

Learn from socialist Vietnam: Rest in power Nguyễn Phú Trọng!

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Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong and people in Thuong Dien village, Vinh Quang commune, Vinh Bao district, Hai Phong city. Photo: VNA

We at Struggle-La Lucha newspaper offer our condolences to the revolutionary people of Vietnam for the death of Comrade Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee.

At 80 years old, Trong lived through many changes, seeing his country going from divided and plundered by imperialism to independent and prosperous. He was a pivotal figure in modern Vietnamese history.

As revolutionaries operating in the U.S. - in the belly of the imperialist beast - we have a responsibility to learn from socialist Vietnam's achievements and educate the masses about them. Our enemies are your enemies, and the example of Vietnam gives us encouragement that we can win.

With the Communist Party's leadership, Vietnam defeated the French colonialists and U.S. imperialist invaders, throwing off imposed poverty and rebuilding from bombed ruins. About $\frac{1}{5}$ of Vietnam's landscape is still contaminated with unexploded U.S. bombs.

Despite the unimaginable devastation rained down by the Pentagon on behalf of Wall Street, today the Vietnamese people enjoy a life expectancy on par with that of the U.S., and it is still rising. This is an incredible feat only possible because of Vietnam's socialist revolution.

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Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong - an eminent leader who devotes his whole life to the country and people

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) respectfully introduces a translation of the article about the Party chief written by Politburo member, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam To Lam.

Hanoi (VNA) - General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Nguyen Phu Trong passed away on July 19 afternoon at the age of 80,

according to the board of health protection and care for central officials.

The board informed that after a period of illness, despite wholehearted treatment and care from the Party, State, leading medical experts, and his family, due to old age and severe illness, the Party leader breathed his last at 1:38 pm on July 19, 2024, at Central Military Hospital 108.

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PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY NGUYEN PHU TRONG – AN EMINENT LEADER WHO DEVOTES HIS WHOLE LIFE TO THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE

General To Lam, Politburo member and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Nguyen Phu Trong, a thinker, a culturalist, a theoretical flag of the Party, and an eminent student who has constantly studied and followed great President Ho Chi Minh's ideology, morality, and lifestyle, has devoted his lifetime to the revolutionary cause of our Party and nation, as well as the country and the people.

Being tested through the revolutionary practice for the past more than 55 years, and with his strategic vision, sharp thinking closely linked to practical summary, comrade Nguyen Phu Trong and the Party Central Committee have creatively applied and developed Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's ideology, and constantly built a purer and stronger Party; built a socialist rule-of-law state of the people, by the people, and for the people; and supplemented, perfected and instructed the successful implementation of reforms, building our country with such

as a “fortune, strength, reputation, and international position today that it had never enjoyed before”.

The Party affairs and building have held a particularly important position during his revolutionary life. Creatively applying Ho Chi Minh’s ideology on Party building, comrade Nguyen Phu Trong has deeply clarified the nature of the Party and its role in national renewal, and in building the ruling Party through the cause of reform in Vietnam. Then, he and the Party Central Committee have made decisions and plans, and instructed the successful implementation of strategic policies on Party building and rectification; resolutely and persistently fought individualism and degradations within the Party, and corruption and other negative phenomena, while constantly improving revolutionary ethics, mettle, intellectual level, and pioneer role, and promoting good traditions and close-knit ties with the people. Under the Party leadership, headed by Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, our Party has demonstrated its mettle and wisdom, leading the entire Party, people, and entire army to win many great achievements in the cause of reform, defeat all sabotage plots of hostile forces, and build a truly “moral and civilized” society.

As Chairman of the National Assembly and Party General Secretary, the comrade is always concerned with the issue of building a socialist rule-of-law state of the people, for the people, and by the people. Under the leadership of comrade Nguyen Phu Trong, for the first time our Party has issued a Resolution on continuing to build and perfect the Vietnamese socialist rule-of-law state in the new period, setting the goals of “perfecting the Vietnamese socialist rule-of-law state of the people, by the people, and for the people, led by the Communist Party of Vietnam; having a complete legal system that is strictly and consistently implemented; respecting the Constitution and the law, and respecting, ensuring and effectively protecting human rights and citizens’ rights; State power being unified, clearly assigned, closely coordinated, and effectively controlled; a professional, rule of law, and modern administration and judiciary; the State apparatus being lean, pure, and operating

effectively and efficiently; a contingent of cadres, civil servants, and public employees with sufficient qualifications, capacity, true professionalism, and integrity; modern, effective national governance; meeting the requirements of rapid and sustainable development of the country, becoming a developed, high-income socialist-oriented country by 2045.

