

12th International Meeting of the Communist Parties and workers in South Africa

"Stalinism 2010"

A meeting to control the uprising of the masses

Between the 3rd and the 5th of December with the SACP as their host, in Johannesburg the Communist Parties of France and Greece, the Cuban CP, all the Communist Parties of Southern Africa and also the Indian CP and other Stalinist groups of Asia will meet. Some days later, the US CP Youth will arrive at South Africa in order to make an international youth meeting together with the Young Communist League of SA.

In their invitation letter to this meeting they introduce themselves to the workers as the Communist Parties that are the continuators of Marxism and Leninism after 1989: *"In this situation, many communist parties carried serious introspection on the basic tenets of Marxism-Leninism. Wilting under the pressure of an intense ideological offensive, many Communist Parties abandoned the revolutionary essence of Marxism-Leninism and embraced social democracy. During this period when the international communist movement has been thrown into disarray, there were some communist and workers' parties that believed these shortcomings and failures in the process of constantly enriching this creative science in accordance with unfolding historical developments, is not due to its inadequacies or lack of scientific method of its content. It is due to the inadequacies and lack of scientific rigour on the part of those who have embraced this philosophy."* The declared aim of their meeting is to strengthen the Anti imperialist united front and the defence of the socialist conquest. *"The dismantling of socialism in the Soviet Union, the disintegration of the USSR, the collapse of the communist-led regimes in East Europe and the process of restoration of capitalism in these countries-all constitute a big reversal for the world forces of socialism."*

The dregs (remnants) of world Stalinism centralized in the 5th International of Chavez and Hu JinTao are meeting

What it is going to meet in South Africa, it is not the continuity of the Marxism and Leninism of the 21st century. They are the dregs of world Stalinism, after giving up the workers states to imperialism and after the Stalinist bureaucracy became a new bourgeoisie, while a sector of them was organizing as Euro Communism, another sector came into governments together with the natives bourgeoisie in Africa such as in SA, Mozambique, Angola. Also they are part of the heart of the union bureaucracy of Europe. Of course, the guest of honour would be the Castroist bureaucracy who is preparing to jump over into capitalist restoration in Cuba dismissing 500.000 workers in the islands. In that meeting the presence of the US CP could not be missed, continuing the tradition of the US Stalinism of Earl Bowder is part of the left wing of the democrat party of the US butcher imperialism and organizer of the One Nation Movement in order to support Obama, this black Bush, killer of the world nations.

This fraction of the world Stalinism, part of the 5th International of Chavez, the Bolivarian bourgeoisie and the red mandarins of the new Chinese bourgeoisie of Hu Jintao, met after the meetings of the other leg of the 5th International, the renegades the Trotskyism. They met in Socialism 2010 in USA, in Brazil ELAC/CONCLAT and in Spain the Counter Submit of Madrid in order to centralize their forces and prevent a counter offensive of the world masses that confront the imperialist bourgeoisie attack. These Communist Parties today are meeting in SA, they want to prevent the working class from again imposing a synchronized combat as it was in the period 68-74 when there was a mass uprising against the colonial regimes of imperialism in Southern Africa at the beginning of the revolution in the heart of the imperialist Europe, together with the political revolution in the former worker states.

Gathered here are pro-imperialist collaborators and traitors of the worst kind:

