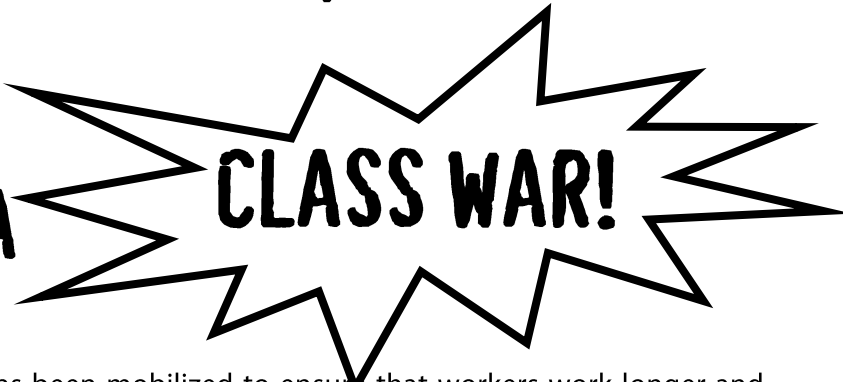


NEITHER NATIONAL LIBERATIONIST,

NOR IRREDENTIST

OUR WAR IS A

CLASS WAR!



For at least 15 years, a series of "emergencies" has been mobilized to ensure that workers work longer and longer, demand less and less, and are disciplined more and more. Our bosses and the capitalist state are trying to make us believe that their demands take precedence, that their interests are our interests, and that we must step back from defending our own needs.

Sometimes they invoke the "debt crisis," which requires us to accept wage cuts and social spending; sometimes the "pandemic crisis," which requires us to accept mass confinement and universal vaccination of the population; sometimes the "environmental crisis," which requires us to fatalistically accept that "natural" disasters - which are, however, caused by the very expansion of the capital relation at the expense of nature - will continue to affect the population; and sometimes the "energy crisis," which requires us to accept austerity as a natural event, and so on. These successive "emergencies" will be overcome, we are told, if the working class forgets its own interests and works to support national interests.

And if in times of capitalist peace all these are the sacrifices that state and capital demand of us, in times of capitalist war the proletariat is called upon to sacrifice their own lives to slaughter their class brothers and sisters in the name of national interest. And in order to wage the bosses' war, the workers on the home front (both in non-war zones and especially in war zones) must produce weapons and everything the war front requires, without disturbing labor peace, and even more, with lower wages and heavier workloads, and with governments denouncing strikes as undermining the "national cause" (and, in the inglorious past of world wars, even as "treason").

Today, in the midst of a war situation, we are once again being asked to "have their (the nation's) back", to pay the billions in war costs through poorer health care and education, inflation, even harder work, and increased precariousness and repression. To endure the misery of a paycheck that runs out before the month is over while being faced with states claiming that the wars they themselves cause and support are responsible for the out-of-control cost of living.

What is the most appropriate response to the plans of capital and its state, whether in the West or in the war zones, so that the working class can defend its autonomy? How and why has the defense of all kinds of nationalisms taken precedence over the defense of our immediate class interests?

On the basis of these questions, we translate below the proclamation text of the comrades of Proletarios Hartos de Serlo from Ecuador, in order to bring to the table an example of uncompromising proletarian internationalism, which we complement with the essential question of what is to be done here, in the rear of the war.

The proletarians of the war zones can actively pursue internationalist proletarian fraternity at the front, indifferent to who emerges victorious, undermining the army's war activities, sabotaging, deserting and turning their weapons against their own officers. And if this is fitting for them, what is fitting for us here and for the proletariat of the Western metropolises, from a proletarian internationalist point of view, is not to take the side of one or the other nation-state or to get caught up in the perspective of "good" and "bad" nations,

defending the national liberation of the most "wronged" nation against its subjugation to the powerful imperialist powers.

What we are responsible for is nothing less than sharpening the class struggle, collectively refusing to work, for example through strikes and sabotage, and attacking the production of war here, that is, attacking both the arms industry and the reproduction of capital as a whole. What is the point of the workers asking the states to provide the solution to the war conflicts that they have been created by the states themselves? For example, the cease-fire on the Russo-Ukrainian front and the return to capitalist peace will be made to give way to privatizations and harsh measures of capitalist restructuring. That is unless peace is imposed by the worker-social struggles themselves, both in the war zones and in the rear of the West, unless the power of the proletariat itself, as expressed in the sphere of production and beyond it, in the social factory, becomes the "peacemaking" (and at the same time revolutionary) force.

Against the meager "increases" that do not restore the wage losses and expenditure cuts in every sector of the social reproduction of the proletariat, against all kinds of cheap vouchers and passes of misery and state charity, against the new enclosures and the plundering of the natural environment by capital, against the fierceness of inflation, against all kinds of divisions and separations, national, racial, gender, and more, imposed by capital, our answer can only be the betrayal of every "national effort", the revival of struggles, the outbreak of new strikes, protests, demonstrations, riots. By fighting against the austerity and intensification of labor that the bourgeois classes are trying to impose to fuel their wars, workers are actually fighting against the war, consciously or not.