Thoroughly grasping the ideology of Ho Chi Minh and deeply recognizing the important role and position of culture “Culture is the soul of the nation,” “As long as culture endures, the nation endures,” Nguyen Phu Trong, an eminent leader on the Party’s cultural front, has dedicated significant efforts to building an advanced culture rich in national identity which really serves as a spiritual foundation of society, an endogenous strength, and a crucial driving force for national development. Under the leadership of Nguyen Phu Trong, the documents of the 13th National Party Congress fully and profoundly mention the cultural sector. The national conference on culture, held after more than 70 years, marked a milestone that connected the ideology and actions of the entire Party, people and army in strongly promoting the role of culture in national construction and defense, fulfilling the aspiration for a prosperous and happy country.

With profound political insight and strategic thinking, Nguyen Phu Trong, along with the CPV Central Committee, developed Vietnam’s foreign policy, summarised practical experience and shaped the “Bamboo Diplomacy” art. This approach has built and developed Vietnam’s diplomacy with the distinct character of “Vietnamese bamboo.” Under the leadership of the Party, directly General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, the “Bamboo Diplomacy” identity has been strongly promoted, creating historic turning points and qualitative changes in Vietnam’s relations with major partners. Vietnam’s position, prestige, and image as a reliable partner, active and responsible member have never been shining on the international stage and Vietnam has never integrated so deeply into the global economy, international politics, and human civilization as it is today.

In his concurrent roles as State President, Chairman of the National Defence and Security Council, and Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnam People's Army, Nguyen Phu Trong always paid profound attention to the People's Army and People's Public Security. He focused on building strong and united army and public security forces. He frequently reminded the armed forces of deeply absorbing, studying, and following the ideology, morality and lifestyle of President Ho Chi Minh, stressing that "Honour is the most sacred and noble thing" and urging them to wholeheartedly serve the country and the people, "rely on the people while working," "be truly loyal, respect, and love the people," maintain close ties with the people, protect their interests, and make them increase their trust and support. Under the leadership of the Party, directly General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, the mission of building an elite, streamlined, strong, truly pure clean and strong army that meets the requirements of the new situation has achieved significant results. The public security and military forces have been staying united and closely working together, truly serving as the sword and shield and the two wings of a bird to safeguard peace and stability for national development.

Comrade Nguyen Phu Trong's complete thought is the people, the human, the wholehearted devotion and service to the people, building human and taking the people as the subject and the center of the renewal process. Regarding the Party, he affirmed "our Party must take the highest sense of responsibility to the people, take care of the material and spiritual lives of the people"; "the Party's policy that does not reflect the interests of the people, the country, and the nation, and is not consistent with the rule of historical evolution, is a wrong policy," "close connection with the people is the rule of existence, development and operation of the Party, and the decisive factor creating the Party's strength." Analyzing the difference between the socialist rule-of-law state and the capitalist rule-of-law state, he clearly stated that "the socialist rule-of-law state is different from the capitalist rule-of-law state in terms of nature: the rule of law under the capitalist regime is actually a tool to protect and serve the interests of the bourgeoisie, while the rule of law under the

socialist regime is a tool to express and exercise the people's right to mastery, ensure and protect the interests of the majority of the people". Regarding the socialist market economy, he held that a basic characteristic, an important attribute of the socialist orientation in the market economy in Vietnam is that the economy must be linked with society, economic policies must be unified with social policies, and economic growth must go hand in hand with the implementation of social progress and equality in every step, every policy and throughout the development process. Every economic policy must aim at social development goals, encouraging legal enrichment along with hunger eradication and poverty reduction, taking care of people with meritorious services and those who are in difficult circumstances." Under the leadership of comrade Nguyen Phu Trong, our Party has issued resolutions on socio-economic development, ensuring national defense and security in six economic regions across the country until 2030, with a vision to 2045, set goals, visions, directions, and solutions to create strong and breakthrough development, contributing to successfully realizing the country's goal of 100 years under the Party's leadership, 100 years of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, now the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. By the middle of the 21st century, our country will become a developed nation, fulfilling President Ho Chi Minh's desire to bring our country to be on par with the powers on the five continents.

