

NATO: an organisation of war and terror

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was formed 60 years ago by the Western capitalist alliance led by the U.S.A. as an organisation of encirclement, harassment, attack and war against the Soviet Union and the people's democracies of Eastern Europe.

This alliance launched a new order of war through the IMF and the World Bank in the economic field and through regional organisations in the political sphere, as well as strengthening its system in the military field through NATO. Contrary to the adverse claims and assumptions, Nato was not formed in response to the Soviet threat but rather as a threat itself six years before the Warsaw Pact.

It had a dual purpose: to encircle, harass and destroy by force if necessary the Soviet Union and the peoples' democracies, and to smash the opposition within the western capitalist countries themselves.

One of the most concrete evidence of this is the gladio (counter guerrilla) organisations which were overtly formed in almost every Nato country, some of which still exist today. Under the protection of Nato and US these forces organised provocations, sabotages, murders and coups to prevent the development of the workers' and popular opposition in the European countries.

Nato was formed in 1949 by 12 countries initially as a «regional defence organisation» which then enlarged into 16 members. Following the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc, with further participation from these regions it has become a 26- member strong «global» organisation.

The «Strategic Concept for the 21st Century» document of the 50th anniversary summit in 1999 states clearly that Nato is a «global military organisation», thus revealing the fact that this organisation had a purpose (against socialism and the USSR), that it was formed in clear violation of the UN principles, and that it was more of an organisation for aggression rather than regional defence.

With its 1.5 trillion euro budget, 22 thousand personnel, and 60 thousand strong military force Nato is now a giant war machine which undertakes, since the above mentioned change of concept, military operations and interventions outside its territory –Afghanistan, former-Yugoslavia, Somali, and in an indirect way Iraq and Sudan. It is the military wing of the global war waged by the capitalists.



Nato today has hundreds of nuclear, chemical, biological and conventional weapons in dozens of military bases stationed in various countries. It aims to enlarge continually so it can establish its order in every corner of the world by force.

The ever deepening financial, economic and social crisis that engulfs the world today leads to increasing tension and brings onto the agenda the danger of militarism and war. The world's total military spending reached an enormous

1.335 trillion dollars in 2007.

It is obvious that such large scale of weapons is not being accumulated in stock for the sake of it. There are serious discussions going on about the idea that a war could be an answer to this crisis. Also obvious is that at Nato's 60th anniversary summit the big imperialist powers will be talking about all these possibilities as well as the issue of enlargement to the east, stationing missile shields in Poland and the Czech Republic, and new plans to attack the workers, peoples, the oppressed nations as well as the rivals.

We, the ICMLPO, call the workers and labourers of all countries to take part in all anti-Nato activities on its 60th anniversary and in the joint demonstration in Strasbourg, France, on April 4, 2009. We demand:

- an end to the arms race and war spending; funds for the needs of the people and the youth;**
- the lifting of all military bases; a world free from nuclear weapons;**
- the withdrawal of all occupying Nato forces in various countries;**
- the dismantling of Nato, an aggressive organisation of war and terror!**

France's return to the NATO command structure: a threat to all peoples

Even before he was elected as president, it became increasingly evident that Sarkozy wanted to draw closer to US imperialism and the policies of Bush. That had even earned him the nickname "Sarko the American". The election of Obama has not tempered Sarkozy's pro-Americanism; on the contrary, he is now pretending it will make Euro-transAtlantic dialogue easier.



During the election campaign, he carefully avoided announcing his plan to put an end to France's special status within NATO's command structure. What is more, when he finally announced it, in March 2008, he chose to do so in a speech to the British parliament, together with a commitment to increase the French contingent taking part, under NATO command, in the dirty war on Afghanistan. He reiterated his decision during the April 2008 NATO summit in Bucharest, a few months before the war in Georgia broke out. That war, which almost set the Caucasus aflame and could have spread to Europe, did not cool down his pro-America stance: while holding the 6-month EU presidency, he made repeated statements about the "military complementarity of the EU and NATO", thus taking up one of the most contested elements of the European Constitution which, after being rejected by the French and the Dutch, was replaced by the so-called Treaty of Lisbon.

