U.S. imperialism unleashes global war on workers
Time to declare war on capitalism

By Sharon Black

March 10 – One only has to look at who immediately benefited from the war. As we write, oil and gas billionaires in Texas are clinking their champagne glasses. They are giddy over the price-gouging on gas and oil and the resulting avalanche of profits lining their pockets.

Ditto for the U.S. arms dealers, who drool over the destruction of weapons stockpiles and the rise in their stock prices.

The same is true on the political side.

Biden’s State of the Union address before Congress turned into a frenzied war party, including the shameful chanting of “Fund, fund, fund the police” – their bipartisan answer to the Black Lives Matter movement’s call for defunding murderous police departments across the country.

And while they weep in their media about the tragic deaths of workers and miseries of refugees in Ukraine, not a word was said about the 14,000 people murdered by Ukraine in the Donbass region since the 2014 U.S.-sponsored coup, let alone the rest of the world.

But be assured that through their manufactured tears, they are finding time to celebrate, regardless of how many lives are lost.

Of course, this global war is not a brand new development. Ask the people of Yemen, Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Western Sahara, the Philippines and others who have suffered bombings, sanctions, destruction and death at the hands of the U.S. and the Pentagon – either directly or through proxies.

Sanctions have choked and strangled workers and children in Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe, Iran, North Korea and dozens of other countries. But the capitalist celebration may turn out to be short-lived.

This is not the same U.S. imperialism that emerged triumphant from the Second World War, but rather an imperialism with a contracting capitalist economy that faces a new world situation. The potential for this war to become broader should not be lost on anyone. And the onus must be placed at the feet of the U.S. rulers.

What is celebrated today, in an economy marked by runaway inflation, may usher in a more significant global capitalist recession. There is a tipping point where sanctions will become deleterious to the capitalist West’s ability to plunder Russia’s vast resources, just like in Iraq. They were happy, even if briefly, when Boris Yeltsin was doing their bidding in the 1990s, selling off Soviet assets and restoring capitalism. But it soon became apparent that the capitalist West had no intention to allow another competitor into its ranks; rather they viewed Russia’s oil, gas and mineral resources as loot and Russia as a vassal state.

Today may become a turning point for imperialism and the world’s working class.

Lessons of Iraq War forgotten

As for the mainstream anti-war movement, it has forgotten the lessons of the Iraq War.

When the first Gulf War started in 1990-1991, with its attendant lies and demonizations, the anti-war movement was split. Significant sections called for “sanctions, not bombs,” wanting to distance themselves from the embattled Iraqi people to their knees. It turned out that as murderous as U.S. missile strikes were, more people died from the decade of sanctions that followed, designed to bring the Iraqi people to their knees. It would take a more expansive and continuing war, fueled by the lies of “weapons of mass destruction,” to ultimately accomplish that.

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was labeled a deviant; one lie after the other mounted to justify murderous U.S. bombings and the use of depleted uranium weapons.

This writer clearly remembers speaking at a debate against the Gulf War organized by Congressperson Kweisi Mfume, who at that time was a TV host. Mfume supported the war.

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USA is a country of war, not democracy!
Whose interest does it serve?

By Lallan Schoenstein

Proverb: a short pithy saying in general use, stating a general truth or piece of advice.

There are a couple of simple prov- erbs that have borne the wisdom of their meaning through the ages. Although limited, these two fit current developments in Ukraine.

- Divide and conquer
- Whose interest does it serve?

Everyone who has experienced the evil machinations of a boss who destroys unity between workers understands that the boss needs to “divide and conquer”. In order to maintain dominance. Think of the sabotage of last year’s union drive of Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama.

Consider the history of the United States. Who benefited from the social construct of racism and why does it continue to play out in a myriad of lethal oppressions?

The militarization of the U.S. took root well before the U.S. Constitution was written. It began when settlers usurped the land of the original people. These settlers are still honored for stealing the homes of the Indigenous peoples.

The old colonial empires spanning the globe maintained their rule by creating divisions. Think of the history of Ireland.

In India, the seeds of the division between Hindus and Muslims were cemented by British colonialism. When the British were finally driven out, they left their former colony partitioned, with tens of millions displaced and more than a million killed.

Currently the power of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party rests on its campaign against Muslims.

In modern times, an endless list of U.S. imperialist wars have ravaged the world.

Beginning in 1980, the CIA-run contra war was designed to crush the liberation struggle in Central America. It was funded by traffic in guns and drugs. Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North – a member of Ronald Reagan’s National Security Council – was found to be one of those orchestrating this.

Those drugs flooded the streets of U.S. cities in an attempt to stifle the progressive movements fighting for jobs, housing, medical care and education.

Think of how the U.S. media portrays each new U.S. intervention as a “just fight” in wars where the social structures of the targeted countries are totally devastated. Then look at the deteriorating conditions within the U.S. itself.

There was a time when U.S. military expansion benefited the U.S. economy. Those who gained small privileges as a result were encouraged to support, or merely ignore, U.S. imperialist wars. Now very few enjoy the spoils, but the greed of the 1% is insatiable.

Much is gained by understanding the dynamics of the class struggle. Nothing is changed without a conscious struggle to change it.
When stopping racist killer cops is needed
Biden endorses more police

By John Parker

The Washington Post Fatal Shootings Database reports 7,087 people shot and killed by the police since 2015. Even when we talk about racist police murder in the U.S. we have to say that this is an outrageous number in itself. Why does the U.S. have the highest amount of police killings compared to any other developed country?

It’s an indication of repression against working people in general, to discourage any protest against injustice, wage slavery and exploitation and the destruction of our environment.

When you add the fact that Black people are killed at twice the rate of white people we see an even greater problem relating to racism and genocidal Black and Brown youth. The problem with racism and white supremacy are so deadly to our class.

The Washington Post began tracking the numbers of killings by police when it realized that the FBI’s numbers were only half of the actual shootings in 2014.

More recently, the New York Times published an article titled “More Than Half of Police Killings Are Mislabeled.” It reported the results of a study conducted by researchers at the University of Washington and published in the Lancet, the world-renowned medical journal. The study confirmed that police violence has been grossly underreported for at least four decades.

So, the problem with police reporting was exposed to the world and to the administration of Barack Obama in 2015 by the Washington Post, yet nothing was done to correct it, and it still persists here in 2022.

That parallels the crisis of police killings since 2015—from the Obama administration and now the Biden administration—and the Biden administration—where it has remained steady at nearly 1,000 per year.

Why? Because the problem is systemic. Since racism is an integral part of capitalism, it doesn’t matter whether a Democratic or a Republican can regime is in power. Racism and racist repression are primary tools in maintaining this system. They are perpetuated to keep the working class divided and weak.