All his life, Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong has persistently devoted himself to the revolutionary cause of our Party and nation with an iron spirit and will, and has not stepped back in the face of obstacles and difficulties. He affirmed himself a great personality, considering "honour as the most sacred and noble thing", upholding the principles and devoting all his life to the country and the people. He is truly a typical example in terms of pure revolutionary morality, "fairness and impartiality," simple lifestyle, democratic, dedicated and scientific working style, and respect and love for people. He has been highly respected, trusted and loved by officials, Party members and the people, and esteemed and highly appreciated by international friends.

We firmly believe that under the Party's leadership, we will steadfastly apply and creatively develop Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's ideology, and the theory of the Party's renewal policy; persist with national independence and socialism; and the principles on Party building. The entire Party, people, and army will stay united and unified, and join efforts to capture opportunities and overcome challenges, building a truly pure and comprehensively strong Party and political system; rapidly and sustainably developing the country, and firmly safeguarding the Fatherland; turning Vietnam into a developing country with modern industry and upper middle income by 2030 when the Party marks its 100th founding anniversary, creating a solid foundation to complete the goal of becoming a developed, high-income socialist-oriented country by 2045 when the nation celebrates its 100th founding anniversary.



Milwaukee protests for Samuel Sharpe, murdered by police during

the RNC

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Coalition to March on the RNC: Statement on murder of Samuel Sharpe by out-of-town police

Milwaukee, July 17 - The Coalition to March on the RNC entirely condemns the Columbus, Ohio, Police shooting of Samuel Sharpe. For years, the Coalition has warned city officials of the dangers of bringing 4500 police officers from outside of our state. The Coalition has warned City officials about the dangers of suspending community won Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 575, which allows for the public to see police footage of critical incidents within 15 days and for the next of kin in 48 hours. The Coalition has warned City officials of the dangers of not doing background checks on all 4500 police officers that are coming to invade our city. How many murderers are in the midst of those 4500 police officers?

It is notable that the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department was present at our protest, putting themselves out there as supposed peacekeepers. It feels obvious to say that killing people, carrying weapons, is not a part of peacekeeping. It is also notable that the Milwaukee Police Department said they would keep outside agencies away from the broader Milwaukee community, which they failed to do.

The incident today is something that was predicted by Black and brown communities since the RNC was announced for Milwaukee; it is painful to say that these predictions came true. At the site of the shooting, Black Milwaukee teens who witnessed the shooting said they couldn't even play in the park anymore, that they felt too afraid, and that they would stay at home. This is nauseating to anyone of conscience and, unfortunately, business as usual for the racist and reactionary

Republicans.

Ultimately, this is the kind of environment that is brought to our city by the Republicans. Racist policing, racist killings and violence. Outside agencies have no business in our Black and brown communities, and we will firmly stand against it. Members of our coalition will be attending a vigil hosted by the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression at 8 PM tonight on 17th and Vliet.



Market Elections: How Democracy Serves the Rich

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Every four years, big money chooses the presidential candidates. Their war chests filled to the brim, they are then packaged by the media as “the people’s choice.”

It’s U.S.-style democracy—of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich.

But how do these chosen politicians win the votes of the millions as well as the

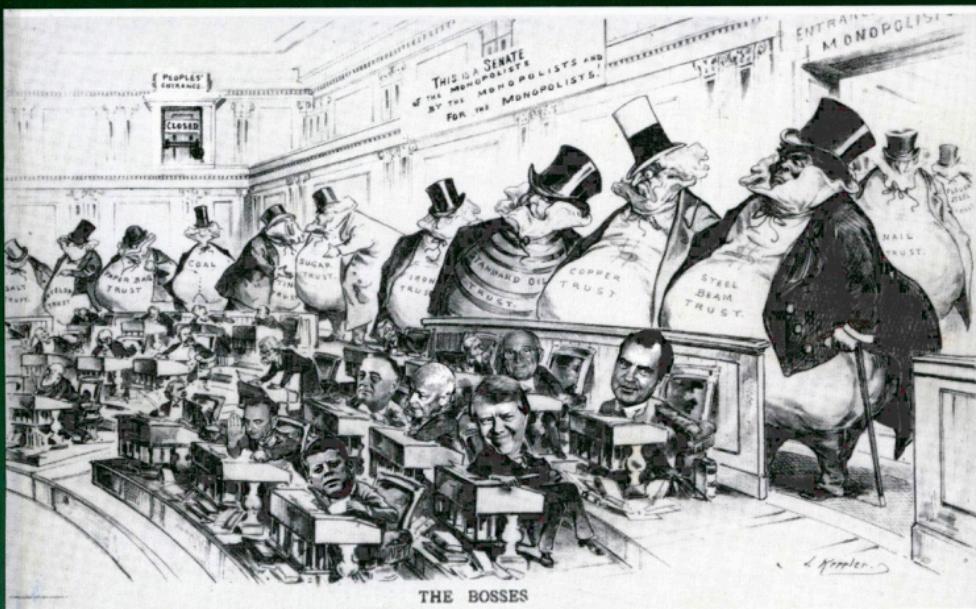
millionaires?

