

TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD:

A CALL

on the 75th anniversary of the liberation from Hitler fascism

On May 8, 75 years ago, the German aggressor lay in the ruins of his defeated and annihilated Germany. The master of death and annihilation was beaten back by the workers of the USSR and by the peoples in a decades-long war of liberation of the anti-Hitler coalition.

A victory which not only ended the horrors of genocide against the peoples of Europe, but also initiated the liberation from war, exploitation and oppression, without which the victory of the anti-fascist resistance could not be consolidated: By liberating themselves from the yoke of capitalism, the working class and its peoples opposed it with their own world in the construction of socialist states and people's democracies. By helping their revolutions to power worldwide, whether in China, Vietnam, Cuba or in the GDR, whether in liberation from any colonialism as in Africa, Asia and Latin America, whose liberation was not possible without the countries of workers' and people's power, above all the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union and which thus changed the face of the world for decades in favour of the peoples, in which the strong camp of socialism and people's democracies could keep a third world war slaughter away from humanity.

Only through the defeat of imperialism and capitalism on the globe are the workers and peoples able to eliminate war and fascism.

This tremendous victory 75 years ago required tremendous efforts, to maintain the victory, the power of the working class in socialism, against the imperialists who were on the defensive and defeated and to prevent and make impossible the restoration of war, exploitation and subjugation of the workers and peoples. It was necessary to defend the balance of power against the imperialist aggressors and the mortal enemies of socialism and not to put the anti-Hitler coalition at risk, to rebuild the economy ruined by Hitler fascism, to maintain and consolidate the continuation of the revolution on one third of the globe. Because the counterrevolution would not give the working class any breathing space after the enormous battle and its victory against fascism. And so it was.

The tremendously intensified class struggle in the countries liberated from capitalism led to the bourgeoisie, like its "new" offshoot, being able to regain temporary power. And the reversal of the balance of power between a handful of imperialists on the one hand and billions of workers and peasants on the other led to plunging the peoples of the world into unprecedented misery, into a single hell. The short-term victory of counterrevolution in chumminess with rotten imperialism dragged the peoples of all continents into the abyss. The declining exploiting class is ruining and destroying the planet, squandering the resources, beating billions into unemployment, barbaric flight, starvation and cultural barbarism, ruining the factories created by the workers and the economy that can no longer feed humanity and proving every day that the peoples can only shake off misery through the renewed revolution that is building socialism.

The winner of war in the countries of counterrevolution, German imperialism, has returned as the enemy of the peoples worldwide. Starting with the annexation of the

GDR, he robbed factories and land, destroyed the production and science of the countries of the people's democracies, subjected the once victorious workers to day labour and forced labour. A tremendous social relapse into plundering, a single trace of material and spiritual impoverishment is his legacy. Re-establishing the war economy in his own country for the redivision of Europe, he keeps Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Baltic States, Greece, etc. under military occupation and makes them his military deployment area against Russia and the peoples of the former Soviet Republics.

The victory in the antifascist resistance and the 75 years teach us that fascism and war can only be defeated as part of the revolutionary struggle for the power of the proletariat. This is what victory teaches and even more this is what defeat teaches. Whether North or South America, Asia, Africa or Europe: before all the working classes there is the historical task on the whole globe, as well as in Europe in particular, to unite again, in order to put an end – this time forever - to fascism, the war of the monopoly bourgeoisie, emerging in all countries.

The International Action Unit "Revolution instead of War" calls upon you to form a common fighting front, for which 75 years of liberation from Hitler fascism must stand. We stand up for this also in the 75th year: "EVERY YEAR let us remember the liberation from Hitler fascism"- revolution instead of war and fascism.