- The Argentinian Communist Party that supported the military dictatorship under which over 30 000 activists were killed by the state (and US imperialism);
- The Hungarian Communist Party who put down the Prague spring of 1956 when the masses revolted against the brutal Stalinist dictatorship;
- The French Communist Party that betrayed the May 1968 uprising and factory occupations in France- they struck a deal with French imperialism for a wage increase when all the factories had been taken over by the working class; 10 million workers were on strike; after the wage deal they supported the French imperialist to evict workers who were still occupying the factories; ever since then the policy of the CP's around the world has been to call stayaways rather than factory occupations as an ongoing service to protect imperialism from the working class. The French CP still leads the CGT that betrayed the working class uprising in October this year, that was sparked by the struggle against attacks on pensions; the CGT refused to mobilise for occupations despite a huge sentiment among the working class and youth for an 'indefinite' general strike;
- The Chinese Communist Party which keeps hundreds of millions of workers as slaves for the imperialist monopolies in China, bulldozing peasants off the land to keep a steady supply of cheap labour for imperialism production; these are the butchers of the Tiananmen Square massacres of 1989; The Chinese CP still claim that their slogan 'to get rich is glorious' is consistent with Socialism.
- The Indian Communist parties (both) who take up positions in regional government to guarantee the continued enslavement of the working class in a mass slave camp for imperialist exploitation;
- The Greek Communist Party (KKE) who keep the Greek masses subordinated to US imperialism, which now controls their entire import and export income (which goes directly into the coffers of Citibank); the KKE organises 'pressure' actions to keep at the head of the mass resistance, to neutralise it and prevent the masses from fighting to seize power and overthrow the Social Democrat Papandreu imperialist regime.
- The Communist party of the USA that invents 2 wings of US imperialism (the reactionary side, such as the oil, military, electricity- which support the Republicans; and the more 'progressive' side that supports the Democrats); they use this as a cover to 'critically' support the Democrats and Obama. They cover up that the same monopolies that support the Republicans also support the Democrats. They, together with the Castrist bureaucracy, keep the working class of the entire Americas subordinated to the Democratic party, with their 'critical' support. And they do this with support for a united people's front which includes the police. The very police that are the most brutal in all the world, that are today killing Mexican workers at the borders of the USA.
- The Cuban Communist party which has betrayed revolutions around the world: In 2001 during the mass uprising in Argentina, Castro went there to tell the masses to accept their regime as there was no need for any new Cuba's in South America. Of course he forgot to mention that at the time the Cuban state was heavily

indebted to the Argentinean banks to the tune of 752 million Euros. Castro and the Cuban bureaucracy have been sustaining the Bolivarian bourgeoisie across central and south America to prevent the working class from taking power. Now, the Castrist bureaucracy is leading the process of capitalist restoration in Cuba that will dismiss at least 1 million workers over the next year (More on this later).

- The stalinised Communist parties of Russia and the ex-Soviet Union are the ones that did not hesitate to use the ice pick and ordering workers of Europe to give in their arms when imperialism was under threat of workers revolution during the second imperialist world war.

Gathered here are not pacifists but are activists who know how to betray revolutions, who under the name of anti-imperialist fronts will prevent the masses from independently taking action to seize power against imperialism, using the ice pick if need be.

They want to sustain the regimes in crisis in Southern Africa and defend them from the uprising of the masses.

It is not by chance that they meet in SA and centralize their forces here. It is here where the masses are beginning to answer the brutal attacks of the capitalist and have become a great fight and attempt to launch a counter offensive, facing imperialism directly.

In Mozambique there is a revolutionary mass uprising against the Stalinist FRELIMO government, fighting for bread, work and an end to the imperialist plunder. In SA, after 16 years of the popular front fraud of Mandela, Slovo and Stalinism with their reconciliation regime with imperialism, to continue brutal semi-slave conditions, at the service of Anglo American, the HSBC and Wall Street, the mass have started to rise up, trying to impose the general strike fighting against the Stalinist leadership of COSATU. Mainly, Stalinism 2010 wants to prevent the possibility that the great revolution, that was started by the workers, soldiers and peasant of Madagascar, be extended to the entire Southern Africa.

When the European working class has entered in maneuver of revolutionary combat from Portugal to Rumania; the 5th International needs more than ever to prevent the uprising of the proletariat and the poor peasant in Southern Africa. It is necessary for imperialism to prevent the synchronization into a single combat of the working class of the colonies and semi colonies in Africa together with the millions of African immigrants in Europe with the central working class battalions of the old continent. It is for that reason that the French CP and the Greek CP (KKE) would be invited as guests of honour. They are the responsible together with the entire European Stalinism that lead the unions such as CCOO in Spain, in Greece, the CGT in France, the CGIL in Italy and the unions in the Eastern Europe, to have prevented the Greek uprising and the revolutionary general strike in May 5th up until today, the unity of the working class throughout the entire Europe into a single continental general strike in order to wipe up all the imperialist governments and to open the revolution in the old continent. It is the same Stalinist bureaucracy that leaves out of the unions the immigrants so they can live under the attacks of the fascist bands or be expelled as dogs in the Mediterranean.