French imperialism has always been a member of NATO

And an active member: the second largest contributor of troops and the third largest in financial terms, the French armed forces have taken part in all of NATO's war operations, notably in the war against Serbia, when French planes

bombed targets chosen by the US military. French power-projection forces wear the NATO label, and the military doctrine of French imperialism in the coming years, as set out in the 2008 "White Paper on Defence" borrowed the main lines of US military policy: the war against international terrorism, and securing the major powers' supply lines for raw materials, oil, etc. We already see the evidence in the imminent opening of a large French military base in Abu Dhabi. This base, combining the army, air force and navy, will face the coast of Iran, in order to control the Straits of Hormuz through which 40% of the oil passes. This is one of the regions of the world with the highest presence of armies, warships, and bases, most of which are American. The Arab Emirates of the Gulf, important clients for French arms dealers, possess more Leclerc tanks than the French army does.

Sarkozy's decision runs into multi-faceted opposition

Some on the right are evoking the spirit of De Gaulle, and crying treason. They blame Sarkozy for not having gained anything in return from Washington, apart from posts for a few French generals and 1,000 military officers.

This objection is not shared by the French people themselves, whose chief

concerns are:

- participation in the dirty war on Afghanistan, whose major achievement has been the destruction of a country. The deaths of French soldiers killed in combat has only strengthened this opposition.

- fear of seeing France embroiled in an opaque system which can lead it into wars: many stress that, had France been part of the NATO command in 2003, it would have participated in the total destruction of Iraq.

- opposition to the EU reinforcing its military links with NATO.

- opposition to Sarkozy's overall policies, which are beholden to the bankers, major shareholders and the employer class.

- the economic crisis, and the government and employers' desire to make the workers and the popular masses pay for it. We reject that our taxes are not only used to pay out billions to the banks, but are also paying for this militarisation. Our slogan is therefore "We won't pay for your crisis, we won't pay for your wars: No to NATO!"

One of the unforeseen consequences of Sarkozy's decision is that the NATO issue has now become part of the political debate: there is now public discussion about NATO's real purpose, and the dangers it represents for the peoples of the world, given its expansionist aims. The enlargement of NATO means the increased danger of wars designed to protect the imperialist capitalist system now in crisis, wars against liberation movements and against the emancipation of peoples and the working class. The workers' and popular movements are increasingly calling for NATO to be dissolved.

**Workers' Communist Party
of France – PCOF**

www.pcof.net

Denmark: Burning flags

The Danish prime minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen is frequently mentioned by international media as a favourite candidate as the next secretary general of NATO. For the first time an acting prime minister might resign from his post to become the figurehead of this imperialist grouping, originally created to 'counter the danger from the Soviet Union', but presently active in Central Asia – and all over the world. The appointment of an acting head of state would indicate the increased importance attached by US and the big EU powers to the development of NATO as their joint military instrument.

The inveterate war criminal and neoliberal militarist Fogh is no doubt suited for the job. He has from 2001 been the leader of the worst rightist government in Denmark since the Nazi occupation, and has systematically turned Denmark into a front runner of imperialist aggression, racism and islamophobia. An echo of George W. Bush, Fogh played a major role in the run up to the illegal war against Iraq, even surpassing his master, stating: "Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction. This is not something we simple believe. We know it for a fact."!

Defeated and under fire by the Danish anti war movement Fogh withdrew his soldiers from Iraq in 2007-08, sharply increasing the number of Danish combat troops in Afghanistan. 22 of them have been killed until now, proportionately the greatest losses among the NATO occupiers.

Fogh, the friend of zionist Israel, supported the islamophobic intrigue of Jyllands Posten, Denmark's most



reactionary daily, that published the Mohammed caricatures, designed as a provocation against arabs and muslims. In the 30's of the last century this newspaper supported the policies of neighbouring chancellor Adolph Hitler towards the German jews. Fogh promoted the caricatures as 'the Western value of freedom of expression', while hundred of thousands muslims took to the streets, burning the Danish flag, rightly depicting Fogh as the running dog of George Bush and U.S. imperialism.