Biden and Mayor Adams

Biden’s Feb. 3 visit with New York’s Mayor Eric Adams means more of the same, or perhaps worse. Adams is a former cop and advocate of continuing police brutality and increasing the already inhumane treatment in New York prisons.

During his visit, Biden said: “Mayor or Adams, you and I agree. The answer is not to abandon our streets. The answer is to come together, police and communities,” Biden said at the NYPD headquarters. “The answer is not to ‘defund the police’ It’s to give you the tools, the training, the funding to be partners, to be protectors.”

This is a repeat of Biden’s callous suggestion in regard to genocidal police killings highlighted by the George Floyd killing in Minneapolis: that the cops should just shoot people in the leg; that the militarized weapons they carry and the funds to buy more of those weapons that terrorize communities of color are not an issue.

Mayor Adams has made reactionary statements in regard to hiding racist police killings, pushing right-wing buttons. He has called for the use of more solitary confinement, which is already being used illegally across the nation—calling it “puritive segregation.” He wants more minors to face criminal prosecution as adults, and more.

A UN organization, the Office for the High Commission for Human Rights, last year did a report on racial justice and equality relating to “current racially inspired human rights violations, systemic racism, police brutality and violence against peaceful protests.”

The report highlighted four areas to prioritize to end systemic racism and the violations by law enforcement against Africans and people of African descent. These are, as highlighted on the UN High Commission website:

• STEP UP: Stop denying and start dismantling
• PURSUE JUSTICE: End impunity and build trust
• LISTEN UP: People of African descent must be heard
• REDRESS: Confront past legacies, take special measures and deliver reparatory justice

Nothing that Biden is proposing with his friend, Mayor Adams, addresses these points—just the opposite. It is Mr. Biden, Obama, and especially the fascist former president Trump, have done nothing but enable police murder.

Biden and Kamala Harris refused to even consider taking funds from the police or reorganizing the police to make them less lethal, especially against Black and Brown communities. Barack Obama, during his administration, was approached by Black Lives Matter activists pleading for him to take the military weapons, like assault weapons and tanks, away from police. He offered only to make sure all cops would have cameras instead—and we’ve seen how that has not slowed down the murders by cops.

The Democrats and Republicans are given their marching orders from the super-rich who put them in power. Stopping police violence threatens their vital tool to keep in place the status quo of exploitation and racism, so it is not allowed to be discussed in any real way.

It will take a movement specifically against police murder, prioritizing the protection of Black and Brown youth. The terror of police violence is used to murder Black and Brown youth, to make any real changes.

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dismantled after the counterrevolution in the Soviet Union, German Democratic Republic and other Warsaw Pact countries? Instead, NATO has grown and grown.

But there are also significant differences between Iraq and Russia. Russia has a population of 144 million people. Its landmass is close to 40 times larger than Iraq. Most importantly, it inherited nuclear weapons from the Soviet Union and has developed formidable defenses.

What’s different is that the Russian Federation would likely have already shared the fate of Libya and Iraq.

War is continuation of politics by other means

Imperialism forces other countries to defend their borders. Russia not only shares a border in Eastern Europe with Ukraine, but it also shares an extensive 2,655-mile border with China.

These facts are not lost on the People’s Republic of China. To weaken Russia, potentially overthrow Putin, in the guise of putting in a more “democratic regime” (meaning friendly to the West), would place China in an untenable military situation.

This also cannot be divorced from the Sept. 15, 2023, trilateral security agreement between the U.S., Britain and Australia, referred to as AUKUS, which included the delivery of a nuclear-powered submarine fleet for Australia. It undercut a deal worth 90 billion for France. So much for Washington’s NATO allies!

At the same time, the United States Africa Command, AFRICOM, was busy involving itself in coups from Mali to Guinea and, more recently, Burkina Faso. Flooding the continent with billions of dollars in military hardware and training through AFRICOM is U.S. imperialism’s answer to China’s “Belt and Road Initiative,” which has taken up building needed infrastructure in Africa.

All of this speaks to the global nature of U.S. imperialism’s war in Ukraine. It is aimed not just at Russia and Donbas but at China, Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Nicaragua and any people on any continent struggling to defend their country.

These facts are not lost on the United States, which saw the differences between China, Russia, Iran and others. This is no concern in the myopic vision of the imperialist rulers, who are driven by the inner workings of their own capitalist system to expand or die.

Fascism, Russia and Ukraine

It is an error to forget the history of fascism and the Nazi advance into the Soviet Union.

Hitler’s war—World War II—is etched into the psyche of the Russian people and all former Soviet peoples. The Soviet Union was left to bear the brunt of the German invasion. Hitler’s forces were not only bent on exterminating Jews, Roma people and queer people, but also communists and leftists. It was aimed straight at the heart of the fledgling Soviet socialist revolution.

The heroic resistance and sacrifices of the Russian people and their partisan communist allies are undeniable. There is not a single person in Russia today who does not have members of their family tree who died in the fight to stop the Nazis.

The Soviet nation bore the brunt of casualties—over 15% of the population. Belarus lost over a quarter of its people. It’s estimated that over 27 million Soviet people lost their lives.

The United States is at the very bottom in terms of World War II casualties. Selgin mentioned that China lost over 20 million people, far exceeding U.S. losses.

The sympathy of the Russian people for the people of the Democratic Republic, Odessa and others repressed inside Ukraine is not contrived but deeply felt. And the mass pressure over Ukrainian issues should not be shoved aside.

It is a form of cynical, opportunist intellectualism for some who call themselves anti-imperialists or anti-war to dismiss the fascist threat inside Ukraine. One does not even

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Three indomitable women

By Lallan Schoenstein

**Standing up against war fever**

Rosa Luxemburg, born in 1871, was a Polish and naturalized German revolutionary socialist. She taught Marxism and economics for the German Social Democratic Party in Berlin. Her rhetorical skill was formidable.

After the Russian Revolution of 1917, she and other leaders had tremendous prestige among the workers on the European continent. In the Social Democratic Party of Germany's women's section, she met Clara Zetkin, with whom she became a life-long ally.

Facing the imminent danger of World War I, Luxemburg worked with V.I. Lenin and others on the “Bolshevik Manifesto” that was addressed to the Extraordinary International Socialist Congress held in November 1912.

“If a war threatens to break out,” said the resolution, “it is the duty of the working classes and their parliamentary representatives in the countries involved to take control of the coordinating activity of the International Socialist Bureau, to exert every effort in order to prevent the outbreak of war. In case war should break out anyway,” the resolution continued, “it is their duty to intervene in favor of its speedy termination and with all their powers to utilize the economic and political crisis created by the war to arouse the people and there-
Is Russia imperialist?