The KKE divide the combat of the entire European proletariat and siege the revolutionary vanguard in Greece, while cynically hanging on the Parthenon a flag the slogan: "All of Europe must rise up". When it is the Stalinist bureaucracy that leads the central unions in Europe and who are the ones in charge of containing the masses to save the imperialist parasites. Far from defending the social conquests, the Communist Parties have guaranteed that the imperialist European bourgeoisie, after saving the bankers with thousand of million of Euros and when the financial capital have the money in their pockets, make the masses pay everything for the bankruptcy of the states. These are not the parties of the working class, but the parties defenders of the Bundesbank, the French Paribas, the HSBC, JP Morgan, Citibank where the former bureaucracy transformed into a bourgeoisie saves the money they got from selling out the ex worker states from '89 onwards! They are the enemies of the workers' revolution and the defenders of the capitalist 'social' European union of the imperialist butchers. They are defenders of the "Social Europe of the workers", that is to say they support the same program as Thorez and European Stalinism that saved all the imperialist powers such as France, Italy, so on after the second World War, from the socialist revolution.

It is the meeting of the defenders of City of London and Wall Street banks, of the stock market of Frankfurt, Tokyo and Paris.

This meeting of the Stalinist dregs that calls to strengthen the anti imperialist united fronts, with a phraseology that hides its real aim: sustain these capitalist regimes in Southern Africa in the middle of the world crisis, and thus to sustain imperialism. They have to keep Africa as the main exporter of minerals, cheap labor and raw materials (gold, diamonds, coltan for the most advanced manufacture of the modern technology, so on) for the imperialist centers and for their great maquiladoras (sweat shops) in China, because they are the lackeys of the imperialist powers in the plundering and exploitation of the working class and the poor peasants of Southern Africa.

It is for that reason that all the participants of this meeting have put all their forces to put the US working class to the feet of Obama and to subordinate the working class from USA, through Europe, Latin America up to SA and Zimbabwe, country by country to the feet of their own bourgeoisie, and thus to imperialism.

The imperialist parasites know very well that this is the role they need from these agents. In order to leave the crisis, the imperialist powers, the capitalists, their governments, regimes and states, needs to cause huge defeats of the world proletariat. This would allow, mainly for the imperialist powers, to make it decisively go to superior military adventures in order to dispute with their competitors for zones of influence. They know, in last instance, the decisive role of the 5th column that is going to meet in SA, is to defeat the mass' fight, divert and expropriate its combat, that is to say, to create the conditions to prepare counterrevolutionary fights at a higher level that will bath the African continent in blood. This meeting of world Stalinism is a real wall that wants to destroy the will of the African and the world proletariat to prevent the masses to put the burden of the capitalist crisis onto the shoulders of the imperialists, ie this meeting wants to do everything to prevent the working class opening the path to the proletarian revolution.

Which kind of anti imperialism can you talk of in this meeting of the Stalinist fraction of the 5th International when the SACP together with the ANC are responsible to keep Pretoria's army as guarantees of the plundering by the imperialist

monopolies in the African continent? In that meeting will they call to expel the Africom set up by Obama in Ghana in order to strength its military domain in the continent? Does the French CP call the military defeat and the expulsion of all the French troops of Senegal, Ivory Coast, Reunion Island, and so on?

Under the disguise of a democratic regime and the bourgeois black republic from 1994, the ANC popular front and Stalinism became an agency to keep super exploited relations over the working class, not only in SA but also through all Southern Africa (sub-Sahara) as a fundamental instrument to protect the imperialist operations. The attacks against the working class and the poor peasants in Africa today are a consequence of the Stalinist policy to put the fighting leadership for national liberation in the hands of the black bourgeoisie.

The SA troops deploy in the DRC are at the service of the Anglo American plundering and the French imperialism that have committed genocide that have left 6 million deaths in the last 10 years. Meanwhile in Rwanda and the DRC, imperialism and the natives bourgeoisies have imposed genocides, the ones meeting in Johannesburg are the ones charged with submitting the revolutionary fight of the masses against the genocides at the feet of the African Union, which is a real Minister of the colonies of the US-UK and French imperialism.

A meeting to defend the Castroist bureaucracy and the capitalist restoration in Cuba

Some weeks before this meeting was held, the SACP presented an interview, in its paper Umsebenzi online, with Oscar Martinez, chief of the International relations department of the Cuban CP where he declares that the economic reforms of Cuba were based on Socialist principles. There the Castroist bureaucracy said that **“in two years the state will have to give up a million workers”** and they were “re-organizing the labor force, no workers dismissals” because as “Raul Castro stated we have to leave once forever the notion that Cuba is the only country in the world that one can live without working”. And the problem is: “the workers are concerned. You will see, up to now the state was doing everything. They have become very dependant of the state facing the extreme paternalism of the government. Now, it has to adjust, it will not be easy but we will do it. (...) We are doing this for us, but mainly for our children.”