During his time in office the Danish so-called welfare state has itself been reduced to a caricature.

This is the kind of man, who is said to be the present favourite of the big EU-powers France, Germany and UK as the next secretary general of NATO. Whether Fogh will be appointed or not,

the figurehead of NATO will be an accomplish militarist and imperialist. Fogh's candidacy has created a major parliamentary crisis in Denmark, and in any case his days as Danish prime minister and leader of the war party will be numbered.

In the period of Obama, Sarkozy, Merkel and Brown NATO will not only be an auxiliary tool of the US wars, but the primary instrument of US and EU-imperialism for joint world hegemony. The European Union of old colonialist powers is not a 'progressive counterweight to US unilateralism'. No illusions should be nurtured. Of 27 EU member countries 21 are also NATO members. Five are members of 'Partnership for Peace'. Only Cyprus is still not involved,

and only Malta has no military force in Afghanistan. Out of 26 NATO member states only the three Non-European states (Canada, US and Iceland) and one European country (Norway) are not members of the European Union.

NATO is planned to become the '21st century alliance for global dominance'.

Of course a majority of the Danes were and are against the imperialist wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the barbarous Israeli subjugation of the Palestinians. Great protests in the streets and elsewhere have been staged against Fogh and Danish participation in the criminal aggressions. Now the anti war movement is also focusing on combating the NATO build up.

**Workers' Communist Party
of Denmark – APK**
www.apk2000.dk

ITALY: a country with a limited sovereignty, OUTPOST OF IMPERIALIST AGGRESSIONS

On April 23, 1949 the Italian government controlled by the Christian Democrats and other anti communist forces, signed the North Atlantic Treaty. Since then up to today, the Italian national territory has been transformed by the USA into an “integrated system” of more than hundred of naval air and logistic bases for land troops: Aviano, Ghedi, Vicenza, Camp Derby, Camp Ederle, Gaeta, Brindisi, Sigonella, Capo Teulada, etc. (see map with the 113 bases). In some bases nuclear arms are stocked. In Naples there is the General Quarter of NATO Southern Area.



And so the Italian territory has become -in the Mediterranean area- a privileged point of departure for the USA imperialism aggressive operations, by itself or associated with the other European imperialisms (including the Italian one), directed against other peoples and countries, first of all the Middle East ones. This in flagrant violation of the art. n° 11 of the Italian Constitution.

In Naples and Vicenza there is now being planned the installation of the new Africom command for the military control of the continent, which would make of Italy a real outpost for new im-

perialist interventions and aggressions in Africa, Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

The consequences of the Italian participation in NATO in domestic politics have been very serious.

The presence of CIA has always conditioned the Italian governments’ politics since the Anglo-American troops landed in Sicily in 1943 with the Mafia help. There are additional “secret protocols” of NATO treaty, never disclosed to the Italian people; this highlights the condition of “limited sovereignty” of our country and the heavy interference in its domestic affairs.

It is well known the role that the USA and NATO, with the cooperation of the Italian secret services, played in the massacres and criminal outrages in the years of the “strategy of tension”. A strategy directed at destabilizing the political situation, at repressing the advance of the working class and communist movement, and at assuring the membership to the system dominated by the USA. From the economic point of view the political and military obligations undertaken with NATO have caused a continuous increase of military expenditure, to the detriment of public expenditure for education, health and other social purposes.

The opposition to NATO has always been strong in Italy. In the ‘50s, a lot of anti imperialist forces took part in the World Movement of Partisans for Peace, which had as its aim the ban to atomic arms. Many were the manifestations of struggle of pacifist and anti imperialist movements in front of the USA and NATO bases in Italy since the ‘60s. Particularly important was , in the 80’, the great popular mobilization against the installation of the USA missiles at Comiso, in Sicily. In the 90’ there developed the struggle against the aggression to the former Yugoslav which started from our country, at the time governed by social democrats.

