSION OF THE MINERS FOR A REDOUBLED LOOTING OF THE MINERALS!

To defeat the militarization of the government and the mining transnationals, we must conquer union independence and fight as in 2006, employed and unemployed workers side by side

Today the Huanuni miners need more than ever to fight for the unity and effective coordination of the ranks of the workers. Therefore, it is at the top of the agenda the issue of resuming the experience left us by the revolutionary struggle of 2006,

when the ranks of the unemployed, salaried workers and the base enslaved by the cooperative employers who conquered the 5,000 jobs were united: Every miner who does not exploit other miner should be part of the FSTMB! For the immediate incorporation of all the mine workers enslaved by the cooperatives and the unemployed to work in nationalized mining with all the same rights of the salaried miners!

Let us nationalize, without compensation and under workers' control, the imperialist transnationals like the Sumitomo (San Cristobal), which plunder the nation! There is the key to conquer one more shift in all the mines so that all the unemployed can enter to work with a living and mobile minimum wage!

It becomes crucial to conquer, then, the political independence of the workers by recovering the FSTMB and the COB from the hands of the MAS bureaucracy. And as the same Pulacayo Theses state: ***“Any attempt to collaborate with our executioners, any attempt to concede to the enemy in our struggle, is nothing less than a surrender of the workers to the bourgeoisie. Class collaboration means giving up our goals. All workers' conquests, even the smallest, has been achieved after a bloody struggle against the capitalist system. We cannot think of an understanding with the exploiters because we subordinate the program of transitory demands to the proletarian revolution.”*** (Thesis III, point 2, “Fight against class collaborationism”, our bolds)

What does the LIT say today about the ORO Front that went from proclaiming the struggle for “*union independence*” to a class collaboration policy with the Bolivarian government of Evo Morales and

his anti-worker ministers together with the MAS bureaucracy of COB and the FSTMB, which agreed to militarization?

Unfortunately, so far, they have not spoken. The current union leadership of Huanuni used internationalism, union independence and even “Trotskyist” clothing that the support of the LIT would provide.

The long revolutionary tradition of the Bolivian labour movement has shown that the bureaucracy needs to speak in the name of the Pulacayo Theses and put on Trotskyist clothes to have legitimacy before the grassroots workers and reach union leadership, especially in Huanuni as the leaders of the FSTMB and the COB. With revolutionary phraseology they imposed the worst betrayals and today it weighs on the miners of Huanuni. Has the LIT-CI been part of this?

The members of the LIT-CI who came from Brazil, witnessed and were accompanying the ORO front during the elections in Huanuni cannot keep silent about the union's class collaboration policy.

We know that the least they can do is to denounce this militarization that Huanuni's trade union leadership has agreed with the government.

We cannot allow that in the name of the combative workers of the CSP-Conlutas of Brazil (influenced and led by the LIT-CI), a leadership



12/21/2018: the ORO front with members of LIT-CI celebrating their victory in the union elections

has been legitimized that opened the doors to the armed forces and the police in the miners district since that will cost the grassroots Huanuni miners and all the workers in Bolivia very dearly.

The transnational mining companies take 4000 million dollars of income from Bolivia and leave only 179 million for the Bolivian state. Expropriation without compensation and under workers control of the entire mining industry!

The real jukus, “*mineral thieves*”, are the imperialist transnationals that plunder our nation!

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BOLIVIA

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After the agreement between the Minister of Mining and Metallurgy and union representatives, the militarization of the state mine with the excuse of "jukeo" (theft of ore, NT)...

THE ARMED FORCES OF MORALES MURDERED FOUR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

The new ORO directive already has their hands stained with blood of unemployed workers
General Assembly! Let the accomplices of the government and the murderous army go!
Out of Huanuni the Armed Forces!

The real "mineral thieves" are the imperialist transnationals that in 2018 alone
took 4100 million dollars and left only 179 million for Bolivia!

Yesterday at dawn in the sector Bunker, upper part of Cataricagua on the road linking Lllallagua with the mining district of Huanuni, four unemployed workers were killed at point-blank range by soldiers guarding the sector. The names of the fallen are José Luis Nicolás García (31), Miguel Ángel Acerico Mamani (21), Julián Colque Condori (33), Roberto Altovar Montaña (24).

According to the diagnosis issued by the forensic doctor, the cause of the decease would be gunshot wounds. This tragic event for the exploited was disclosed by several national media where they echoed the government's statements that they would be jukus (ore thieves) and their activity would cause an alleged damage to the economy of the state mining company of Huanuni, generating deficits. Nothing further from the truth. Even the Minister of Mining and Metallurgy declared through the State Channel 7 that two important new veins have been found in the Posokoni hill: "*which will generate a significant level of profits; so the level of control should be much more complete and comprehensive and therefore we will provide drones to the army that is doing external control -at this time they are patrolling with vehicles- and provide an infrastructure that render a higher level of control, presence and control, and the same for our National Police*". Also in that interview, he did not stop threatening the unemployed workers, whom he warned: "*The jukus must know that Huanuni is not a no*



Unemployed worker shot by the Armed Forces

man's land, it is not a free place, it is a place of the State where work is being done and in parallel where we are going to prevent that there is robbery, a robbery that is practically bleeding the profits of this important tin company of our country".