By Gary Wilson

For socialists, the fundamental understanding of imperialism goes back to World War I and is found in the pamphlet written by V.I. Lenin, titled "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism."

Imperialism is not a policy chosen by one government and dropped by another. Imperialism is a system.

The First World War was the outcome of imperialism. Lenin wrote, an imperial war waged for the political and economic exploitation of the world, export markets, sources of raw materials, capital investment, etc. The imperialist powers raised huge armies and navies, not only to forcibly subjugate oppressed people in the colonies, but to make war against other imperialist countries competing for control.

According to Lenin, the world was already divided among the great capitalist powers when he wrote "Imperialism" in 1916. The war resulted in a further intensification of imperialist relations. The United States emerged from WWI as the world's most powerful imperialist country, gaining control of former European empires in Asia and Africa.

The overt movement of the socialist Soviet Union and all the former Soviet republics into independent national states was a dismantling of a planned economy, resulting in capitalist economies that are under-developed. There has not been a sudden, almost magical appearance of an imperialist Russia.

Lenin thought that there were a few characteristics of imperialism, including the rise of finance capital and export of capital, to determine a country to become imperialist. The U.S., for example, exports not just commodities but capital and thus does not have the export of raw materials. U.S. banks are at the center of world commerce.

Russia's economy almost neocolonial

Today, capitalist Russia's GDP is smaller than that of South Korea or India, with a basic economy that is almost neocolonial, dependent on the exchange of raw materials such as oil and ores. This is the classic economic relationship of a colony to imperial finance capital. In the list of the top 50 banks in the world, not one is Russian. The ruble is not a currency of trade. Russia does not export capital.

During the Soviet period, Russia and the other republics that formed the Soviet Union were in the form of loans or investments. The U.S. banks are at the center of world commerce.

Yeltsin finished the job of dismantling the Leninist system that Gorbachev began. The years of Yeltsin are now remembered as perhaps the worst period in Russian history. It was a 1,000-year period during which the greatest economic disaster any country has seen in modern times, in war or peace. Ukraine had the second-largest economy in the USSR. "Independ" Ukraine is now the poorest country in Europe. By country income in 2020, some 45% of the population were in the poor category, according to a study by the Ptkhka Institute. The IMF has just pointed out, for example, the conditions for fascist gangs to emerge.

Putin's role

Putin, who was Yeltsin's prime minister and chosen successor, took a more protectionist direction, unlike Yeltsin and Gorbachev, who hadawn on the West. This is why many in Moscow from the policies of Yeltsin and Gorbachev that had oriented the economy to exporting raw materials? Did Putin adopt a policy of industrialization?

Under Putin, there has been little growth of Russia's manufacturing production that had been demoralized by the "perestroika" reforms. Manufacturing is the foundation of any successful modern economy. Yet, under Putin, Russia is a country mainly as an exporter of raw materials.

Russia now accounts for about 6% of the global aluminum supply, 3.5% of the copper supply, and 4% of the cobalt supply. And Russia is the world's largest producer of crude oil and second-largest producer of dry natural gas, after the U.S.

Russia is in the top 10 exporters of grain crops, including barley, corn, rye, and especially wheat. From 2017-2019, it was the biggest exporter of wheat, accounting for about 30% of world exports.

Russia is a capitalist state, but that does not make it imperialist. Not all capitalist countries are imperialist nations. For example, Mexico is a capitalist country with an economy that's similar in size to Russia's, but Mexico is an imperialist country or an exploited country? Saying that it is capitalist is not enough to know the answer.

Lenin named at least four characteristics of imperialism: concentration of production into monopoly; merging of bank capital with industrial capital, creating finance capital; the export of capital; the fusion of finance capital and the state.

Russia's economy almost neocolonial

The role of finance capital may be the most important. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have taken over the economies of the world. The dollar (not gold) is the world's largest producer of crude oil and second-largest producer of dry natural gas, after the U.S.

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Maiden coup

In Ukraine, the so-called Maiden coup in 2014 that was openly supported and financed by NATO put the government that made NATO membership a policy mandate. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has repeatedly requested Ukraine's entrance into NATO. On Feb. 19, Zelensky demanded, once again, entry to NATO, saying, "Eight years ago, Ukrainians made their choice [the Maiden coup]."

Actually, many Ukrainians resisted the Maiden coup, particularly in the working class. In the Maiden civil war, fascist gangs emerged as a force for the coup. Resistance to the coup was strongest in the eastern section of the country. In Odessa, a neo-nazi pro-Maidan gang targeted the Odessa House of Trade Unions, near the center of the resistance. The building was firebombed and at least 48 anti-fascists and labor activists were burned alive.

The resistance to the Maiden coup has continued from 2014, to today. The independent Donetsk People's Republic and Lugansk People's Republic were created when the people there voted overwhelmingly (96% and 96%) to secede from the Maidan regime. They have been subjected to continuous attack since then, particularly by the Ukrainian National Guard's Azov regiment, a neo-nazi stormtrooper-like operation. More than 14,000 have been killed in Ukraine's war on Donets and Lugansk.

As U.S. Ambassador Burns predicted, Russia was pushed into a corner by the unrelenting drive for NATO entry to Ukraine as well as the growing buildup of neo-nazi militias and the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republic. Ukraine had promised in the Minsk agreements it signed in 2014 and 2015 there would be a ceasefire, an end to all fighting, withdrawal of heavy weapons, release of prisoners of war, and the recognition of self-government in Donetsk and Lugansk. Ukraine fulfilled none of these promises.

Putin may not be an anti-imperialist leader, but the Russian military operation to "demilitarize and denazify" Ukraine and recognize the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic is a move against imperialism, U.S. and NATO imperialism.
Imperialist propaganda and Ukrainian Jews

By Lev Koufax

Since it began, 2022 has been a year of intense U.S. imperialist saber rattling against Vladimir Putin and the Russian government. The U.S. military-industrial complex and Western media have pushed a narrative that any Russian incursion into the Ukraine is an Invasion. Prior to the start of actual Russian military action, the U.S. propaganda machine sensationalized for months that a “Russian Invasion is imminent.”

As we have previously written, Russia is not the true aggressor in this situation. Since an alliance of fascists and military brass coerced the popularly elected government in 2014, Ukraine and its imperialist allies have waged literal and economic warfare against the two Donbas republics. Struggle-La Lucha has thoroughly covered the real reasons behind the aggression. Any Russian military operation in the Ukraine is really an act of self-defense against nearly a decade of war and provocation from NATO and the Ukrainian government.

In recent weeks, in addition to the fascist and imperialist bullying, another disturbing trend has developed in the media in regard to the Ukrainian Jewish community. The U.S. corporate media have utilized the war crisis as an opportunity to push Zionist ideology and mudsling history. The aim of this media blitz has been to falsely compare Russia and Nazi Germany, with the hopes of pushing more Jews towards Zionism. This strategy is as insidious as it is cynical. What makes this propaganda beyond despicable is the long history of nationalist collaboration with Nazi Germany and the present alliance between the government and neo-Zionists.

Personal note

In 1905, a young Ukrainian Jewish woman arrived at Ellis Island, New York. Her name was Anna Jacob Goldstein. Anna's father, decided it was time to move his family away from Russia. Ukraine was part of the Russian Empire at the time, where anti-Semitic pogroms were as common as the sunrise. That young woman, Anna, was my great-grandmother. A few years after my great-grandmother left her small village in the Ukraine, the Bolshevik Revolution led Russia into a new era. It is important to realize that the 1932 oppression of the Jewish community was a significant contributing factor to the Bolshevik Revolution. My community was tired of the violence and the hate. It was for that reason that many Jews took up arms against the Tsar in the revolution of 1917.

That Revolution led to the formation of the USSR, a socialist state that fought for the rights of all oppressed people inside and outside of its borders. Less than 40 years after that revolution, the vile specter of fascism and hatred would haunt Ukraine and the surrounding area again. Eventually, it would be the troops of the USSR that destroyed that specter and liberated Jews from Nazi concentration camps.

Ukraine and the Holocaust

In 1941, there were just under three million Jews living in what is now known as Ukraine. That same year, Nazi Germany gained control of most of the western part of the USSR as part of Operation Barbarossa. This offensive was a violation of the non-aggression pact between the two countries and resulted in the Nazi occupation of Ukraine.

Almost immediately after Nazi forces occupied the western USSR, Adolf Hitler ordered the formation of SS death squads. These death squads were called “einsatzgruppen” and were particularly brutal in the Nazi-occupied regions of Eastern Europe. These death squads went to work immediately, targeting the Jewish community, as well as all other Soviet citizens in Ukraine, with confinement, torture, and murder. Starting on September 16, 1941, Nazi forces commenced an extermination campaign against the city of Mykolaiv, Ukraine. Within two weeks, over 35,000 people were murdered, the majority of them Jewish. Towards the end of the Mykolaiv massacre, the most infamous Nazi massacre of Jews occurred. In a single day — a single day — Nazi forces killed 33,771 Jews in the Babi Yar ravine outside of Kiev. This thronor’s extended family were some of the many who fell at Babi Yar. The Babi Yar massacre was followed by a violent campaign of terror against all Soviet citizens in the area that resulted in approximately 150,000 deaths. Many were Jews. Many were not.

It would be dishonest to discuss these atrocities without discussing Ukrainian collaboration with the Nazi occupiers. German Nazis were unfortunately not the sole perpetrators of these crimes against humanity. In fact, many of these massacres were carried out by Ukrainian Nazis. Large movements of Ukrainian nationals branding themselves as “nationalists” enacted constant horrors against Jewish, Ukrainian, and Russian people in the region. These groups included the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA).

Both of these organizations espoused fascist and anti-Semitic ideology, and openly collaborated with Adolf Hitler’s forces. Tons of thousands of Jews, Poles, and Russians were slaughtered at the hands of these groups. Many of their leaders ultimately joined SS police battalions. This included the massacre of 6,000 Jews in Lviv by the Ukrainian People’s Militia, a wing of the OUN, immediately after the city fell to Nazi forces.

The remaining years of the war would see a litany of atrocities carried out not only by the Nazi army, but by the OUN and the UPA. The horrors inflicted by these groups and their leaders cannot be understated. When the Holocaust ended, the Nazis and their Ukrainian allies had killed over one million Ukrainian Jews. The Jewish population in Ukraine was nearly halved.

Unfortunately, and inexplicably, today the Ukrainian government lauds many of the OUN and UPA’s leaders as national heroes. In 2010, outgoing right-wing Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych awarded UPA leader Stepan Bandera the “Hero of Ukraine” award. Bandera was a virulent and violent anti-Semite who organized many pogroms against the Jewish community during World War II. Yanukovych, officially repealed the award. However, the Ukrainian parliament has attempted twice, in 2018 and 2019, to reinstate the award. The 2019 attempt was championed by Servant of the People, current President Volodymyr Zelensky’s political party. As recently as Jan. 1, 2022, various Ukrainian nationalist organizations led mass marches through Kiev in celebration of nazi-collaborator Bandera’s birthday.

Also in 2019, the Kiev City Council renamed two city streets after noto.

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Zelensky, Babi Yar and Aidar

By Lev Koufax

On March 2, Western corporate media reported that the Russian military launched a missile strike that damaged the Babi Yar Holocaust memorial in Kiev. Supposedly this memorial was damaged when Russian missiles destroyed a TV tower used by the Ukrainian government to push anti-Russian propaganda.

While Russia did launch an attack on a Ukrainian TV tower, the Babi Yar memorial was not damaged. Reports from local Ukrainian news outlets and independent Western media sources confirmed this. Ynet News is the online publication of Ynet, the largest newspaper in Israel. Photographs clearly show that all statues are intact and the site remains unscathed from the military conflict.

Nonetheless, the corporate media continue to circulate a false claim that the Russian military targeted the memorial. Truth doesn’t matter to the imperialist media. It’s as simple as that.

Aidar soldiers captured

In the first days of March, combined Russian and Donetsk People’s Republic forces launched a successful offensive against the Ukrainian nazi Aidar Battalion. These attacks resulted in the dismantling of Aidar’s high command and the destruction of Aidar headquarters.

During this offensive, DPR forces captured many Aidar Battalion soldiers. Armenian and Ukrainian independent media were able to take pictures of one soldier, who, on his neck and back, had an iron eagle tattoo and the Latin term “Suum Cuique.” That term translates into German as “Jedem Das Seine.” It roughly means, “To each what he deserves.”

“Jedem Das Seine” was a common German Nazi slogan and actually donned the gates at Buchenwald concentration camp. Every Jew, Roma person, LGBTQ+ person, communist or anyone else who entered Buchenwald saw that slogan.

Aidar Battalion’s commander was recently named governor of Odessa by President Zelensky. Odessa is home to one of Ukraine’s largest and most historic Jewish communities. These are the types of people the Western media wants the working class to support: Nazi commanders and soldiers donning concentration camp slogan tattoos.
Action at Ukrainian Embassy demands: Free Kononovich brothers!