In the last years, there has been a large mobilization of political, trade union, social organizations, of local movements, for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. against the enlargement of the USA military base in Vicenza, against the expansion of the base at Sigonella and the Mediterranean radar system at Niscemi in Sicily, against the increase of military expenditure and the building of the “missile shield”. Instead, Berlusconi’s reactionary government, faithful servant of the USA, wants to support and increase all these projects.

Withdrawal from the warmongering and imperialist alliances as NATO and UE, closing of all the USA and NATO military bases in Italy and all over the world, drastic reduction of military expenditure, active struggle against the war of imperialist robbery, freedom and independence for peoples: these are the aims for which the communists fight and, together with them, all the revolutionary and anti imperialist forces!

PIATTAFORMA COMUNISTA

www.geocities.com/scintilla_mail/



NATO is a threat to liberties and national sovereignty

60 years in NATO are 60 years too many

The formation of NATO in 1949 was aimed directly at socialism, at the Soviet Union and the people's democracies in Europe that had emerged victorious in the aftermath of the anti-fascist WW2. It was aimed at infringing the influence of the strengthened communist parties all over Europe, and simultaneously subduing all the European member countries and curtailing their sovereignty under the thumb of US imperialism. The Marshall plan was the main economic and financial instrument of US imperialism to subdue the «beneficiary» countries to US tutelage. In 1955, West Germany was included in the NATO alliance, thus breaching all agreements between the WW2 allies on never accepting the remilitarization of Germany.

The dominating Social Democratic party (Labour Party) in 1948 played the primary role in paving the road to Norwegian NATO membership through attacking and pursuing the Communist party (which had won great authority throughout the war of anti-fascist resistance and published the second largest newspaper immediately after the war). By ways of lies, intimidation and persecution, the protests and resistance from communists and democrats and a large section of opponents within the Labour party itself were silenced, and the way was paved for NATO and US.

For almost half a century Norway has been a potential battleground and manoeuvre area for thousands of NATO troops, and has been a hub of espionage. The North and Arctic Sea has been NATO's playground, with Norway playing an important role in surveillance and

intelligence. Although Norway pretended to have official «objections» to the NATO nuclear strategy, supposedly not permitting nuclear weapons to be stationed on its territory, this was a hoax.



In the 60'ies NATO had actual plans of devastating most of Northern Norway by use of nuclear mines as a measure of «defence»!

NATO is an instrument to suppress internal unrest and opposition in any member country. Years ago, it was revealed that NATO exercises in Norway were targeted at handling social unrest among workers and students. Tens of thousands of progressive citizens, including their children, have been under surveillance from the 1950'ies onwards. NATO is sure to give a helping hand to imperialist governments fearing the increasing rage of their own workers and peoples who are victimized by the consequences of the evolving grave economic crisis.

The «new concept» adopted by NATO in the 90'ies has corresponded to a grave and aggressive change in the foreign and military policy of Norway. As a small, but ambitious imperialist country, Norway is eager to defend its assets and investments in energy resources in

the Caucasus and the Middle East. The war on Yugoslavia in 1999 was the first time Norwegian soldiers were involved in external military operations not sanctioned by the UN. Since 1999, Norway has been active in several illegitimate wars. Currently some 6-700 troops are taking part in the murderous occupation of Afghanistan. This is occurring under a government coalition calling itself «red and green», consisting of the Labour party, a rural party and the Socialist Left Party (SV). The latter originated from and has been founded on opposition to; yes, NATO!

Nowadays there is much talk of a closer Nordic Defence Cooperation between Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway and Iceland. While the two first countries are not members of NATO, the two latter are not members of the EU. The main intention of this plan, presented as a positive bolstering of the traditional Nordic cooperation, is in effect quite different. The intention is to pave the way for Swedish and Finnish integration with the aggressive NATO alliance on the one hand, and Norwegian and Icelandic integration with the EU on the other. If the Danish prime minister Fogh Rasmussen becomes new general secretary for the NATO, this plan will be sustained.

