

Revolutionary Organization of Labor-USA

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ROL-USA Proposed Resolution:

Prioritize Building A New Communist International

Whereas, the International Working Class and the Oppressed Peoples today confront a number of grave global crises simultaneously — all spawned by the moribund system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism; and this general collapse of the global capitalist system is generating an increasingly powerful fascist motion throughout the world as well as the increasing likelihood of major regional and ultimately global war; and

Whereas, the U.N.'s Special Reports of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stemming from the 2015 Paris Agreement have continued to document that, under monopoly capitalist and imperialist domination, virtually all the world's nations have failed to live up to their mutual commitments to a set of environmentally conscious goals; and the unprecedented extreme weather events ever since that have occurred throughout the world have already brought about great mass suffering, with far more calamitous events for humanity on the horizon; and

Whereas, the Corona-virus (COVID19) Pandemic under global imperialist domination has produced both a devastating global health crisis and a prolonged economic crisis: Even with the introduction of “successful” vaccines their private profit-driven production and distribution has featured the hoarding of vaccine supplies by the rich nations while the peoples in the poorest nations are almost universally excluded from access to these life-saving medicines, increasing the danger for all humanity of the emergence of more and more virulent variants. All this has dramatically underscored the truth of comrade Lenin's teaching that the “essence of imperialism” lies in the “fundamental distinction between the oppressing and the oppressed nations;” and

Whereas, global capitalism has spawned rapacious finance capitalists, a ruling class for whom there is no compunction to pay taxes, to support national infrastructure, mass public education, public health services or other national uplift; they are shameless privatizers of all public resources; and

Whereas, this same global capitalist system drives desperate populations of many countries to migrate from one continent to another (Africa to Europe, South America to North America) creating sharp dislocation for vulnerable populations in both the losing countries and the receiving countries and making them ripe for global chauvinist violence largely directed against migrant families and communities, and fueling a greater drive toward fascism and war; and

Whereas, imperialist wars of plunder and occupation are a continuing prominent feature of imperialist economic policy, devastating vast areas of the globe such as the Obama-led, U.S., Italian and French imperialist destruction of Libya and much of Northern Africa and the U.S.-led twenty year imperialist war and occupation of Afghanistan; and

*Whereas, global individualism promoted by capitalist market forces, now intensified by social media global monopolies like Facebook and Instagram and their algorithms, supplant national cultures with chauvinist hatred and crass consumerism, while huge populations no longer have *collective self-worth* based on the work they do, or on their contribution to society or their society's global contributions; instead, what they own, drive, wear, etc. now determines their identity and makes them more susceptible to fascist appeals and unjust imperialist war.*

Whereas, the moribund system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism now is in perpetual crisis, is alienating billions of people and increasingly resorts to fascist leaders, right-wing “populist” movements of white supremacy, anti-semitism and immigrant-bashing and various anti-democratic attempts to

violently seize political power as the ongoing Trump-led motion in the USA, one of the most powerful imperialist countries, demonstrates so clearly; and whereas, the growing competition between U.S. and Chinese imperialism for global hegemony continually heightens the danger of a major world war; and

Whereas, under the economic devastation wrought by the ravages of the COVID 19 global pandemic, workers all over the world are increasingly rising in strike struggles for higher wages and organizing themselves to bring social justice to the workplace and beyond. Examples include: several general strikes in Argentina launched against capitalist austerity, a recent South Korean general strike demanding the nationalization of some basic industry and an end to casualization of labor, powerful rural worker and peasant uprisings in India, South African steelworkers opposing a wage freeze, an upsurge in U.S. industrial strikes and a series of massive protests by the French workers in defense of their pensions; and

Whereas, it is the working class, who has for several years shown signs of waging protests on a global scale and on broad political questions including international working class solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement following the brutal police murder of George Floyd, U.S. airline workers refusal to cooperate with their corporate employers and the U.S. state apparatus in the kidnapping from their families of immigrant Latino children at the U.S.-Mexico border; Google tech workers' global walkout in 2018 from Japan to the USA to Europe in defense of women workers; and worker unrest that helped scuttle Google's project to help U.S. military drone warfare, and, similar worker protests at Amazon against facial recognition projects to assist police agencies resulted in a moratorium on such sales; and

Whereas, today the international working class remains the one socio-economic class whose very strength is realized through its struggle against international capitalism and it is under the leadership of the global proletariat that other class and national forces can play a positive role in the struggle to overcome the current existential crises brought on by the moribund system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism; and finally,

Whereas, in the 1930's and 1940's, when the fascist movement was in power — from Italy, Portugal and Spain to Germany and Japan — it was the Soviet Union and the Soviet-led Communist International, the revolutionary organization of the international working class, that led the working class and oppressed masses in the successful victory over global fascism, including through the skillful use of the United Front Against Fascism;

Therefore, be it resolved that ICOR and its affiliated organizations as well as associated mass organizations including at the national democratic revolutionary and anti-fascist level be encouraged to carry out “unity of action” on the grave global crises in the fight for workers power leading to socialism and communism.

Be it further resolved that ICOR and its affiliates prioritize the building of a new Communist International for our time, guided by the exemplary, outstanding and victorious historical experience of the Third Communist International.

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