This is the main point that the conference will discuss in SA! It is not by chance that all of them gather together because there are all the ones that sold out the workers in the Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the sell outs of Vietnam, the killers of the Chinese working class in Tiananmen now that come to apply all their counterrevolutionary capacity to the Castrist bureaucracy's services to sell out the last worker State. Liars! They want to tell the honest African communist workers that they really want to defend the Cuban worker state, that the plan of dismissals of 'parasites' of a million workers are “socialist measures”! What really Fidel and Raul do, it is the envy of the European and world capitalist governments!

All the Stalinist Parties are together to support the Castroism in their open jump to capitalist restoration and a pact with Obama, because they know that it will not be easy because this combat can be only defined in the arena of the world class struggle. All of them gathered together and collectivize their forces because they are terrified when they see the masses of Kyrgyzstan, after 20 years of selling out the former worker states, in a revolutionary uprising, disarming the police and putting down Bakiev government, this former Stalinist-transformed-as-bourgeoisie agent of Obama. They shake into terror because they know that in Rumania where the masses have entered in combat against imperialist attacks on their salaries and pensions, 61% of the population said that they want to come back to the communism but without Ceaucescu. The Castroist bureaucracy and all the Stalinist that will gather in Johannesburg are conscious that they need to stab the world working class in the back and need to demoralize and disperse the working class forces even more and for that reason they need to centralize their forces.

Who are the real parasites in Cuba?

The upper layers of the Cuban military, which includes the Castro brothers (Fidel and Raul) form the core of the bureaucracy that have already transformed themselves into the new Cuban bourgeoisie. The top layer of the army have their own company called Gaesa which claims to control 40% of the Cuban economy. Gaesa operates all the free trade zones in Cuba which guarantees no strikes and no union activity; they deal in all real state sales/leases with foreign companies, all the transport related to tourism. Gaesa is headed by Col Rodriguez (the son in law of Raul Castro). Another company run by the upper layer of the army is Cimex, which is part controlled by 3 banks (International Finance bank, Investment bank and the Havana International bank); Cimex handles all the remittances of Cuban workers outside of Cuba to the value pf \$1Bn. It is headed by Col Oroza. Cimex owns several chain stores in Cuba that deals strictly in foreign currency. Forbes 2006 listed Fidel Castro's wealth at \$900 million. Even if it is only 1% truth it is still a commentary on the Cuban leader. There are several joint ventures with international imperialist capitalist companies; for example Spanish capital controls 22 hotels (about 10 000 beds). The condition of Spanish capital operating in the hotels is payment to them in foreign currency while the workers are paid in the undervalued Cuban peso, with no right to strike and no union activity. Etecsa the telecom charges the highest connection rate in the world, is 30% controlled by Italian capital, with a similar no strike rule and no union activity. In order for the new Cuban bourgeoisie to extract the maximum profit from the Cuban working class they need to re-create a reserve army of labour. This is really what the mass dismissals are all about. They need to destroy the gains of the revolution such as the right to work and that no-one could become an employer. It is not the parasites of the Cuban bureaucracy who run Gaesa and Cimex who are being dismissed but the ordinary Cuban worker. To claim that 1 million workers will become 'entrepreneurs' is an old capitalist trick to hide the full scale of unemployment. Just how many barbers or smiling tour guides or restaurant owners can there be from 1 million workers, where the average monthly wage is \$14-20. How many of the workers will be able to 'compete' in a market which is more than 50% controlled by the Castro bourgeoisie and a significant other part is already controlled by monopoly capital, by imperialism? How can the Cuban CP play any anti-imperialist role when they are the lackeys of imperialist capitalist restoration in Cuba?

At stake is not just the gains of the deformed Cuban workers' state but imperialism wants to smash forever in the consciousness of the working class the notion that the working class could ever seize power from the capitalist class. Even more, if they can get away with the 1 million dismissals of Cuban workers in the name of 'socialism' then the rest of the world working class will begin to suffer a similar fate at an accelerated rate. This is why we reject this dollar millionaire club, posing as communist and workers parties, posing as anti-imperialists while living off the super-

exploitation of the world working class, the main agents of imperialism within the workers movement, a real Stalinism 2010.