NATO and EU both threaten the sovereignty and the freedoms of our own peoples and of other peoples and nations worldwide. Both of them must be rejected and defeated by the peoples and the working class.

Marxist Leninist Organisation
Revolution of Norway
www.revolusjon.no

NATO and Turkey

Turkey joined NATO in 1952 on the grounds that it would advance its joint defence skills and would benefit from it when its territorial unity, sovereignty and security was at risk or under attack. This reasoning was in line with the articles 3, 4 and 5 of the NATO treaty but was an insidious tactic to deceive the masses.

The Menderes government expressed their desire to join NATO by sending a 5000 strong troop for the Korean War in support of the US and South Korean forces. Turkish administration wanted to use their “sacrifices” in Korea as a basis for their NATO membership. They had proven their loyalty. With a protocol agreement dated 17 October 1951 the membership of Turkey and Greece was given the green light. Turkey’s membership became official on 18 February 1952. Seven months later (8 September 1952) an Allied Land Forces HQ (Southeast) was formed in Izmir with a US lieutenant general at the top. This military base was enforced further with the participation of the French, British and Italian forces in 1954. US military presence in Turkey became an acknowledged fact with the signing of the “Treaty on the Status of the NATO Forces” on 10 March 1954. The number of NATO “facilities” (bases) in Turkey reached 112 in 1966 and kept increasing in time. Turkish administrators were not allowed in these bases without permission from NATO and US commandments.

The “Turkey-US Defence and Co-operation Agreement” of 1976 guaranteed the right for the US to use some bases such as Incirlik and Kargaburun on NATO’s behalf. Another “Cooperation Agreement” signed by the military coup government in 1980 agreed the use of 12 military bases by US on behalf of NATO for five years. Despite the fact that the agreement is expired it is still in effect because of US demand.

The number of NATO and US bases in Turkey has increased in time and

technically become more sophisticated. The Incirlik air base in Adana is the most important one and being used as the 39th main jet base of the US Air Force. It is being used as the head quarter for the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan and the attacks on the regional countries. The NATO Air Base in Cigli, Izmir, is the oldest base in Turkey. It is administered by US Air Force (USAFE) and contains I-HAWK and Roland rocket systems as well as 42 fighter bombers and military personnel. NATO’s LANDSOUTHEAST HQ was moved from Naples to Izmir on 11 August 2004, followed by the stationing of the US 16th Air Fleet from Ramstein, Germany, to Izmir on 1 January 2006.



Among other main military bases in Turkey are Sile for the Stinger rockets; 3rd Jet Base Commandment in Konya for AWACS; 9th Jet Air Base in Balikesir for the “vault” rocket launching pad (6 in total); as well as Mugla Aksaz naval base, Ankara-Ahlatlibel, Amasya-Merzifon, Bartin, Chanakkale, Diyarbakir-Pirinclik, Eskishehir, Izmir-Bornova, Izmit, Kutahya, Luleburgaz, Sivas-Sarkisla, Iskenderun, Ordu-Persembeye, Rize-Pazar, Erzurum, and Mardin containing “CAOC6”, NATO’s joint air operation centres.

What determined the conditions and the framework of Turkey’s membership to NATO was the fact that it was

a product of the military policies of the big western powers led by the US as well as resulting from the Second World War and the post war conditions. This membership brought further dependence to Turkey and enlarged NATO’s sphere of influence and military activity as far as the Soviet Union, while resulting in the neighbouring countries to see Turkey as an outpost of the US and NATO and giving way to tension in regional relations.

At a time when NATO considered the USSR and the peoples’ democracies in Eastern Europe as a military target Turkey became one of the two main forces, the second being the Shah’s Iran, of NATO’s capitalist encirclement of the USSR. The fact that NATO’s LANDSOUTHEAST HQ was stationed in Izmir was a clear sign of the role given to Turkey.