By Struggle-La Lucha
Washington bureau

March 8 – Amidst the torrent of anti-Russian war propaganda in the United States, members of the Socialist Unity Party and Youth Against War and Racism went to the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, D.C., to picket and deliver a letter from people’s organizations demanding the immediate release of Aleksandr Kononovich and Mikhail Kononovich.

The brothers, leaders of the Leninist Communist Youth Union, were detained March 6 by the notorious Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). The action was in response to a call by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) to take action to save the lives of the Kononovich brothers.

The letter states:
"To whom it may concern,

Our organizations have been alerted by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) to the immediate release of Aleksandr Kononovich and Mikhail Kononovich. Both were detained March 6 by the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). The action was in response to a call by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) to take action to save the lives of the Kononovich brothers.

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This is why we want to express our demand for their immediate release. We would also like to express our concern about their state of health.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Los Angeles

By Struggle-La Lucha for Socialism, nationwide locations

Socialist Unity Party, nationwide locations
Peoples Power Assembly, Baltimore
Youth Against War & Racism, Baltimore"
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rious Ukrainian Nazi collaborators, Nikol Khaseyevich and Ivan Pavlenko. Pavlenko was personally responsible for the murder of Jews during World War II and eventually came toSimilar statements were made by Khaseyevich. Khaseyevich was a leader in the OUN and one of the most famous Nazi propagandists of the time. It should be noted that Vish Krijikov, a Russian who championed these proposals, is still in office.

As is the case with the Ukrainian government, this has continued to honor fascists, particularly since 2014. This has not changed even with the election of President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Contemporary neo-Nazi movements

Corporate media today would have us believe that Russia is an inher-ent threat to Jewish life. There is no doubt that at the turn of the 21st century, the Russian Tzar and his empire were a grave threat to Jewish life. However, times have changed. The only threat to Jewish life in this conflict is the fascist Ukrainian government filled to the brim with Nazi collaboration.

As if the incessant historical praise of World War II-era Nazis wasn’t enough, the Ukrainian government has continued to support various neo-Nazi militarist and political parties in the present day. Ever since the European Union and the Dutch government have been heavily influ-enced, if not controlled, by this fascist movement.

Just three years ago, the Nation published a telling expose on the World war and Russia

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aggression proves it. Now, its expansionist attempt is one of the main reasons for the situation in Ukraine.

SOCIALIST KOREA

A declaration by the Foreign Min-
ist of South Korea [36] noted that the North Korean government is not a democracy. It’s not even a state. North Korea is a fascist state. It has consistently exercised the same policies as those that led to the sinking of the USS Cole.

The present international order is an example of this. The United States, in particular, has consistently been responsible for the murder of Jews during World War II and eventually came to control the government of Ukraine. It has orchestrated the murder of Jews throughout the world. The United States has consistently been responsible for the murder of Jews during World War II and eventually came to control the government of Ukraine. It has orchestrated the murder of Jews throughout the world.

People’s Republic of China

In numerous official statements, articles and social media posts, the government and people of China – the Chinese people – made clear their opposition to NATO and are responsible for the unfolding crisis in Eastern Europe.

On Feb. 27, the diplomatic legation of the People’s Republic of China in Moscow reminded the world that “Of the 248 armed conflicts that occurred between the years 1945 and 2001 in 153 regions of the world, 201 were initiated by the U.S., accounting for 81 percent of the total number.”

The Chinese government emphasized that “The Chinese government must make every effort to prevent the hot war in Ukraine.”

The Chinese government made clear that the United States is the enemy of the Jewish community. Fascism is the enemy of the Jewish community. Imperialism is the enemy of the Jewish community.

Emigration to Israel won’t keep the Jewish community safe. Solidarity will. We must do better.

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Why North Korea resists U.S. threats with military readiness

By Scott Scheffer

Among the statements from numerous countries and left organizations around the world that are condemning the imperialist and left movements, North Korean leaders understand full well that military readiness is the only guarantee of survival against the United States.

Based on their own history, having survived the brutality and experienced the treachery of U.S. imperialism, they know that the blame for the current crisis belongs at the doorstep of the White House.

In the 1950-1953 war that left the Korean peninsula divided in half, North Korea endured one of the most brutal military assaults of the 20th century. Millions of North Korean people lost their lives. Pyongyang and other cities were leveled by U.S. bombers. Civilians were trapped in buildings set ablaze by the U.S. military.

It was a great military feat that North Korea and its allies not only stopped the insult but drove the imperialists back to the U.S.-imposed division at the 38th parallel.

Since 1953, the U.S. has refused to sign a peace treaty with North Korea, and has maintained bases, tens of thousands of troops and at times nuclear weapons in South Korea. U.S. Navy warships patrol the waters nearby and nuclear-capable B-52 bombers are stationed in Guam.

Still, the DPRK leadership has refused to give up its policy of prioritizing military preparedness, called “Songun,” which translates to “military first.”

Origins of Songun policy

On Feb. 8, North Korea celebrated Army Day, marking the foundation of the Korean People’s Army in 1948. There is also a second holiday, Military Foundation Day on April 25, that commemorates the day in 1932 when a brilliant Korean anti-Japanese resistance leader named Kim Il Sung founded its predecessor, the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army.

Kim Sung’s family were aktivists in the struggle and had to flee to Manchuria to escape heavy repression when he was a child. Kim joined and fought alongside guerrilla associations with Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong. His brilliance came to the attention of the Soviet leadership, soon he became a major in the Soviet Red Army and led a division consisting entirely of Korean resistance fighters. Soon he became a major in the Soviet Red Army and led a division consisting entirely of Korean resistance fighters. Soon he became a major in the Soviet Red Army and led a division consisting entirely of Korean resistance fighters. Soon he became a major in the Soviet Red Army and led a division consisting entirely of Korean resistance fighters.

Kim and his troops rescued the Red Army’s all but destroyed division on its way to Moscow. Kim’s troops and the Red Army chased Japan down to the 38th parallel.

In 1945, the U.S. had posed as Korea’s liberator. But it was apparent by the close of World War II that the U.S. was the new imperialist colonizer.

In an interview, al-Jaafari said: “The question is whether or not the United States will succeed in imposing a unipolar regime on all countries of the world, including Russia and China. That is, the issue is related to geopolitics and not to politics in the simple sense of the word. Therefore, Syria is part of the scene, and China, Venezuela and Iran are part of this scene in the geopolitical sense.”

On Feb. 25, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad spoke with Russian President Putin to express his solidarity with the anti-fascist military operation and condemn the imperialists’ “dirty methods to support terrorists in Syria and Nazis in Ukraine.”