Against the meeting of the Stalinist fraction of the 5th International, it is necessary to set up an organizing committee of Internationalist revolutionary Worker Organizations and the Trotskyist internationalists, that fight for the refoundation of the 4th International.

The Trotskyist of the FLTI call all the militant organizations and the worker vanguard and youth of the Southern Africa to break with, denounce and not to participate in this meeting. The Stalinist that are meeting there want to make the exploited believe that our future and salvation is subordinated to the feet of Obama, the imperialist butcher. They are the ones that tell us that our forces are in the unity with the bourgeoisie party, with the sepyo bourgeoisie, with the NGO and from the UN and the imperialist power that corrupt the working class and a minor sector of our ranks to sell out our fights. Enough! Our forces are in the unity of the African working class with the US and Europe working class! Our forces are there! For the international unity of the working class! Enough of submitting the exploited to their executioners! Water and fire do not mix! Let's raise an internationalist revolutionary program in all the militant organizations of Southern Africa. It is time to break with Obama and US imperialism! It is time to break with the bourgeoisie! No support to the popular front government, sepyo of the US and French imperialism! Long live the fight of the European workers! It is necessary to unify in order to give a blow against the monopolies who attack in the working class in Europe and kill the exploited of the African continent! Down with labour aristocracy and bureaucracy, for the European general strike to defeat the imperialist governments and start the revolution in the old continent! Long live the Commune! Down with the English and Spanish monarchy! Down with the French 5th Republic! For the Socialist United State of Europe from Portugal to the far corners of Russia! Any successful revolution in the imperialist centres opens the door for the Socialist revolution in the semi-colonies and indeed in the world.

From the African continent we must call the immigrant workers and the working class in general in the USA to break with Obama, to break with the Stalinism, the renegades of Trotskyism and its One Nation movement, to set up the Million March Worker to confront Obama and the Republicrats in the heart of the imperialist beast! We need to set up again the revolutionary workers party of the young Cannon as part of the refoundation of the Fourth International! Long live the internationalist socialist revolution! The task to defend the Cuban worker state against the restorationist attack by the Castroist bureaucracy and the pact with the imperialism and the Latin America natives bourgeoisies is a duty of all the world working class organizations. Down with the dismissals plan! Down with the restorationist Castroist bureaucracy! For the success of the political revolution to put the Cuban worker state as a bastion of the Latin America and World socialist revolution! For the setting up of a Trotskyist Internationalist party in Cuba as part of the fight to refound the Fourth International!

To finish with the hunger, to finish with the genocide in the DRC, the destruction, the misery, the death, the unemployment, that hit as well as to Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Somalia, Namibia, so on. It is necessary to take the political power, expropriate the US, UK, , German, Japanese, French imperialist in the entire African continent. It is necessary to break the siege that it has been set up against the Madagascar revolution and extend its worker, soldier and peasant committees to all the countries of Southern Africa. Out the collaborationist leaders from the workers organizations! In order to get the minimal demands such as bread, land and national independence, the workers and poor peasants of all Africa must fight to kick out definitively the US and French imperialism of the entire Africa. Out the French imperialism, its occupation troops and its military bases from Reunion Island, Seychelles and Mauritius Island! Out of the entire Africa the bloody US-UK imperialism! Out the troops of Somalia and the entire African continent! Out the military bases of the Afri Com, of the Diego Garcia Island, where the troops who kill in Iraq and Afghanistan get their supplies! Down with the African Union, this bandit caves to the service of the imperialism, this Stalinism 2010 meeting guarantees genocides and counterrevolutionary pacts so imperialism and their servants can live with the super exploitation and the plunder of the African continent! Out the Praetorian armies of all Africa! Out the SA army from DRC that kill millions in order to save the interest of JP Morgan! For the Federation of Socialist and Soviet Republic of the centre and Southern Africa. For revolutionary working class parties across Africa as part of the refounding of the Fourth International! For a Soviet Africa.

Against the general staff of the 5th International the working class needs its own international general staff. For a international worker congress of the internationalist revolutionary workers organizations and the internationalist Trotskyists that fight for a refoundation of the 4th International to give back to the working class the leadership that deserves.

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