Vince Copeland explains the devious art of capitalist politics in this fascinating tour through the history of U.S. presidential elections. And he shows how mass movements can upset even the best-laid plans of the “king-makers.”

Who has been excluded from voting? How were electoral politics used to betray Black freedom after the Civil War? How did two Roosevelts wield reform at home to facilitate empire-building abroad? Why did no ‘normal’ elections take place between 1960 and 1976? *Market Elections* takes us into smoke-filled rooms and raucous conventions to tell the story.

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How DEMOCRACY SERVES THE RICH



LA protest against city funding Zionist vigilantes

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PRESS CONFERENCE: Over 20 Organizations to speak at LA City Hall against a proposed resolution in City Council that would provide upwards of \$1 million to Pro-Israel vigilante/security companies for Zionist Defense training.

When: 7:30AM Tuesday, July 2nd

Where: Los Angeles City Hall steps on Spring St.

Contact: John Parker (323)899-2003 (English), Ron Gochez (323)450-6113 (Spanish)

What: Over 20 organizations including Jewish, Palestinian, human rights and anti-racist organizations will demand that LA City Council members vote against a resolution that has been introduced by Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky that would

provide \$1 million of public funds to racist Zionist vigilante groups such as Magen Am that are composed of former IDF and US military soldiers. Magen Am trains Zionists to use guns, tasers, batons and hand-to-hand self-defense.

[Israel Defense Forces Veterans Hired To Protect Jewish Communities In Los Angeles \(standwithus.com\)](https://www.standwithus.com/press-releases/israel-defense-forces-veterans-hired-to-protect-jewish-communities-in-los-angeles)

The proposal is supposed to provide funding to protect pro-Israel Zionists from violence but the reality is that even mainstream media outlets have clearly reported that the majority of the violence that took place at UCLA and at the Adas Torah Synagogue Palestinian land auction event was clearly committed by pro-Israel counter protestors.

[How Counterprotesters at U.C.L.A. Provoked Violence, Unchecked for Hours – The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/01/us/ucla-violence.html)

[Unmasking Counterprotesters Who Attacked UCLA's pro-Palestine encampment | CNN](https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/01/us/ucla-pro-palestine-attack/index.html)

The proposal also vilifies Pro-Palestinian activists who continue to protest against the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Said Lulu Hammad, co-founder of Yalla Indivisible and the SoCal Ceasefire Coalition: “We are deeply concerned that Mayor Bass and the LA City Council are disregarding the concerns and experiences of the Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities in LA. Their actions are escalating tensions rather than fostering understanding. This motion and the Mayor’s statement painfully echo the bias we saw from then-Mayor Garcetti and the LA City Council in May 2021, when they condemned a supposed antisemitic attack at a sushi bar involving two pro-Palestine men—charges that were quietly dropped in 2023. (<https://forward.com/opinion/557568/los-angeles-jewish-diner-attack-sentence/>)

One would expect Mayor Bass to diligently understand the dynamics of her city, but

her actions are making Los Angeles less safe. Allocating public funds to private armed groups like Magen Am, implicated in violent incidents at UCLA, without addressing these attacks, amounts to funding local terrorism.”

Lisa Katz explained: “I grew up hearing stories about my family members who were murdered in the holocaust by the Nazis. It is my sacred obligation to do whatever I can to ensure no people anywhere ever experience what my ancestors did. Never Again means to anyone. Starving children to death, bombing families in their homes, destroying houses of worship and places of learning, these are Zionist values, not Jewish values. Zionism does not represent me, my family, or our Jewish values of tikkun olam and the sacredness of every life. This is a TERRIBLE idea. As a Jewish resident of this city, I and my family are completely against this absurd, reckless proposal.”

One of the organizers of the press conference, John Parker of the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice said: “If the city of Los Angeles funds violence and repression of constitutional rights of peaceful pro-Palestinian activists and assemblies, that would make LA Mayor Karen Bass and councilmembers complicit in genocide. What needs to be stopped is the ongoing violence by the LAPD and Sheriffs against Palestinian, Black and Brown victims here in Los Angeles County. The proposed resolutions to fund vigilante groups promoting white supremacy and genocide only empowers and encourages the systemic violence against our working class.”