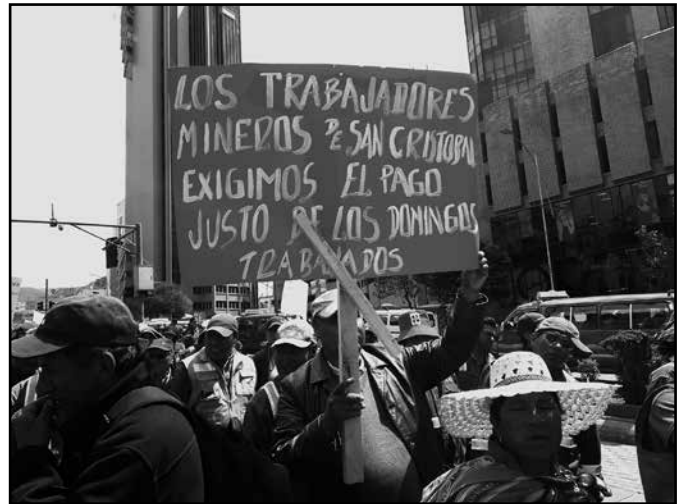
The secretary of Internal Regime of the FSTMB, Elizabeth Alcón Condori, on behalf of the bureaucracy stated in an interview (03/13/19) that they had made an agreement with the police that would be in charge of the interior of the mine and the military to protect the exterior of mine from the jukus. She also affirmed after the massacre of the unemployed miners: "*We are going to support the work that is being carried out by the police and the military in the task that has been entrusted to them to protect the deposit*". Similarly, the Secretary General, David Choque, Huanuni Mining Union declared in the news channel of Huanuni Hora 21: "*as a union leadership we cannot be happy at this time with the loss of a human life (...) but a measure of caution has had to be taken when we are already overwhelmed*

with the so-called jukus that take large amounts of ore (...) the contract (signed with the police and the army, RN) says clearly, the protection of Cerro Posokoni and the State Company Huanuni (...) We as a union leadership are quite worried, what we have to guarantee is the safety of our company and the union”.

The statements of the miners union leaders of the Federation and the miners union of Huanuni support the repressive actions of the government and the Armed Forces. Thus they justify the murder of unemployed workers from Llallagua, whom the government treats as thieves, while the State trims down the personnel of the EMH and accuses the unemployed workers of Huanuni of wanting to occupy the mine. They are beginning the massacre of the unemployed after achieving the division of the workers ranks. At this moment there are 200 troops of the armed forces, with a helicopter hovering over the mining district; and under the direction of the Minister of Defense, Javier Zabaleta, a search operation is being carried out in areas surrounding the mining center.

Thus, what they really want to hide is the reckless plundering of minerals by the corporations, as if there was not enough money to “end with the jukeo”, that is, with unemployment and for the disappearance of “cooperatives” that enslave labor, including the use of children and women. **The real jukus are the transnationals that alone in 2018 have taken 4100 million dollars, leaving for the Bolivian State the derisory amount of 179 million .**

It is a tragedy that while the transnational companies bleed Bolivia, when the miners of the San Cristóbal together with the housewives call to the unity of the workers around the demands of better wages and labour conditions facing the Japanese transnational Sumitomo (who plunders zinc and silver) and Minister Navarro of the anti-worker government, the leadership of the



Demonstration of San Cristobal miners

FSTMB and the mining union of Huanuni justifies the murderous actions of the Armed Forces, when the urgent task is to unite the working class with the demand of jobs for all with a living and mobile minimum wage! One more shift in all the mines with the nationalization of the entire branch of mining production to guarantee job stability!

The facts speak for themselves. The militarization of Huanuni is not aimed to guarantee job stability, let alone taking care of the Posokoni hill from the jukus; its objective is to take care of the two veins that were found and to guarantee the whole of the EMH is at the service of the looting of the transnationals, by massacring the unemployed, imposing white massacre on the EMH and the subjection of the miners. Enough of spilling workers' blood! Self-defence miners' committees to confront the police and the murderous armed forces!

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Huanuni: the ORO Front, an imposture and a new scam against the miners

The ORO front, supported by the LIT-CI which traveled to Bolivia, promised “union Independence” and “proletariat internationalism”

Now, once it won the leadership of the miners union, it has aligned with Evo Morales...

It intervenes the Huanuni mine alongside the Bolivian Armed Forces

Much of the bourgeois press (*Los Tiempos, Pagina Siete, La Prensa*, among others) announced that in the elections of the miners union of Huanuni an “*anti-official slate*” (i.e., an opposition to the Morales government) had won, which defeated the two slates of the MAS (Morales’ Party) in December 2018. This way, the ORO Front won the union elections. Since the defeat in 2013 of the miners strike for the decent pensions, which the leadership of the union at that time had imposed, advised by the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR), the grassroots miners was submitted to the government of Evo Morales by the MAS bureaucracies of the Huanuni union, the Trade Union Federation of Bolivian Mine Workers (FSTMB) and the Central Obrera Boliviana (COB). An important group of miners already tired of losing labour conquests the government snatched from them, placed their trust in the ORO front, which proposed fighting for “*labour stability*”, “*political independence*” against the government, and



The police and the Army arrived at Huanuni after the agreement of militarization signed by ORO front and the government

raised the banners of «*proletarian internationalism*». **ORO Front slate victory was seen by the miners and the rest of the workers as a step forward in the struggle to break with the anti-worker government of Morales and the MAS bureaucracy, in the perspective of regaining union independence to recover their lost conquests.**

The International Workers’ League / Fourth International (LIT-CI) publicly supported the electoral campaign of that front and after their victory declared in the social networks that: “*The comrades of*

the ORO slate, who won yesterday the elections of the miners union of Huanuni, send a warm greeting to the Brazilian and Latin American working class!” Thus, after the elections and irradiating joy, in a Huanuni facility, among members of the LIT and the brand new ORO leadership, David Choque (current general secretary of the union) said that “*all workers in the world must join forces (...) Huanuni has as a union a fundamental base that is the miners revolution.*” Ronald