As for the active war fronts, instead of supporting the "anarchists in uniform", we support the 150,000 Ukrainians who have deserted in two and a half years of war, the Russians who don't want to sign contracts with the Russian army, and the women in Transcarpathia who attacked border guards with stones and sticks when they were mistaken for conscripts! At the same time, we rejoice at the 270,000 thefts of firearms in Ukraine since the beginning of the war and the constant "unexplained" escapes of captured soldiers from both opposing camps!

**We serve no anti-imperialist, social-patriotic or anarcho-Leninist perspective
for national unity!**

**Autonomous proletarian struggle, no collaboration with the bourgeoisie,
its state and trade union mediation!**

Mass desertions and fraternization of all sides at the front!

Sabotage and strikes in the factories of armaments, railway stations and ports!

We support in every way the deserters from all fronts!

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**NEITHER WITH IRAN (AND PALESTINE) NOR WITH ISRAEL (AND THE USA)!
FOR THE DEFEAT OF BOTH CAPITALIST STATES AT WAR!
FOR CLASS AND MILITANT SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PROLETARIANS OF BOTH
REGIONS, AS IN RUSSIA AND THE UKRAINE!**

These mottos express today the invariant position of the internationalist communists against this and all capitalist war: *revolutionary defeatism* and *proletarian internationalism*. Why?

❶ Because the capitalist war is always waged against the proletariat: in this case, if today the bourgeois State of Iran is attacking the territory dominated by the bourgeois State of Israel, it is above all to subdue the militant proletariat of the Iranian region itself; more precisely, to justify the repression of its struggles against exploitation (e.g. in the oil and health sector) and lead it to the slaughter of the war “in defense of the homeland”. The same goes for the proletarians of the Israeli region who refuse to take part to the war of their murderous bosses and to kill their class brothers on the other side of the border (those who are called *refuseniks*); as well as to the proletarians of the Palestinian region who protest against the bourgeois, starver and repressive government of the Palestinian National Authority and Hamas. Anyway, in every capitalist war the only winner is the bourgeoisie and the only losers are the proletarians of any country, since in reality this is not a conflict between nations, but a class conflict with an international dimension.

❷ Because the States make war to accumulate more capital, territory and power: in this case, if today the State of the Ayatollah bourgeoisie of Iran (partner of China) and the State of the Zionist bourgeoisie of Israel (partner of the USA) are disputing militarily and politically the territory dominated by their subordinate, the Islamist bourgeoisie of Palestine (and Lebanon), it is for the control of the labor force, oil and gas, industrial centers, ports, etc. of all that geographic zone of the world market called the Middle East. They also make war as an escape valve for the capitalist crisis or the fall of the rate of profit and world devalorization, reactivating industry and the arms trade, distributing and investing the surplus value extracted from the workers. This is the economic powerhouse of every imperialist war. And this war is no exception, with the aggravating factor that it could become a full-scale nuclear war.

❸ Because to be in favor of one or another capitalist State at war is to fall into the trap of false sides, nationalism, sentimentalism, confusion and opportunism. A trap promoted by the mass disinformation media which, to top it all, have made war something “normal” and even a distraction from other daily catastrophes. It is to fall into the terrain of the bourgeoisie and social democracy. It is an anti-proletarian and counter-revolutionary position that must be denounced and fought as such, above all against the motley lefts of Capital. “Anti-imperialism” and “national liberation” in reality have always been appendages of imperialist war and State capitalism (misnamed “communism”). On the contrary, we proletarians have no homeland and we communists always fight for the interests of our world class against and beyond the interests of any State, nation, “people”, religion, etc.

❹ Because under capitalism there is no “just war” or “holy war” between nations. The only “just war” that can exist is *global class war* to abolish capitalism, war and class society itself; that is, to *transform imperialist war into international communist revolution*. Obviously, many disasters, wars, revolts and insurrections are yet to come before we reach this point of no return. But it’s no less true or necessary in this epoch of economic, social, ecological catastrophe and, to top it all, imminent threat of nuclear war. Therefore, *Communism or Extinction*.

❺ Because, in spite of the world counterrevolution that still reigns, to maintain with intransigence the position of *revolutionary defeatism* and *proletarian internationalism* turns out to be a necessary, defensive and clarifying practice against the terrorism of the capitalist States at war as well as against the confusionist opportunism of the lefts of Capital that support them. A defensive practice until the world proletariat is capable to go on the revolutionary offensive and throw all

States, markets, homelands, wars and classes into the dustbins of history. The proletarians in uniform as well as without uniform in the Russian and Ukrainian regions who today turn their weapons against their military leaders, who desert from “their own” armies, who protest against “their own” States and who organize internationalist networks of solidarity with the deserters, are the concrete and current example of revolutionary defeatism. The example to be followed by the proletarians of the Middle East and other war-torn regions of the planet.

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TAL COMO EN RUSIA Y UCRANIA!

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