President Assad stressed that what is happening today is a correction of history and a restoration of balance in the global order after the fall of the Soviet Union,” the Syrian government announced.

Assad also said that “Syria stands with the Russian Federation based on its conviction that its position is correct and because confronting NATO expansionism is Russia’s right.”

Washington held the southern half of the Korean peninsula hostage.

In the five years preceding the Korean War, U.S. imperialism turned all-out war to suppress the movement of the south, murdering hundreds of thousands, arming a brutal new regime and readying itself for the attack on the north.

After the north’s astonishing victory, the U.S. and the West would seek their imperialist policies of hegemony by fair means or foul.

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Although the hypocritical outburst against Syria in Ukraine has disoriented many in the anti-imperialist and left movements, North Korean leaders understand full well that military readiness is the only guarantee of survival against the United States.

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military campaign in Ukraine? Such stances prove that the strongest is respected in this world while the weak are oppressed.”

SYRIA

Hezbollah, along with the governments of Syria and Iran, form the heart of resistance against U.S. imperialism in Western Asia. Together with Russia, they have fought to free Syria from the ultra-right Daesh Takfiri terror group.

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The U.S. disrupted the stability of the country by interfering in its affairs and organizing rallies and creating a color coup,” Khamenei explained. “We oppose the killing of people and the destruction of the infrastructure of nations.

If the people of Ukraine had been involved, the Ukrainian government wouldn’t be in this situation. The people didn’t get involved because they didn’t approve of the government,” he said.

“The American regime is a perfect example of modern ignorance. This regime is a crisis-producing and crisis-consuming regime, and it feeds off creating crises in the world.”

According to Press TV, “As an example, the leader pointed to the U.S. formation of the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group, denouncing Washington for plundering oil resources in eastern Syria, stealing Afghani stan’s assets, and supporting Israeli crimes against Palestinians.”

“The leader then pointed to the West’s double standards in dealing with the crisis in Ukraine, stating that Western countries support the killing of Yemeni people in the Saudit war but they call for an end to the Ukraine crisis.”

“If the United States fails to create a crisis, the arms factories will not be able to make the most of it,” Khamenei said. “They have to create crises in order to maximize the interests of these mafias.”

TURKISH MOVEMENT

Turkey’s repressive government, a brutalized, imposed NATO war on Syria. It is also arming Ukraine with deadly drones and threats to block Russian access to the Black Sea by targeting the Crimean Straits.

The revolutionary music group Grup Yorum has suffered greatly from repression by Turkey’s govemment. Not only is it banned from giving concerts, but several members...
Do you know what’s happening in Ukraine? The media lies

By Gary Wilson

The first casualty of war is truth. To that could be added: Propaganda is the first weapon used in war. The U.S. military-industrial-media complex is working overtime on Ukraine.

Unreported or hidden by the U.S. media, for example, is the fact that civilian casualties in Ukraine are relatively few. The Ukrainian health ministry, after the first week of the Russian “demilitarization and de-nazification” operation, put the number of civilian deaths at around 200.

Five days later, as this is being written, the number is now in the range of 300 to 400, according to Michael Brenner, professor of international affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.

By contrast, when the U.S. launched George Bush’s “shock and awe” invasion of Iraq in 2003, some 7,816 Iraqi civilians were killed in the first weeks of the murderous assault.

Professor Brenner says of Ukraine today: “Russian forces are calculatingly avoiding attacks on urban centers … Moscow has no interest in subjugating the country to its rule.”

“In comparison, the Ukrainian army has been shelling the city centers of Lugansk and Donetsk, producing casualties estimated by a U.S. agency at more than 1,300 (3 or 4 times what objective observers estimate on the Ukrainian government’s side of the battle lines). Also, the [Lugansk and Donetsk] water system has been destroyed [by Ukrainian forces]. Yet, these facts are unreported and unnoted.”

On March 2, President Biden was asked whether Russian forces are deliberately targeting civilian areas in Ukraine. Biden answered, “It’s clear they are.” Brenner notes that this was an outright lie, picked up and transmitted by the U.S. media without comment.

Readers and viewers of the U.S. media are being fed propaganda that’s meant to whip up an anti-Russia, anti-Putin war frenzy. Like all U.S. war propaganda, there is an underlying white supremacist theme.

“White supremacy is at the heart of U.S. war propaganda,” says Margaret Kimberley, executive editor of Black Agenda Report. “The exhortation to ‘stand up for Ukraine’ is no exception to this rule.”

This also means there is no understanding of what is happening, excluding the actual events now taking place in Ukraine.

Putin is not crazy, Russia is not failing

The British Daily Mail warned in a headline: “Putin is NOT crazy and the Russian invasion is NOT failing.”

Patrick Armstrong, a former analyst in the Canadian Department of National Defense who was in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow in 1993-1996, wrote on March 4: “So far the Russian military operation in Ukraine has been a reconnaissance in force preceded by the destruction of the supplies and headquarters of the Ukrainian Armed Forces … At the moment they are readying for the next phase. The long column that so obsessed the ‘experts’ on CNN is the preparation for the next phase …

“As far as I can see they’ve created three cauldrons (encirclements). Probably the most important one is the one around Mariupol where the main concentration of Azov, the principal nazi force, is. And also is established around the main concentration of the Ukrainian Armed Forces facing [the Lugansk People’s Republic]. And there appears to be another developing to the east of Kiev. A super cauldron of all three is visible. The nazis will be exterminated, the ordinary Ukrainian soldiers will be allowed to go home.”

“Another is being established in the Lugansk People’s Republic. …

“The dilemma for the Russians is city fighting. They do not want to have a Raqqa [Syria] in which every building is destroyed, every person killed and [their] identity is declared as [peace]. They know that at the end of the day there will still be Ukrainians and they will want them to be friends: Washington can create solitudes [ruins] far away, but Moscow cannot create them nearby.”

“This greatly complicates their problem when they try to clear the nazis out of Mariupol, knowing that the nazis are using the city’s people as hostages. The same problem exists, to a lesser degree, in the other cities of [Ukrainian-occupied Donbass and eastern Ukraine]. My guess is they will surround most cities and hope that Zelensky & Co. come to their senses. But I fear that the Mariupol battle will be horrible.”

“I would expect large-scale surrenders of the Ukrainian Armed Forces to begin in the next 24/48 hours [Chechen forces already claim one and have an impressive collection of ‘trophies’ to prove it]. A significant proportion of the Ukrainian Armed Forces is now surrounded and, as is usual (see Sun Tzu’s ‘The Art of War’) the Russians have left them an exit.”

“As to Western sanctions against Russia, I think there’s a very simple answer to that: last week 1,000 cubic meters of gas cost $1,000; today it’s over twice that. Next week it certainly won’t be cheaper. Ditto for aluminum, potash, titanium, wheat.

“What the people in the West do not understand is the ruble is the currency the Russians use inside the country but the price of oil and gas is the Russian currency outside the country. I am astounded at the stupidity: [the U.S. and NATO] are cutting their own throats and destroying their own economies.”
President Zelensky and Mayor Goode

By Stephen Millies

While landlords are raising rents by 40%, the capitalist media wants you to hate Russia. They are trying to turn Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky into a folk hero. Zelensky is a professional clown. He played the role of a Ukrainian president in a TV sitcom. He was selected to be an actual president because U.S. imperialism needed a new look in Ukraine. Wasn’t that the role of José-Napoleon Duarte in El Salvador during the 1980s? He was cheated out of winning El Salvador’s 1972 presidential election by vote fraud. Duarte was later tortured and sentenced to death.

None of this prevented him from being the face of a bloody military regime that carried out the orders of the Pentagon. When Duarte was a civilian president of a military junta, more than 800 people were murdered in the village of El Mozote. Most of the victims of this December 1981 massacre were children.

The Reagan administration desperately needed the atroc ity to be covered up. They remembered how the My Lai massacre in Vietnam turned millions against that war. Reagan was assisted by not only Duarte but also the New York Times. Because of their truthful reporting, Raymond Bonner at the Times and Alina Guillermoprieto at the Washington Post were viciously attacked by the right wing. Bonner was driven out by the Times’ management.

Today, the New York Times and the Washington Post are among the lowest voices in the hate Russian chorus. They’re much more influential in winning liberals and progressive people to NATO’s war drive than Fox News ever could be. The killing of over 10,000 people in the Donbass republics by the Ukrainian regime is hardly ever mentioned by the media.

Duarte defeated the openly fascist Roberto D’Aubuisson in El Salvador’s 1984 presidential election. This gave an excuse to many Democratic Party members of Congress to give billions to the killers in El Salvador’s military.

Who are the ones with the guns?

Zelensky is allowed to stay in Kyiv’s Mariinsky Palace because of his usefulness to Wall Street and European bankers. Millions of Ukrainians voted for Zelensky in 2019 because they thought he would stop the fascist gangs terrorizing Ukraine.

The fact that Zelensky is Jewish is used as alleged proof that fascism in Ukraine isn’t a big problem anymore. After Barack Obama was elected U.S. president, many media articles claimed racism in the United States wasn’t much of a problem either.

The Black Lives Matter movement proved that to be a lie. Obama was put in the White House because a large section of the ruling class felt they needed a new brand for their empire. Tens of millions of people rejoiced when the first U.S. Black president was elected. It also made it easier for the Pentagon to attack the African country of Libya than if some obvious racist had been in office.

While Zelensky is the figurehead seen on TV, fascists like those in the Azov Battalion and Right Sector have been brought into the Ukrainian army and police. One of the factors that allowed JFK’s assassination was that half of the Dallas cops were Ku Klux Klan members.

The Deep State is the real state. It shows he fascist character of the current crisis is a cop-out. The current crisis is a cop-out.

The imperialist treachery of today’s liberals also refused to defeat the U.S. after the intelligence community was put in the White House because of the betrayal of former President Jimmy Carter – negotiated a deal that they thought would bring about North Korea’s collapse without a costly war.

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The Odessa and Philadelphia massacres

Five years before Zelensky assumed office on May 20, 2019, at least 48 people at the House of Trade Unions in Odessa were burned to death by Russian separatists on May 2, 2014. Neo-Nazis prevented people from escaping. Many were burned to death.

It shows he fascist character of the Euromaidan movement’s leadership that the union hall was attacked. Neo-Nazis carried out this atrocity have been prosecuted. Leftists were arrested instead.

Zelensky has done nothing to seek justice for the victims of this massacre, just as he has allowed the deadly shelling of the Donbass republics. Justice will only be carried out by Ukrainian leftists assisted by soldiers of the Russian Federation.

Six adults and five children were killed by Philadelphia police when the MOVE house was bombed on May 13, 1985. The cops were assisted by FBI agents and the Pentagon in dropping the bomb from a helicopter.

When Wilson Goode — Philadelphia’s first Black mayor — got up that morning, he wasn’t thinking U.S. Black people would be killed along with the burning of four city blocks. It was Philadelphia’s police chief who gave the order to “let it burn,” preventing the fire department from putting out the fire. But Mayor Goode still bears a responsibility for these murders.

The communist leader Sam Marmy could have added this terrorist crime as an appendix to his pamphlet “Generals Over the White House.” He might have entitled it “Cops Over City Hall.”

“Neutrality” is a cop-out

President Vladimir Putin was forced to intervene in Ukraine in order to stop it from being a NATO base aimed at the Russian Federation. If this had happened, the next step would have been World War 3.

The entire imperialist metropolis led by the United States has issued several sanctions against Russia. These include seizing Russian assets and cutting off Russian banks from the SWIFT financial clearing system. Sanctions are acts of war.

Since pacifists may condemn all wars, but revolutionaries know that some wars are progressive and indeed necessary. For socialists and communists to condemn “both sides” in the current crisis is a cop-out.

The world was horrid at the MOVE bombing. But some wanted to blame one of the victims, MOVE leader John Africa, for this terrorist act.

The liberals also refused to defend Mumia Abu-Jamal, a revolution ary who has been imprisoned for 40 years and whom the capitalist state is isolated behind bars.

U.S. imperialism will not defeat itself. Revolutionaries have the right to assist the Donbass republics. Soviet socialism was tragically overwhelmed and Russian Federation President Putin is no Lenin. Yet now neo-Nazis in Europe are playing an indispensable role in rescuing the Donbass republics and Ukrainian workers from fascist terror.

It does no good to sit on the sidelines. Victory to the Donbass republics and their allies!
Por Berta Joubert-Ceci

Hoy quisiera rendir homenaje a una gran luchadora por los derechos de la mujer, la abogada y profesora María Dolores Fernós López-Cepero, mejor conocida como Tati Fernós quien falleció de cáncer esta semana. En los 75 años que esta increíble mujer vivió, pudo lograr que otras personas necesitaran siglos para poder concretar.

Gracias a su trabajo, las mujeres en Puerto Rico hemos podido adelantar nuestras luchas en muchos asuntos abarcatores de género, laborales, y de educación en general.

Entre sus muchos logros, está la creación de leyes para la Prevención e Intervención de la Violencia Doméstica, y en contra del Hostigamiento Sexual y El Trabajo Forzado.

Creó la Oficina de la Procuradora de la Mujer en el año 2001 que pre- sidió por 6 años y desde la cual se diseñaron lanzar muchos proyectos en defensa de la mujer.

Fue fundadora y activista de la Or- ganización Puertorriqueña de la Mu- jer Trabajadora (OPMT), que forma parte de la Federación Democrática Internacional de Mujeres, la FDIM. Ayudó a crear organizaciones como Matría, que adelantan programas para el desarrollo económico de las mujeres.

Como anticolonialista tuvo tam- bién que batallar contra las acciones reaccionarias de los enemigos de la independencia. Un ejemplo es que al poco tiempo de comenzar en la Procuraduría de la Mujer, un grupo de dirigentes del Partido Nuevo Progresista que quieren la estabilidad para PR, irrumpieron agresivamente en su oficina para colocar una banderita de EUA porque Fernós había re- husado tenerla junto a nuestra bandera puertorriqueña.

Y aunque el proceso colonial con administraciones de gobierno local que entorpecen y hacen retroceder los logros de la mujer, las estructuras que Tati Fernós ayudó a crear, sien- tan las bases de lo que finalmente nos dará... para que un día muda este lema con lo que le exigía su conciencia, decimos hoy: Gracias Tati Fernós, ¡siempre estarás Presente! 😢

[Desde Puerto Rico, para Radio Clarín de Colombia, les habló Berta Joubert-Ceci]

Cuba aboga por una solución que garantice la seguridad y soberanía de todos

Declaración del Gobierno Revolucionario

El empeño estadounidense en continuar la progresiva expansión de la OTAN hacia las fronteras de la Federación de Rusia, ha conducido a un escenario, con implicaciones de alcance imprecédible, que se puede evitar.

Son conocidos los movimientos militares realizados por los Estados Unidos y la OTAN en meses recientes hacia regiones adyacentes a la Federación de Rusia, precedidos de la entrega de armas modernas a Ucrania, lo que de conjunto equivale a un cerco militar progresivo.

No resulta posible examinar con rigor y hon- nestidad la situación actual de Ucrania, sin valorar detenidamente los justos reclamos de la Federación de Rusia a los Estados Unidos y la OTAN y los factores que han conducido al uso de la fuerza y la no observancia de principios legales y normas internacionales que Cuba subraya y respalda con todo vigor y son referencia imprescindible, par- ticularmente para los países pequeños, contra el hegemonismo, los abusos de poder y las injusticias.

Cuba es un país defensor del Derecho Inter- nacional y comprometido con la Carta de las Naciones Unidas, que siempre defenderá la paz y se opondrá al uso o amenaza de la fuerza contra cualquier Estado.

Lamentamos profundamente las pérdidas de vidas de civiles inocentes en Ucrania. El pueblo cubano ha tenido y tiene una relación entrañable con el pueblo ucraniano.

La historia exigirá responsabilidad al Gobier- no de los Estados Unidos por las consecuencias de una doctrina militar crecientemente ofensiva fuera de las fronteras de la OTAN, que amenaza la paz, la seguridad y la estabilidad internacionales.

Se refuerzan nuestras preocupaciones con la decisión recién adoptada por la OTAN, de activar, por primera vez, la Fuerza de Respuesta de esa alianza militar.

Fue un error ignorar durante décadas los fund- dados reclamos de garantías de seguridad por parte de la Federación de Rusia y suponer que ese país permanecería inerme ante una amenaza directa a su seguridad nacional. Rusia tiene derecho a defenderse. No es posible conseguir la paz cercando ni acorralando a los Estados.

El proyecto de resolución sobre la situación en Ucrania no aprobado en el Consejo de Seguridad el 25 de febrero, que será presentado a la Asamblea General, no fue concebido como una contribución real a la búsqueda de soluciones a la actual crisis.

Por el contrario, se trata de un texto desbal- anceado, que no toma en cuenta las legítimas preocupaciones de todas las partes involucradas. Tampoco se reconoce la responsabilidad de los que instigaron o desplegaron acciones agresivas que precipitaron la escalada de este conflicto.

Abogamos por una solución diplomática seria, constructiva y realista de la actual crisis en Euro- pa, por medios pacíficos, que garantice la seguri- dad y soberanía de todos, así como la paz, la esta- blidad y la seguridad regional e internacional.

Cuba rechaza la hipótesis y el doble rasero. Debe recordarse que Estados Unidos y la OTAN en 1999 lanzaron una agresión de gran enver- gadura contra Yugoslavia, país europeo que se fragmentaron, con un alto costo en vidas, en función de sus objetivos geopolíticos, desconoci- ciendo la Carta de la ONU.

Los Estados Unidos y algunos aliados han utilizado la fuerza en múltiples ocasiones.

Invadieron Estados soberanos para provocar cambios de régimen e intervinieron en los asuntos internos de otras naciones que no se pliegan a sus intereses de dominación y que defienden su integridad territorial e independencia.

Son también los responsables de la muerte de cientos de miles de civiles, que denominan «daños colaterales»; de millones de desplazados y de vasta destrucción en toda la geografía de nuestro planeta como resultado de sus guerras de rapina.

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bers are imprisoned, and some have died after torture and hunger strikes. At a news conference in Moscow Feb. 21, visiting members of Grup Yorum declared their support for the people of Donbass in their fight against NATO imperialism and the far-right Ukrainian regime. Mem- bers said they would like to perform a solidarity concert there again, as they did in 2015.

The group opened its concert in Moscow Feb. 24, with these words: “We support the struggle of the peo- ple of Donbass against U.S. impe- rialism, against NATO, and against the fascist Ukrainian government. … Even a rock thrown against im- perialism is a forward action for the people.”

The Communist Labor Party of Turkey/Leninist announced Feb. 24: “Our party, TKEP/Le- ninist, calls on all revolution- ary, communist and progres- sive forces and the working class and oppressed peoples of the world to support both of these People’s Republics [Don- netsk and Lugansk].”

“The fact that the bour- geois government of Russia has been forced to support the People’s Republics because of its national interests should not be cause for hesitation. Imperialist apologists in Turkey and around the world have, either using Russia as an excuse or with empty words, abandoned this internation- alist duty and argued for remaining neutral.

“…”If this operation … against Ukrainian fascism and which boldly challenges U.S., British, and German imperialism is victorious, it will be an enor- mous source of moral and em- bolden the working class and the oppressed and exploited working peoples of the world.” Actions in support of Russia’s recognition of the Donbass re- publics and the joint military operation have been held by movements in the Democrat- ic Republic of Congo, Italy and Serbia.

Photo: Lugansk Information Center

Car rally in Democratic Republic of Congo in solidari- ty with Donbass and Russia, Feb. 22.