Last year the South African Government, which also has a history of apartheid, successfully brought the case condemning humanitarian violations in the occupation by Israel in Gaza with the International Court of Justice warning that any enabling of genocide in Gaza is a war crime against humanity.

Attendees will go into city council’s hearings demanding that money should be used instead for social necessities, like the housing of unhoused students, and pointing

out that Mayor Bass' role in exacerbating tensions only encourages Zionist violence against protesters.



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France, Italy, Spain, Greece, and Portugal were widely popular for fighting against the capitalist governments responsible for the Second World War.

NATO is a military arm of the U.S. world empire. The domestic economies of all its member countries, including the U.S., bear the heavy cost of funding NATO. Being a NATO partner means funding U.S. military expansion. The U.S. is in the business of war.

Dwight Eisenhower, the first supreme commander of NATO, said in 1954, "We do not keep security establishments merely to defend property or territory or rights abroad or at sea. We keep the security forces to defend a way of life." That way of life is the increasing market concentration and the accumulation of wealth and economic power in the hands of a relatively small number of transnational corporations and ultra-rich individuals; monopoly capitalism, also called imperialism.

From its start, NATO adopted a strategic doctrine of "Massive Retaliation" - the threat of a total nuclear war against the Soviet Union. NATO's actions have drawn massive opposition to nuclear weapons and peace demonstrations throughout northern Europe.

An international peace seminar held on May 4 in Guantánamo, Cuba — near the illegal U.S. occupation of the Guantánamo Naval Base — brought together delegates from 30 countries demanding a world free of U.S. imperialist intervention and military bases.

The anti-imperialist meeting echoed the international repudiation of NATO's war operations under the direction and auspices of the U.S.

Iraklis Tsavdaridis, executive secretary of the World Council for Peace (CMP), noted that the U.S. imperialist military presence and NATO are not only the source of the Russia-Ukraine war but also support Israel's genocide against Palestinians.

Venezuelan researcher Gabriel Aguirre, representing World Beyond War, pointed out that according to public information, "there are 6 or more military bases with nuclear weapons in Italy, Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Germany, Turkey and it is very likely that there are others whose information is not in the public domain."

He added that "there are more than 900 U.S. military bases in 90 countries which of course turn this imperialist force into the main promoter of wars all over the world." More than 1.3 million military personnel are at these bases, the largest number of soldiers and bases stationed outside the country's national territory since the Vietnam War.

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Dockworkers in Greece refused to load arms shipment destined for Israel

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June 26 — The militant mobilization of dockworkers at Greece's major port, Piraeus, on Saturday, 15 June, led to the cancellation of the arrival of "MSC ALTAIR", a container ship transporting weaponry and ammunition to Israel.

As "Rizospastis" daily reported, MSC ALTAIR began its itinerary from Valencia, Spain, and was due to reach Israel via Piraeus. According to information, the cargo ship was carrying ammunition and other war material destined to be used by the IDF against the Palestinians in the slaughterhouse of Gaza.

The Dockworkers' Union ENEDEP in Piraeus declared its firm refusal to facilitate the cargo ship, forcing it to change its route towards Italy.

"We, the Piraeus' dockworkers declare that we will not accept whatsoever to unload the ship", they said in a statement, adding: "We won't participate in the slaughter of innocent people for the profits of the few. We are raising our children with humanity

and through our struggles we have taught them the lesson of solidarity, resistance and pride.”

In a statement, the Press Office of the CC of the [Communist Party of Greece](#) (KKE) denounced “the arrival at the Piraeus port of cargo ship MSC ALTAIR which among other things is transporting war material with Israel being the final destination [...] This is one more proof of the Greek government’s plans for the increasingly deeper involvement of the country in the U.S.-NATO plans and its support towards the ‘state-murderer’ of Israel, at the expense of the struggle of the Palestinian people.”

Source: [Labor Today International](#)



New York: Queer Liberation March, June 30

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for Black, Brown, Queer, Trans, Gender
Nonconforming, and Nonbinary Youth
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SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Meet up Sheridan Square: 11:00 am
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New York: Protest Biden - No war criminals at Pride, June 28

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NO WAR CRIMINALS AT PRIDE



Joe Biden is coming to NYC for a photo-op at Stonewall and his own “LGBTQ+ Gala” at Manhattan Center. Show up to reject zionism and the cooptation of queer people by genocidal politicians and corporations.