Through NATO the US guaranteed its conventional and nuclear military presence in Turkey, just like in Europe. NATO membership meant being a subcontractor of the policies of western big powers led by the US. It became public that during the 1960-61 “missile crisis” between the US and the USSR, the US atom missiles were stationed in the Incirlik base in Adana. In the name of “requirements of being a NATO member” Turkey presented its “cultural and historical relations” in the Balkans, the Middle East and the Caucasus into the service of the American strategy: it strived for the governance by the collaborating forces in these regions; manipulated Islam and the “Turkic culture” to this end; organised overt/covert lobbying activities in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece and Albania; played a part in the disintegration of Yugoslavia and the seizure of power by pro-American forces in the Balkans and the Eastern Europe; attempted to take part in the organisation of a coup in Azerbaijan and other countries; sent military troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosova and Soma-

lia. As a NATO member Turkey now has military presence in 23 countries. Because of this membership Turkey was used as a base for the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan by the US and British military. The government reasoned the deployment of troops to Afghanistan with the requirements of this membership.

NATO presence in Turkey and Turkey's membership to NATO has led to the strengthening of the reactionary forces, military coups and increased tension and conflicts in the country and the whole region. It was under the auspices of NATO and US that those dark forces organised their sabotages, murders and coups in order to suppress popular opposition and maintain the rule of collaborating forces. Turkish counter guerrilla forces as a state organisation and as a variant of Gladios organised by the US-British secret services as part of NATO activities

have been active for nearly 60 years.

One of the main obstacles before Turkey becoming an independent and democratic country is NATO and the continuation of Turkish membership to this military offensive organisation. Turkey is chained with its NATO membership as well as the military cooperation agreements with the US. In order for Turkey to break this chain it has to get out of NATO, cancel all bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements with the US and other imperialists as well as the military bases, and destroy all American nuclear-biological weapons and ammunition in its territory. Turkish, Kurdish or from any other nationalities, all progressive workers and labourers in Turkey and their revolutionary party, and progressive intellectuals are fighting for this end. This is a fight which has been going on since the 1960s. The 2004 NATO Summit in Istanbul was protested strongly.

Putting an end to Turkey's NATO membership and the policies designed by the military agreements with the US would strike a blow to American imperialist strategy in a wide region, from the Balkans to the middle East and the Caucasus; it would also lift an obstacle to the advancement of friendly relations among the regional countries and strengthen the peoples' struggles for independence and democracy. It is for this reason that this year, which marks the 60th anniversary of NATO and the 57th of Turkey's membership, is set out to be the year of fight against and break away from NATO. We will see strong protests, numerous panels and meetings to educate the masses, and struggles for the closure of NATO and US military bases.

Revolutionary Communist Party of Turkey - TDKP

Greece

Protectorate of the American-NATO imperialists



The aggressive military alliance of NATO – a tool of the monopolies of the USA and the European imperialist countries – which has this year its 60th anniversary since the day it was founded, continues the military involvement in other countries and plans to include new members like Albania and Croatia.

The entry of Greece into NATO was decided in the NATO summit held in Ottawa, Canada, at 20th of September 1951. On February of 1952, it became a full member.

Almost a year later, on the 12th of October 1953, the Papagos government

signed a military agreement with the US that eliminated all traces of national sovereignty and made the country a bridgehead of the imperialists since, NATO, at any time, could use (and it did use) highways, airports, ports without any obstacle. NATO constructed military installations and, later, established military bases in many places of the country.

The entry and the participation of Greece in NATO:

From political point of view, eliminated all traces of national sovereignty, converted the country into a protectorate of the American-NATO imperialists, and resulted in constant interferences in the country's internal affairs that culminated with the imposition of a military-fascist dictatorship on April 1967.

From economical point of view, it has been a burden to the Greek people due to the expenditure of great sums of money related directly with the NATO

membership and, in general, for ever increasing military armaments.

From military point of view, it has resulted in the full control of the country by the American-NATO imperialists and the conversion of the Greek army into NATO division. The Souda, and Aktio military bases were fully utilized during the Arab-Israeli wars of 1967 and 1973 and during the recent imperialist wars against Yugoslavia and Iraq.

The Greek people have struggled for decades to achieve the removal of the military bases from the country's territory and the exit of Greece from the aggressive military NATO alliance.