FRIDAY JUNE 28, 2024:
2PM at the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center,
51 Christopher Street
7PM at Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street

QUEERS REFUSE PINKWASHING

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New York City: Protest Genocide Joe Biden - No War Criminals At Pride!

Friday, June 28 - 2:00 p.m. - Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center, 51 Christopher Street

7:00 p.m. - Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street



Cuban expert discusses the presence of Russian ships in Cuba

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An interview with the Director of the Center for Investigations of International Politics (CIPI) José Ramón Cabañas, to the Spanish press outlet El Periódico on June 14, 2024

“Is this (the October Crisis) a valid referent for what is currently occurring ?”

Relating this news with what occurred in October 1962 is as inadequate as supposing that each time a U.S. naval detachment moves through Southeast Asia, alarms should be sounded in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Today, the USSR does not exist, nor does the so-called socialist bloc, and NATO has failed to keep all the promises made after the disappearance of both, promises not to

expand eastward, creating enormous strategic risks.

The installation of defensive missile systems in Cuba during that period occurred immediately after a military invasion of Cuba organized by the U.S. The Cuban government was always in favor of making this action public, the Soviet authorities opposed this, and the rest is well-known history. Today, Cuba and the U.S. have formal diplomatic relations and, therefore, various channels to deal with this and with other even more sensitive affairs. We are speaking of three naval vessels (a submarine, a tanker, and a tugboat) that have come to a Cuban port in a region in which the U.S. has 80 military bases and many other means of domination. Cuba has divulged the information in sovereign form, with adequate advance notice.

In recent years, we have received naval detachments from Canada, France, Spain, the UK, Japan, Holland, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Jamaica, China, and Russia on friendly and cooperative visits. The majority of these have not been worthy of international press attention. In fact, the arrival in Cuba on June 14 of a ship of the Royal Canadian Navy, the HMCS Margaret Brooke, has already been announced. Until now, the Canadians haven't been worth the headlines.

On June 5 2023, Cuba denounced the presence of a U.S. nuclear submarine on the outlying areas of the Naval Base located in the illegally occupied territory of Guantanamo, Cuba. Few media outlets in countries allied with the United States considered our concerns worthy of being a news item.

Therefore, we need to place each fact in its context and evaluate it in an objective way.

“How much should we be worried about the current situation?”

If this question is in reference to the particular fact of the naval visit, we repeat what we have already said, in the sense that it has no repercussions beyond bilateral

friendly Cuban-Russian relations.

Now, if this refers to the current situation in a more general context, there is a lot we should worry about. The genocide against Palestine has not stopped, and the international community is not capable of articulating a coherent response that can halt this massacre.

NATO insists on seeking a military solution in Ukraine, with the only goal of satisfying the great arms producers. The countries that have the greatest reserves of strategic (or desirable) minerals are those that are least developed, and they are victims of constant destabilization plans.

Humanity as a whole has not learned the basic lessons from the experiences of the struggle against COVID-19 and has not prepared for the next similar events, at the same time that biological weapons labs financed by military institutions proliferate in the world.

A fourth industrial revolution is taking place that will create even more disparity between the more developed countries and those that have been spurred on repeatedly to guarantee the well-being of the colonizers.

There are many reasons to worry and to see the concept of peace as a goal to be reached rather than as an already shared achievement.

“What are the potential consequences, what are the current real impacts and the threats to keep in mind , though they have not yet materialized?”

The theme that is worrying you has no other repercussions beyond the end of the visit to Cuba. If perhaps it remains in history, it will be another opportunity to attract attention to Cuban themes with a negative slant and, in passing, to stir up anti-Russian feelings.

Curiously enough, the press is very active in dealing with certain themes, but they seldom look back at what they have already said and fail to reflect on whether they have stuck to the truth or not. Just in the last few years, there has been unlimited speculation about supposed attacks on the health of foreign diplomats located in Havana and about a supposed Cuban military presence in Venezuela. Time and again, they have spoken of alleged Chinese spy stations in Cuba, and now there is a “worry” about the visit of three naval vessels.

But they do not give information about the inexplicable retaining of Cuba on the list of countries that supposedly patronize terrorism, made up by the U.S. State Department, and the impacts that this has for our economy.

They do not say that Cuba is one of the countries that has made the most contributions to peace, not just in Colombia but in the whole continent. It isn't reported that Cuba is the only country that has organized two summits of the Nonaligned Countries Movement (1979 and 2023) and two summits the South, or G77 plus China (2000 and 2023), all of which imply enormous support by the international community.

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