The Movement for the Reorganization of KKE (1918-1955) will actively take part in the anti-NATO demonstrations and rallies that will take place on April in various cities of Greece.

The Movement for the Reorganization of KKE (1918-1955)
www.anasintaxi-en.blogspot.com

We communists, together with the working class and peoples, fighting with them for their interests, should and can seize power; with them we should build popular-democratic forms of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the socialist state, construct socialism and march forward.

Imperialism has always been and will continue to be the source of aggression and of predatory wars. In recent years Iraq, Somalia, Panama, Yemen, Ruined, ex-Yugoslavia, ex USSR, Haiti, etc., have been the scene of aggressive, racist and reactionary wars. We denounce the evil character of these wars. It is urgently necessary to organise and support popular movements against these imperialist war policy. We workers, peoples and communists should be at the head of this struggle.

Revolution requires unity of action from the working class and the peoples. We communists must create this unity. Conception and practice are interlinked. Alliances are necessary. In establishing such alliances we need above all to rely on our own strength, come together with others and practice unity with revolutionary objectives. Then we can form alliances which do not lead us to concessions on principles. Such alliances and actions however, should never lead us to



forget that the class struggle must be carried through with force to the end.

We pledge to keep alive the spirit of the Paris Commune, of the October Revolution and of all the revolutionary processes and experiences based upon the principles elaborated by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

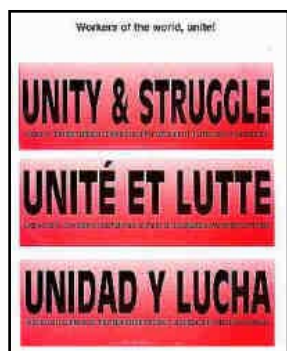
"The communists disdain to conceal their views and aims, they openly declare that ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a communistic revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win." (Communist Manifesto)

Proletarians and peoples of the world! The fight continues. In anticipation of the new revolutionary wave of struggle we communists, workers and peoples must be in the front rank of pioneers.

Let us put the historic words of Marx and Engels into action:

PROLETARIANS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE!

August 1994, Quito-Ecuador



"Unity & Struggle" has been created as a result of the collective resolution of the Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations which met at the International Conference in Quito (Ecuador) in July 1994.

The First International Conference of the Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations approved publishing a theoretical review as its organ of

expression. A review in order to intervene in the debate that the communists must deliver towards the different currents of thinking which express themselves in the present world, moderating the fight of opinions between the communists and revolutionaries, contributing to the mutual exchange of experiences and to the circulation of the political fight in every country, offering answers to the phenomena which, in this or that manner, affect the lives of the proletariat and of the peoples.

We strive for a unity in view of the proletariat and the peoples. A unity which will permit us to give the labour movement and the different popular sectors cohesion. A unity which connects the fight for socialism with the struggles for national liberation and democracy. A unity which serves us to formulate our tasks in the revolutionary political action and to refer to the wide spectrum of democratic, anti-imperialist and anti-fascist forces. A unity which is strange to the

spirit of a sect, firm in the principles and, at the same time, impregnated by the spirit of innovation of the Marxist-Leninist theory.

Today when the crisis, with major strength, strikes the majority of population, when the neo-liberal proposals of imperialism and of the bourgeoisie show their limits, when the protest and fight of broad sectors show their effects in many countries, illuminating the next rises in the revolutionary fight and when new searches in direction of conquering a better world are expressed, the communists' obligation is the more important. The proletariat and the peoples need alternatives which are able to respond to their desires and interests. "Unity & Struggle" wants to be a tribune from which we Marxist-Leninists offer our alternatives.

It is in our higher interest to reach a broad distribution of the review in each country. We also want to express our appeal to join this activity and to support our proclamation at the Conference to all Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations which have not participated in it so far.

"Unity & Struggle" is an effort of all who we have agreed to convert the unity of the Marxist-Leninists into a concrete reality. Its life and its results as well as its quality, continuity and distribution depend on the efforts we make.

Coordinating Committee of the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations